



VILLAGE OF NEW HYDE PARK

OFFICIAL REPORT - FALL 2016

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The 2016 Road Improvement Project

The largest and most comprehensive road improvement project to take place in the last 25 years has been successfully completed. After thorough planning, construction began in July and the project was completed in October. Dry weather conditions greatly helped to move the project along in a timely manner. Holiday and manpower scheduling by the contractor resulted in some delay in early September.

The 2016 Road Improvement Project included the total reconstruction of over 2 miles or 10,755 linear feet of roadway which includes removing the existing top layer, re-grading the roadway, and asphalt resurfacing. Large projects (such as this one) are usually completed in phases. A cluster of roads in the same general area are first milled down, then re-graded, then base road bedding is completed, followed by the final base coat. By approaching construction in this manner, we are able to achieve economies of scale which keeps transportation, materials, and labor costs low. New driveway aprons, curb replacements and sidewalks were included only if needed to meet the new street grade. Reconstruction of the parking lot at Village Hall, including new drainage, was just completed.

Village Engineers Dvirka and Bartilucci performed the road grade assessments, design work, and bid documents. General contractors, Pratt Brothers, Inc. were responsible for all aspects of the road construction. Even though a few bills remain outstanding, the cost of the project, including design, construction, materials and labor, estimated at \$2.2 million, is expected to be within budget. To fund the project, the Village Board passed a resolution on May 16, 2016 to authorize the issuance of bonds in the principal amount of \$1.5 million.

DPW Superintendent Tom Gannon managed all aspects of this massive project. His detailed and diligent oversight helped bring the project to a successful completion, within budget, and in a timely manner. We appreciate the patience and cooperation of all Village residents and businesses during the reconstruction.



Work crews perform the initial cut on Washington Avenue, between Ingraham Lane and Central Blvd.



This machine pictured on South 2nd Street is mixing and injecting oil onto the roadway.



Final grading is done on Lincoln Avenue at Central Blvd. This is the final step before asphalt resurfacing.



Mayor's Letter to the Residents

Dear Neighbors,
What a GREAT Street Fair!! That was the buzz around town. And the weather was absolutely spectacular. I want to thank every one who attended and all the merchants who participated. I hope that you had an enjoyable day. The Village Board and I also extend our thanks to our sponsor Northwell Health; Superintendent Tom Gannon, Greg Romano and all the members of the Department of Public Works; the Village Clerk's staff; our outstanding volunteer Fire Department; the volunteers from our Auxiliary Police Unit; and great thanks to our Street Fair Coordinator Janet Bevers. And the good news is that for the last few years the Village has made a profit after paying all of the street fair related expenses.

In keeping with the theme of good news, the 2016 Road Improvement Project, the largest we have ever done, is in its final stages and was substantially completed by the end of October. But the better news is that the end is in sight. In a few more years, every road in the Village will have been reconstructed or repaved. It has been a fifteen year process so far, but we remain committed to improving the infrastructure of our Village roadways.

Finally, you may have heard about the train derailment that occurred on Saturday, October 8th in Garden City between the New Hyde Park and Merillon Avenue Stations. What a horrifying scene to see these large train cars physically off the tracks. This accident could have been far worse if the train was travelling at a faster rate of speed, but fortunately, it was slowing as it approached the Merillon Avenue Station. We should be very proud and thankful to the First Responders from our volunteer fire departments, police, and other government agencies that helped the nearly 600 passengers evacuate the train safely.

We activated the Marcus Christ Community Center as the Family Reunification Center and were thankful it was available for the hundreds of uninjured passengers. The only negative criticism I have of the post-accident events is when the Governor and the MTA Chairman used this terrible accident to promote their Third Track Plan. It was poor timing and poor judgment because if we did have a third track, all three would have been out of service instead of the current two. That was not the time or the place to promote political agendas.

So, as the leaves on the trees turn colors and begin to fall, please know that your DPW staff will be out collecting them from our roadways and will continue to keep our Village clean and safe.

