



VILLAGE OF NEW HYDE PARK

SPRING 2020 NEWSLETTER

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Dear Neighbors,

I sincerely hope that you and your family are safe and healthy. New Hyde Park, like so many other communities around us have been hit hard by the coronavirus pandemic. We have lost dear friends and loved ones. Many people have been laid off and need help. Many people's lives and long-term plans have been upended by the disease and the economic aftermath that followed. Our main street has become a ghost town, save for a few restaurants that have been able to provide takeout or home delivery service. Some businesses have been able to provide curb side service. Our temples and churches have been shuttered. We wear surgical masks on the streets and in the stores that remain open. Village Hall, Village Court and our parks were closed. This all seems more like a bad movie than real life.

As we edge closer to reopening, I thank our health care providers who have been overwhelmed with people in need. Our New Hyde Park Fire Department did an outstanding job, opening a COVID-19 command center and responding to so many COVID-19 calls a day. Our New Hyde Park Department of Public Works were out there for us every day, picking up our trash so we are not exposed to additional health issues. The Village Clerk's office and the Building Department did not miss a beat; quickly adapting to serving residents remotely. Our county and town leaders have done an excellent job keeping us informed and making the hard calls day by day.

At the village level, we have reopened our parks for passive use. Basketball and playgrounds remain closed, and organized sports are cancelled. We have cancelled the summer recreation program. Our DPW department is back to full strength after initially concentrating all resources on sanitation pickup only. The highway crew is back performing the maintenance to infrastructure that stopped for several weeks. Village Hall remains closed. Business can only be done over the phone or internet. We are preparing our reopening plan of operation that will provide increased protection for visitors and employees.

The Deputy Mayor and I have been coordinating with town, county, and federal officials throughout the crisis. We had to realign budget lines as so many non-tax revenue lines have dried up (parking, permits, tickets, etc.). Recently I provided a report to Congresswoman Rice detailing a \$715,000 shortfall we projected in support of the pending legislation to provide federal funding for small local governments. I am happy to report that we expect to earn a slight surplus in the fiscal year just ended May 31, 2020.

Infrastructure Improvements

The pandemic has made the Third Track Project a lesser annoyance. As described on the following pages, we continue to work on a daily basis to minimize the adverse impacts from this mega-project. The New Hyde Park Road and the station work are proceeding quickly, despite the health crisis. Work has begun on the substation and utility poles. Two major concerns, parking and traffic, have become less of a problem.

Meanwhile, we have received commitments from National Grid that Jericho Turnpike, its sidewalks, center medians and side streets will be restored from the disruption caused by installing 3,000 feet of new gas mains and 23 new gas services that supply businesses on Jericho Turnpike.

We reviewed plans with the Water Authority of Western Nassau County to completely rehabilitate the well at the water tower on Second Avenue to further improve the quality of our drinking water. The new equipment and the structures that house them will be quieter, more efficient, and better looking. Construction is expected to begin in August.

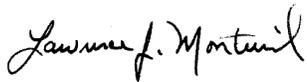
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We continue to work with NYS Finance Director, Robert Mujica and Senator Kaplan to receive the funding promised to New Hyde Park for a desperately needed new DPW garage. The coronavirus has obviously created new challenges, but we are undeterred.

These are profoundly serious times. Times, when we need one another. Please let us know if there is anything your village can do for you. We are in this together. We will get through it all. We can never replace the loved ones we've lost – and that is the worst of all. We will miss them dearly. Everything else is an inconvenience we can manage. And we will.

Please remain healthy and safe. Look out for your neighbors. It will get better.

Sincerely,



Lawrence J. Montreuil, Mayor

The 2020-2021 Village Operating Budget has been Adopted

This year's Budget Hearing was held via Zoom Video Conferencing due to the Covid-19 pandemic, on Tuesday, April 2nd at 8:15 pm. Village Clerk and Treasurer Cathryn Hillmann presented the 2020-2021 Tentative Budget with a proposed total appropriation of \$6,383,024 and a proposed tax rate of \$23.44 per \$100 assessed valuation.

The total appropriation of \$6,383,024 represents a decrease of \$84,949 from last year's budget. The Tentative Budget proposes a tax levy of \$4,591,235 which is an increase of \$87,027 from last year's budget. This calculates to a tax rate of \$23.44 per \$100 of assessed valuation, a \$0.43 increase which is a 1.87% increase from last year's tax rate, reflecting a decrease in non-tax revenue streams from the COVID crisis.

