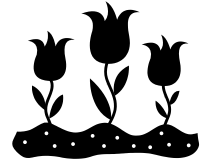




# VILLAGE OF NEW HYDE PARK

## OFFICIAL REPORT

### SPRING/SUMMER 2011



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

We are living through some very difficult times in America and the Village of New Hyde Park is not exempt from the conditions that have resulted. At every level of government from the Federal down to the Village level, we are being challenged to find ways to make due with less. This is a reflection of what people have been experiencing personally for a number of years. The economic downturn has forced us to seek new ways to approach old problems. School Districts, Fire Districts, Towns, Villages and Counties must begin to distinguish between basic services and the extras. Every board that is responsible for spending tax dollars must be open to change the nature of the way they conduct their business. I recently finished reading a book that I consider a life-changing read, *Mindset: The New Psychology of Success* by Carol S. Dweck. In a very succinct and insightful manner, she divides the world into two basic groups of people. The world is made up of “fixed mindset” and “growth mindset” people. The goal is to develop the skills to become a “growth mindset” person. The lessons demonstrated in the book can be applied to every aspect of your life: personal, professional and athletic. But especially in this challenging municipal environment, it is important to apply the theory to how we see the role of government in our lives. There must be a real openness to change. Business as usual is a recipe for disaster. There is no aspect of the operation of the government that is closed to scrutiny.

One issue that is important to address is the need for every level of government to work toward self-sufficiency. In the past, Villages and School Districts have become dependent on Federal Aid and State Aid to cover day to day operating costs. The flow of money from Washington and Albany has dried up and the faucet will not be running for the foreseeable future. The challenge for the Village of New Hyde Park is to demonstrate the ability to make

due with less. Our management team and our employees are being asked to work harder and think “outside the box” for ways to streamline operations. Our budget this year is coming in with a 4.99% increase. This is in spite of the fact that we have reduced salary lines by consolidating positions and replacing higher paid employees with entry level employees. We have cut one work day off of the schedule for every part-time employee in the Village offices. We have put off buying any equipment that is not deemed to be essential. There are three specific areas that have caused us the greatest economic challenge: (1) State Pension Contributions (2) Health Insurance (3) The loss of the Theater Grant funding. These are areas which are out of our control and we are looking into solutions.

The Theater Grant issue is a classic example of the distasteful side of the petty party politics that dominates the State and Federal government process on both sides of the aisle. After the loss of the Senate race, the Democratic Party leadership pulled the funding from a number of municipalities, school districts and fire departments. This money was promised and budgeted. As with most grants of this nature, it is a spend and reimbursement process. In good faith we did as we were obligated to; we spent the money and now find ourselves on the hook for the money that has been expended. We will make the necessary adjustments to cover this unexpected expense. Going forward we will be very careful in engaging in any projects which hinge on funding from such an unreliable source.

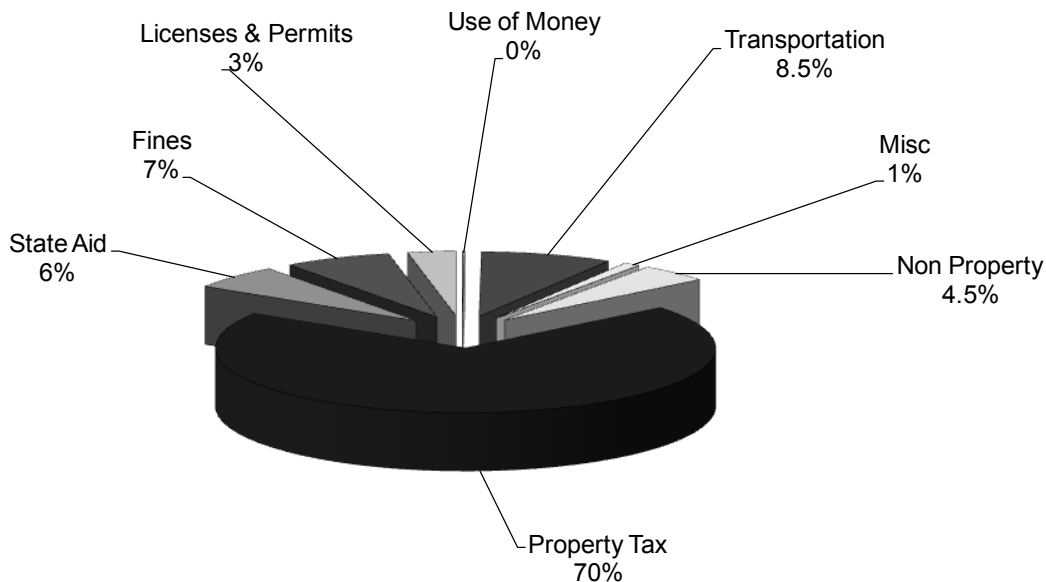
The Village Board is committed to developing a “growth mindset” in the hopes that we can continue to earn the confidence that you have placed in us.

