



# VILLAGE OF NEW HYDE PARK

## OFFICIAL REPORT

### WINTER 2010



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#### ***A Letter from Mayor Dan***

The Village Board of Trustees is hard at work determining the Village budget for the new fiscal year. The Trustees and I are keenly aware of the present economic climate and we are doing everything in our power to keep taxes as low as possible, while still providing the superior service that our residents have grown accustomed to. We are committed to continuing our comprehensive road work project initiative that was begun when we first took office. Our department heads are looking at their budgets very closely and we are committed to running as lean an operation as possible.

As the talk of consolidation continues to resonate across the state it is important to realize that in terms of efficiency, Villages provide the most essential and basic services for the residents at the most reasonable costs. A list of our budget meetings is available at Village Hall and I encourage residents to take an active interest in the process. All Village Board meetings, both staff and "public" meetings, are open to residents.

Construction and renovation of the William Gill Theater in Village Hall is proceeding nicely. We are looking for some ideas and suggestions from residents about what type of programs and events they would like to see in the future. If you have any interest in being involved in the cultural events presented in the Village please contact Patrick Farrell at Village Hall. Eventually with the full renovation of the basement space in Village Hall, previously the site of the Library, and the work that we are completing upstairs, we will be able to utilize the facilities every night of the week. We want a place for our young people to congregate in a safe and nurturing environment. One of the ideas that has been suggested is a Friday Pajama Movie Night for young children. I would love to see a small theater group of Village residents performing on a regular basis in the

future. I am sure there are a number of very talented people who would love the opportunity to showcase their abilities for the benefit of the community.

So much of the successful operation of the Village is dependent on the men and women that work for the residents. One of our finest employees has decided to retire. Mark Farina has given most of his adult life to the service of the residents of his community and I would be remiss if I didn't take a moment to acknowledge his departure. Mark's finest quality as an employee is that he cares about the Village as if the residents were his family. Come to think about it, many of the residents of the Village are related to Mark. I wish Mark all the best in all of his future endeavors.

*Mayor Dan Petruccio*

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#### ***NHP Little League Proposes Installation of Lights at Nuzzi Field***

On March 22<sup>nd</sup>, Tom Pellegrino, President of the NHP Little League, made a presentation to the Mayor and Village Board to propose the installation of lights at Nuzzi Field. The crowded meeting was held at the Marcus Christ Community Center and the board asked the attendees to provide comments and ask questions. There were a number of residents who spoke in favor and against the installation of the lights. The Village Board will take all information into account, review, and provide a decision on the Little League's proposal. Additional comments will gladly be accepted. Please e-mail your comments to [info@vnhp.org](mailto:info@vnhp.org) or mail to Village Hall.

## ***William Gill Theatre - Renovations Are Underway***

After many months of planning, we are pleased to announce that renovations of the William Gill Theatre have begun. You may have noticed the dumpster and heavy machinery in the Village Hall parking lot or the flurry of activity and construction noise coming from the second floor of Village Hall. The William Gill Theatre has been a social cornerstone of the Village community and the facility has hosted musical, cultural and social events since its inception. However, as with all good things, the time has come to upgrade, repair, and expand the facilities and equipment. This is a very large undertaking. The Village was fortunate to receive financial assistance in the form of NY State grants from Senator Craig Johnson, Assemblyman Tom McKeivitt and Congresswoman Carolyn McCarthy, all of which have been or will be the primary source of funding. The renovations began in early January and to date, the Theatre has been completely gutted and the electrical and structural work is underway. The Theatre refurbishment project includes upgrading the lighting and electrical systems, updating the AV control room, installing a new stage, fire shutters, fire escape awnings, rear fire exists, stage curtains, hardware, drapes, backdrops and carpeting. If all goes as planned, we hope to have the work completed by June and are planning a "grand re-opening" shortly thereafter. Residents are invited to stop by Village Hall and take a peek at the construction progress.



Working their magic on the Theatre, from the left: John, Chris and Greg from Pioneer Construction and Peter Ferrello, Village Electrician.



Work is underway for the installation of new duct work, an electrical upgrade, and a new lighting system.

