



VILLAGE OF NEW HYDE PARK OFFICIAL REPORT - FALL 2015

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The Village of New Hyde Park A Purple Heart Community

On Saturday, September 19, the Village Board held a public ceremony to recognize the Village of New Hyde Park a **Purple Heart Community**.

The front lawn of Village Hall was filled as the Village Board, local elected officials and dignitaries, members of the Veterans of Foreign War, American Legion, the Military Order of the Purple Heart, residents, and special guests joined together to honor Purple Heart recipients in the Village of New Hyde Park. This ceremony was held to recognize the contributions and sacrifices of all members of the United States Armed Forces, and particularly to those Veterans who gave their lives or have been wounded while serving in the United States Armed Forces.

The Purple Heart is a United States military decoration awarded to veterans wounded or killed, while serving on or after April 5, 1917 in the United States Military. The Purple Heart is the oldest military award still given to United States military members.

The Village of New Hyde Park is the first Village in New York to recognize its community a Purple Heart Community. This is a proud time for our Village, for our brave veterans, and for all residents. Deputy Mayor Lawrence Montreuil, Liaison for Veterans Affairs, worked with New Hyde Park resident and Purple Heart Recipient Michael Dolan to organize the ceremony. Mr. Dolan donated a Purple Heart Flag which was raised onto the Village flagpole at the ceremony to be flown on special occasions. The Board has also declared Central Blvd. "**Memorial Way**" with a Purple Heart designation and plans are underway for enhancements at the Veteran's Monument in Memorial Park.



Deputy Mayor Lawrence Montreuil; Hempstead Town Supervisor Kate Murray; Gunter Harter, American Legion and Purple Heart Recipient; North Hempstead Town Supervisor Judi Bosworth; Michael Dolan; and Mayor Robert Lofaro.



Bob Chiappone, Commander of The Military Order of the Purple Heart and Mario Obertis, Commander of VFW G&E Linder Post 8031, raise the Purple Heart Flag.



Mayor Lofaro thanks Michael Dolan for his efforts. Joining them are members of the Village Board, local elected officials, veterans, and invited guests.



Mayor's Letter to the Residents

Dear Neighbors,

What I have learned during my many years as Mayor and Trustee is that the business of running the Village is not only centered in the big public works projects that we manage, but is more about handling the daily issues and concerns of our residents. Whether it is to remove a hanging tree limb, or the pickup of electronic waste, or obtaining a permit to park in the Village parking lots, or securing a permit for a new sidewalk, the way we deal with these individual requests sets the tone for resident (customer) satisfaction. Providing excellent service remains the main focal point for our board, our department heads, and our staff. We hope that your experience is a good one and we're always happy to hear your thoughts and comments.

What a day we had at our 20th Annual Street Fair on Saturday September 19th. The weather, the food, the spirit, and the atmosphere were amazing. There are so many people to thank who made this event such a great success, like our Village merchants and all of our local community groups. But, I'd like to highlight at least two others. A **BIG** thank you to our Street Fair Coordinator Janet Bevers from the Village Clerk's Office. She again pulled together all of the critical details so we can enjoy the "Premier Street Fair" in all of Nassau County. I would also like to thank our new sponsor, our neighbors from the North Shore-LIJ Health System (soon to be called Northwell Health). Their Health and Wellness Pavilion, staffed by many employee volunteers, provided fair goers with important health information along with hands-on displays. It was truly a great addition to our fair.

Thank you to the residents who responded to my request to assist with the establishment of a new committee that will be responsible for many aspects relating to the management of the Village trees. Our first meeting will be held in November and it's not too late to join. If you're interested in participating, please contact me by e-mail at Mayor@vnhp.org.

I wish you and your family a very Happy Thanksgiving. Best regards,

Mayor Bob Lofaro



Cultural Commission

Village Tree Lighting Ceremony



Mark Your Calendar! The annual tree lighting ceremony will be held on Saturday, December 5th at Marcus Christ Hall.

For many, this community event signifies the start of the holiday season. And, attending the event has become a tradition for many families. If not already, we hope it becomes a tradition for your family too.

The holiday celebration will begin at 3:30 pm with The Magic of Amore, a children's magic show. Chamber singers and the Band from New Hyde Park Memorial High School will perform again this year. At dusk, everyone will gather on the front lawn of Village Hall and watch Mayor Lofaro light the Christmas Tree.

The Greater New Hyde Park Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the holiday event this year. We appreciate their generosity and support of this traditional Village holiday event.

Resident Parking Permits

R On Tuesday, December 1st, residents can begin to purchase the 2016 resident "R" parking permit at the Village Clerk's Office during regular business hours. Residents need to present a current driver's license and vehicle registration that reflects their Village address. If you are renting an apartment or house in the Village, please bring your current lease agreement.

