



# VILLAGE OF NEW HYDE PARK

## OFFICIAL REPORT

FALL 2010



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### **A Message from Mayor Dan**



I sit down to write this article for the newsletter on the heels of our 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Street Fair and I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who makes that day so successful and enjoyable. Patrick, Janet, and the office staff field endless questions for weeks leading up to the event. They handle the placement of the different civic participants and they work with Tony Ciuffo to coordinate the location of the hundreds of vendors. Jim McCloat, Eddie Kotarski, and the crew from DPW take pride in how the Turnpike looks on the day of the Street Fair. For Village employees, this is really a labor of love. For the people that work in the Village, this is more than a job. They do what they do well, because they love what they do and it showed on that beautiful September Saturday. Two of the members of that family worked their last Street Fair and, in an appropriate coincidence, they will retire together at the end of this year after serving this Village for over 60 years combined. With the departure of Eddie and Jim and last year's retirement of Mark Farina, the Village has some huge holes to fill. It will be a challenge for the rest of us to help continue the tradition of "Community Pride" that has been a long standing fixture under the leadership of Jim McCloat and Eddie Kotarski. The Village Board is in the process of deciding how best to try and replace Jim and Eddie down at the garage.

Things just seem different these days at Village Hall. The Board is facing some of its' greatest challenges in the ten years that we have been working as a team. The budget ending May 31<sup>st</sup> shows a shortfall on several key revenue items. It has been a focus of this Board over the last ten years to get a handle on expenses and set up a disciplined spending strategy for roadwork, equipment purchases and capital projects. We have tapped into a wide range of alternative revenue sources to fund our projects. In cooperation with our State and Federal representatives, we have collaborated on some exciting projects like Operation Downtown, The William Gill Theater renovation, and various projects in the parks.

This past year has been the equivalent of the "perfect storm" for our financials. We took several hits on the expense side which are not in our control. The State pension contribution and health insurance costs rose disproportionately and at the same time the mortgage recording tax, parking revenues, court revenues, interest on deposits and several other lines came up short. We are addressing this shortfall with some stringent limitations on spending in this year's budget.

We are exploring every avenue that can help us fill the gap left in this year's budget. I am confident that this Board is capable of bringing this Village through the future turbulent financial waters in good shape. We are committed to providing the services that our residents have grown to expect; just doing it more prudently and efficiently. Financially we are on sound footing but we would like to be better. Our financial approach has always been conservative and we will continue to maintain that type of discipline going into the New Year. We will continue to update you regarding our progress.

*Mayor Dan Petruccio*

### **Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony**

The annual holiday tree lighting ceremony will take place on Saturday, December 4th from 3:30 - 4:30 PM. Lisa Miranda, the Cultural Commission Chairperson, always plans a great event sure to please everyone. "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 residents and we hope that you can join us this year. Once again this year, State Bank of Long Island will sponsor this fun family event. Please join us in Marcus Christ Hall at 3:30 PM. Once dusk falls, the party moves outdoors for holiday songs and the tree lighting.

## The 15th Annual Village Street Fair A Win on All Fronts...Weather, Attendance, Exhibits, Food, Fun

The Village was treated to a "picture perfect" day to host its 15th Annual Village Street Fair. Finally, after three years of uncertain weather, we in Village Hall were delighted to hear of sunny, warm skies coming our way for Saturday, September 25th. Our partners at Craft-A-Fair did a wonderful job again this year in assembling over 215 jewelry, craft, food, and clothing vendors. Special thanks to Tony Ciuffo and his Craft-A-Fair team for their hard work and efforts on our behalf. This year marked the beginning of what may become a new tradition...a car show. NY Auto Fest provided an assortment of hot-rods, classic cars, and vintage trucks along Lakeville Road. The Village merchants who participated this year did a great job promoting their products and services through displays, free give-a-ways and special discounts. Organizing this large event requires the commitment and dedication of many people who are willing and able to work as a team. Janet Bevers, Street Fair Coordinator, partnered with Greg Romano, Department of Public Works to organize, facilitate, and execute a very large undertaking. The support the Village receives from the Nassau County 3rd Precinct, Auxiliary Police, and the Mounted Police is immeasurable and we cannot thank them enough. Finally, a very special thank you to all residents for their patience, cooperation and welcoming nature. There were thousands of visitors in our Village on Saturday who witnessed first-hand community spirit.



