



**VILLAGE OF NEW HYDE PARK**  
**OFFICIAL REPORT - SUMMER 2017**  
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***Mayor's Letter to Residents Regarding the MTA's Third Track Project***

Dear Neighbors,

I would like to provide you with an update on the LIRR Third Track Project.

I am sure you are aware that the project cleared its final hurdle and is going forward. The State Senate recently cleared the way by deciding not to veto the \$1.9 billion amendment to the MTA capital plan. This after waiting for New Hyde Park and Floral Park to complete our negotiations with the LIRR and the Governor's office to address serious concerns raised by our residents.

It has been reported that the Senate's approval was contingent upon receiving word from the Villages of New Hyde Park and Floral Park that we approved of the project. **This is not accurate. The villages did not approve of the project.** New Hyde Park never had a vote in whether the project gets done or not. Although we certainly made known our doubts over the need for many elements of the project, the decision to move forward was made by the elected officials in Albany.

**Our concern has focused on how the project would be done in our communities.** The villages reached an agreement with the MTA, LIRR and the Governor's office on how the concerns expressed by our residents would be addressed. The senators enabled us to reach an acceptable agreement with the LIRR. To minimize those effects, and with the approval of the Village Board, I signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the LIRR that describes the commitments the LIRR will make to address the concerns that many of you raised.

The insistence by Senator Elaine Phillips and Senate Majority Leader John Flanagan that these concerns be addressed to our satisfaction, made it possible to achieve the necessary commitments from the Governor's team. I would like to express my profound appreciation to Senators Phillips and Flanagan.

Our legal team worked around the clock and interfaced with multiple parties in the Governor's Office, the LIRR and the MTA to protect our residents. I would also like to thank Floral Park Mayor Dominick Longobardi and his team, Trustee Archie Cheng and Village Administrator Gerry Bambrick for standing with New Hyde Park in addressing our common concerns.

The Agreement we signed is not a panacea for all issues, but lays out a fair and reasonable approach for dealing with unintended consequences of the project. The MOU provides an insurance policy of sorts that the project will be done in a way that is sensitive to the concerns that residents have raised. Our goal was to try to better balance the cost/benefit equation for New Hyde Park. We believe that has been accomplished. More specifically, our agreement with the LIRR includes among other things, the following:

- ◆ **Three at grade crossings will be eliminated in New Hyde Park in way that is sensitive to our community character and not only preserves, but ultimately improves our suburban quality of life.**
- ◆ **New Hyde Park, and other villages, will have a seat at the table in reviewing proposals and designs and timetables. Village input will continue throughout the life of the project. This is critical in the design / build construction method when plans are likely to change quickly.**
- ◆ **Deference will be given to the village on aesthetic issues and a consistent appealing architectural theme will be prevalent throughout all structures.**
- ◆ **New Hyde Park residents will judge how well contractors perform and determine if contractors are rewarded or penalized for behavior that affects safety and quality of life.**

- ◆ Escalating financial penalties will accrue to the village if the contractor fails to meet scheduled milestones.
- ◆ A \$2.7 M fund will be established for New Hyde Park to draw from to pay for qualified expenses incurred as a result of the project, or to make improvements to offset inconveniences.
- ◆ The village will review and approve traffic patterns for detours and construction equipment
- ◆ The LIRR will pay for repairs to roads, buildings and properties that are damaged because of the project.
- ◆ A decorative sound wall will reduce noise and will be softened with landscaping provided by the LIRR.
- ◆ The village will be consulted on construction plans and schedules to minimize impacts
- ◆ The contractor will establish a communication plan to alert residents and merchants to disruptions. The design/builder will provide a point of contact for all resident and village concerns, including a 24/7 hotline where all issues will be logged and responded to within 24 hours. A governmental liaison will be available for the village to escalate unresolved issues.
- ◆ The LIRR will work with the utilities and the contractor to avoid installing the massive 90 feet tall steel utility poles that have been planned to run along the railroad. All parties will work together with a goal to bury the utilities where feasible.
- ◆ The parties will work together to find the least disruptive and feasible drainage solution.
- ◆ The LIRR is projecting to add 10 daily commuter train stops at New Hyde Park.
- ◆ The project will not result in a reduction in parking at the New Hyde Park station over current capacity.
- ◆ The contractor will install a muni-meter system to replace the current voucher parking for non-resident parking. All parking revenue will be retained by the Village.
- ◆ The Village will reduce its annual lease payment to the LIRR for parking spaces from \$40,000 per year to \$1 per year.