For planning purposes, please keep in mind that Village Hall closes at noon on Thursday, December 31st and will be closed all day on Friday, January 1st. The 2016 resident parking permit must be affixed to your car by Monday, January 4th to be in compliance with Village parking codes. The annual fee remains unchanged at \$75. If you have any questions, please call the Village Clerk's Office.

In consideration of those residents who cannot come into Village Hall during the day to purchase a parking permit, the Village Clerk's Office will have extended hours and remain open through 8:00 PM on Wednesday, December 9th. We hope these evening hours provide you with additional opportunity to purchase the 2016 resident parking permit.

Village Parks

On Monday, November 30th, the field house at Memorial Park and at Nuzzi Field will close for the season. During the winter season, there will be no Park Attendants on duty and no public facilities available in the Park. We encourage all residents to continue to enjoy the Parks during the winter, but to plan accordingly since there will be no public facilities available.

Department of Public Works

Snow Removal

While it may seem a long way off, snow season is approaching fast. We all need to work together to ensure the roads are cleared in a safe and efficient manner. Here's how you can help:

- **Do not park on the street during snow events**
- **Minimize your travel during snow events**
- **Do not throw snow from your walkway or driveway onto the road**
- **Remove snow from your vehicle while it is still parked in your driveway and certainly before you travel**
- **Village Code requires residents and business owners to remove snow and ice from the sidewalk within 24 hours of the snow event**

If you have questions, please call the Department of Public Works at (516) 354-0064.



New Hyde Park Museum

Once again, the onset of the colder weather is rapidly approaching. The leaves on the trees are changing to beautiful colors and then falling off the trees. Has the thought of the coming Winter season given you the idea of boredom? We, at the New Hyde Park Museum, can help you out. We have lots of planned projects and activities to keep you involved and active during the Winter months and beyond.

Museum activities throughout the cold weather are being compiled by our volunteer staff. One of the events being planned is a Photo Contest for Children which will include such categories as:

- photos of some of the oldest buildings and/or locations in the New Hyde Park area
- buildings that one might think of as historic or should be historical landmarks
- photos of objects considered to be of general interest to the public.

There will be prizes awarded in each category. More information will be provided at a later date.

We are working on new exhibits to be displayed in the Museum and a rotating set of exhibits for the Hillside Public Library. As you know, the Museum is located on the 2nd floor of Village Hall. We need to determine the best days and times for the Museum to be open to the public. A big part of this process includes having volunteers willing to commit to the Museum. Please consider volunteering some of your free time to help us operate the Museum on a regular basis or to help us coordinate events for/with local community organizations, such as the Boy Scouts, Girls Scouts, etc.

Behind the scenes, our Museum volunteer staff works very hard. Please seriously consider giving us a helping hand. Your time is most welcome and very much needed. Donations of old photographs and documents are always welcome. We provide many ways for you to contact us, so please reach out to us.

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Carol Nowakowski - Village Historian
President | New Hyde Park Museum



Auxiliary Police Unit

Volunteers Needed

Give back to your community. Join the Nassau County Auxiliary Police, New Hyde Park – Unit 212. Volunteer members are trained by the Nassau County Police Department. We assist at County events such as the Long Island Marathon, local parades, summer concerts, street fairs and many others throughout the year.

Our neighborhood patrols provide extra “eyes and ears” in the Village, as well as New Hyde Park and the surrounding areas of Bellerose, Garden City Park, Manhasset Hills, Herricks, and Albertson. For more information, please call (516) 573-8830 or visit us online at pdcnau.org.

The Annual Village Street Fair

Happy 20th Anniversary

A Milestone Event for Our Community

No doubt about it! The 20th Annual Village Street Fair was a huge success. The unseasonably warm temperature and bright sunny sky added to the festive atmosphere. Our community spirit and hospitality shined as bright as the sun that day as we welcomed thousands of visitors into the Village.

This year's event was greatly enhanced by the sponsorship and partnership of North Shore-LIJ Health System. The Health and Wellness Pavilion on Lakeville Road was a great addition to the Street Fair and provided visitors with valuable information on nutrition, child safety, heart health, and veterans services, just to name a few! Village merchants, Chamber members, local service groups and charities who participated this year were pleased with the extra business and increased exposure that the Street Fair provides to them year after year.

Thorough planning by the Street Fair Committee and a dedicated team from the Department of Public Works helps to ensure an organized and well-executed event. Janet Bevers, Village Clerk's Office; Gregory Romano, DPW; Jeanette Frisina, Chamber of Commerce and the MarketPlace; Tony Ciuffo and Ron Chisena, Craft-A-Fair; and Paul Sokol, NHP Fire Department Chief work together to coordinate the biggest community event in the Village.

