



# VILLAGE OF NEW HYDE PARK

## OFFICIAL REPORT - SPRING 2016

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### **IMPORTANT PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING**

### **LIRR MAIN LINE EXPANSION PLANS - THURSDAY, MAY 19th 7:30 PM** **THE MARCUS CHRIST COMMUNITY CENTER**

The Village's LIRR Task Force will hold a follow up meeting on Thursday, May 19th at 7:30 pm at the Marcus Christ Community Center located next to Village Hall. The Task Force will share what they have learned and explain how the NYS DOT and the LIRR plan to eliminate the at-grade crossings and the impact that we can expect to see in our community. The Task Force intends to present the plans and renderings provided by the NYS DOT, as well as the traffic patterns that are likely to result both during and after construction. The Task Force will also share the private properties that are likely to be taken by the State of New York to make way for these plans.

The Task Force, along with Mayor Lofaro, has been meeting on a weekly basis with members of the Governor's Office, NYS DOT senior engineers and executives from the MTA and LIRR. The Mayor and Trustees from Garden City have also participated. The NYS DOT has presented several alternatives for removing the at-grade crossing and redesigning traffic flow, while soliciting feedback from the Mayors and the Task Force on the impact each alternative will have to Village life. The Task Force will share the surviving plans and explain the process the Governor is using to fast track this massive project through New Hyde Park. Residents and business owners are urged to become informed of the proposed changes and understand the possible impact to our community. (Please note that the location of this meeting **may be moved** to the New Hyde Park Road School.)

#### **March 3rd Public Information Meeting**

On March 3rd, there was standing room only at The Marcus Christ Community Center as residents, business owners, and local elected officials listened as members of the Village's LIRR Task Force hosted an informational session on the LIRR's proposed plans to install a 3rd track on the Main Line from Bellerose to Hicksville. Governor Cuomo is supporting this plan, which will impact every community along the Main Line. The Task Force is comprised of Village residents Richard Pallisco, Diane Bentivegna, Edward Powers and is chaired by Deputy Mayor Lawrence Montreuil. The Task Force reported on meetings Village Officials had with Governor Cuomo, the LIRR President, and NYS DOT officials in exploring the Governor's plan to add a third track and to eliminate at-grade crossings in New Hyde Park and elsewhere along the Main Line. Residents expressed great concern over how the proposed changes would disrupt the Village as we know it today.



Over a hundred residents and business owners attended and most expressed opposition to the LIRR expansion project.



Members of the Third Track Task Force and Mayor Robert Lofaro listen to concerned residents.



### ***Mayor's Letter to the Residents***

Dear Neighbors,

I have very serious concerns regarding the impact to our Village if Governor Cuomo, the MTA, and the LIRR move forward with their plans to install a third track next to the current two tracks and also depress the roadway on New Hyde Park Road and Covert Avenue so traffic will go under the current tracks at those grade crossings. And what will happen at the South 12<sup>th</sup> Street grade crossing is still in question. When the Governor announced in January 2016 that he was reviving the Third Track Project, the Village Board restated their position of opposition. We believe the disruption to our community would be enormous. However, we also believe the grade crossings need to be eliminated for safety sake, so we listened and provided input on how the traffic flows in the area and the potential impact if they proceed with their plan.

Well, we arrived at that time. The MTA and LIRR are about to present their concepts to the public again, but this time with a redesigned plan. We believe one of four Scoping Meetings to begin the Environmental Impact Analysis will be held on Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at the Inn at New Hyde Park. A day and a night session will be held.

In advance of the Scoping Meeting, the Village of New Hyde Park will hold another Public Information Meeting on Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM at the Marcus Christ Community Center or the New Hyde Park Road School. Please plan to attend. We need your thoughts and input.

In other news, we have issued the Bids for the 2016 Road Improvement Project and the bid opening will be on Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM. We are hoping the prices will be in line with our budget which would be up to about \$2 million.

We adopted the budget for the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year with the lowest tax increase in over 15 years and kept under the Tax Cap for the fifth straight year since its inception. The average home assessed at 5,400 will pay only \$3.78 more a year in Village Tax.

And finally, I like to thank all of the volunteers that helped clean our Village on Community Cleanup Day. Led by Trustee Donna Squicciarino and Beautification Chairman Rich Pallisco, many of the men and boys of Boy Scout Troop 298 worked to make our Village a cleaner place to live, or shop, or visit.

Please feel free to email me at [Mayor@vnhp.org](mailto:Mayor@vnhp.org) and share with me what's on your mind.

Best regards,

***Bob Lafaro***

### ***Village Community Clean Up Day***

The annual Village Community Clean Up Day was held on Saturday, April 23rd. Volunteers included Tr. Donna Squicciarino, Beautification Committee Chairman Rich Pallisco, and members of Boy Scout Troop #298. Working together, this group cleaned and removed trash alongside the LIRR tracks on 2nd and 3rd Avenues. Thanks to all the volunteers who donated their time and energy to this great community effort.

Please consider helping at the 2017 Community Clean Up Day.



