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From the Office of Hon. Paul Leone Peters, Mayor

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Dear Neighbors,

Every season is beautiful in Roslyn Estates, but none more so than Autumn, when our lush landscapes gradually morph from the bright greens of summer to the red, orange and gold of fall. Unfortunately, all those colorful leaves eventually do just that, and the gasoline-powered leaf blowers used to gather them up can be quite a nuisance. In an effort to control the noise and fumes while still recognizing the need for this equipment – and the current state of battery powered alternatives – your Board of Trustees has passed a revised noise ordinance. This new law – passed after a lengthy review process and an extended public hearing at which many residents expressed their concerns and preferences -- is a compromise that considers the interests of all parties in the matter (i.e., both residents and landscapers), as well as addressing other potential sonic disturbances with the Village.

While we hope this revised ordinance will be effective in minimizing discomfort to residents and their neighbors, please recognize that it is intrinsically impossible for such a law to be completely effective, because of each individual's differing perception of what is and is not an acceptable sound level and source, and because of the difficulty in enforcing it. If any resident feels they are still being violated by unnecessary and/or intrusive noise, and the problem cannot be resolved in a neighborly manner, we urge you to document that violation with your smart phone and bring it to the attention of our office. As a last resort, of course, if a violation persists, one can call the police, but, hopefully, that will not be necessary. At least regarding equipment used by landscapers, we expect that advances in battery technology (e.g., power, duration, and cost) over the next two years will make that a non-issue. Loud music or barking dogs, on the other hand, will not be alleviated by technological advances, and they are best dealt with by neighborly consideration rather than police intervention.

While our Roslyn Estates remains bucolic and – leaf blowers notwithstanding – serene, we cannot overlook the terror and destruction being wrought in Israel and Gaza at the hands of the heinous terrorist organization, Hamas. There can be no justification for any of their actions, and every iota of death, pain, suffering and destruction that is a consequence of that rests on their bloody hands. While I know that it is fantasy to expect that conflicts raging for thousands of years can be resolved without a

monumental effort at understanding and compromise, even the beginnings of which seem a distant hope, violence, anger and intransigence are never a solution. In any conflict, no one gets everything they want, and resolution is achieved only through reasonable consideration of the opposite point of view and ultimate compromise. That, at least, is a lesson that can be applied even to the issues we sometimes face in Roslyn Estates, inconsequential as they may be in comparison.

Although it seems they will never finish, National Grid has nearly completed the replacement of old gas lines in our Village (and along Mineola Avenue), and the conclusion of their work will enable our latest road repaving project to begin within the next few weeks. In addition to the roads already needing repaving, the project will include all the roads National Grid has dug up for their new pipelines and connections. The contract has already been awarded, and all parameters of the work have been reviewed with the contractor in the pre-signing meeting with Trustee Brett Auerbach, Clerk Treasurer Mike Tomicich, DPW Head Thomas King, and our Village Engineer, Jim Antonelli. Residents affected by repaving on their streets will be notified in advance by the contractor to minimize the inconvenience and to ensure the roads are cleared, and the prohibition on overnight street parking will be suspended if and when anyone's driveway access is temporarily limited.

In addition, we have negotiated with the contractor a fixed price per linear foot for Belgian Block curbing. If the road in front of your home is being repaved, you should have already received a specific letter outlining the costs and procedures. If you would like to add Belgian Blocks where none now exist, and you agree to those terms and scheduling, please contact Mike at Village Hall before November 10th, since the curbing must be installed before the road is repaved. Such work will be performed by the contractor directly with the homeowner and not through the Village, so please don't delay!

As we approach the end of October, we can look forward to a string of upcoming holidays; few more fun than All Hallows' Eve. And that means our civic association's annual Halloween Party is nearly upon us! Please join the fun at Village Hall on Sunday, October 29, from 12:00pm to 3:00pm, when The Association of Roslyn Estates (the oldest active civic association in Nassau County) puts on a great party for young and old. It seems that each year's party is better than the one before, with more games, treats, activities, great food, and creative costumes. If you have any questions, please contact Association President Jackie Auerbach at recivicassociation@gmail.com, or either Mike or Sandy at Village Hall. Jackie has done an admirable job of revitalizing our community organization, and anyone interested in pitching in at the party – or with other community activities – should reach out to her.

Finally, on a personal note, we were all saddened at the untimely passing of Jonathan Yadaie, the only son of our Deputy Clerk, Sandy Yadaie. There is no greater pain than the loss of a child of any age. It is just not the order of things, and it creates a hole in one's life that can never be filled. If there is a more universally loved individual in our Village than Sandy, I don't know that person. Sandy is always eager to help any and all residents with their problems – large or small; Village related or personal – and our

hearts go out to her and her family. If you would like to acknowledge Jon's passing with an act of generosity or kindness, please contact Mike at Village Hall for suggestions regarding how you may do so.

Please remember that Mike, Joe, Sandy, Thomas, and Ryan are all dedicated to serving the best interests of our Village, and sometimes that means that a specific request of an individual resident cannot be accommodated or addressed immediately. They all work very hard for all of us, and they have all earned our respect and courtesy. Please consider that if and when you interact with any of them. Thanks.

That's it for now. We have a lot of other stuff going on (e.g., a new building plan scanner; proposal for a Police booth at Village Hall; new Village electric car for our Building Inspector and Code Enforcer;; etc.), so if you want to keep updated on any or all of it, please come to the monthly meeting of our Board of Trustees, or contact Mike, Joe, or Sandy with your questions. Or me, of course. I'm always (well, almost always, depending on the day and time) happy to hear from you, and I really am always happy to answer your questions and keep you informed. Meanwhile, please stay safe; stay healthy; and take care of each other. And, if your doctor recommends, please get your annual flu shot!

Sincerely,

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

Paul Leone Peters, Mayor

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