We appreciate support from the Nassau County 3rd Precinct and its officers. The members of Auxiliary Police Unit #212 were involved the entire day and their help, assistance, and partnership is invaluable.

Finally, a special thank you to all residents and merchants for their support of this annual event. We recognize that there are localized temporary inconveniences that arise because of the Fair. Street closures, parking challenges, and travel delays must be managed by everyone and we appreciate your patience and flexibility.



Tr. Richard Coppola, Mayor Robert Lofaro, Chantal Weinhold, Regional Executive Director of Central Region for NS-LIJ, John Sendach, Deputy Executive Director of North Shore Hospital, Tr. Donna Squicciarino, and Deputy Mayor Lawrence Montreuil.



Members of the McBride family, Elizabeth, Jeanne, and Eileen were on hand to promote charitable efforts supported by The Katie McBride Foundation.



The Street Fair may begin to wind down by late afternoon, but not the DPW crew. The team gathers at Village Hall before starting the clean up operation.



The Center Stage dancers took over Millers Lane and entertained the crowds throughout the day.



Grace Beauty Salon co-owners, Sonal Sanghani and Nimisha Patel offer a great variety of salon and spa services.



The stylists at Andrew James Salon were busy all day cutting hair and offering free hair analysis. Salon owner Linda Kerris-Sullivan is pictured with stylists, Mollie Correia (l) and Josephine DeFranco (r).



Cathy Brigante, Office Manager at the NHP Animal Hospital, her son Joseph Jr, and p/t kennel assistant Matthew Harris provided information on animal care. Four-legged guests were treated to free canine toothbrushes and biscuits.



Children love the Fair.

Maspeth Savings Bank always has engaging characters who entertain and engage children throughout the day. Zippy the Clown makes animal balloon figures throughout the day. And pictured to the left, Alexis is holding her lollipop tight as she meets her first pirate.

The children's carnival, petting zoo, and pony rides drew a large crowd. Rocking Horse Farms brought donkeys, sheep, goats, and rabbits. Everyone wanted a chance to feed and pet these beautiful, gentle animals.



Zoning Board, Architectural Review Board, and Village Board Public Hearings

Zoning Board of Appeals:

September 9, 2015

- 1335 Jericho Tpke. - An application to construct an adult daycare center and medical office on the 1st floor with insufficient parking was adjourned to October 14th.

October 14, 2015

- 1335 Jericho Tpke. - An application to construct an adult daycare center and medical office on the 1st floor with insufficient parking was withdrawn by the applicant upon being denied a Special Use Permit by the Village Board on October 6th.
- 1218 Jericho Tpke. - An application to renovate the 2nd floor apartments, construct two new apartments on the 3rd floor, renovate the existing restaurant and expand the 1st floor kitchen with insufficient off street parking. A decision is pending upon review and decision by Nassau County Planning Commission.
- 523 North 10th Street - An application by the homeowner to maintain a second kitchen on the 2nd floor of a single family home was granted.
- 1324 Jericho Tpke. - An application to demolish existing buildings and construct a new Harley Davidson Motorcycle showroom on the 1st floor with accessory offices on the 2nd floor and motorcycle repair and maintenance in the basement was postponed to November 12th pending completion of the Special Use Hearing. This site has insufficient parking and the applicant seeks a variance for 19 undersized parking spaces.

Architectural Review Board:

September 23, 2015

- 1603 Jericho Tpke. - Williston Park Eye Associates submitted plans to install three new signs, one sign on each side of the building. The signs were all within approved shape, font, and color, but only two signs per building are allowed under Village Code. Two signs were approved. The third sign was denied.
- 1017 Jericho Tpke. - Domino's Pizza submitted plans to remove the existing business sign and install an illuminated channel lettering sign with the corporate logo, directly onto the brick façade. The application was tabled in order to give the applicant time to submit a new design within Village Code guidelines.
- 45 Millers Lane - Plans were presented to demolish the existing home and construct a new two story, one family dwelling on a 40' x 124' lot with a front porch, rear deck, and outside cellar entrance. Materials and design were approved with the stipulation that the outside cellar entrance be removed and replaced with a side entrance.
- 1500 Park Avenue - Plans were approved to add a full 2nd floor over the existing 1st floor.

