

Amy Paffenroth

From: Suzanne Joyce [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 7:21 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Budget

Suffern is always know for their recreation programs. I understand you have to make cuts ,but I would say cut hours till September ,not lay off for a year. We have events in the fall. Then I agree keep the pool closed and the concession stand. (Virus) You don't know when new York is going to open from the virus.Please keep Recreation going for Suffern.weekend open gym at community center charge the kids and what is going to happen to the seniors in the late summer or fall? They can't be unsupervised for safety issues.The recreation coordinator can't be at two places at once. Please don't let that community center go down hill. Maybe the village may have to charge instead of doing things for free. Not cut it out or lay people off. Maybe cut the raises for all employees. Some haven't even had raises!. Have more fundraisers from the suffern recreation department to help their budget.Please keep recreation in Suffern.

Sent from my iPhone

Amy Paffenroth

From: Denise <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 7:22 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Proposed changes to the budget 2020/2021

I am not sure I read the first proposed change to the budget correctly. I have been a volunteer member of the Recreation committee for many years. I can not envision having the paid employees laid off. They are an integral part of the village, which helps the Village run all the programs that you offer. These include youth programs, senior programs and much, much more. You have in the budget " lay off the entire recreation department, including seasonal swimming pool employees, except for the department head (Recreation Coordinator). How will the programs and events be handled, and by who? Does this mean other employees that are employed by the village get overtime to help with these programs, that last year were a "must to have"? There is a massive Suffern Day event, that is FREE to the public, that maybe shouldn't be free anymore. There is a fireworks show that needs assistance, planning and working. Halloween, the Christmas parade and all other events for the children. Plays to New York City that are looked forward to by the Seniors and Village residents. Who will help with these? The Village does not need anymore overtime to do programs that were run by Recreation employees that worked nights, weekends and holidays for straight pay. I can not see the volunteers picking up all that will be needed to have the Village run as smoothly and efficient as it does now. Unless you are doing away with all recreation programs, the recreation department should remain intact.

Thank you,
Denise Schultz
Oak Terrace
Suffern, NY

Sent from my iPad

Amy Paffenroth

From: Marsha Fixler <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 7:40 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Budget Consideration Request

As a senior in the Village of Suffern who has lived here since 1972, I am deeply troubled in hearing that there is a possibility that the Village Recreation Department along with it's programs that both Nancy Christopher and Elaine DiFalco head, will be cut from the 2020 budget.

Suffern has a population of 11,027, and 8,879 adults, of which there are 2,041 seniors. Seniors make up about 25 % of the adult population in Suffern, and about 40% of the seniors live alone.

The Suffern Recreation Department along with it's programs are an important part of the senior's life here in Suffern. Both the health and well-being of seniors need activities to look forward to and to participate in. The Suffern Recreation has provided the seniors with this and they would be put at a great disadvantage if it were cut from the budget.

As a senior, I do hope that you see this as a necessary part of your budget for 2020 and decide to include the Recreation Department and programs in the budget.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Marsha Fixler

[REDACTED]
Suffern, NY

Sent from my iPhone

Amy Paffenroth

From: STEVE CHRISTOPHER [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 7:51 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Late budget changes

In an email I received today regarding a special Village board meeting scheduled for tomorrow evening I saw on the agenda there are plans to eliminate the recreation department with the exception of the coordinator. I cannot believe that this is even a consideration. While I can understand if there is no pool opening this season, that there is no need for summer lifeguards. I do believe that the work done everyday by the 2 full time associates in the recreation department is not understood or known by the board.

You are totally dismissing the value of the many wellness programs being held for the Village residents many of which were started by Nancy Christopher, and how much it is helping the Village residents, in particular the seniors. Many of our seniors will tell you how invaluable and essential to their quality of life these programs are. I can attest that during this COVID-19 crisis the 2 individuals you are considering cutting have been reaching out to all the residents that participate in the many wellness programs and checking on their well being during this time. They have been daily searching out and actively posting activities to help all the residents through this situation.

Nancy has been a hard working Village employee for more than 16 years and has real passion for the Village. Elaine, as well, has been a hard working village employee for many years working with the seniors in the community center. The elimination of these positions is extremely short sighted and detrimental to Village. I would encourage that before you make these decisions that you reach out and ask many of the participants in the Village recreation and wellness programs for their input on the value of these programs. I am sure you will be surprised at how important they are to our residents. I really believe the board should have an understanding as to what people do in their role with the Village. I would encourage you to review the entire list of activities this team does on behalf of the Village.

It is unfortunate that tomorrow's meeting will be a virtual one, and many Village residents will not have the opportunity to express their opinions live on these proposed cuts, and many of the seniors may not be savvy enough to use the technology to connect and express their support of these 2 individuals.

In closing, the value the village gains from these 2 individuals far exceeds the impact to our annual budget.

Sent from my iPad

Amy Paffenroth

From: Frank Hagen <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 7:55 PM
Subject: Fw: Proposed budget 28Apr for Suffern Village Meeting

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: Frank Hagen <[REDACTED]>
To: Budget <budget@suffernny.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020, 7:52:12 PM EDT
Subject: Proposed budget 28Apr for Suffern Village Meeting

First of all trustees already cost suffern taxpayers \$100 thousand for legal fees brought on by illegal contract with one lawyer and fees for law firm. Now trustees are asking Suffern Seniors/Youth programs to be cut to make up for their blunder.

HOW DARE YOU-

Proposing laying off recreation department workers to make up your BLUNDER MONEY

Proposing no more senior programs including-

Chair Yoga
Yoga in the Park
Youth Programs
Clifford Theater
Arty Time
Healthy Cooking Lifestyle Classes
(everyone in this village benefitted from these programs-children, parents,grandparents) AND YOU TRUSTEES ARE TAKING THIS AWAY TO MAKE UP FOR YOUR BLUNDER

I DEMAND YOU KEEP FUNDING THE RECREATION WORKERS AND NOT LAY THEM OFF11111111111111111111

I SUGGEST THE VILLAGE BOARD TAKE A 10% PAY CUT as was done in 2015 to help Village Budget

FIND ANOTHER WAY TO HELP BUDGET(how about sacrificing trustee salaries for one year-that should help)

Concerned Citizen,
Frank Hagen

Amy Paffenroth

From: Suzanne Joyce <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 8:06 PM
To: Clerk
Subject: Budget

As a continuation of my note very upset with the board is going to lay-off people in recreation department instead of cutting other departments. Sorry to say suffern recreation has been Suffern. With the way things are the last 2 months your are going to lay these people off At tough times after being here a while . As a I look why are the other departments getting raises. Why can't you charge for some of the programs. Why hired another record person in police department. Good manager or a board would try to keep everybody and just cut back in all the departments. I agree with the pool because we don't know when officially we are going to open up. But we have some major activities coming up and people rely on that it's bad enough that we don't use the community center as much as we should. Really think you should re-think cutting everybody in the rec department out except coordinator. Please reconsider this one department and their lives. Who are going to be with seniors? Overtime recreation did for free. I don't understand this! Thanks Suzanne joyce (forgot to sign first one go by my email.) think about the community

Sent from my iPhone

Amy Paffenroth

From: Joan [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 8:33 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Recreation Department

The senior yoga class is very important to all the seniors of the village. We are a group of over twenty five people who depend upon the class for our mental and physical health. The stay fit machines help us stay fit and moving our bodies more than we would at home. Without supervision we would not be able to exercise. Please reconsider your decision to let Nancy and Elaine go. Thank you Joan Gropper.

Sent from my iPad

Amy Paffenroth

From: Therese Wengryn <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 8:46 PM
To: Budget

The recreation Dept. is very important for us Seniors.

Many of us Seniors live alone. It's hard to prepare healthy meals for ourselves. The nutrition class helps me to concentrate on preparing simple healthy foods and emphasize on eating fruits, and what to say away from. It has taught me to make tasty meals.

As for trips, The Recreation Dept. chooses wonderful plays. I otherwise, I would never have been able to go to. I look forward to them each Spring and Fall. The trips keep my mood and spirits up. Lots of us do not have the opportunity to see plays on Broadway.

I enjoy the exercise classes. They help me with my balance and learn to prevent falls. We learn to breath better.

I was going to move but I love Suffern too much. Suffern has many things to offer to the Seniors. It's the best village in the County. It has help me not to feel alone. I decided to stay.

If the Recreation Dept. is taken away from us Seniors, Many of us would have nothing to look forward. That would be a tragedy.

Sincerely, Terry Wengryn

Amy Paffenroth

From: Cory Perez <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 9:02 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Agenda

My family has lived in Suffern for more than 30 years. We've enjoyed many of the programs offered by the Village Recreation Department. Suffern Day is always a great day- well run with lots of entertainment. We've gone on trips to see Broadway shows that were put together by this department. The seasonal events for families are amazing. Hearing that a person who has been with the recreation department for over a decade may have their position cut is very disappointing. The department has provided great memories and services to my family.

From,
Cory Perez

Amy Paffenroth

From: Allie Carlson 
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 9:03 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Recreation Department- seniors

To Suffern trustees,

I wanted to take the time out to write this letter on behalf of myself and the seniors of our village. The recent programs from the recreation department designed specifically for seniors in our village have made such a positive impact on their lives. They have become more confident, stronger, healthier and will live longer lives because of these programs. The chair yoga class taught by Nancy from the recreation department is something these seniors look forward to on a weekly basis. These seniors are so excited about the class they have even showed up in the snow!

Another event the seniors look forward to is the Broadway show. It's a great event Suffern throws where the seniors feel safe going into the city with the lead of Nancy. They look forward to doing this yearly. I've went to the shows a few times and the seniors thrive!

I think getting rid of the position that plans these events would be a disadvantage to our seniors of the village. Of course this would be a disadvantage to all age groups as the department plans so many events throughout the year that brings the community together.

Thank you!
Allie Carlson

Sent from my iPhone

Amy Paffenroth

From: Daniel Mckallen <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 9:08 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Village of Suffern Changes

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you regarding the positions you are trying to get rid of at the village of Suffern recreation department and I would strongly advise you to rethink this decision.

As a 30 year old living in Suffern most of my life Suffern did not always have updated (with the times) programs. The recreation department has given the town some updated programs such as yoga in the park, nutritional work shops and my personal favorite the Christmas Parade. With the new apts built at the train station the only way to get young adults my age who may eventually start a family in Suffern is to keep these updated free programs happening. They are exciting things residents can look forward to and enjoy. All my friends look forward to yoga in the park exercises during the nice weather. These are the type of programs you need in order to have a town thrive and the fact you are thinking about getting rid of the positions of the people who create and run these events is basically saying you do not care about the good of the town.

I highly suggest you reconsider your thought on these jobs as I think it will be a BIG mistake.

Kind Regards,
Dan

Amy Paffenroth

From: Amanda Cassese <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 9:09 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Recreation department lay-off concern

To whom it may concern,

It has been brought to my attention that you are trying to eliminate Nancy Christopher's position in the recreation department and that makes me very upset. As a resident of Suffern my entire life and coming from a BIG Italian family all from Suffern with many nieces and nephews we LOVE all the events Suffern has thrown in the past few years. Suffern Day, the Christmas parade, the Easter egg hunt, the Halloween parade and the list goes on have become family staples. Both the adults and the kids look forward to all of these events and I know many Suffern residents can say the same as I look forward to seeing all the familiar faces I don't see all the time.

I have also had the pleasure of working with Nancy to volunteer at the village of Suffern ladies night and what a success that was. When Nancy reached out to me to see if I would be the makeup artist for the night I couldn't be happier. I was so happy to hear my town was doing events like this to make women feel better about themselves. What a success the event was with local hair stylist Wendy as well. You can tell the women felt more confident leaving the event than when they walked in. Events like this make people want to be a resident in the village of Suffern.

Thank you for listening!
Amanda Cassese

Sent from my iPhone

Amy Paffenroth

From: Jaclyn Davis <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 9:11 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Meeting agenda 4/28

To Whom it may Concern,

As a long time Suffern resident I have to say I was shocked and extremely saddened when I heard tonight of the potential disbanding of two positions in the recreational department.

As a mother of 2 young children we frequently attend many of the events run by the recreation department and they bring my children so much joy. The Easter egg hunt, Halloween parade, summer kids concert, Christmas parade, Suffern day, just to name a few. These are such important events that bring our community together.

More importantly, these programs have been life changing for many in the elderly community. A few years back when I lived in Bon Air, I would hear from so many of them about their nutritional work shops, walks with the mayor, and the yoga they did each week. It seemed to give them so much to look forward to and truly so much joy. To take these programs away would be a crime.

These programs are more important to the community then you may realize. I ask you to strongly reconsider your vote in eliminating these positions as I think it would be detrimental to the members of the Village. Thank you.

Jaclyn Davis

Sent from my iPhone

Amy Paffenroth

From: Richard Davis <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 9:23 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Save the Rec department

I am writing in response to the recreation department jobs that are being evaluated for possible elimination. This is both shocking and infuriating, the village is losing its identity and this will be just another step in the wrong direction. There are a lot of other bloated departments that you should look at if you are really looking to save taxpayers money and I strongly encourage you to reconsider.

V/R
Rich

Amy Paffenroth

From: Marsha Fixler <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 9:24 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Fwd: Budget Consideration Request

Sent from Marsha's iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: Marsha Fixler <[REDACTED]>
Date: April 27, 2020 at 9:03:17 PM EDT
To: www.budget@suffernny.gov
Subject: Budget Consideration Request

As a senior in the Village of Suffern who has lived here since 1972, I am deeply troubled in hearing that there is a possibility that the Village Recreation Department, along with its programs that both Nancy Christopher and Elaine DiFalco head, will be cut from the 2020-2021 budget.

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The Suffern Recreation Department along with its programs are an important part of the senior's life here in Suffern. Both the health and well-being of the seniors need activities to look forward to and to participate in. The Suffern Recreation Department has provided the seniors with this and they would be put at a great disadvantage if it were cut from the budget.

As a senior, I do hope that you see this as a necessary part of your budget and decide to include the Suffern Recreation Department and programs in the budget.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Marsha Fixler

[REDACTED]
Suffern, NY

Sent from Marsha's iPad

Amy Paffenroth

From: Kaitlyn Bakker <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 9:47 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Recreation Department

To the Suffern Trustees,

I wanted to reach out in regards to the possibility of getting rid of the recreational department in the village of Suffern. I've lived in the village for many years and as a healthy young lady I love the different programs the recreational department have created for residents. Me and my friends look forward to yoga in the park when it's nice out. It's a great way to catch up and stay active! Also the personal trainer they had come in to give tips and ideas was amazing! I learned so much from this. I've heard other villages having these types of programs and was so excited when we finally got them. I think we can also build on these programs however by getting rid of the department I do not see that happening. Please rethink this decision and care about the members of your village health and wellness programs.

