



VILLAGE OF NEW HYDE PARK OFFICIAL REPORT - WINTER 2016

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The LIRR Main Line Expansion Project (Third Track)

After almost 10 years, the LIRR has decided to resurrect their plans to install a third track along the Main Line. On January 5th, Governor Andrew Cuomo announced his support of this project without speaking to or giving any advanced notice to local elected officials along the impacted areas on the Main Line. Although degree of impact may vary community to community, the Third Track Project will impact every community along the Main Line, from Bellerose to Hicksville.

As residents who lived through the proposed Main Line Expansion Project ten years ago can attest to, challenging the MTA and the LIRR was no easy feat. However, the Village Board stood shoulder to shoulder with residents, neighbors along the Main Line, and local elected officials to oppose the MTA and the LIRR with their third track expansion plans. Until detailed plans are announced by the LIRR, the Village Board maintains the same concerns it had ten years ago and the Village Board's position remains firm:

- The Village Board does not see any benefit from the Third Track Main Line Expansion Project for the Village of New Hyde Park.
- The Village Board does not agree with the LIRR's claim that reverse commuting needs have increased so significantly to warrant this expensive and invasive project.
- The Village Board is opposed to any plan that will bring additional freight through our community, particularly the shipment of LPG, municipal waste, hazardous chemicals, and radioactive waste from Brookhaven Labs.
- The Village Board is opposed to any plan that requires the confiscation of private residential, commercial or public property through Eminent Domain.
- The Village Board is opposed to any plan that will increase noise pollution and rail vibrations in our community.
- The Village Board is opposed to any plan that will negatively impact the flow of traffic through the Village, particularly at or around 2nd and 3rd Avenues at New Hyde Park Road, South 12th Street, and Covert Avenue.
- The Village Board is opposed to any plan that does not properly address the at-grade crossings, and would prefer their elimination in a manner that is acceptable to the community.
- The Village Board is opposed to any plan that will reduce any commuter parking.

According to the MTA, the Third Track Project is estimated to cost between \$1 - \$1.5 billion overall with over \$7 million in design work alone. To date, Mayor Lofaro and Village Trustees have met or spoken with federal, state, and local elected officials; Village Mayors along the Main Line; President of the LIRR Patrick Nowakowski; and concerned citizens.

Mayor Lofaro and the Village LIRR Task Force will hold an **Informational Meeting on Thursday, March 3rd at 8 PM** in Marcus Christ Hall (1420 Jericho Tpke, next to Village Hall). We hope you can attend this informational meeting on the Third Track Project. It's important for everyone to be informed, to stay informed, and to get involved. Residents are also welcome to provide their comments to Mayor Lofaro via e-mail at **Mayor@vnhp.org** or by letter addressed to Village Hall, 1420 Jericho Turnpike, New Hyde Park, NY, 11040. The Village Board meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month. Updated information on the Third Track Project will continue to be provided at Board Meetings, in future Newsletters, and on the Village website.



Mayor's Letter to the Residents

Dear Neighbors,

Well the hopes that we would go the whole winter with mild and unseasonably warm temperatures were shattered when Winter Storm Jonas rolled in. And, just like last January, almost exactly one year to the date when the Blizzard of 2015 hit, forecasters had prepared us for the snow that came. And like last year, your Department of Public Works met the challenge and performed wonderfully.

Now I can say they "performed wonderfully" with great pride, not only as Mayor, but as a resident who was also affected by the storm. As I stared out my front window watching the snow accumulate, I was delighted to see the bright white lights and blinking yellow caution lamps of Village plows as they rolled down the streets clearing the way for emergency vehicles to respond if needed. And driving around the Village the next day surveying our streets and comparing them to streets outside the Village, I clearly see the value of our Village. Or watching the news and seeing some streets in Queens untouched for days, or seeing NYC ambulances stuck in the snow, I am reminded why the DPW's operation is so important to the health and well-being of our residents.

But I would also like to thank our residents, property owners and business owners for their part in the clean up. Mostly all the sidewalks were cleared and most snow was not pushed back into the street making pedestrian access and mobility open for those who needed to get to work, the stores, or their houses of worship. We did have some areas that needed attention and our Building Code Enforcement Agents were out to ensure these residents and businesses complied with the Village codes. We also responded to resident requests to resolve some problems they encountered as well.

