

## Weekly E-Newsletter 04/23 - 04/30

### Village of Mamaroneck News & Events

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Dear Friends:



This past Wednesday, April 20, [Village Manager Jerry Barberio issued a Proclamation of Local Emergency](#) that will allow the dam at the Westchester Joint Water Works to be quickly maintained and repaired where necessary. I applaud the Village Manager for taking decisive action on a critical infrastructure issue that has been kicked down the road for over 40 years.

This action immediately caused a controversy with folks who wrongly asserted that the Village couldn't perform the work because it didn't "own" the dam. This position, of course, only told part of the story. A closer examination and research shows that the Village is 100% responsible for maintaining the dam.

Please [view this document from the late 1970s](#) that clearly spells out the agreement between the Village and Westchester Joint Water Works requiring the Village to maintain the dam.

When I was an apprentice in my trade, I had a mentor who used to tell me, "Murph, if you measure twice you only have to cut once." We all need to be reminded of that advice from time to time, especially me.

Respectfully,  
Tom Murphy  
Mayor, Village of Mamaroneck

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