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Mayor David C. McFadden
VILLAGE OF TUXEDO PARK
80 Lorillard Road
Tuxedo Park, NY 10987

Dear Mayor McFadden,

I trust this letter once again finds you, your family, colleagues and fellow citizens well and looking forward to the Holidays. As I'm sure you know, I write to request your permission for a small group of volunteers from the Bergen County, NJ-based Fyke Nature Association to access the Village of Tuxedo Park during National Audubon Society's annual CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT (CBC). Since 1955 Fyke has surveyed a fifteen-mile diameter "count circle" that includes the Village, its woodlands and lakes. As always, crucial to the accuracy of our data collection is the ability to bird within your community and its various – and varied – habitats.

Amazingly, 2022 marks my *twenty-fifth year* as a CBC team leader. Over those years, my colleagues and I have greatly appreciated the hospitality and support that you, your predecessors, Village Chiefs of Police, and especially Clerk-Treasurers have extended to us over the years.

Mr. Mayor, I respectfully request permission to enter the Village of Tuxedo Park for approximately two hours on Saturday, December 17, 2022. Accompanying me will be my son Daniel Carola, Esq. of Ramsey, NJ and our longtime colleagues Ivan Kossak of Lincoln Park, NJ and David Kaplan of Parsippany, NJ. We will be travelling in either one or two vehicles. As has been typical, we expect to check in at the Front Gate House by about 10AM and leave the Village via the South Gate around noon; always confining our birding to the public areas of the Village and showing complete respect for the privacy and property of your neighbors. Each of us is fully vaccinated (Omicron boosters, included) and will of course comply with all local, Orange County and NY State COVID-19 safety requirements.

It is my sincere hope that we will again be allowed the privilege of birding in Tuxedo Park and that the relationship between the Village and The Fyke Nature Association will continue to the mutual benefit and good will of all. If you have any questions about our team, Fyke, the Christmas Bird Count or to inform me of your and the Board's decision, I can be reached phone or text (201-403-1992) or by e-mail at hughcarola@gmail.com. Please feel free to contact me at any time.

I look forward to hearing from you. Until then, please accept my fondest regards to you and *all* the good people of Tuxedo Park for an enjoyable, safe and healthy Holiday Season.

Yours in conservation & public service,



Hugh M. Carola

CC: Ms. Elizabeth Doherty, Village Clerk-Treasurer
Chief David Conklin, Tuxedo Park Police Department