With the assistance of the NHP Fire Department, Dan Bailey, Department of Public Works, captured these aerial photos of the Fair.



Trustee Larry Montreuil, Deputy Mayor Bob Lofaro, Mayor Dan Petruccio, Trustee Rich Coppola, and Trustee Don Barbieri in front of Village Hall.



Nassau County Legislator Rich Nicoletto (right) and Assemblyman Tom McKeivitt (center) take a moment to check in with POP Officer Nick Mosesso (front) and Officer Kevin Sikorski. Thanks in large part to our partners at the Nassau County Third Precinct, there were few reported incidents. What an accomplishment, considering the record number of visitors that attended this year's Fair!!



## The 15th Annual Village Street Fair

### An enjoyable day for all....merchants, organizations, and visitors



Casa del Dolce, 1200 Jericho Tpke., opened its doors in September. Owner Alexandria Pironi and her family are pictured with the Village Board, Nassau County Legislator Rich Nicoletto and Assemblyman Tom McKeivitt.



Resident and Village merchant Dan Wesler outside of his new store: Bobby Wally's Toy Store located at 1200 Jericho Turnpike.



Angie Chen, owner of The Asian Buffet, and her brother Jack, offered free samples of their cuisine.



Members of the New Hyde Park Little League sold a record number of cold water bottles at their booth this year.

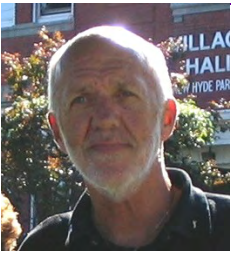


Superintendent Jim McCloat and his team get ready to begin the post fair clean-up. The set-up and clean-up operation runs smoothly because of their dedication and hard work.



The winner of the 1st Annual Mayor's Trophy...a 1953 Buick Super 8. Mayor Petruccio presents the award to owner Gary Rabinowitz from Upper Brookville.





## Happy Retirement

**Jim McCloat and Edward Kotarski**

***Thank you for your many years of service and dedication to the Village. This December, the Village Family bids a fond farewell to its two longest and hardest working members. We wish them happiness, health, and joy in their future endeavors.***



James J. McCloat came to the Village of New Hyde Park when he was appointed Superintendent of Public Works on December 2, 1985 after a long and successful career as a General Chairman for the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, AFL-CIO. The union's loss was the Village's gain. Jim quickly applied his strong management skills and business savvy to restructuring and designing the Public Works Unit. After seeking and obtaining critical information from his staff, Jim implemented changes that helped upgrade and streamline the services offered to residents. These changes, which are still in place today, resulted in improved services and cost reductions. Some of his more note-worthy implementations include:

- initiated a DPW Roll-Off operation which enhances our recycling program and bulk pick-up service and reduces disposal costs dramatically
- withdrew from main stream garbage disposal outlets and secured our own best deal resulting in a substantial dollar savings of over \$40 per ton less than other municipalities
- designed and established our own transfer station
- negotiated participation in Village of Floral Park's Fuel Management System rather than construct our own, saving the Village millions of dollars
- implemented a once-a-week leaf collection schedule
- completed cross utilization of union DPW employees to increase productivity
- instituted curb to curb snow plowing without disrupting the garbage pick-up operation, and incorporating a "snow emergency list" into our emergency response program
- along with Eddie Kotarski, implemented the annual Village Street Fair in 1996

For over 25 years, Jim has worked tirelessly for this community and for his team of talented and dedicated workers in DPW. Jim is a highly respected and well-liked member of the Village family and of the community. Everyone who comes into contact with him appreciates his honesty, quick wit, and dedication to the needs of this community.

