

## VILLAGE OF NEW HYDE PARK

## OFFICIAL REPORT SPRINGISUMMER 2010



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#### A Letter from Mayor Dan

Having recently completed my tenth budget process with the Board, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the challenges and solutions that we had

faced with this most recent budget.

With some creative ideas and some serious belt tightening we were able to bring in a budget that has a tax increase a little under 4%. We always start the budget process with a goal of keeping the tax increase flat. This is virtually an impossible task unless you consider making sizeable cuts in staffing or by straying away from our long range infer-structure improvement plans.

The two lines that had the greatest impact in the budget were the employee health insurance line and our contribution to the New York State Pension. These two lines alone added an additional \$200,000 to the budget from last year. We have turned to our department heads and asked them to find ways to keep costs down as we approach the start of the new budget We have asked DPW Superintendent Jim McCloat to limit overtime to only the most serious issues and circumstances. We have eliminated all part-time summer help which previously augmented our full-time staff during vacations and the busy parks season. This action resulted in a savings of \$30,000. We are asking our employees to work harder and to work smarter and we are confident that they will rise to the challenge. We have also finished restructuring the management agreement with our department heads. The resulting changes will save the Village money over the long term. All purchases are being scrutinized and we are asking the staff to only make purchases that are absolutely essential to the day to day operations of the Village. The revenue side of the budget is maxed at this point. Our fee structure and tax

rate cannot support any further increases of a substantive nature, so we have turned to the expense side once again to see where we can save some money. Our budget didn't have a lot of fat to begin with so the areas that can be cut are very limited. I can promise you that we will continue to spend your money like it is our money and together we will get through these tough economic times.

Mayor Dan Petruccio

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## New Hyde Park Heritage and Historical Society Meeting

Long time Village Historian Florence Lisanti was recently honored by the Village Board for her dedication and service to our Village as the Village Historian, a position she recently retired. Local Village resident Carol Nowakowski (wife of the late Mr. "Bubbles" Nowakowski of Protection Engine #2) answered the Village Board's call for a replacement and has stepped up to take on the task.

Mrs. Nowakowski, with the help of Village Clerk Pat Farrell, will be hosting a New Hyde Park Heritage and Historical Society meeting on Tuesday, June 29 at 12:00 Noon in Village Hall. The Committee is looking for volunteers to share family stories and photos and discuss future plans for a small "museum" to display many of the historical artifacts and photographs will be saved electronically. which donated photographs can be scanned so the donating families can retain the original documents.

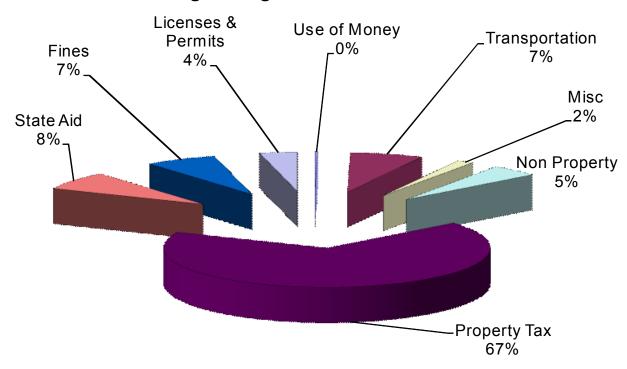
Get Ready....It's almost that time of the year again.

The 15th Annual Village Street Fair will be held on Saturday, September 25th with a rain date of Saturday, October 2nd. Please mark your calendars and get ready for a fun day and a great event.

#### Village Board Adopts 2010 - 2011 Budget

On Tuesday, April 20, the Village Board adopted the new budget for the fiscal year June 1, 2010 to May 31, 2011. The budget provides for total expenses of \$5,573,366 with a tax levy of \$3,712,579 which is a 3.94% tax increase over last year's rate. The effect of this tax increase will result in the average home in the Village paying approximately \$38 more for the year. The Board worked diligently with Department Managers to keep expenses to a bare minimum while ensuring superior services can be delivered. The rising cost of employee benefits, specifically an 18% increase to health care and a 65% increase to pension contributions, combined with the New York State imposed MTA Payroll Tax, resulted in an increase to overall expenses. The tax rate for 2010/2011 will be \$18.60 per \$100 of assessed value based on the Village's property assessment.

