



Village of New Hyde Park

Official Report - Spring/Summer 2008



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Mayor's Letter to the Residents



The LIRR Mainline Corridor Improvement Project continues to cast a huge shadow over our community. I feel that we are at a critical juncture in this difficult and unpleasant process. The LIRR has submitted a preliminary DEIS (Draft Environmental Impact Statement) for review by the Federal Government. At this time, by their own estimation, they have a little over \$200 million secured for a project that is currently estimated to cost \$1.5 BILLION. In all of the various presentations that I have been in attendance at over the last several months, there has been no firm indication of how this project will be financed. The funds are contingent on economic conditions and budgetary constraints that are in a state of flux to say the least.

Ms. Helena Williams does an excellent job of putting a pleasant spin on this project for the residents and taxpayers of Nassau County that will pay for and benefit from this project, but in truth, this is a project that is not necessary. The LIRR will survive and continue to provide the present service to its customers without this "improvement". There is a difference between a need and a want and as taxpayers we must make that distinction. In addition to paying for this project in disruptions and alterations in our daily life, we the residents of New Hyde Park are being asked to foot the bill as New York State and United States taxpayers.

Our State Representatives Craig Johnson, Thomas McKevitt, and Thomas Alfano have all voiced their opposition to this project and for that we say thank you. Where is Congresswoman Carolyn McCarthy? Has anyone heard her speak on this issue in our community? Is it a coincidence that the public hearings regarding this project are now scheduled for some time after the November elections? Federal funds

will be used to make this project possible. How is it possible that Ms. McCarthy continues to remain neutral on this extremely important issue? I feel like a broken record, but I am dumbfounded by Ms. McCarthy's stubborn refusal to do her job and fulfill her fiduciary responsibilities to her constituents by voicing her opposition to this unnecessary project. The voices of 10,000 of her constituents have fallen on deaf ears. So on behalf of the 9,000+ residents of New Hyde Park, I am putting Congresswoman Carolyn McCarthy on notice that we will not forget.