Thank you,
Kaitlyn Bakker

Sent from my iPhone

Amy Paffenroth

From: Greg Burns <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 10:04 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Recreational dept changes

To whom it may concern,

My family has grown up in the village of Suffern for the past 40 years. My oldest brother has 3 kids of his own now and we all attend the events the recreational department throws throughout the year. The Christmas parade, Halloween parade, Easter egg hunt and Suffern day to name a few. The kids love it and so do we! The events are well thrown and they are a great way to see familiar faces I don't see often. For young families like my brother these events are a great night out with the kids and a great way to keep busy and be part of the village. Our family appreciates the events and love being part of a village who throws such events. Taking this away is going to have young families look and lean on other villages for such events and take away from Suffern.

Please rethink the decision of making changes to the recreation department. Suffern finally has well attended great thrown events!!

Thank you,
Greg Burns

Amy Paffenroth

From: Thomas Iaquinto <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 10:12 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Please reconsider letting any staff GO.

Hello my name is Tom Iaquinto I have been involved with Suffern Sports my entire life. For the past 11 years I have been heavily involved in coaching youth sports in Suffern. I am currently the President of Suffern Midget Mounties. I recently learned that two rec employees Nancy Christopher and Elaine DiDalco are in the budget TOMORROW night-for being let go. I cannot and should not have to tell you how invaluable these two women are. Nancy, Elaine and Cathy Mills have helped SMM tremendously over the years. These women not only work their normal hours I have witnessed them volunteering countless of hours. They always go above and beyond their duties and it would be a huge mistake to let them go. Not only do they help SMM they do so much for the seniors in the community. Our seniors are at serious risk and today my family member received a mask from these ladies. I ask you to please reconsider your decision on letting these two ladies go. These times are extremely difficult and we are slowly getting back to normal. The Governor is going to be opening things soon. There will be guidelines to follow and these two ladies will be instrumental in helping our seniors and other community members adjust to these difficult times. Please wait for the state officials to make more decisions and set guidelines for us all to follow. Thank you for your time.

Thank you Tom Iaquinto
[REDACTED]

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Thomas Iaquinto
[REDACTED]

Amy Paffenroth

From: Erik Weil <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 10:51 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Fwd: Nancy Christopher

My name is Fern Weil and I have been a Suffern resident for 40 years.

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> I have always enjoyed the programs run by Nancy Christopher of the Recreation Center.

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> Losing Nancy and these programs would be extremely detrimental to the health and well-being of the community.
Now is the time where our town needs Nancy the most.

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> Sincerely,
> Fern Weil
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> Sent from my iPhone

Amy Paffenroth

From: Victor U PALUMBO <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 11:04 PM
To: Clerk
Subject: Elimination 2 positions in the Recreation Department

We are totally against the elimination of the two positions the Trustees are considering in the Suffern Recreation Department.

My wife and I look forward to the many activities that the Recreation Dept puts on for Suffern senior citizens.

It is very difficult for me to comprehend how the mere savings of \$35 per year will impact on our everyday live.

Please consider how these minute savings will affect the senior citizens of Suffern!!!!

Eve & Victor Palumbo

[REDACTED]

Suffern

[REDACTED]

Amy Paffenroth

From: Nancy Christopher <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 8:20 AM
To: Budget
Subject: email from resident

I received this email from resident Pat Attardo...

-----Original Message-----

From: Pat Attardo <[REDACTED]>
To: Nancy Christopher <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tue, Apr 28, 2020 8:00 am
Subject: Re: Fwd: Village Recreation Department

With working from home being more the norm and younger families moving into our area it is more important than ever to attempt to keep our village recreation/shops, etc open for business. Even a reduction in hours/days etc may help. **Perhaps a slight decrease in the higher wage earners salaries could be possible** as well. We would be in favor of a slight decrease rather than an elimination.

Amy Paffenroth

From: anne mullooly <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 8:26 AM
To: Budget
Subject: Lay offs

Please do not cancel the recreation dept or closing the pool this summer .

Sent from my iPhone

Amy Paffenroth

From: OSLACKY [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 8:37 AM
To: Budget

The budget changes would NOT come up on my computer. So I don't know what they are. This pertains to the recreation committee.

I have known Nancy and Elaine for many years. As a senior resident in Suffern, I looked forward to the yoga classes run by Nancy as well as her nutrition classes, etc. I don't know if those classes are now out of the budget. I hope not. As a senior we don't have much to look forward to; don't take that too. Nancy and Elaine are special people and I appreciate all the data we have been sent during this pandemic. They connect us to LIFE outside our houses.

Thanks for the masks, also.

MaryAnn O

Suffern Village resident

Amy Paffenroth

From: Jennifer Olayan <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 9:10 AM
To: Budget
Subject: Tonight

Hi, I hope that you and your families are healthy.

It has come to my attention that there is a proposal to discontinue recreation dept staff. While we all understand the situation we are in currently, this seems a little drastic. Life will go back to normal and when it does our community and especially our children will desperately need normalcy. To take away all of the wonderful activities that make this village what it is is deeply upsetting. Where any of the wonderful staff members given the chance to tweet their programs or give ideas on how things could be done once it is safe to do so? Please reconsider this because you have a very strong family oriented community and countless little lives that you will be affecting. This can't happen to our community.

-Jenny Olayan

Jenny Olayan
Teacher Consultant
Deaf/Hard or Hearing
Bergen County Special Services

Amy Paffenroth

From: Jill [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 9:36 AM
To: Budget
Subject: Budget Proposals

Good morning,

I hope this finds each of you and your families safe and healthy during these very difficult times. It has recently come to my attention that tonight the Board will be voting on a budget that will include cutting the Suffern Recreational Department. As a Suffern Resident for 10 almost 11 years, I am so disheartened and disappointed that that would be the place cuts would be made. As the Village of Suffern grows, so does the need for activities and places for children and their families to go. The Suffern Pool, Suffern Day, the Christmas Parade are all events that make Suffern what it is. A small town feel in the midst of a larger county. If you go to other villages and towns in Rockland county, you do not get that same feeling and a very large part of that are the events and activities that make up who and what we are. I am sure that smaller budget cuts could be made to other areas of the budget to keep the Recreation Department intact. As the COVID pandemic ends, people are going to want to go back to what is normal and typical for them. Children will need things to go to and events to recreate life back to normal. Families will need to see the community around them to help get back to normal. Please reconsider those budget cuts and come up with some more creative ways to cut. The Recreation Department is not the place to take the money from.

Sincerely,

Jill Santo
Suffern, NY

Amy Paffenroth

From: Janelle <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 9:42 AM
To: Budget
Subject: Budget

Good morning. It has come to my attention that the budget for recreation has been cut. Please reconsider this. My family, as with many others, truly enjoy all the activities and programs provided by the recreation Dept and look forward to them annually. These are great activities for the community and make Suffern the wonder town and village we love. This is a VERY important component of life here in Suffern and a huge factor in the quality of resident life. Things will get better. We will have to take precautions and maybe rethink some things, but we need the recreational programs for our mental health and well-being so we can all emerge #SuffernStrong.

-Janelle

Amy Paffenroth

From: Donna Yantsos <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 9:59 AM
To: Budget
Subject: Budget

Hello

We are residents of Suffern for over 20 years. I respectfully ask you to reconsider the elimination of the Recreation Department from the upcoming budget. When my girls were younger, we utilized the Suffern Pool several times a week and they always looked forward to the Halloween Parade and many of the other events that are organized by the employees behind the scenes of this essential department.

The Village is losing families like us due to downsizing and relocating for a different quality of life outside of New York State. New, young families will be moving in and looking for that small town feel that the Village offers. Eliminating the Recreation Department and dedicated employees such as Elaine DiFalco and Nancy Christopher will greatly affect the turnover of homes to potential buyers. Those families will relocate to other communities that offer these same qualities.

I ask that you reconsider the cut of this valuable department as well as the dedicated employees that are the backbone of it.

Sincerely,

Donna and Gary Yantsos

Amy Paffenroth

From: Mary Jo Sheahan <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 10:00 AM
To: Budget
Subject: Recreation

To whom it may concern,
I am expressing my concern for the budget cuts. As a resident of the village with children this directly impacts me and so many. Many of our family memories are directly connected to the programs provided by the recreation department. We are members of the pool and participate in swim lessons. If these programs are not provided it will force us to look outside of the village for these activities. Which means we will not be going to restaurants and other business in the village as often. These recreation programs encourage people to gather in the village. Please do not cut these programs.
Thank you,
Tom and Mary Sheahan

Amy Paffenroth

From: alexandria tursi <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 10:35 AM
To: Budget
Cc: Alex Tursi
Subject: Importance of the Wellness Programs to me

I am so thankful for the Wellness programs this town provides, especially for the seniors. As a result, my health has benefitted tremendously. A few years ago I was rear-ended in an auto accident. My left side seized in pain from my neck to my ankle. For nine months, I did physical therapy three times a week. After all that time, I was so discouraged, I felt no relief. Then I met Nancy Christopher and started attending the chair yoga classes on Monday and Friday. I felt my super tight muscles (that were still locked from the trauma of the accident) relax from the breathing exercises. My strength and range of motion increased - better than before my accident!

I've also benefitted from the drumming classes - on Wednesdays. I'd leave the class so energized and balanced. You don't realize how much your body needed it - till after the class & you feel that extra boost.

The Nutrition for Optimal Health workshops the 1st Tuesday of the month are so informative. I've incorporated many of the nutrition recommendations and definitely feel and look healthier.

All these services have been so essential to maintaining and expanding my health. They've been a lifeline! I know that on my own I would not have been able to find all these resources. I am a faithful attendee and plan my week around these classes.

Thank you again for having these services and I urge you to please continue them.

Sincerely,
Alex Tursi

Amy Paffenroth

From: Allison Cipris Hirsch <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 10:47 AM
To: Clerk; Budget
Subject: Save Suffern Recreation Department!!!!!!

To the Village of Suffern Board,

I am a resident of the Village of Suffern and it has been brought to my attention several members of the Board are looking to dismiss both Nancy Christopher and Elaine DiFalco from their Suffern Recreation Department positions in order to save the Village of Suffern money. I understand if the Village of Suffern Board includes an annual \$35 per property taxpayer into tonight's budget, we will be able to have both Nancy Christopher and Elaine DiFalco continue in their recreation department positions.

I demand that the Village of Suffern Board pass this budget to keep both Nancy Christopher and Elaine DiFalco in their Recreation Department positions. Both Nancy Christopher and Elaine DiFalco have played an integral part of our community's "togetherness". The many events and activities they have created and organized as a team has always brought joy to our Suffern residents - individually, young children, families, and our senior citizens.

Now more than ever, our community needs to rekindle that Suffern pride, joy, and "togetherness". We need support for our wellbeing!

As New York State is carefully putting together a plan to re-open, so must our Village of Suffern. And as we have seen firsthand online throughout the world, it will take out-of-the-box thinking and creativity to allow for new social guidelines!

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Sincerely,

Allison and Noel Hirsch

Amy Paffenroth

From: John Dispoto [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 10:51 AM
To: Budget
Subject: Senior programs

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

As a senior happily living in Suffern for the past 24 years- I ask that this new budget NOT BE PASSED---
Senior programs in Suffern have always been something to be very proud of—we are old people and the meetings
and all you offer for seniors give us the chance to get out-keep active and socialize—Elaine and Nancy have
been wonderful to all of us ---please- do not let us all get really old before our time--- DO NOT PASS THIS BUDGET-
find another way to save money---- thank you from one of your voting seniors—VOTE NOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO

Amy Paffenroth

From: Victor U PALUMBO [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 11:05 AM
To: Budget
Subject: Recreation Budget

We are totally against the proposed changes to the Village's RECREATION BUDGET. My wife and I look forward to the many activities that the Recreation Department puts on for the Suffern senior citizens. I understand that the cuts in the Recreation Department will save us a mere \$35 per year. These savings? will have a tremendous impact on our everyday life.

Please consider how these minute savings will affect the senior citizens of Suffern!!!!

Eve and Victor Palumbo

[REDACTED]
Suffern, NY
[REDACTED]

Amy Paffenroth

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 11:08 AM
To: Budget
Subject: Proposed Budget Cuts

This is to respectfully request that the Proposed Budget Cuts for the Recreation Department be removed from consideration. The personnel and programs offered for the community are not only a physical but emotional and well-being asset to all of the members. Please re-think. Thank you.

Amy Paffenroth

From: Joe Brennan <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 11:14 AM
To: Budget
Subject: Budget cuts

Good morning,

My name is Joe Brennan and I am a former Deputy Mayor and Trustee in the Village of Suffern. I am familiar with the budget process and in these days of COVID-19 I am sure that coming up with a proper budget is even more difficult. But, you can come up with changes to your budget that will not impact the quality of life for village residents.

I believe that the decision to lay off the entire Recreation Department, except for the Coordinator, is a huge mistake. The programs and events run by or assisted by the Recreation Department are valuable and essential to what makes Suffern so special. The exercise and wellness programs are a plus for village residents, especially the seniors.

Please sharpen your pencils and find other areas where the impact of budget cuts will not be so critical.

When we come out of this period of self-isolation the Recreation Department is going to be even more important to life in the Village of Suffern.

Stay safe

Respectfully,

Joseph P Brennan

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

Amy Paffenroth

From: Gina Bertolino <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 11:19 AM
To: Budget
Subject: Do not Cut the Recreation Department Staff

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Sincerely,

Joseph and Gina Bertolino

[REDACTED]

Suffern NY

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

Amy Paffenroth

From: Haggerty <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 11:22 AM
To: Budget
Subject: Recreation

Dear Suffern Village Board members, I am an 88 year old resident of the Village of Suffern and have lived here for the past 61 years. My family and I have used every available recreational service the village has to offer. I became a member of the Suffern Sr. Club in 1997, when I retired from the Ramapo Central School Dist. I am not sure of the date but sometime around 2003 to 2005 the board voted to have the Sta-Fit program for seniors brought to the community center. It includes 6 exercise machines and it met twice a week. Sometime after that the Yoga exercise program began, which also met twice a week. On March 16, 2020 I had a right knee replacement at Good Sam Hosp. and I was able to walk without a walker or a cane in three weeks. I believe that because I was a very faithful user of these programs that my body was strong enough to get me to that point so quickly. It will be a disservice to the senior population if you drop these programs.