## Village Budget 2010-2011 Revenue



#### Chart Legend

Property Tax: Property Tax, Interest, Penalties Non-Property Tax: Electric, Gas, Telephone, Cablevision

Miscellaneous: Refund Prior Year Expenses Transportation: Parking Lot, Meters, Voucher

**Use of Money: Interest on Deposits** 

Licenses & Permits: Plumbing, Building Fines: Court Fines, Collection Agency

State Aid: Grants

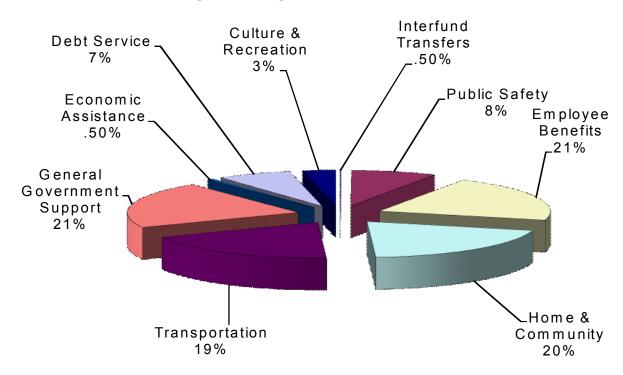
#### Revenues 2010-2011

**Property Tax:** 3,760,106 **Non-Property Tax:** 270,000 Miscellaneous: 93,300 **Transportation:** 404,000 **Use of Money:** 16,500 **Licenses & Permits:** 208,750 Fines: 395.500 State Aid: 425,210

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## Village Board Adopts 2010 - 2011 Budget

## Village Budget 2010-2011 Expenses



#### Chart Legend

Transportation: Street Maintenance, Snow

Removal, Street Lighting

Gen Govt. Support: Insurance/Claims/Judgments

**Clerk's Office and 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

Employee Benefits: Social Security/Medical Home & Community: Garbage Collection &

**Disposal/Tree Trim Removal** 

#### **Expenses 2010-2011**

**Transportation:** \$ 1,054,863 Gen Govt. Support: 1,185,029 Economic Assistance: 27,000 **Debt Services:** 392,150 Culture & Recreation: 171,992 **Interfund Transfers:** 5,000 **Public Safety:** 448,780 **Employee Benefits:** 1,167,137 **Home & Community:** 1,119,913

#### **Children's Summer Recreation Program**

Summer is almost here and so is our very popular Children's Summer Recreation Program. This five week program begins on **Tuesday**, **July 6** and runs through **Thursday**, **August 6**. The morning session is open to children ages 6 - 8 and the afternoon session is open to children ages 9-12. **This program is provided free of charge to Village residents.** Registration priority is given to Village residents.

If space is available, non-residents in the 11040 zip code are eligible to participate. The fee for each child registered is \$100.

Registration will take place at Village Hall on Monday, June 28 from 10:00 am through 1:00 pm. A registration application and program information is enclosed. Additional forms will also be available on the morning of registration.

Questions can be directed to the Village Clerk's Office at 354-0022.

#### **New Hyde Park Auxiliary Police**

Our Auxiliary Police Unit #212 is active in many local and county events. Its members participate at various parades in the Village and County, including the NHP Little League Parade. Some of their other activities include the NHP Street Fair, Cellini Festival, traffic details, shows and concerts at Memorial Park, the Long Island marathon, and the Village traffic court. In addition, day and evening patrols of the Village are done on a regular basis.

The patrol car is now back at Village Hall after being away for repairs the last several months. Fortunately, the Unit was able to borrow a car from another unit so that its patrols and regular activities could continue. Currently, there are three recruits attending the Auxiliary Police Academy. These recruits have already taken part in various patrols and events in the Village. Contact the Auxiliary Police Unit at 522-5385 with questions concerning patrol or recruitment.

#### Village Street Fair

The Village Street Fair will take place on Saturday, September 25th, with a rain date of Saturday, October 2nd, from 10:00 AM to 4:30 PM. This year marks the 15th annual fair! The fair is held on Jericho Tpke. between Covert Avenue and New Hyde Park Road.

All Village merchants are encouraged to participate. The Fair presents a great opportunity to promote your business and sell your products to thousands of visitors who come to our community each year. Registration materials will be sent out in June. We look forward to seeing residents. merchants, service groups, and chamber members come together as a community to host the premier street fair on Long Island.

### **Beautification Committee**

The annual Spring Clean-Up took place on Saturday, April 24th in celebration of Earth Day. It was a perfect warm and sunny day to spend outdoors. A group of dedicated volunteers gathered in the parking lot of Village Hall ready to beautify the Village. Joining Committee members this year were residents, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and Key Club members. The team planted flowers, cleaned the gardens at Village Hall, and planted a Linden tree at Memorial Park in honor of Arbor Day (see picture to the right). Community service hours were awarded to participating Key Club members in recognition of their efforts. Residents are asked to consider volunteering their time at the next Beautification event.



