

Dear Friends,

I hope your 2019 is off to a wonderful start. As we prepare for an Arctic blast this weekend, I wanted to share a quick update with all of you.

First, regarding the weather: forecasts so far are all over the place in terms of snow totals for the weekend, but the Nyack DPW will be ready to handle whatever snowfall we receive. Still, if we do end up getting a major blizzard, please use common sense and stay off the roads for non-essential travel. Check the village website or Facebook page for any updates related to possible parking restrictions as a result of the storm.

If you're feeling stir crazy after the snow, I highly recommend attending the NAACP's annual Interfaith Commemorative Service to honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at 2pm on **Monday, January 21st** at Pilgrim Baptist Church at the corner of Franklin and High. Every year, this service is a highlight--a heartfelt and stirring celebration of Dr. King's life and an urgent reminder that it falls to all of us to continue his work and his fight for equality, justice, and the rights guaranteed to all Americans.

Also, please note that Village Hall will be closed on MLK Day, and that metered parking and alternate side rules will be suspended for the holiday. Trash pickup scheduled for Monday, will be carried out on Tuesday.

Trash/Recycling Schedule for 2019

Speaking of trash pickup, please note the following schedule for 2019 pickup of garbage and recyclables:

Trash pickup: Mondays and Thursdays of every week

Recycling pickup: Thursdays of every week

Bulk pickup: the first Friday of every month

Trash and recycling are never collected on federal holidays.

Village Board Schedule for 2019

At our final meeting of 2018, the Village Board adopted the following schedule for our board meetings in 2019.

January 10, January 24, February 14, February 28, March 14, March 28, April 11, April 25, May 9, May 23, June 13, June 27, July 11, August 8, September 12, September 26, October 10, October 24, November 14, December 12

Nyack College Update

The *Journal News* [has reported](#) that Rockland Community College is interested in purchasing Nyack College's South Nyack campus. RCC is looking at the campus as a location to offer students the kind of practical skills-based education they need to succeed in today's economy. Speaking for myself, I would welcome RCC's investment in the Nyack College property as an excellent fit for the Nyack/South Nyack community.

LED Streetlights

The village will be moving forward in 2019 with a switch to LED streetlights, which will bring substantial reductions in energy costs while providing better and safer lighting in our neighborhoods. A set of

frequently asked questions and answers about LEDs in Nyack was put together by our Sustainability Coordinator and can be found on the village website at: <https://nyack-ny.gov/prod/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/LEDStreetlightsFAQ01112019.pdf>.

What's on your mind?

I'd love to hear from you about the priorities or issues you think we should tackle in village government this year. Please feel free to email me your thoughts or give me a call at 845-270-2189. Or, if you want to tell me in person or chat about anything in Nyack that's on your mind, please join me at my first "Meet your Trustee" event of 2019, at Johnnycakes on Main Street from 10am-11am on Saturday, January 26.

Best,

Elijah