



VILLAGE OF NEW HYDE PARK

OFFICIAL REPORT

FALL 2009



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A Message from Mayor Dan

There is a bigger picture of issues and discussions going on outside of New Hyde Park that will impact us directly. You may have read about it lately in the newspapers, it's called the Lighthouse Project. Not unrelated to the 9010 Project in the sense that it is all about development. There are a number of questions I have as a local Mayor that have not been addressed:

- Why develop more business opportunities in an area when we still have vacancies up and down Jericho Turnpike, not only in New Hyde Park, but also in Floral Park, Mineola, and other communities. I don't see this dramatic need for business development.
- What about the impact this will have on surrounding communities.
- The County Executive continues to press the need to grow the size of Nassau County. Is the need to grow tied to the expansion of County Government and the additional staffing added over the last few years?

I am not too sure that this initiative toward expansion is not directly related to the recent legislation in the State to allow for the dissolution of local Villages. I see a bigger picture here. One of the things that stops plans from County Executive Suozzi and others at that level of government, is they still have to go to local municipalities and get approval for projects that would impact Villages and Townships. Villages and Towns still have autonomous home-rule when it comes to what is placed in their communities. And I'm sure this irritates the "Master Planners" of the world who have a bigger picture of what **they think** is best for us. I think we always have to keep our eye

on this fact and their grandiose plans.

There are Villages that reside in all the communities where County Executive Suozzi is planning to make these changes. We still have the final say – that is unless he finds a way to dissolve us, which would not surprise me. There is a lot of argument coming that the Town of Hempstead is dragging its feet. But the Town's job is to make sure that a project of the magnitude of the Lighthouse Project does not impact the local municipalities in terms of sanitation, drainage, and transportation. If you have ever driven on Old Country Road during the holiday season then I ask you; how are we going to accommodate the tens of thousands of cars that will be added to the traffic on the Meadowbrook Parkway.

There is a catch phrase which is used in municipal planning, "smart growth". When I consider the benefits and the burdens associated with this project, I can't see how the benefits outweigh the burdens. As with everything else I write, these comments reflect my personal opinion and take into consideration the needs and concerns of my community.

On a more positive note, the plans are in for our anticipated renovation of Village Hall. I would like to thank State Senator Craig Johnson for his continued generous support of this project. His recent \$250,000 grant, combined with previous funding he has made available to us, has made this project a reality. The plans are available for review in Village Hall and we hope the newly renovated areas of the Hall will help us provide better services and programs for our residents.

Mayor Dan Petruccio

Beautification Committee

Members of the Beautification Committee, volunteers, and members of Boy Scouts Troop 298 gathered on Saturday, October 2nd to plant mums and decorate for the Fall season.

The next Beautification effort will be held on Saturday, November 21st. Volunteers are needed and will be kept busy planting bulbs around Village Hall and throughout the Village. As always, gardening tools and light refreshments will be available. Your help is always needed and always appreciated. Volunteers are asked to meet in the Village Hall Parking Lot at 10:00 AM on Saturday, November 21st.



Have you noticed lately how beautiful the Village Hall gardens and grounds look? Thanks to Rich Pallisco and his team of volunteers for their vision, talent and green thumbs. Certainly, the DPW grounds crew are to be commended for their weekly maintenance of the entire Village Hall grounds. We hope you consider volunteering at the next beautification event.

Purchase your "R" permit Tuesday evening, December 15. The Village Clerk's Office will remain open until 8:00 PM this one night only.

RESIDENT PARKING PERMITS GO ON SALE

The Resident "R" Parking Permits can be purchased beginning on Monday, December 7 at the Village Clerk's Office from 8:45 AM through 4:15 PM. To accommodate more residents this year, the Village Clerk's Office will extend their hours on Tuesday, December 15 and remain open from 8:45 AM – 8:00 PM. In order to obtain a parking permit, residents must present a current driver's license and car registration that reflects their Village address. The 2010 "R" parking permit must be affixed to your car by January 1, 2010 to ensure compliance to Village parking codes. The fee remains unchanged at \$50 for the calendar year and only cash or checks can be accepted. If you have any questions, please call the Village Clerk's Office at 354-0022.

Village Tax Assessment

Village Grievance Day will be held on February 16, 2010. If you feel your assessment is higher than it should be, you are welcome to meet with the Village Tax Assessor who is available every Wednesday from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Although an appointment is not required, it is advisable to call ahead. The Assessor can review your current assessment and check it against similar houses that have been recently sold in the Village.

If you feel your situation warrants an adjustment, you can file an Assessment Adjustment Application. Unlike Nassau County Assessment, which varies from year to year with the Market Value, Village assessments are not adjusted unless you make physical changes to your property or grieve your assessed value.

