

Notices sent another 250 feet

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GUILDERLAND — More residents will now be notified of town zoning and planning actions, the town board decided Tuesday.

Previously, homes within 500 feet of a person filing a zoning or planning application were notified of variance and special-use permit requests, subdivision proposals, and re-zone applications in Guilderland.

The board decided this week to increase that mailing list to residents who live 750 feet from an applicant.

This will not apply to proposals for minor subdivisions or area variances. Notification for those will stay at 500 feet, Guilderland Supervisor Kenneth Runion said, because minor subdivisions and area variances affect fewer residents.

Runion told *The Enterprise* that he came up with the idea to increase the mailings while mulling over another recent town board decision about legal notices.

The board two weeks ago voted to stop posting its legal notices in *The Enterprise*, instead publishing them in a newspaper with less than half the Guilderland readers. Last week, in its final *Enterprise* legal notice, the town invited *Enterprise* readers to subscribe to a new service, where the town will send legal notices either by postal mail or e-mail to residents who request them.

The town wants to reach as many residents as possible within 750-foot notification so they can weigh in on issues concerning their neighborhoods, Runion said.

The move is also in conjunction with the town upgrading its web site and the Town Crier, Guilderland's information channel on cable television.

Sidewalk progress

At Tuesday's meeting, the town board also appointed the engineering firm of Barton & Loguidice, P.C. to prepare bid specifications on sidewalk projects and to act as the town-designated engineer for future sidewalk-construction projects.

The projects are based on a report, drafted by the Guilderland Pathways Committee, that outlines areas in Guilderland that

Installing the new sidewalk will cost \$65,000, Runion said. The grant is for \$52,000 and the town will pay \$13,000, he said.

Other business

In other business, the board:

— Accepted an American flag from David Bosworth III, who is named after his father, the town councilman. Bosworth is in the military and has been serving in Iraq for the past nine months, his father said.

The flag was flown over one of the American camps in Iraq.

most need sidewalks, bike paths, and trails.

In April of 2003, Lindsay Childs of the Pathways Committee presented the report to the town board.

A total of 40 miles of sidewalks are needed in town, Childs said then. The committee determined the most important areas are places where people want to walk, he said, such as to the library, some parks, and some ice cream shops where no sidewalks lead to them.

At the April meeting, Childs listed several Guilderland roads that are in major need of sidewalks. They include McKown Road, Johnston Road, the western portion of Route 155, Carman Road to Carman Plaza, and Western Avenue from the 20 Mall Price Chopper to Willow Street.

At Tuesday's meeting, Runion announced that he had just received notification that the town will be getting a grant for a sidewalk on McKown Road.

The flag was flown over one of the American camps in Iraq and, when Bosworth came home on leave last week, he brought the flag to be flown in Guilderland.

Runion said the flag will fly over Town Hall for the next 30 days, in honor of the soldiers serving in Iraq. It will then be given to the Guilderland Explorers for safe keeping, he said.

Bosworth Sr. noted that his son will return to Iraq soon to serve another four months and that he is very appreciative of all the support and letters he's received;

— Authorized the town's parks and recreation department to take bids for fencing for the Babe Ruth baseball field at Keenholtz Park;

— Reminded residents that they can register to vote at Town Hall on Oct. 6, from 5 to 9 p.m., and on Oct. 9, from 1 to 9 p.m.; and

— Entered into executive session to discuss lease negotiations for the town's emergency services communication tower.