As far as the pool goes that is a total disgrace to the whole community, both children and adults. When my family first came to Suffern the real estate agent proudly drove us around and showed my husband and I the two newest additions to the Village - The brand new Cypress Rd. Elementary School (now R.P. Connor) and the Suffern Pool, which had opened a year or 2 earlier.

I have no idea what you people are thinking, but to throw all of the citizens of this village under the bus is a total disgrace. If I were you I would seriously reconsider dropping any of the recreation programs. WEAR A MASK AND STAY 6 FEET FROM THE NEXT PERSON.

Sincerely, Isabel E. Haggerty (My husband, Andrew C. Haggerty, was Mayor from 1997-2001)

Amy Paffenroth

From: Nicole Russodivito [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 11:23 AM
To: Budget
Subject: Save the recreation Dept!

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Sincerely,

Nicole russodivito

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Thank you,

Nicole Russodivito

[REDACTED]
Restaurant: [REDACTED]

Amy Paffenroth

From: Victoria Calliano [REDACTED] >
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 11:33 AM
To: Budget
Cc: Clerk
Subject: Letter

Save Suffern Recreation Today, April 28, 2020 Before tonight's 7PM Village of Suffern Budget Meeting!

Our Suffern Recreation Dept. is needed now more than ever. Its purpose has always been to provide wellbeing and community togetherness. As NY State begins a carefully laid out re-open plan, so should our beloved Suffern Recreation Dept.

It's now when our Suffern residents need both Nancy Christopher and Elaine DiFalco most... from our youngest children to our senior citizens who have lost so many friends already... We cannot also take away two of the individuals who they have come to love from years of support, thoughtfulness, and care.

Suffern Recreation has begun making adjustments to current calendar events to adhere to the new social guidelines. Below are only a few new additions being considered:

- Job Fairs
- Outdoors Exercise Programs to benefit all ages
- Walking tours for history buffs

Suffern Recreation has the combined years of experience needed to format an attentive and carefully monitored re-open plan for our resident's activities. It will take the Village of Suffern to pass an annual \$35 per property taxpayer budget to keep Nancy Christopher and Elaine DiFalco in our recreation department. Won't you please copy and paste the letter below into an email, add your name, and send your email to

budget@suffernny.gov

Or

clerk@suffernny.gov

Suffern is a strong community and it is only strong because we have departments such as Suffern Recreation working for its residents every day. Let's keep true to #SuffernStrong and get through this ordeal with the support of our Suffern Recreation Dept personnel.

Sincerely,
The Suffern Chamber of Commerce Board

LETTER -

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Sincerely,

Victoria Calliano
Village of Suffern Resident

Sent from my iPhone

Amy Paffenroth

From: Aimee Pryszlak <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 11:45 AM
To: Budget
Subject: Recreation department

To whom it may concern:

It has been brought to my attention that in the upcoming budget meeting that the recreation department in Suffern is being cut completely out. Part of what makes Suffern such an amazing place to live are all of the events that the recreation department hosts. From the pool, to Girl Scout events, to Clifford theatre, to their senior programming. Everyone in this community benefits from the recreation department's wonderful work. It would be a HUGE disservice on the part of our community to dissolve this department. The events they hold/sponsor are looked forward to by so many. I hope you reconsider your action in taking away something that makes this community so amazing.

Sincerely,

Aimee Pryszlak

Amy Paffenroth

From: Ann B [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 11:47 AM
To: Budget
Subject: budget

I understand the proposed Village budget is being reviewed this evening. While I understand that budget cuts may be necessary, I do not believe cutting the recreation staff is in the best interest of the Village.

Especially during this pandemic and beyond, I feel the recreation department will be valuable during the recovery as families will want to attend many of the events planned by recreation. This department makes the village one of the best in Rockland County.

Wellness Programs - these programs keep our residents (mainly seniors) with an outlet to stay healthy while allowing them to socialize with one another.

It would be a huge injustice to cut this department at such a vulnerable time.

Thank you,

Ann Brennan

Amy Paffenroth

From: Luigina Lecei [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 11:51 AM
To: Budget
Subject: Recreation

Good Afternoon, it has been brought to my attention that all recreation programs have been cut from budget !?!?! Why ? What is the reasoning ?? Now more then ever Suffern community needs all programs with whatever modifications needed made due to covid 19 crisis to run and be accessible to residents ... all the programs make up the community and keep it strong .

Please explain why this would be done ? What is the sense and logic ? What are the numbers ?

Sent from my iPhone

Amy Paffenroth

From: Brenda Penczak [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 12:00 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Proposed Budget

Are we Village Residents being punished for the past mistakes of the Village Trustees? I cannot believe that this proposed budget has eliminated all monies for recreation. No money for our Seniors and Vets cutting all recreational programs in total - wiping out the recreational department. Besides pools being closed no other programs- This move is Draconian to say the least and I do believe the result of this action will be felt election time.
Brenda Penczak

Sent from my iPhone

Amy Paffenroth

From: Nadine France [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 12:01 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Recreational Department

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Sincerely,

Village of Suffern Resident

Amy Paffenroth

From: Sarah Vernola [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 12:03 PM
To: Budget
Subject: No To Cutting the Suffern Recreation Dept.

Suffern Village Board:

My husband and I moved to Suffern a little over ten years ago. We currently have two children attending RP Connor, ages 7 and 10. I was just pregnant with my daughter when we moved in to the neighborhood, and the couple we purchased the house from raved about the neighborhood and community. It didn't take long for me to learn what an incredible village it was, particularly in what's available to families. We are embedded and invested in Suffern, myself as the RP Connor PTA President and member of the Suffern Jr. Women's Club, my children in Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts and kids who actively join in village activities.

As the year's progressed, my children have spent more and more time at Village events. We live at the Suffern Pool over the summer, a source of joy for my children and myself. I am so excited that within a couple of years, my daughter will be old enough to participate in the Clifford Theater. Cathy Mills and her team create incredible community. These events and facilities are ASSETS to living here.

Over the years with rising taxes and other concerns about the community, despite our fears, my husband and I have felt that it was the community the Village creates that makes it worth it to stay here despite our growing concerns. And while our current pandemic is reason to think the recreation department will not be spending the entirety of their budget, to decimate the budget is utterly unwise and devastating. Give the department opportunities to be agile, flexible, and adjust programming to fit what I am sure will be ever changing policies and guidelines. Do not cut employees and the pool budget; if monies are not spent, let it accrue as excess funds.

It seems common sense to know that when a department budget line is cut, it is ridiculously difficult to have reinstated. If we want to fight for our amazing Village to grow (especially as city families in light of events are looking to relocate to places more spacious), we need to KEEP this excellent Recreation Department. The activities they provide will only serve to be a draw to new families. Making these cuts will just invite families who pay high taxes to consider leaving.

In short, find another way to save money. Keep these budgets and employees so that when life resumes back to normal, these activities and facilities can continue being an absolute DRAW to our community.

Respectfully,

Sarah Vernola
Suffern Resident

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Amy Paffenroth

From: Jeffrey Posner [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 12:04 PM
To: Budget
Subject: do not cut suffern recreation

Village Board,

If suffern cuts its rec program the town will be demised. Why not cut a cop off the books, they make too much money as it is and we can't afford to lose our recreation especially now, people are going crazy. Sell the dare truck we dont need it. We will just move to Mahwah when our kids are done with school here if this is done.

Jeff and Melissa Posner

Amy Paffenroth

From: Rob Tyrrell [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 12:04 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Save the Village of Suffern Recreation Department

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Sincerely,

Rob Tyrrell
Village of Suffern Resident

Amy Paffenroth

From: Robert Veltidi [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 12:05 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Recreation Budget

My name is Bob Veltidi and although I am not currently a resident of the Village of Suffern, I was for 28 wonderful years. During that time my family took advantage of many of the villages recreation programs. Even now my wife and I still take an active part in Suffern's happenings. I understand that with the current covid-19 pandemic there has to be a curtailment of recreation activities, BUT THIS WILL NOT LAST FOREVER! If you look at all the great programs the Village of Suffern offers to the public and will be losing:

NO Suffern Day
NO Halloween Parade NO Window Painting Contest for SMS Kids
NO Christmas Parade NO Memorial Day Parade
NO Veterans Day Parade NO 911 Ceremony
NO Recreation Center Building
NO Easter Egg Hunt
NO Easter Bunny NO Santa Claus
NO Lighting of the Menorah NO Exercise Classes
NO Concerts in the Park NO Family Day at the Pool
NO Fishing Derby NO Clifford Theatre
NO Suffern Senior Picnic NO Girl Scout International Dinner
NO Mahwah Elks Hoops Shoot
NO Lions Club Taste of Suffern
NO Blood Drives
NO Boy Scout Ceremonies
NO Boy Scout Pine Wood Derby
NO POP Warner Trophy Night
NO SMS Pocket Bingo Fundraiser and Fundraiser held at the Building
NO Ceremonies
NO LEAD : Life Exists Against Drugs
NO Young Life Programs
NO Art in the Park
NO Keep Rockland Beautiful Events
NO Movie in the Park
NO Pearl Harbor Ceremony
NO Lifeline Health Screening : Free
NO Self Defense Classes
NO Various Community Trips (Broadway)
NO Nutrition Workshops

You will see that when this trying time is over, there will be a great need for the Recreation Department to be a working, viable, entity. As you can see there is more to the Suffern Recreation Department than the running of the Suffern Pool. In the 1970's when I ran the Suffern Pool, I was asked by then volunteer Recreation Director, Shiela Whittington to sit down and work on the establishing a full time paid Recreation Department in Suffern. One that would meet the needs of the growing community and make the Village of Suffern an attractive place to live and raise a family. It would be a shame that now over 50 years later the Village of Suffern would see fit to throw it all away. I am asking you to please keep the Recreation Department in the budget and hopefully when this pandemic is over we can get back to some semblance of our lives.

Amy Paffenroth

From: Robin Tarantino [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 12:09 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Budget cuts

If what has been reported is true and that there is ~\$50K to be "found" in order to preserve the Rec department, then I might suggest the following:

Review the decision to merge the police department with the Town of Ramapo. This has always been an option and there is absolutely extra meat on the bone with respect to the Police Department in the Village. Perhaps the uniformed officers could be maintained and they could patrol the village as part of the Town Force.

Eliminating the Rec Department is sad...extremely sad...and you should be ashamed of not looking for alternatives. As a Board, you've got to be a little more creative and strict with options you put on the table. The small village does not need it's own police force any longer, but as a community, you should be able to keep the parades, the pool, the concerts and activities.

Wake up....

Robin Tarantino

Amy Paffenroth

From: Beverly Bergstein [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 12:09 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Budget

From a senior citizen who considers the Rec. Dept. a lifeline, PLEASE DO NOT PASS THIS BUDGET. We need to be together and socialize with our peers.

Beverly Bergstein
Suffern senior member

Sent from my iPad

Amy Paffenroth

From: lance weinstein [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 12:11 PM
To: Budget
Cc: Steve Alpert; Jo Meegan-Corrigan; Paul Girard; Charles Barone
Subject: Proposed Budget

I read the proposed budget changes in discuss...The proposed PD overtime budget was \$475,000 not \$400,000....Now the tentative overtime budget for the PD for 2020-2021 is \$360,000. Thats \$30,000 a month in overtime...The village is 2.1 square miles and according to Clarke, Suffern is one of the safest villages in the NYS. So that would elude to its not a high crime area which is great. But the question is, why do we need a budget of \$360,000...Thats ridiculous..Their budget should be frozen at \$300,000 which I think is still ridiculous...Maybe mismanagement is to blame on that.

2nd, there is no justification for the Village Clerk to go from \$80,850 to 84,893..Other Department heads are getting no increase. Thats Ed again taking care of his own!!

3rd, I think you seriously need to reevaluate laying off the entire recreation department. I don't know how you made the decision to close the village pools when the Governor of this State didn't even have a discussion about that phase nor did the CDC. Your decision is too premature...It would roughly cost \$35.00 a year per household to maintain the two positions and programs that includes most importantly our Senior citizens. They are the pillar of the village. Programs may change depending on how the pandemic lasts but the village will at last have some things or give us the opportunity to figure out how to keep some kind of normalcy in our village. Remember there might not be any camps either, these kids in our village will need something to do if it is not on a daily basis. Eliminate the \$60,000 additional for the PD overtime budget and save the recreation department.

4th, no increase in the overtime budget for the street department?? This department needs and deserves the overtime increase. The employees from the street department are working twice as hard now with trash removal etc with everyone being home.

5th, and in closing, I think its time the village residents makes a decision on police protection as its roughly about 75% of the budget...Put it out for memorandum and let the tax payers decide....Ramapo Police Department, in my opinion can give the village the same protection if not more protection as they have more resources.

Stay safe and healthy.

Amy Paffenroth

From: Eileen France [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 12:14 PM
To: Budget; Clerk
Subject: Budget Cuts

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Sincerely,

Village of Suffern Resident
Eileen France Hansen

Amy Paffenroth

From: macaroni58 [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 12:19 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Recreation department

To whom it may concern,

I'm not really one to speak out on many subjects. I've always been kind of a stay in the background kind of person but this is something I feel I need to speak up about.

Doing away with the recreation department to fill a budgetary need is taking away what makes Suffern the special place it is. So many great programs will no longer exist. So much of the livelihood of this town just being pushed to the side and deemed unimportant. I can't even imagine this town without our programs and parades and special events.

I truly hope there is another direction the board can go to cut the budget. We are living in unprecedented times right now and taking away our sense of stability and our hopes of coming out of these times to return to some type of normalcy is beyond comprehension.

I hope the board will reconsider and come up with a new plan.

Fran McInerney

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Amy Paffenroth

From: Bridget Bollinger [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 12:24 PM
To: Budget; Clerk
Subject: Save the Recreation Department

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Andrew and Bridget Bollinger

Amy Paffenroth

From: Jennifer Miller [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 12:25 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Keep our recreation dept!!!!

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Sincerely,
Jennifer Miller

Village of Suffern Resident

Amy Paffenroth

From: Diane Cooney [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 12:25 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Budget

As a Suffern Senior Citizen, I urge you NOT to pass this budget.
The Recreation and Wellness Programs are our LIFE-LINE .
They allow us to keep in touch with our fellow seniors, providing activities and programs that keep us healthy, happy and informed.

