



## ***VILLAGE OF NEW HYDE PARK***

### ***OFFICIAL REPORT - WINTER 2018***



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#### ***Village Launches a New Website***

In mid-January, the Village launched its new website. You'll see it has a fresh new look with the same easy navigation to obtain information and forms. This past November, the Village Board passed a resolution to accept a proposal from Web Works to re-design the existing Village website. The web designers worked closely with Deputy Mayor Donna Squicciarino and Village Clerk-Treasurer Kate Hillmann to design the new home page, streamline the data paths, and to tag existing content for transfer onto the new site.

We encourage everyone to go onto the Village website: [www.vnhp.org](http://www.vnhp.org) and get acquainted with the new site. Our goal was to keep the site informative and easy to navigate. We have also expanded internal site authority which will help us keep the site content current with up to date information on important meetings, special hearings, and cultural events. Let us know your thoughts, and don't hesitate to call the Village Clerk's Office if you have any questions or challenges navigating the site.

It's important to note that our original website was created by former Mayor Robert Lofaro. Over 15 years ago, then Trustee Lofaro recognized the need and the importance for the Village to have a functioning website. It was Bob Lofaro who designed, created, and implemented a Village website and then assumed responsibility for maintaining and updating the site. He continued to maintain the website after he transitioned from Mayor to Public Information Officer this past year. During the December 19th Board Meeting, Mayor Montreuil recognized all of Bob's efforts and thanked him for his "ingenuity, determination, and perseverance to create and maintain a Village website".

#### ***Snow Removal***

Winter finally arrived and its arrival came with our first significant snow/wind event in early January. These storm events are a reminder to be ready for the next storm that may come our way. Planning ahead is key to managing any weather event. The Village Code requires that residents and business owners clear their sidewalks of snow/ice within 24 hours of the storm ending. The Department of Public Works plows Village streets, curb to curb. In order to conduct a safe and efficient operation, DPW needs your help and cooperation. Here's what you can do:



- **Do not park on the street during snow events.**
- **Minimize your travel during snow events. If you must drive, please be patient and cautious.**
- **Snow from your driveway and sidewalk should be shoveled onto the back, side, or front of your property. Do not throw snow onto the street. Not only is that a dangerous practice, but it's also against the law. Having snow removal teams return to the same street multiple times increases the cost and time necessary to clear the roads.**
- **Remove snow from your vehicle while it's parked in your driveway and certainly before you travel.**
- **Please allow the snow removal team the time and the space they need to do their job.**

Working together, we can make this another successful snow removal season. If you have any questions, please call the Department of Public Works at (516) 354-0064.



### ***Mayor's Letter to the Residents***

Dear Neighbors,

We are one month into the new year. We are selling resident parking permits, renewing business licenses, and preparing to work on the 2018-2019 fiscal year that begins on June 1st. We also have one major snow storm under our belt. My deepest appreciation goes out to the Department of Public Works for working around the clock to get our streets clear and safe. I hope it's the last snow storm of the season, but chances are, we'll see more snow.

The year began with inaugurations to local offices. Most notable were the Supervisor of the Town of Hempstead, Laura Gillen; the Supervisor of the Town of North Hempstead, Judi Bosworth; and the Nassau County Executive, Laura Curran. Another very important inauguration this January was New Hyde Park's own Richard Nicoletto who returned to the Nassau County Legislature as that body's Presiding Officer. I congratulate Rich on taking the helm of the County Legislature. His calm demeanor, good judgment, and sense of fairness will be a great asset in guiding the county. While Rich Nicoletto continues to represent the north side of New Hyde Park in Legislative District 9, Vincent Muscarella also returned to Nassau County's 8th Legislative District representing the south side of the Village. I look forward to working with all of our elected officials in service to the people of New Hyde Park.

The Greater New Hyde Park Chamber of Commerce also installed new officers in January, naming Jeanette Frisina as their new President. Jeanette replaces Jerry Baldassaro who served as the Chamber's President for the last two years.

