



# *The Chamber Room*

## **Sleepy Hollow Chamber of Commerce**

*Serving Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow*

## **August 2006**

**Monthly Meeting  
August 17, 2006**



**Warner Library**

**Host: Kris Weltzheimer**

**3 Tarrytown  
Third Friday**

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**We are Redesigning our Website**

With the guidance of Chamber Member Greg Galloway of WebSight marketing Inc., we are redesigning our website to make it even more useful to our members and visitors looking for information about our community. Each dues paying Chamber member will have a page. We would love your input. Please let us know what you want to see on the site, what you think would help you and what would help tourists and others to know our community.

**By-Laws**

The By-laws are being looked at for changes to be voted on in January. For consideration is reducing the number of officers from 40 to 14 members including the Executive Board. A nominating committee will be formed.

**Chamber Office Hours**

Volunteers to keep the office open after hours and on the weekends are needed. If anyone has ideas on who could do that (it needs to be people who know a little about our 2 villages), please contact Katharine at the office.

**Fireworks Feedback**

For many years the Chamber has coordinated the Fireworks and is now looking to the Villages to share the responsibility through the recreation departments. The overall feedback is "they are terrible" for those that viewed them from Tarrytown to "they were terrific" from those that viewed them from Sleepy Hollow. The cost of the fireworks is in excess of \$16,000 not including the cost of police overtime. There was a suggestion to form a committee to coordinate this with the villages. If anyone is interested in chairing and organizing a fireworks committee, please let us know.

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## **MERCHANTS' COUNCIL CORNER**

### *Kiosk*

After many hours spent designing an information kiosk to be placed near the Main Street entrance to the N. Washington St parking lot, the village Architectural Review Board felt that a freestanding open structure would invite vandalism. The project is on hold as new designs and locations are being investigated.

### *Valet Parking*

Plans for valet parking are still in discussion. At this time, the BOT will be reviewing a proposal from Parking Systems, who is recommending a two-month trial period for Friday and Saturday evenings in which the Valet service would be staged in the South Washington Street Lot. Cars would be parked temporarily in the Washington Irving School Lot. The fee to use the service would be \$5 per car (paid by the user) plus a fee per parking attendant to be paid by the village. If the service is successful and certain quotas are met, the valet company would remove the attendant fee. It is likely that this trial period would be during the months of October and November.

### *Lights on Main Street*

We have had several requests to help get the lights back on the trees on Main Street. The reason they're off is that they were blowing out the streetlights since they were designed for outdoor use. The situation was made even worse because more than one tree was hooked into each streetlight. They are all going to be replaced, but the Village needs to wait until the leaves are off the trees in order to do it correctly.

### *Parking*

The parking committee is working on a proposal to present to the Village board regarding parking. A meeting with the merchants will be held in early Sept (no date set yet) to discuss the options with the merchants. The committee plans to present its proposal to the Village at the end of September.