Please don't let us down!

Diane Cooney

[REDACTED]

Suffern

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

Amy Paffenroth

From: Radcalc [REDACTED] →
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 12:28 PM
To: Budget
Subject: budget

As a member of Suffern's 80+ group, I strongly urge the Board to reject the passage of the new budget at tonight's meeting. At a time when our country is in a major upheaval we all should uphold each other rather than tear down all that is a source of friendship and relaxation. Vote "NO" to the new budget.

Anna M. Derivan



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Amy Paffenroth

From: SLOVIKOWSKY, ROBERT [REDACTED] >
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 12:29 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Budget Cuts

Hello, my name is Robert Slovikowsky and I am a junior at Suffern High School. I was told by my friend today that there are talks of cutting recreational events within the community, including Clifford Theater. For the past three years, this program has been my home. Not only does it provide residents with a creative outlet, but it allows for the community to be brought together. Some of my best friends that I will cherish for the rest of my life were the people that I met while doing Clifford Theater, and I think that it would be a terrible mistake to cut this program entirely. Kids from 6th-12th grade look forward to this for the entire year, and I can completely and honestly say that it has changed my entire life. It has truly brought so much happiness into my life, and to cut this program would cut what makes the Suffern community so close. The money to fund the show and the costume costs could come from the donations received last year as well as fundraisers that could be carried out until the program actually starts in July. I cannot express how much it would mean to myself and the rest of our Clifford family if you could allow for us to keep putting on our shows and provide this sense of joy to the community.

Thank you so much for your time.

-Robert Slovikowsky

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Amy Paffenroth

From: Elizabeth Clifford [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 12:34 PM
To: Mayor
Subject: Get money

If you fire the Chief of police. You will have plenty of money. Cut the force by 20%. Also when do we get our water bill. Not like last time we never got a bill don't want it to happen again.

Elizabeth Clifford
Jersey ave
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

Amy Paffenroth

From: Barrie Keene [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 12:35 PM
To: Budget; Clerk
Subject: Recreation Dept

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Sincerely,
Barrie Keene
Village of Suffern Resident

Amy Paffenroth

From: Ebosco357 [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 12:35 PM
To: Budget
Subject: BUDGET

AS A SUFFERN, SENIOR RESIDENT I DO NOT CONDONE THE TOTAL OR PARTIAL DESTRUCTION OF THE VILLAGE'S SENIOR PROGRAMS AND THOSE PROGRAMS WHICH ALLOW US TO INTERACT WITH OUR FELLOW AGED GROUPED RESIDENTS.

WE COMPLAIN THAT TIMES ARE 'TOUGH' AND SOMETHING MUST BE DONE TO ASSIST THOSE IN NEED. HOWEVER, I DO NOT SEE THE MANAGEMENT RELINQUISHING OR REDUCING THEIR RESPECTIVE SALARIES TO ASSIST US.

Amy Paffenroth

From: Meg King [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 12:37 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Update...Our Rec. Dept.

Dear Village Board!

I am writing in regards to information I received about the possible changes within our community; which I find very worrisome. It will be 2 years this July that we moved to Suffern. There are a variety of reasons we chose Suffern over neighborhoods such as Pearl River or Warwick. The main reasons was the "community" we witnessed. To learn about the Suffern pool, the Christmas Parade, the Easter Egg Hunt, the Halloween Parade, yoga in the park, Memorial Day Parade, Lighting of the Menorah, concertvarious senior activities...to name just a few. This is what we wanted for our 4 children. We also took this all into account when we considered the cost of taxes in regards to what was offered.

Furthermore, it is not just the activities but the women who make them happen! To see each of them at every event making everyone feel welcomed is priceless. My husband and I also comment on how they find the time to make all this magic happen for adults and children alike. This is what makes our community stand apart. Due to Covid-19, life has taken many unseen diversions that we never could have imagined. Yet this is not a reason to make drastic changes that will negatively impact our community, our home values and the draw to become a Suffern resident!

I realize that designing a solid budget is not an easy task. I also realize that much thought goes into this process, yet I am asking you to really consider what makes Suffern so special! We are a diverse community that thrives on human interaction. With Covid, there will be many life adjustments but robbing the Suffern residents of the heart of what makes Suffern beat is devastating. Myself and my family are asking you to reconsider your choice. Furthermore, if we as a country are talking about slowly returning to our new norm how is Suffern choosing to take steps backwards.

I thank you for taking the time to read and truly consider my email.

Sincerely,

Meg King & family

Amy Paffenroth

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 12:44 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Recreation

I have come to see that there is budget for Recreation in the budget. I hope you will reconsider. I would think in the times to come this would be extremely important. Families and communities need to come together and this is the best way to do it. We need to give the kids more to show we are still together while they have been apart to do what is best. Please reconsider your budget.

Thank you
Diane Fornal

Sent from my iPhone

Amy Paffenroth

From: Danielle Nixon [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 12:47 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Save Suffern Recreation!

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Village of Suffern Resident

Amy Paffenroth

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 12:47 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Budget Cuts

PLEASE.....find another way, work the numbers another way so they work for YOUR COMMUNITY!!!
You can fix this, YOU HAVE TO FIX THIS!!

This community is too strong and too committed to each other to have this happen!!!!!!

Caren Passariello

Amy Paffenroth

From: christian cea [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 12:47 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Concerned resident

To whom it may concern:

Reading the cuts being made to our village I find disturbing and not too mention pulling the carpet underneath ones feet without and input of thought to work around this. There is always another way!!

Please consider other alternatives. If NOT you're tearing up the heart for which makes Suffern great.

Please consider other alternatives.

Christian Cea
Suffern residents 16 years

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

Amy Paffenroth

From: Theresa Rabrich [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 12:47 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Recreation Cuts

Suffern Village Board of Trustees and Mayor:

Your actions to cut the entire recreation budget is not only shortsighted, but reckless as it will have a profound affect on the local businesses and the members of the community. As well, this attempt at "saving money" will only open the Village up to liability and further Union issues, which will ultimately cost more than you are saving.

The School District and the Village have worked hard to try to attract young families to the area, to re-vitalize Lafayette Avenue and the surrounding communities, to create a sense of small town community in a not so small town. These actions will set this Village back to a point where recovery will be impossible.

More importantly, your failure to keep programs that directly affect the health and mental well being of the community, during a time of anxiety and stress, is irresponsible and a failure and violation of your oaths of Office.

Sadly, the most vulnerable members of the community and hit the hardest from COVID19 are the elderly who are organized through the Suffern and Ramapo Senior Clubs. For many, these Clubs are the only way many seniors socialize or even leave their homes or apartments. The Suffern Recreation Department is an integral part of these Clubs. Meetings, exercise classes, painting classes, yoga, senior movie days and senior field trips are all organized through and with the help of the Suffern recreation Department.

Think through and think past the next three months. What will this Village look like when the community begins to come out of their homes looking for interactions with the Suffern community. Your apparent need to save \$50,000 by cutting the recreation budget, could have easily been found in an otherwise pork filled budget. Simply cutting 1-2% of your overtime budgets and maybe selling off a tank or two could easily close the gap and allow Suffern to maintain its reputation as a family oriented and inclusive Village.

Re-think and keep #suffernstrong.

Regards,

Theresa DiFalco

Amy Paffenroth

From: Dorothy Rogers [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 12:52 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Recreation

I can't believe you are willing to lay off the recreation department considering the amount of money you spend on the police department. This is a travesty.

Dorothy Rogers

Sent from my iPad

Amy Paffenroth

From: Jason Dizzine [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 12:52 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Recreation Department

Please reconsider your decision on the Rec Department. This is a very nearsighted and knee jerk reaction. The people in this department do so much for our little village and the culture of Suffern will surely suffer.

Thank You!

P. Jason Dizzine

Sent from my iPhone

Amy Paffenroth

From: Kate Clifford [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 12:52 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Budget

As a resident of this village for many years, I am horrified to see the recreation department budget is where you are making cuts!! This is an essential part of this town. This department runs the programs that make people want to come and live in Suffern.

I am sure you can find other areas in this town where cuts can be made. Perhaps it is in the area of the budget which costs us the most each year.

Revisit your choices please!

Regards,
Kate Clifford

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Amy Paffenroth

From: Kathleen Lenny [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 12:53 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Recreation

There has to be another way other than cutting budget for recreation department-it seems to some like a huge amount but in reality it's not to keep these programs going-thank you for your reconsideration

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Amy Paffenroth

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 12:57 PM
To: Mayor
Subject: Proposed budget 20-21

Mayor Markunas,
I am very much saddened and disappointed by the proposed elimination (not just cut backs) of the Recreation Dpt for the 20-21 budget year.

Although I do understand the pool will not open, it is baffling as to why you all would think it would be in the best interest of the village to then eliminate ALL the other events. (if not ALL, just about ALL)

Suffern is known for the fantastic events for all ages throughout the year

The summer is going to be an adjustment, to say the least, for all residents as we are embarking into uncharted territory with the necessary social distancing protocols.

Not having a pool is a HUGE set back for the mental well being for all residents as we hopefully start the process of living our new 'normal.'

With the necessary absence of a community pool, I would think you, the mayor, and the trustees would want to use the pool funds to create activities for all ages to promote mental well-being throughout the village.

Please reconsider these eliminations.
The proposed eliminations are what makes Suffern so great!!

Remember, we want to keep all our current residents as well as welcoming new!

Thank you,
Kathleen Babcock
[REDACTED]

Amy Paffenroth

From: Mary Dwyer [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 1:04 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Recreation and wellness program

My name is Mary Dwyer. I am a resident of [REDACTED]arkside Dr in Suffern, and I would like to voice my concerns about possible budget cuts to the recreation and wellness programs.

I am a senior citizen who really depends on these programs for exercise and social interaction.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sent from my iPhone

Amy Paffenroth

From: Jennifer Haas [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 1:05 PM
To: Budget
Cc: Clerk
Subject: Save Suffern recreation

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Sincerely,

Jennifer Haas

Amy Paffenroth

From: Kaplan [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 1:06 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Recreation Department

I write to you as a senior resident of the Village of Suffern, who participates in numerous Senior programs, sponsored by the Recreation Department. Please do not eliminate funding for Stay Fit, Chair Exercises, Nutrition Workshops, Chair Yoga, monthly Drumming Class & other Senior Activities. Although these activities are not currently active, the hope among us is that eventually we will be able to enjoy these activities again.

There has to be a better solution than laying off the entire Recreation Department. Perhaps they could be paid a partial salary, until the emergency ends. What about having these people conduct virtual activities, as is being done in so many other instances. Another option could be to furlough these individuals with the understanding they would return to work as soon as that is viable.

Please consider alternate options to keep the Village stable & still provide for serving seniors & others who take advantage of the Recreation Department offerings.

Thank you for your consideration.

Bonnie Kaplan
Village Resident

Amy Paffenroth

From: Kevin Czerwinski [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 1:08 PM
To: Budget

Hi,

That you are cutting all these programs is obscene. How about you furlough some of the overpaid police officers whose raises came at the cost of these programs. Or furlough the narcissistic police chief and his more than a quarter of a million dollar salary. Get rid of him and there will be plenty for these programs.

Amy Paffenroth

From: Tara McCarthy [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 1:09 PM
To: Budget; Clerk
Subject: Proposed budget

Good Afternoon,

I am concerned about the proposed budget. So many cuts!! I think it is very dramatic. I understand that with the current situation things need to be changed and modified. Why not make a plan, instead of just cutting everything. There has to be another way!

We pay a lot of taxes to live here and we chose to live in the Village of Suffern because of all of the wonderful things the Village offers. The safety and beauty of this village is the #1 reason we have lived here our whole lives!!! Of course we are disappointed that the pool will be closed, that means my daughter has lost her summer job, and my boys have lost their favorite place to spend the summer. That is not the #1 reason for this email- I know things will be different this summer.

So, with all of the budget cuts, do we have a cut in our taxes? We pay Village of Suffern AND the Town of Ramapo! The Village taxes went up last year- for what? Where is all that extra money going, without these peoples' jobs and activities? How about you have meetings and think about alternative activities going forward? Instead of eliminating EVERYTHING!!! It makes me sad that all of things we have loved about this village is going away.

We want people to move in to the Village with their young families- why would they want to pay all of the extra taxes and get nothing?

Disappointed and Angry is the way I describe my whole family's mood today- especially during these unsettled times! Do you not have a heart?

Extremely Disappointed,
Tara McCarthy

Amy Paffenroth

From: Suzi Miller [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 1:13 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Budget cuts

These cuts are unacceptable. They are unnecessary and just down right mean. Our community has been built on the seniors and children and if it weren't for them, you would not have a town.

Stand down your budget and re-access what you are cutting.

Suzi Miller
Suffern resident

[REDACTED]

Amy Paffenroth

From: Emily Marin-Clifford [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 1:15 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Tonight's meeting

I saw the proposed budget for 2020-2021 and I do not agree with it at all. There is no reason to lay off the entire recreation department, especially since they are behind everything that goes on in suffern. What would be left in this town if you got rid of them? And if you need to find room in the budget, cut the overtime for the police department! If there are no events for the town then why the hell is there so much overtime! It's ridiculous! Even if you canceled all events for next year they are still participating in keeping the town active. I stopped by village hall to pick up my face mask today and nobody was there EXCEPT for the recreation department.

Sincerely,
Emily Marin-Clifford

Amy Paffenroth

From: Dennis <nyparky@optonline.net>
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 1:17 PM
To: Budget

Mr Mayor



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Amy Paffenroth

From: Cara Cea [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 1:20 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Recreation

Dear Suffern Board,

As a resident of Suffern since 1983, I was disappointed to learn that the proposed budget eliminates funding for most of Suffern recreation.

The activities for residents organized by the Village of Suffern are part of what makes Suffern great and a factor in why my husband and I chose to raise our two children in Suffern. While we understand that current mandates from the state prohibit public gatherings, it is short-sighted to think that this is a permanent situation. When the stay at home orders are lifted, Suffern residents will be looking for the activities they have come to love and expect. The staff – Elaine DiFalco and Nancy Christopher – are the face of Suffern for so many and have become friends to all.

Please reinstate the Suffern recreation budget.

