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Dear Village Resident,

Many of you must be wondering the extent of the damage caused by the recent flooding here in our village. Although many communities suffered damage more wide spread than ours, 33 homes, the Beukendaal Temple, and Jumpin' Jacks sustained significant flood damage due to the storm. Many others suffered wind and rain damage. Residents in the areas of Schonowee and Washington Avenue are still cleaning their homes and waiting for their properties to dry out. The regular rains have made all of this a slow task. That area is further burdened by the wash out of the corner at the old sewage treatment plant. That area remains closed to traffic until all repairs can be completed. Several individuals and organizations have called to ask about volunteering to help in the restoration effort. Scotia Cares, a local community group has agreed to coordinate any volunteer effort and can be reached at Scotiacares@yahoo.com.

Collins Park

Many of you witnessed the flooding in Freedom and Collins Parks. Freedom Park came through pretty well. The damage to the stage is under repair now. Collins Park suffered huge losses. The beach road was completely washed out. All buildings were flooded and the roller hockey rink was breached and filled with silt. Over 30 trees are down and must be removed. Currently there are buildings leaning against each other and bleachers perched atop fences. The beach lot, tennis courts, and basketball courts are still covered in silt too. With the constant rains the ground in the park is still mud in most places and several sink holes have appeared. Although the grass looks beautiful, the park will remain closed indefinitely until all areas are safe and can support activities. Using the park now would ruin the reseeding and repair done to this point on the still sodden turf. The one silver lining is that with a new coat of fertile silt, the park should be lush for next year's season.

Antique Store

The old antique store at 302 Mohawk Ave. is being demolished as I write this. The process took much longer than expected due to asbestos and permitting issues, but the building is now coming down and the lot will be finished to provide a buildable lot.

An Open Invitation

The Board of Trustees meets twice each month to conduct the business of the Village of Scotia. Our regular monthly meeting is the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00. At this meeting we do the financial business of the Village, adopt laws and policies, and hold public hearings. This meeting is also where residents can address the board on any issue at privilege of the floor.

Our work sessions are scheduled the first Tuesday of every month at 6:00. These meetings are less formal and are used to discuss topics and issues for the betterment of the community. These meetings are where the actual progressive decisions for the village are made. The public is invited to attend all meetings of the board, and as elected representatives, the board encourages your input on any issues concerning our community.

Sincerely

Kris Kastberg, Mayor

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