

Daniel Sarnoff

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The CFTE would like the BOT to consider the following items:

"Leave the Leaves"-- A policy of mulching rather than raking and removing where possible and an inclusion. "The CftE urges the BOT to adopt a policy to leave un-mulched leaves around trees and in flower beds to protect beneficial insects such as fireflies, and to mulch leaves on lawns to retain their nutrients, wherever practical. By doing so, the Village will lead by example and will further encourage homeowners to do the same on their properties. The Village should provide area signage about the practices to educate residents."

"The CftE requests the BOT to have the DPW include in their annual informational brochure to residents instructions, where possible, to leave un-mulched leaves around trees and in flower beds to protect beneficial insects such as fireflies, and to mulch leaves on lawns to retain their nutrients. Information on food waste recycling is to be included in the brochure as well."

Additionally, the CTFE requests:

*Consideration of appointing junior members (high school students) to the committee

*An update on the availability of the Taylor's Lane site.

*designation of roughly 6.5K feet known as The Rockland Pocket" as an official village park to be named "Rockland Pocket Preserve."

* The creation of a gas-powered garden tool buy back program. The committee would like to collect gas powered leaf blowers, mowers and the like in exchange for \$100 certificate to be used at a local hardware outlet toward the purchase of an electric powered garden device. Inquiries have already been made. Funding would come from the \$5K NYSEDA grant previously awarded to CFTE.

Thanks!

Lou Young
Trustee/Deputy Mayor