## 2016 - 2017 Village Operating Budget

The annual budget hearing was held on Monday, April 4th, immediately following the Annual Organizational meeting. Mayor Lofaro and Village Clerk/Treasurer Hillmann presented the 2016-2017 tentative budget with a proposed total appropriation of \$6,139,686.21 with a proposed tax rate of \$21.50 per \$100 assessed valuation, representing a .62% tax increase. Subsequent to the budget hearing, the Village Board made additional changes to the tentative budget, specifically **decreasing** some expense budget lines which resulted in a lower tax rate of \$21.44 per \$100 assessed valuation or a .34% increase.

At the April 19th Board Meeting, the Village Board unanimously adopted the operating budget for the 2016-2017 fiscal year. And, for the 5th consecutive year, the budget will not exceed the State mandated 2% tax cap. The total appropriation of \$6,125,796.86 represents an increase of \$66,094.35 from last year's budget. The budget authorizes a tax levy of \$4,222,979.86, an increase of \$13,060.35 from last year's budget. This calculates to a tax rate of \$21.44 per \$100 of assessed valuation. This represents a \$0.07 increase from last year's budget, or a .34% increase.

What does all this mean? How does this impact you? The average assessed household in the Village (with an assessed valuation of 5,400) will be required to pay an additional \$3.78 a year in Village tax.

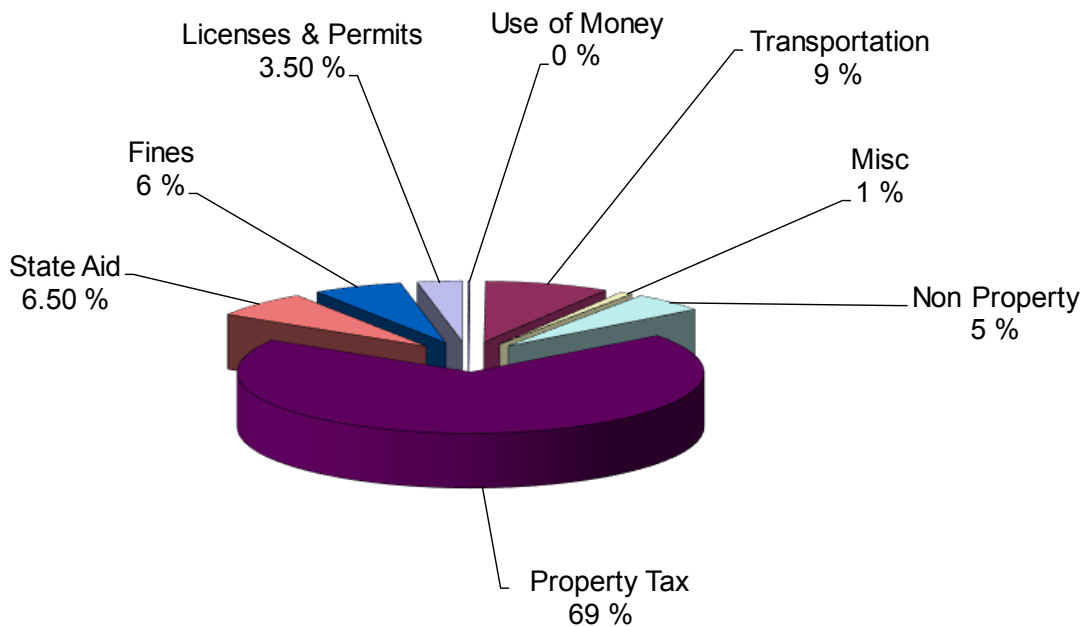
The total Village Assessment Roll as of April 1, 2016 was set at 19,694,216 which is down 4,758 from last year's total assessment of 19,698,974. Other revenue sources in the budget are projected at \$1,902,817 which represents a \$53,034 increase from last year, or about 2.87%.

The Village's calculation for the 2% Tax Cap Limit projects an allowable Tax Levy increase of \$13,060.35 or .31% to be within the guidelines. The adopted budget authorizes a tax levy increase of \$13,060.35 or .31%, which meets the 2% Tax Cap Limit.

### Here are some of the Budget highlights:

- Medical, dental, and vision expenses are projected to be \$825,178, an increase of \$46,855.65 from last year. All employees are now required to contribute between 5% and 20% towards their medical, dental, and vision expenses.
- State Retirement expenses are projected to be \$280,043, a decrease of \$52,612 from last year.
- Worker's Compensation Insurance expenses are projected to be \$164,000, an increase of \$981.10 from last year.
- The decrease to the total Village Assessment Roll of 4,758 represents an decrease in tax revenue of \$1,020.12.
- Claims and Judgments Expense, which is set aside to satisfy Court Settlements for over payments of property taxes, has been decreased by \$8,350.