Mayor Dan Petruccio

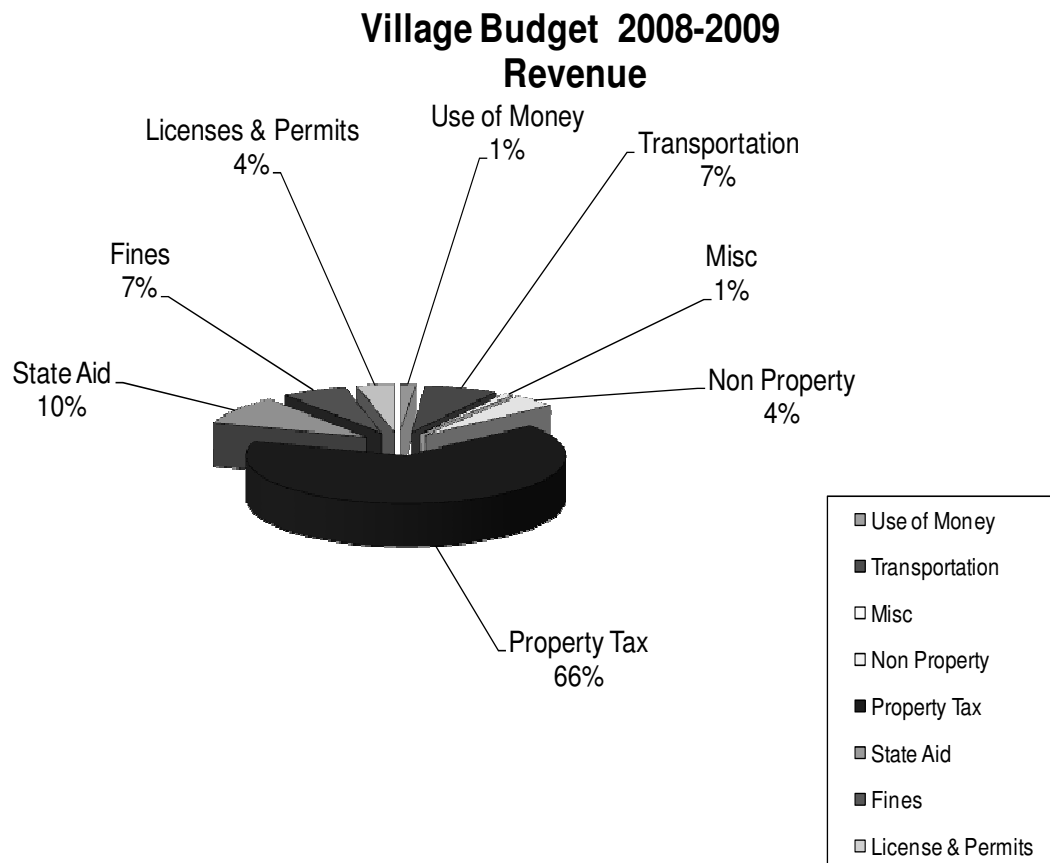
Village Street Fair



The 13th Annual Village Street Fair will be held on **Saturday, September 20th** from 10:00 AM through 4:30 PM. In case the weather doesn't cooperate, we have set aside the following Saturday, September 27, for the rain date. The Street Fair Coordinators have already begun working to orchestrate another exciting Village event. Besides huge community support and presence, the Street Fair attracts thousands of visitors and shoppers from all over Long Island. Village merchants....don't miss this opportunity to promote your business! We hope you sign up and participate in this once a year event. Registration letters and applications are expected to be mailed out in early July to Village merchants, service organizations, and members of the Greater New Hyde Park Chamber of Commerce.

Village Board Adopts New Budget

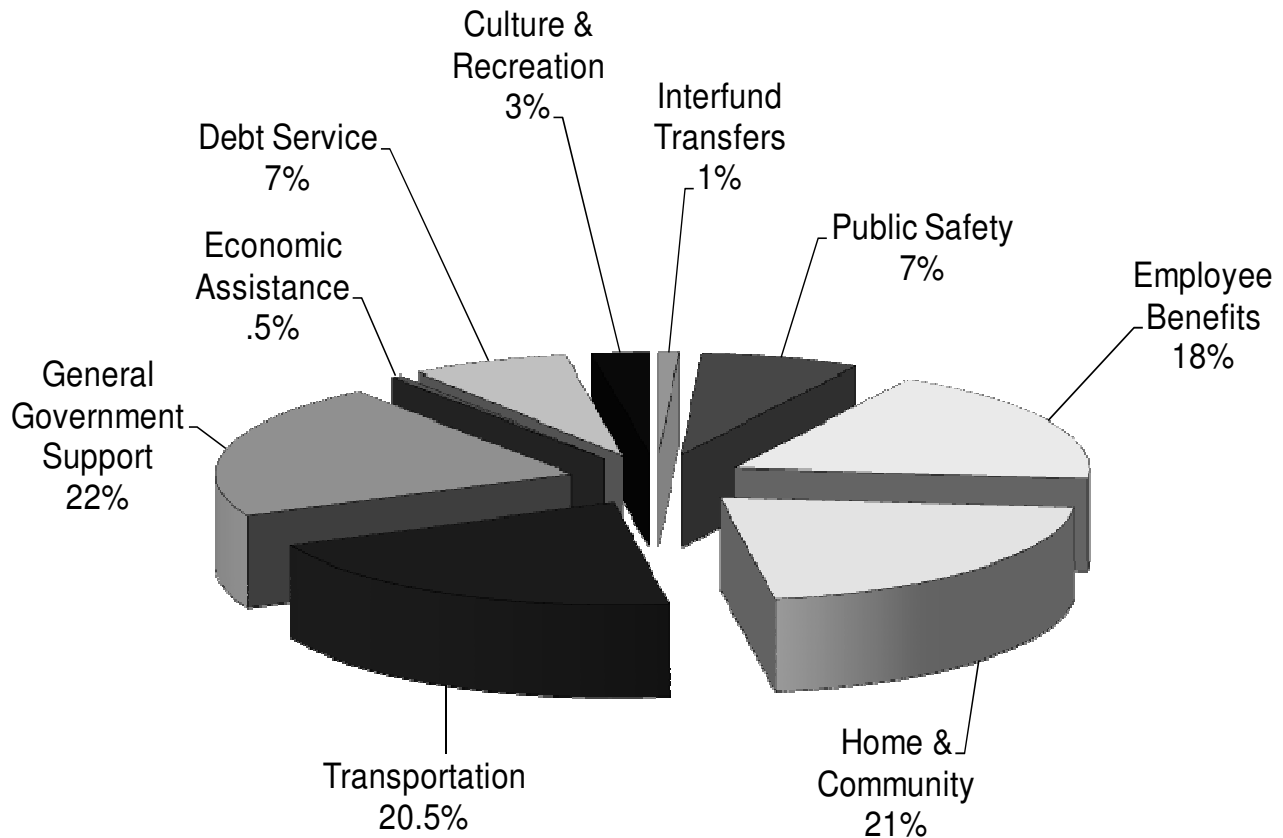
On Tuesday, April 15, the Village Board adopted the new budget for the fiscal year June 1, 2008 to May 31, 2009. The budget provides for total expenses of \$5,348,179 with a tax levy of \$3,484,849 resulting in a tax rate of \$17.23 which is a 2.79% increase over last years 0% change. The Board was able to keep the tax increase to a minimum due to tight expense controls, slower growth rates in NYS retirement and medical benefits, and increased revenue in Court fines.



