

# VILLAGE OF NEW HYDE PARK OFFICIAL REPORT - WINTER 2020



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Dear Neighbors,

I hope you had a very nice holiday season and spent precious time with family; hopefully enjoying what is truly important in life. By now, in our busy lives, the holidays seem like another distant memory. Of course, the credit card companies are not shy to remind us of our generosity. The new year, the new decade has dawned and we're all full steam ahead.

In the first village newsletter of 2020 you'll see an update on the LIRR Third Track Project. The update will share our displeasure at the decision to close New Hyde Park Road completely without the promised bypass road. Although it only offered one lane in both directions, it seemed that this would still have provided some relief for the traffic volume that crosses the tracks each day. It would also have kept an important truck route open. However, one of the more compelling arguments we heard for full closure was that the bypass road itself would have been closed 40% of the time. This would have generated more confusion as drivers would not know whether the road was open or closed. The inconsistency would most likely have resulted in more traffic on residential streets, trying desperately to get back on schedule. We learned that many drivers were conditioned from the Covert Avenue closure to avoid the area. A traffic study I requested showed the traffic in the area during the Covert closure dropped 10-15% before the project started.

We have demanded a better traffic mitigation plan with the New Hyde Park Road closure. This included a broader outreach and closure of New Hyde Park Road at Stewart Avenue. I have used media outlets to discourage people to avoid New Hyde Park during the closure. I also insisted that the 7 month period should cover the entire summer when schools are closed and the impacts are lessened. The schedule was adjusted to have New Hyde Park Road reopened by Labor Day.

We will monitor the situation and take action that is within our control to mitigate the adverse effects of this project.

I would also like to thank Father Greico of Holy Spirit Church for his generous help in making one of the church parking lots available for use by the Village during the road closure. I also appreciate the cooperation of World Courier in working with us to swap out equal parking spots in our parking lots in South 12<sup>th</sup> Street so we have more resident parking on the north side of the tracks.

The Newsletter also includes a reminder that all rental property in the village must be registered. Failing to do so makes one liable for fines. Residents are also reminded that specific concerns about illegal apartments can be reported anonymously through the village web site. Please check the village web site for other important information.

Happy New Year and welcome to 2020!

Sincerely,

Lawrence J. Montreuil

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Mayor, Village of New Hyde Park

# LIRR Mainline Construction Project

With the 3<sup>rd</sup> Track project, the year 2019 was one of the Village' most trying, challenging, and busiest years in recent history. That said, major milestones were reached with the opening of Covert Avenue in October 2019 followed by the re-opening of 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. The work scheduled for 2020, includes the construction of the New Hyde Park Road underpass and reconstruction of the New Hyde Park Train Station. The year 2020 will once again be a very challenging year for our community. As previously mentioned, this major project is a huge undertaking by the MTA, 3TC, the Village of New Hyde Park and yes — our residents. The Village and the Village Board are with you every step of the way to mitigate, as best as possible, issues and concerns that arise. We thank each and every one of the families who have been impacted by the project. The Village Board will continue to do it's best to keep you informed based upon the information and issues we find. As previously noted, please continue to pay attention to telephone voicemail blasts, our Village Website at <a href="http://www.vnhp.org/">http://www.vnhp.org/</a>, and more importantly the LIRR Expansion Website at <a href="https://lirrexpansion.com/">https://lirrexpansion.com/</a>. For problems and concerns we also urge you to reach out to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Track Construction (3TC) Hotline at (516) 203-4955 or send an email to <a href="majortatelegolic communityoutreach@lirrexpansion.com/">communityoutreach@lirrexpansion.com/</a>. If you wish, please include Mayor Lawrence Montreuil as well as Trustee Rainer Burger on the "cc" of the email, so that we are aware of your concerns.

## New Hyde Park Road Closure

By the time the Winter Newsletter is published, New Hyde Park Road will be completely closed and under construction. New Hyde Park Road will be closed from Plaza Avenue to 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue for approximately 7 months with a scheduled re-opening over the 2020 Labor Day Weekend.