January was also a busy month for us in the Village. The highlight of which was a public hearing on the Scoping Document for the Harley Davidson application. The purpose of the meeting was to give the public an opportunity to provide comments on the degree to which the Scoping Document covered all the concerns that should be addressed in a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). Unfortunately, despite instructions to the contrary, most of the comments veered off course and were either voicing support or opposition to the project. Our experts are reviewing all of the input and will work with the applicant to finalize the scope of the DEIS. Meanwhile, the Village will also review changes the applicant has proposed to the site plan.

February continues to be a busy time as well. We welcomed a new business on the Turnpike; Genome Pharmacy at 1105 Jericho Turnpike with a ribbon cutting on February 2nd. Genome Pharmacy is the only pharmacy located in the Village of New Hyde Park. The Village Board will start work on putting our budget together, we will have an opportunity for residents to file tax grievances, and we look forward to a presentation of "Hurray for Love", a Valentines Musical Revue in the William Gill Theater.

At Tr. Richard Coppola's invitation, our Problem Orientated Police (POP) Officers will attend the Board Meeting on February 6th. This is a great opportunity to hear from our liaisons at the Third Precinct and for residents to alert the police to hot spots or concerns around the Village. We hope to see you at future Village meetings.

Sincerely,

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

### ***Cultural Commission Tree Lighting Ceremony***

Marcus Christ Community Center was the place to be on December 2nd for the lighting of the Village Christmas Tree. This is one of our most treasured community holiday events. It was standing room only as the Magic of Amore performed magic acts and illusions. Then the NHP Memorial High School chamber singers and band delighted the crowds with holiday songs. Members of Girl Scout Troop #1402 and #1537 decorated the Community Center, gave out candy canes, sang Christmas songs, and assisted throughout the day. Special thanks to the NHP Chamber of Commerce for sponsoring the event and the NHP Lions Club for donating a Christmas tree and wreaths for the Community Center.



Village Cultural Commissioner, Lisa Miranda does an amazing job every year organizing this event. Commissioner Miranda is grateful for the outpouring of support and participation at this year's event. This is a joyful, family-oriented community event and many families come every year. This year, Deputy Mayor Donna Squicciarino had the honor of lighting the Village Christmas Tree.

### ***NHP Museum - Upcoming Programs***

April 22 - Earth Day. The history of some of the farms here in New Hyde Park, with a focus on some of the buildings that were here when there were farms.

November 4 - Veterans Day Tribute. A history program about Sperry during WWII. We have some great photos with then NHP Mayor in underground bunkers. A focus on some of the houses built for war workers.

Mid-August - Children's Event. A program with photos of children from olden times. A contest for photos, drawings, and artwork that will be displayed.

Events will be held at the Hillside Public Library. For event hours, go to Facebook.com/[newhydeparkmuseum](https://www.facebook.com/newhydeparkmuseum) or [newhydeparkmuseum.org](http://newhydeparkmuseum.org).

### ***Community Development Block Grant Funds Residential Rehabilitation***

Every year, the Village Board files an application with Nassau County to obtain grant money for residential and commercial rehabilitation. As we reported in the 2017 Spring Newsletter, the Village was allocated \$25,000 to be used for residential rehabilitation and there is still funding available. We urge low and moderate income homeowners to file an application. The criteria used by Nassau County for financial assistance is income level and the need for improvements for the preservation of the home. Residents who meet the guidelines established by Nassau County are eligible to apply. Take the first step today and contact Village Clerk-Treasurer Kate Hillmann at 354-0022 x15. For more information on this program, please go to the Village website: [www.vnhp.org](http://www.vnhp.org) / Community Development.