Property Tax: Property Tax/Interest/Penalties
 Non-Property Tax: Electric/Gas/Telephone/Cablevision
 Miscellaneous: Refund of Prior Year Expenses
 Transportation: Parking Lot/ Meter/Voucher
 Use of Money: Interest on Deposits
 Licenses & Permits: Plumbing/ Building Permits
 Fines: Court Fines/ Collection Agency
 State Aid: Grants

Property Tax:	\$3,513,849
Non-Property Tax:	\$ 236,000
Miscellaneous:	\$ 47,100
Transportation:	\$ 397,000
Use of Money	\$ 76,500
Licenses & Permits:	\$ 200,800
Fines:	\$ 350,500
State Aid:	\$ 526,430

Village Budget 2008-2009 Expenses



Transportation: Street Maintenance/Snow Removal/ Street Lighting
 Gen Govt. Support: Insurance/Claims & Judgments/ Clerk's Office & Court
 Economic Assistance: Newsletter/Printing/ Parade/Street Fair
 Debt Service: Bond Interest/Installments
 Culture & Recreation: Parks Equipment/ Beautification
 Interfund Transfers: Accrued Liability
 Public Safety: Building Department/ Safety Inspection
 Employee Benefits: Social Security/Medical
 Home & Community: Garbage Collection & Disposal/ Tree Trim/Removal

Transportation:	\$ 1,106,155
Gen Govt. Support:	\$ 1,155,008
Economic Assistance:	\$ 24,000
Debt Services:	\$ 383,000
Culture & Recreation:	\$ 138,846
Interfund Transfers:	\$ 50,000
Public Safety:	\$ 388,467
Employee Benefits:	\$ 982,020
Home & Community:	\$ 1,120,683



Veteran's Affairs Memorial Day Parade

The annual Memorial Day Parade will be held on **Saturday, May 24**. The parade begins at 10:00 AM on Hillside Blvd., and will proceed east on Jericho Tpke, north on New Hyde Park Road, then west on Lincoln Avenue to Memorial Park. Services will begin at approximately 10:45 AM at Memorial Field directly following the parade. All residents are invited to join us in honoring those who served our Country.

Parks and Recreation

The Children's Summer Program

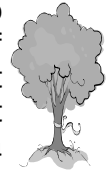
Back by popular demand....the Children's Recreation Program will be held this Summer in Memorial Park. The program runs from July 7 through August 7 and is open to children ages 6 - 12. ***This program is provided free to Village residents.*** Registration will take place on Thursday, June 26 from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. For your convenience, a registration form and detailed information is enclosed.

Resident Alert!

