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Dear Pine Plains,

**The Broadband Committee** will soon be issuing a survey in order to determine what internet speeds every household has in Pine Plains as well as what households have no internet or can't afford internet. This will come out as a SURVEY MONKEY available online on our website, via my newsletter which comes out on Fridays at 3pm, and on Facebook. They will also make an effort to reach those who do not have any way to fill out an internet survey. This may entail copies left at the Library and various other locations including Town Hall. Like the Census, which is also critical to the well being of the Town, this survey is essential in order for us to get broadband to every household here.

**Town Cleanup Day** is September 12<sup>th</sup> 8-3pm and we need volunteers with pickup trucks to help those who can't manage their items to get them to the recycling center at the Highway Department. Items accepted are on our website. We have to charge for large items like tires and mattresses and sofas. Appliances with freon are accepted but with a charge.

I was contacted by Rocco Grassi of Mercy College with the following message for veterans:

Mercy College, located in New York is offering a wonderful scholarship opportunity to **military veterans** and reservists, to earn a **TUITION-FREE** Master of Science Degree in Mathematics Education and become a mathematics teacher. The scholarship is offered through the National Science Foundation (NSF). <https://www.dropbox.com/s/jyrb7pniqdgjt4p/Flyer.pdf?dl=0>

YOU TUBE Video link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8B6px80dI9Q&feature=youtu.be>

**Many thanks** to Vinnie Parliman for helping with the extra Covid-based cleaning, Heidi Johnson and the Presbyterian Church for making masks for anybody who needs one, Jen Chase and her merry band of teenage camp counselors and lifeguards for holding a real camp during an historic pandemic. That will go down in history. I also want to thank all our congresspeople for aiming the funding in this direction for the paving that has now come through the hamlet with some extras going to Woodward Hill with the good graces of the State DOT. The highway department did yeoman's duty during and after Storm Isaia, which was the 4<sup>th</sup> most damaging storm in Dutchess County history.

Enjoy these last beautiful days of summer, and stay safe, Pine Plains!

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