





## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Last year, I wrote, “will we or won’t we?” Twelve months later, that is still the question.

Incorporate, that is. As I prepare this report on this, our 71<sup>st</sup> year of service to the Edgemont community, an appellate court has agreed to decide on an expedited basis Town Supervisor Paul Feiner’s appeal of a lower court order allowing us to vote, in accordance with state law, on whether to become the Town’s seventh village. In the meantime, our state assemblyman in Albany, Tom Abinanti, a resident of the Town of Mount Pleasant, says Mr. Feiner’s appeal will give him just enough time to get state law changed retroactively so that when the appellate court does rule, Edgemont’s incorporation will get decided not by the residents of Edgemont who petitioned the government for the right to vote, but rather by those voters who would still remain in the rest of unincorporated Greenburgh.

What is the role of the ECC in all this? While many of us are pro-incorporation, there are some directors who are not, and still others who aren’t yet persuaded one way or the other. Once our right to vote is confirmed and a date for the referendum is fixed, we are determined to give each side an opportunity in a neutral venue to present its side of the case, subject only to the admonition that factual statements be substantiated with actual data. If they are not, Edgemont voters will know what to do.

But on the seminal issue of whether we should be allowed to vote at all, there seems near unanimity – except among certain die-hard incorporation opponents. So convinced they are that they alone know better than the rest of us, these opponents also found nothing wrong with the Town’s secret use last year of private detectives to enter Edgemont homes to try to trick petitioner signers into voiding their signatures; they also didn’t seem to have a problem with Mr. Feiner unlawfully striking hundreds of signatures on the incorporation petition because a resident said she found seven signatures just didn’t look right to her; nor did they have a problem with Mr. Feiner artificially inflating the number of signatures required by including thousands of residents who don’t live in Edgemont or, if they did once live within our borders, they have since died or moved away. Nor did they have a problem with Mr. Feiner ignoring hundreds of residents from throughout unincorporated Greenburgh who stormed Town Hall last Father’s Day to object to Mr. Feiner’s last minute need for board approval for a home rule request to get Albany to take away the right of anyone in unincorporated Greenburgh to vote on incorporation (assuming a court would later rule that Mr. Feiner’s actions in blocking the Edgemont vote were unlawful, which it did).

As ECC president, I am proud of our community and its steadfast willingness to stand up to ham-fisted efforts like these to suppress our right to vote. I am also proud of the many new leaders of Edgemont who have come forward to volunteer their time and skills. While it may not have been what opponents of incorporation would have wanted, and it surely could not have been what Mr. Feiner intended, these misguided actions have forged a solid consensus among Edgemont residents, young and old, new and those like myself who’ve been here for decades, like none I have ever witnessed.

In the meantime, I encourage everyone with questions about incorporation to raise them. The Edgemont Incorporation Committee has a website, [www.edgemont2018.org](http://www.edgemont2018.org), which has a lot of information and is frequently updated with more data, and FAQs. The EIC and an affiliated group, Incorporation for a Better Edgemont or IBE, also run several social media sites on Facebook. Opponents of incorporation thus far seemed to be using social media sites like [nextdoor.com](http://nextdoor.com), letters to the Scarsdale Inquirer, and emails to their supporters. Residents still on the fence should sample what each side has to say and how they say it.

## **SILVER BOWL AWARD FOR SERVICE TO ANISH NANAVATY**

The Edgemont Community Council award for distinguished community service has been awarded just about every year since 1950. The ECC’s Silver Bowl Committee this year recommended that we present this year’s Silver Bowl to Edgemont resident Anish Nanavaty for his years of service on the Edgemont School Board.

Anish served on the board between 2011 and 2017, and was its president during the 2016-17 school year. During his tenure, he led several key initiatives, including a \$14 million bond issuance, the renegotiation of the teachers’ contract, and various other financial measures that allowed the district to reduce the volatility in its tax rate increases and enabled it to meet the New York State tax cap. Anish’s contribution to the school district has allowed the district to remain on a solid financial footing for now and, because of the strategies he has implemented, for the years to come.

Anish lives on Evandale Road with his wife Malhar and son Anubhav, a college student, and daughter Mehek, an eighth grader. He has a bachelor’s degree in science and engineering from the Wharton Business School at the University of Pennsylvania. Anish works as a financial consultant through his company Free Ion Advisors, LLC, where he leverages his experience in analytics and decision sciences, digital transformation, process reengineering, shared services and outsourcing. He currently serves on the board of Digital Divide Data, a non-profit that delivers digital services to corporate clients while employing and educating disadvantaged people in development countries and the United States.



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Names of Residents in Household over 18:	<input type="checkbox"/> Central Park Avenue Association <input type="checkbox"/> Cotswold Association <input type="checkbox"/> Old Edgemont Association <input type="checkbox"/> Greenridge Association
Mailing Street Address:	<input type="checkbox"/> Fort Hill Association <input type="checkbox"/> Longview Civic Association <input type="checkbox"/> Northern Greenville Association <input type="checkbox"/> Southern Greenville Association
Email Address(es) of Resident(s) in Household:	<u>Civic Association</u>

I am interested in furthering the activities of the Edgemont Community Council and would like to become a member or renew my membership.  
 I have NOT paid my dues for this year so enclosed are my family's dues of \$30 for July 1, 2017—June 30, 2018. This ensures my voting rights at the upcoming ECC Annual Meeting. If I have already paid this year then I want this to be an additional contribution to further support the ECC.  
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