### Village Budget 2016 - 2017 Revenue



#### CHART LEGEND

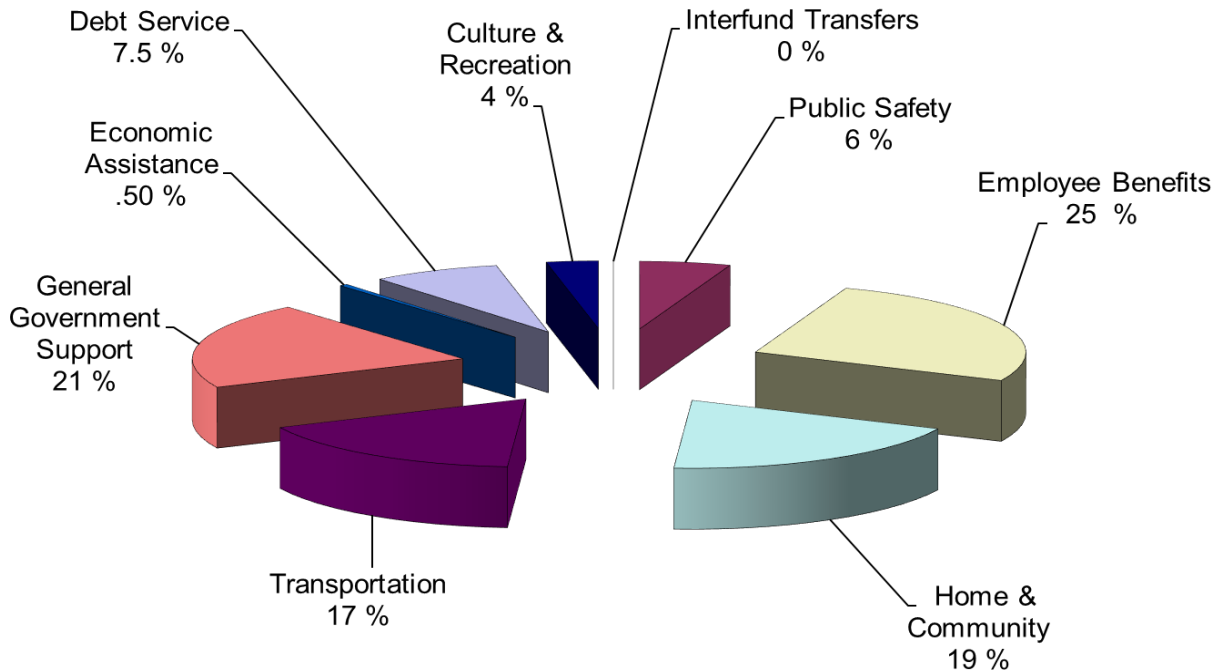
##### Budget Lines

##### Revenues 2016 - 2017

<b>Property Tax Revenue:</b> Property Tax/Interest/Penalties .....	\$ 4,237,979.86
<b>Non-Property Tax Revenue:</b> Electric/Gas/Telephone/Fees/ Cablevision/FIOS .....	316,000.00
<b>Miscellaneous Revenue:</b> Refund Prior Year Expenses/Registrar Fee/ Zoning Fees/ Special Use Permits/Street Fair Income/ Insurance Recoveries.....	61,400.00
<b>Transportation Revenue:</b> Parking Permits/ Parking Meters/ Voucher Parking .....	529,160.00
<b>Use of Money:</b> Interest on Deposits/Rental Marcus Christ Hall .....	5,000.00
<b>Licenses &amp; Permit Revenue:</b> Plumbing/Building/Rental Registration .....	203,300.00
<b>Fine Revenue:</b> Court & Building Fines/Collection Agency.....	375,500.00
<b>State Aid Revenue:</b> Grants/Reimbursement for Road Improvements/ Sales Tax/ Mortgage Tax .....	397,457.00
<b>Total Revenue:</b> .....	<b>\$ 6,125,796.86</b>



## Village Budget 2016 - 2017 Expenses



### CHART LEGEND

#### **Budget Lines**

#### **Expenses 2016 - 2017**

<b>Transportation Expense:</b> Street Maintenance/ Regrade of Roads/ Snow Removal/ Street Lighting/Labor Wages/Gas & Supplies/ Vehicle Expenses/Repairs to Vehicles .....		\$ 1,066,944.51
<b>Gen. Govt. Support Expense:</b> Insurance/Claims/Mailing & Data Processing/ Liability Insurance/Tax Grievances/Contractual Services/Gas & Electric/ Judgments/Village Clerk's Office/Court/DPW Garage & Equipment.....		1,301,484.88
<b>Economic Assistance Expense:</b> Newsletter/Street Fair Personnel/ Printing/Postage .....		28,350.00
<b>Debt Service Expense:</b> Bond Interest/Installments Prior Road Projects .....		462,250.00
<b>Culture &amp; Recreation Expense:</b> Parks Staff, Equipment, Supplies, Repairs/Beautification/Cultural Programs .....		241,307.06
<b>Interfund Transfers Expense:</b> Accrued Liability Reserve .....		0.00
<b>Public Safety Expense:</b> Building Dept/LIRR Lease/Code Enforcement.....		344,794.25
<b>Employee Benefit Expense:</b> SS/Health/Dental/Vision/State Retirement/ Workers Compensation .....		1,505,497.91
<b>Home &amp; Community Expense:</b> Zoning Board Staff/Sanitation Staff/ Diesel/Incineration/New Trees/Tree Removal .....		1,175,168.25
<b>Total Expense:</b> .....		<b>\$ 6,125,796.86</b>

