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To: Mayor
Subject: New web site and old problems...

Dear Mayor Mark and Village Board,

I just discovered the new Village web site and have to congratulate all who have made this possible. It really is wonderful.

Maybe in the same vein, alongside with residents' requests and letters, written responses and/or steps taken to address the issue or problem could also be posted and made public on the Village website.

Of particular concern to me are building issues:

1. Current building code is resulting in homes too big for our streets endangering neighborhood character, removing too many trees, reducing green areas, getting us away from our Village-in-a-park character.
2. Too many old homes are being demolished further aggravating the situation described above.
3. As is the case on Circle Road, a home has been demolished and the lot has been empty for more than a year. There should be a limit by which time a developer has to build or pay fines to go to a green development fund for example. I suggest within three months from demolition date new construction has to start. If not fines up to 10% of purchase price per year, should be paid to the Village.
4. Which brings me to my next point: We have to have a fund to buy properties and convert them to empty lots or purchase them and keep them to enhance neighborhood character and increase green inventory.
5. Property owners of homes aged 90 years or more should be given tax credits commensurate with age of the home. As anyone who owns an older home knows, these homes are difficult to maintain yet their character add irreplaceable and unique value to our neighborhoods. These homes become valuable assets for the community as well as the Village in general.

With my very best wishes as I wish you the same success addressing these issues, as you have had with the new Village website,

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