Finally, I would like to take a moment to thank Bob and Rich for agreeing to serve on the Board for another four years.

***Mayor Dan Petruccio***

On Tuesday, April 19, the Village Board adopted the new budget for the fiscal year June 1, 2011 to May 31, 2012. The Board and Department Managers worked tirelessly to cut expenses by reducing staff hours, consolidating positions, eliminating seasonal labor, and delaying major purchases. The rising cost of employee benefits, specifically a 13% increase in health care premiums and an 11% increase to pension contributions resulted in an increase to overall expenses. The budget provides for total expenses of \$5,630,770.72 with a tax levy of \$3,883,000.22. The tax rate for 2011/2012 will be \$19.53 per \$100 of assessed value based on the Village’s property assessment. This represents a 4.99% increase over last year’s tax rate. The effect of this tax increase will result in the average home in the Village paying approximately \$50 more for the year.

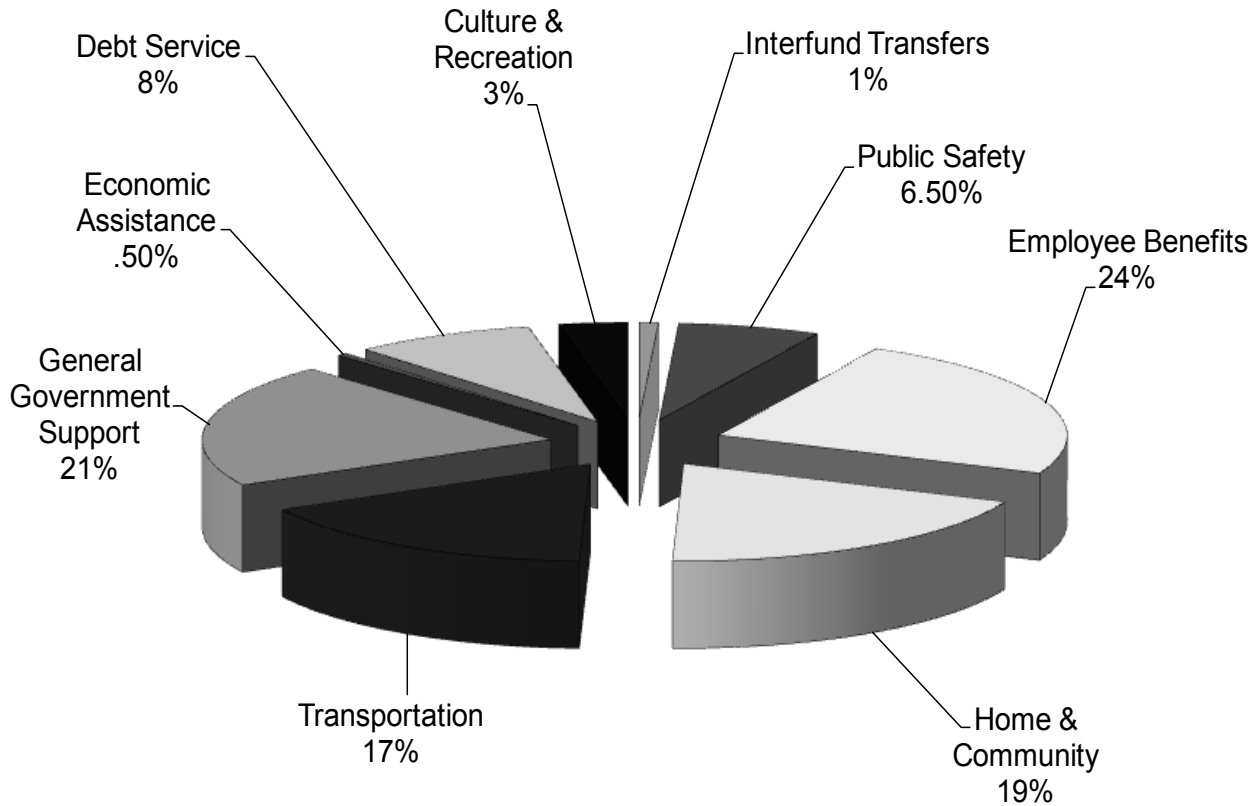
**Village Budget 2011-2012 Revenue**



**CHART LEGEND**

<i>Budget Lines</i>	<i>Revenues 2011 - 2012</i>
Property Tax: Property Tax/Interest/Penalties.....	\$ 3,926,310
Non-Property Tax:Electric/Gas/Telephone/Cablevision.....	255,000
Miscellaneous: Refund Prior Year Expenses.....	58,300
Transportation: Parking Lot/ Meter/Voucher.....	479,000
Use of Money: Interest on Deposits.....	9,000
Licenses & Permits: Plumbing/ Building.....	174,750
Fines: Court Fines/ Collection Agency.....	390,500
State Aid: Grants .....	337,910

### Village Budget 2011-2012 Expenses



### CHART LEGEND

**Budget Lines**

**Expenses 2011 - 2012**

<b>Transportation: Street Maintenance/Snow Removal/ Street Lighting .....</b>	<b>\$ 941,089</b>
<b>Gen Govt. Support: Insurance/Claims Judgments/ Clerk’s Office &amp; Court .....</b>	<b>1,167,829</b>
<b>Economic Assistance: Newsletter/Printing/ Parade/Street Fair .....</b>	<b>25,100</b>
