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Update on Dobbs Ferry

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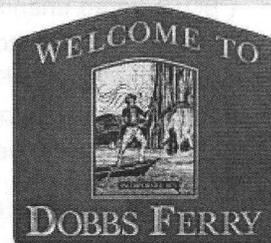
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Mayor's Newsletter

Dear Residents,

Here is a quick report on your village government; including an update on projects and initiatives, development proposals, *Actions* taken, and a few dates and events to mark on your calendar.

Projects

The Little White Cemetery

the Gould Park field renovation with help from the DFSD, and the new basketball court at Gould Park with the help of private donors - this is another 'Public / Private' success story.

The village is greatly appreciative of the local AYSO program and its leadership for their generous contribution and working with the village on this accomplishment.

We would also like to recognize the contributions and work of the Dobbs Ferry Recreation Department under Matt Arone's leadership, the DPW Parks Staff, the members of the Recreation Committee (Trustee Bill Flynn as Liaison), the village's ad hoc Facilities Committee (Drew Coburn, Chair). The village of Dobbs Ferry is an example of how a community can work together to make good things happen.

Energy Task Force Report on Efficiency and Sustainable Initiatives

At the October 9th BOT meeting, the *Energy Task Force* (Nina Orville, Chair) gave an impressive presentation report outlining the various projects and initiatives undertaken by the village to enhance long-term sustainability, energy efficiency, and improve the environment. Dobbs Ferry has invested approximately \$650,000 over the past 3 years in energy efficiency projects, which includes direct investments by the village (taxpayers) of approximately \$250,000 (~38% of total). These investments include:

- Solar panel installation on village-owned buildings
- LED lighting replacements
- Installation of new state-of-the-art energy control system in the Library Building
- Energy control system installation Village Hall
- Hybrid Bucket Truck for DPW
- Recycling initiatives/education to reduce waste (reduce collection costs)
- Educational seminars with local utility programs and incentives helping residents save energy usage

Using a newly installed software system, the presentation also demonstrated how the village can track actual energy/power usage on a [close to] real-time basis, and to compare actual current usage to actual historical usage. The village can also analyze the data in various ways, including kilowatts and/or dollar costs; it can view data on a monthly, seasonal or year-on-year comparison basis; the new software also can 'normalize' the data removing abnormal weather factors to better compare the overall energy performance of our facilities and operations. In short, the village has the capability to monitor/track actual real-time energy usage, compare this to actual historical usage, make optimal adjustments when needed, and to accurately measure costs savings and return on investments. The energy saving results have been dramatically positive. Pay back periods will likely be *significantly less* than original projections. This last point is very important. In working with the Energy Task Force and choosing proposals, the village laid out a clear criteria for minimum investment returns, or pay back periods. By using this approach, the village and the Task Force have been able to pursue more meaningful projects; which at the outset require greater investment amounts, but which yield far greater savings and more attractive returns to tax payers in the long run. The working relationship between the BOT and the Energy Task Force has been excellent. Dobbs Ferry has raised the bar in terms of energy efficiency and sustainable projects ... and we have proved and coined "***what is good for the environment can also be good for business***".