## ***Village Board Meeting Schedule***

The 2016/2017 Board Meeting schedule was announced at the Annual Organization Meeting held Monday evening, April 4th. Board Meetings are a great way to learn about issues and events in our community. Residents are encouraged to attend these public meetings. Board meetings are held on the 1st floor of Village Hall at 8 pm or immediately following a public hearing. There is always time allotted for public input and/or questions. The remaining Board Meeting dates for 2016/2017 are:

<b>May 3, 2016</b>	<b>November 15, 2016</b>
<b>May 17, 2016</b>	<b>December 6, 2016</b>
<b>June 21, 2016</b>	<b>December 20, 2016</b>
<b>July 19, 2016</b>	<b>January 3, 2017</b>
<b>August 16, 2016</b>	<b>January 17, 2017</b>
<b>September 20, 2016</b>	<b>February 7, 2017</b>
<b>October 4, 2016</b>	<b>February 21, 2017</b>
<b>October 18, 2016</b>	<b>March 7, 2017</b>
<b>November 1, 2016</b>	<b>March 23, 2017 (Thur.)</b>

## ***Summer Block Parties***

As we begin to enjoy more time outdoors, now is a good time to talk with your neighbors about planning a summer block party. Block parties are a great way to reconnect and catch up with your neighbors. If you're interested in organizing a block party, you need to submit a completed Block Party Application which includes consent from the majority of residents on the block. Requests must be submitted at least one month prior to the event and are subject to Village Board review and approval (please refer to Board meeting schedule above).

Applications can be found under the Forms tab on the Village website: [www.vnhp.org](http://www.vnhp.org) or at the Village Clerk's Office. Street barriers will be delivered and picked up by the Department of Public Works.

Please be considerate of residents who choose not to participate. And, please remember that all amplified music systems must be shut down by 10 pm on Saturday and 9 pm on Sunday.

## ***Veterans Affairs***

### ***Memorial Day Observance Parade***



The annual Memorial Day Tribute Parade will be held on Saturday, May 28th at 10 am. The parade begins at Lakeville Road and travels east on Jericho Tpke. to Village Hall, where a short solemn ceremony will take place. In tribute to their fallen brothers, the Veterans will lay a wreath at the monument.

The parade will travel a new route from Village Hall to Memorial Park. After leaving Village Hall, the parade will travel north on Central Blvd. to Memorial Park where a service and wreath laying will take place. Residents living in this area need to be mindful that Central Blvd. and all of the intersections leading to Memorial Park will be briefly closed anytime between 10:00 - 11:00 am. The intersections include Washington Avenue thru Lincoln and most of Albert and William Streets.

At this year's ceremony at Memorial Park, you will see the new Veterans monument, enhanced landscaping, and a beautiful new Purple Heart Flag. Materials and labor were generously donated by local merchants and volunteers. We hope you find this a peaceful and serene area to reflect on the sacrifices of Veterans and their families.

The Memorial Day Tribute Parade and Ceremony is a solemn occasion for Veterans. Your presence at the services and along the parade route is a great way to show your support and appreciation to Veterans for their service to our Country. The Village Board, local elected officials, community and service groups will participate. ***We hope you will too!***

The New Hyde Park  
Farmers Market Returns  
Located in the Central Blvd. Parking Lot  
Almost Every Saturday  
June 4 through November 19  
8:00 am - 2:00 pm

Featuring farm fresh produce, honey, artisan breads, jams, coffee, vegan baked goods, milk, cheeses, fresh pasta, sauces, and much more.



Beautification Chairman Rich Pallisco and Tr. Donna Squicciarino with DPW team members Neil Attardi (left) and Rich Sharvin (right). This new Aristocrat Pear tree will add to the green landscape on Premier Blvd.

### *Arbor Day Tree Plantings*



As part of our Village Arbor Day Celebration, on Friday, April 29th members of the newly formed Tree Committee helped the Department of Public Works plant a tree. This is the first of many new trees expected to be planted this spring.

The Department of Public Works has curbside trees ready for spring planting. Please call the DPW at (516) 354-0064 to get placed on the tree planting list. While weather conditions play an important role in determining the schedule, planting is expected to continue through May and resume in the fall. Once your new tree is planted, instructions on the care and maintenance of your new tree will be provided.

Please help enhance the suburban landscape of this community and support the Tree Committee as it seeks to obtain Tree City USA designation for The Village of New Hyde Park. Besides its obvious beauty, trees play an important role in keeping the air clean and cool while filtering out harmful UVA/UVB sun light. Trees help to minimize noise pollution by acting as sound barriers while also providing food and shelter for birds and other wildlife. Please call the DPW today and put your name on the planting list.

### *New Hyde Park Museum*

The New Hyde Park Museum and the Hillside Public Library are holding their first ***Sunday In New Hyde Park*** session. It is the beginning in a series of educational programs for the community - for those who have no knowledge of the history of New Hyde Park and for those who do.

The afternoon educational event will take place on Sunday, May 15, 2016, from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. As arranged with the cooperation of the Hillside Public Library, this event will be held at their facility on 155 Lakeville Road. It will include shared reminiscences about the New Hyde Park that some of us knew. All are welcome to come and bring any articles, artifacts, photos, etc. you would like others to see. For those who are relatively new to New Hyde Park and not too familiar with the history of the area, it is a good opportunity to come and see what everything is all about. You will be glad you did.

