

# INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF ROSLYN

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Dear Neighbors and Friends:

By now I am sure you have heard of the untimely passing of Doug Pierce. The Pierce family has lost a brother, uncle and patriarch and Roslyn has lost a leading light.

Years ago, when I first thought of entering local government, Doug was one of the people whose advice I sought. He was kind, generous and open with his time and opinion. When we established the Master Plan Committee, Doug was an active participant in the vision that would shape Roslyn in the years to come.

I personally, and we as a village, will always remember him with respect and admiration. I have asked the village to prepare a memorial plaque in his honor and will keep you advised of its presentation.

I am also confident that you are now aware that the Governor's proposed Housing Compact will not be included in the State budget. This is very good news, as I have laid out in last month's letter. It is an important concept whose implementation was so seriously flawed as to render it detrimental to the health and safety of our village.

At our last Board of Trustees meeting, the Board unanimously passed the 23-24 budget. We were able to construct a safe and solid budget with only a 1.36% increase, coming in well below the 2% State imposed tax cap. I am also happy to report that the State Comptroller's Office gave Roslyn its best "stress rating" ever. We are listed as one of the least financially stressed villages on Long Island.

All of our capital projects are about to begin in the coming weeks. The downtown crosswalks, the northwest traffic islands, the Clocktower, the Edward's Street parking lot and the Gristmill will all resume construction after a series of weather and chain supply issues slowed them down. Our downtown flower program will begin right after Mother's Day.

It has been a relatively quiet month here as we prepare for a burst of activity in the coming months. So, let's take it as a time of reflection as we move forward to a beautiful spring and summer.

That's about it for now, hope to see you around town.

Very truly yours,

John Durkin  
Mayor