New Hyde Park Road before Grade Crossing elimination



New Hyde Park Road after Grade Crossing elimination

As mentioned in the Summer and Fall Newsletters, in June 2019, 3TC made a strong push to eliminate the temporary roadway that was originally planned. At that time, while both Nassau County and Garden City immediately approved the proposal, Trustee Burger and Mayor Montreuil disapproved the closure based on insufficient data, justification for the complete closure, and the lack of traffic mitigation plans. In addition, at that time, the Village Board found that there was no substantial time saved from the construction schedule. On December 9, 2019 the MTA and 3TC came back to the Village Board, presented pros and cons on both options, traffic analysis data, an updated schedule, a traffic mitigation plan, as well as a community outreach plan.

The following reasons were cited by 3TC for their justification of the full closure of New Hyde Park Road:

- Substantial improvement in safety around a closed construction zone; no grade crossing; no continuing traffic pattern changes which confuse motorists, no vehicles or pedestrian traffic in the same vicinity of large construction vehicles, and no construction debris in roadways.
- The New Hyde Park Road work will be reduced from 9 months to 7 months based on lessons learned from previous construction projects.
- The Village insisted that 3TC minimize traffic impact by covering the summer months. Consequently, construction on New Hyde Park Road is scheduled to start in February and 3TC has assured the Village Board that New Hyde Park Road will reopen by Labor Day.
- Had a bypass road been built, it would have been closed 40% of the time during the 9 month construction period, resulting in confusing and changing traffic patterns as the road would be closed and reopened multiple times.
- Construction of the permanent platform originally planned for 2022 will be moved forward and done in conjunction with the New Hyde Park Road grade crossing, decreasing the total elapsed time 3TC will be doing construction in New Hyde Park.
- The platform and grade crossing work zones will be contiguous and work will be consolidated on the east end of the LIRR tracks in New Hyde Park.
- The Village insisted that eastbound Plaza Avenue remain open to prevent trucks from using residential streets (South 16<sup>th</sup> Street Hoffman Road).
- Maintain a 10 car railroad operation at New Hyde Park Train Station rather than reducing it to 6 cars.

### New Hyde Park Station Platform

Along with the closure of New Hyde Park Road, LIRR commuters will be able to access the railroad via a temporary platform that has been constructed between Covert Avenue and South 12<sup>th</sup> Street along 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. This will be a temporary 10 car platform. These platforms are ADA compliant, include weather shelters, lighting, public address system, and a number of access points along 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenues. Beside the existing Commuter Lot on South 12<sup>th</sup> Street and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, additional parking will become available at 124 Covert Avenue, a small parking lot on South 12th Street and Avenue. The Village Board is in negotiation with 3TC and Holy Spirit Church for use of the Parking Lot located on Covert Avenue and 1st Avenue. This combined will provide more than 100 temporary commuter and residential parking spots and will be conveniently located near the temporary station platform.



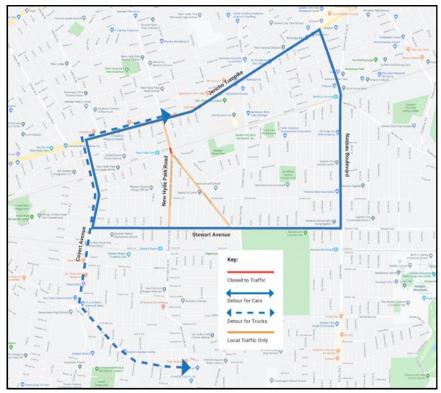
**New Hyde Park Station Temporary Platform** 

# Traffic Mitigation

As we prepare for the full closure of New Hyde Park Road, the Village Board continues to press concerns to 3TC for the impact of increased traffic on residential streets and decreased parking in and



New Hyde Park Road closure - Pedestrian Detour Map



New Hyde Park Road closure - Vehicular Detour Map

around the construction area. The Village has insisted on an extensive outreach when relaying traffic mitigation plans and extending it to a much broader area, including north and south of New Hyde Park. will include employers, residents, community groups, Fire Departments, Hospitals, School Districts, and more, with the intent to divert 'transient' traffic away from New Hyde Park. The Village Board has insisted and 3TC/MTA has agreed to expand 'Electronic Messaging' on major roadways including Long Island the Expressway, Southern State Hempstead Parkway, Turnpike, Hillside Avenue as well as Jericho Turnpike and Stewart Avenue. There will be updates posted on Social Media, notifications on 1010 WINS, Newsday, News 12 and more, as well as train station announcements, website postings, Locally, we are and e-blasts. working with 3TC and the MTA on detour plans, and similar to the Covert Avenue closing, there will be adjustments made as needed.