One definition of the word “volunteer” when used as a verb is “offer”. As you can see, the New Hyde Park Museum is pressing forward. There are many goals ahead and we are working hard to achieve them. One of our goals is to establish a regular schedule when the Museum will be open to the public. This can only be done by people who wish to donate a few hours each week to help us out. The Museum is located on the second floor of Village Hall, across from the Little League office. Please contact us using any of the options below. We are a strictly volunteer organization. Please give us a very willing hand.

Phone: (516) 515-1837 / Email: [nhpmuseum@gmail.com](mailto:nhpmuseum@gmail.com) / Facebook.com/newhydeparkmuseum



*Carol Nowakowski, President / Mildred Tassone, Vice President*

***Zoning Board, Architectural Review Board, and Village Board Public Hearings******Zoning Board of Appeals:******March 9, 2016***

- 125 South 8th Street - The applicant seeks to alter warehouse space to be used for a fitness studio. Based on the proposed use, 44 parking spaces are required but the site plan only provides 2 spaces. A decision was reserved pending the outcome of a Special Use Hearing on March 15th.

***April 13, 2016*** No new cases on the docket. No meeting was held.***Planning Board:******March 2, 2016***

- 1534 Lowell Avenue - An application to subdivide the property was heard on January 27th and a decision was tabled pending review by the Nassau County Planning Commission. The Commission ruled this matter a local determination and the Planning Board voted to approve the subdivision.

***Architectural Review Board:******March 2, 2016***

- 1534 Lowell Avenue - The architect submitted an updated design and color rendering for a new home to be constructed on the east lot of this subdivided property. As previously requested by the ARB, the new design includes a front porch and a hip roof with eyebrow details to distinguish it from the new home to be constructed on the west lot. The design, materials, and color rendering for the new home was approved.
- 1420 Broadway - Revised design and color renderings for a 2nd floor addition for presented and denied due to concerns with the roof line, the lack of windows on one side, and the enclosed entrance way. The architect will return on March 23rd with a new elevation design and material samples.

***March 23, 2016***

- 1420 Broadway - Revised design, materials, and color renderings for a 2nd floor addition were approved.
- 701 Fifth Avenue - Design plans and materials were approved for a new two story, single family home with a detached two-car garage.
- 701 Lowell Avenue - Design plans and materials were approved for a 2nd story addition.

***Special Use Public Hearings:******March 15, 2016***

- 125 South 8th Street – This application seeks to alter warehouse space to be used for a fitness studio. The Village Board reserved decision pending review by N/C Planning Commission. The Commission ruled this matter a local determination. On April 12th, the Village Board approved the Special Use Application.
- 110 Jericho Tpke - An application to open and operate an automotive equipment installation shop was approved by the Board of Trustees. This approval does not allow auto-body work, spray-booth painting, inspections, or oil changes. The shop will operate Monday through Saturday, 9 am to 6 pm.

***April 19, 2016***

- 706B Jericho Tpke. - The applicant seeks to perform minor interior alterations in order to open and operate an Italian Ice business. The Village Board reserved decision pending review by N/C Planning Commission.

***Public Hearing:******March 15, 2016***

- The Board approved a resolution for the Village Clerk-Treasurer to file an application for Community Development Block Grant Funds to be used for commercial, residential, and streetscape enhancements.

***April 19, 2016***

- The Board considered proposed changes to a local law entitled: Residence Zone Uses to include “Hookah Bar” and “Vape Shop” as adult usage in the Village Industrial Zone upon issuance of a Special Use Permit by the Board of Zoning Appeals.



## 2016 CHILDREN'S SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM

The Village Parks and Recreation Commission is pleased to offer our extremely popular Children's Summer Recreation Program to be held at Memorial Park. Children between the ages of 6 through 12 will be treated to hours of fun and enjoyment. The large shelter at Memorial Park provides a sun-free setting for games and entertainment. Improvements were completed last year at Memorial Park, including reconstruction and resurfacing of the tennis and basketball courts and the walking path around the perimeter of the Park and the Field House.

This Program will be held **Monday through Thursday** for five weeks. Since Monday, July 4th is a federal holiday, the Program begins on **Tuesday, July 5th and will continue an extra day through Friday, August 5th.**

Children will be divided into two age specific sessions. Children ages 6 - 8 will attend the morning session from 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM. Youth between the ages of 9 - 12 will attend the afternoon session from 1:30 PM to 4:00 PM. All program activities will be geared to the appropriate age groups.

The Park Field Office will be closed for lunch between the hours of 12:30 PM and 1:30 PM and there is no supervision available during that time period.

Registration will be held at **Village Hall** on Wednesday, June 22nd from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Please bring a completed application for each child along with **proof of Village residency** (tax bill, utility bill, etc.) A 1 inch by 1.5 inch photo of your child is required. If you have more than one child to register, blank application forms can be obtained at the Village Clerk's Office, on the Village website, or on registration day.

**This program is provided free of charge to Village residents.** Non-village residents in the **New Hyde Park** 11040 zip code are eligible, pending availability, with a \$100 program registration fee per child.

The Village Parks and Recreation Commission is confident that this Program will provide your children with great summer activities and entertainment. We encourage you to have your children participate.

