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John V. Lane
Mayor

Letter from Mayor Lane

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Dear Resident,

We received word that the developer of 542 Goffle Road has requested that its application be carried to the April 19, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Planning Board. The developer asked for this adjournment to work on revised plans that will hopefully address the concerns raised at the initial hearing by the Board, by our professionals, and members of the public. It is encouraging that the developer is listening to the concerns of the people and this Administration will continue to work to ensure that the project ultimately approved is the one that is best for the residents of this community. So, for those who have thus far participated in the process, please keep doing so.

I had several meetings with our property maintenance inspectors, and they will be out around town inspecting the neighborhoods. I am asking that you please, as the weather is getting warmer, keep your property in compliance with the ordinances. I know that we all get complacent during the winter months, but I would appreciate if you would keep your property looking its best.

Please be reminded that the NPP presentation to the Council and the public will be during the Council meeting on Wednesday, March 16 at 7pm. Please stop by and see what the committee has been working on to help beautify Hawthorne in the center of town and the NPP district. You will be able to see first hand what the plans are for not only this year, but years 2-5. The Implementation Plan will be posted on the website on the Neighborhood Preservation Program website page prior to the meeting.

Today I drove over to where the contractors are working on Lafayette Avenue, between Wagaraw and Diamond Bridge. The contractors for PSE&G are using hot patch for the entire width and length of the trench that was dug from Wagaraw Road to Diamond Bridge Avenue, and the road surface is now much smoother.

Post Office update: On Wednesday I met with the manager of our post office in Hawthorne. He wanted to give me first-hand information on the most recent large certified mailing that went out to residents in Hawthorne. For those of you who have downloaded the USPS app to see what mail is going to be delivered to you, please note that the mail is being scanned in Teterboro, and not in Hawthorne, so the mail may, in fact, be delivered to you a couple of days after you see the mail on your app. Also, there are some 16 mail routes in town. The post office is understaffed, and consequently that means that some of the carriers do their own route and then a portion of another where there is no carrier that day. For some of you, it means you will get your mail very late. Also, the manager informed me that he has two new window employees and he is confident that these women will be kind and helpful to you when you need assistance. If you find anything different,

please give my office a call so that I can continue to have a dialogue with the manager of the Hawthorne Post Office.

Ann Marie Peterson and I have been working on plans for an interfaith prayer vigil for Ukraine to be held at St. Anthony's Church on Diamond Bridge Avenue. The vigil will be on Friday, March 18, at 7pm to show solidarity with the Ukraine people. Msgr. Kupke will host us, and we have invited a priest from the Ukrainian Church in Clifton, Pastor Howie Van Dyk of the Hawthorne Gospel Church, and Rev. Erik Soldewedel of St. Clement's to also officiate. Please mark your calendars for this event. This is a very troubling and touching time for the people of the Ukraine. We want to show our support of them.

Our DPW has started working on the ballfields on Wagaraw Road and at Franklin Field. Downes has completed the tree trimming there. The outside contractor will start in a week or two so that the fields will be ready so that our children will be able to begin practice by the end of the month.

Please don't forget that starting May 1st, retailers will be prohibited from providing single-use plastic grocery bags and paper bags at local stores and supermarkets.

Please mark your calendars for the town-wide garage sale on May 14. The information will be up on the website on Monday afternoon.

Enjoy your weekend and stay safe.

Sincerely,

Mayor John V. Lane