



VILLAGE OF NEW HYDE PARK

Official Report - Winter 2014



Snow Removal Everyone Plays a Role

Snow removal can be a challenge for our DPW crew. Snow, sleet, ice, and freezing rain can limit visibility and create dangerous road conditions. The DPW crew works hard to provide safe and expedient snow removal and they ask residents to avoid parking on the street during snow events. The DPW has eight snow removal crews to tackle over 22 miles of Village roads, organized into separate routes. Each of these routes takes two to four hours to complete. This means that if a crew starts on your road first they will not be able to return to your road for another two to four hours. If it is snowing heavily, this becomes a tedious and difficult job for our crews and it can place mechanical burdens on the snow removal equipment as well. We need your help and cooperation so the DPW crew can clear your street in a safe, timely, and efficient manner.

- Avoid unnecessary travel during snow events. If you must drive, then please be patient and drive safely.
- Do not throw snow from walkways or driveways onto the road. Most people don't know this, but it's actually against the law. New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law section 1219 (a) states: No person shall throw or deposit upon any highway any glass bottle, glass, nails, tacks, wire, cans, snow or any other substance likely to injure any person, animal, or vehicle upon such highway. Besides, the snow plow will very likely plow the snow right back into your driveway. Finally, having snow removal teams return to the same street many times over increases the cost and time necessary to clear the roads.
- Remove the snow from your vehicle while it's still in your driveway and before you travel. If you see a snow plow on the road, please slow down and allow our snow removal team the time and space to do their job.

Working together we can make this and every snow removal season a great success. If you have questions, please call the Department of Public Works at 354-0064.

Cultural Commission

Upcoming Shows at the William Gill Theatre "The Standards Sing Steve and Eydie A Musical Revue"

Come join us for a musical tribute to the legendary entertainers Steve Lawrence and Eydie Gorme, whose musical, stage, and television careers spanned over five decades. The producer (and one of the stars) of this show is former resident Ed Murray. Mr. Murray grew up on Ingraham Lane. He is a graduate of the Road School and a former member of the New Hyde Park Players. Mr. Murray will be joined by his long time singing partner, Lisa Egidi-Martinez. Performance dates and times are:

Friday, May 9 - 7:30 PM

Saturday, May 10 - 2:00 PM & 7:30 PM

Ticket sales begin February 10 at the Village Clerk's Office. General admission tickets are \$10 while tickets for seniors and children under 14 are only \$5. This is a great opportunity to enjoy an evening of cabaret and, perhaps for some, a musical trip down memory lane.

Open "Mic" Night

Friday, April 4 - 7:30 PM

Bring your talents and show it off to the community. All performers are welcome.

A New Children's Production Coming Soon.....

Plans are underway for a new children's theatre production to be held on Saturday, May 3 and Sunday, May 4. More details on the show will be coming.

Community Projects Grant Funding To Offset Cost of New Roof at Marcus Christ Hall

As reported in the last Newsletter, this past June a new roof was installed at the Marcus Christ Hall at a cost of \$25,060 for materials and labor. In November, the Village received \$6,205.26 from a NYS Community Projects Grant to offset a portion of the expense. Senator Jack Martins was instrumental in getting this grant money reclassified so that the Village could apply it towards the roof expense. Thank you Senator Martins for your continued support and partnership.



Dear Residents,

As I write this letter, another heavy snowfall has moved over our Village and will be followed by bitter cold temperatures. And when all you hear and read in the news is “stay inside” and “don’t go out unless you absolutely have to”, I always have great confidence that our Department of Public Work’s crews will be out in the elements to assure your safety and clear the way for you to move freely. Additionally, your garbage and recyclables will be collected as well. Too often you hear people say “I pay a lot in taxes and I expect great service”. Well, I think we delivered and I hope you agree. Your Village employees care a great deal about the work they perform and that is evident throughout the year. But if by chance we missed our objective, we are always open to your feedback and will do whatever we can to correct the situation.

But I must also thank you, our neighbors, for all of the work that you do to help make our Village safe. The clearing of snow from your property and insuring your sidewalks are passable for pedestrians has been outstanding and greatly appreciated, even if many people still choose to walk in the street. The article on Page 1 details the role we all play a role in the safe removal of snow from our property and from the street. I encourage you to call the Department of Public Works if you have any questions.