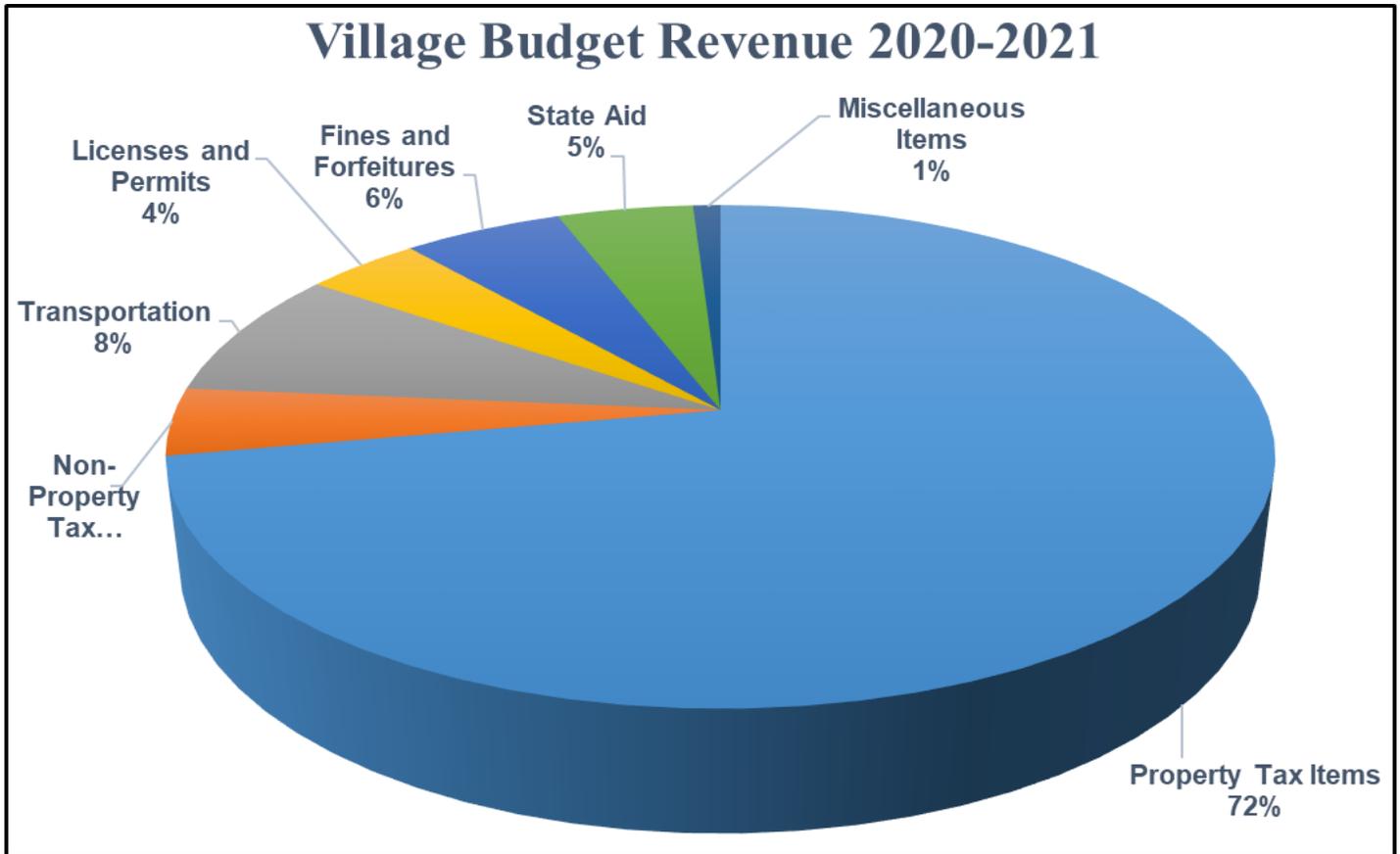
So, what does this mean and how does this impact you? The average assessed household in the Village (with an assessed valuation of \$5,400) will be required to pay an additional \$23.22 a year in Village tax.

The total Village Assessment Roll as of April 1, 2020 was set at \$19,587,952 an increase of \$14,943 from last year's total assessment. Other revenue sources in the budget are projected at \$1,791,789 which represents a \$171,976 decrease from last year, or approximately -8.76%.

During a special Budget Hearing held on April 30th, the Village Board voted unanimously to adopt the 2020/2021 operating budget as presented, with no changes or amendments. And for the 10th consecutive year, the 2020/2021 operating budget meets the State mandated 2% Tax Cap Limit.