In early March, a private company conducted a mass mailing to homeowners offering to obtain for them, at a very inflated fee, a certified copy of their property deed. As you may know, the Nassau County Clerk's Office records all land transactions and maintains the official record of real property ownership within Nassau County. Copies of these records can be obtained, upon request, at a more reasonable cost. In response to this misleading solicitation, Maureen O'Connell, Nassau County Clerk, immediately alerted homeowners and the media to this scam. Questions pertaining to homeowner property deeds can be referred to the Nassau County Clerk's Office at 571-2664.

Department of Public Works

The Village Board is committed to preserving the beauty and integrity of our suburban landscape. Who doesn't long for the days where every street was lined with trees and where a canopy of green arched over the roads. If your property is in need of a curb-side tree, please call the Department of Public Works and place your name on the list for a new tree. Prior to any planting, the site will be inspected by the DPW to ensure it can support and maintain a healthy tree.



Cultural Committee Summer Concert Series

Lisa Miranda, Village Cultural Commissioner, has done another great job organizing a fabulous line-up of entertainers for this year's Summer Concert Series. The shows and entertainers are sure to delight the entire family. Here's a preview of the shows scheduled this Summer. All shows begin promptly at 7:00 PM in Memorial Park. Please refer to the Calendar of Events enclosed in this Newsletter for additional information and details. Special thanks to Maspeth Savings Bank for sponsoring "***Time Was***" and HSBC Bank for sponsoring "***The Magic of Amore***".

- June 25** - ***Time Was***
- July 11** - ***The Ron Gartner Show***
- July 29** - ***The Emperor's New Clothes***
- August 7** - ***The Sewanaka Adult Education Community Band***
- August 21** - ***The Sewanaka Adult Education Community Band***
- August 26** - ***The Magic of Amore***

Don't miss out! Please come to Memorial Park and enjoy great family shows in the great outdoors. Bring a picnic basket; bring a chair; bring a friend; and enjoy an entertaining night under the stars. ***There is no admission charge to any of these shows.*** In case of inclement weather, please call Village Hall to get updated schedule information.

2008/2009 Village Board Meeting Schedule

The Village Board meetings are a great way to learn about issues affecting our Village. All residents are encouraged to attend. Board meetings typically begin at 8:00 PM and are held in the Courtroom on the first floor of Village Hall. The remaining schedule for 2008/2009 is:

June 17	December 2
July 15	December 16
August 19	January 6
September 16	January 20
October 7	February 3
October 21	February 17
November 6	March 3
November 18	March 19



Village Historian Be A Part of History in the Making

If you have visited Village Hall lately, you no doubt have seen the display of pictures in the hallway which remind us of the early days of our history. Well, now that the Village is 80 years old, we would like to update the images of the community we all love. Perhaps you have in your family collection of photographs some scenes of the neighborhood with an interesting story to tell. We are all excited about preserving this new era of the development of this wonderful Village. New Hyde Park is a great place to live; however, we should never forget the families and businesses that were the pioneers in the early twenties. Remember, our Village only incorporated in 1927. If you have questions, please contact Florence Lisanti, the Village Historian, at 775-4716 or you can visit Village Hall and leave a copy of the photo with the information and Florence will contact you.

Community Development

The Village is about to complete the plans which will enable us to go out to bid for the completion of the Operation Main Street Project on Jericho Turnpike. This phase of the project completes the corner areas and will include new pavers, planters, trees, signage and site furniture. The funding for this project is coming from the Federal Transportation Bill SAFETEA-LU. Congresswoman McCarthy secured up to \$1.6 million in funding for the Operation Main Street Project in this bill. Congress allocates money to fund this bill on an annual basis over five years. We are in "year four" now and closer to knowing the total funding the Village will receive.

The Village is also working with the NYS Department of Transportation to coordinate our project with work they are planning on Jericho Tpke. Although budget problems have changed the start date and scope of the project scheduled by the State for Jericho Tpke, the Village Board expects to see plans from the State shortly. The Village Board will be paying particular attention to improving traffic and pedestrian safety. **Improving the lights at intersections like Covert Avenue and Lakeville Road at Jericho Tpke. will also be a priority.** If things continue to evolve as the Board believes they will, construction on the project should begin in the Summer of 2009.