<b>Debt Service: Bond Interest/Installments .....</b>	<b>474,300</b>
<b>Culture &amp; Recreation: Parks Equipment/ Beautification.....</b>	<b>179,914</b>
<b>Interfund Transfers: Accrued Liability .....</b>	<b>50,000</b>
<b>Public Safety: Building Department .....</b>	<b>372,326</b>
<b>Employee Benefits: SS/Medical/Retirement .....</b>	<b>1,344,402</b>
<b>Home &amp; Community: Garbage Collection &amp; Disposal Tree Trim Removal .....</b>	<b>1,075,810</b>



***Building Department***



If a homeowner is planning to put their house on the market, spring time seems to be a favored season to do so. This is a reminder that it is the homeowner's responsibility to check their property's building folder to close any previously open permits and/or legalize any structures that were built without permits. If a permit application is approved or an inspection is completed by the Building Department, this does not constitute the legalization of any work that was completed without a permit or the closure of any open permits, except for the permit that the inspection is being completed for. Any building or plumbing inspections that are completed by the Building Department only brings closure to the permit that was approved, for the submitted application, which led to the issuance of that permit. To make the closing process easier, please take a few minutes to stop by Village Hall to review your building file. You can review your folder at Village Hall by submitting a Freedom of Information Request. Forms are available at Village Hall.

The Building Department also strongly recommends that you review your folder prior to any project you intend to begin, or at the completion of any project, when you receive your final Certificate of Completion and/or Approval. Please feel free to stop by Village Hall during office hours or call the Building Department to discuss any building matters. In addition, if you plan to replace your roof or driveway; remember, a Roof Permit or Driveway Permit is required.