The ongoing dialogue among New Hyde Park, the Governor's office, the MTA, and the LIRR has opened new opportunities for us to work collaboratively for the benefit of New Hyde Park. The immediate benefits that resulted from these discussions that are not directly related to the Third Track Project includes:

- ◆ The set aside of \$5 M to establish a small retail district near the railroad station.
- ◆ Access to an additional \$5 M in state grants for downtown development of this site.
- ◆ Funding of \$800,000 for New Hyde Park's on-going Road Improvement Program.
- ◆ Prioritization for funding a new Department of Public Works garage.

In addition, I recently met with Congresswoman Rice's office to explore obtaining federal funds to assist in these and other projects.

As the project is now moving forward, circumstances demand that our goals now shift to take a very impactful project and have it built out in a way that when completed, actually enhances the village character.

We have a very rare opportunity to greatly improve the suburban character of our village in a way that we would otherwise be unable to do. Our efforts over the last 18 months and especially over the last month of very intensive negotiations has brought us to the verge of seizing this opportunity.

There is little doubt that this project will result in significant adverse impacts, hardships and reduced quality of life during two years of construction. Make no mistake, we are in for severe disruptions. And those impacts will not be limited to the areas immediately adjacent to the railroad. All areas of the village are likely to experience effects. However, when completed, I am confident the project will serve as an impetus for greater improvements in the suburban quality of life we cherish.

Sincerely,

***Lawrence J. Montreuil***  
***Mayor***

### ***2017 Road Improvement Project***



The 2017 Road Improvement Project is expected to begin in early Fall. This project will be a much scaled down version from last year, in both cost and in scope. On August 14th, five sealed bids were opened ranging in price from \$319,030 to \$398,212. At the public Board Meeting held on August 22nd, the Board voted unanimously to accept and award the lowest bid of \$319,030 from Intercounty Paving, located in Hicksville.

The scope of this year's road work will be on select problem area roadways, after evaluation and recommendation by the Village Engineers. The cost of this years project is not to exceed \$350,000 which includes engineering, design, and inspection. The Village does not need to seek outside funding for this project. Funds have been allotted in the 2017/2018 fiscal budget.

We ask everyone's cooperation as road crews begin the selected site repairs. If you see a road crew working, please be extra cautious when driving. Local travel and parking disruptions should be minor, but at the least are temporary and worthwhile in the long run. Please call the Department of Public Works if you have any questions about this project.

### ***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 roof tops; does not percolate into the ground; and accumulates debris, chemicals, sediment or other pollutants.



### ***Children's Summer Recreation Program***

This year's program was a great success. Over 200 children enrolled, and many had participated in the past. The Program Director and her team of dedicated Program Counselors were energetic and creative. Their enthusiasm helped the children remain engaged and involved in group activities and games.

Tr. Richard Pallisco, who oversees the Program, is pleased with the Program's success and stated that "the commitment and dedication of the Program's Director and Counselors is outstanding and the main reason for the Program's success and for the high return rate. Participation increases every year. The overwhelming positive feedback reinforces that this is a program that many Village families want to have offered every year. Thanks to everyone involved in making this another successful and enjoyable summer program."



It's no easy feat getting this group of energetic children to take a break from their morning activities.



The children in the afternoon session had a great time playing organized sports and group activities.

### ***Parks and Recreation Commission Resident ID Card for Village Parks Basketball Court Usage***

Over the past few years, basketball court usage at the Village Parks has been extremely high. We hope that all residents can enjoy our beautiful parks and have the opportunity to use the basketball courts, equipment, and facilities. To better streamline and manage basketball court usage at Memorial Park and Nuzzi Field, the Parks Commission has implemented a ***Resident ID Card for Basketball Court Usage at the Parks***. Residents must now present to the Park Attendant a valid photo ID (reflecting a current Village address) in order to use the basketball court. A driver's license reflecting a Village address is sufficient. However not everyone has a driver's license, or may not want to carry it to the Park. So, the Village will begin to issue a Resident ID Card. There is no fee to obtain the ID Card, but an application form must be completed and submitted with:

- **a current picture ID per adult**
- **proof of Village residency (current utility bill)**
- **a 1" x 1.5" photo for each child**

The ID Card will be valid for two years and can be renewed. Residents can obtain the application at Village Hall, Memorial Park, or Nuzzi Field, and it will soon be available on the Village website: [www.vnhp.org](http://www.vnhp.org). Bring your completed application to the Village Clerk's Office during regular business hours for processing. Residents (adults and children) who utilize the basketball courts must have valid ID or a Resident ID Card in order to use the basketball court. ***Resident ID Cards are not required for general park usage including the playground.***

### ***Long and Lean Exercise Class***

Get ready for the return of ***Long and Lean*** adult exercise class. This one hour exercise class includes gentle stretching, Pilates exercise, and light weights. Participants are advised to bring an exercise mat, a towel, and a water bottle.