It’s been a tough winter so far, but spring will be here soon enough and the hundreds of the donated daffodil bulbs that were recently planted by Boy Scout Troop 298 will soon rise and make the New Hyde Park landscape alive again. And all of the new plantings on Jericho Turnpike will also bring beauty to our Main Street, which has been a never ending project, but should be completed in May.

Finally, look for our massive 2014 Road Improvement Project that will reconstruct almost two miles of Village roadways that hasn’t seen new asphalt in over thirty years. Some lifetime residents say they can’t remember their road ever being done. Well, now they will.

Best regards,

Mayor Bob Lofaro

You are Invited to the New Hyde Park Museum Launch

Now that the new year has arrived, the New Hyde Park Museum is proud in announcing to the community our first Museum Launch event, scheduled for ***Friday, February 28, 2014, at 6:30 PM***. This event will be held on the 2nd floor of Village Hall, 1420 Jericho Turnpike. There will be audio and visual displays and exhibits on the 2nd floor and throughout the Museum Room and the William Gill Theatre. Additionally, there will be speakers from the Village Board, local elected officials, the New Hyde Park Fire Department, the New Hyde Park Scout Troops, the Greater New Hyde Park Chamber of Commerce, museum supporters and members of the community.

The volunteer Museum staff has worked long and hard hours in assembling this event for public presentation so that the community-at-large can learn of New Hyde Park’s roots and history. They deserve a thank you from all for a job well done. Of course, we can always use more volunteers, donations (either permanent or on loan) of any type of artifacts, publications or any type of audio or video interview you would care to share about your experiences within the community of New Hyde Park. Any time or help you can give us will be greatly appreciated.

Please contact the Museum, if you would like to work with us. We are a very civic-minded group working toward preserving New Hyde Park’s history for generations to come.

If you would like to attend the Museum launch, please go to <http://conta.cc/1a2xWEL>, or call 516.515.1837 or email nhpmuseum@gmail.com to register.

See you at the Museum Launch. Please don’t miss it!

Carol Nowakowski, President

The 2014 Road Improvement Project

In the Fall, Village Engineers Dvirka & Bartilucci conducted a road grading analysis on all the Village streets and presented the Board with a list of roads that the Engineers assessed to be in the worst condition and in need of repair. Based on this analysis, as well as financial considerations, the Board has agreed to repair over 25 blocks or sections totaling 8,525 linear feet of roadway in the Village.

On November 12th, the Village Board passed a resolution to accept a proposal from Dvirka & Bartilucci to prepare the design and assemble the bid documents. The fee for these services was \$142,500. The design work is underway and expected to be completed shortly. The bid for the construction work will go out by late February and, if all goes as planned, construction can begin in mid to late March.

The chart below lists the roads that will be included in the 2014 Road Improvement Project. As always, refer to the Village Newsletter, Village website, or local newspapers for updates on this project. Residents on impacted streets will be notified in advance of construction. Everyone is asked to be extra careful driving throughout the Village once this project gets underway.

Street Name	From Street	To Street	Street Length
1st Ave.	South 9th Street	South 8th Street	255
1st Ave.	South 10th Street	South 9th Street	255
1st Ave.	South 11th Street	South 10th Street	255
1st Ave.	South 12th Street	South 11th Street	255
5th Ave.	South 9th Street	South 8th Street	265
5th Ave.	South 10th Street	South 9th Street	260
5th Ave.	South 11th Street	South 10th Street	255
5th Ave.	South 12th Street	South 11th Street	265
7th Ave.	Covert Avenue	Premier Blvd.	725
Central Blvd.	Jericho Turnpike	Washington Ave.	450
Herkomer St.	South Park Place	Jericho Turnpike	360
Herkomer St.	Plaza Avenue	South Park Place	250
Herkomer St.	2nd Avenue	Plaza Avenue	250
Lowell Ave.	North 10th Street	Lakeville Road	335
Lowell Ave.	North 11th Street	North 10th Street	250
Lowell Ave.	North 12th Street	North 11th Street	245
Park Ave.	North 10th Street	Lakeville Road	250
South 5th St.	2nd Avenue	1st Avenue	500
South 6th St.	1st Avenue	Jericho Turnpike	425
South 10th St.	1st Avenue	Jericho Turnpike	435
South 10th St.	5th Avenue	6th Avenue	400
South 10th St.	3rd Avenue	5th Avenue	510
Plaza Ave.	New Hyde Park Road	Herkomer Street	425
North 10th St.	Park Avenue	Lowell Avenue	650
Intersection	North 1st Street	Bryant Avenue	0