The Building Department has noticed some business owners investing in new signs without the benefit of a sign permit approval. In most instances, the new installed signs do not meet the present Village Sign Code, which results in the business owner being required to attend an Architectural Review Board (ARB) hearing to request a variance. Again, remember that it is the business owner's responsibility to check with the Village regarding signage.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Building Dept. with any building matters at (516) 354-0022.

***Village Justice Court***

There have been recent changes put in place that will impact the penalty that can be imposed when traffic or parking tickets are paid late. Please be aware that if a Village parking ticket is not paid or resolved prior to the court date, which is indicated on the ticket, the fine will be doubled. These changes took effect with tickets written on/or after November 2, 2010. If you have any questions, please call the Village Court Clerk at (516) 354-6330.

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***Parks and Recreation***

Last fall, construction began in Memorial Park on the conversion of the old hockey rink into a basketball/volleyball court. Preliminary work had to be postponed once the harsh winter weather conditions began. In late March, construction resumed with the installation of a new draining system, final grading, and asphalt paving. Fencing and surfacing of the new court including striping lines will be done shortly.



Final grading is the last step before asphalt paving.



The asphalt paving is completed and next steps include fencing, line striping, and installation of basketball hoops.

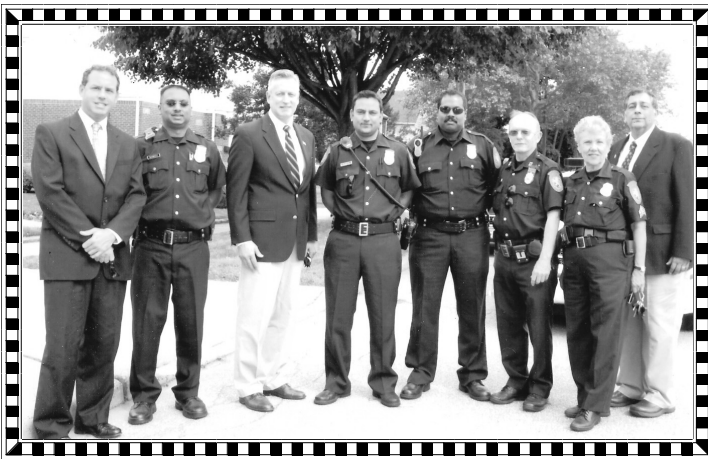
***William Gill, Jr. Theatre – Re-Dedication and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony***

In late December 2010, renovations to the William Gill, Jr. Theatre were completed, almost a year to the day that construction began. The Village is now home to a state of the art community theatre. The Mayor and Board were pleased to host a grand re-opening and ribbon cutting ceremony on January 31<sup>st</sup>. Honored guests included members of the Gill family, local elected officials, former members of the Village Board, members of the New Hyde Park Players, residents and local business owners. John Venditto, Supervisor, Town of Oyster Bay, shared his personal memories about William Gill, Jr. – the Mayor and the man. By way of history, William Gill was the Mayor of the Village of New Hyde Park from 1977 to 1988. He passed away suddenly in 1988 while still in office. To honor William Gill’s dedication and years of community service, the theatre was named after him.



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On May 6th and 7th, the first theatrical event will take place. Marilyn McClean and the New Hyde Park Players will present: “The Prince Who Wouldn’t Talk”. Show times are Friday, May 6th - 7:00 PM and Saturday, May 7th, 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM. General admission fee is only \$2.00.



Memorial Day Parade 2010. From left to right: Tr. Bob Lofaro, PFC Nankoo, Nassau County Legislator Rich Nicoletto, APO’s Gujral and Varghese, Captain Concannon, Sgt. Kraft, Tr. Rich Coppola. Not pictured are PFC Haas, APO’s Amato and Campbell, Jr.

***Block Parties***

Summer block parties are a great way for neighbors to re-connect after a long and sometimes isolating winter. If you are interested in hosting a block party, please be aware of the following procedures. Applications can be obtained at the Village Clerk’s Office or on the Village website and must be submitted one month in advance. The majority of residents on the block must consent to the event. Please be courteous and accommodating to any resident who chooses not to participate. Finally, while the block party can continue, amplified systems must end by 11:00 PM.