Beautification Chairman Rich Pallisco gets some help preparing the site for the new Linden tree at Memorial Park.

## Village Board Meeting Schedule

Do you have a question or a suggestion for the Village Board? Do you want to get more involved in Village government and/or in the many activities offered in the Village? The Village Board meetings are a great way to learn about issues and concerns impacting our community. These public meetings are also a great way to meet residents and perhaps reconnect with ole' friends. All residents are invited and encouraged to attend these public meetings. Board meetings typically begin at 8:00 pm (or immediately following a public hearing) and are held in the Courtroom on the first floor of Village Hall. Here is the remaining schedule for 2010/2011.

June 15
July 20
August 17
September 14
October 5
October 19
November 4
(Thursday)
November 16

December 7
December 21
January 4
January 18
February 1
February 15
March 1
March 16
(Wednesday)

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#### William Gill Theatre - Renovation Update



The new stage is taking shape.



An additional staircase has been installed in the rear of the Theatre.



Here's the main entrance to the Theatre. Special fire retardant doors were recently delivered and will be installed soon.

## Veteran's Affairs Memorial Day Tribute Parade



The annual Memorial Day Tribute Parade was held on Saturday, May 29. Members of the Village Board and local elected officials gathered with residents and the proud members of our armed forces organizations to honor the brave men and women who gave their lives to protect and defend our freedom as a nation and as individuals. Parade members made a brief stop at Village Hall where a solemn and respectful service was held. The parade then continued to Memorial Park where guests took part in an emotional and moving tribute.



Members of the American Legion and Veteran's of Foreign War observe a moment of silence to honor the fallen soldiers.



The Mayor and Board of Trustees are joined by Assemblyman Tom McKevitt, Councilman Angelo Ferrara, Senator Craig Johnson, and Nassau County Legislator Richard Nicolello and as they proudly march in the parade.

#### Dog Walking Etiquette

Walking the family dog down our quiet suburban tree lined streets is one of the more relaxing times in our otherwise stressful lives. It's a great time to get a little exercise, bond with your pet, and greet your neighbors. There are few scenes that better reflect the simple joys of suburban living.

There is of course a less pleasant task that presents itself during this serene interlude with man's best friend. The labor of love to clean up after your dog reflects the commitment to the family pet, similar to changing your baby's diaper. It's also greatly appreciated by the neighbors, here in New Hyde Park, and all Long Islanders who use the beaches and bays. Happily, the vast majority of dog owners in the Village respect their neighbors and love their pets. Yet, there are those very few who don't

It's difficult to imagine something that is more disrespectful and inconsiderate to a neighbor than failing to perform this simple responsibility. It is baffling that anyone can be so rude or lazy to walk in front of someone else's home for the purpose of having your pet defecate in front of their property and leaving it there. Obviously, that person doesn't want the mess in front of their own home or having it tracked into their home on the bottom of a shoe.

Leaving the job undone also contributes to pollution of our waterways when material is washed down the storm drains during the rain. Some folks, while fastidious about cleaning up, dispose of the dog waste illegally in storm drains. This is also illegal and disgusting. The drains are not sanitary sewers that lead to a magical sewage treatment plant. The contaminated runoff from the streets leads to the aquifer that supplies our drinking water and to the bays and ocean. The proper method of disposal is to seal the waste in a plastic bag and place it in your trash can. It is recommended that trash cans be cleaned out every so often in consideration of the Sanitation Crew who uncovers your trash cans every week. Once again, it's a simple matter of being considerate.

The DPW has recently affixed medallions to many of the storm drains in New Hyde Park to remind residents that "Only Rain Goes In The Drains."

It is also interesting to note that the code requires that dogs must be walked in the street. That means within the curb lines. It is actually illegal to walk your dog on the median between the sidewalk and the curb without the owners permission. Dog owners are also responsible for preventing their animals from urinating in these areas. This will often kill the grass your neighbor is required to maintain. Once again, curb your dog means in the street.

Please contact the Village DPW if you notice someone who is not obeying these simple rules of law. Provide their name and address and the Village will follow up with a letter to the owner, reminding them of the law and the applicable fines. A copy of the letter can be sent to the Town of North Hempstead Animal Licensing Bureau. Chronic violators may be summoned to court on the basis of a sworn complaint or observation by Code Enforcers. Usually, such a gentle but firm reminder will help curb the indiscretions.