## ***Car Wash Fundraisers***

Car wash applications will be accepted at the Village Clerk's Office from March 1 through April 1, 2010. Due to the large number of applications that are typically received, applicants are limited to one car wash per season and will need to provide three dates, in choice order. All applications will be presented to the Board for final review and approval.

Car washes can be scheduled beginning on May 1 and every Saturday through and including September 18. Please note that due to other community events, car wash fundraisers cannot be scheduled on May 29 (Memorial Day Parade) or September 25 (Village Street Fair).

Applications can be obtained at the Village Clerk's Office during regular business hours.



## ***Budget Work Sessions Underway 2010/2011 Budget***

The Village Board has been holding budget work sessions every week since February 2nd and they anticipate completion by mid-March. The tentative budget should be available to the public on or about March 19.

## ***Earth Day 2010 - Village Clean Up Day***

The Beautification Committee is hosting a Village Clean Up Day in honor of Earth Day. Volunteers are needed so please consider donating a few hours of your time to a worthwhile community effort.

Please join us on Saturday, April 24th at 10 AM in the Village Hall parking lot. There is no need to bring anything as supplies and light refreshments will be provided.



## Happy Retirement Mark!

The Village recently had the pleasure of sharing a festive evening with one of our most valued “family” members. Mark Farina has served this Village in the Department of Public Works starting his career as a laborer and rising through the ranks to Foreman. After 37 years of dedicated service to this Village, Mark decided to retire and enjoy quality time with his family and friends.

On Saturday, February 6, a celebration was held in Mark’s honor at the Inn at New Hyde Park. The huge attendance of Village family (active and retired), friends, local elected officials, and business associates was a true testament to Mark’s accomplishments. Throughout the evening, Mark’s wife, Debbie and their three sons, James, Matthew, and Thomas beamed with pride as Mark’s professional and volunteer efforts were publically recognized by Mayor Daniel Petruccio, Village management, co-workers, and a number of local elected officials, business associates, and service groups. In his opening remarks, Superintendent James McCloat referred to Mark as “a true Village son”. Mark was not only dedicated to the needs of this Village, but he also served this community as a volunteer fireman in the NHP Fire Department and as a Little League Coach.

From all of us who were fortunate to work for, or with Mark, we wish him the very best of luck in his future endeavors.



Getting the entire DPW team into one photograph is no easy feat! It was with mixed emotions that the men of DPW celebrate Mark’s retirement and his future endeavors. He will surely be missed!!

## Veteran’s Affairs Veteran’s Day Parade



The residents of New Hyde Park came out in record numbers on a cold Wednesday morning to honor our Veterans. On November 11th, members of the American Legion and VFW held the annual Veteran’s Day Ceremony on the grounds of Village Hall.



Members of the Village Board join Senator Craig Johnson and Marine Lance Corporal Michael Dolan, a Village resident who had just returned from two tours in Iraq.



Veteran’s stand in attention at the placing of the wreath.



The Pledge of Allegiance begins the Veteran’s Day ceremony.

**Village of New Hyde Park**

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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**

**Memorial Day Parade**

**The annual Memorial Day Parade will be held on Saturday, May 29 at 10:00 AM. The parade begins on Hillside Blvd, travels east on Jericho Tpke, north on New Hyde Park Road to Memorial Field. Let's join in as a community to honor and remember our fallen veterans.**

**Village Street Fair**

**The 15th Annual Village Street Fair will be held on Saturday, September 25th with a rain date of Saturday, October 2nd. Mark your calendars and please plan on participating in this fun and entertaining Village event.**



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### SANITATION SCHEDULE CHANGE

#### **Memorial Day Monday, May 31, 2010**

Garbage for North Side  
**POSTPONED** and rescheduled to  
Tuesday, June 1st

#### **Tuesday, June 1, 2010**

Garbage collected for entire Village  
and Newspapers (North Side)

#### **Independence Day Observance**

#### **Monday, July 5, 2010**

Garbage for North Side  
**POSTPONED** and rescheduled to  
Tuesday, July 6th

#### **Tuesday, July 6, 2010**

Garbage collected for entire Village  
and Newspapers (North Side)