Finally, this year you will see a new sitting area built across the street from the Hillside Public Library on Lakeville Road. Construction on this new sitting park is expected to begin this Summer. The Village Board wishes to acknowledge and thank Councilman Angelo Ferraro and the Town of North Hempstead Government for their support.

New Hyde Park Auxiliary Police Unit #212

The unit, under the command of Captain John Concannon, participates in many events in our Village such as the recent Little League Parade on April 5th. Four officers from the unit, as well as from the neighboring units, along with the County Police helped control traffic to keep the marchers safe as they paraded along Jericho and other major roads. The unit also has an officer at the NHP Village Justice Court on the first Wednesday of each month to help the two court officers on duty.

During the summer months, you will see uniformed members of the unit at our summer concerts and shows at Memorial Park, directing traffic, and helping people cross to the park. Of course, they patrol the streets of the Village in their marked radio car, which is in direct contact with their headquarters in Mineola. Auxiliary headquarters, in turn, is in contact with the County Police's 911 unit.

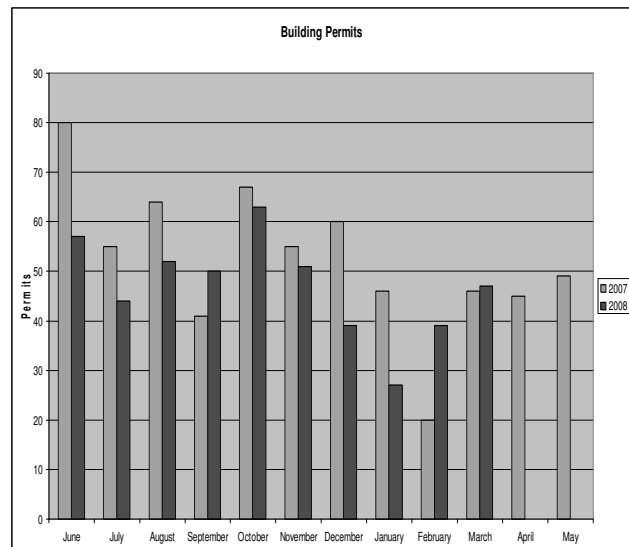
It is interesting that none of the Unit's eight members live in the Incorporated Village. They all come from neighboring villages. If you are interested in giving something back to your Village and being part of this active Village Unit, contact the Nassau County Police Liaison Officer at 516 573-7521. The Unit can always use a few more good men and women.



**Lt. Jim Conroy; Capt. John Concannon;
and A.P.O. Rosemarie Amato in front of
their patrol car.**

Building Department Building Permit Activity

The Building Department is seeing a slight increase in the number of building permits issued on a monthly basis as compared to last year. This is a good sign that New Hyde Park homeowners are continuing to make investments in their homes. This recent up tick in March was a reassuring reversal from prior months permitting activity that were lagging activity in the prior year.



Village building permits are required before work can begin on the following areas: installation of a pool, using a dumpster, demolition, construction, plumbing, electrical work, fences, signs, tree removals, and street openings. Please contact the Building Department at (516) 354-0022 if you would like to file an application fee for a permit, or if you have any questions. Even when a contractor is hired to perform the work, it is the responsibility of the building owner to ensure that the proper permits have been obtained.

Selling or Refinancing Your Home? Procedure for Closing Out Open Permits and/or Legalizing Your Home

When a resident's home is put up for sale or refinanced, the steps that follow usually cause the resident some anxiety. This is triggered by documentation required by the title company or mortgage company to ensure the property is considered legal prior to its sale.

When a title company requests a "Title Report" on a resident's property, this report may reveal violations on the property, usually open permits. These violations can be as simple as an open permit, which was never closed out. Upon inspection of the homeowner's property or by a discussion with the homeowner, it may reveal that work was performed in the home without benefit of a building or plumbing permit. In both cases, it is the responsibility of the homeowner to take the necessary steps to close any open permits or legalize and maintain work already done in the home with a Village permit.