While Jim's next venture is undecided, one thing is for sure...Jim's wife, Diane and sons Jimmy and Kevin can't wait to spend lots of quality time with him.

Edward Kotarski began his career in the Department of Public Works on June 4, 1973. He started working as a lugger on the back of a garbage truck in the Sanitation Department, became a Motor Equipment Operator and was an alternative garbage truck driver. He transferred to the Highway Department and mastered every facet of street maintenance, tree trimming and removal, catch basin cleaning, asphalt paving and all the other skills of the department, including serving as the alternative Roll-Off Truck operator. He became the equipment repair mechanic and subsequently was promoted to the Superintendent's Administrative Assistant. In 1999, his peers elected him as the Local President of the Union, a position he has held ever since. In 2000, Eddie was promoted to the position of Supervisor, wearing three hats as Administrative Assistant, Supervisor, and Local President of the Union, all at the same time, never letting one overlap or interfere with another. Eddie is a true example of an employee who worked hard, dedicated himself to his job performance and climbed the ladder to the top of his field. He is admired and respected by the entire crew in Public Works. Eddie is bright, sincere and dedicated to the best interests of the Village, its residents, and the men of the union he represents.

Eddie and Superintendent Jim McCloat started the NHP Street Fair in 1996 and Eddie has personally been responsible for many of the fair's innovations, like the public address system, which is installed every year specifically for the fair. It's one of the ways the Village is able to personalize our street fair. Eddie has been the **"Voice of the Fair"** since its beginning.



**Jim McCloat and Edward Kotarski are all smiles as they take their final Street Fair picture with Mayor Petruccio. Their spirit and creativity will always be a part of future Village Street Fairs.**

Jim McCloat refers to Eddie as his "right hand man" and gives him the highest marks and credit for the above and beyond service he provides to our residents. It is not an easy task to shoulder all his responsibilities with the caring and dignity that is his trademark, but he always does it with enthusiasm and class. Jim often says that whether you are talking with Eddie or about Eddie, the first words you think of is "his class". Eddie is a unique and dedicated employee of the Village family and will be sorely missed.



***HARMONIOUS  
BEAUTIFICATION TO OUR  
CENTRAL BUSINESS  
DISTRICT COMMUNITY  
JERICHO TURNPIKE***

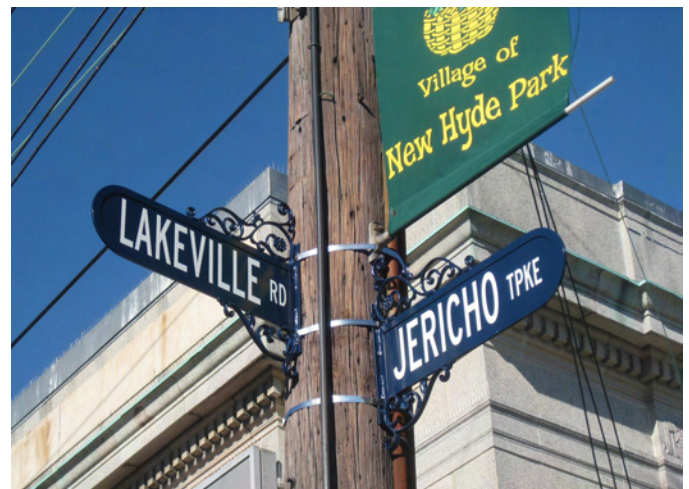
We provide this update and report on our continuing efforts to plan and carry out revitalization and beautification of our central business district

community. The Board of Trustees is happy to hear the flood of positive expression in response to our creation of open space pocket parks, improvement of street signs along Jericho and at our parking fields, and the installation of a downtown decorative kiosk on Lakeville Road. We have made strides toward our goal of bringing back a refreshed community atmosphere throughout our Village downtown and more is to come. The real beauty of our program, however, is that what has been done and all of what is planned will be funded through outside grant sources, not through our general fund.