Holiday Tree

Lighting Ceremony



The annual holiday tree lighting ceremony will take place on Saturday, December 5th from 3:30 - 4:30 PM.

Lisa Miranda, the Cultural Commission Chairperson, is finalizing the details to ensure that it will be a great event. "The Magic of Amore" is scheduled to perform and light refreshments will be served.

The holiday tree lighting has become a family tradition for many and we hope that you can join us to continue the tradition. We would like to thank State Bank of Long Island for their continuous sponsorship of this event. Please join us in Marcus Christ Hall at 3:30 PM. Once dusk falls, the party moves outside for holiday songs and the tree lighting.

Village Youth Group



The Village Youth Group will host its annual holiday party on Friday, December 18th from 6:00 to 11:00 PM. The party will be held at Marcus Christ Hall and will feature holiday treats, music, and games. For more information, please call the Village Clerk's Office at 354-0022.

Summer Concert Series

Musical tributes to Rod Stewart and to Billy Joel; a theatrical production of Willy Wonka; an outdoor screening of the highly popular High School Musical 3; and musical entertainment from a local band, Afro Red made this year's summer concert series a success. Lisa Miranda put together a great line-up of talent and entertainment. Although the weather did not always cooperate with our outdoor plans, Marcus Christ Hall served as the staging area for a number of these events.

A special thanks to Lisa Miranda for all her efforts to coordinate and orchestrate the summer concert series. Maspeth Savings Bank sponsored the Rod Stewart tribute band. We appreciate their generosity and support for this and other Village events. Last, but certainly not least, thanks to the DPW team for their work in preparing the park grounds; assembling the stage; and cleaning up after these events. If you have never attended a summer concert, we encourage to consider attending next year. Where else can you enjoy a night out, and be entertained, all for free in beautiful Memorial Park.



Paul Egan (left), Mike Palermo & Karen Burke (center) from Maspeth Savings Bank, and Lisa Miranda (right) enjoy a few moments with members of the Rod Stewart tribute band before the concert began.



It was standing room only in Marcus Christ Hall for the talented Rod Stewart tribute band.

Parks and Recreation - Children's Summer Recreation Program

It was another record year for the Children's Summer Recreation Program. There were 150 children registered this year. Children were delighted with a daily array of arts and craft activities, sports, and board games which kept them very busy. Patricia Sheridan and Joanne Bartaloni did another fabulous job this year in organizing the program. Guiding the children and their activities were a team of enthusiastic, energetic, and spirited counselors who made every day enjoyable and safe for our children.



The end of season pizza & ice cream party is always a lot of fun. This is one happy group of children.



What a team - kudos to the counselors and program managers who make the program a success, year after year.

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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

VETERAN'S AFFAIRS

At the 11th hour, on the 11th day of the 11th month of the year, Americans across the nation will pay honor and tribute to all veterans who serve heroically in the military to protect our families and preserve our freedoms. The Village will host a ceremony on the front lawn of Village Hall on November 11th at 11:00 AM. All guests are asked to assemble no later than 10:45 AM.

Please always remember the men and women in our armed services, especially the members who are serving overseas and at home.

The 14th Annual Village Street Fair - Another Successful Event!
The Weather Did Not Dampen the Spirit of This Village.



Thanks to Dan Bailey, DPW and the NHP Fire Department, we have a new aerial shot for next year's Street Fair marketing and promotional material.



The 2009 Street Fair Planning Team (clockwise from the back) Greg Romano, DPW; Mike Ciuffo, Ron Chisena & Tony Ciuffo, Craft-A-Fair; Janet Bevers, Village Clerk's Office; and Jeanette Frisena, MarketPlace.

The updated headline on the Village website said it best..... **WITH A 60% CHANCE OF RAIN, WE ARE BETTING ON THE 40% IT WON'T.** Deputy Mayor Lofaro coined this phrase after DPW Supt. Jim McCloat made the difficult decision on Friday afternoon to proceed with the Street Fair. Regardless of the dreary and unfavorable weather reports, Supt. McCloat remained optimistic that the skies would cooperate for our merchants, vendors and visitors. Despite the cloudy and sometimes threatening skies, the rain held off until the fair had ended. There were 217 street vendors selling everything from jewelry, homemade crafts, clothes and assorted novelty items. Village merchants and Chamber of Commerce members who chose to participate experienced a great opportunity to sell their products and services to thousands of visitors throughout the day. A wide selection of food merchants and vendors kept the crowds happy and satisfied. Once again, many of our Village merchants were creative and generous with their displays and product give-a-ways. Yorkshire Foods sent Peppy the Owl to give out hundreds of free snack bags and beach balls. Long Island Checker Cab came back again this year with an ice cream truck full of delicious ice cream bars. They sold each ice cream bar for \$1 and then donated the proceeds to the Village Youth Group. First time participants, GPM Lawn Sprinkler, fired up their grill and gave samples to all who stopped by their display.