Cara Cea

Cara Cea
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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Amy Paffenroth

From: Grace Thompson [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 1:23 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Please don't do it

Please please please do not disband the recreation dept. All the great work they do is what makes Suffern such a thriving community. It will undo years of hard work and dedication and the ramifications from this decision will be felt for years to come by business owners, our youth and our seniors. If it is a question of closing a budget gap, please let the residents know how we might help. My family chose to settle here because of all the wonderful amenities the town provided. Is there nothing else that can be reduced or removed to balance the budget?

Shocked and saddened,
Grace Thompson

Sent from my iPhone

Amy Paffenroth

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 1:24 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Budget: recreation

To the Board,

I understand in your new proposal that you are assuming that the Suffern swimming pool will not open for the 2020 Season. I understand that and the savings you will have from not hiring pool staff and operating cost. With that said, do you really thing that is all the recreation people do during the year? I have lived in this village for 35 years. In that time, the recreation department has grown in what they have provided by leaps and bounds. To say now that senior citizens lunches will not be provided or that employees of this department won't be needed is ludicrous! The village offers so much more than JUST a summer program. What about the fall and winter events that hopefully will occur? Are you saying we throw away the window painting around Halloween, the Christmas parade, the Senior Picnic, the Fishing Derby, Fundraisers that take place in the Recreation Building, the Pearl Harbor Day ceremony, the Spring events and so much more to save \$50,000? My children participate in so many events over the years and as a Senior in this town I would like to still be able to participate in all that Suffern offers.

Please reconsider this proposal change you want to make. It effects so many people in this town, but even more important, it cuts out the heart of the community that has been built over the years. Hopefully, this pandemic will not last a year, but the cuts you make now in the recreation department will last for much more time than Suffern can afford to lose!! **KEEP THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT, IT'S EMPLOYEES AND RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES, INTACT IN YOUR BUDGET FOR THE UPCOMING BUDGET YEAR!!**

Sincerely,
Florence Destefano
[REDACTED]
Suffern, New York

Amy Paffenroth

From: tammy kantrowitz <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 1:26 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Recreation budget

Recreational activities are crucial for the health of a community. You can not totally eliminate parks and recreation budget.

Our young people need the outlets these activities supply. As a parent of a Clifford actor I can attest to the fact that this theatre program got him through a mentally challenging summer.


Our seniors need the socialization and mobility that these programs offer.

Please consider the mental and physical health of all residents

Sincerely
Tammy Kantrowitz

Sent from my iPhone

Amy Paffenroth

From: John Theos 
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 1:31 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Recreation Department - Sad News

Suffern Board Members.

I heard there will be a vote tonight to disband the Suffern Recreation department. This is very sad news. This department along with it's small staff did very good things for the people of Suffern. Now is not the time to take away something very important from the children, teenagers and especially the senior community of Suffern. The programs done by this department were extremely valuable in helping these people to feel part of something. It gave the seniors a place to go and participate in an activity and feel socially involved with people. This social involvement will be especially important to the children, teenagers and seniors once the Coviad 19 social distancing is removed. These are trying times and I ask you to please be considerate to these people and keep the Recreation department intact. Suffern is a wonderful place to live so please take care of it's people.

Thank you.
John Theos

Amy Paffenroth

From: Jen Smith [REDACTED] >
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 1:32 PM
To: Clerk
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Subject: Budget cuts

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I am reading about recent budget cuts that will completely destroy any sense of community in our village and as a tax payer here , I am quite concerned. What is the break down for these cuts and why are they necessary? How is it that Events like parades, movies, and concerts will be cut? The pool? Are these temporary cuts? Why are things like the Christmas parade being cancelled more than 8 months in advance? We need more information. With these cuts are you also roviding relief to your tax payers? Part of why we live here is because of the community and sense of togetherness this village has provided. I believe that if you cut all threes programs you will see many families leave it, including mine.

Kara Rooney

Amy Paffenroth

From: Scott Mabry [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 1:46 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Suffern Recreation Dept

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Scott Mabry
[REDACTED]

Amy Paffenroth

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 1:46 PM
To: Mayor; Budget
Subject: Recreation Department cuts

Hello Mayor Markunas and Village Trustees,
I thank you for your time and work for our village, especially during these scary and trying times. With that said, I am beyond angry and frustrated to hear that it is your intention to cut the Rec Department from the budget. With so many things beyond our control, taking away the little spark of hope that comes with all our Rec Department does for the village is cruel and unfair. I also find the timing of this proposal very convenient-did you think this would sneak by because meetings aren't public right now (in the usual sense) and are you hoping that no one would know or care? Our taxes are extremely high in so many ways, but one thing that has made that dollar amount palatable has been all that we are as a community. I know the COVID 19 impacts are beyond anything most of us can grasp, but this village is a group of families, families that are going to need to be together once we can be together again. Is your decision based on the fact that you no longer have young families yourselves who benefit from these many offerings from the Rec Department? I can tell you this, if this goes through, none of you will have a place in the village government-it will send the message to all of us who vote, that your time has come and gone and so will you! Knowing that funds are tight, why not enforce the many code violations that exist within the village and make those residents who violate the codes pay their just fines? I know on my daily walk through my neighborhood, there are at least 5 houses that are zoning, open permit, etc, violations that should be collected and used to help bolster the coffers. I implore you to hear the MANY voices that are calling upon you to represent us in a better way-because remember, first and foremost, as an elected official you are supposed to represent the needs and desires of your constituents to the best of your ability-I am fairly certain this is not representing the many young families who sacrifice so much to afford to stay in the Village of Suffern, unless of course you are looking to remake the face of the Village? If so, trust me your message is being sent loud and clear! and we will respond appropriately when the polls are open to us!
Signed a 16 year resident of Suffern with 2 young children who pays the taxes on time and maintains the property we own-
Eileen and Tim Sheldon

Amy Paffenroth

From: Sheila Stoothoff [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 1:47 PM
To: Budget; Paul Girard; Steve Alpert; Jo Meegan-Corrigan; Charles Barone; Clerk
Cc: ICE Sheila Stoothoff
Subject: Village Rec Department

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Sheila Stoothoff
Village of Suffern Resident
[REDACTED] Maple Ave
Suffern, NY 10901

Amy Paffenroth

From: Shannon Thyberg <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 1:50 PM
To: Budget; Clerk
Subject: There is always another way!

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Sincerely,

Shannon Thyberg

 Cypress Road
19 year village resident

Amy Paffenroth

From: Rosemarie Greco [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 1:50 PM
To: Budget
Cc: Mayor

Please please do NOT take away what we as seniors depend on. Our social interaction, our need to exercise ..to paintto have events to attend to.....it gives us hope and purpose.....something to look forward to.....it keeps us healthy and alive.

Many of us have children who do not live close by....so our family are our friends we see at our senior meetings...and all the classeswe so appreciate.
Having set dates for gatherings encourages us to get dressed, care what we look like....encourages us to pay attention to what is happening in the world...so we can have a discussion.....relate funny stories to have some fun.
Sooooo disheartening to think that this VERY VERY IMPORTANT connection we have with the love and caring we get from the recreation staff could come to. Stop.

Please don't turn our smiles into frowns.
Makes me so sad.

Sincerely
Rosemarie Greco

Sent from my iPad

Amy Paffenroth

From: heath house [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 1:52 PM
To: Paul Girard; Steve Alpert; Jo Meegan-Corrigan; Charles Barone; Clerk; Budget
Subject: Village Rec Department

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Sincerely,

Heath House
Village of Suffern Resident
[REDACTED] Maple Ave
Suffern, NY 10901

Amy Paffenroth

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 1:52 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Recreation dept. Budget

To whom it may concern. The recreation dept has been a blessing for me. I'm 72 and have moved here from Oregon to be care giver to my Mom turning 93 on May 8. The recreation dept, yoga n exercise programs have been wonderful in getting to know Suffern, connections to businesses. The staff Nancy and Elaine Have been a blessing.

Please reconsider some activities even if there is a fee.

Thank you, Christina Romaniuk, Suffern Resident Bonaire

Amy Paffenroth

From: Sharon Wallace [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 1:54 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Budget

What are you trying to do by cutting out the following programs:

NO MORE RECREATION IN THE BUDGET

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AND probably the most insulting of it all: NO Senior Programs

Is this due to the people in Suffern has been asking for either your salaries or for you to quit your jobs due to all the pettiness that has been going on with the board in the past year? Is this the way you thought would be a great way to pay for all the attorney fees you have accumulated so far?

This is very, very wrong!

Thank you,

Sharon Wallace
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Hans Christian Anderson

Amy Paffenroth

From: andrew zavoski <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 1:56 PM
To: Budget
Cc: Frank Hagen; ed markunas
Subject: Proposed Budget 28Apr for Suffern Village Meeting

In the proposed budget, it seems the Village of Suffern taxpayers are still on the hook to the tune of approximately \$100k, by our trustees who brokered an illegal contract with one lawyer resulting in unnecessary legal fees and expenses. Attempting to now balance the budget by reducing staffing and cutting services that many of our residents depend upon, is totally unacceptable. As a member of the Suffern Zoning Board of Appeals, I personally donate my entire Zoning Board of Appeals salary (stipend) each year to the Suffern Fire Department to show my appreciation for their hard work in keeping our residents safe. This is one way I try to assist our residents, knowing our residents can put faith into those who indirectly look out for their best interest in local government. Now, our trustees should do what's in the best interest of our residents (and not themselves) and pay back the full cost of their blunder and not take us down the path of reduced staffing and service cuts.

Andrew Zavoski
Village of Suffern Zoning Board of Appeals member

Amy Paffenroth

From: Lindsey Thyberg [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 1:56 PM
To: Budget; Clerk
Subject: There is always another way!

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Sincerely,

Lindsey Thyberg



17 year village resident

Amy Paffenroth

From: Sharon Wallace <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 1:57 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Staff

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Amy Paffenroth

From: dmondella [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 1:56 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Recreation budget cuts

Good afternoon,

Cutting the recreation department is not a good idea, what will draw new families to this area over another town? What will keep all the families here? Think about it. There must be other budget revisions that can be made.

Sincerely,
Diane Mondella

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Amy Paffenroth

From: Sheila Dolan [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 1:59 PM
To: Budget; Clerk
Subject: Tonight's Public Meeting: Recreation Budget Consideration

To the Village of Suffern Board,

My husband and I (local residents and local small business owners) plan to attend this evening's public Zoom meeting and show our support for Suffern's wonderful recreation program and employees but would like to voice some of our concerns in advance.

We understand that these are unprecedented times and that in many cases, tough calls need to be made. However, stripping our wonderful community of the programs, events and staff that set our village apart from others is unacceptable. In the short-term, we must find ways to adapt to social distancing, yes...in some cases, this actually offers opportunities to decrease spending. In the long-term, we must ensure that our community is resilient and continues to support our community spirit and our community members.

Based on the information we've received, a tax increase of \$35 (or possibly \$65) will be required to maintain recreation activities and staff through this crisis. We will gladly pay that to ensure the system is disrupted as little as possible and are glad to be a part of any discussion(s) that work to find novel solutions to aid the community during this time.

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Village of Suffern Residents
Sheila & Kevin Keenan

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Paul Thyberg



19 year village resident

Amy Paffenroth

From: Susan Hope [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 2:04 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Suffern Recreation Budge

This email is being sent to ask, beg, plead for you to keep the recreational budget for Suffern. Our children, as well as the adults, have enjoyed, participated and have looked forward to all of the activities that Suffern has provided.

Please, please, please - DO NOT take this away from our residents!!!!

Susan Hope
[REDACTED] Woodland Drive, Suffern, NY

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Amy Paffenroth

From: Lucy Kwasnicki <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 2:08 PM
To: Budget
Subject: budget

please save our recreation

Suffern senior club member

Amy Paffenroth

From: Jen Weinstein [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 2:09 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Huge mistake!!

I will not make this long as you must realize the cuts are not the answer.

Please think this through as the cuts you are making will negatively impact the future of Suffern.

Jennifer Weinstein
[REDACTED] Road
Suffern.

Sent from my iPhone

Amy Paffenroth

From: John McCluskey [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 2:09 PM
To: Budget
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Recreation Department

To Whom It May Concern:

I just learned that the Suffern Recreation Dept AND all of its activities will be cut this year.

This is an absolute disgrace. You cannot sit here and tell me it's all due COVID 19!

The recreation Department is what makes this town special. Over the past several years there has been a large exit out of Suffern and there are still a large number of homes for sale and that was WITH the Recreation Department. With the taxes in this Village IN ADDITION to the Ramapo town taxes why would anyone stay here?

So the budget is short by how much \$50,000? How about cutting the Police overtime by another 15%? That will get you \$60,000. Do we really need that much police overtime in the budget? What about retiring older officers and bringing in new officers at a lower salary? What about cutting the parking authority by one headcount other than a part time meter maid ? How about cutting one head in the highway department or the garbage department?

To cut an entire department that directly affects your residents , especially during these trying times is ludicrous.

The following is what I have seen that is being cut:

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AND probably the most insulting of it all is the cancellation of Senior Programs.

I strongly recommend that you revisit this budget. Cutting this Department and all of its activities will have a severe ripple effect to Suffern being a destination town to live in.

John McCluskey

Amy Paffenroth

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 2:15 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Recreation department

Please keep the recreation department intact ...we need all the programs they have provided over the years ... Nancy Christopher has done an excellent job with the health and wellness programs .Let's face it our community needs this more now than ever . We need to keep our community healthy and fit.
The seniors love the chair yoga.. they look forward to coming to exercise and feel good ...plus the socialization is key for them.
The kids look forward to the paraders , Easter egg hunts , Halloween festivities and all the others they provide to keep our community together...one person can not handle the job of three ...
I know times are trying right now , but we have to take care of our own .. let's keep our community together... please do not disband our recreation department... we need them now more than ever Sincerely, Peggy Theos ..