### ***Volunteer Positions Available in Village Hall***

**Do you want to get involved in Village activities and events?**

**Do you have an interest in taking pictures and reporting on cultural events or business meetings?**

**Do you have an eye for building and landscaping design and a desire to see new residential and commercial buildings blend into our community?**

**Do you have free time on weeknights or on a weekend that can be spent on Village matters?**

If so, then please consider a role as the Public Information Officer, a member of the Architectural Review Board or the Tree Committee. Serving your community is rewarding. It's a great way to work with your neighbors and get involved in your community. Please contact Village Clerk-Treasurer Kate Hillmann to discuss opportunities. The Public Information Officer and Committee members are volunteer appointments. The ARB ad hoc position receives a small monthly stipend.



### ***Tree Planting Resumes in Spring***

Curb-side tree plantings will resume in the Spring. If you want to be added to the list for a new tree, please call the Department of Public Works. An inspection will be conducted first to ensure that the site can sustain a new planting. Instructions on the care of your new tree will be provided at the time of planting. Trees are essential for maintaining a healthy environment and the suburban landscape of this community. Trees clean the air, filter dangerous UVA/UVB light, and provide shelter and food for wildlife. We hope you take advantage of the tree planting program.

### ***Village Parks***

Memorial Park and Nuzzi Field officially open on Monday, March 12th. That means that the Park Attendants are on duty, the Field House is open, and public facilities available. Until then, please keep visiting the Parks throughout the winter, but please plan accordingly.

### ***Park and Recreation***

#### ***Long and Lean - Adult Exercise***



Long and Lean exercise classes will resume in March. Two changes have been implemented this year. First, a modest program fee will be charged to all participants. The fee for residents will be \$25, and non-residents will be charged \$35. The fees collected will help to offset the cost to run the program, including trainer, administrative, and facility expenses. Second, classes will now be held two days a week, Monday and Thursday mornings from 10:30 - 11:30 am. The program runs from March 5th through April 5th. And, depending upon enrollment numbers, classes will be held in either the lower level or on the 2nd floor of Village Hall in the William Gill Theatre.

Long and Lean exercise involves gentle stretching, Pilates exercise, and light weights. Participants should bring an exercise mat, towel, and a water bottle.

Registration takes place before class begins on March 5th, so please come 10 minutes earlier that morning. The program fee can be paid by check, cash, or credit card. These classes have become very popular. We hope you are able to participate in *the fun and the fitness*.



### ***Retiring the American Flag***

The American Flag is a revered symbol of the United States of America. The American Flag must always be handled and treated with the highest level of respect and honor. The Flag Code dictates that excessively worn and tattered flags be disposed of in a dignified manner. The preferred method to retire the American Flag is burning which signifies purification and rebirth. Boy Scout Troop #298 periodically conducts a special retirement ceremony for the proper and dignified retirement of American Flags. Bring your tattered Flag to Village Hall, place it in the specially marked container and members of Boy Scout Troop #298 will conduct a proper and dignified disposal.

### ***Car Wash Fundraisers***

The Village Clerk's Office will begin to accept Car Wash Applications on March 1st. A current insurance liability certificate must be included with the submission, along with three date selections. All requests are subject to Village Board approval. Car wash fundraisers can be held in the Lakeville Road Municipal Parking Lot on Saturdays from May 5 through September 1. Applications can be obtained on the Village website [www.vnhp.org](http://www.vnhp.org) or at the Village Clerk's Office. There is no fee to host a fundraiser, but applicants are limited to one car wash per season and date restrictions may exist due to Village sponsored events.



### ***SWIFT911 - Public Notification System***

If you haven't registered for automated notifications from Village Hall, you can now do so with even greater ease. There is a direct link to the **SWIFT911** registration system on the home page of the Village website: [www.vnhp.org](http://www.vnhp.org). Click on the **SWIFT911** link and you will be brought to the registration portal. Enter your name, address, phone number, and e-mail address. It's that simple! We encourage everyone to register to begin receiving important emergency alerts, notifications on important meetings such as the 3rd Track Project or public hearings, or Village sponsored cultural events. Please call the Village Clerk's Office if you have any questions.