Here are some of the budget highlights:

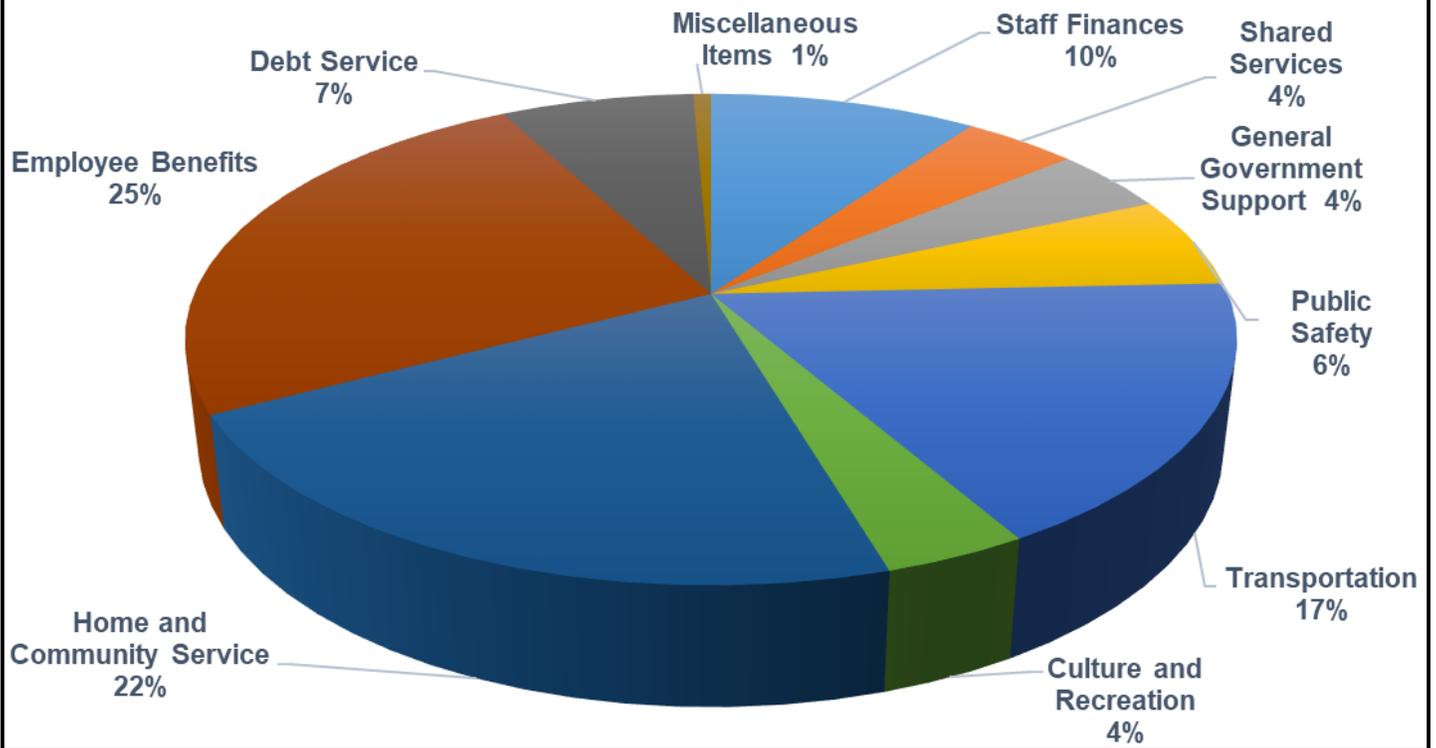
- Medical, dental, and vision expenses are projected to be \$906,711 a decrease of \$37,294 from last year. Employees who choose to participate in health care coverage are required to contribute between 10% and 20% towards their medical, dental, and vision coverage expense.
- State retirement expenses are projected to be \$308,976 an increase of \$6,757 from last year.
- Worker's Compensation Insurance expenses are projected to be \$135,903 which is a decrease of \$14,096 from last year.
- The increase of the total Village Assessment Roll of \$14,943 represents a increase in tax revenue of \$3,503.



REVENUE CHART LEGEND

Fines and Forfeitures	\$ 355,500
<i>Court and Building Fines, Handicap Surcharge</i>	
Licenses and Permits	\$ 257,400
<i>Plumbing, Building, Rental Registration</i>	
Miscellaneous Items	\$ 61,000
<i>Departmental Revenue, Culture and Recreation, Use of Money and Property, Compensation for Loss</i>	
Non-Property Tax Items	\$ 278,000
<i>Utilities</i>	
Property Tax Items	\$ 4,601,235
<i>Property Tax, Interest and Penalties</i>	
State Aid	\$ 302,889
<i>Sales Tax, Mortgage Tax, Per Capita, NYS Youth Division</i>	
Transportation	\$ 527,000
<i>Parking: Permits, Meters, Voucher, Muni-Meter</i>	
Grand Total	\$ 6,383,024