Classes begin on Monday, September 18th and run through early December (final date to be determined). One schedule change to note. Class is held once a week, on Monday only. Time and location remains the same - lower level of Village Hall from 10:30 am to 11:30 am. The program is free to Village residents. Non-residents are welcome with a \$25 program fee. Register on Monday, September 18th, prior to class beginning. If you need additional information, please call the Village Clerk's Office at 354-0022 or go to our website: [www.vnhp.org](http://www.vnhp.org).

## Summer Concerts at Memorial Park

Memorial Park was the place to be this summer. Warm summer nights and great talent brought in the crowds. The annual Summer Concerts in the Park was a huge hit and the talent this year was amazing. Maspeth Savings Bank sponsored the first show: Alive n Kickin. Playing hits from the 60's and 70's, they set the tone and the bar high for all the shows that followed. Inclement weather brought Hairspray, The Musical into the William Gill Theatre. The Theatre provided the perfect venue for this entertaining show featuring great young talent. In August, the Magic of Amore amazed everyone with illusions and magic. The final show of the season was Cold Spring Harbor Band, a local and extremely popular band playing the songs of Billy Joel. What a great season! Special thanks to Lisa Miranda, the Village Cultural Commissioner for her time and energy in organizing the summer concert series. And let's not forget the hard working crew in the Department of Public Works who prepare the Park grounds for these large events, including assembly and clean up after each show. Finally, special recognition and thanks to members of the Auxiliary Police Unit #212, the NHP Fire Department, and the Nassau County 3rd Precinct for their attendance and patrols. Public safety during these large community events is a shared common goal.



Alive n Kickin played a wide variety of popular music. Many in the audience were singing and dancing.



Large crowds came to Memorial Park to enjoy the music and the shows.

## 22nd Annual Village of New Hyde Park Street Fair,

Sponsored by Northwell Health

Saturday, September 16

10:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Rain Date: Saturday, September 23

On Jericho Turnpike from

New Hyde Park Road

to Covert Avenue, and Lakeville Road.

Featuring the Northwell Health and

Wellness Pavilion,

located on Lakeville Road.

Children's Carnival in the Central Blvd.

Parking Lot

Great shopping, great food, great fun.

## New Hyde Park Children's Theatre Upcoming Shows



Marilyn McClean will direct two new family shows in the William Gill Theatre. The first show is *Jingle Jury*, a holiday musical. Shows will be held on Friday, December 8 at 7 pm and Saturday, December 9 at 2 pm.

In February, treat yourself and the family to a Valentine's show: *Hooray For Love*. Dates and times have not been finalized yet.

Tickets for *Jingle Jury* are \$5 and can be purchased at the Village Clerk's Office. Seating is limited so it's advisable to purchase your tickets in advance.

Marilyn McClean and members of the New Hyde Park Children's Theatre always put on great family shows. Please support their creative efforts and our local Children's Theatre.



**SANITATION SCHEDULE CHANGE****Columbus Day****Monday, October 9**

Garbage for north side POSTPONED and  
rescheduled to Tuesday, October 10

**Tuesday, October 10**

Garbage collection for entire Village.  
Newspapers for the north side.

**Election Day****Tuesday, November 7**

Garbage for south side and newspapers for north  
side POSTPONED and rescheduled to

Wednesday, November 8

**Wednesday, November 8**

Garbage collection for south side.

Newspapers for north side.

Yard waste and recyclables  
for entire Village.

**Veteran's Day Observance****Friday, November 10**

Regular garbage collection on the south side.