So, here are a few helpful reminders to be a good dog owner and a respectful neighbor, operating within the law:

- Only walk your dog within the street, from curb to curb
- Don't allow your dog to urinate or defecate anywhere but in the street
- Always clean up after your dog
- Dispose of the waste in a plastic bag in your own trash pail

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#### SUMMER CONCERTS IN THE PARK

Get ready for some exciting and enjoyable shows in Memorial Park this summer. Lisa Miranda, Cultural Commissioner, has put together another great line-up. There will be three great musical groups, the timeless classic: "Sleeping Beauty", and a fun movie for the young and young-at-heart: The Chipmunks - The Squekquel. We hope you take advantage of these free outdoor events. Bring a chair or a blanket and enjoy!

Complete concert schedule information is outlined on the Newsletter Insert. In case of inclement weather, all shows will be held at Marcus Christ Hall.



### DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS Storm Water Pollution - What is the Problem?

Anything that gets in the path of a raindrop can become storm water pollution. Another name for storm water pollution is non-point source pollution. Every time it rains, storm water is carried to storm drain systems and/or directly to surface waters and ground waters. That means that storm water pollution can have detrimental effects to creeks, lakes, ponds, rivers and the oceans into which it eventually drains. Storm water can carry sediment, trash, automotive fluids like used oil and antifreeze, grass clippings, leaves, yard waste, excess fertilizers, animal waste, pesticides and anything else that gets in its way. There are several things you can do to prevent storm water pollution:

#### Household Hazardous Waste

- Never dump anything down a storm drain. Most storm drains flow directly to creeks
- Take used oil, paint and other household hazardous waste to recycling centers. Check your car for oil or other leaks.

#### Lawn Care

- Apply fertilizers and pesticides exactly where you want them. Avoid over spraying them onto sidewalks, driveways or streets.
- Reduce the amount of fertilizers you need to apply by testing the soil in your yard first.

#### Yard Waste

- Sweep up yard debris instead of washing it
- Bundle yard waste at the curb for pickup.

#### Animal Waste

Pick up after your pets. Dispose of animal waste properly in a trash receptacle or flush it down the toilet.

#### Reducing Runoff

- Adjust sprinklers so that you're not watering the street or sidewalk.
- Redirect roof gutters to lawns, natural areas or rain gardens.
- Take your car to a car wash instead of washing it in the driveway.

#### Planting

- Replant bare areas to avoid soil erosion.
- Keep invasive plants from growing in your yard. Remove them before they have a chance to grow and spread.
- Avoid planting exotic plants. Select only plants that are native to this area.

#### Volunteer

- Report spills, dumping or suspected water pollution to the Village.
  Clear clogged storm drains. Blocked drains cause drainage problems.
- Participate in community-wide clean up days and other events.
- Alert neighbors to storm water pollution problems.

It is illegal to discharge, cause to be discharged, directly or indirectly, or cause any pollutant to enter into the storm drain system unless permitted by a NYSDEC permit. Storm water is the only discharge permitted in the storm water system with exception of incidental non-storm water flows which do not negatively impact the quality of the receiving stream, including:

- 1. Water line flushing, except super-chlorinated water line flushing
- 2. Landscape irrigation
- 3. **Uncontaminated groundwater infiltration**
- 4. Uncontaminated pumped groundwater
- 5. Discharge from potable water sources
- 6. **Foundation drains**
- 7. Air conditioning condensate
- 8. **Irrigation** water
- 9. **Springs**
- 10. Lawn watering
- 11. De-chlorinated swimming pool discharge
- 12. Street wash water
- 13. Flows from emergency fire and rescue operations other than those resulting from negligence on the part of the person who owned or controlled the pollutant.



### **Bulk Pick-Up**

The Department of Public Works provides three bulk pick-up operations per week, excluding holidays, on a call-in appointment basis. Residents can call the DPW 354-0064 to schedule an appointment for bulk pick up. Please do not put out any items before you call the DPW and not until the evening before your scheduled pick-up day. Keep in mind that no oil, hazardous, or liquid wastes will be accepted for bulk pick-up. These items can be disposed of at the Town's S.T.O.P. Programs. Finally, contractor-generated debris will not be accepted for sanitation pick up.

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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 for the 2010/2011 tax period were mailed out on May 28th. If you have not received your tax bill, please contact the Village Clerk's Office. Tax bills are payable on or before July 1, 2010 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 4:15 PM.