Village Budget Expenses 2020-2021



EXPENSE CHART LEGEND

Culture and Recreation <i>Parks and Recreation, Beautification, Celebrations, Adult Recreation, Cultural Commission</i>	\$ 240,041
Debt Service <i>Installment Bond, Bond Interest</i>	\$ 454,050
Employee Benefits <i>Social Security, Health, Dental, Vision, Retirement, Workers Compensation, Unemployment</i>	\$ 1,593,393
General Government Support <i>Unallocated Insurance, Municipal Assoc. Dues, Claims and Judgement, MTA Payroll</i>	\$ 272,548
Home and Community Service <i>Zoning Board, Refuse Collection and Disposal, Community Environment</i>	\$ 1,394,348
Miscellaneous Items <i>Public Health, Economic Assistance</i>	\$ 41,850
Public Safety <i>On-Street Parking, Safety Inspection, Civil Defense</i>	\$ 382,336
Shared Services <i>Village Hall, Central Garage, Mailing and Data Processing</i>	\$ 267,783
Staff Finances <i>Legislative, Judicial, Executive, Auditing, Treasurer, Budget and Assessment, Clerk Staff, Contractual Law, Engineering, Elections</i>	\$ 627,736
Transportation <i>Street Maintenance, Snow Removal, Street Lighting</i>	\$ 1,108,903
Grand Total	\$ 6,383,024

Village Board Meeting Schedule

A resolution authorizing the 2020/2021 Board Meeting schedule was unanimously passed at the April 2nd Annual Organization Meeting. Board meetings provide a great opportunity to learn about important issues and events in our community. Residents are encouraged to attend every other Thursday night at 8 pm at the Village Hall Board Room. At the end of each Board Meeting residents are allotted time for input and questions. Remaining meeting dates for 2020/2021 are:

June 18, 2020	December 3, 2020
July 16, 2020	December 17, 2020
August 13, 2020	January 7, 2021
September 17, 2020	January 21, 2021
October 1, 2020	February 4, 2021
October 15, 2020	February 18, 2021
November 5, 2020	March 4, 2021
November 19, 2020	March 18, 2021

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, Board Meetings have been held via Zoom Video Conferencing. Continue to check the Village website for updated Board Meeting information at www.vnhp.org.

Village of New Hyde Park Retirements

We recently had the pleasure of sharing a festive afternoon with one of our most valued Village family members, Dawn Doherty. Because of the Covid-19 pandemic, the Village family was unable to send Dawn off with a retirement celebration normally reserved for such a loved and valued employee. Instead, Dawn was met in front of Village Hall, on her last day of work, by her co-workers and friends, who joined in a car parade in her honor. There were balloons, flowers, banners and a lot of car horn honking, while following Dawn home where her family met her on the front lawn.

Dawn's retirement follows her 23-year tenure working for the Village of New Hyde Park. She wore many hats at Village Hall through the years; although best known for her position as Clerk to the Village Justice for 17 years. She started her career with us in 1997 as a Part-Time Clerk, and in 2000 she accepted a full-time position as Deputy Treasurer. After the opportunity arose in 2003 to work as a Clerk to the Village Justice she accepted the position and since then has held the position along with being the Village's Registrar. Dawn is a dedicated and hardworking employee and friend, who is always ready to assist her fellow co-workers. During her tenure, she was selected as employee of the year by the Village Mayor and Board. Dawn intends to spend more time with her family and enjoy her new vacation home in Pennsylvania during her retirement.



(Left to Right) Tr. Coppola, Hon. Morici, Supt. Gannon, Tr. Pallisco, D. Doherty, Hon. Devane, and Mayor Montreuil in front of Village Hall



On the heels of Dawn's retirement, comes the departure of our Part-Time Court Clerk, Barbara Pipa. During her 38-year tenure Barbara has held various positions, including the position of Clerk to the Village Justice. She officially retired in 2002, and accepted the Part-Time Court Clerk position which she has held for the last 17 years. Barbara is a sweet natured person who knew how to handle irate traffic offenders with a stern but courteous demeanor. Barbara is looking forward to spending more time with her family and volunteering with the Guide Dog Foundation Training Center where our beloved Trustee Don Barbieri had received his guide dog.

And now we are having to say goodbye to both Dawn and Barbara. While we wish them the best in their well-earned retirement, their absence will leave a void in our Village Family.