### ***Beautification Committee Community Clean Up Day***

In recognition of Earth Day, the Village will hold its annual Community Clean Up Day on Saturday, April 7th from 10 am to 2 pm. Many hands make light work, so if you are free that day, please help in the clean up effort. Volunteer for just an hour, or for the entire day. All help is appreciated. As in the past, the clean up site will be along the LIRR tracks on 2nd and 3rd Avenues.

Supplies and tools will be provided, along with light refreshments. Volunteers should meet in the Resident Parking Lot located on South 12th Street and 3rd Avenue.

### ***Arbor Day Tree Planting***

In recognition of Arbor Day, members of the Beautification Committee and the Tree Committee will plant a new tree in the Village. Although the location has not been determined yet, the date has been confirmed for Saturday, April 28th. Please keep a watch on the e-Board and Village website for more details.

Planting new trees is just one of the many ways that the Village continues its "green" initiatives and honors its ongoing commitment as a Tree City USA community. To learn more about trees and their vital importance to the environment, go to: [www.arborday.org](http://www.arborday.org)

### ***Veterans Affairs***

### ***New Hyde Park Honors Our Veterans***



Pictured above from the left: Village Justice Christopher Devane, Mayor Lawrence J. Montreuil, Grand Marshal Robert F. Christman, VFW Commander Mario Obertis, and American Legion Commander John McGuire.



Robert F. Christman, New Hyde Park resident and member of the VFW G & E Linder Post #8031 had the distinguished honor of serving as the 2017 Grand Marshal.

**SANITATION SCHEDULE CHANGES****President's Day Holiday****Monday, February 19**

Garbage for north side POSTPONED and  
rescheduled to Tuesday, February 20

**Tuesday, February 20**

Garbage collection for entire Village  
Newspapers for north side

- Garbage, newspapers, and recyclables cannot be put out before 7:00 pm on the day prior to pick up.
- DPW provides two bulk and one e-waste pickup every week, excluding holidays, on an appointment basis only. Call the DPW at 354-0064 to schedule a special bulk or an e-waste pick up.
- Please ensure all trash items are secure before placing curbside for pick up. This will help prevent trash, papers, boxes, and recyclables from blowing into the street or onto a neighbor's property.
- Empty trash receptacles left curbside all day are unsightly and could signal that the home is unattended. Please place empty trash receptacles in the rear of your property. If you see a neighbor's empty receptacles left curbside, please help out and move them to the side or rear of the property.
- Yard waste pick up begins Wednesday, April 4. A leaf pick up map is available on the Village website: [www.vnhp.org](http://www.vnhp.org) or by calling the DPW at 354-0064.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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| Sat. 2/10         | NHP Children's Theatre Presents<br>"Hurray for Love", A Valentine's<br>Musical Revue<br>7:30 pm / William Gill Theatre                   |
| Sun. 2/11         | "Hurray for Love"<br>2:00 pm / William Gill Theatre  |
| <b>Wed. 2/14</b>  | <b>Zoning Board Of Appeals Cancelled</b>   |
| <b>Mon. 2/19</b>  | <b>President's Day Holiday</b><br><b>Village Offices Closed/</b><br><b>No Sanitation Pick Up</b>   |
| <b>Tues. 2/20</b> | <b>Tax Grievance Day</b><br><b>8:45 am - 4:15 pm</b><br><b>6 pm - 9 pm (by appointment only)</b>   |
| Tues. 2/20        | Village Board Meeting<br>8:00 pm Village Hall  |
| Mon. 3/5          | Long and Lean Adult Exercise Begins<br>10:30 am - 11:30 am / Village Hall  |
| Tues. 3/6         | Village Board Meeting<br>8:00 pm Village Hall  |
| Wed. 3/7          | Architectural Review Board<br>7:30 pm Village Hall / 2nd Floor   |
| Wed. 3/14         | Zoning Board of Appeals<br>7:30 pm Village Hall  |
| Tues. 3/20        | Village Board Meeting<br>8:00 pm Village Hall  |
| Tues. 3/27        | St. Baldrick's Fundraiser<br>Marcus Christ Community Center<br>4:00 pm - 7:00 pm   |
| <b>Fri. 3/30</b>  | <b>Village Offices Close at Noon</b>   |
| <b>Tues. 4/3</b>  | <b>2018/2019 Budget Hearing - 7:30 pm</b><br><b>Annual Organization Meeting 8:00 pm</b><br>Village Board Meeting<br>8:15 pm Village Hall |
| Wed. 4/4          | Architectural Review Board<br>7:30 pm Village Hall / 2nd Floor   |
| Sat. 4/7          | Community Clean Up Day<br>10:00 am - 2:00 pm<br>Meet in South 12 St. Resident Parking Lot  |
| Sat. 4/14         | NHP Little League Parade<br>11:00 am<br>Jericho Tpke & Leonard Blvd to<br>Covert Ave to Stewart Ave to Nuzzi Field                       |

