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Message from the Mayor

A Note Of Thanks

Thank you everyone for your vote of confidence in making me your new Mayor. Inspired by the hard working families that make our village such a wonderful place to work and to live in, I begin my term as Mayor with energy and optimism!

Like so many of you, I came to Spring Valley from somewhere else - without much more than my dreams and a commitment to work as hard as I knew to build a brighter future for myself and my family. I planted my dreams here in our community and it is here that they grew into the deep honor I have to serve as your Mayor.



Noramie F. Jasmin
Mayor

Confident That Spring Valley Means Business

It's no secret that taxes are too high. My administration is committed, above all, to reducing the crushing tax burden on our working families. As we craft our next village budget, I will leave no stone unturned in the search for savings. We will examine every employee, every expenditure, and every program to ensure that our taxpayers come first.

At the same time, we know that continued investment in public safety, infrastructure, and youth development is necessary to achieve Spring Valley's promise of a better and safer community. Our Police Department enjoys the respect of our residents for its relentless efforts to keep our community crime-free. Our roads and parks demand appropriate maintenance and improvement. Our Kurtz Center is a vital resource for every member of our community.

It is a new day in Spring Valley. Our administration is open, transparent, and citizen-focused. You hired us to zealously guard your tax dollars, fiercely protect your families, and sensibly invest in our shared future. I pledge the full measure of my time and dedication to fulfill your mandate.

May God bless our village and the wonderful people who live here.

Contact Mayor Jasmin

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Moving Forward

PASCACK BROOK FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT & STONEHOUSE DRIVE SEWER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT UPDATE

As a member of the Board of Trustees and now as Mayor, I have been deeply concerned by the Union Road closure and the continuous flooding on Stonehouse Drive. These projects have been stalled for far too long and the patience of our Village residents is running out. That is why upon taking office as Mayor, I immediately reached out to County Executive C.

Scott Vanderhoef and requested a strategic meeting be held as to ensure that the above projects move forward. On January 26, 2010 the meeting was held at the County Office Building and the attendees included County Executive C. Scott Vanderhoef, Legislator Willam L. Darden, Harriet D. Cornell and Ilan S. Schoenberger. Other attendees included Village of Spring Valley Trustees Joseph Gross and Demeza Delhomme as well as Deputy Village Attorney Lucy Mathews and residents from the affected areas.

I am pleased to report to you that as a result of this meeting, County Executive Vanderhoef and the County Legislators agreed to do everything in their power to move the Union Road Bridge Project forward, including increasing the funding necessary to complete the project. I have personally thanked the County Executive and the Rockland County Legislators for their participation in the meeting and for recognizing the severity of the issue as I presented it to them.

This decision by the County of Rockland allows the Village of Spring Valley to begin the Stonehouse Drive Sewer Improvement Project. I have contacted the company that created the plans for the Stonehouse Drive project and requested that they update the plans so that the Village of Spring Valley can bid the project and begin construction. As soon as the plans are completed, a public hearing will be held on the Stonehouse Drive Sewer Improvement Project.

I would like to thank the Village residents for their patience, and apologize for any inconvenience the Union Road Closure and the Stonehouse Drive flooding may have caused them. Please be reassured that this project is a priority for my administration.



Union Road - Road Closure



Union Road Bridge Project moving forward, including increase in funding necessary to complete the project.



Stonehouse Drive Sewer Improvement project to begin as soon as updated plans are completed.

CENSUS 2010



The 2010 Census will be a snapshot of our nation's population - capturing our changing and diverse America in a fleeting moment in time. But this historic event will do more than tell us who we are as a nation today. It will affect Your community's future. Your country's future. Your future.

HOW PEOPLE ARE COUNTED

How will the 2010 actually happen? Many operations, people and activities must come together to produce a successful census. here are five key steps every U.S. resident should know:

Step 1: Census is underway. Census workers canvassed the country between April and July 2009 to update addresses and maps from the previous census. This process is important because buildings that existed in the last census may no longer be standing, or a community may have new construction that needs to be recorded.

Step 2: The form arrives. More than 130 million addresses throughout the nation will receive a census form in March 2010 either by mail or in person from a census worker. Households should complete and return their forms upon receipt.

Step 3: Census Day is April 1, 2010. Responses to the census form should include everyone living at your address. By law the Census Bureau cannot share an individual's personal information with anyone, including other federal agencies and law enforcement.

Step 4: Follow-up because every person matters. Addresses that still have not responded are visited in person by a census worker beginning in late April through July. (Census workers can be identified by a census badge and bag.)

Step 5: The results are in! The Census Bureau will provide the 2010 apportionment counts to the President by Dec. 31, 2010, which include the total population counts and the number of representatives for each state.

YOUR COMMUNITY'S FUTURE

The federal government distributes more than \$400 billion annually to state, local and tribal governments based on census data. One of the shortest census forms in history, the 2010 form asks 10 questions and takes about 10 minutes to complete. Completing your census form is easy, important and safe. Your participation is vital.

By participating in the census, you can help create a better future for you and those important to you.

**Your community's future.
Your country's future. Your future.**

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you need help filling out your 2010 Census form, please call the following numbers:

English: 1-866-872-6868

Spanish: 1-866-928-2010

TDD: 1-866-783-2010



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Mayor Noramie Jasmin and husband Ronald Jasmin
(Photo by Journal News)

The Village of Spring Valley is a very diversified community with residents from different parts of the world, and when the need arises, we come together as one and our strength as a strong community is seen.

Encouragement, Faith, Love, Peace and hope these things we hold on to when we think of our loved ones and our neighbors. During times of devastation such as our neighbors in Haiti faced, and are still facing we wished them all of the above as well as our prayers and aid.

COMMUNITY & FAMILY

We saw human endurance and the coming together of different communities to help their fellow man. Even those who were struggling financially and physically found ways to reach out to their neighbor to say I hear your plea, and I will try to help as much as I can. This devastation as well as others act as wake up calls for us to appreciate our loved ones and the time we spend with them even more.

We're grateful and encouraged by the different organizations and countries who sent medical supplies, personnel as well as food and clothing to Haiti.

As Haiti and other countries who were victims of natural disaster heal and rebuild so will we.



"Take Time"

Take time to be friendly,
Take time to be true,
Take time to help others
And they will help you.

Take time to be humble,
Take time to give praise,
Take time to love one another
Thru all the difficult days.

Take time to be thoughtful,
Take time to show others you care,
Take time to tell friends and family
That for them you will always be there.

Take time to be happy,
Take time to wear a smile,
Take time to be a good neighbor -
Your life will then be worthwhile.

Mary Ellen Porter Dole

Thank you everyone for taking the time from your busy lives to show another human being that you care.

Mayor Noramie F. Jasmin