LIRR Mainline Construction Project

Despite the challenges of COVID-19, the 3rd track construction, continues to ‘chug’ forward. The project has been deemed as ‘essential service’ construction per the Governor’s Executive Order. Work is moving forward in a number of areas within the Village to include New Hyde Park Road, New Hyde Park LIRR Station, Plaza Avenue, 12th Street, as well as tying up loose ends at Covert Avenue. Although traffic conditions have been alleviated at this time due to the stay-at-home order, our Village continues to endure many challenges with the project, including construction coordination, detours, noise, and aesthetics. We continue to work with our residents, 3TC and the MTA to stay ahead of the curve and mitigate any issues as they surface. Once again, the Village Board of Trustees and the entire Village work-force would like to thank the residents who have faced the brunt of this construction project. You have faced many challenges these last few months and have remained strong—NHP Strong! The Village Board will continue to do its best to keep everyone informed with new information and issues that arise. As we continuously note, please continue to pay attention to telephone voicemail blasts, our Village Website at www.vnhp.org and more importantly the LIRR Expansion website at lirrexpansion.com. For problems and concerns, we also urge you to reach out to the 3rd Track Construction (3TC) Hotline at (516) 203-4955 or email communityoutreach@lirrexpansion.com. You may also include Mayor Montreuil as well as Trustee Burger on the ‘cc’ of the email, so that the Village Board is aware of your concerns.

New Hyde Park Road Construction

New Hyde Park Road was closed on February 3, 2020. Construction is moving forward and remains on schedule for a Labor Day Weekend reopening. Throughout the past few months, the site has been excavated, piles have been driven in for shoring walls, shoring walls and the façade has been installed. Additionally, work has begun on the new station platform, which includes demolition of the existing platform and setting pile for the new platform. Work has also begun on the East side of 12th Street for the new pedestrian underpass. During this period, a number of our residents have raised issues with respect to noise and vibrations particularly during the period when shoring piles were being vibrated into the ground and high rail vacuum trucks were utilized to excavate the utility poles. The Village Board has addressed, and will continue to address these complaints with 3TC and the MTA. In response, 3TC has deployed more noise mitigating blankets. They have also been visiting and surveying residential homes as well as deploying vibration monitors. During this phase of the project, we have endured a lot of night work. Many residents, including Board Members, have asked both 3TC and the MTA why the work can’t be accomplished during the day, especially now during stay-at-home-order and the slowdown/nonexistent rush-hour commute. The MTA and LIRR Expansion Project team has responded with a memo to our Village and neighboring Villages. This memo can be found on the Village of New Hyde Park website at https://vnhp.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/2020_4_New-Hyde-Park-Work-Update.pdf. Essentially, the work that is being performed requires track outages. The LIRR continues to operate during the COVID-19 pandemic as it is considered an essential service. Under the MTA Essential Service Plan the LIRR is running 500 weekday trains to ensure safe transportation of essential workers to include health care, first responders, food services, and others.



New Hyde Park Road Excavation Site



New Hyde Park Road Underpass Construction

New Hyde Park Station Design

The New Hyde Park Station platform construction has begun. As noted previously, over the winter months the old platforms were demolished and in late April and throughout May, crews have been installing precast footings along the North and South sides of the tracks, as well as platform slabs. On the North and South side of the tracks, construction for the South 12th Street underpass ramps have also begun. The Village Board has received rendering on the overall station design. A complete set of the rendering can be found on the Village website. As noted during our Board Meetings, the Village Board along with the help of Mr. Ken Garvin and Mr. Giovanni Patene both members of the Village Architectural Review Board, provided comments of the initial renderings received. Although a number of our comments were not incorporated into the final design, some improvements were made from the original renderings. One of our design requests was to have the station platform roof changed to a pitched roof to reflect more the look of the Village. MTA along with 3TC noted that this could not be implemented as the final station design reflects the uniformity of stations throughout the corridor. We did receive good news that the renovation of the station house will be both exterior and interior. Additionally, the color of the roof will be changed from the current green, to conform to the overall station design per the Village Board request. Please note this roof color change is not reflected in the renderings on the Village website.



New Hyde Park Station Platform (West)



New Hyde Park Station Plaza (East)

Landscaping

Landscaping plans were submitted by 3TC to the Village Board. A small committee was created to review the plans and provide comments. The Village Board would like to take this opportunity to give a shout out and thanks to Hale Elifoglu, Bob McNulty, Diane McCarrick and Trustee Richard Pallisco who have reviewed the plans, conducted site walks and provided great recommendations and comments on the overall Landscaping Plan. These comments were forwarded to 3TC in May for their review and incorporation. Aside from commenting on the variety of plants, bushes, and trees, the committee also provided input on placement of the landscaping as well as ensuring the Village receives the replacement of the total tree girth or DBH (Diameter at Breast Height) that was cut down during the construction.