***Where else should our Village children be,  
than playing in our beautiful Parks.***

**2016 CHILDREN'S SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM**

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: (Age as of July 1, 2016) \_\_\_\_\_

Child is in good health, except as listed below.

(Please describe below all allergies, drugs and medications, or any medical problems. If none, state "none"): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Business #: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_

**EMERGENCY CONTACTS:**

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Child: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Child: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT BEFORE SIGNING:**

In the event of a medical emergency, the procedure will be to call the parent or guardian, time permitting, before taking the child to the doctor or hospital. However, when neither parent nor guardian can be reached, the following permission will help ensure prompt attention.

I hereby give my permission for the recreation program leader or designee to transport my child to and from the doctor and or hospital for emergency treatment. I hereby give permission for the recreation program leader or designee to sign any consent that may be necessary to allow hospital personnel and/or any licensed physician to examine my child and perform any emergency treatment, which may be necessary, and to consent to the administration of any drugs or medication necessary to tender such emergency care.

I hereby agree to release the Village of New Hyde Park, members of the Board of Trustees, employees, agents, volunteers, and to hold them harmless and indemnify them for demands, liabilities and causes of actions arising out of or connected to personal injury, illness, death, or property damage resulting from any cause whatsoever other than their own negligence, and for any expenses incurred in the rendering out of any care and treatment so provided.

I understand that in the event of illness, or discipline problem, when in the judgment of the recreation program leader or designee, it is in the best interest of the child to be taken home, I will assume the responsibility for providing transportation home.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

If the program location is changed due to inclement weather, notifications will be made via e-mail. Please provide your current e-mail address: (print clearly): \_\_\_\_\_

### ***Operation Main Street***

This summer, the next phase of work on Operation Main Street is expected to begin. This year's project includes approximately 1,000 linear feet between Hillside Blvd. and Cherry Lane on the north and south side of Jericho Tpke.

The project involves sidewalk replacement (brick pavers to match the previous project east of Hillside Blvd. or a new concrete sidewalk with a 2-foot wide decorative concrete stamp), benches, planters, and bus enclosures. Options still under consideration are the installation of new street trees with iron grates and new decorative street lighting. Depending upon the scope of the final project, construction costs may range from \$450,000 - \$800,000

Three bids for engineering services related to this project were submitted. A bid from the Village Engineers, Dvirka and Bartilucci for \$40,000 was accepted by the Village Board on April 12th. Residents will continue to be updated as details and timelines are finalized.



### ***Air Traffic Over New Hyde Park***

On March 24<sup>th</sup>, Tr. Donald Barbieri and Village residents involved in noise abatement issues attended a meeting hosted by the Eastern Regional Helicopter Association. Also in attendance were fleet owners, pilots, concerned citizens, and representatives from other communities in Long Island. Village representatives Kurt Langjahr and Diane McCarrick joined Tr. Barbieri to request that helicopter pilots do their best to not utilize the track route on days when airplanes fly over the Village. When Runways 22L and 22R at Kennedy Airport are being utilized, both airplanes and helicopters fly over the Village simultaneously and helicopters are forced to fly at a very low altitude to be in compliance with FAA guidelines. We learned from the pilots that, for safety reasons, the track route was utilized by most pilots. Also, we learned that when use of air space is restricted, for example when the President is in town, often the track route is the only option. We believe that our position about using alternative routes when the fixed wing aircraft is directed over the Village was agreed to by most of the individuals attending. We are hopeful that this will result in a conscious effort by the pilots to utilize alternative routes on days when the helicopter would have to fly at the very low altitudes. We are anxious to see if this results in a reduction in helicopter traffic flying over New Hyde Park and we remain hopeful that come this busy travel season, we will see a reduction.

Residents can contact the Eastern Regional Helicopter Council to register a complaint either on their website **[www.erch.org](http://www.erch.org)** or by calling their toll-free complaint hotline: **1 800 319-7410**. Complaints can also be made to the Port Authority at **[www.panynj.gov](http://www.panynj.gov)** or by calling **1 800 225-1071**. To help log, process, and analyze complaints, please provide as much detailed information as possible. For example, every helicopter has specific markings, colors, or symbols that identify the company who operates that particular helicopter. To the extent possible, include this information when registering a complaint. Finally, keep your federal, state, and local elected officials aware of your concerns and don't hesitate to ask their help in resolving this quality of life issue.

### ***Capital Improvement Projects***

#### ***A Financial Update***

Upon completion of two important and necessary capital improvement projects, the Village received disbursements from two NYS Capital Improvement Grants and disbursement from a third state grant is expected shortly.

Rehabilitation at Memorial Park, including new tennis and basketball courts and perimeter walkway cost \$234,502.32. To date, the Village received \$50,000 from one grant and recently submitted a \$150,000 disbursement claim on the second grant.

Drainage improvements at 6th Avenue and South 12th Street cost \$141,000. So far, the Village has received \$134,584.21 from a NYS Transportation Grant. A final disbursement claim totaling \$5,885.54 was submitted in early May.

Senator Jack Martins secured funding for these capital improvement projects. His partnership and support is visibly evident throughout the Village and is very much appreciated.