Additionally, the Village Board recommended commercial traffic be routed to Tulip Avenue on the west and Nassau Boulevard on the east. The Village Board also suggested that a temporary traffic signal be installed at Denton Avenue and Tanners Pond Road to regulate traffic through that narrow underpass, therein maintaining Tanners Pond Road as a viable detour route.

The Village may also impose local measures to react to traffic conditions such as; partial closure of South 12<sup>th</sup> Street, installing speed bumps on South 12<sup>th</sup> Street, creating turning lanes from South 12<sup>th</sup> Street onto Jericho Turnpike. The Village is also continually reaching out to the Nassau County Police Department and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Precinct for help in traffic control and traffic law enforcement. This includes ensuring drivers 'STOP' at stop signs. All too often we see drivers blatantly ignoring stop signs, speed limits, or other traffic laws. Drivers must remember that driving is a privilege not a right. Those who continuously disobey traffic laws will eventually suffer the consequences and potentially lose their driving privileges. That consequence though could be life altering for the driver or the potential victim, should there be an accident or worse, a fatality. Remember, it only takes one mistake — so think twice before you act.

### **Covert Avenue Construction**

The primary work at Covert Avenue underpass is completed but finishing work continues. Since the Fall Newsletter, we have seen the completion and opening of 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue stairwells, road striping and signage erected, as well as some landscaping work. Village Board requested that 3TC stop any additional landscaping until the upcoming planting season. In addition, the Village lost approximately 30 trees last year as a result of the construction. These trees will be replaced based on the girth of the removed trees.



Covert Avenue walkway now open to pedestrian traffic

The Village Board requested a survey be done by 3TC and a meeting take place to develop an overall landscaping plan to be approved by the Board. The survey was conducted in January and the Village Board is awaiting the plan. As mentioned in the last newsletter as well as in the Public Board Meetings, Trustee Rainer Burger and Trustee Richard Pallisco have created a punch list of items and walk the site almost weekly to evaluate progress and closure. A number of these items have been closed but Trustee Burger and Trustee Pallisco continue to press for closure of all items weekly with the MTA and 3TC. A number of the items are also for the Village to complete as they are items that were observed that need to be corrected. For example, street signage on Village streets. With respect to 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Covert Avenue, the Village Board continues to work with Nassau County to get a traffic study completed and eventually justify the installation of a traffic signal at that intersection.



### Wall Construction

The LIRR wall construction on the South side from 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue heading east to Covert Avenue continues. This is a retaining and sound attenuation wall along the right-of-way. The Village will at times experience anywhere from 10 to 12 trucks per day. Based on the Memorandum of Agreement with 3TC trucks should be staged off site and called in when needed. The Village Board is watching over this activity and ask Residents to contact the Village Hall if they see otherwise.



Wall Construction Continues from 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue East to Covert Avenue

### Electrical Substation

As noted in the Fall Newsletter the Village Board has been briefed that the new Substation will be much smaller than originally planned. The final design is still in process and the construction start date has not been finalized. The latest construction schedule shows the Electrical Substation construction to start in 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of 2020.



### Snow Removal

Winter has arrived. It's a good time to review safe snow removal practices. Village Code requires that residents and merchants 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 space they need to do their job.

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

### New Muni-Meters Installed



In December 2019 the Village had the Parkeon Muni-Meter System installed at the LIRR station. A Muni-Meter system is a centralized parking meter program that provides drivers with the speed and convenience to pay for parking without the need to pre-purchase vouchers. The system also offers a flexible and convenient way to pay for daily voucher parking, such as

cash, credit cards, and on-line payments through the flowbird mobile parking app.

Six machines have been installed along 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenues. Voucher parking customers have the option to use the new system or continue using paper parking vouchers. The ultimate goal is to phase out the paper vouchers being used today. To offset the cost of the machines, the Muni-Meter daily parking fee will be \$5. The parking vouchers can still be used and purchased at authorized dealers at the rate of \$4. Vouchers can be used until they expire. No refunds will be given for unused parking vouchers.

If you have questions or need further information, please call the Code Enforcement Unit at (516)354-0064.