Best regards,

Bob Lofaro

Cultural Commission

Village Tree Lighting Ceremony



The tree lighting ceremony will be held on Saturday, December 3rd at Marcus Christ Hall.

For many, this annual community event signifies the start of the holiday season. And attending has become a tradition for many families.

The holiday celebration will begin at 3:00 pm. The Magic of Amore will entertain children with his magic tricks and show. The New Hyde Park Memorial High School Band and Chamber Singers are scheduled to perform again this year.

At dusk, guest will be invited to gather on the front lawn to watch as Mayor Lofaro lights the Christmas Tree. This holiday celebration is being sponsored by the Greater New Hyde Park Chamber of Commerce again this year. We appreciate their generosity and support of this annual Village holiday event.

Resident Parking Permits

R On Thursday, December 1st, residents can begin to purchase the 2017 resident parking permit at the Village Clerk's Office. Residents need to bring a current driver's license and vehicle registration that reflects their Village address. If you are renting a house or apartment in the Village, please bring your current lease agreement.

On Wednesday, December 14th, the Village Clerk's Office will extend business hours through 8:00 PM to provide additional opportunity for residents to purchase the R permit. Please keep in mind that the 2017 resident parking permit must be affixed to your car by Tuesday, January 3rd in order to be in compliance with the Village parking code. The fee for the 2017 resident parking permit is \$100.

Veteran's Affairs



The annual Veteran's Day Ceremony will be held on Friday, November 11th at 10:45 am on the front lawn of Village Hall. Please assemble by 10:30 am. The ceremony is hosted by members of the Veterans of Foreign War, the G & E Linder Post #8031, and the American Legion Ernie Pyle Post #1089.

Please join us on the front lawn of Village Hall as we pay tribute to and honor the brave men and women in the armed services who dedicate their lives to protect our families, preserve our freedoms, and ensure our safety.

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 rain water 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’s 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 that create 72.5 billion pounds of waste every year! Just one gram of pet waste contains an average of 23 million fecal coli from bacteria.
- Some of these bacteria can cause serious gastrointestinal infections, and ear, eye, and throat infections in humans.
- As pet waste decomposes, it demands a high level of oxygen from the 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 snow melt. Under natural conditions, this water seeps into the ground. In urban areas, this water flows over impervious surfaces such as paved areas and building rooftops; does not percolate into the ground; and accumulates debris, chemicals, sediment or other pollutants.

Department of Public Works

Snow Removal

It may seem a bit premature to talk about snow removal, but winter is only two months away. And that means that snow season is quickly approaching fast. While we may hope for a snow-free season, we need to be prepared for the snow and ice that winter can potentially bring. By working together, we can ensure that roads and sidewalks are cleared in a safe and efficient manner. Here’s how you can help:

- **Do not park on the street during snow events**
- **Minimize your travel during snow events**
- **Do not throw snow from your walkway or driveway onto the road**
- **Remove snow from your vehicle while it is still parked in your driveway and certainly before you travel**
- **Village Code requires that residents and business owners remove snow and ice from the sidewalk within 24 hours of the snow event**

If you have questions, please call the Department of Public Works at (516) 354-0064.

Park and Recreation

Village Parks

On Monday, November 28th, the field house at Memorial Park and at Nuzzi Field will close for the season. During the winter, there will be no Park Attendants on duty and the public facilities will be closed. We encourage all residents to continue to enjoy the Parks throughout the winter, but please plan accordingly since the public facilities will not be available during this time.

Long and Lean - Adult Exercise

Classes ended on November 7th but, due to popular demand, this program will return in the Spring. Over the past few years, this adult exercise class had been very well attended and developed a strong following. Once finalized, details will be posted on the website and in the Winter Newsletter.

Picture perfect weather, advance planning, hundreds of participating merchants, and great community support provided the foundation for a successful 21st annual Village Street Fair. A very special thank you to our official sponsors, Northwell Health for their partnership and community support.