Total Feet:

8,525

Veterans Day Ceremony

On November 11, 2013, the Village of New Hyde Park enjoyed one of its largest turnouts in recent memory to honor the brave men and women from New Hyde Park who have served in the United States military. This is a very important day on the Village calendar as it is a chance for us, as a community, to express our gratitude and admiration for those who have worn the uniform to protect our American life style. The large turnout spoke well of New Hyde Park.

The ceremony began with the color guards of the VFW and American Legion presenting the colors, followed by welcome remarks from Ed Smolenski, Commander of the G & E Linder Post No. 8031 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Commander Smolenski reminded everyone that this is a tribute to all who served, but lest we forget, a prayer was offered for those veterans who died in war and for the veterans who have since passed away.

Names of deceased members of the VFW and American Legion were read and family members of deceased New Hyde Park veterans were encouraged to come to the microphone to honor their loved ones. In a solemn gesture of respect and sadness, the veterans placed a wreath at the Village memorial that bears the names of those New Hyde Park veterans who were killed in action. Taps, the US military's musical farewell to those who have fallen, was played while the wreath was placed. A Firing Party then fired three volleys of rifle shots; a venerable military signal that the casualties of the battlefield had been properly cared for.

Mayor Lofaro offered brief remarks acknowledging our local veterans and the Star Spangled Banner was played. The colors were retired, ending the ceremony.

The Veteran's groups also took the opportunity to recognize local youth groups who have contributed to New Hyde Park. The VFW and the American Legion presented Boy Scout Troop 298 with a certificate of achievement and a donation of \$150 for the work the boys have done around the Village. The Veterans also donated a plaque memorializing the accomplishments of the girls Little League champs who represented New Hyde Park in the Softball World Series last year.

The ceremony would not have been possible if not for the men and women of our local veterans groups who organize the event every year. There are two veterans groups in New Hyde Park, the G. & E. Linder Post No. 8031 of the VFW and the American Legion. The two organizations work together in continued service to our community.

The mission of the VFW and the American Legion is to advocate on behalf of American veterans, and to promote patriotism and wholesome communities. This mission is dutifully accomplished in New Hyde Park through the efforts of the members. In addition to the Veterans Day ceremony, the Memorial Day parade and tribute is a highly visible manifestation of the Veterans' mission and their most important event of the year. The Veterans go to great lengths to organize the parade and ceremony so that the supreme sacrifice that our 56 young New Hyde Park residents made will never be forgotten.



VFW Commander Ed Smolenski, Tr. Don Barbieri, American Legion Treasurer Marty Cernese, Mayor Bob Lofaro and Tr. Donna Squicciarino on the front steps of Village Hall.

The veterans' single biggest request of New Hyde Park is for citizens to join them at the Memorial Day Tribute to honor these young heroes from New Hyde Park.

The Veterans groups also do their part for surviving veterans. The American Legion organizes visits to patients at the VA Hospital in Northport every year. The VFW collaborates with the NHP Fire Department in the Wounded Warrior drives to deliver donations to active duty troops in bases along the east coast. Members are also informed on changes to veterans programs at the national level. They are encouraged to contact their elected officials on matters that are important to active duty servicemen and women and veterans, and therefore critical to the continued national security of our country. On those sad occasions when a member passes away, the Veterans provide a rifle team at the grave site of their comrade and fire the aforementioned three volley salute to honor the departed.

The Veterans spend a lot of their time supporting the young people of New Hyde Park and encouraging a wholesome life filled with community service. The Vets have led the NHP Little League parade for over 40 years. They have become ubiquitous at Eagle Scout ceremonies, acknowledging the altruistic service and accomplishments these scouts have achieved. The Vets present a scholarship each year to deserving NHP Memorial High School students to help them in college. There have been approximately 40 recipients over the last 10 years. In addition to the monetary reward, students are also presented with an American flag.