# Resident "R" Parking Permits

There is still time to purchase your Resident parking permits for 2020. Permits went on sale on Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Village Clerk's Office. The annual fee remains unchanged at \$100 for the year. To purchase a permit please remember to present the vehicle registration, a current driver's license, and a utility bill as proof of Village residency. If you rent an apartment or a house in the Village, a current lease agreement must also be presented to verify residency.

Parking permits can be purchased Monday through Friday, during regular business hours from 8:45 am to 4:15 pm.

The 2020 "R" parking permit must be affixed to the lower left rear bumper of your car in order to be in compliance with Village Code. If you have any questions or need further information, please call the Village Clerk's Office at (516) 354-0022.

# Village Acquires Parking Facilities

### South 12th Street Parking Lot

The Village Board is committed to identifying new sites that can be used to expand parking options for residents and visitors. After a series of negotiations, the Village Board will conduct a land swap with local business, World Courier. The terms of this arrangement will provide the Village sole use of the 18 parking spaces in the South 12th Street parking lot, previously used by World Courier staff. In turn, the Village has segregated 18 parking spaces in the Resident parking lot for sole use of World Courier staff. While this arrangement does not increase the overall number of Resident parking spaces, it will help Northside residents obtain parking without having to cross the railroad tracks. This will be especially helpful as construction continues on New Hyde Park Road and the New Hyde Park LIRR station platform.

### Covert Avenue Parking Lot

Starting February 2020, 3TC will be moving the heavy equipment and supplies out of the staging area on Covert Avenue and 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. The space will be converted into a temporary municipal parking lot.

## Holy Spirit Parking Lot

The Village Board has been negotiating to lease private land to be used for lost parking during the construction project.

An agreement is being negotiated with Holy Spirit Church for the use of the Church parking lot on Covert Avenue and 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue. The terms of the Agreement will give the Village care, custody and control of the parking lot starting every Monday at 5:30 am to Saturday 12:00 pm. The lot will be used for commuter (voucher) and municipal parking. There will be a muni-meter installed in the lot to collect parking fees during those days the Village will be using the lot. The parking lot will be turned over to the Church during Holy Days of Obligation and 7-10 days surrounding the annual Church festival.

The Village Board greatly appreciates the cooperation of local property owners; World Courier and Holy Spirit Church who have graciously agreed to work with us to help alleviate the parking challenges.

### Rental Registration Law Expanded

In 2005, the Village Board adopted a Rental Registration Law requiring the mandatory licensing of rental units in mixed-use dwellings (commercial and residential). This law has been expanded to include the renting of any portion of a single family home, two family home, or mixed use / multi dwelling apartment units. The law helps ensure a safe environment for anyone who rents the premises and certainly aims to eliminate illegal dwellings in non-habitable spaces such as basements and attics. An inspection of the dwelling will ensure the proper number and placement of functioning smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors. The inspection will also provide the Village with updated information which can be added into the building records.

If you own and rent out any portion of a single family home, a two family home, or a mixed use/multi-dwelling unit, you as the owner/landlord are required to comply with the Rental Registration Law. It is your obligation as the owner/landlord to notify the Building Department of the rental arrangement and file an application for a Rental Occupancy Permit. The inspection fee is based on the number of dwelling units being rented. If you currently rent a house, or any portion of a house, we encourage you to call the Building Department to confirm that your rental arrangement is licensed with the Village and that your dwelling conforms to all required safety codes.

Upon issuance, the Rental Occupancy Permit will be valid for two years, unless changes in occupancy or the building/structure occurs. If you want further information, please call the Building Department.

### Memorial and Nuzzi Parks

The parks remain open during the winter months, although there are no Park Attendants or bathroom facilities available. Winter is a great time to enjoy a walk through the park, but please be aware that when weather conditions are poor or threatening, the parks are subject to closure until conditions are deemed safe.

Look for the parks to open at the end of March with full facilities, including water fountains, public bathrooms, and Park Attendants.

If you have questions about Memorial Park or Nuzzi Field, please contact Parks Manager John Nicastro at 354-0022.

# Landscapers - Village License Required

Landscapers doing work in the Village are required to obtain a Village License. This license requirement protects the Village and our residents by ensuring that the landscaper carries sufficient insurances; has valid registration for its equipment and vehicles; and has an updated Nassau County Consumer Affairs License.