Sent from my iPhone

Amy Paffenroth

From: Sam Kantrowitz [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 2:15 PM
To: Budget; PGirand@suffernny.gov; Steve Alpert; Jo Meegan-Corrigan; Charles Barone
Subject: Budget Cuts

Dear Suffern Village Board,

My name is Sam Kantrowitz and I am a jr at Suffern High School. Today I was informed by my mom, that the village board is attempting to approve a budget in which the Parks and Recreation Department is eliminated. While I am not a resident of the village I have gotten the opportunity to participate in multiple events the parks department funds. Every summer since 2016 I have been on the stage performing in Clifford. Summer 2017 was a very difficult time for me, I was severely depressed and ready to take my own life. However, due to Clifford, I decided I did not end myself. I have credited my recovery to the friends I have made from Clifford and THE BEST DIRECTOR IN THE WORLD Anthony Kollar. We function as a family we have each other back no matter what is going on throughout our lives. Aside from being an affordable option for those who want to participate in theatre, Clifford is also one of the most unique theatre programs in Rockland county. Most companies are separate from a High school show, a Middle school show, and an Elementary school show however Clifford is available to all SCSD students entering 6th-12th grade. It thrives on the diversity of the participants. Aside from Clifford, the LEAD shows are a great program that the suffering village subsidizes. LEAD is a monthly concert in which Suffern students can perform at. The LEAD program was created so that high school students in the area could have a creative outlet rather than reverting to drugs. While the drug issue is not as bad as it used to be this program is still a fun environment for kids who don't want to go to sports games to hang out with their friends on a Friday night. The program allows us to still socialize while we still do legal activities. I truly hope that The parks department will be able to operate and the budget is redrafted to facilitate the parks department.

Amy Paffenroth

From: Dennis [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 2:20 PM
To: Budget; Mayor
Subject: fiscal budget

Mr Mayor-----Recently, it has come to my attention, that you may be considering drastic cuts in the village recreation dept.-----specifically, the termination or seriously decreasing hours of it's employees. Allowing this to take place,in my opinion, would be a severe disservice to our village and our community. I have personally benefited from the programs initiated by the recreation department...whether it be exercise programs, your own health and Wellness program, Pool events-- to the Easter Egg Hunt...and so many more of which I'm sure I need not convey to you. The women of your department--specifically --Elaine and Nancy have been outstanding in their performance of their duties.....I've watched, as they would assist our seniors at so many functions....and be absolutely incredible with children at events aimed solely for them....it would be a travesty to lose women like this who seem to have a passion not just for their job, but without question...for our village. I realize that I'm just one person, and that this is my opinion, but I would trust that you and the trustees of the village would give some consideration and thoughtfulness to this...as I know your concerns for the village of Suffern, are uppermost in your custody and reliance of your position

Thanking you in advance.

Dennis

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Amy Paffenroth

From: Jessica Swerdloff <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 2:24 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Keep Suffern Recreation

I am writing to express the importance of keeping Suffern Recreation programs intact. Our downtown is becoming revitalized, our schools are strong, yet nothing makes Suffern residents come together as a community like the Recreation programs. In a time when we all feel disconnected, this is more important than ever! PLEASE, do not discontinue this imperative aspect of our community.

Jessica Swerdloff

Amy Paffenroth

From: MARY BAIRD <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 2:27 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Village Budget

As a Suffern village resident for 40 years, I often say that I will never leave this village. Having raised 3 children here (2 of whom still live here), I constantly speak to "outsiders" about the wonderful services we enjoy here. I am aware that the present proposed budget includes doing away with many of the activities which make our village so special. Particularly as a senior citizen, the dissolution of so many recreation activities will affect me and impact my lifestyle greatly. On a fixed income and needing to meet many financial obligations including paying village taxes, I fear the lack of activities may even negatively effect my health and my mental wellbeing. This seems unconscionable in this village. I know I am not alone. Although I speak as a senior, many recreation cuts will effect the core of our community..... families. Knowing that you must make many difficult decisions, I understand cuts may be necessary this year. However, making such sweeping cuts in an area which effects so many seems unnecessary. To vote on this proposed budget at a time when citizens can not even appear in person to listen to your reasons for the cuts or to voice their opinions does not fall in line with the usual atmosphere of openness and citizen participation which has marked Suffern. Therefore, I ask that you not only reconsider the proposed cuts but also the timing of your vote. At this difficult time, many governmental timelines are being changed locally and nationally. Please reconsider for the sake of village citizens..... thank you..... Mary Lou Baird

Sent from my iPhone

Amy Paffenroth

From: SHARI LEVY [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 2:28 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Recreation Department

Please don't cut the Recreation Department. You would be getting rid of what makes Suffern great.

This village would be very dull with no recreational activities. We love the parades, Suffern Day, village walks, etc.

We look forward to all these activities every year.

Thank you.

Shari and Jared Levy

Amy Paffenroth

From: Judy [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 2:28 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Save Suffern Recreation!

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Sincerely,
Judy Davies
● Cross St. [REDACTED]
Suffern, NY 10901

Village of Suffern Resident

Amy Paffenroth

From: Melissa Bastone [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 2:29 PM
To: Clerk
Cc: Budget
Subject: Recreation Department

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Sincerely,

Melissa Bastone
Village of Suffern Resident

Amy Paffenroth

From: Kelly O hanlon [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 2:26 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Kelly and Troy O'Hanlon

Please do not disband the valuable recreation department. It is a great resource for our community.

All the best.

Kelly O'Hanlon

[REDACTED]ayne Avenue

Suffern NY 10901

Sent from my iPhone

Amy Paffenroth

From: Dorothy Cohen [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 2:30 PM
To: Budget; Clerk
Subject: Save Suffern recreation

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Sent from my iPhone which I'm sorry to say doesn't know how to spell.

Amy Paffenroth

From: Theresa Acocella <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 2:33 PM
To: Clerk

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Sincerely,

Village of Suffern Resident

Sent from my iPhone

Amy Paffenroth

From: Amy Bloom PTA <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 2:37 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Suffern Recreation Budget

Dear Mayor Markunas and The Village of Suffern Board of Trustees,

I am writing to urge you to reconsider pulling the recreational department and activities from the budget.

When we moved to Suffern twenty years ago, one of the main reasons was the small town feel and the close community. If you go on facebook and look at what people love about Suffern- it is the parades, the holiday events, the community gatherings, pools, suffern day and things like this. It is Clark Osborne, Chief of police and his police force, Elaine at the Community Center with the Gazebo fun, Blood Drives, Events, Santa, the Easter Bunny and more, the Cucolo ball fields (especially on suffern day), downtown at the street fairs and pool - all at the heart of it all! The Seniors in Suffern thrive in our community as much as the toddlers do, and everyone in between. All of this being eliminated is devastating to an already devastated community.

I know that times are scary right now. I know it seems like these community events will never occur again, and perhaps they will not, but at some point and in some way our community will open up again. And when it does, this community will need these things more than ever (in whatever capacity we can make them happen)!

I had had the pleasure of meeting you, Mr. Markunas, on Election Day at Suffern Library and at Cucalo after fireworks and a few other times out in the community.

I know you take part in these community events. I know you understand how important they are to our community. I can't imagine you do not want them back in some fashion.

My 15 year old son is battling cancer during this pandemic. He was diagnosed in January. It has been a trying time for our family. One of the things that gets us through is knowing that our tight knit community will be there when we all emerge from quarantine.

My son has played Suffern Football since he was 5. His highlight each fall is marching in the Suffern Christmas Parade. I dont know if that would even happen this year, but even if virtual, it would bring comfort to know it was an option to potentially occur.

I understand how budgets work. My husband is an accountant. We understand the tough task you are being asked to do in planning with incoming revenue to the recreational fund most likely in dire jeopardy.

If they cant return in full, I am sure there will be a way for them to return in some capacity, especially the Senior programs and programs for children/families.

Regardless, can't some funds be included in the budget for these recreational funds? Please do not cut it all out.

I understand the fear of more essential services being cut, and again, I know you are faced with a very difficult decision.

I hope you will reconsider when finalizing the budget tonight.

Thank you

Sincerely,

Amy Paffenroth

From: Ann Mcgrath [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 2:39 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Recreation Dept.

It has come to my attention that the village is considering reducing the staff of the Recreation Dept. (i.e., Nancy Christopher and Elaine DiFalco). This action will have a major impact on our Senior Community both physically and emotionally. I attend yoga, stay fit, Suffern and Ramapo Senior club meetings at the Community Center; these activities have kept me moving and socially connected. Elaine and Nancy have been a "God Sent" as well as a tremendous asset to us seniors.

As a retired accountant who has prepared and analyzed budgets, I implore you to explore other avenues and alternatives relative to the budget in order to keep our Senior Community alive and healthy with Nancy and Elaine at the helm.

Thanking you in advance.
Ann McGrath

Amy Paffenroth

From: Andrea [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 2:42 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Recreation department

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Sincerely,
Andrea Steinhardt

Sent from my iPhone

Amy Paffenroth

From: Nicole Cento 
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 2:42 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Tonight's meeting

Good afternoon,

I was advised that tonight's village hall meeting does not include funds for the Recreation dept personnel. I was wondering if that is a temporary cut or permanent. Please advise as soon as possible.

Thanks so much,
Nicole Croteau

Sent from my iPhone

Amy Paffenroth

From: elizabeth kendall [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 2:48 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Budget cuts??? You have to be kidding me!!!

Hello,

I recently saw something very disturbing on Facebook regarding the proposed cuts in the Village of Suffern budget that included the entire Recreation budget. If this is in fact true, you should be ashamed of yourselves. We PAY WAY TOO MUCH in taxes to live here not to have the few things that make it worth staying. Why would anyone want to stay in the Village, if like me, they are paying monthly taxes that are almost double the monthly mortgage payment. If these cuts are real, then you should expect a mass exodus from the Village. It is already hard to stay, please make it worth our while by keeping Recreation in the budget....especially when there is no other reason to stay....no shopping, no restaurants, no parks....nothing but at least we can look forward to some of the fun things planned by Recreation.

Very concerned resident,

Elizabeth Kendall

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How lovely to think that no one need wait a moment, we can start now, start slowly changing the world. How lovely that everyone, great and small, can make their contribution...how we can always, always give something, even if it is only kindness" - Anne Frank

Amy Paffenroth

From: James Procopio <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 2:49 PM
To: Budget; Clerk
Subject: Save Suffern Recreation !

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James Procopio
Village of Suffern Resident

Amy Paffenroth

From: Robin Lockwood <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 2:54 PM
To: Budget
Subject: budget cuts

For the past ten plus years y wife and I have lived within the borders of the Village of Suffern. During this time we as seniors have enjoyed pool usage, summer concerts Village of Suffern Day and much more. The degree of professionalism that is always displayed by the Parks & Recreation staff is exceptional. As the past Director of Parks, Recreation and Development for the Town of Ramapo from 1988-2007 and as Deputy from 1976-1988, I feel qualified to say that both Nancy Christopher and Elaine Defalco have done outstanding work and their positions should be retained for the 2020-2021 village budget. For the current village board not to do so would be a horendous mistake. Please retain these amazing workers so that positive moral within their department and the village can continue. Thank you for your time and concern

Ed and Robin Lockwood
[REDACTED] Somerset Drive
Suffern

Amy Paffenroth

From: Lourdes Cas [redacted]@com
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 2:54 PM
To: Budget
Subject: SAVING OUR COMMUNITY

Suffern is a strong community and it is only strong because we have departments such as Suffern Recreation working for its residents every day. Let's keep true to #SuffernStrong and get through this ordeal with the support of our Village of Suffern Board,

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Sincerely,

Village of Suffern Resident

Sent from my iPhone

Amy Paffenroth

From: Nicole Pelletier [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 3:06 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Recreation Department Vote

I am writing to express my deep concerns regarding tonight's vote to eliminate positions in the Village of Suffern's recreation department. As a long time resident of the village and someone who has an almost three year old and a baby on the way, my family and I look forward to the events sponsored by the recreation department. We especially love the concerts on warm summer nights and we look forward to the yearly Easter egg hunt. I'd like you to reconsider voting to eliminate these positions, especially during these unprecedented times, as the members of this department are responsible for bringing community members together and happiness to families. Thank you very much for your consideration.

In partnership,
A Concerned Village Member

Amy Paffenroth

From: Russell Kempf [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 3:11 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Dissolution of the Recreation Department

Village Trustees,

As a Village Resident I want to voice my concern regarding the decision to eliminate the services provided by the recreation department.

As a parent of school aged children and as the child of a Senior Citizen resident, I am unclear how this decision could be made without further discussion/consideration from the Village as a whole. This decision impacts the very fabric of what makes Suffern appeal to families. As a tax payer in this village since 1998 - I am not in favor of this change before other measures are further considered.

If this decision holds, I believe there will be long term repercussions for the Village will be a further shrinking tax base.

Respectfully
Russell Kempf

[REDACTED]

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Russell Kempf

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Amy Paffenroth

From: Dana Koprowski <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 3:14 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Budget

Good afternoon,

It has come to my attention that there is a possibility of cutting out the recreation department. This saddens me, as that is one of the things that makes Suffern such a unique and special place to raise a family. That is why my husband and I decided to move here in the first place. I can't imagine Suffern without a pool, holiday parades and that "small town feel" to it.

Some of my fellow residents are interested why more attention hasn't been given to bring the industry back to the village, which would increase revenue, particularly the sale of the lot on the Avon property that mysteriously fell through months back.

As we are sure every piece in the budget is important, are there other figures that can be adjusted, so that these non essential perks that are what makes our village different from any other village in the county remain?

Thank your consideration.

Dana and Alex Koprowski

Amy Paffenroth

From: Liza Hernandez <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 3:18 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Budget cuts!

Hello-

I have been a resident of Suffern for the last 15 years. Living here and raising my 3 children here has been wonderful...and full of amazing memories: Santa, Easter Bunny, Parades, Town Pool, Girl Scouts and more.

How can you EVEN IMAGINE CUTTING THESE things???? Yes, things are difficult now. That is no reason to cut and run! It means thinking of NEW WAYS to do things. What alternatives have been considered? In all this chaos we NEED OUR RECREATION STAFF. GIVE THEM A CHANCE TO THINK OF NEW WAYS TO HOLD OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER. PARENTS WILL NEED OUTLETS FOR KIDS. WE NEED TO BE MORE IMAGINATIVE MOVING FORWARD---NOT BECOME HERMITS FOR LIFE!

So:

1. How are some people still getting raises- when others peoples jobs are getting cut?
2. How are our taxes going to be raised if non of these programs will exist?
3. What is the plan for the next year? Do you plan to bring these things back????Do you PROMISE to bring these things back???? It is my experineece once things are GONE....people make MORE EXCUSES ON HOW HARD IT IS TO BRING IT BACK.
4. All these things are what make SUFFERN UNIQUE- How can you do this to all our families?

PLEASE- SLOW DOWN AND RECONSIDER! THESE ARE UNIQUE TIMES....AND THINGS HAVE TO BE DONE THOUGHTFULLY WITH EVERYONE'S NEEDS AT HEART--NOT JUST FINANCIAL.

YOU KNOW NO ONE WANTS THIS! SO WHY DO IT?

Please take the time to reconsider!

Thank you.