Village Board:

October 6, 2015

- 1324 Jericho Tpke. -A Special Use Hearing was held on an application to demolish existing buildings at Miller Brothers Plumbing and construct a new Harley Davidson Motorcycle showroom on the 1st floor with accessory offices on the 2nd floor and motorcycle repair and maintenance in the basement. The case was adjourned to November 17th. In late October, Harley Davidson requested a postponement to December 15th, which was granted by the Village Board.

October 20, 2015

- The Board approved to amend the Zoning Law Chapter 195 to include a new provision for reimbursable expenses. This provision requires the applicant to pay for expenses incurred by the Village during the application review process and before any building permit, special permit, or variance can be issued. In cases where expenses are minimal, the Board of Trustees may waive, by resolution, this requirement.

SANITATION SCHEDULE CHANGE**Thanksgiving Day****Thursday, November 26**

Garbage for north side POSTPONED
 Newspapers for south side POSTPONED and
 rescheduled to Friday, November 27

Friday, November 27

Garbage collection for entire Village
 Newspapers for south side

Christmas Day**Friday, December 25**

Garbage for south side POSTPONED and
 rescheduled to Saturday, December 26

Saturday, December 26

Garbage collection for south side

New Year's Day**Friday, January 1**

Garbage for south side POSTPONED and
 rescheduled to Saturday, January 2

Saturday, January 2

Garbage collection for south side

Martin Luther King Jr. Day**Monday, January 18**

Garbage for north side POSTPONED and
 rescheduled to Tuesday, January 19

Tuesday, January 19

Garbage collection for entire Village and
 newspapers for north side

President's Day**Monday, February 15**

Garbage for north side POSTPONED and
 rescheduled to Tuesday, February 16

Tuesday, February 16

Garbage collection for entire Village and
 newspapers for north side

- ⇒ Garbage, newspapers, and recyclables cannot be put out before 7 PM on the day prior to pick up.
- ⇒ DPW provides two bulk pick-up operations per week, excluding holidays, on an appointment basis. Call DPW at 354-0064 to schedule a special bulk or e-waste pick up.
- ⇒ Yard waste pick up ends Wednesday, December 2nd.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tues. 11/24	Architectural Review Board 7:30 PM Village Hall
Wed. 11/25	Village Offices Close at Noon
Thurs. 11/26	Thanksgiving Day Village Offices Closed. No Sanitation Pick Up
Fri. 11/27	Village Hall Closed There Will Be Sanitation Pick Up
Tues. 12/1	2016 Resident "R" Parking Permits Can Be Purchased at Village Hall
Tues. 12/1	Village Board Meeting 8:00 PM Village Hall
Sat. 12/5	Village Tree Lighting Ceremony Marcus Christ Hall 3:30 - 4:30 PM
Wed. 12/9	Extended Hours to Purchase "R" Parking Permit at Village Hall 8:45 AM - 8:00 PM
Wed. 12/9	Zoning Board of Appeals 7:30 PM Village Hall
Tues. 12/15	Village Board Meeting 8:00 PM Village Hall
Wed. 12/23	Architectural Review Board 7:30 PM Village Hall
Thurs. 12/24	Christmas Eve Village Offices Close at Noon
Fri. 12/25	Christmas Day Village Offices Closed . No Sanitation Pick Up
Thurs. 12/31	New Year's Eve Village Offices Close at Noon
Fri. 1/1/16	New Year's Day Village Offices Closed. No Sanitation Pick Up
Tues. 1/5	Village Board Meeting 8:00 PM Village Hall
Wed. 1/13	Zoning Board of Appeals 7:30 PM Village Hall
Mon. 1/18	Martin Luther King Jr. Day Village Hall Closed. No Sanitation Pick Up
Tues. 1/19	Village Board Meeting 8:00 PM Village Hall
Wed. 1/27	Architectural Review Board 7:30 PM Village Hall
Tues. 2/2	Village Board Meeting 8:00 PM Village Hall

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Dept of Public Works: 354-0064

(M-F) 9:00AM– 3:00PM

Village Court: 354-6330

Building Department: 354-0022

Fire Department & Ambulance: 742-3300

Village Tax Assessment

Village Grievance Day will take place on Tuesday, February 16, 2016. If you feel your assessment is higher than it should be, you are welcome to meet with the Village Tax Assessor who is available on Wednesdays from 9 AM to 12 Noon. Although an appointment is not required, it is advisable to call ahead. Extended hours will be held on February 16th from 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM and an appointment is required. The Tax Assessor will review your current assessment and compare it to similar houses that have been recently sold in the Village.

If you file an Application for Assessment Adjustment, an inspection of the property will be required to ensure that the Building Department records are up to date. Unlike Nassau County Assessment, which can vary from year to year according to market value, Village assessments are not adjusted unless you make physical changes to your property or you grieve your assessed value.