If you use a landscaping service, please ensure that your landscaper is licensed to operate in the Village. Landscapers who are licensed by the Village are issued annual permits that are affixed to all of their trucks. Residents can call the Village Clerk's Office to inquire about the status of a landscaper's license and/or to obtain a list of licensed landscapers.

### Car Wash Fundraisers



The Village Clerk's Office will begin to accept Car Wash Applications on March 1<sup>st</sup>. A current insurance liability certificate must be included with the application, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> through September 5<sup>th</sup>. Applications can be obtained at the Village Clerk's Office or downloaded on the Village website **www.vnhp.org**. 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.

### Veterans Affairs

The American Legion Ernie Pyle Post #1089 and the Village of New Hyde Park held the annual Veterans Day Ceremony on Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am. The ceremony took place on the front lawn at Village Hall. Guests stood in attention as the names of New Hyde Park veterans were read aloud, along with respectful comments from Mayor Montreuil and members of Ernie Pyle Post #1089. After the ceremony, Commander Mario Obertis presented Mayor Montreuil with a plaque containing the names of VFW Gerard and Eugene Linder Post # 8031 Commanders starting in 1946 until it closed its doors in 2019. A gold fringe American Flag was also given to the Village to be used for ceremonies and special services.

The Village Board and members of the American Legion Ernie Pyle Post want to thank all residents and guests who attended the Ceremony to honor the veterans that serve our great Nation to ensure the freedom that we enjoy today.

### Veterans Donation Drive - A Success

The Village participated in the 2019 Veterans Donation Drive, sponsored by the Town of North Hempstead. And once again, Village residents answered the call to help our veterans in need. Over the course of the 6 week collection drive, the contents of the donation box at Village Hall were emptied three times. The veterans being served at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Northport will be most grateful for your generosity. Thank you to all who participated in this year's collection drive.



The Ceremony begins with Commander John McGuire leading the procession.



Mayor Montreuil displays the plaque presented by Commander Mario Obertis Tr. Rainer Burger and Tr. Richard Pallisco are pictured next to Mayor Montreuil.

# Air Traffic Noise and Safety

The Town-Village Aircraft Safety & Noise Abatement Committee (TVASNAC) works with officials at the FAA, Port Authority, and local, state, and federal elected officials to implement procedures and guidelines to help mitigate aircraft traffic and noise over our communities.

The Committee holds meetings on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of every month at the Nathan L.H. Bennett Pavilion, Hempstead Town Hall, or in local community centers. Meeting dates and locations can be found on the Town of Hempstead website: <a href="https://www.hempsteadny.gov/tvasnac.">www.hempsteadny.gov/tvasnac.</a>The meetings are public and everyone is encouraged to attend.

Residents are urged to report aircraft noise complaints to the Port Authority of NY and NJ at 1-800-225-1071 or www.panynj.gov. Residents in the Town of North Hempstead can also dial "311" to report noise complaints.

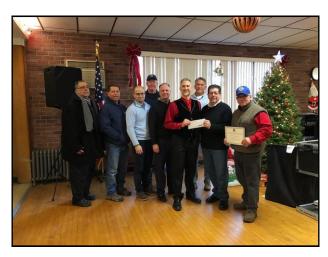
# Cultural Commission Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony



The New Hyde Park Memorial High School Band and Chamber Singers perform at the Tree Lighting.



Members of the American Legion Post #1089 Bill Hothan, Jim Lutz and John McGuire wait for Santa's arrival with Deputy Inspector John Concannon, APO Unit #212.



Village Officials, local elected officials, and the Magic of Amore thank Chamber of Commerce and New Hyde Park Lions Club members for their generous sponsorship of this family Village event.

The Holiday Season in the Village of New Hyde Park began on Saturday, December 7th at the Tree Lighting Ceremony. Attending this annual Village event has become a holiday tradition for many in the community and every year it grows in popularity. This year was no exception. We had another successful event with over 200 guests in attendance, including special guests Senator Anna Kaplan, Legislator Richard Nicolello, New York State Assemblyman Ed Ra, and Santa, of course!

Cultural Commissioner Lisa Miranda organizes this event and works to make it special every year. The festivities began in the Marcus Christ Community Center with great illusions and magic from the Magic of Amore. Light refreshments were served for all to enjoy. Members of the New Hyde Park Memorial High School Band and Chamber Singers entertained guests with holiday music and song. And just as dusk arrived, so did Santa Claus on the back of the New Hyde Park Fire Truck. Then everyone gathered on the front lawn and watched as Santa helped Mayor Montreuil light the Village Christmas Tree.