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Independence Day Observance  Monday, July 5  Garbage for North Side  POSTPONED and rescheduled to	Tues 6/15 Mon 6/28	Village Board Meeting 8:00 PM Village Hall Registration for the Children's Summer	Wed 8/4	Movie Under the Stars Memorial Park 7:30 PM Alvin and the Chipmunks The Squeakquel
Tuesday, July 6  Tuesday, July 6  Garbage collection for entire Village and newspapers for North Side	Tues 6/29	Recreation Program Village Hall 10:00 AM-1:00 PM NHP Heritage & Historical	Thurs 8/5 Wed 8/11	Children's Recreation Program ends Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting 7:30 PM
Labor Day  Monday, September 6  Garbage for North Side	Wed 6/30	Society Meeting Noon Village Hall Summer Concert	Tues 8/17	Village Hall Village Board Meeting 8:00 PM Village Hall
POSTPONED and rescheduled to Tuesday, September 7  Tuesday, September 7  Garbage collection for entire Village and	Thur 7/1	Memorial Park 7:00 PM "Parrot Beach" Last Day to Pay Village	Thur 8/19	Summer Concert at Memorial Park 7:00 PM Bobby & The Jets
newspapers for North Side.  Columbus Day  Monday, October 11	Mon 7/5	Tax Without Penalty Independence Day Observance	Mon 9/6	Labor Day Village Offices Closed No Sanitation Pick-Up
Garbage for North Side  POSTPONED and rescheduled to  Tuesday, October 12  Tuesday, October 12	Tues 7/6	Village Offices Closed No Sanitation Pick-Up Children's Summer Recreation Program	Wed 9/8 Tues 9/14	Board of Zoning Appeals 7:30 PM Village Hall Village Board Meeting 8:00 PM Village Hall
Garbage collection for entire Village and newspapers for North Side.  Election Day	Tues 7/13	begins Memorial Park Summer Concert Memorial Park 7:00 PM	Sat 9/25	Village Street Fair 10 AM - 4:30 PM Jericho Tpke. from
Tuesday, November 2 Garbage for South Side and newspapers for North Side POSTPONED and rescheduled to	Wed 7/14 Tues 7/20	"Sleeping Beauty" Board of Zoning Appeals 7:30 PM Village Hall Village Board Meeting	<b>Sat 10/2</b> Tues 10/5	Covert Ave to New Hyde Park Road Street Fair Rain Date Village Board Meeting
Wednesday, November 3 <u>Wednesday, November 3</u> Garbage for South Side, newspapers for North Side, recycling and yard waste for entire Village	Thur 7/29	8:00 PM Village Hall Summer Concert at Memorial Park 7:00 PM "The Cascades"	Mon 10/11	8:00 PM Village Hall Columbus Day Village Offices Closed No Sanitation Pick-Up

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## SUMMER CONCERTS AT MEMORIAL PARK

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



## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30 7:00 PM

Maspeth Savings Bank presents "Parrot Beach"

A musical tribute to Jimmy Buffet

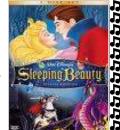
(In case of rain, concert will be held in Marcus Christ Hall)

THURSDAY, JULY 29
7:00 PM
"THE CASCADES"
Music from the 50's through the 90's

(In case of rain, concert will be held in Marcus Christ Hall)

TUESDAY, JULY 13
7:00 PM
PLAZA THEATRICAL PRESENTS

"SLEEPING BEAUTY"



(In case of rain, show will be held in Marcus Christ Hall)



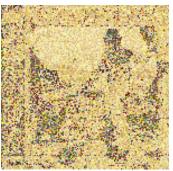
## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4 7:30 PM

A MOVIE UNDER THE STARS...

Alvin and the Chipmunks

The Squeakquel

(In case of rain, movie will be shown in Marcus Christ Hall)



THURSDAY, AUGUST 19
7:00 PM
Bobby & The Jets
A musical tribute to Elton John

(In case of rain, contact Village Hall for updated information)



## 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 Tuesday, July 6 through Thursday, August 5. 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 Village Hall on Monday, June 28 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. This program is provided free of charge to Village residents. Non-village residents in the 11040 zip code are eligible, pending availability, with a \$100 registration fee 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 2010 REGISTRATION FORM

-PLEASE PRINT -

Child's Name:					
Child's Address:					
Date of Birth: (Age as of July 1, 2010)					
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:	Day	time Telephone:			
Relationship to Child:					
2. Name:	Day	time 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.					
Parent/Guardian Signature:					
Print Name	Date				