

TOWN OF STONY POINT

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Senior Citizen Bus:

- Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays
- 9am 1pm
- Call to request a pick up (845) 947-5261
- 24-hour notice requested!

FROM THE SUPERVISOR'S DESK

As we welcome the new year, it's a perfect time to reflect on all we accomplished together in 2024. Last year was a fantastic one for Stony Point, filled with exciting improvements and community pride:

- New pickleball courts brought added fun and activity to our recreation options.
- The **renovation of the 1st floor of Kirkbride** added to the charm and utility of this important town building.
- New restroom facilities at Riverfront Park enhanced the visitor experience.
- We made significant progress on upgrades to the Wastewater Treatment Plant, ensuring a sustainable future for our infrastructure.
- We had a fantastic summer, highlighted by the success of our Day Camp, Playground Program, summer concerts, and pool activities.
- We received the **Safe Workplace Award from Comp Alliance**, accompanied by a check for \$12,772. This honor reflects our dedication to employee safety and well-being.
- The town shone brightly during the holidays with **beautiful decorations and lighting**, culminating in a fantastic **Holiday Parade** that brought joy to all.

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2025

The new year brings even more improvements and exciting plans for our town:

- Renovated restrooms at the Town Pool will enhance convenience for all visitors.
- We're rolling out online registration for recreation programs, making it easier than ever to get involved in all we have to offer.
- A new HVAC system at Kirkbride will bring added comfort to this recreational space.
- By popular demand, we're thrilled to announce that we'll be installing lights at our pickleball courts, allowing for extended playtime.
- The Town of Stony Point will be partnering with Rockland Green to offer a Food Scrap Composting Program. Stay tuned for details on how to participate!

This year, we'll also celebrate a major milestone—the **160th anniversary of the founding of Stony Point**. We look forward to honoring our town's rich history and its bright future.

Thank you for being a part of what makes Stony Point such a wonderful place to live, work, and play. Here's to a great 2025! ■

Warm regards,

Jim Monaghan, Stony Point Town Supervisor



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Stony Point Celebrates 160 Years!

n March 20, 2025, Stony Point will celebrate its 160th anniversary as an incorporated town. This milestone is a time to reflect on our town's rich history, its journey through the years, and the events and people that have shaped the town we know and love today.

The story of Stony Point began before its official incorporation in 1865, when the area was part of the Town of Haverstraw and was commonly referred to as North Haverstraw. The community was primarily rural, with families living off the land and small businesses serving local needs. The decision to establish Stony Point as its own town reflected the growing independence of the area and its desire to chart its own path. Wesley Weiant, the first Town Supervisor, guided the fledgling community during its formative years.

Stony Point's identity was shaped by its es flourished, and the town began to

strategic location along the Hudson River, a feature that played a vital role in its early development. The river supported industries like shipbuilding, brick manufacturing, a nd ice harvesting, which provided livelihoods for many residents. Over time, as these industries waned, Stony Point adapted, maintaining its resilience and fostering a sense of community that endures today.

The mid-20th century brought transformative change. The construction of the **Tappan Zee Bridge** in the 1950s was a turning point that connected Stony Point to broader regions, including New York City. This increased accessibility led to a population boom in the **1950s and 1960s**, as families seeking a suburban lifestyle found their home in Stony Point. During this period, schools, neighborhoods, and businesses flourished, and the town began to

evolve from its rural roots into a vibrant suburban community.

Despite this growth, Stony Point has always maintained its small-town charm and strong sense of heritage. Landmarks like the Stony Point Battlefield State Historic Site remind us of the town's role in having American



A painting of the historic Town Hall by artist and historian Robert the town's role in Burghardt. The building was originally the residence and office of Shaping American Dr. Sengstacken and then served as a school during the 1950–60's.





The Stony Point lighthouse, built in 1826, is the oldest lighthouse on the Hudson River and an important part of the town's rich history.

history, while modern developments like new parks and community facilities reflect its forward-thinking spirit.

As we celebrate **160 years**, we honor the visionaries who built the foundations of our town, the families who made Stony Point their home, and the countless individuals who have contributed to its growth and success. The heart of Stony Point lies in its people—a community that values its past while embracing its future.

Notice to Senior Citizens

Senior Citizen Tax Exemption (Different from STAR)

Property owners 65 years of age or older may be eligible for a senior citizen tax exemption on their primary residence. Senior citizens have until March 1st to apply for the exemption with the submission of their 2023 federal income tax return. To qualify, your income must not exceed \$58,400.

Renewal applications will be required annually. For information, please contact the Stony Point Tax Assessor:

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Highway & Parks Dept.

FROM THE DESK OF
Karl Javenes, Superintendent of Highways

Latest Developments from the Highway and Parks Department

Winter Parking Reminder

From November 1 to March 31, no street parking is permitted between 2:00 AM and 6:00 AM. Additionally, during snow events, please refrain from parking on the streets at any time of the day. This allows our Highway Department to safely and efficiently plow roadways, ensuring safe travel for everyone. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Exciting Updates Around Town

- Town Pool Renovations: The newly renovated restroom facilities at the Town Pool will be ready just in time for the 2025 season, enhancing the experience for everyone who visits.
- Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades: We're proud to announce

the completion of the clarifier project at the Wastewater Treatment
Plant. Work will soon begin on the
Headworks project, another critical
upgrade to the town's infrastructure.
While these improvements may not
be visible to residents, they play a vital
role in maintaining the functionality
and sustainability of our community.