## ***Summer Concerts in Memorial Park***

Lisa Miranda, the Village Cultural Commissioner, is finalizing a wonderful line-up of talent and family entertainment for this year's Summer Concerts at Memorial Park. As this edition goes to print, three shows are confirmed and plans are underway for possibly two more shows to be held in July and August. We hope you join us at Memorial Park this summer and enjoy a variety of great family shows.

Bring your friends. Bring a chair or blanket. Enjoy a show under the stars. Admission is free.

Memorial Park is located on Lincoln Avenue, west of New Hyde Park Road between William and Albert Street. In case of inclement weather, the show will be held at the William Gill Theatre located on the 2nd floor at Village Hall, 1420 Jericho Turnpike. All shows begin at 7:00 pm.

For more information, please visit [www.vnhp.org](http://www.vnhp.org) or call Village Hall at (516) 354-0022.

***Wednesday, June 22***

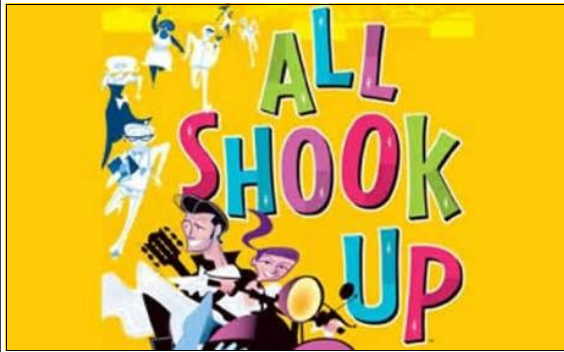
***7:00 PM***

***Captain Jack***

***A musical tribute to***

***Long Island native Billy Joel***

***Sponsored by Maspeth Bank***



***Thursday, July 14***

***7:00 PM***

***All Shook Up***

***A musical revival featuring the  
music of Elvis Presley***

***A Plaza Theatrical Production***

***Thursday, August 11***

***7:00 PM***

***You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown***

***A family friendly musical***

***A Plaza Theatrical Production***





***CALENDAR OF EVENTS***

Tues. 5/17 Village Board Meeting  
8:00 PM Village Hall

**Thurs. 5/19 Informational Public Meeting on the Proposed LIRR Third Track Project The Marcus Christ Community Center 7:30PM**

Sun. 5/22 Adult Boot Camp  
11 AM-12 Noon  
Memorial Park

**Tues. 5/24 LIRR Public Scoping Hearings The Inn at New Hyde Park Day and Evening Sessions Time TBD**

Wed. 5/25 Architectural Review Board  
7:30 PM Village Hall

**Sat. 5/28 Memorial Day Parade 10 AM - 11 AM Lakeville Road to Central Blvd. to Memorial Park Memorial Day Holiday Village Offices Closed No Sanitation Pick Up**

**Mon. 5/30**

Wed. 6/1 Village Tax Payable

Wed. 6/8 Zoning Board of Appeals  
7:30 PM Village Hall

Sun. 6/12 Adult Boot Camp  
11 AM-12 Noon  
Memorial Park

Tues. 6/21 Village Board Meeting  
8:00 PM Village Hall

Wed. 6/22 Registration Children's Summer Recreation Program  
10 AM - 2 PM Village Hall

Wed. 6/22 Architectural Review Board  
7:30 PM Village Hall

Wed. 6/22 **Concert in the Park Captain Jack 7:00 PM Memorial Park Free Admission**

Fri. 7/1 Last Day to Pay Village Tax Without Penalty

**Mon. 7/4 Independence Day Holiday Village Offices Closed No Sanitation Pick Up**

Tues. 7/5 Children's Summer Recreation Program Begins  
Memorial Park

Wed. 7/13 Zoning Board of Appeals  
7:30 PM Village Hall

**Thurs. 7/14 Concert in the Park All Shook Up 7:00 PM Memorial Park Free Admission**

Tues. 7/19 Village Board Meeting  
8:00 PM Village Hall

Wed. 7/27 Architectural Review Board  
7:30 PM Village Hall

Fri. 8/5 Children's Summer Recreation Program Ends

Wed. 8/10 Zoning Board of Appeals  
7:30 PM Village Hall

**Thurs. 8/11 Theatre in the Park You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown 7:00 PM Memorial Park Free Admission**

Tues. 8/16 Village Board Meeting  
8:00 PM Village Hall

**SANITATION SCHEDULE CHANGE****Memorial Day****Monday, May 30**

Garbage for north side **POSTPONED** and  
rescheduled to Tuesday, May 31

**Tuesday, May 31**

Garbage collection for entire Village.  
Newspapers for the north side.

**Independence Day****Monday, July 4**

Garbage for north side **POSTPONED** and  
rescheduled to Tuesday, July 5

**Tuesday, July 5**

Garbage collection for entire Village.  
Newspapers for the north side.

**Labor Day****Monday, September 5**

Garbage for north side **POSTPONED** and  
rescheduled to Tuesday, September 6

**Tuesday, September 6**

Garbage collection for entire Village.  
Newspapers for the north side.