Each of us knows the importance of improving aesthetic conditions within our downtown to help owners, throughout the Village, maintain and increase property value. Likewise, with our downtown essentially along Jericho Tpke, a high volume state road accommodating higher speed traffic, it is equally vital for success, to shape visual infrastructure effects that will calm drivers and slow vehicular speeds along this route. We have continued our work with the NYS DOT to plan for such change along Jericho Turnpike. The realization of those efforts is now much closer to reality.

One traffic calming measure being reviewed is the visual and actual effect of constructing residential gateways at intersections with Jericho Turnpike. Street-side gateways could be created by “bumping out” Jericho sidewalks and curb-lines into some of our side streets and decorating each new “bump-out” with planting, street furniture and a sign pole. When combined with a planted median running down Jericho’s centerline roadway, we create a visual and actual impact that calms drivers and slows the speed of vehicles along this thoroughfare. This pedestrian friendly technique also improves aesthetics and safety. Perhaps its biggest effect will be to dissuade drivers of larger commercial vehicles from utilizing these residential streets as a cut-through.

This traffic calming gateway technique has proven successful in several communities throughout the nation and has been recommended here. Nonetheless, every community has its unique features. So, we want to first better understand the real life ramifications possible from constructing such side-street residential gateways in our downtown. We are going to run a pilot at three Jericho intersections. You will see temporary roadway obstructions (e.g., bollards, cones, etc.) likely at the Jericho Turnpike entrances to North 11<sup>th</sup>, North 12<sup>th</sup> and Millers Lane. Although this test cannot encompass the entire effect of sidewalk/curb bump-outs that have streetscape appurtenances atop, joined with a centerline median down Jericho Turnpike, it will present an understanding of potential success of employing such a technique in our downtown. Stay tuned for more information and more improvements.



New street location signs were installed in September and feature white block lettering on a dark blue background. The brackets are a sturdy yet decorative scroll design.



A kiosk has been placed on the corner of Lakeville Road and Jericho Tpke. The four viewing windows will be used to display information on the Village and a community events calendar. Funding for the kiosk and street signs was obtained through outside grant sources.



### ***Beautification Committee***

While most students were enjoying their early September holiday from school, members of Boy Scouts Troop 298 donated their time to work on a number of beautification projects at Village Hall. The dedicated scout members spent the day power washing the brick monument and garden paths, cleaning and weeding the garden beds, and putting a fresh coat of paint on the "Welcome to the Village" sign. Volunteers are needed for upcoming beautification efforts including bulb planting and holiday decorating. If you are interested in lending a helping hand, please call the Village Clerk's Office for more information.



Rich Pallisco, Beautification Committee Chairman and Boy Scout Troop Coordinator pictured with members of Boy Scout Troop 298 who volunteered their time to help clean and beautify the Village Hall grounds.

### ***Parking Code Reminder***

Many, if not all residents, have multiple cars and parking those cars can sometimes pose a challenge, especially when it comes to overnight parking.

Within the Village of New Hyde Park, street parking is prohibited from 3:00AM to 5:00AM. Squeezing cars within the length of one's driveway may be the norm but we need to remind residents that it is against Village Code to have parked vehicles blocking the sidewalk and/or apron. Besides it being a code violation and subject to a monetary fine, it more importantly poses a safety hazard, especially for pedestrians who must maneuver around the parked vehicle. This becomes even more of a hazard when there is inclement weather such as snow or heavy rain.