Park Association Girl Scout members from over 12 Troops attended and collected toys which were later donated to the Marine Corp. Toys for Tots annual drive.

This event is generously sponsored by the New Hyde Park Lions Club and the Greater New Hyde Park Chamber of Commerce. And a special thanks to the NHP Lions Club for donating the Christmas tree and wreathes for the Community Center.

If you have never attended this annual Village event, we hope you join us next year.

Everyone is welcome!





### The American Legion Ernie Pyle Post #1089 of New Hyde Park Needs You!



As mentioned in our two previous Newsletters the American Legion Post #1089 is looking for new members. The American Legion chartered and incorporated by Congress in 1919 is the nation's largest wartime veterans service organization, committed to mentoring youth and sponsorship of wholesome programs in our communities, advocating patriotism and honor, promoting strong national security, and continued devotion to our fellow service members and veterans. The American

Legion's success depends entirely on active membership, participation and volunteerism. The organization belongs to the people it serves and the communities in which it thrives. This is where YOU come in. The American Legion in New Hyde Park is in dire need of membership. The current membership is aging and consists of veterans primarily from World War II, Vietnam, and Korea. If you have served federal active duty in the United States Armed Forces since December 7, 1941, and have been honorably discharged or are still serving - you are eligible for membership in The American Legion! Because eligibility dates remain open, all active duty members of the U.S. Armed Forces are eligible to join The American Legion at this time, until the date of the end of hostilities as determined by the government of the United States. It is time for our younger generation of war veterans to stand-up, take the flag and carry on the tradition of the American Legion. For more information on the American Legion, please visit <a href="https://www.legion.org">https://www.legion.org</a>. The next Post meeting is scheduled for March 19<sup>th</sup> at Marcus Christ Hall at 1 pm. Please contact Commander John McGuire at 516-640-2468 to join the American Legion Ernie Pyle Post of New Hyde Park.

### Village of New Hyde Park Retirement

On January 2<sup>nd</sup> during the Village Board Meeting, Mayor Montreuil and the Board of Trustees recognized Janet Bevers for her many years of hard work, dedication and commitment to the Village Board and Village Community. Trustee Pallisco presented her with a Citation from the Presiding Officer of the Nassau County Legislature, Richard Nicolello, who was not able to attend.

Janet's retirement follows her 15 year tenure working for the Village of New Hyde Park as a Research Assistant to the Board. Perhaps best known for her involvement and planning of the Village Street Fair and Community Day she had a variety of job responsibilities in which she put her talents to use to better serve the Village Board and the residents of New Hyde Park.



Board of Trustees presented Janet Bevers with a Citation. Left to right: Tr. Squicciarino, Janet Bevers, Mayor Montreuil, Tr. Pallisco, Tr. Coppola, and Tr. Burger

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

### **Zoning Board of Appeals:**

December 11, 2019

- 300 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue approval was granted to close an open garage permit that was issued on 12/13/72. At that time there was a minimum required setback of 3 feet. The survey shows a setback of 1.7 feet from both property lines.
- 1501 Belmont Avenue approval was granted to the applicant seeking to subdivide the 80'x100' property into two 40'x100' properties. After the division, the existing house remaining will have a total side yard aggregate of 13.7' where 15' is required.

January 15, 2020 - There were no cases on the docket. The hearing was cancelled.

### **Architectural Review Board:**

November 6, 2019

- 41 South 17th Street a request was granted to construct a full second story addition and square up the first story below. Another bay to the existing one car garage will also be added.
- 1208 Jericho Turnpike revised design possibilities were presented for the commercial building. A new agreement was reached with conditions and new drawings are to be submitted before approval will be granted.
- 812 North 9th Place this application was previously approved. The homeowner is requesting a change in materials. The change was denied due to the contrast of the brick color to the rest of the house.

December 4, 2019

- 412 Jericho Turnpike approval was granted to the applicant seeking permission to change the paint color of the building and new hanging signs identifying the new dental practice.
- 1501 Belmont Avenue approval was granted for the construction of a single family home.

January 8, 2020

- 645 Stewart Avenue approval was granted to the applicant seeking to build a second story addition.
- 1302 Washington Avenue a decision was tabled for the applicant seeking to build a second story addition until the suggested changes by the Architectural Review Board can be implemented. Amended plans will be submitted before the next meeting.