***Village Board Meeting Schedule***

The Village Board meetings are a great way to learn about issues impacting our community. All residents are invited to attend some or all of these meetings, which typically begin at 8:00 PM or immediately following a public hearing. Meetings are held in the courtroom on the first floor of Village Hall. The schedule of Board Meetings for 2011/2012 are listed below.

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|------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>May 17</b>                | <b>November 15</b> |
| <b>June 21</b>               | <b>December 6</b>  |
| <b>July 19</b>               | <b>December 20</b> |
| <b>August 16</b>             | <b>January 3</b>   |
| <b>September 20</b>          | <b>January 17</b>  |
| <b>October 4</b>             | <b>February 7</b>  |
| <b>October 18</b>            | <b>February 21</b> |
| <b>November 3 (Thursday)</b> | <b>March 6</b>     |
|                              | <b>March 20</b>    |

***Property Tax Bills***

Village property tax bills for the 2011/2012 tax period will be mailed out on May 31<sup>st</sup>. If you do not receive your tax bill by early June, please contact the Village Clerk’s office. Tax bills are payable on or before July 1, 2011 to avoid penalty. Payments can be made by mail or in person at the Village Clerk’s Office Monday through Friday, between 8:45 AM and 4:15 PM.

## 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 Village regulations prohibit illegal or “illicit discharges” to storm sewer systems and are punishable by fine and/or imprisonment. Bagged or un-bagged 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.

### *Department of Public Works*

Over the past few weeks, you may have noticed the DPW road crew planting trees around the Village. This year’s selection include Linden, Japanese Lilac, and Kwanzan Cherry. Planting will continue into May. If you want to be considered for a new curbside tree, please call DPW at 354-0064. Residents who receive a new tree will also be provided with instructions for the care of the tree throughout the first year.



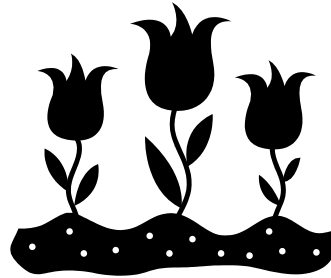
DPW employees Will Fellini and Jeff Reilly are careful not to damage the root ball as they remove the tree from the truck.



After digging and preparing the site, Ray Bozymowski and Jeff Reilly position the new tree to be planted.

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**Deputy Mayor: Robert Lofaro**

**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**

**Memorial Day Parade**

**The annual Memorial Day Parade will be held on Saturday, May 28th 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 come together as a community to honor and remember our fallen veterans.**



# 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 5 through Thursday, August 4. 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 27 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  
2011 REGISTRATION FORM**

-PLEASE PRINT -

**Child's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Child's Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Birth: (Age as of July 1, 2011)** \_\_\_\_\_

**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.

**Parent/Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Print Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_



