

# Village Of South Blooming Grove

Incorporated on July 14, 2006

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The Village has been successful in securing \$325,000 in grants so far for our water project and New York State Senate Majority leader Andrea Stewart Cousins has introduced legislation to fund dozens of local programs which includes an additional grant for the village of \$500,000. We are also in the running for a WIAA grant which would cover 60% of any expenses which are not covered by the aforementioned grants. We were denied this grant last year but we have been notified that it will be open again this summer sometime and have been encouraged to re-apply. Many thanks to all of you who circulated petitions for signatures and mailed them to our assemblymen, senators, and representatives.

I met with our village's new hydro-geologist along with our engineer who are currently working on rehabbing our existing wells as well as looking for new water sources here in the village. Along with their expertise, we have also been in close contacts with the engineers from the Department of Health regarding this same matter.

We have started the sequestering project and although it takes a period of time to show any results, we are hoping that we will gain some temporary relief until the permanent filter is built and delivered. The filter is currently in the design process. After months of meticulous research and testing, our engineers have presented us with exactly the type of filtration system that is needed- much like the filtration system already in existence at the Orange and Rockland well site which has been working beautifully for over five years now. It is appalling that on social media that individuals choose to misrepresent the facts by calling for a "comprehensive analysis on the entire integrity of our water infrastructure" as if we have not done our due diligence. We have in no way jumped to any conclusions and have no intentions of wasting any taxpayer money. My staff and I pride ourselves on acting fiscally responsible.

Also I would like to remind village residents to make sure their garbage is placed in the proper receptacle and not to be placed at the curb earlier than 24 hours prior to pick up. Also please retrieve all receptacles within 24 hours of pick up to ensure that your property remains free of debris.

Sincerely,

James LoFranco

Mayor

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