Organizing an event of this magnitude requires a number of talented folks who are willing and able to be true team players. Greg Romano, Department of Public Works, and Janet Bevers, Village Clerk's Office, worked with Tony Ciuffo and Ron Chisena from Craft-A-Fair and Jeanette Frisena from the Market Place to coordinate and execute all aspects of running this event. Everyone on the team contributed and the results are obvious. A special thanks to our POP Officer Nick Mosesso, Officers from the 3rd Precinct, the Nassau County Mounted Police Unit and members of the Auxiliary Police for their support and patrols throughout the day. They all provided help with traffic control and their presence contributed to the peaceful and orderly nature of the Fair. Last, but certainly not least, thanks to all our fine residents for their support and cooperation throughout the day. Inviting thousands of visitors into our community can bring parking, traffic, and congestion challenges. However, your cooperation and flexibility helps ease these challenges and demonstrates what a great community this is to live and to work!



The generous folks at Milena's Garden Center always contribute to Village Beautification efforts.



Long time residents and business owners Eileen & Ronnie Wysel from Bobb Howards celebrate their 63rd business anniversary.



Long Island Checker Cab donated all proceeds from their ice cream truck to the Village Youth Group. Councilman Angelo Ferrara stops by to visit with Jeri Quibell & Ed Wyant.



Anthony Varone, Barry Wilson, and Ray Liappa from GPM Sprinkler fired-up their barbeque and offered free samples throughout the day.



Village merchant Evy Gomez offered children fun activities to showcase her new business Fun Kidz on the Block.



Gino's Restaurant was busy throughout the day. That's Joe DePaulis working the front tent.



Aurora and Gina Hirschfeld, business partners, sisters and new owners of The Sundae Palace, display their delicious home-made chocolates and other sweet treats.



Don't mess with this group of students from John Chung Tae Kwon Do. Pictured 2nd to the rear left is owner and teacher Howard Chung.



SANITATION SCHEDULE CHANGE

Election Day

Tuesday, November 3

Garbage for South Side and newspapers for North Side **POSTPONED** and rescheduled to Wednesday, November 4

Wednesday, November 4

Garbage for South Side, newspapers for North Side, recycling and yard waste entire Village

Veteran's Day

Wednesday, November 11

Recycling and yard waste **POSTPONED** and rescheduled to Thursday, November 12

Thursday, November 12

Garbage for North Side, newspapers for South Side, recycling and yard waste entire Village

Thanksgiving Day

Thursday, November 26

Garbage for North Side and newspapers for South Side **POSTPONED** and rescheduled to Friday, November 27

Friday, November 27

Garbage for entire Village and newspapers for South Side

Christmas Day

Friday, December 25

Garbage for South Side **POSTPONED** and rescheduled to Saturday, December 26

Saturday, December 26

Garbage for South Side

SANITATION SCHEDULE CHANGE

New Years Day

Friday, January 1, 2010

Garbage for South Side **POSTPONED** and rescheduled to Saturday, January 2

Saturday, January 2

Garbage 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 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 for entire Village and newspapers for North Side