### ***2011 Resident Parking Permits***

The Resident "R" Parking Permits can be purchased beginning on Monday, December 6th at the Village Clerk's Office from 8:45 AM through 4:15 PM. In order to accommodate more residents this year, the Village Clerk's Office will be open extended hours from 8:45 AM to 8:00 PM on Wednesday, December 15th. In order to obtain the "R" parking permit, residents must present a current driver's license and car registration that reflects their Village address. The 2011 resident parking permit must be affixed to your car by January 3, 2011 to ensure compliance to Village parking codes. The fee for the "R" permit 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 15, 2011. 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 Tax Assessor can review your current assessment and check it against similar houses that have been recently sold in the Village. If you decide to file an Application for Assessment Adjustment, an inspection of the property will be required to insure 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 grieve your assessed value.

### ***Free Mammography Screenings***

Nassau County Legislator Richard Nicoletto is sponsoring free mammography screenings for all residents in the community. The Mammography Van will be in the Village Hall Parking Lot on Tuesday, November 23rd from 8:30 AM - 2:15 PM. To schedule an appointment or obtain further information, please call Legislator Nicoletto's office at (516) 571-6209.

### ***Summer Concert in the Park***

Memorial Park was the place to be this summer to enjoy great music and family entertainment...all for free! This season's line-up included two musical tributes, one to Jimmy Buffet and one to Elton John; a theatrical production of Sleeping Beauty; an outdoor screening of the timeless classic Alvin and the Chipmunks, The Squeakquel; and musical entertainment from The Cascades.

A very special thanks to Lisa Miranda, Cultural Commission Chairperson, who volunteers her time to coordinate the summer concert series, along with other cultural events within the Village. Maspeth Savings Bank sponsored "Parrot Beach", a Jimmy Buffet tribute band. We appreciate the generosity and support of Maspeth Savings Bank for their sponsorship of this and other Village events. Last, but certainly not least, thanks to the dedicated DPW team for preparing the park grounds; assembling the stage; and cleaning up after these events. If you have never treated yourself to one of these shows, we encourage you to consider attending next year.

### ***Parks and Recreation - Children's Summer Recreation Program***

The Village held another successful Children's Summer Recreation Program with over 125 children registered for either the morning or the afternoon sessions. Children were treated to a daily array of arts and craft activities, organized sports, and board games which kept them very busy. A special thank you to Patricia Sheridan, Chairman, Parks & Recreation Commission, and Joanne Bartaloni for organizing a creative and diverse program. This program would be nothing without our team of enthusiastic, energetic, and spirited counselors who made every day enjoyable and safe for our children. A huge thank you to all those involved in the program.

### ***Building Department***

With home sales on the upswing, new residents should be mindful of the permit requirements in the Incorporated Village. It is also a good time to remind long time residents of some new required permits when considering that next home improvement project.

New required permits include stoops, roofs, driveways, electric upgrades, and sign permits (for all new signs in a business area). Permits continue to be required for building, plumbing, fence, sidewalks, swimming pools, dumpsters, and demolition. If you wish to have a sprinkler system installed, remember to secure a plumbing permit for the back flow device needed for sprinklers. A licensed Village plumber is required to install such a device, and upon completion, Jim Miller, the Village Plumbing Inspector, will do a final inspection on this device and a Certificate of Approval will be issued.

After experiencing the hot summer days this July and August, many Village residents took out building permits for new central air conditioning units. The requirement for this type of installation is to complete a building permit application, naming a licensed Nassau County electrician, who will provide us with liability insurance and workman's compensation insurance. Once the installation is completed, the electrician is to make sure the homeowner receives an Electrical Underwriter's Certificate from one of four underwriters the Village accepts. Once received, a Certificate of Completion will be issued. Always remember, when in doubt, give us a shout! The Building Department's phone number is (516) 354-0022. We are here to help you with any of your building or plumbing questions.

### ***New Hyde Park Heritage & Historical Society***



We are pleased to report that work on the projected museum room to be located in Village Hall is progressing well. Over the past several weeks, we have collected and catalogued a number of documents and photographs. Our need continues for additional photos, articles, artifacts, and personal interviews for the collection of memories of New Hyde Park. Anything you have that you may want to donate to us will gladly be picked up personally by Village Historian Carol Nowakowski, by simply calling her at (516) 437-3726. Or you can drop off your items at Village Hall between the hours of 8:45 - 4:15. Help us to document and preserve the history of our community.