# Public Hearings:

November 21, 2019

• 1324 Jericho Turnpike - the Public Hearing was held to receive public input and questions on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement prepared and submitted on behalf of a proposed Harley Davidson dealership that is seeking approval to operate at this location.

December 5, 2019

• 146 North 12<sup>th</sup> Street - an approval was granted to the architect to remove existing fire-damaged second floor, rebuild existing second floor, add new front and rear stoop, perform cellar and interior alterations and new front portico.

### **SANITATION SCHEDULE CHANGES**

# President's Day Holiday Monday, February 17

Garbage for north side POSTPONED and rescheduled to Tuesday, February 18

### Tuesday, February 18

Garbage collection for entire Village Newspapers for north side

- Garbage, newspapers, and recyclables cannot be put out before 7 pm on the evening preceding collection. Doing so is a violation of Village code and can subject the resident to a fine. Please help keep our Village looking nice.
- DPW provides two bulk and one e-waste pick up every week, excluding holidays, on an appointment basis only. Call DPW to schedule a special bulk or an e-waste pick up.
- Please ensure 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 your neighbor's property.
- Empty trash receptacles left curbside all day are unsightly and could be a signal that the home is unattended. Please place empty trash receptacles in the rear of your property. If your neighbor's empty receptacles are left curbside, please help out and move them to the side or rear of the property.
- Yard waste pick up begins on Wednesday, April 1st. A leaf pick up map is available on the Village website: www.vnhp.org or call the DPW at 354-0064.
- Green recycle pails are available for purchase at the DPW Administrative Office, located on the 1st floor of Village Hall during regular business hours. There is a \$16 fee for the pail. Upon purchase, the pail will be delivered to the home within 3 5 business days.

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

| Wed. 2/5                 | Architectural Review Board                          |
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|                          | 7:30 pm Village Hall                                |
| Thurs. 2/6               | Village Board Meeting                               |
|                          | 8:00 pm Village Hall                                |
| Wed. 2/12                | Zoning Board of Appeals                             |
|                          | 7:30 pm - Village Hall                              |
| Mon. 2/17                | President's Day Holiday                             |
|                          | Village Offices Closed                              |
|                          | No Sanitation Pick Up                               |
| Tues. 2/18               | Tax Grievance Day                                   |
|                          | 8:45 am - 4:15 pm                                   |
|                          | 6 pm - 9 pm (by appointment only)                   |
| Thurs. 2/20              | Village Board Meeting                               |
|                          | 8:00 pm Village Hall                                |
| Mon. 3/2                 | Long and Lean Adult Exercise Begins                 |
|                          | 10:30 am - 11:30 am - Village Hall                  |
| Wed. 3/4                 | Architectural Review Board                          |
|                          | 7:30 pm Village Hall                                |
| Thurs. 3/5               | Village Board Meeting                               |
|                          | 8:00 pm Village Hall                                |
| Wed. 3/11                | Zoning Board of Appeals                             |
|                          | 7:30 pm Village Hall                                |
| Thurs. 3/19              | Village Board Meeting                               |
|                          | 8:00 pm Village Hall                                |
| Tues. 3/31               | St. Baldrick's Fundraiser                           |
|                          | Marcus Christ Community Center                      |
|                          | 4:00 pm -7:00 pm                                    |
| Wed. 4/1                 | Architectural Review Board                          |
|                          | 7:30 pm Village Hall                                |
| Thurs. 4/2               | 2020/2021 Budget Hearing                            |
|                          | 7:30 pm Village Hall                                |
|                          | Annual Organization Meeting                         |
| W. 1 4/0                 | Village Board Meeting                               |
| Wed. 4/8                 | Zoning Board of Appeals                             |
| E-: 4/10                 | 7:30 pm Village Hall                                |
| Fri. 4/10<br>Thurs. 4/16 | Village Offices Close at Noon Village Board Meeting |
| 111u15. 4/10             | 8:00 pm Village Hall                                |
| Sat. 4/18                | NHP Little League Parade                            |
| Sat. 7/10                | 11:00 am  |
|                          | Starting on Jericho Tpke. &                         |
|                          | Leonard Blvd to Covert Ave to                       |
|                          | Stewart Ave to Nuzzi Field                          |
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# **Medical Emergency Information Form**