#### **YARD WASTE PICK-UP RESUMES WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, 2010**

Garbage, newspapers, and  
recyclables cannot be put out  
before 7:00 PM on the day prior  
to pick up.  
Call DPW to arrange for a special  
bulk pick up.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### March

Wed 3/10 Board of Zoning  
Appeals Meeting  
7:30 PM Village Hall  
Tues 3/16 Village Board Meeting  
8:00 PM Village Hall

#### April

Thur 4/1 Last day to submit a Car  
Wash Fundraising  
Application  
Mon 4/5 **Village Annual Meeting**  
**7:30 PM**  
**Village Hall**  
Tues 4/6 2010/2011 Budget  
Hearing 7:30 PM  
Village Board Meeting  
8:00 PM Village Hall  
Wed 4/14 Board of Zoning Appeals  
Meeting  
7:30 PM Village Hall  
Sat 4/17 Model Railroad Show  
through  
Sun 4/18 Marcus Christ Hall  
10 AM - 4 PM  
Free Admission  
Tues 4/20 Village Board Meeting  
8:00 PM Village Hall

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Sat 4/24 Village Clean Up Day  
Village Hall Parking Lot  
10:00 AM

#### May

Tues 5/4 Village Board Meeting  
8:00 PM Village Hall  
Wed 5/12 Board of Zoning Appeals  
Meeting  
7:30 PM Village Hall  
Tues 5/18 Village Board Meeting  
8:00 PM Village Hall  
Sat 5/29 Memorial Day Parade  
10:00 AM  
Jericho Tpke. from  
Hillside Blvd to New  
Hyde Park Road  
Mon 5/31 **Memorial Day**  
Village Offices Closed  
No Garbage Collection

#### June

Tues 6/1 Village Board Meeting  
8:00 PM Village Hall  
Wed 6/9 Board of Zoning Appeals  
Meeting  
7:30 PM Village Hall  
Tues 6/15 Village Board Meeting  
8:00 PM Village Hall



***Department of Public Works***  
**Phase II Storm Water**  
**Management Program**  
**Storm Water Pollution Prevention & Pet Waste**



Throwing pet waste in storm sewers is illegal. Federal, New York State and Local Municipal regulations prohibit illegal or “illicit discharges” to storm sewer systems and are punishable by fine and/or imprisonment. Bagged or unbagged pet waste thrown in storm sewer grates, openings, drains, or manholes is an example of an illicit discharge, which is a major cause of water pollution.

Storm sewers are not connected to wastewater treatment plants or septic systems like the drains in your home. When pet waste is tossed into a storm drain or left on the sidewalk, street or yard, it is carried by rainwater through the storm sewer system directly into our local water bodies, without any treatment!

Pet waste is a threat to human and environmental health because it contains harmful bacteria and pathogens, some of which can cause serious diseases in humans. Pet waste also contains many other nutrient pollutants, which contribute to excessive algae growth in a water body, upsetting the delicate balance of the natural habitat.

Being a responsible pet owner means picking up after your pet. Here is how you can properly dispose of your pet’s waste and prevent local water pollution:

- **Flush It:** The best way to dispose of pet waste is to flush it down the toilet. Just remember to remove the waste from the bag or the litter before putting it in the toilet.
- **Scoop the Poop:** Bag it and put it in the trash. Landfills are designed to safely handle substances such as dog waste and cat litter.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

- That there are an estimated 74.8 million dogs owned in the United States, which create 72.5 billion pounds of dog waste every year!
- That just one gram of pet waste contains an average of 23 million fecal coli form bacteria. Some of these bacteria can cause serious gastrointestinal infections, as well as infections to the ear, eye, and throat in humans.
- That as pet waste decomposes, it demands a high level of oxygen from water. This demand can suffocate fish and plant life by reducing the amount of oxygen available to them.

Storm water is runoff from rain and snowmelt. Under natural conditions, this water seeps into the ground. In urban areas, this water flows over impervious surfaces (paved areas and building rooftops); does not percolate into the ground; and accumulates debris, chemicals, sediment or other pollutants.