On a different topic, the Long Island Rail Road is back with their Main Line Expansion Project and desire to install a Third Track next to the two we already have that currently run parallel to 2nd and 3rd Avenues. There will be much more information available on our web site, future newsletters, and in the local papers.

On January 5th, the Village Board authorized Dvirka & Bartilucci to design and prepare bid documents for the reconstruction of almost 2 miles of Village roads at a cost of up to \$147,300. We hope to begin the construction this spring.

And finally, we are in need of volunteers from our community to serve on Boards, Committees, and Task Forces to help organize and deliver the wonderful programs, projects, and services to our residents. Please reach out to me by email at Mayor@vnhp.org. Best regards,

Bob Lofaro

Winter Storm Jonas Brings Record Snow Fall to New Hyde Park



After unseasonably warm temperatures in December and early January, the East coast was battered on January 23rd by Winter Storm Jonas. Most of Long Island received two feet of snow, with drifts that far exceeded that amount. Heavy snow fall, biting cold temperatures, and high winds were the hallmarks of Jonas, the first snow event of 2016.

Thanks to advance notice by weather forecasters, DPW crews began to prime the streets for ice control late Friday night. Snow plowing operations began Saturday morning and continued through Sunday morning, with additional clean up taking place over the next few days.

On January 23rd at 12 PM, Mayor Lofaro declared a State of Emergency in the Village of New Hyde Park. He directed all Departments of the Incorporated Village of New Hyde Park to take whatever steps necessary to protect life, property, public infrastructure and other such emergency assistance as deemed necessary.

During snow events, please keep cars off the street so plows can clear the streets, curb to curb, without obstructions. Once your street is cleared, please do not put snow back onto the cleared street. Putting snow back onto plowed streets creates a safety hazard for motorists and pedestrians. Also, it often requires a second or third snow removal effort which adds to manpower and labor costs and puts a physical burden on our machinery and equipment.

Homeowner/business owners are required to clear snow and ice off the sidewalk within 24 hours of the snow event ending. If your neighbors are elderly or have physical limitations, please help them clear their property. And, for everyone's safety and security, please remove snow around fire hydrants.

The 2016 Road Improvement Project

The largest and most comprehensive road improvement project in the last 25 years has begun. The road improvement project includes approximately two miles or 10,905 linear feet of roadway. Roads in the base project total 8,985 linear feet and roads in the add/alternatives project total 1,920 linear feet. The chart below outlines the roads included in this project. Road selections were based on a road grading analysis conducted by Village Engineers Dvirka & Bartilucci.



The cost of this project is estimated at \$2.2 million which includes design, bid documents, plans, and asphalt pavement replacement and may include driveway aprons, sidewalks, and concrete curb replacements as needed to meet the new street grade. The Village will borrow up to \$1.5 million to help fund this project and the Board is confident that the Village will maintain its favorable AA+ credit rating which will help the Village secure a lower interest rate. The design work is just beginning and, upon completion, bids solicitations will be issued. Although weather plays a big role, road construction will begin late Spring and continue to Summer. Information on this project and its progress will continue to be provided at Board Meetings, in future Newsletters, on the Village website, and in the local newspapers.

Residents living on impacted streets will be notified in advance of the construction starting and parking instructions will be provided. Please be extra cautious when driving through the Village during the road construction. Your safety is always a top priority. If you have questions or want further information, please call DPW Supt. Tom Gannon at (516) 354-0064.