- Kirkbride Hall Improvements:
 Work is underway to install HVAC systems on the main floor and foyers of Kirkbride Hall. Once completed, this historic building will be comfortable and accessible for
- New Equipment for the Highway
 Department: The Highway Depart-

year-round community use.

ment recently acquired a new vac truck. This essential equipment helps clean sewer lines and catch basins throughout town, preventing flooding and backups while keeping our infrastructure running smoothly.

Thank you for your continued support as we work to maintain and enhance Stony Point's infrastructure and community spaces. Together, we're building a better Stony Point for today and the future!

15 Rose Street, Stony Point, NY 10980
Tel: 845-786-2300
E-mail: highway@townofstonypoint.org
Hours: Monday-Friday 7:00 am - 3:30 pm
Saturday 9 am - 1 pm (except holidays)



Newly renovated restroom facilities at the Town Pool will be ready for use this summer.



The hard working employees of the Stony Point Highway Department.



The new clarifier tanks located at the Wastewater treatment plant.



As we reflect on the past few months, I am proud to share highlights of the events and initiatives that demonstrate the strong bond between the Stony Point Police Department and our community.

On October 20, 2024, the Stony Point PBA hosted its 13th Annual Veterans' Picnic at Clark Park. This cherished tradition is a heartfelt way for us to honor and give back to the brave men and women who have served our country. It was a wonderful day, filled with camaraderie and appreciation, and we are grateful to all who joined us.



Chief Becker and veteran Alan Dagistino at the annual veterans picnic.



Newly installed LED informational sign located in front of the police station.

In an exciting step forward for public communication, the department has installed a new LED informational sign in front of the station. Made possible through law enforcement technology grant funding, this sign enhances our ability to share important updates and news with the community. It's a valuable tool that reflects our commitment to keeping our residents informed and connected.

On November 20, 2024, the North Rockland Youth Police Academy celebrated the graduation of its 27th session. This program has been pivotal in fostering understanding and interest in law enforcement among local youth. I would like to thank Detective Kryger

and Detective Spatta for their incredible dedication to leading this program. Additionally, I extend my gratitude to the officers of the Stony Point Police Department, Haverstraw Police Department, Rockland County Sheriff's Department, as well as the Stony Point Ambulance Corps, Thiells Fire Department, and Rockland County Medical Examiner's Office for their invaluable contributions to the academy's success. Your collective efforts continue to inspire and educate our next generation of leaders.

Finally, on December 8, 2024, the Stony Point PBA hosted its 34th Annual Senior Holiday Breakfast at the Patriot Lounge. This event has become a beloved tradition and a highlight of the holiday season. It was a joy to see our senior community come together for a morning of celebration, delicious food, and festive cheer. A special thanks to Patriot Lounge for their outstanding hospitality and the exceptional breakfast they provided, which truly made the event memorable.

Thank you for your continued support of our department and these meaningful initiatives. Together, we continue to strengthen the bonds that make Stony Point a community we are all proud to call home.

Stay tuned for more updates and thank you for your continued support! ■



Supervisor Monaghan and County Legislator Doug Jobson joined the Stony Point Police Department at the annual senior citizen breakfast.

PARKS & REC

FROM THE DESK OF
Karenanne Nigro, Recreation Director

Exciting News for 2025!

We're thrilled to announce that starting this year, residents will have access to online registration for programs and facilities, including Day Camp, Playground Program, pool, and pavilion rentals. This new feature will make it easier than ever to sign up, make payments, and upload proof of residency documentation—all from the convenience of your home. Of course, our friendly recreation staff will still be available to assist you in person if needed. Stay tuned for more details as we roll out this exciting upgrade!

Senior Bus Service

Just a reminder for our Senior Citizens—Stony Point offers local bus service to make getting around town a little easier. The bus is available for doctor appointments, trips to ShopRite, and more. Service is offered Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. For more information or to schedule a ride, call the Recreation Office at 845-947-5261.

Yoga and Tai Chi at Patriot Hills

Looking for ways to stay active and centered? Join us at the Patriot Hills Community Center for Yoga and Tai Chi classes!

- Tai Chi: Wednesdays, 9:00 AM 10:00 AM
- Yoga: Fridays, 10:00 AM 11:00 AM

For more information or to register, call the Recreation Office at **845-947-5261**.

A Fantastic Holiday Season

Thanks to our partnership with the **Stony Point PAL**, we had an amazing fall and winter holiday season, filled with fun events and great memories. We're already looking forward to making 2025 even better! Be sure to check out all the fun photos from our recent events—we hope to see you at many more in the coming year.

Thank you for being a part of the Stony Point community. Here's to an exciting and activity-filled 2025! ■

For more information contact us:

Tel: 845-947-5261 / Hours: Monday-Friday, 9am-4pm www.townofstonypoint.org/recreation-department Facebook.com/StonyPointRecreation



Despite the chilly evening, it was all smiles at the Holiday parade!



Members of the Stony Point Ambulance Corps showing their holiday spirit at the parade.



The Stony Point Highway Department truck, all decked out in lights for the Holiday Parade.





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