Amy Paffenroth

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 3:18 PM
To: busget@suffernny.gov; Clerk
Subject: Save Suffern Rec Dept

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Sincerely,

Michael Brennan
Village of Suffern Resident

Amy Paffenroth

From: Isabella McMahon <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 3:18 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Recreational cuts

To whom it may concern,

It has been brought to my attention, by many of my upset friends and neighbors, that the new proposed budget does not allocate funds for recreational activities. Many of these activities are what makes Suffern such a special place to live. Our collective community is deeply distressed about this proposal. Your residents pay an inordinate amount of taxes and our voices should be heard. Yes, this has been a difficult year. I am aware that you need to consider the well being of the residents, but this consideration should also include mental and emotional health. I urge you not to make these cuts. Our community needs something to look forward to and bring us back together. I appreciate your time and consideration in this very sensitive manner.

Best regards,
Isabella McMahon
Suffern Resident

Sent from my iPhone

Amy Paffenroth

From: Jacki Procopio <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 3:29 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Fwd: Save recreation

To the Village of Suffern Board,

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> Sincerely,

> Jacqueline Procopio

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> Village of Suffern Resident

Amy Paffenroth

From: sebastian durso <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 3:31 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Budget

My wife and I are strongly opposed to any cuts that are under consideration for the coming year. It seems that poor decisions made by the board relative to legal expenses has caused a major problem in our financial structure. This leads us to believe that other expenditures may have been poorly made. The board therefore should be first to take cuts.

Sebastian & Candida D'Urso

Amy Paffenroth

From: jastjohn [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 3:38 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Save the Suffern Rec. Dept.

Dear Board of Trustees and Mayor Ed,

We are very unhappy to learn that the entire Rec. Dept staff with the exclusion of Ms. Mills will be laid off.

The town rec programs- the parades, community events- are one of the reasons we love Suffern and have remained living here.

It seems particularly harsh to lay off these dedicated employees instead of sticking by them in a rough time.

Maybe they could perform other essential functions for the town, like contact tracing or ensuring residents have the resources they need to get through a quarantine.

I have a great idea! Why doesnt the Board of Trustees forego their salary for a time so these dedicated employees can keep their jobs.

You work for us? Remember? We will be paying attention as to how you vote tonight and will keep that in mind when we vote for or against you in the next election.

Sincerely,

Jennifer and Kevin Bowler
[REDACTED]ast Maltbie Ave.
Suffern, NY. 10901

Sent from my Sprint Samsung Galaxy S8.

Amy Paffenroth

From: Susan Graham <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 3:42 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Recreation Dept

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Sincerely,

Susan Graham

Amy Paffenroth

From: Marlo Robinson <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 3:43 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Please Don't Cut Recreation Out of the Budget!

To whom it may concern,

I am a proud Suffern resident. I love it here and I love all the recreational events the village has. Please, please, please don't remove cut recreation out of the budget. These are the things me and my family enjoy! My daughter enjoys it and I hope one day her kids will enjoy it too. Thank you.

Marlo Robinson

Amy Paffenroth

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 3:47 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Budget

Mayor Markanus ,

My understanding is the balance they are seeking is a \$50,000 difference. To cut the recreation department is disgusting, to cut what makes Suffern the close knit community that it is and the envy of surrounding Villages/Towns, to ignore the affect on the local business and economy is shortsighted and reckless.

Taking away things for Seniors and what the children enjoy so much the parades.

There must be areas where something small should be cut and moved to the recreation department. Who decided to hurt the Seniors and the young families?

Maureen Sweeney

Amy Paffenroth

From: Lisa Clifford [mailto:lisa.clifford@villagesuffern.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 3:48 PM
To: Budget; Clerk
Subject: Suffern Recreation Budget

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Sincerely,

Lisa Clifford
● Hillside Avenue

Amy Paffenroth

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 3:59 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Budget

As a long time resident, and even more, as a local realtor I can not see any sense in removing recreation and wellness programs from the budget. With the high taxes and current health crisis that are sure to have an impact on all home sales, why remove some of the greatest advantages of living in Suffern. Take a good look at what Clarkstown recreation is doing with their residents and all the benefits and perks it gives its residents at a fraction of the taxes.

Don't do it. Suffern is amazing as is. Don't degrade it.

Please!
Laura Magner

Sent from my iPad

Amy Paffenroth

From: Judy DiMola <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 3:59 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Suffern recreation department

I think it would be a travesty to lay off the recreation dept- the village needs them- they are so kind, helpful and knowledgeable. I'm so sad and disappointed that this is even a thought. I love calling the village and hearing a friendly voice. Please rethink this idea. Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

Amy Paffenroth

From: Cristina Castellano <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 4:00 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Rec positions

To whom it may concern,

To my knowledge, there is a vote tonight about the rev positions in the city of suffern. I would like it to be known that my family, which I have three small children, enjoy the extra mile your staff goes to out into everything they do. They also help the elder community by giving them activities and keeping them moving. I am appalled that you can't find room in the budget for the people that add to the community and give it the sparkle it needs. Please vote to keep these positions. Thank you.

A concerned resident

Sent from my iPhone

Amy Paffenroth

From: Steven Goldberg [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 4:01 PM
To: Budget; Clerk
Subject: Rec Dept positions

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Sincerely,
Steven Goldberg
[REDACTED] Sagamore Avenue

Village of Suffern Resident

Sent from my iPhone

Amy Paffenroth

From: Hertz458 [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 4:07 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Response to 2020/2021 Proposed Budget Changes
Attachments: 2020BudgetPart3.docx

(see attached)

Once again, I find myself shocked by the actions of the current Board of Trustees and question their ability to provide proper governance to the residents of the Village of Suffern.

While I believe everyone can agree that the Village has a Recreation Department that provides a valuable service to the community and its staff is exemplary, I understand why you may look to eliminate funding due to its "non-essential" nature. What is questionable is why you would decide to keep the highest paid employee whose primary function is to direct and/or administrate employees and events. By defunding the positions, you have no opportunity during the budget year to bring back those services to community should the opportunity arise. Please explain the reasoning behind your actions and why you feel it's important to keep a boss when you've eliminated all the workers and the programs?

We find ourselves in a situation that is unprecedented. There are many unknowns and many hard choices to be made in the near future. There is also hope that the worst case scenarios will not happen to us all. I think that there are many other ways to tighten the budget that can provide relief to the taxpayers. For example:

1. Eliminate the budgeted overtime for Justice @ \$6000, Village Clerk's Office @ \$7,500, Safety Inspections @ \$500, Treasurer's Office @ \$2,500.
2. Rather than having another Police Records Person, re-allocate the services of the Police Youth Officer to provide coverage for the recently added P/T additional Records Person @ \$17,784 AND/OR provide the revenue generating services of the parking enforcement aide at \$14,820
3. The overtime budgets for Waste, Water, Sewer, and Police total \$588,000. Additional cuts should be made from ALL departments in order to lessen the burden on the taxpayers. The justification and requests for overtime should be an ongoing evaluation throughout the year and overtime needs be justified at every Board meeting.
4. DARE expenditures should be reduced for this fiscal budget year as those activities will be curtailed for the foreseeable future.
5. Lastly, the current Board of Trustees has not worked in the best interests of their constituents. If you are in favor of closing departments, laying off personnel, and asking taxpayers to foot the bill for increased taxes, you need to take a substantial pay cut as well.

There is an argument to be made for keeping the Recreation personnel employed right now. There is opportunity for them to re-invent their classes and services to the community while keeping social distance. Right now, every single person is starved of human contact which has an emotional toll. The opportunity to be part of a community will be eliminated by your proposals. Right now, we should be looking to find ways we can help engage residents in our community and provide ways to relieve the stress of this worldwide pandemic and look for opportunity to revitalize our businesses.

Ask something from everyone. Every department shares some of the pain in order to keep all of our departments functioning for the benefit of the community they serve.

Amy Paffenroth

From: Nicole Giambarrese <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 4:08 PM
To: Mayor; Steve Alpert; Charles Barone; Jo Meegan-Corrigan; Paul Girard; Budget
Subject: recreation budget

Dear Mayor Markunas and members of the Village Board of Trustees:

My name is Nicole Giambarrese, and I am a homeowner in the West Ward.

I purchased my home just over 3 years ago and chose Suffern for so many reasons. I grew up in Bergen County but had lived in Long Island and then the City for over a decade. I could have moved anywhere and yet, I picked here, even though I had no ties to Suffern.

I moved here knowing taxes were high and would likely continue to grow but unlike many of my neighbors, I have never once complained about my taxes - not even in small passing conversations to friends and family - because I firmly believe in "you pay for what you get."

I am in fact the envy of my friends who bring their kids here to watch all of the parades. My family comes for the street fairs and we make a day of it. I think the services this Village provides are phenomenal. And I am deeply upset that there is a proposed cut to these amazing benefits I enjoy by happily paying my taxes here.

As an executive at a NYC agency, I understand how difficult it is to balance a budget while keeping the masses happy and morale up, and also navigating what the next year looks like due to COVID-19. I am certain, however, that there must be an alternative; especially as I have read that the shortfall to save the Rec Department and all of the associated activities is about \$50,000. In the grand scheme of things, that is not a lot of money. I believe it is worth it to budget the money and hope to reopen the Rec Department - because if it becomes a possibility, residents of the Village are going to need community more than ever on the other side of this harrowing time. I know that once civil service lines are cut, it becomes difficult to restore them, which worries me that the decision to remove the Rec Dept is not a temporary one.

I feel like Suffern is on the verge of a metamorphosis - seemingly more people want to live here, downtown was filling up before COVID paused everything. I'd hate to see taxes stay high and have people think there is no value for their money here. Please don't set the Village back tonight.

Respectfully yours,

Nicole Giambarrese

Amy Paffenroth

From: MATT DI LEO [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 4:12 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Do not close the Rec dept!

Dear village trustees,
I am very much against closing the Rec dept and all the activities that go with it! I know this would only cost the village home owner an extra \$50 per year in taxes! Do not close the Rec dept! I am against this!

Matthew DiLeo

[REDACTED] Maplewood Blvd

Suffern NY 10901

Sent from my iPhone

Amy Paffenroth

From: Vicky <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 4:14 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Do not close the Rec dept

To whom it may concern : DO NOT close the REQ dept !!! This would absolutely be such a bad thing to do for the village of suffern ! How can this all be taken away ? We need to protect the elderly , kids the veterans and everyone else ! \$50 a year to keep open is not a lot to to ask of people to keep all this open !! Please do not do this !!! Vicky Dileo
32 maplewood Blvd suffern Ny

Sent from my iPhone

Amy Paffenroth

From: James Curley [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 4:16 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Recreational board

To the trustees of Suffern,

I think you should rethink your decision on getting rid of the recreation department. After everything our village is going through during COVID once we are out of this we are going to lean on them most! They throw great events for the village year round - Broadway plays, fitness programs, parades, egg hunts. I don't see how getting rid of this team would do any help for our village. Our kids and seniors especially look forward to these events. We will have to look at other towns if this team is laid off. What good is that for your village.

Please rethink your decision as I think you are making a huge mistake and this will be a huge upset to the people of Suffern village.

Thank you,
Jimmy Curley

Sent from my iPhone

Amy Paffenroth

From: Dina Schmidt <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 4:17 PM
To: Clerk
Subject: Budget meeting

Dear Board Members,

As a lifelong resident of Suffern, what has attracted me to the village is it's commitment to our residents. The Suffern Recreation committee has been an intricate part of that commitment and to eliminate the department members positions would have a major impact on our village. Every time there was a need in the village, the dedicated staff were there to facilitate and assist.

Suffern will always have a place in my heart because of the wonderful people it employs, like Nancy and Elaine. Please reconsider the cost. We can't always measure our value in dollars, but by the smiles and joy this department and staff touch every resident of Suffern.

Sincerely,
Dina Schmidt

Amy Paffenroth

From: Lucia Del Duca <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 4:18 PM
To: Budget
Subject: budget cuts

Dear Suffern Village Bored

My name is Lucia Del Duca I'm a freshman at Suffern high school. Earlier today I was informed that there is a new budget proposal where the parks and recreation department would be eliminated. This is upsetting for me as for the past 3 years Clifford theater (a program run by the parks and recreation department) would no longer be a thing I can do. this program saved my life at one point, during the summer of 2019 I was very depressed and was experiencing suicidal thoughts, during that difficult time in my life, part of what kept me going was this program. We truly are a family I met some of my best friends through this program. I truly believe that it would be unfair to cut this program due to the fact that it is one of the only affordable programs in the county. Clifford is also where I learned to be myself and it helped me improve my social skills, When I first started this program Summer of 2017 I was shy and didn't really know how to make friends. and when I got to high school this year it helped me that I knew a few faces because of this program, this is what I look forward to all year I always am excited to go to rehearsal and see my friends, this program means so much to me and my peers please consider not terminating the parks and recreation department.

Thank you

-Lucia Del Duca

Amy Paffenroth

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 4:25 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Closing Senior hall

Dear Budget clerk:

I am a member of Suffern senior citizens. I am the trip coordinator and in-house party for the seniors. I feel that you are prejudiced against the seniors. These seniors are widows and widowers and married couples that have no place else to go and look forward to coming to our meetings. And going on trips. Elaine and Nancy are the ones that help us. Elaine with the center with stay fit. make sure it's clean set up helps give the With the food she's a big help to us.

Nancy does our exercises nutrition classes.

I feel that this is discrimination I never heard of anything so ridiculous. If it was possible we would do a protest march in front of you people while you had your meetings but because of this virus our hands are tied. You're going to have to reconsider your decisions if you want happy people in Suffern New York. Respectfully,

Marie DeMaio

Sent from my iPhone

Amy Paffenroth

From: Victoria Valdez [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 4:26 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Recreation Department

Please keep all recreation employees in the new budget. They have provided an excellent service to seniors and others during the Covid19 pandemic. Prior to this difficult time they have all provided a very meaningful recreation program that will be missed. Their loss would be a loss to our community.

Sent from my iPhone

Amy Paffenroth

From: Kelly Kovalsky <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 4:26 PM
To: Budget; Clerk
Subject: Save the recreation department!

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Sincerely,

Kelly Kelter
Village of Suffern Resident

Amy Paffenroth

From: Denise Dizzine [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 4:36 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Pass the budget for the Suffern Recreation Department!