Tr. Richard Coppola and Deputy Mayor Lawrence Montreuil oversee the final stages of the early morning set-up.



Mayor Robert Lofaro, Fair Coordinator Janet Bevers, Tr. Donna Squicciarino, Park & Recreation Chairman Richard Pallisco, DPW & Building Supt. Thomas Gannon, and Tr. Richard Coppola.



Mayor Lofaro and Tr. Squicciarino thank members of Auxiliary Police Unit #212 for their assistance throughout the day.



What a Duo! Best Comics owner, Tommy Maletta and Batman on Street Fair Day.



Owners and physical therapists Katie Hicks and Fred Kaestel gave away lots of freebies along with great information on all the wellness services offered at Nassau Sport Care.



Gianpiero Ciminna and his team from Sweet Passion Desserts participated in their first Street Fair. Their delicious cupcakes, cookies, and Italian pastries were a big hit.



The Olde Trading Post gave everyone a glimpse of what is to come. Interior construction continues but most of the façade and exterior work is completed.



Members of the Red Cross Club from NHP Memorial High School were all smiles as they raise money for their club.



David Rosenberg and Lynne Arleo showcased all the amenities offered at The Inn at New Hyde Park.



Mayor Robert Lofaro and former Mayor Dan Petruccio meet up on the Turnpike.



Northwell Health, returned as the official Fair sponsor. Their health van provided free flu shots and their wellness volunteers provided information on a number of health topics.



The team from Saf-T-Swim stands ready to register children for swim safety classes.

SANITATION SCHEDULE CHANGES**Veteran's Day****Friday, November 11**

Garbage for south side POSTPONED and rescheduled to Saturday, November 12

Saturday, November 12

Garbage collection for south side

Thanksgiving Day**Thursday, November 24**Garbage for north side POSTPONED
Newspapers for south side POSTPONED and rescheduled to Friday, November 25**Friday, November 25**Garbage collection for entire Village
Newspapers for south side**Christmas Holiday Observance****Monday, December 26**

Garbage for north side POSTPONED and rescheduled to Tuesday, December 27

Tuesday, December 27Garbage collection for entire Village
Newspapers for the north side**New Year's Holiday****Monday, January 2**

Garbage for north side POSTPONED and rescheduled to Tuesday, January 3

Tuesday, January 3Garbage collection for entire Village
Newspapers for the north side**Martin Luther King Jr. Day****Monday, January 16**

Garbage for north side POSTPONED and rescheduled to Tuesday, January 17

Tuesday, January 17Garbage collection for entire Village
Newspapers for north side

- ⇒ Garbage, newspapers, and recyclables cannot be put out before 7 PM on the day prior to pick up.
- ⇒ DPW provides two bulk pick-up operations per week, excluding holidays, on an appointment basis. Call DPW at 354-0064 to schedule a special bulk or e-waste pick up.
- ⇒ Yard waste pick up ends Wednesday, December 7th.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS**Fri. 11/11****Veteran's Day**
Village Offices Closed
No Sanitation Pick Up**Fri. 11/11****Veteran's Day Ceremony**
10:45 AM**Tues. 11/15****Front Lawn Village Hall**
Village Board Meeting
8:00 PM Village Hall**Tues. 11/22**Architectural Review Board
7:30 PM Village Hall**Wed. 11/23****Village Offices Close at Noon****Thurs. 11/24****Thanksgiving Day**
Village Offices Closed
No Sanitation Pick Up**Fri. 11/25****Village Hall Closed**
There Will Be Sanitation Pick Up**Thurs. 12/1**2017 Resident "R" Parking Permits
Can Be Purchased at Village Hall**Sat. 12/3**Village Tree Lighting Ceremony
Marcus Christ Hall 3:00 - 4:30 PM**Tues. 12/6**Village Board Meeting
8:00 PM Village Hall**Wed. 12/14**Extended Hours to Purchase "R" Parking
Permit at Village Hall
8:45 AM - 8:00 PM**Wed. 12/14**Zoning Board of Appeals
7:30 PM Village Hall**Tues. 12/20**Village Board Meeting
8:00 PM Village Hall**Mon. 12/26****Village Offices Closed**
No Sanitation Pick Up**Wed. 12/28**Architectural Review Board
7:30 PM Village Hall***Happy New Year - 2017*****Mon. 1/2****Village Offices Closed**
No Sanitation Pick Up**Tues. 1/3**Village Board Meeting
8:00 PM Village Hall**Wed. 1/11**Zoning Board of Appeals
7:30 PM Village Hall**Mon. 1/16****Martin Luther King Jr. Day**
Village Offices Closed.
No Sanitation Pick Up

