



# MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Leaf season is here and collection will begin in early November. Leaf piles should be kept to 18 inches high and 12 inches from the curb line. Please remember not to pile the leaves too high in front of your home so that the vacuum can pick them up. For safety reasons, please make sure children do not play in the leaf piles. Leaf pick up will continue **through November and end on December 7. Disposal of leaf piles after that date will be the responsibility of the homeowner.**

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT IF YOU HAVE A LANDSCAPER, YOUR LANDSCAPER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE LEAF REMOVAL FROM YOUR PROPERTY.

Also, it would be helpful if you have a catch basin near your home, that you assist us in keeping it clear of leaves by raking the leaves away from the grates. This will help prevent flooding during heavy rainstorms.

## CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

### Village Road Repair Project

- The Mayor and Board of Trustees have initiated Phase I of a plan for a Five-Year Road Repair Project for the Village. Estimates for the full Village Road Repair Project are approximately \$ 4-6 million. Limited road repaving is in preliminary stages. The estimate is \$845,000 for Phase 1 to repave Hudson and Ontario Roads from Commonwealth Boulevard to the dead ends near Colonial Road in Spring 2019. State Senator Elaine Philips recently secured a \$125,000 Transportation/ Capital Improvement grant for our road reconstruction. The Road Project will be funded as follows:
  - \$400,000 Bond Issue - Approved 5/2018
  - \$195,000 Village Funds
  - \$125,000 NY State Aid Municipal Grant
  - \$125,000 Transportation/Capital Improvement Grant
- H2M Architects & Engineers PC have been procured by the Board of Trustees and are tasked with evaluating and classifying streets for repair, assisting the Board in obtaining construction bids, establishing construction schedules and monitoring contractor performance. Many residents have voiced their concern about the need to repair the roads in our Village. The Board is working diligently on this extensive reconstruction project as an immediate priority and recognizes that there is a need to keep total Village debt at a prudent and manageable level. Despite these challenges, the Board of Trustees continues to address many other worthwhile projects, including seeking grant funds for an aging and costly new firetruck (\$500,000+), fire call box repairs, and further repairs to the Village Hall and Maintenance Buildings.

### Village Hall and Maintenance Buildings Repairs

Structural and aesthetic repairs to the exterior Village Hall and Maintenance Buildings are in the planning stages for Fiscal Year 2019-2020. A new carpet has recently been installed in the Village Hall/Justice Court and the Village office. The office and restrooms were painted and a new air conditioning heating wall unit was installed in the village office. This project was long overdue. The good news is that it all was completed and paid for with state funds for the Village related to the Justice Court grant program. Thank you to the Village and Justice Court office and maintenance staff for their efforts and to Justice George Cappiello in helping to secure the funding.

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## VILLAGE BUSINESS

I would like to congratulate Rosaleen "Rose" Shea, Village Clerk-Treasurer for her recent graduation from the Cornell University & Rockefeller Institute of Government Municipal Clerks Institute. Rose successfully completed a three year accreditation process to earn her Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC) designation. The CMC accreditation is a declaration of proficiency in municipal government and public service. Rose has served the Village since 2013 initially as Court Clerk-Deputy Clerk and was promoted to Village Clerk-Treasurer in 2016. Her diverse experience in civic matters enriches our Village and community at large. On behalf of the Board of Trustees and residents, I thank and congratulate Rose on this distinguished accomplishment. If you are new to Bellerose Village, please stop by and meet her. She can assist you in all matters Bellerose Village!

In closing, thank you to the many residents and organizations in our Village who donate so much of their time and talent to help the Village thrive. The Women's Club of Bellerose, Fire Department, JWCB, Office of Emergency Management, Tree Board, the Business District, Recreation, Historical, Public Works and Water Authority Commissions, Beautification, Architectural Review and Code Committees, Zoning Board of Appeals are all volunteers who serve selflessly and participate in their local government and community. The recent dedication of the JWCB's Bench and Sign in Magee Plaza and the Recreation Department's Bellerose Village Day & Arbor Day events hosted by George Morfessis and the Tree Board are demonstrative of the vibrancy of our Village.


The Village Playground will be open 7 days per week 9AM to dusk through November 30. Effective December 1<sup>st</sup>, the playground will be open through December 21<sup>st</sup> weekdays only Monday – Friday, 9AM to 4PM, weather permitting.

The Village Tree Lighting ceremony is scheduled for Friday, November 30, 2018 at 7PM. There will be refreshments and entertainment for all in the Village Hall following the tree lighting. The Board of Trustees and I hope that you can join us to celebrate the holiday season!

Please visit the Village Website for updates at [www.bellerosevillage.org](http://www.bellerosevillage.org).

If needed, I can be reached by calling Village Hall at 516-354-1000 and I will get back to you.

Respectfully,

  
Henry Schreiber  
Mayor

**"Remember, We Are All In This Together."  
"Please Join Us!"**