To the Village of Suffern Board,

I am a resident of the Village of Suffern for 21 years. It has been brought to my attention several members of the Board are looking to dismiss both Nancy Christopher and Elaine DiFalco from their Suffern Recreation Department positions in order to save the Village of Suffern money. I understand if the Village of Suffern Board includes an annual \$35 per property taxpayer into tonight's budget, we will be able to have both Nancy Christopher and Elaine DiFalco continue in their recreation department positions.

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Sincerely,

Denise Dizzine

Village of Suffern Resident

Sent from my iPhone

Amy Paffenroth

From: Kerry Klingner [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 4:50 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Tonight's Budget Meeting

This letter is regarding the proposed Budget being voted on tonight. As Village Residents, who pay EXTREMELY HIGH TAXES, we think it is absurd that you are considering cutting out the Recreation Department. You are running young families right out of our Village. High taxes that no one can afford anymore, and now you are removing our favorite family activities which kept Suffern somewhat desirable.

I am sure you can re-evaluate your budget, and find other areas to cut instead of the entire pool and recreation departments. Maybe the almost \$200,000 in PD raises can be adjusted to make room to keep the Recreation Department. We have all worked in times where our companies could not afford raises, and how is it fair for them to constantly get increases, while others are losing their jobs. And we would hope that the Police Department would understand that we just can not afford to give them increases at this time.

You are all elected officials, and need to do your part and have the residents best interests at heart. The community needs the Recreation Department, especially the Seniors. Please reconsider the budget you have presented us and go back to the drawing board.

Thank you

Sincerely,

Mark & Kerry Klingner

Amy Paffenroth

From: Kristin Ippolito [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 4:50 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Parks and Recreation Budget Cuts

Board of Trustees,

Cuts to the Parks and Recreation budget and the activities/events that it allocates monies towards, would severely diminish the small town feel of the Village of Suffern. Our children look forward to all of the parades, surprise holiday greetings, and family events hosted by this department. The memories they create are irreplaceable and why we chose to live here. These events are what has set the village apart from its Rockland County neighbors and losing them would negatively affect the desire for current and prospective residents to reside here.

Please reconsider.

Regards,
Kristin and Michael Ippolito

Amy Paffenroth

From: Molly Skerker [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 4:49 PM
To: Budget
Subject: 4/28 Budget Proposal: Suffern Recreation

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Sincerely,

Molly Skerker
Village of Suffern Resident

Amy Paffenroth

From: Campiflo [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 4:44 PM
To: Budget
Cc: Mayor suffernvillage.com; salpert@suffernny; gov@aol.com; Charles Barone; Jo Meegan-Corrigan; Paul Girard
Subject: Budget cuts

Village Trustees

We were just informed about the Village budget regarding the destruction of the recreation department and the Suffern Seniors Club. We have been members for over 10 years and love it. The club is the only place where seniors can come together and socialize, have parties, go on trips, play Bingo, do art classes, have nutrition classes, etc. The club is our special place to visit our friends and enjoy activities. We have an average of ~70 members that come to the meetings twice a month. We are angered by the fact that you tried to sneak these cuts under the radar so that we wouldn't have a chance to voice our opinion. It's great that the word got leaked out at all but not giving the public a chance to be heard is downright sneaky and dishonest. Many seniors do not know how to use the Zoom or have computers. A simple phone call for us to use would be much better. We love our club and if the budget is passed you will have many unhappy seniors. And WE ARE VOTERS.

The Campi's

Amy Paffenroth

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 4:38 PM
To: budget@sufferny.gov; Clerk
Subject: Budget letter for village

To the Village of Suffern Board,

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Village of Suffern Resident

Amy Paffenroth

From: Amanda Mastrullo <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 4:38 PM
To: Budget; Clerk
Subject: Suffern Recreation Department

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Amanda and Vincent Mastrullo
Village of Suffern Residents

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From: DONNA CABLE [REDACTED] >
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 4:55 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Fwd: Recreation Dept.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: DONNA CABLE [REDACTED] >
Date: April 28, 2020 at 2:18:32 PM EDT
To: Budget@suffern.y.gov
Subject: Recreation Dept.

Save Suffern Recreation Today, April 28, 2020
Before tonight's 7PM Village of Suffern Budget Meeting!

Our Suffern Recreation Dept. is needed now more than ever. Its purpose has always been to provide wellbeing and community togetherness. As NY State begins a carefully laid out re-open plan, so should our beloved Suffern Recreation Dept.

It's now when our Suffern residents need both Nancy Christopher and Elaine DiFalco most... from our youngest children to our senior citizens who have lost so many friends already... We cannot also take away two of the individuals who they have come to love from years of support, thoughtfulness, and care.

Suffern Recreation has begun making adjustments to current calendar events to adhere to the new social guidelines.

Below are only a few new additions being considered:

- Job Fairs
- Outdoors Exercise Programs to benefit all ages
- Walking tours for history buffs

Suffern Recreation has the combined years of experience needed to format an attentive and carefully monitored re-open plan for our resident's activities. It will take the Village of Suffern to pass an annual \$35 per property taxpayer budget to keep Nancy Christopher and Elaine DiFalco in our recreation department. Won't you please copy and paste the letter below into an email, add your name, and send your email to

budget@suffernny.gov

Or

clerk@suffernny.gov

Suffern is a strong community and it is only strong because we have departments such as Suffern Recreation working for its residents every day. Let's keep true to #SuffernStrong and get through this

ordeal with the support of our Suffern Recreation Dept personnel.

Sincerely,
The Suffern Chamber of Commerce Board

LETTER -

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Donna J Cable
Village of Suffern Resident
Sent from my iPhone

Amy Paffenroth

From: Patti Thompson <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 4:58 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Recreation Dept

To Whom This May Concern:

We are terribly saddened to hear that the the recreation dept. and all it has to offer may no longer be a part of our village. As we all know during this time, cuts to budgets is an unfortunate reality. Some of us are losing jobs due to budget cuts and losing family, friends and neighbors to this awful virus. In my opinion the last thing we need to lose now is what has been a huge part of our community and our hearts. The recreation department and ALL it offers is what brings us as residents together. These events bring our families happiness, a lot of times when it is needed most. Moving to this little village almost 6 years ago from Long Island was tough for us, and although it took time to adjust, what makes Suffern really feel like home, is the hometown feel our recreation department and its staff provides to this village.

I truly hope we can band together and keep a very special and unique part of our village running.

Sincerely,
Patti Thompson

Amy Paffenroth

From: Patricia Moore [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 5:01 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Re: Budget / Recreation Department

On Tue, Apr 28, 2020 at 4:49 PM Patricia Moore [REDACTED] wrote:

As a senior citizen aging in place I have come to rely on the senior and wellness programs as well as the swimming pool services provided by the Recreation Department. Since these are currently not available due to Covid 19 I have realized just how important they are to my physical and mental health. The Recreation Department/ Services should remain in the proposed budget with a contingency for the pool If the Governor lifts the current ban

These recreation services enhance the quality of life here in Suffern. They improve our property values, make Suffern an attractive place to live and help to stabilize the community

Pat Moore
[REDACTED]helsea Court
Suffern NY

Amy Paffenroth

From: Nicole Cento <[REDACTED]@gmanicent.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 5:30 PM
To: Clerk
Subject: Rec Dept

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Sincerely,

Village of Suffern Resident

Sent from my iPhone

Amy Paffenroth

From: Stefano G [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 5:31 PM
To: Budget
Subject: TUESDAY, April 28, 2020-Village Board Comments for Record

Village Board,

My name is Stefano Gagliano of [REDACTED] Beechwood Road, Suffern NY. Please add my comment below to the meeting record.

I was born and raised in Suffern and now with my wife and children, we call Suffern our home. With all that has happened in the last few months regarding the Coronavirus, from stealing our children's school year to stealing the day to day interactions we have come to expect as part of normal daily life... I ask the Village Board to reconsider closing the Suffern Pool this summer. This was the one thing we were looking forward to this summer.

As a board can you consider eliminating one-time events to offset the pool closure? For example the Christmas Parade (which I look forward to every year) and or Suffern Day? Those events although great last only for a single day. The pool is a daily ritual of summer and should not be eliminated. Maybe consider some cost-cutting across the board? The police overtime budget was reduced, can other departments step up find creative ways to reduce? Can we consider eliminating other events in the year?

This current crisis needs our leaders to step up, get creative, and think outside the box. Work towards a solution that keeps the pool open. I pay a lot of money in taxes and hope that a portion of what I'm paying is being used to keep that pool open.

Thank you for your time,

Stefano Gagliano

If you cannot participate by computer, tablet or device and would like your comments or questions added to the meeting record, please send them by email to budget@suffernny.gov. The Village Board will continue to receive comments and questions via email through Wednesday, April 29, 2020.

Amy Paffenroth

From: Vicki Valentin <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 5:13 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Village Budget

Importance: High

To Whom It May Concern:

I've heard that the recreation budget has been cut and am undeniably opposed to it. My children have been raised in Suffern and now attend the high school, but many of our Suffern memories are based on the recreation department activities. Please reconsider as this is a huge loss and why families also choose Suffern as their home.

Sincerely,

Vittoria Valentin

Amy Paffenroth

From: Gergesfamily <gergesfamily@j... >
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 5:14 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Budget cuts

I just saw the list of recreational activities that would be cut if the budget gets approved tonight.

As a member of this community with children growing up here, I find that appalling.

Also, how can you have a budget meeting when we are supposed to be practicing social distancing.

The committee needs to reconsider these cuts and put the programs back into our community.

Michelle Gerges and family

Amy Paffenroth

From: Kelsey Thyberg <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 5:15 PM
To: Clerk; Budget
Subject: There is always another way!

To the Village of Suffern Board,

There is always another way!

Please consider other alternatives. If NOT you're tearing up the heart for what makes Suffern great!

I am a resident of the Village of Suffern for the past 12 years. My brother, sister and I have been raised in the village. We were lucky enough to go to RP Connor Elementary and have been proud to say they live in the village.

It has been brought to my attention several members of the Board are looking to dismiss both Nancy Christopher and Elaine DiFalco from their Suffern Recreation Department positions in order to save the Village of Suffern money.

It has also been brought up that there will be NO Pool, NO Suffern Day, NO Halloween Parade, NO Window Painting Contest for SMS Kids, NO Christmas Parade, NO Memorial Day Parade, NO Veterans Day Parade, NO 911 Ceremony, NO Recreation Center Building, NO Easter Egg Hunt, NO Easter Bunny, NO Santa Claus, NO Lighting of the Menorah, NO Exercise Classes, NO Concerts in the Park, NO Family Day at the Pool, NO Fishing Derby, NO Clifford Theatre, NO Suffern Senior Picnic, NO Girl Scout International Dinner, NO Mahwah Elks Hoops Shoot, NO Lions Club Taste of Suffern, NO Blood Drives, NO Boy Scout Ceremonies, NO Boy Scout Pine Wood Derby, NO POP Warner Trophy Night, NO SMS Pocket Bingo Fundraiser and Fundraiser held at the Building, NO Ceremonies, NO LEAD : Life Exists Against Drugs, NO Young Life Programs, NO Art in the Park, NO Keep Rockland Beautiful Events, NO Movie in the Park, NO Pearl Harbor Ceremony, NO Lifeline Health Screening : Free, NO Self Defense Classes, NO Various Community Trips (Broadway), NO Nutrition Workshops, AND NO Senior Programs.

Our family has been lucky to have participated in many of these activities. Our favorite is the village pool which we have always wanted to become lifeguards at this pool where we have grown up each summer. My sister was able to fulfill this lifeguard job the past two summer and my 15 year old brother completed his Suffern HS lifeguarding course in the fall. It breaks our heart that the pool will be closed.

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Years ago when we were little we consider moving south for a more affordable living. We chose to not leave Suffern because of what Suffern offered our family.

All of the activities listed above is what ties a commUNITY together!!!

Amy Paffenroth

From: Lisa Cefola <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 5:18 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Recreation Budget

To Whom it May Concern:

It was a shock to hear of the sudden disbanding of the Suffern recreation department.

Disbanding it means many things to many people - firstly, the firing of a dedicated and hard working staff. A staff who are always there for us in so many ways - without them there will be no:

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You have destroyed the Suffern Senior Club. Many seniors, myself included, are widowed and live alone. Coming to the club, for many, is our only way of meeting the many friends that we've made over the years.

You are eliminating our source of socialization and various activities that are good for our mental and emotional health.

Amy Paffenroth

From: Joan Raiani [redacted]@t>
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 5:21 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Cancellation of Recreation and Wellness Programs

Dear Trustees,

I cannot believe that I heard you are eliminating recreation and wellness programs in Suffern. These programs are so vital to the feel of the community that we all know and love.

This would be a foolish fix no matter what the budgetary problems are.
I fear this would be a grave mistake for seniors and families in the community.

Sincerely,

Joan Raiani
[redacted]
Sent from my iPhone
Sent from my iPhone

Amy Paffenroth

From: Siobhan White <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 5:37 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Recreation/Wellness Department

To whom this may concern,

I hope you and your loved ones are well! It has come to my attention that you are looking to eliminate the recreation and wellness department. I'm writing to strongly discourage you from doing so, if the events of the last several months has taught us anything it is that our health and wellness is paramount. Without those two things we have nothing.

The recreation department holds valuable wellness and event programs that provide much needed information that many residents would not find or participate in if held elsewhere. Senior yoga, for example, is essential to maintaining their sense of normalcy, mobility, flexibility and overall wellness as well as maintaining a social element. Things that this population specifically needs!

I urge you, to please keep this department and it's events operating as it's essential to maintaining the health, wellness and comradery of our community. It would be a real shame if during a national pandemic you took away one of the key departments that keep residents well and engaged. Not to mention, the incredible staff that have dedicated their time to ensuring that they continually provide value and impact the community in a positive manner. We need more of that, especially now and even more so in the future when we make it out of this. I am confident you will make the right decision on behalf of your fellow residents. We all stay at home to protect each other so lets be there to support one other and provide more value when it's over. We need the recreation department.

In good health,

Siobhan White

Sent from my iPhone

Amy Paffenroth

From: Teresa s [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 5:38 PM
To: Budget
Cc: Clerk
Subject: Budget meeting

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Village of Suffern Resident

Teresa & Evan Swanzy

Sent from my iPhone

Amy Paffenroth

From: Laura Hinckley [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 5:44 PM
To: Budget
Subject: Recreation Programs

In today's day in age when families need health and community involvement taking away the parks and recreation department would be a sad day for all in Suffern. The programs that are provided for the community are needed more now then ever.

Laura Hinckley