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tues 11/3

Election Day

No Garbage Collection

Thur 11/5

Village Board Meeting

8:00 PM Village Hall

Wed 11/11

Veteran's Day

Village Offices Closed

No Garbage Collection

Thur 11/12

Board of Zoning Appeals

7:30 PM Village Hall

Tues 11/17

Village Board Meeting

8:00 PM Village Hall

CALENDAR OF EVENTS, CON'T

Thur 11/26

Thanksgiving Day

Village Offices Closed

No Garbage Collection

Fri 11/27

Village Hall Closed

Tues 12/1

Village Board Meeting

8:00 PM Village Hall

Sat 12/5

Holiday Festivities & Tree

Lighting 3:30 - 4:30 PM

Mon 12/7

Purchase 2010 "R" Parking

Permits - Village Hall

Wed 12/9

Board of Zoning Appeals

7:30 PM Village Hall

Tues 12/15

Village Board Meeting

8:00 PM Village Hall

Village Clerk's Office

extended hours to purchase

of "R" parking permits

8:45 AM - 8:00 PM

Fri 12/25

Christmas Day

Village Offices Closed

No Garbage Collection

Fri 1/1

New Year's Holiday

Village Offices Closed

No Garbage Collection

Tues 1/5

Village Board Meeting

8:00 PM Village Hall

Mon 1/18

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Village Offices Closed

No Garbage Collection

Tues 1/19

Village Board Meeting

8:00 PM Village Hall

Tues 2/2

Village Board Meeting

8:00 PM Village Hall

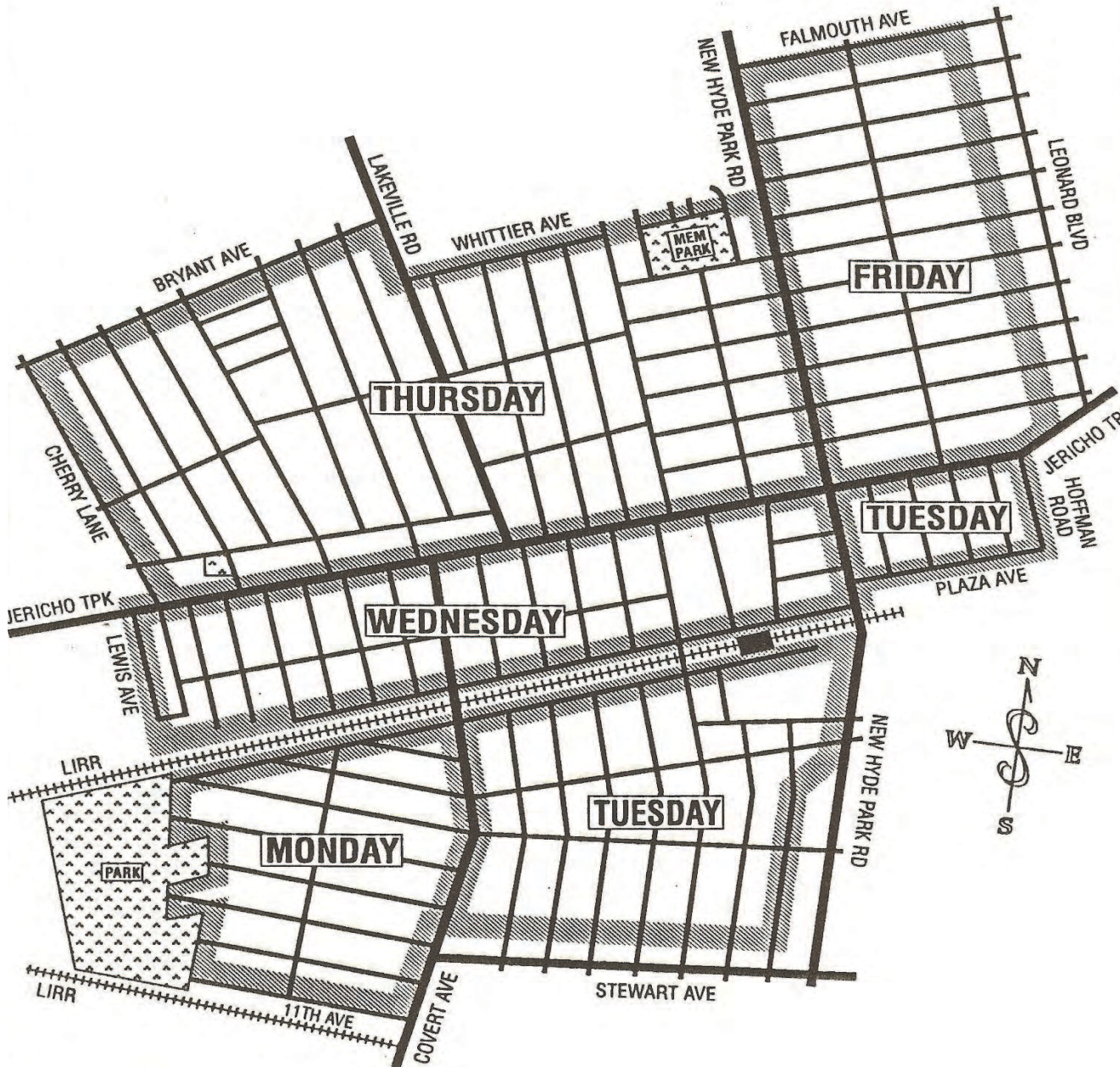
Mon 2/15

President's Day

Village Offices Closed

No Garbage Collection

LEAF COLLECTION SCHEDULE FALL 2009



Please refer to this map to determine the day leaves will be collected on your block.

Once the leaves begin to fall, the road crews will be out with the street sweeper or with the leaf collection equipment. Residents are asked to rake the leaves into the street on the day before their scheduled leaf pickup and the Department of Public Works will sweep or vacuum the leaves away.

**No bagging, no fuss,
no mess!**