Zoning Board, Architectural Review Board, and Village Board Public Hearings

Zoning Board of Appeals

September 14, 2016

- 1631 Jericho Tpke. - An application was heard to open a physical fitness training center with insufficient off street parking. Approval was granted at the October 12th hearing.
- 1818 Jericho Tpke. - An application was heard to open a medical office with insufficient off street parking. Approval was granted at the October 12th hearing.

October 12, 2016

- 810 Jericho Tpke. - An application from Mathnasium to relocate from 1003 Jericho Tpke. and obtain a variance for insufficient off street parking was granted.

Architectural Review Board

August 24, 2016

- 1014 Jericho Tpke. - (Chiarelli's Religious Goods) The applicant submitted new designs for two business signs. A rectangular sign with a blue background and white lettering and gooseneck lighting was approved. One sign will be placed on Jericho Tpke. and one will be placed on South 11th Street.
- 1218 Jericho Tpke. - (Olde Trading Post) Approval was granted to change previously approved building plans which included the removal of one apartment on the 1st floor in order to expand the kitchen, four apartments on the 2nd floor, one apartment on the 3rd floor, and the addition of a second stone garden wall. Rendering for a new sign with dark green background and golf leaf lettering was also approved.

Village Board Special Use Hearing

August 16, 2016

- 1631 Jericho Tpke. - An application was granted to open and operate a physical fitness training center.
- 1818 Jericho Tpke. - An applicant seeks to open and operate a medical facility. A decision was reserved pending review by Nassau County Planning Commission. At the September 20th Board Meeting, a Special Use Permit was approved subject to the following conditions: the applicant will limit the medical use to one physician, one medical assistant and one secretary; applicant shall not rent or sublease the office space; the medical office will be by appointment only; and the applicant's employees will utilize the on-site parking area.

October 4, 2016

- 810 Jericho Tpke. - The applicant seeks to relocate his learning center, Mathnasium, from 1003 Jericho Tpke to 810 Jericho Tpke. A decision was reserved pending the outcome of review by Nassau County Planning Commission. On October 11th, the Village Board approved a Special Use Permit.

Village Board Public Hearings

October 18, 2016

- Municipal Tree Code - The Board approved updates to language in the Municipal Tree Code including definition, purpose, planting, removal, and replacement.

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Mayor: Robert A. Lofaro
Deputy Mayor: Lawrence Montreuil
Trustees: Richard Coppola
Donald Barbieri
Donna Squicciarino

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

Village Tax Assessment

Tax Grievance Day is Tuesday, February 21, 2017. If you feel your Village tax assessment is higher than it should be, you are welcome to meet with the Village Tax Assessor prior to or on Tax Grievance Day. The Tax Assessor is available every Wednesday from 9 AM to 12 Noon. Appointments are not required, but it is advisable to call ahead. The Assessor will also be available on February 21st from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm and appointments are required. Upon submitting a tax grievance, the Tax Assessor will review your current assessment and compare it to similar houses that have been recently sold in the Village. If you file a Tax Grievance, an inspection of the property will be required to ensure that the Building Department records are up to date. Unlike Nassau County Assessment, which can vary from year to year according to market value, Village assessments are not adjusted unless you make physical changes to your property or you grieve your assessed value.