Electrical Substation

As noted at the April 16th and May 7th Board Meetings, the Village received several drawings of the new Electrical Substation, situated on 3rd Avenue and South 9th Street. The substation remains within the current footprint and the power infrastructure (station input and output) will remain the same. Although the substation is an improvement of what stands on the site today, the Village Board met with the MTA and 3TC on May 4th to voice concerns with the overall design. The Village Board questioned the MTA and 3TC on equipment height, exposure of the equipment, aesthetics of the substations, fencing around the substation, as well as safety concerns. MTA engineers addressed the safety and health concerns and noted that the new substation meets all federal and safety regulations, to include IEEE Standards and far exceeds any safety, health and code regulation of what is presently at the site. It was noted that the height of some of the equipment is actually being driven by some of the regulations and standards. Understanding that the electrical components cannot be completely enclosed, the Village Board did request the MTA/3TC look into

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shielding the exposed transformer and electrical components from residents by building a roofed shield/wall masked with landscaping. The MTA engineers will evaluate if this can be accomplished without inducing safety hazards as well as violating any regulations/codes. The Village Board also took exception to the industrial style safety/security fencing that was slated to be installed. The Village Board noted that it was not aesthetically pleasing and did not conform to anything else on the project. A decorative wall and landscaping was recommended in its place. Construction of the substation has started with some demolition and foundation work. This was contrary to what was communicated to the Village Board in April 2020. The MTA noted that they are looking to have the construction complete and the substation fully operational in the 3rd Quarter of 2021.

Covert Avenue Construction

Although the primary construction at Covert Avenue has been completed, 3TC continues to work on a list of open items along Covert Avenue. As mentioned in the Winter Newsletter as well as our Board Meetings, Trustee Rainer Burger and Trustee Richard Pallisco have created an open item list that is continuously being worked on, and they continue to press the MTA and 3TC for closure of all items. Closure of these items has lagged since the start of the construction at New Hyde Park Road. This issue was addressed by the Village Board. The MTA and 3TC have recently re-engaged in clearing the open items. The Village Board hopes that all work will be completed at Covert Avenue over the next few months.



Wall construction on South side of the right of way between 6th Avenue and Covert Avenue

Wall Construction

The LIRR wall construction on the South side from 6th Avenue heading east to Covert Avenue has paused but will resume in July. This is a retaining and sound attenuation wall along the right-of-way. The Village will at times experience anywhere from 10 – 12 trucks per day. Per the Memorandum of Agreement, trucks should be staged off site and called in when needed. The Village Board is watching over the activity in the area and ask residents to contact Village Hall if they see otherwise.

Water Authority

The Wellhead Treatment Plant Station 57 located on 2nd Avenue between 5th Street and 6th Street will be completely rehabilitated to a state-of-the art water treatment facility for the removal of Volatile Organic Compounds (VOFs), pathogens, regulated contaminants, emerging contaminants, and 1,4 Dioxane. The Village Board met with the Water Authority and H2M (Water Authority Engineering Design firm) on May 4th to review the design. The aesthetics of the project will be a great improvement compared to the existing facility. The Water Authority also agreed to provide a fence that conforms/matches to the new fencing being installed as part of the 3rd Track Project. It is understood that this facility will have a quieter operation. The construction is scheduled to start in August of 2020.



Wellhead Treatment Plant Station 57 renderings (above)

Nassau County Auxiliary Police Unit #212

Auxiliary Police Officers are the “eyes and ears” of the Nassau County Police Department. Auxiliary Police Officers volunteer their time to help deter criminal activity through routine patrols; ensure the safety of residents during various public meetings and community events; manage traffic at parades and festivals; and provide assistance and support as needed. No doubt, you have seen Unit #212 members at the annual Village Street Fair/Community Day, at the Memorial Day and Little League Parades, Village Board Meetings, Village Court, and countless other community events and public meetings held in the Village throughout the year. The Village of New Hyde Park is very fortunate to have the dedicated officers of the Auxiliary Police Unit #212 supporting our community. Because of the ‘mutual aid’ agreement Unit #212 formed with Stewart Manor Unit #105 and Williston Park Unit #202 there is more visibility, shared patrols and a greater reach the Auxiliary Police has in the community. Each and every member deserves our respect, admiration, and gratitude.

A special acknowledgement to the unit members who will receive service recognition awards at this year’s annual Nassau County Auxiliary Police Longevity, Service Award and Promotion Ceremony.

The Ceremony has been postponed to a later date, to be announced, as have all services by the Auxiliary Police due to Covid-19.

Recipients of the 300, 500, and 1000 Hour Awards:

Lieutenant Derrick Nankoo	372 hours
PFC Linda Halas-Kaplan	601 hours
PFC Jonathan Levy	578 hours
Deputy Inspector John J. Concannon	1,015 hours

Recipients of the Ten-Year Service Award:

- Sergeant Ravi Gujral
- PFC Jonathan Levy
- APO Thomas Varghese



Members of New Hyde Park and East Rockaway Auxiliary Units

*Congratulations to award recipients.
Thank you, members of NCAP Unit #212
for all you do for the Village of New Hyde Park.*

Time for Spring Clean Up



Spring is a great time to get outdoors, cut your lawn every week, clean your garden, flower beds, and property. Practicing good property maintenance is not a one-time endeavor. It should be a daily, weekly, or monthly practice. We ask everyone to help beautify your street by sweeping up any debris that has accumulated along the curb line. Even though street sweeping operations are underway, there is only so much that can be accomplished with the street sweeper. Residents and business owners are asked to pitch in and keep their property clean and free of weeds and debris. Be a good neighbor, whether commercial or residential, and regularly sweep your property or store front to keep it clean.

