

July 28, 2018

DEAR MR. VAN RIPPER,

My wife + I, moved our family to CHESTER ON MAY 9th 1970, to Surrey Meadows in the town. We love Chester + its Home town charm. Our three children are grown, + MATTHEW + HIS WIFE THERESA HAVE RAISED their family in the village on MAPLE AVE. THERESA, is a teacher at the Academy.

APPROX. 2-3 years ago THE TIMES HERALD RECORD PRINTED AN ARTICLE OF CONSOLIDATING THE VILLAGE POLICE + TOWN POLICE. THIS WOULD RESULT IN THE TAXPAYERS SAVING OF \$150,000. THE VILLAGE MAYOR, STATED HE WAS A UNION MAN + DID NOT WANT TO SEE ANYONE LOSING A JOB. NOTHING WAS EVER DONE!!

Chester is the Hub of ORANGE CTY. WITH LEGOLAND coming to Roshen + RESORTS in the CATSKILLS. DEVELOPERS WILL BE LOOKING AT CHESTER. LETS TRY + PRESERVE OUR EARN LANDS. SOME TOWNS HAVE HANGING FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS FROM POLES + LAMP POLES. IS THERE ROOM FOR A COMMUNITY POLE? AND FINALLY COULD A STATUE BE ERRECTED DEPICTING ALL OUR MILITARY FROM THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION TO THE PRESENT. POSSIBLY NEAR THE FIRE HOUSE OR ON PRIVATE PROPERTY OPPOSITE THE FIREHOUSE WITH THE OWNERS PERMISSION.

Sincerely yours
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