The next meeting of the Heritage & Historical Society will be on Tuesday, November 30th at 7:00 PM in the 1st Floor Board Room in Village Hall. We invite you to attend.

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**Trustees: Richard Coppola**

**Donald Barbieri**

**Lawrence Montreuil**

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(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 11<sup>th</sup> hour, on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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.





### SANITATION SCHEDULE CHANGE

#### **Veteran's Day**

**Thursday, November 11**

Garbage for North Side and newspapers for South Side **POSTPONED** and rescheduled to Friday, November 12

**Friday, November 12**

Garbage for entire Village and newspapers for South Side

#### **Thanksgiving Day**

**Thursday, November 25**

Garbage for North Side and newspapers for South Side **POSTPONED** and rescheduled to Friday, November 26

**Friday, November 26**

Garbage for entire Village and newspapers for South Side

#### **Christmas Day**

**Saturday, December 25, 2010**

NO CHANGES

#### **New Year's Day**

**Saturday, January 1, 2011**

NO CHANGES

#### **Martin Luther King Jr. Day**

**Monday, January 17**

Garbage for North Side **POSTPONED** and rescheduled to Tuesday, January 18

**Tuesday, January 18**

Garbage for entire Village and newspapers for North Side



**YARD WASTE PICK UP  
ENDS ON DECEMBER 8  
and RESUMES ON  
APRIL 6, 2011**

### SANITATION SCHEDULE CHANGE

#### **President's Day**

**Monday, February 14**

Garbage for North Side **POSTPONED** and rescheduled to Tuesday, February 15

**Tuesday, February 15**

Garbage for entire Village and newspapers for North Side

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wed 11/10 Board of Zoning Appeals  
7:30 PM Village Hall

Thur 11/11 **Veteran's Day**  
**Village Offices Closed**  
**No Garbage Collection**

Tues 11/16 Village Board Meeting  
8:00 PM Village Hall

Tues 11/23 Mammography Van  
Village Hall Parking Lot  
8:30 AM - 2:15 PM

Thur 11/25 **Thanksgiving Day**  
**Village Offices Closed**  
**No Garbage Collection**  
**Village Hall Closed**

Fri 11/26 Holiday Festivities & Tree  
Lighting 3:30 - 4:30 PM

Sat 12/4 Purchase 2010 "R" Parking  
Permits - Village Hall

Mon 12/6 Village Board Meeting  
8:00 PM Village Hall

Tues 12/7 Board of Zoning Appeals  
7:30 PM Village Hall

Wed 12/8

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS. CON'T

Tues 12/21 Village Board Meeting  
8:00 PM Village Hall  
Village Clerk's Office  
extended hours to purchase  
"R" parking permits  
8:45 AM - 8:00 PM

Fri 12/24 Christmas Eve  
Village Offices Closed  
Regular Sanitation Pick-Up

Fri 12/31 New Years Eve  
Village Offices Closed  
Regular Sanitation Pick-Up

### **2011 Happy New Year**

Tues 1/4 Village Board Meeting  
8:00 PM Village Hall

Wed 1/12 Board of Zoning Appeals  
7:30 PM Village Hall

Mon 1/17 **Martin Luther King Jr. Day**  
**Village Offices Closed**  
**No Garbage Collection**