We all benefit from each other’s daily property maintenance practice.

The street sweeping schedule mirrors the leaf pick up schedule. If your block has leaf pick up on Monday, your street is scheduled for sweeping on Monday. Help the sweeper be most efficient. Please do not park your car in front of your house on the day your block is scheduled for street sweeping. If you have questions regarding street sweeping operations, please call the Department of Public Works.

Memorial Day Ceremony

Memorial Day is a holiday honoring the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. Originally known as Decoration Day, it originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971. The American Legion Ernie Pyle Post #1089 and the Village of New Hyde Park held the Memorial Day Ceremony on Saturday, May 23th. Unfortunately, with the COVID-19 pandemic the Village did not hold its traditional parade, but a smaller ceremony to honor those who fought for our Country and paid the ultimate sacrifice. A ceremonial wreath laying took place on the front lawn at Village Hall. Attendees stood at attention as the names of those lost in combat were read aloud, along with respectful comments from Mayor Montreuil and members of Ernie Pyle Post. Following the ceremony, everyone preceded to Memorial Park to lay additional ceremonial wreaths for the fallen.

The Village Board and members of the American Legion Ernie Pyle Post #1089 want to thank everyone who attended the ceremony to honor and remember those lost in combat while serving our great Nation, to ensure the freedom that we enjoy today.



Commander Obertis facing the flag and saluting America's fallen heroes (left)



Colonel Burger, Commander McGuire and Mayor Montreuil saluting all those who lost their lives serving in the US military (right)



The American Legion Ernie Pyle Post #1089 veterans honor their fallen brothers in arms



Legislator R. Nicollelo, Assemblyman E. Ra, Mayor Montreuil, Tr. Squicciarino, and Tr. Pallisco attended the Memorial Day Ceremony at Village Hall

Veteran Affairs and the American Legion



The American Legion continues to look for members. 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. Please contact Commander John McGuire at (516)640-2468 to join the American Legion Ernie Pyle Post #1089 of New Hyde Park. For more information on the American Legion, please visit <https://www.legion.org>

The Final Goodbye



Recently, many in New Hyde Park said our final goodbyes to a beloved member of our Village Family and our community: Mark Farina. Mark passed away after weeks of battling COVID-19. It was terribly heartbreaking for so many of us in New Hyde Park.

Mark grew up in New Hyde Park and gave so much of his life making our community a better and safer place to live. He was a volunteer firefighter for his entire adult life and spent his professional career serving the village in the Department of Public Works. Mark began working for the Village of New Hyde Park in June of 1973. He retired on December 26, 2009. As the Foreman of the Highway Crew, Mark was the person that so many residents turned to solve practical problems on their streets. You could always rely on Mark Farina.

The love and respect New Hyde Park has had for Mark was demonstrated again as the New Hyde Park Fire Department arranged a motorcade on Saturday, May 2nd through the Village. Many residents and their families lined the streets to pay their respects and share in our collective grief. Firefighters were joined by friends, relatives and neighbors who were compelled to honor a man that has done so much for all of us. All four living Village Mayors stood in reverent silence alongside Nassau County Presiding Officer Rich Nicoletto as the Protection Engine Pumper Truck he served on carried him for the last time. Mark's wife Debbie and their three sons; James, Matthew and Thomas walked behind. Bagpipes played in solemn tribute in Mark's honor.

Such a procession may seem unusual for someone we might not use the term 'dignitary' or a 'celebrity' to describe. Mark himself, was too humble to think of himself in those terms. But Mark was unusual. He had the love and respect of the people of New Hyde Park; something more important than being a dignitary. Mark earned those feelings because of his character, his caring and respectfulness and his willingness and his actions to help others. Mark was the salt of earth. He was part of New Hyde Park and he always will be. If New Hyde Park had a Mount Rushmore, Mark's face would be engraved on it.

The Village Family is deeply saddened by our loss. Our hearts and prayers go out to Debbie, his sons, their wives and children, and the entire extended Farina family.



Losing Mark came on the heels of the loss of another much-loved retiree from the Village of New Hyde Park, Eddie Kotarski. Eddie joined the Village Family just three weeks before Mark and retired two weeks before him.