<u>SANITATION SCHEDULE CHANGE</u>	<u>CALENDAR OF EVENTS</u>	<u>CALENDAR OF EVENTS, CON'T</u>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Memorial Day</b> <b><u>Monday, May 30</u></b> Garbage for North Side POSTPONED and rescheduled to Tuesday, May 31st. <b><u>Tuesday, May 31</u></b> Garbage collected for entire Village and newspapers for North Side</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Independence Day</b> <b><u>Monday, July 4</u></b> Garbage for North Side POSTPONED and rescheduled to Tuesday, July 5th <b><u>Tuesday, July 5</u></b> Garbage collected for entire Village and newspapers for North Side</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Labor Day</b> <b><u>Monday, September 5</u></b> Garbage for North Side POSTPONED and rescheduled to Tuesday, September 6th <b><u>Tuesday, September 6</u></b> Garbage collected for entire Village and newspapers for North Side</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Yard waste pick up resumed on April 6, 2011</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>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. (516) 354-0064</i></p>	<p>Tues 5/3 Village Board Meeting 8:00 PM Village Hall</p> <p>Fri 5/6 William Gill Theatre "The Prince Who Wouldn't Talk" 7:00 PM General Admission - \$2.00</p> <p>Sat 5/7 William Gill Theatre "The Prince Who Wouldn't Talk" 2:00 and 7:00 PM General Admission - \$2.00</p> <p>Wed 5/11 Board of Zoning Appeals 7:30 PM Village Hall</p> <p>Sat 5/14 "Nexus" A Jazz Quartet Concert - Free Admission 8:00 PM William Gill Theatre</p> <p>Tues 5/17 Village Board Meeting 8:00 PM Village Hall</p> <p>Sat 5/28 Memorial Day Parade 10:00 AM Jericho Tpke. from Hillside Blvd to New Hyde Park Road</p> <p><b>Mon 5/30 Memorial Day</b> Village Offices Closed No Garbage Collection</p> <p>Wed 6/8 Board of Zoning Appeals 7:30 PM Village Hall</p> <p>Tues 6/21 Village Board Meeting 8:00 PM Village Hall</p> <p>Mon 6/27 Registration for Children's Summer Program Village Hall 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM</p> <p>Wed 6/29 Concert in the Park "Slippery When Wet" Memorial Park - 7:00 PM</p>	<p><b>Mon 7/4 Independence Day</b> Village Offices Closed No Garbage Collection</p> <p>Tues 7/5 Children's Summer Program Begins Memorial Park</p> <p>Thur 7/7 Mystery Movie Night William Gill Theatre 7 PM</p> <p>Wed 7/13 Board of Zoning Appeals 7:30 PM Village Hall</p> <p>Tues 7/19 Village Board Meeting 8:00 PM Village Hall</p> <p>Wed 7/20 Play in the Park "The Wizard of Oz" Memorial Park - 7:00 PM</p> <p>Wed 8/3 Concert in the Park "Cold Spring Harbor Band" Memorial Park - 7:30 PM</p> <p>Thur 8/4 Children's Summer Program Ends</p> <p>Tues 8/16 Village Board Meeting 8:00 PM Village Hall</p> <p>Thur 8/25 Concert in the Park "Asbury Park" Memorial Park - 7:00 PM</p> <p>Mon 9/5 <b>Labor Day</b> Village Offices Closed No Garbage Collection</p> <p>Sat 9/17 Village Street Fair Jericho Tpke from New Hyde Park Rd to Covert Ave 10:00 AM - 4:30 PM</p> <p>Tues 9/20 Village Board Meeting 8:00 PM Village Hall</p> <p>Sat 9/24 Rain Date Village Street Fair</p>

# SUMMER CONCERTS AT MEMORIAL PARK

Memorial Park is located on Lincoln Avenue, west of New Hyde Park Road between William and Albert Streets



**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29**  
**7:00 PM**

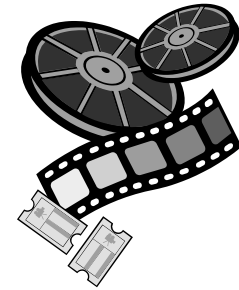
***“SLIPPERY WHEN WET”***  
***A BON JOVI TRIBUTE***

**SPONSORED BY MASPETH BANK**

**THURSDAY, JULY 7**  
**7:00 PM**

***“MYSTERY” MOVIE NIGHT***

**MOVIE WILL BE SHOWN IN THE WILLIAM GILL THEATRE**



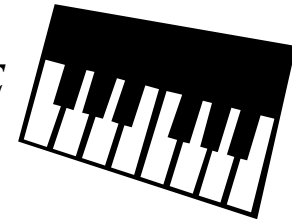
**WEDNESDAY, JULY 20**  
**7:00 PM**

**PLAZA THEATRICAL PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS:**  
***“THE WIZARD OF OZ”***



**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3**  
**7:30 PM**

***“COLD SPRING HARBOR BAND”***  
***A BILLY JOEL TRIBUTE***



**THURSDAY, AUGUST 25**

**7:00 PM**

***“ASBURY PARK” - A BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN TRIBUTE***



*In case of inclement weather, all shows will be held in the William Gill Theatre, which is located on the second floor in Village Hall*