Roads To Be Done

Street Name	From Street	To Street
Terrace Blvd.	Jericho Tpke.	Lowell Avenue
Park Avenue	Ingraham Lane	Central Blvd.
Lincoln Avenue	Ingraham Lane	New Hyde Park Road
Brooklyn Avenue	North Second Street	Cherry Lane
North Third Street	Lowell Avenue	Bryant Avenue
North First Street	Brooklyn Avenue	Lowell Avenue
Plaza Avenue	Hoffman Road	New Hyde Park Road
Hoffman Road	Plaza Avenue	Jericho Turnpike
South Fourth Street	First Avenue	Jericho Turnpike
South Second Street	First Avenue	Jericho Turnpike
South Eleventh Street	Third Avenue	Sixth Avenue
Hillside Blvd.	Jericho Turnpike	Brooklyn Avenue

Add / Alternates

Washington Avenue	Ingraham Lane	New Hyde Park Road
North Sixth Street	Brooklyn Avenue	Lowell Avenue
Third Avenue	Baer Place	South 12th Street

Community Development Block Grant Funds

Residential Rehabilitation Funds Available to Qualified Residents

In the Spring, we reported on efforts the Village had taken to secure funding from Nassau County for commercial and residential improvements.

Residential rehabilitation funds are available to disabled individuals and/or senior citizens living on a limited income. The funds can be used by homeowners for necessary home improvements and for the rehabilitation and preservation of their home. Residents who meet the income criteria set by Nassau County are eligible to apply for financial assistance. If you are interested in learning more about this Program, or if you want to apply for grant funding, please call Cathryn Hillmann, Village Clerk & Treasurer at (516) 354-0022. Don't pass up an opportunity to seek financial assistance for necessary home improvements.

Commercial Rehabilitation Funds Used to Refurbish the Basement at Village Hall

In the Fall, the Village was awarded \$15,000 Commercial Rehabilitation Funding. A portion of this funding, approximately \$8,100 has been used to refurbish the basement of Village Hall.

The rooms in the basement are used by a senior citizens group that meets regularly. And, during inclement or extreme weather, the Children's Summer Recreation Program temporarily uses the facilities. The rooms have been given a fresh coat of paint, new furniture, and a new rug. A wall-mounted TV has been ordered and delivery is expected soon.



This is one of the newly refurbished rooms in the basement of Village Hall. A new TV will be installed on the back wall.

Catherine D. Dwyer, A Tribute Former Deputy Village Clerk



It is with sadness that we announce the passing of former Deputy Village Clerk Catherine D. Dwyer, on January 19, 2016. Ms. Dwyer was not only a Village employee for many years, but she was also a Village resident for over 47 years.

After devoting 38 years of service to the Village of New Hyde Park, Ms. Dwyer retired on January 6, 1996. Among her many responsibilities, Ms. Dwyer was the Recording Clerk for the Village Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals. During her 38 year tenure, she served seven Mayors and several Trustees. Many residents may remember Ms. Dwyer as responsive, knowledgeable, and always willing to help those who came into the Village Clerk's Office.

Ms. Dwyer had been living in South Carolina to be closer to her family.

Our heartfelt condolences to her daughters Kathleen and Pat, her son-in-law Chris Christiansen, her three grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Landscapers - Village License Required

Your landscaper is required to be licensed by the Village in order to conduct business in the Village. Licenses are issued on a yearly basis and the annual renewal process is currently underway. This license requirement protects the Village and its residents by ensuring that the landscaper carries sufficient insurances; has valid registration on its equipment and vehicles; and has an updated Nassau County license. Licensed landscapers are given information on Village regulations regarding noise ordinances, yard waste, and hours of operation. Landscapers who fail to adhere to Village Code, can face monetary fines by the Village Court and/or have their Village license revoked.

If you are interested in utilizing a landscaping service, please ensure that your landscaper is licensed to operate in the Village. Landscapers licensed to operate in the Village are issued an annual permit that must be affixed to their truck. Residents can call the Village Clerk's Office to inquire about the status of a landscaper and/or to obtain a current list of licensed landscapers.

Air Traffic in New Hyde Park

Tr. Don Barbieri has been in contact with FAA officials in Farmingdale who are now in the process of setting up a meeting with the Village Board regarding helicopter traffic over our community. The Village Board wants to emphasize again how the loud noise emanating from low flying helicopters negatively impacts the quality of life in New Hyde Park.

We continue to encourage residents to register their complaints by calling the Port Authority at 1 800 225-1071 or by accessing the Port Authority website at www.panynj.gov. If you live in the Town of North Hempstead, you can call 311 to register a complaint. Finally, let your federal, state, and local elected officials know your thoughts on this issue and let them know that you need (and expect) their help in resolving this quality of life and safety issue.