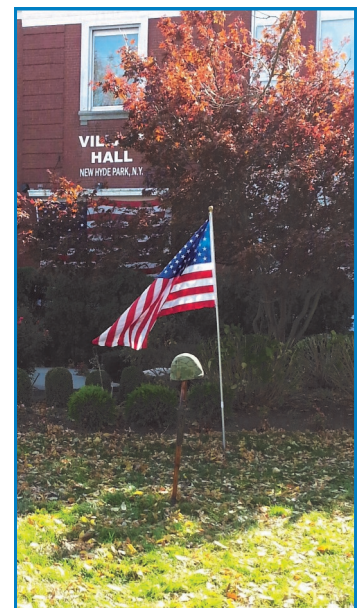
The American Legion also participates in a nationwide program called Boys State / Nation to provide education on the structure of city, county and state government.

The groups evolved from a Veterans Club of New Hyde Park that formed around 1920 and later disbanded in 1951 as members transitioned into the VFW or American Legion. The New Hyde Park chapter of the American Legion formed in 1933 and the G&E Linder Post of the VFW got its start in 1946.

There are approximately 42 members in New Hyde Park's American Legion and the G. & E. Linder Post of the VFW. Their numbers are dwindling and they appeal for the next generation of military veterans to add to their ranks and carry on these important traditions. Together the American Legion and the VFW serves as an important reminder to all of us that the cost of freedom is high and should never be taken for granted. When you see one of our local veterans around town, please take a moment and thank them for their service to our country and their continued service to our community.

If you asked the veterans what they would like to see most from the citizens of New Hyde Park, they would tell you:

- * **Show your support by attending the ceremonies on Memorial Day and Veterans Day.**
- * **Fly your American flag at your house every day to show support for our soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines.**
- * **Schools and parents should educate our children in American history and the contributions our veterans made to our freedom.**



Architectural Review Board, Zoning Board, and Public Hearings

Architectural Review Board Hearings:

November 6, 2013

- 2 Herkomer Street - This was a second appearance for the applicant, New Hope Community Church, who presented revised color proposals for their new sign. The ARB tabled the application and asked the applicant to return again with two or three sign re-designs.

December 4, 2013

- 1615 Broadway - The applicant's plans to build a full 2nd story over the existing 1st floor, with a new portico, a brick front stoop, all new windows, and a rear patio was approved. The 2nd floor exterior will be white vinyl siding and trim. The existing brick will remain on the 1st floor with a ridge line between the brick from the vinyl siding.

January 8, 2014

- 1501 Jericho Tpke. - The applicant is requesting two signs, one facing New Hyde Park Road and one facing Jericho Tpke. The lettering and lighting was approved but the background color is pending final approval by the Building Department.

Zoning Board Hearings:

November 13, 2013

- 1 Jericho Tpke. - The applicant seeks to construct an instructional swim center. The required off street parking is 90 spaces and the applicant seeks a variance for 63 parking spaces. The application was granted for relief of parking.
- 800B Jericho Tpke. - The applicant, Step By Step Dance, seeks to relocate across the street from 613 Jericho Tpke. to 800B Jericho Tpke. The required off street parking is 26 spaces while none are provided. There is parking area in the rear of the building which is utilized by the 3 store fronts and 3 apartments. This parking area can be used as a drop-off as there is a rear door that leads to the parking lot. The application was granted for relief of parking.

December 11, 2013

- 1615 Broadway – An application to bump out the 1st story rear west portion of the home, align it to the existing home, and add a full 2nd story directly over the existing 1st floor, including the attached garage. This request, which includes a variance for the east and west side yard setbacks, was granted.
- 650 South 9th Street – The applicant seeks a Special Exception Permit to install a second kitchen on the 2nd floor to be utilized by his son. This request was granted.
- 99 Lakeville Road – An application to construct a two story building with insufficient off street parking. The 1st floor would consist of 5, 540 sq. ft. to accommodate four retail stores and a warehouse area. The 2nd floor would consist of 7,404 sq. ft. of office, filing, and accessory areas. No decision was rendered pending approval by the Village Board for a Special Use Permit.