The Building Department will work with the seller to make sure no violations exist on the property before the final sale. The homeowner may be asked to provide the Village with an Electrical Underwriter's Certificate or an updated survey, which may be needed to close out open permits. The Village works with three Electrical Underwriters, and their names and phone numbers will be given to the homeowner for further contact.

A \$75 fee is required to close out each open permit. This fee covers the cost of inspections done by the Building or Plumbing Inspectors, as well as the paperwork required to close out open permits with Certificates of Completion on building alterations or Certificates of Approval on plumbing renovations.

Please feel free to contact the Building Department prior to listing your house on the market. It will certainly give you peace of mind and make your closing run much more smoothly.



Beautification Committee

Decorators....get your houses ready! As announced in the Winter Newsletter, the Beautification Committee is launching a new program to recognize homeowners who take the time and make the effort to decorate their homes for the holidays. The first award is a Village Recognition Certificate to the homeowner who proudly displays the American Flag on Memorial Day. A new American Flag will be given to the homeowner whose home is judged to be the most creatively decorated for the Fourth of July. Good luck to everyone!

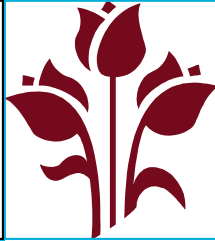


Monica Nadasky, Anthony & Rich Pallisco, Rosemary Hudson, Trustee Montreuil, Deputy Mayor Lofaro, and Yvonne Sherwood spruce up the gardens at Village Hall.



Deputy Mayor Lofaro and Rosemary Hudson clean up at the rail road station.

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**Mayor: Daniel Petruccio
Deputy Mayor: Robert Lofaro
Trustees: Richard Coppola
Donald Barbieri
Lawrence Montreuil**

**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

Property Tax Bill Reminder

Village property tax bills will be mailed on Friday, May 30, 2008 for the 2008/2009 tax period. Tax bills are payable by July 1, 2008 to avoid penalty. Payments can be made by mail or in person at the Village Clerk's Office in Village Hall, Monday through Friday between 8:45 AM and 4:00 PM. Telephone inquiries will continue to be answered, as usual, until 4:15 PM.



<u>SANITATION SCHEDULE CHANGE</u>	<u>CALENDAR OF EVENTS</u>	<u>CALENDAR OF EVENTS, CON'T</u>
<u>Memorial Day</u> <u>Monday, May 26</u> Garbage for North Side POSTPONED and rescheduled to Tuesday, May 27	Wed 5/14 Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting 7:30 PM Village Hall	Fri 7/11 Concert "Ron Gartner Show" 7:00 PM Memorial Park
<u>Tuesday, May 27</u> Garbage collection for entire Village and newspapers for North Side.	Tues 5/20 Village Board Meeting 8:00 PM Village Hall	Tues 7/15 Village Board Meeting 8:00 PM Village Hall
<u>Independence Day</u> <u>Friday, July 4</u> Garbage for South Side POSTPONED and rescheduled to Saturday, July 5	Sat 5/24 Memorial Day Parade 10 AM Jericho Tpke. to Memorial Park	Fri 7/25 Youth Night 6 PM William Gill Theatre
<u>Saturday, July 5</u> Garbage for South Side and Jericho Tpke. Only	Mon 5/26 Memorial Day Village Offices Closed No Garbage Collection	Tues 7/29 Concert "The Emperor's New Clothes" 7:00 PM Memorial Park
<u>Labor Day</u> <u>Monday, September 1</u> Garbage for North Side POSTPONED and rescheduled to Tuesday, September 2	Fri 5/30 Village Tax Bills Mailed Youth Night 6:00 PM William Gill Theatre	Thur 8/7 Concert "The Sewanaka Adult Education Community Band 7:00 PM Memorial Park
<u>Tuesday, September 2</u> Garbage collection for the entire Village and newspapers for North Side.	Wed 6/11 Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting 7:30 PM Village Hall	Wed 8/13 Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting 7:30 PM Village Hall
ALL OTHER COLLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK REMAIN UNCHANGED	Tues 6/17 Village Board Meeting 8:00 PM Village Hall	Tues 8/19 Village Board Meeting 8:00 PM Village Hall
	Wed 6/25 Concert "Time Was" 7:00 PM Memorial Park	Thur 8/21 Concert "The Sewanaka Adult Education Community Band 7:00 PM Memorial Park
	Thur 6/26 Registration Children's Summer Rec Program 10 AM-1 PM Memorial Park	Tues 8/26 Concert "The Magic of Amore" 7:00 PM Memorial Park
	Fri 6/27 Youth Night 6:00 PM William Gill Theatre	Fri 8/29 Youth Night 6:00 PM William Gill Theatre
	Tues 7/1 Last Day to Pay Village Tax Without Penalty	Mon 9/1 Labor Day Village Offices Closed No Garbage Collection
	Fri 7/4 Independence Day Village Offices Closed No Garbage Collection	Wed 9/10 Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting 7:30 PM Village Hall
	Mon 7/7 Children's Summer Rec Program Memorial Park	Tues 9/16 Village Board Meeting 8:00 PM Village Hall
	Wed 7/9 Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting 7:30 PM Village Hall	Sat 9/20 Village Street Fair 10 AM - 4:30 PM Jericho Tpke. from Covert Ave to New Hyde Park Road Rain date 9/27



