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Dear Pine Plains,

To be able to be helpful is actually one of the best opportunities available in a small town. So I want to use all of November to thank people in Pine Plains for the extra things they do to make this town a wonderful, meaningful place to live.

Hometown Heroes: Thank you to the ones whose photographs are on the flags now flying above the streets; the families of those people for sponsoring them; Kyle Lougheed and his Crew, Bob Clinch, Gregg Pulver, the Elems, for putting the first 12 up. There will be more flags as people bring us the information. Each flag with a hanging bracket costs \$200, but we can help if needed. Contact Alice at 518-398-8600 ex1

The Cemetery Tours: Thank you Little Nine Partners Historical Society in conjunction with the Pine Plains Free Library for putting on another wonderful tour through Evergreen Cemetery. Long-dead citizens of Pine Plains came to life as written by Dyan Wapnick, and local folks starred in the roles. The rain did not deter anyone, but enhanced the creepiness. Of note: Matt Brimer, in a three-piece suit, playing the owner of the Old Library, which Matt now owns. He literally stepped into a history for which he is now responsible. It was a really wonderful event. Many thanks to Lenora Champagne for directing, and all the participants, actors, tour guides, last-minute-tent-putter-uppers. And all the people who attended. This helps raise money to keep history alive in Pine Plains.

Election Day workers: Thank you Sgt. John Hughes for a well-handled police presence so that people felt safe to come out. Thank you Stissing Center for opening your doors to become a Polling Place due to Covid. Thank you Pine Plains Platter and helpers for providing treats and coffee for voters standing in line. People started lining up around 5:30 and there was a steady stream of voting all day. Thank you Vinnie Parlman for agreeing at the last minute to be The Sanitizer, and Jim Mara for handling the crowd; and Pat Mara, Kathy Bartles, and all the other poll workers for handling a very long day. I love voting in town, because it is a great thing to stand with your neighbors at such important moments in life.

On a call to Supervisors and Mayors on Thursday, County Executive Molinaro suggested that the loss of sales tax due to Covid in Dutchess County was not going to be as bad as originally predicted. He believes it may end up at around 3%. We budgeted for more of a drop, so we are prepared. And we look forward to the opening of several new businesses in town, despite the pandemic.

Welcome Dan McGhee to the Highway Department! You can see Dan this winter alongside Mike, Patrick, and Matt maintaining the roads and generally smiling.

FOSL (Friends of Stissing Landmarks) is working on several ideas with landowners for creating walking and biking trails through Pine Plains, which has a plethora of rail beds for possible development.

The Town Board is sending out an RFP for a planner to begin our Zoning Review, as well as putting together a Zoning Review Committee. If you would like to be on this committee, please contact Darrah at [supervisor@pineplains-ny.gov](mailto:supervisor@pineplains-ny.gov). The work is to take the Comprehensive Plan Update,

completed last December, and apply it to revisions in our current zoning law in order to clear up discrepancies.

It's going to be 60 degrees or more this weekend so I hope everyone can get out and walk around the lakes or climb the mountain or sit on a porch.

Catch those rays while you can, Pine Plains!

Darrah Cloud