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From the Office of Hon. Paul Leone Peters, Mayor

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Dear Neighbor;

I hope everyone enjoyed the long holiday weekend. Presidents' Day can be a reminder of the great contributions and sacrifices made for us by both Washington and Lincoln, and I think it is important that not be lost in the combined observance we now celebrate. Now, there are a number of important issues I need to share with you.

First, as you will note by the attached letter from State Senator Anna Kaplan, Governor Hochul was persuaded to remove the language she had buried in the budget that would have eliminated our home rule – and that of every municipality in New York State – and allow the state to mandate ACU's (Accessory Dwelling Units), among other threats to our Village. However, while the provisions in the budget that would have nullified our ability to regulate our own zoning – among other important local controls – have been excised, the battle is far from over. We still must defeat the bill before the legislature (*S.4547-A Harckham/A.4854-A Epstein*) that would have essentially the same impact, and there is the distinct possibility that there will be another attempt to subvert our home rule under the guise of "solving the housing crisis." (Everything in politics is a "crisis!")

So, please keep after Assemblywoman Sillitti, State Senator Kaplan, and Governor Hochul to insure any such attempt does not succeed. I will maintain in contact with both our local representatives, as well as NYCOM, to monitor the situation. You may also want to keep in mind, when you cast your votes this June in the upcoming primary election, which gubernatorial candidate (e.g., Governor Hochul or Congressman Suozzi) has the residents of Roslyn Estate's best interests at heart. It is said that "all politics is local," and that is certainly true in this upcoming state election.

Second, we were notified recently by a resident that their SUV was stolen from their driveway, under the cover of darkness. We commend the victims of this crime for immediately reporting the theft to the Police, and the Police have already contacted us to view video records from our surveillance cameras. While, at this moment, we don't yet have a Police report to give us any details, this should serve as a reminder that the safest place for your vehicles is in your garage.

Third, there was a burglary at the Roslyn Citibank branch on Northern Boulevard this past Saturday, and there was a report, as yet unconfirmed, that the perpetrators left by heading south on Intervale. As of this writing, we have not yet been contacted by Police to review our video records, but, of course, they are fully aware of our surveillance system, and we expect that call to come as soon as they need those records. If you have any video from any of your own surveillance cameras which you think might be helpful, please so inform the

Police. We will keep you updated with any progress on the Police's investigation of either crime as they supply it to us.

Please be reminded that our upcoming Village Elections will be held on Tuesday, March 15, from noon to 9PM. Trustees Brian Feingold and Stephen Fox are up for re-election, and I encourage you to support them. Both Trustees have given years of dedicated service to our Village, and Steve has been especially instrumental in revising and updating our Village Code with regard to preserving and protecting our landscape. Speaking of that, now is the time to remind your own landscapers to obtain their permits to work in Roslyn Estates, if they have not already done so. Permits are readily available at Village Hall for a nominal fee.

Finally, if you are in the process of – or planning to – list your home for sale, please remember that our Code places appropriate restrictions on signage for open houses and other sales activities to maintain the idyllic character of Roslyn Estates. Even if placed by a broker or other agent, conformance with those Code restrictions is the obligation of the homeowner, and any violations will be addressed appropriately.

Thanks, as always, for your cooperation in keeping our Village safe and beautiful.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul", written over a light gray rectangular background.

Paul Leone Peters, Mayor

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