SUMMER CONCERTS IN THE PARK AT MEMORIAL PARK



Lincoln Avenue, west of New Hyde Park Road between William and Albert Streets



**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25
7:00 PM**

*Maspeth Savings Bank
presents the music of
"TIME WAS"*

Sing along to the songs from the
50's and 60's

(In the event of rain, the show will take place in
Marcus Christ Hall that evening)

**FRIDAY, JULY 11
7:00 PM**

"THE RON GARTNER SHOW"

*Three Great Shows...
One Great Entertainer
Songs from the glory days of
Las Vegas, American
Bandstand and Motown*



(Rain date: Monday, July 14)

**TUESDAY, JULY 29
7:00 PM**

**PLAZA THEATRICAL PRESENTS
"THE EMPEROR'S NEW CLOTHES"**

(Rain date: Wednesday, July 30)

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 7
7:00 PM**

*The Contemporary Sounds of
"THE SEWANAKA ADULT EDUCATION
COMMUNITY BAND"*

(No Rain Date)

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 21
7:00 PM**

*The Contemporary Sounds of
"THE SEWANAKA ADULT EDUCATION
COMMUNITY BAND"*

(No Rain Date)



**TUESDAY, AUGUST 26
7:00 PM**

*Enjoy the magic and illusions of
"THE MAGIC OF AMORE"*

*Sponsored by HSBC Bank,
Robert J. Valli, Vice President*

(Rain Date: Wednesday, August 27)

VILLAGE OF NEW HYDE PARK

CHILDREN'S SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM

The Village Parks and Recreation Commission is offering 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 in this exciting program. The large shelter at Memorial Park will allow for a sun-free setting for games and entertainment.

The Program will run Monday through Thursday for five weeks beginning on Monday, July 7 through Thursday, August 7. 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 activities will be geared to the appropriate age groups. The Park Office will be closed for lunch between the hours of 12:30 PM and 1:30 PM and no supervision will be available during that period.

Registration will be held at the **Memorial Park Field House** on **Thursday, June 26 from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM.** Please bring a **completed application** for each child along with **proof of residency** (tax bill, utility bill, etc.) A 1 inch by 1.5 inch photo of your child is also required. If you have more than one child to register, blank application forms will be available on the day of registration. The Program will be open to non-village residents in the 11040 zip code area on an "as available" basis only and non-residents will be charged a nominal fee of \$50 per child.

The Village Parks and Recreation Commission is sure this Program will provide your children with some great summer entertainment and encourage you to have your children participate.

Where else should our Village children be, than playing in our terrific parks.



**VILLAGE OF NEW HYDE PARK
CHILDREN'S SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM
2008 REGISTRATION FORM**

-PLEASE PRINT -

Child's Name: _____

Child's Address: _____

Date of Birth: (Age as of July 1, 2008) _____

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 Inc. 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.

Date: _____ **Print Name:** _____ **Parent/Guardian Signature:** _____