January 9, 2014

- 1 Jericho Tpke. - This was a re-hearing after the applicant, Saf-T-Swim, requested that the ZBA reconsider the conditions they imposed at the November hearing regarding parking. A decision was granted in favor of the applicant for relief of parking.

Village Board/Special Use Public Hearings:

December 3, 2013

- 99 Lakeville Road - An application to build an office building with a total floor area greater than 2,500 square feet. The Board reserved decision pending the outcome of a review by the Nassau County Planning Commission.

January 7, 2014

- Proposed local law amending the municipal code authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the established in general municipal law. The Board agreed to exempt the Village from the 2% tax cap.

Calendar of Events

Wed. 2/12	Zoning Board of Appeals 7:30 PM Village Hall
Mon. 2/17	President's Day Village Offices Closed No Sanitation Collection
Tues. 2/18	Village Tax Grievance Day 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM Village Hall Village Board Meeting 8:00 PM Village Hall
Fri. 2/28	New Hyde Park Museum Launch 6:30 PM Village Hall - 2nd Floor
Tues. 3/4	Village Board Meeting 8:00 PM Village Hall
Wed. 3/5	Architectural Review Board 7:30 PM Village Hall
Wed. 3/12	Zoning Board of Appeals 7:30 PM Village Hall
Tues. 3/18	Village Election 12:00 Noon - 9:00 PM Marcus Christ Hall
Thurs. 3/20	Village Board Meeting 8:00 PM Village Hall
Tues. 4/1	2014/2015 Budget Hearing 7:30 PM Village Hall Annual Organization & Village Board Meeting 8:00 PM Village Hall
Wed. 4/2	Architectural Review Board 7:30 PM Village Hall
Fri. 4/4	Open "Mic" Night 7:30 PM William Gill Theatre
Sat. 4/5	NHP Little League Parade 8:30 AM Jericho Tpke. to Nuzzi Field
Wed. 4/9	Zoning Board of Appeals 7:30 PM Village Hall
Tues. 4/15	Village Board Meeting 8:00 PM Village Hall
Fri. 4/18	Good Friday Observance Village Offices Close at Noon
Tues. 5/6	Village Board Meeting 8:00 PM Village Hall

Sanitation Schedule Changes**President's Day****Monday, February 17**

Garbage for North Side POSTPONED and rescheduled to Tuesday, February 18

Tuesday, February 18Garbage collection for entire Village
Newspapers for North Side***The DPW provides three bulk pick-up operations per week, excluding holidays, on an appointment basis. Please call DPW at 354-0064 to arrange for a special bulk pick-up.******Garbage, newspapers, and recyclables cannot be put out before 7:00 PM on the day prior to pick-up.******Spring Tree Planting***

Throughout the Village, there were 56 trees damaged or uprooted last year due to Super Storm Sandy's fury. The Village Board is committed to protect and continuously improve our suburban landscape. This passed Fall, 20 new trees were planted and we plan to have 50 or more new trees planted in the Spring.

We are asking your help in this endeavor. If you want a new tree or if you know of a barren area that could use some greenery, please call the Department of Public Works to request a new tree. Potential planting sites will be inspected first to ensure the site can sustain a healthy growing tree.

Operation Main Street

We had hoped that by now, Operation Main Street, the Village's portion of the Jericho Turnpike Project, would have been completed. However, coordinating the work among the numerous contractors involved in this project proved to be difficult.

At this point, work on Jericho Turnpike has been suspended during the winter and will begin again, as weather permits in early March. Plantings in the center lane medians have been completed. You will see that there are only a few corner areas where plantings haven't been done. They will be completed also in the spring. The Village Board understands the inconvenience that construction has caused and we share your frustration. Ultimately, we remain confident that when the project is finally completed in the spring, we will all be proud of it.

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**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
Auxiliary Police: 522-5385**



Village Election

Tuesday, March 18

Polling Hours

12 Noon - 9 PM

Marcus Christ Hall

1420 Jericho Tpke (next to Village Hall)



Village Tax Assessment

Village Tax Grievance Day is Tuesday, February 18th. The Tax Assessor will be available from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM to meet with residents and/or answer questions. Appointments are not required during the day but are required for appointments after 6:00 PM. Please call Village Hall at 354-0022 to schedule an evening appointment.