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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

TO: Village Residents
FROM: Jean Thatcher, Mayor

RE: MAYORAL APPOINTMENT

At the April 21, 2014 Board of Trustees meeting, I accepted the motion of the Trustees to appoint me to the position of Mayor. As Deputy Mayor for 14 years to our late Mayor Lee Hairr, I am both familiar with and knowledgeable about the requirements and responsibilities of the position. I am honored by the confidence of my fellow Trustees, and intend to continue the long tradition of fiscal prudence and responsiveness to Village needs. In addition to my appointment, an election for Mayor will be held on June 17, 2014, as required by NYS law, as Lee passed away with an unexpired term of more than 75 days.

Lloyd Harbor means home to me. I grew up here and returned with husband some years later to raise our family in the Village. I feel very strongly about the integrity and effectiveness of our Village Government. It is completely clean, lean and totally participatory. Our Village is run by seven (7) Boards & Commissions – Planning; Site & Building Permit Review; Zoning Appeals; Recreation; Conservation; Harbor Control, all operating under the purview of the Mayor & Board of Trustees. If you have interest and are willing to volunteer your time and talents on one of these boards, please send a letter of interest and bio/resume to our Village Clerk. We have periodic openings and welcome your participation!

Two items are of particular interest as we finalize the budget and reflect on the recent endless winter:

1). New York State Report on Local Government: All villages in NYS are rated with regard to fiscal stress, 1 being the least stressed and 100 the most severely stressed. **The Village of Lloyd Harbor received the very excellent ranking of 6.7%. This is an enormous tribute to the Village Trustees' ongoing tradition of both responsible and conservative fiscal management, and the fact that dedicated volunteers staff all of our seven (7) boards and commissions. Considering that we run a full time (24 hours) Police Department; complete Highway & Sanitation Department providing trash/ recycling pick-up & road repaving/ maintenance & snow plowing; and a beautiful Village Park providing all residents with access to waterfront, tennis, docking & camp facilities, this 6.7% ranking is exemplary.**

2). Deer Management Program – 170 deer were removed from the Village during the fall/winter 2013/2014 season, including 19 that were euthanized by Police due to injuries. Compare this with the program collapse last year due to a dispute over which the Village had no control, and the 38 deer removed in 2011. The Trustees clearly take this issue very seriously, and a budget line item now exists for continuation of the Program.