Tues 1/18 Village Board Meeting  
8:00 PM Village Hall

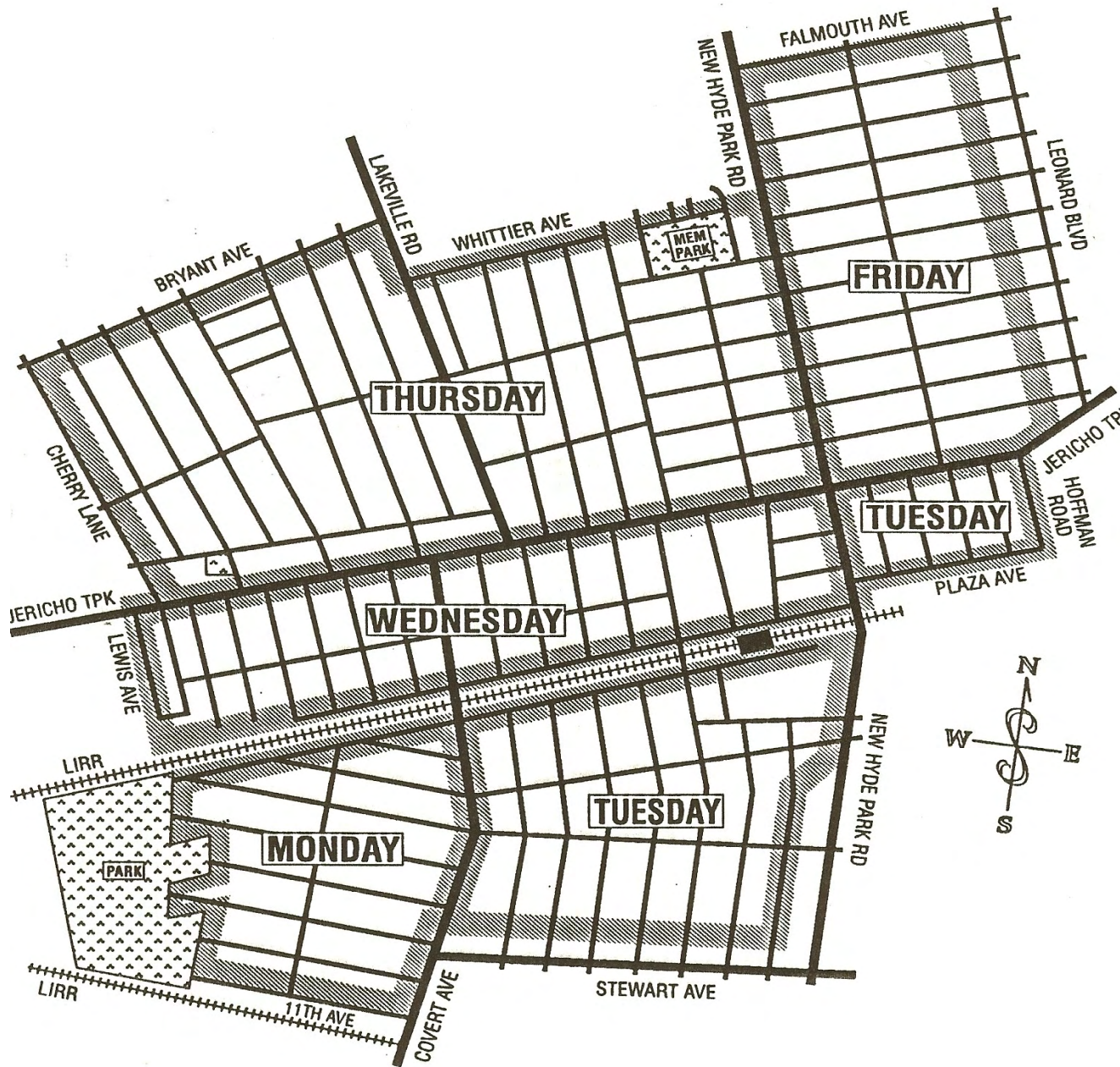
Tues 2/1 Village Board Meeting  
8:00 PM Village Hall

Wed 2/9 Board of Zoning Appeals  
7:30 PM Village Hall

Mon 2/14 **President's Day**  
**Village Offices Closed**  
**No Garbage Collection**

Tues 2/15 Village Board Meeting  
8:00 PM Village Hall

# LEAF COLLECTION SCHEDULE FALL 2010



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!**