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Please complete one form for each member of your family. Keep form in quickly accessible place (We suggest putting them in a plastic sleeve and attaching to the refrigerator with a magnet)

Please make additional copies as required

The fastest way to call NHPFD - 516-742-3300

### Holiday Lights Donation

The Greater New Hyde Park Chamber of Commerce and the New Hyde Park Lions Club each generously donated \$1,000 to the Village Beautification Committee to purchase new LED holiday lights. Beautification Committee Chairman & Trustee Richard Pallisco publicly expressed his appreciation to the Chamber of Commerce and the New Hyde Park Lions Club for their financial help and continuous partnership.



Trustee Pallisco accepted check donations from the members of the NHP Chamber of Commerce and NHP Lions Club.

### Tree Planting Resumes in Spring

Curb-side tree plantings will resume in the Spring. The Village continues its efforts and commitment to replanting some of the trees lost over the years. New trees will ultimately be planted to replace those removed by the LIRR for the 3rd Track Project, although not until the project is completed.

If you want to be added to the list for a new tree, or if you want to suggest a barren site in need of a tree, please call the Department of Public Works. Any site considered will be inspected first to ensure sustainability. Information on care and maintenance of the new tree will be provided at the time of planting. Trees clean our air, filter out dangerous UVA/UVB light, and provide vital shelter and food for local wildlife. New Hyde Park is a proud member of Tree City USA.

We hope you take advantage of the Spring Tree Planting initiative by calling the Department of Public Works at 516 354-0064.

### New Hyde Park Museum in 2020

The Museum was recently contacted by the family of a 100+ year old New Hyde Park resident since 1947. This experience made us realize how important it is to reach out and invite other long-time residents who are nearing their 100<sup>th</sup> birthday to come forward and to share their story. A Museum member can come to your location, do a video or podcast, and record your experiences over the years.

Please contact us at <a href="http://bit.ly/nhp100">http://bit.ly/nhp100</a>

There are some great programs and exhibits planned this year. Please join us at our upcoming events at the New Hyde Park Museum and Hillside Public Library or tune into our regular monthly podcasts. Historic donations from the 1900's are constantly being added to our exhibits, so there is always something "new to view" in our collection.

We are in need of volunteers to help us blog, update our Facebook page, create videos of local business and community events, and perform other digital or onsite work. We are happy to train volunteers. If you're interested in becoming a volunteer and learning podcasting, blogging, archiving techniques, or to schedule a Museum visit, fill out a request form at bit.ly/nhpcontact

A Museum Program Schedule can be found at: <u>NewHydeParkMuseum.org/events.</u> If you want to sign up for our mailing list, Text: NHPMUSEUM to 42828.

Carol Nowakowski, President Mildred M. Tassone, Vice President nhpmuseum@gmail.com / (516)515-1837

### Long and Lean Adult Exercise

Long and Lean adult exercise classes will resume on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Classes are held on the lower level of Village Hall, Mondays and Thursdays from 10:30 - 11:30 am.

Classes are expected to continue through the summer. This program is offered free to residents, thanks to grant funding obtained through Nassau County.

The Long and Lean exercise program involves gentle stretching, some Pilates exercise, and light weights. Participants should bring an exercise mat and towel. Water is now available to participants.

Registration takes place before the beginning of class on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, so please come 10 minutes earlier that morning. This program has become very popular over the past few years, with a number of dedicated participants. It's not too late for you to register and enjoy an hour of *fun and fitness*.

If you have any questions, please call the Village Clerk's Office at 354-0022.

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(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

As reported in the Fall Newsletter and on the Village website, Tax Grievance Day is Tuesday, February 18th. This is the last day you can submit a tax grievance for the 2020/2021 fiscal tax period.

The Village Tax Assessor has office hours on Wednesdays from 9 am to 11 am. Appointments during the day are not generally required, although it's recommended to call ahead. The Tax Assessor's Office is located in the Village Clerk's Office, on the 1st floor of Village Hall.

On Tax Grievance Day, the Tax Assessor will be available throughout the day to meet with residents. Pre-scheduled appointments are not necessary during the day but evening appointments (6 pm - 9 pm) must be scheduled in advance.

Please call the Village Clerk's Office to schedule an evening appointment.