

## Daniel Sarnoff

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**From:** Victor Tafur  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 25, 2021 7:45 PM  
**To:** Daniel Sarnoff  
**Cc:** Jerry Barberio  
**Subject:** Fwd: river gauges/Hillside Avenue Bridge

FYI

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Victor Tafur <vtafur@vomny.org>  
**Date:** August 25, 2021 at 7:43:31 PM EDT  
**To:** "von Eiff, Gina" <glvoneif@debevoise.com>  
**Cc:** Kelly Wenstrup <kwenstrup@vomny.org>, Mayor and Board <MayorandBoard@vomny.org>, Sally Roberts <sroberts@vomny.org>, Chief Sandra DiRuzza <sdiruzza@vompd.com>  
**Subject: Re: river gauges/Hillside Avenue Bridge**

Dan S., please add this subject to work session.

Kind regards, Victor

On Aug 25, 2021, at 3:05 PM, von Eiff, Gina <glvoneif@debevoise.com> wrote:

I am under the impression from communications that we aren't supposed to email them directly. But thank you. I would hope the Board would act on this immediately with the USGS.

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**Gina von Eiff**

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**From:** Kelly Wenstrup [mailto:kwenstrup@vomny.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 25, 2021 15:02  
**To:** von Eiff, Gina  
**Cc:** Mayor and Board; Sally Roberts; Chief Sandra DiRuzza  
**Subject:** Re: river gauges/Hillside Avenue Bridge

Thanks Gina.

FYI, you can email the FMAC using the following email address:

[FloodMitigation@vomny.org](mailto:FloodMitigation@vomny.org)

And HCZM members can be reached using:

[hczm@vomny.org](mailto:hczm@vomny.org)

Kelly

On Aug 25, 2021, at 2:13 PM, von Eiff, Gina <[glvoneif@debevoise.com](mailto:glvoneif@debevoise.com)> wrote:

<https://www.usgs.gov/news/usgs-unveils-mobile-flood-tool-nation> more links at the very bottom of the article

Sally, please forward these also to the flood committee and HCZM committee – again, thank you.

Gina

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**From:** von Eiff, Gina  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 25, 2021 11:08  
**To:** Mayor and Board ([MayorandBoard@vomny.org](mailto:MayorandBoard@vomny.org)); 'Sally Roberts'  
**Cc:** [sdiruzza@vompd.com](mailto:sdiruzza@vompd.com)  
**Subject:** river gauges/Hillside Avenue Bridge

Sally, please forward to the HCZM committee and flood committee members – thank you.

I had previously sent you the contact information (below) for the USGS representative (in July and previously) that wanted to work with the Village to reinstall the river gauges that were removed from the Mamaroneck and Sheldrake Rivers before the Army Corp did their planning project.

**G. Wall Wall, Gary R <[grwall@usgs.gov](mailto:grwall@usgs.gov)>**

We have been blessed the last two storms that the village was not decimated in covid floodwaters – as we know raw sewage contains covid and our floodwaters contain sewage.

There is no reason that can justify in 2021 with the technology available that we are not working with the USGS to install gauges that will notify people on their smartphones, or otherwise of rising imminent flash flooding. We have the escape route up old white plains blocked because of bridge repair and now Hillside being blocked because of bridge repair. All residents in the flood plain are literally sitting ducks who cannot evacuate in a flash flooding situation. Many new residents in the Flats renting in the new developments are unaware of how fast the waters flood, even that they flood, and which roads to take to safety because flooding is all around them when it happens. In fact the e-mail and phone calls recommended heading out in the dark into flooded streets. It made no sense to those of us who know how fast people walking or in cars can get caught up in the flash flood waters of the Mamaroneck and Sheldrake. The latest village evacuation notice did not include directions, or even offer an evacuation location. I thought we had evacuation plans in place.

The technology is easily installed in our rivers. It is ONLY A MATTER OF WILL OF THIS BOARD.

Are you working with the USGS now? If not, why wouldn't you want to provide the highest level of technology available for the safety of Village residents and our first responders? Does someone have to die again?

Gina von Eiff