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

November 8, 2017

- 311 Lowell Avenue - a request was granted to maintain a front yard terrace and a rear yard covered patio with insufficient side yard setbacks.
- 119 Lakeville Road - a request was granted to construct a new 2nd story to be used as office space above the existing 1st story with insufficient off-street parking and in excess of maximum height requirements.

December 13, 2017

- 44 Hoffman Road - a request was granted to remove the east dormer and construct a full second story addition with a portico over the existing front stoop and interior alterations to the first floor. The portico will not be enclosed or built upon.

January 10, 2018 - There was no hearing. No cases on the docket.

**Architectural Review Board:**

November 1, 2017

- 106 South 2nd Street - revised drawings and plans were presented for a 2nd story addition above an existing one family house. This application, originally heard in October, was approved.

December 6, 2017

- 405 Brown Place - revised drawings were submitted and approved. The ornate, fluted corner columns originally proposed were changed to a smooth surface, windows aligned, and stucco will be used on the exterior. Other than an interior staircase being widened, the original floor plan remained unchanged.
- 404 Brown Place - revised drawings were submitted and approved to include a gray brick and stucco exterior finish that wraps around the sides of the house by one foot.
- 44 Hoffman Road - a request to remove the east dormer to construct a new second story addition, with a portico over the existing front stoop, and first floor interior alterations was granted.

January 3, 2018 - There was no hearing. No cases on the docket.

**Village Board Public Hearings:**

December 19, 2017

- 1 Jericho Turnpike - an application to perform interior alterations to construct a classroom and office for a proposed learning center was referred to Nassau County Planning Commission for their review. At the January 10th public Board Meeting, the Board voted unanimously to approve the application.

January 16, 2018

- 1324 Jericho Turnpike - A Scoping Hearing was held in Marcus Christ Hall to receive public input on the Draft Scoping Document submitted on the proposed Harley Davidson dealership application. Experts hired by the Village are reviewing the input and will work with the applicant to finalize the scope of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

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**Mayor:** Lawrence J. Montreuil  
**Deputy Mayor:** Donna Squicciarino  
**Trustees:** Richard Coppola, Jr.  
Donald Barbieri  
Richard Pallisco

**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

***Tax Grievance Day***

Tax Grievance Day is Tuesday, February 20, 2018 and this is the last day you can submit a tax grievance for the 2018/2019 fiscal tax period. The Village Tax Assessor is available on Wednesday mornings from 9:00 am to 12:00 Noon. Appointments during the day are not generally required, although it's advisable to call ahead. The Tax Assessor's Office is located in the Village Clerk's Office, 1st floor, Village Hall.

On Tax Grievance Day, Ken Wunsch, the Village Tax Assessor will work extended hours. He will be available during the day and no pre-scheduled appointment is necessary. If you prefer an evening appointment (6 pm - 9 pm) you must schedule an appointment. Please call the Village Clerk's Office at 354-0022 to schedule an evening appointment.