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- Garbage, newspapers, and recyclables cannot be put out before 7 PM on the day prior to pick up.
- The DPW provides two bulk pick up operations each week, excluding holidays, on appointment basis. Call DPW at 354-0064 to arrange for a special bulk or e-waste pick up.
- Electronic waste must be collected separately.
- Please ensure all trash items are secure before placing curbside for pick up. This will help eliminate trash such as papers, boxes, and recyclables from blowing onto your neighbor's property.

***Village Tree Committee***

Members of the Tree Committee (from the left) Lisa Castillo; Diane Chuhron; Mayor Bob Lofaro; Beautification Chairman Rich Pallisco; Tr. Donna Squicciarino; and Nancy Tucker (seated). Missing from the photo is member Bill Morales. Present at the February meeting was Horticultural and Urban Forestry expert Vincent Drzewucki (r) from Cornell University Cooperative Extension of Nassau County. Mr. Drzewucki explained the process involved to get the Village of New Hyde Park **Tree City USA** designation and he provided information on grant programs available to secure the funding needed to purchase new trees. The Committee can use more help and welcomes new volunteers. Please lend your time and talents to this great effort.

**THE 21ST ANNUAL VILLAGE  
STREET FAIR**

**Saturday, September 17th (rain  
date: Saturday, September 24th)**

**10:00 AM - 4:30 PM**

**JERICHO TPKE. FROM NEW HYDE  
PARK ROAD TO COVERT AVENUE**

**Please save the date for this great  
community event.**

**Watch for updates on activities being  
planned.**

## ***2016 Road Improvement Project***

We are moving closer to the start of the 2016 Road Improvement Project. Sealed bids will be opened at Village Hall on Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup> and the winning bid should be awarded at the May 17<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting. If these time frames are met, then the road work should begin by early June. The list of roads to be included in the project are detailed below, along with the add alternatives. This year's road project includes asphalt pavement replacements and may also include driveway aprons, sidewalks, and concrete curb replacements as needed to meet the new street grade.

The cost of this project is estimated at \$2.2 million which includes design and construction. The Village Board of Trustees passed a resolution at the May 3<sup>rd</sup> Board Meeting to issue bonds in the principal amount of \$1.5 million to finance the road project.

The contractor will notify residents living on impacted streets in advance of the construction starting. The Department of Public Works will provide alternative daily parking as needed, although by the end of each day, residents should have access to their driveway. Please call the Department of Public Works with any questions or to seek further information. Updated information on the road project can also be found on the Village website: **[www.vnhp.org](http://www.vnhp.org)**.

<b>Street Name</b>	<b>From Street</b>	<b>To Street</b>
Terrace Blvd.	Jericho Tpke.	Lowell Avenue
Park Avenue	Ingraham Lane	Central Blvd.
Lincoln Avenue	Ingraham Lane	New Hyde Park Road
Brooklyn Avenue	North Second Street	Cherry Lane
North Third Street	Lowell Avenue	Bryant Avenue
North First Street	Brooklyn Avenue	Lowell Avenue
Plaza Avenue	Hoffman Road	New Hyde Park Road
Hoffman Road	Plaza Avenue	Jericho Turnpike
South Fourth Street	First Avenue	Jericho Turnpike
South Second Street	First Avenue	Jericho Turnpike
South Eleventh Street	Third Avenue	Sixth Avenue
Hillside Blvd.	Jericho Turnpike	Brooklyn Avenue

### **Add / Alternates**

Washington Avenue	Ingraham Lane	New Hyde Park Road
North Sixth Street	Brooklyn Avenue	Lowell Avenue
Third Avenue	Baer Place	South 12th Street
Village Hall Parking Lot		

## ***It's Spring Clean-Up Time***

Now that warmer temperatures are finally here to stay, many of us begin the annual ritual of ***spring cleaning***. What a great time to clean inside your home and outdoors too! When cleaning garden beds and property, residents are asked to also sweep up debris and litter that often accumulates along the curb line. Even though the street sweeping operations resumed in early spring, there is only so much that can be accomplished with the street sweeper. Residents and business owners are asked to pitch in and keep their property clean and free of weeds and debris. Being a good neighbor, whether commercial or residential, includes regularly sweeping your property or store front to keep it clean.

***We all benefit from each other's daily property maintenance practice.*** The street sweeping schedule mirrors the leaf pick up schedule. So, if your block has leaf pick up on Monday, then your street is scheduled for sweeping on Monday. Help the sweeper be most efficient. Please do not park your car in front of your house on the day your block is scheduled for street sweeping.



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**Deputy Mayor: Lawrence Montreuil**

**Trustees: Richard Coppola**

**Donald Barbieri**

**Donna Squicciarino**

**Village Clerk's Office: 354-0022**

**(M-F) 8:45AM– 4:15PM**

**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 Property Tax Bills***

The 2016/2017 Village tax bills will be mailed to property owners at the end of May. Tax bills are payable beginning June 1st and must be paid on or before July 1st to avoid a penalty. Payment can be made by mail or in person at the Village Clerk's Office, Monday through Friday, 8:45 am to 4:15 pm.

Taxes can be paid by check, cash, money order, credit card (MasterCard/VISA) or by on-line payment through [www.vnhp.org](http://www.vnhp.org). Please note that certain fees will apply if you choose credit card or on-line payment options. Please call the Village Clerk's Office if you don't receive your tax bill by early June.