Dog Walking Etiquette

The Village Code requires that dogs be walked in the street within the curb lines. It is 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 dog(s) from urinating in these areas as well. Once again, ***curb your dog means in the street.***

Please contact Village Hall if you see someone who is not obeying these simple rules of law. If you can provide their name and address, the Village Building Department will follow up with a letter to the dog owner, reminding them of the law and the applicable fines. Usually, a gentle but firm reminder will help stop the indiscretions. Chronic violators will be summoned to court on the basis of a sworn complaint or observation by a Code Enforcer. 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 and not in storm drains.**

The 2016-2017 Village Budget

For the past several weeks, the Village Board has been working on the 2016 - 2017 budget. Budget workshops take place on most Tuesday nights in February and March, after Board and Staff Meetings conclude.

Budget work sessions are open to the public although not for public participation. Sessions are held in the Board Room located on the first floor of Village Hall.

The Budget Hearing will be held on Tuesday, April 5th at 7:30 pm and there will be opportunity for public input and questions. Residents are invited to attend the Budget Hearing.

Parks and Recreation

Long and Lean Exercise Class

The Parks and Recreation Committee is pleased to announce the return of Long and Lean Exercise Class. This popular adult exercise class includes gentle stretching, Pilates exercise and light weights. Classes will be held every Tuesday in April from 9:30 am to 10:30 am in the William Gill Theatre (2nd floor in Village Hall).

This program is offered free to Village residents. Non residents will be charged a \$20 fee. Although not required, pre-registration is recommended and would be appreciated.

Adult Boot Camp

The Committee is excited to introduce a new fitness event at Memorial Park, featuring a 4 week boot camp. Although dates and times have not been finalized, classes will be held once a week in the morning. Classes are offered free to Village residents, with a slight fee for non-residents. Watch for more details in the Spring Newsletter and the e-Board.

Village Parks

During the Winter, there are no Park Attendants on duty and no public facilities available at Memorial Park and Nuzzi Field. We hope you continue to enjoy the Parks during the Winter, but please plan accordingly.

The Field House and bathroom facilities at the Parks re-open on Friday, April 1st.

Department of Public Works

- ⇒ 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. Please call 354-0064 to schedule a special bulk or an e-waste pick up.
- ⇒ Yard waste collection resumes on April 6th.

The Fleet is Upgraded



The DPW fleet of trucks was recently upgraded to include three new recycling trucks. The trucks cost \$321,000 and were purchased in December from Syosset Truck Sales. The new trucks replaced three 1997/1998 recycling trucks which were sold to a private company for \$7,500.

Calendar of Events

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| Wed. 2/24 | Architectural Review Board
7:30 PM Village Hall |
| Tues. 3/1 | Board Meeting
8:00 PM Village Hall |
| Thur. 3/3 | Informational Public Meeting on the LIRR Third Track Project
8:00 PM Marcus Christ Hall |
| Wed. 3/9 | Zoning Board of Appeals
7:30 PM Village Hall |
| Tues. 3/15 | Board Meeting
8:00 PM Village Hall |
| Wed. 3/23 | Architectural Review Board
7:30 PM Village Hall |
| Fri. 3/25 | Good Friday Observance
Village Offices Close at Noon |
| Mon. 4/4 | Installation of Officers
7:30 PM Village Hall
Annual Organization Meeting
8:00 PM Village Hall |
| Tues. 4/5 | 2016/2017 Budget Hearing
7:30 PM Village Hall
Village Board Meeting
8:00 PM Village Hall |
| Sat. 4/9 | NHP Little League Parade
11:00 AM Jericho Tpke to Nuzzi Field |
| Wed. 4/13 | Zoning Board of Appeals
7:30 PM Village Hall |
| Tues. 4/19 | Board Meeting
8:00 PM Village Hall |
| Sat. 4/23 | Community Clean Up Day
10 AM - 2 PM
Resident Parking Lot - S. 12th Street |

Volunteer Opportunity - Join the Tree Committee

A new Committee was recently formed to help manage existing tree inventory, tree maintenance, and to re-populate the green space in the Village. A number of volunteers have joined this exciting new endeavor and the Committee hopes that more residents volunteer.

