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Weekly Newsletter – November 16, 2021

President Jennifer Van Voorhis called the meeting to order at 8:00am

1. Pledge of Allegiance 2. the Rotary 4-way Test 3. Rev. Michael Shafer provided our blessing

On our Zoom meeting:



photos by Jonah Triebwasser

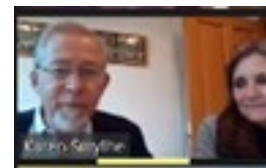
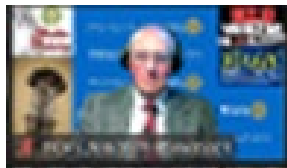
Susan Ezrati, Chris Chale, Carl Dowden, Linda Greenblatt, Becca Kent, Tim Lynch, Ariadne Montare, Mike Shafer, Susan Simon, Jonah Triebwasser, Jen Van Voorhis, Bud Weaver, Dave Wright
Guest Speakers: Mayor Karen Smythe & Deputy Mayor Brent Kovalchik

Absent & missed: Fred Cartier, Gwen McCann, Karen Mead-Cadorette, Rob Latimer, Mike Mills, Barry Ramage, Gale Wolfe

Meeting Notes

- Jen gave a big Thank You to Susan E. for the organization she provided for our 2021 Coat Drive, it was a very successful event – there were 31 undistributed coats and assorted other clothing which is all being donated to the Red Hook Community Center
- Linda is preparing for the Thanksgiving food distribution taking place this Sunday (11/21), distribution help is needed and if you're available be at the Food Pantry at 11:45am
- Jennifer told us the Christ Church needs decorated Christmas Trees, "weather suitable" – she will let us know more details next week
- Carl reported that the Red Hook Rotary Foundation Board approved a \$500 donation to the Ascienzo Foundation for Red Hook Responds

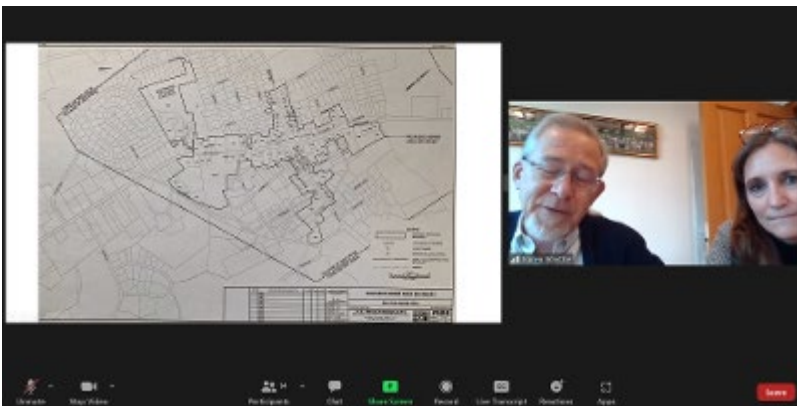
Jonah introduced today's guest speakers, Mayor Karen Smythe and Deputy Mayor Brent Kovalchik



Brent started with a brief history of the Red Hook Village sewer project, the original discussion started in 1946 to replace septic systems!

The sewer project goals are:

- Red Hook be a sustainable, modern village
- Protect the Red Hook aquifer & have consistently good water
- Business expansion (for example, current restaurant seating caps are directly related to current septic system restrictions)



Karen & Brent gave a very information presentation, referring to the village map while showing the parameters of the new system – the entire village is in “the sewer” district, approx. 195 properties They were very happy to let us know there will be no digging up the street, explaining that this will be a pressurized system, not “tilted” – this is known as a STEP system

The project is slated to begin this month, with the expected completion to be in December, 2022 The ongoing maintenance schedule will be developed once the system is in place – the village will be responsible for pumping out the system.



For this project, Red Hook Village received 8.45 million in grants, short term loans and long term loans with a plan in place for the loan repayments Users of the system will be billed quarterly

There was a very nice round of questions and answers about the sewer system & other village news

Karen let us know about the newly created Red Hook Village monthly e-newsletter – subscription information can be found on their website: <https://www.redhookvillage.org/191/Village-Newsletter>

Next meeting is **Tuesday, November 23rd at Taste Budd’s** (In-person w/Zoom link available)

Speaker Host: TBA (perhaps it could be you!)

Meeting adjourned at 9:01 am

November - December Meeting Schedule

- Tuesday, November 30th “5th Tuesday” 5:30-6:30 pm, Location: Cancun’s
 - Tuesday, December 7th 8-9am, Zoom Monthly Business Meeting
 - Tuesday, December 14th 8-9am, Taste Budd’s Café (and Zoom)
Speaker Host: TBA
 - Tuesday, December 21st 8-9am, Zoom Meeting
Speaker Host: TBA
 - Tuesday, December 28th 8-9am, Taste Budd’s Café (and Zoom)
Speaker Host: TBA
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This weekend on RadioRotary: Sparrow's Nest



Tune in to the award-winning RadioRotary on **Sunday, November 21st at 6:25 am**

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when co-hosts **Kathy Kruger and Jonah Triebwasser will be talking with Krista Jones about the great work supporting cancer patients and their families by the volunteers at Sparrow's Nest.**

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