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- **Garbage, newspapers, and recyclables cannot be put out before 7 PM on the day prior to pick up.**
- **The DPW provides two bulk pick up operations every week, excluding holidays, on appointment basis only. Call DPW to schedule a special bulk or e-waste pick up.**
- **Please ensure all trash items are secure before placing curbside for pick up. This will help eliminate trash, recyclables, papers, or boxes from blowing onto your neighbor's property.**
- **Empty unattended trash cans left curbside all day are unsightly and could signal that the home is unattended. Please place empty trash cans in the rear of the property. If you see your neighbor's empty trash cans unattended on the curb, please help out and move them.**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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| Wed. 9/6         | Architectural Review Board<br>7:30 pm Village Hall  |
| Wed. 9/13        | Zoning Board of Appeals<br>7:30 pm Village Hall   |
| <b>Sat. 9/16</b> | <b>22nd Annual Village Street Fair</b><br><b>Sponsored by Northwell Health</b><br><b>10 am - 4:30 pm</b><br><b>On Jericho Turnpike from</b><br><b>Covert Avenue to New Hyde Park</b><br><b>Road, and Lakeville Road</b> |
| Tues. 9/19       | Village Board Meeting<br>8:00 pm Village Hall   |
| <b>Sat. 9/23</b> | <b>Rain Date Village Street Fair</b><br><b>Sponsored by Northwell Health</b><br><b>10 am - 4:30 pm</b><br><b>On Jericho Turnpike from</b><br><b>Covert Avenue to New Hyde Park</b><br><b>Road, and Lakeville Road</b>   |
| Tues. 10/3       | Village Board Meeting<br>8:00 pm Village Hall   |
| Wed. 10/4        | Architectural Review Board<br>7:30 pm Village Hall  |
| <b>Mon. 10/9</b> | <b>Columbus Day Holiday</b><br><b>Village Offices Closed</b><br><b>No Sanitation Pick Up</b>  |
| Wed. 10/11       | Zoning Board of Appeals<br>7:30 pm Village Hall   |
| Tues. 10/17      | Village Board Meeting<br>8:00 pm Village Hall   |
| Wed. 11/1        | Architectural Review Board<br>7:30 pm Village Hall  |

***Tree Planting Resumes in the Fall***

The Department of Public Works will resume planting curbside trees in October. Please call the DPW at 354-0064 to request a new tree. An inspection will be done first to determine if the site can support a new tree. Once the tree is planted, instructions on the care for your new tree will be provided. Trees play such a vital role in keeping our environment healthy. Trees clean the air, filter out harmful UVA/UVB sun rays, minimize sound pollution, and provide shelter and food for birds and other wildlife. Help us continue to improve our suburban landscape, continue our green initiatives, and honor our designation as a Tree City, USA Community.



***Zoning Board, Architectural Review Board, and Village Board Public Hearings******Zoning Board of Appeals:******July 12, 2017***

- 907 6th Avenue - Approval was granted to construct a full 2nd story above the existing 1st story and add a roof over the existing porch.
- 108 Ingraham Lane - Approval was granted to close an open permit issued in 1958 to construct a 21' x 14' detached garage with insufficient side yard setbacks.
- 1401 4th Avenue - A decision was tabled on an application to construct a four story, self storage building that exceeds the maximum height allowance and with insufficient parking. The application adjourned pending Village Board decision.

***August 9, 2017***

- 502 South 13th Street - Approval was granted to construct a two story rear addition with insufficient lot size and side yard set backs.

***Architectural Review Board:******July 5, 2017***

- 1105 Jericho Tpke - (New Pharmacy) Plans were approved to stucco/stone the front façade and install new windows and front doors.
- 1500 Plaza Avenue - (Celebrity Moving) Plans were approved for exterior stucco and color banding to the building.
- 907 6th Avenue - Plans and design were approved to construct a full 2nd story addition above the existing 1st story and roof over existing front porch.
- 419 McNulty Place - Plans and design were approved to construct a half dormer and new front portico.
- 14 Millers Lane - (St. Thomas Evangelical Church) Updated plans and design were approved to add an elevator to the third floor and to perform exterior renovations.

***August 2, 2017***

- 1500 Plaza Avenue - (Celebrity Moving) Plans were approved for the design and materials of new signage. Two signs will be installed. One on Plaza Avenue and one on New Hyde Park Road. The signs will be made of a blue foam material with individual letters and no lighting will be installed.
- 1533 Lowell Avenue - Plans on design and materials were approved to construct a second story addition.

***Village Board: Public Hearings******May 16, 2017***

- The Board unanimously agreed to modify and prohibit landscaping, gardening, and/or grounds keeping services on Sundays and holidays. Language in the Village Code / Local Law Section 111-7 General Regulations and Restrictions was updated to reflect these changes.

***July 18, 2017***

- A Special Use Public Hearing on an application to construct a four story self storage building at 1401 4th Avenue. There was discussion regarding the use of this site for a 24 hour automobile storage facility and the impact that traffic, parking and business activity might have to the residential area. The Board reserved decision pending review by the Nassau County Planning Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals.

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**Donald Barbieri**

**Richard Pallisco**

**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**

***Village Implements Public  
Notification System***

Alerting residents to emergency situations, time sensitive public meetings, or to last minute changes at a cultural event in a timely and cost effective way is now a reality in the Village of New Hyde Park. The Swift911 public notification system was recently implemented and has already been used on a number of occasions. The process is simple and efficient. The Village sends an alert message to the Swift911 notification system and that message is immediately delivered as a voice mail message to residents via home or cell phones. Additionally, residents can text 99538 / SWIFT911 to receive text, e-mail, and voice message alerts.