Members of the Tree Committee will research and select software to help the Village better manage its tree inventory and maintenance schedules. The Committee will also seek corporate sponsorship and/or donations for the purchase of new trees. One of the goals of this team effort is to help the Village achieve a "Tree City USA" designation. We can use your help as we continuously try to enhance and manage the green space in the Village. If you are interested, please contact Committee Chairperson Mayor Lofaro at Mayor@vnhp.org.

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

Zoning Board of Appeals:

December 10, 2015

- 1324 Jericho Tpke. - An application to demolish the existing building and construct a new Harley Davidson Motorcycle showroom was postponed and a continuance granted.
- 105 North 1st Street - The homeowner's request to maintain a rear yard deck with insufficient rear and side yard setbacks and exceeds the maximum lot coverage by 177 square feet was granted.
- 1218 Jericho Tpke. - This application, presented at the October 14th hearing, includes renovating the 2nd floor apartments, constructing two new apartments on the 3rd floor, renovating the existing restaurant, and expanding the 1st floor kitchen with insufficient off-street parking. The ZBA withheld a decision pending the outcome of a review by Nassau County Planning Commission. Upon review, the Nassau County Planning Commission denied the request to build two apartments on the 3rd floor. The applicant submitted revised plans to construct only one apartment on the 3rd floor. The revised plans were granted.

January 13, 2016

- 1218 Jericho Tpke. - A variance for insufficient off-street parking was granted.

February 10, 2016 - No new cases on the docket. No meeting held.

Architectural Review Board:

October 28, 2015

- 701 Lowell Avenue - Plans were presented for a full second floor addition over a proposed open side yard deck. The plans were approved contingent with the following design changes: installing four white columns from the deck to the second floor addition and installing a decorative vent facing south on the front of the house.

November 24, 2015 - No new cases on the docket. No meeting held.

December 23, 2015 - No new cases on the docket. No meeting held.

January 27, 2016

- 1420 Broadway - Plans for 1st floor renovations and a 2nd floor addition were denied. Applicant will submit a new design and color rendering for the 2nd floor addition at the February hearing.
- 1215 Jericho Tpke. - Approval was granted for a new business sign: Nova Asian Bistro.
- 1534 Lowell Avenue - Plans for 2 new one family homes, each with a detached garage on 40' x 100' lots were denied. The ARB approved plans for one new home with detached garage but the plans for the second home were denied because the designs were too similar. The architect will return in February and submit a new design and color rendering for the second home.
- 1600 Lowell Avenue - Plans for a 2nd story addition over the existing first floor, with first floor interior renovations were granted.

Planning Board:

- 1534 Lowell Avenue - Plans to demolish an existing home on an 80' x 100' property and construct two new homes with a detached garage, each on a 40' x 100' lot were tabled pending review by the Nassau County Planning Commission. Once a decision is issued by the Nassau County Planning Commission, the applicant will return before the ARB for a final vote.

Village Board:

December 15, 2015

- 1324 Jericho Tpke - The Special Use Public Hearing was postponed for the 2nd time at the request of Harley Davidson. Once Harley Davidson notifies the Village Clerk that it seeks a continuance date, residents within a certain radius of the site will be notified and legal notices of the Public Hearing date will be published in local newspapers, on the Village website, and on the Village e-Board.

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**Village Clerk's Office: 354-0022
(M-F) 8:45 AM– 4:15 PM**

**Dept of Public Works: 354-0064
(M-F) 9:00 AM– 3:00 PM**

Village Court: 354-6330

Building Department: 354-0022

Fire Department & Ambulance: 742-3300

Community Clean-Up Day

Earth Day is an annual event celebrated on April 22nd. Activities are held worldwide to raise awareness and increase support for environmental protection.

In keeping with the Village's mission to clean up and improve our green space, the Beautification Committee will host the annual Community Clean Up Day on Saturday, April 23rd from 10 am to 2 pm. This year's project will include cleaning the resident parking lot on South 12th and 3rd Avenue, and the area around the LIRR station.

Volunteers should meet at the resident parking lot at South 12th Street. Supplies and equipment will be provided, along with light refreshments.