Edward Kotarski began his career in the Department of Public Works on June 4, 1973. He started working as a luger on the back of a garbage truck in the Sanitation Department, and later became a Motor Equipment Operator. He transferred to the Highway Department and mastered every facet of street maintenance, tree trimming and removal, catch basin cleaning, asphalt paving and all the other skills of the department, including serving as the alternative Roll-Off Truck operator. He became the equipment repair mechanic and subsequently was promoted to the Superintendent's Administrative Assistant. In 1999, his peers elected him as the Local President of the Union. In 2000, Eddie was promoted to the position of Supervisor, wearing three hats as Administrative Assistant, Supervisor, and Local President of the Union, never letting one overlap or interfere with another. Eddie was a true example of an employee who worked hard, dedicated himself to his job performance and climbed the ladder to the top of his field until his retirement in 2010.

He was admired and respected by the entire crew in Public Works. Eddie was bright, sincere and dedicated to his family, friends, and co-workers. The Village Board and his former Village co-workers will mourn his loss.

We will always miss Mark and Eddie. Their impact on the people of New Hyde Park is irrefutable. Our sorrow is palpable, but their memories will endure in our hearts.



Ceremony held in honor of Mark Farina by the New Hyde Park Fire Department



Firefighters, friends, family and neighbors line up for the motorcade honoring Mark Farina

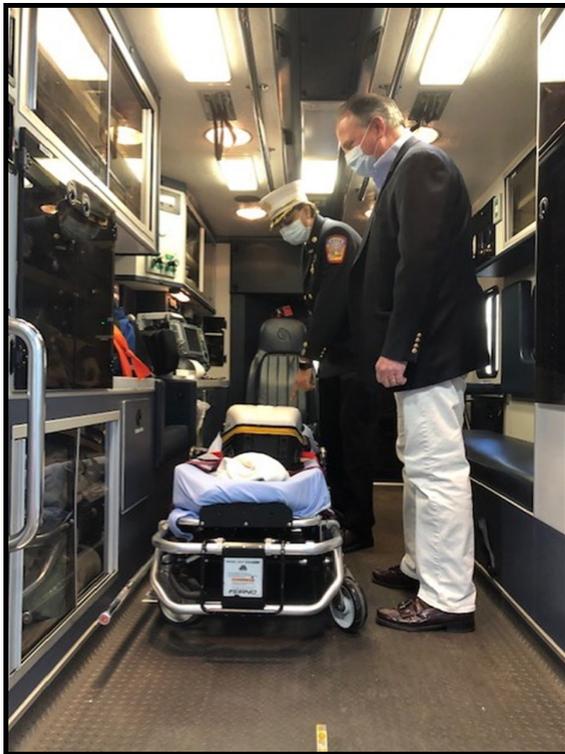
New Hyde Park Fire Department Check Presentation

Mayor Montreuil, Trustee Pallisco, and Superintendent Tom Gannon officially presented the New Hyde Park Fire Department with a \$141,000 check from the LIRR Community Benefit Fund; a fund resulting from negotiations by Mayors Montreuil and Longobardi (Floral Park) with the MTA to compensate communities affected by the 3rd Track Project. The monies were used by the Fire Department to purchase new equipment for outfitting an additional ambulance needed to support the south side of the Village of New Hyde Park during the LIRR construction.

The additional ambulance is currently being utilized to help the many Covid-19 calls the NHP Fire Department has been responding to. During the check presentation, Mayor Montreuil expressed his thanks and appreciation to the New Hyde Park Fire Department for their dedication and hard work during this crisis.



Left to right: Chief Digin Patel, Chief Patrick Lyons, Commissioner Ronald Sakowich, Commissioner Ernest Gentile, Mayor Lawrence Montreuil, Trustee Richard Pallisco and Superintendent Tom Gannon



Chief Digin Patel shows Mayor Lawrence Montreuil the new lifesaving equipment that was purchased



New CPR equipment purchased by the New Hyde Park Fire Department

A special thanks to the New Hyde Park Fire Department for all you do for the Village of New Hyde Park

New Hyde Park Museum | Coming in 2nd Half of 2020

Author George E. Christ documented the history of our community in his book, *The Early History of New Hyde Park*, which was published 1997. The in-depth research and detailed description of New Hyde Park painted a way of life that differs greatly from our life today. The book is full of fascinating facts, historical pictures and events. The New Hyde Park Museum is pleased to have this amazing book on our website for visitors to view. This has inspired the Museum to start creating a journal of photos, stories, and videos documenting life whilst trying to adapt to a new way of life during the pandemic.

Help Us Document Life in New Hyde Park | The Pandemic of 2020 and Beyond

People enjoy learning about history through photos, stories, and videos. As we move through the COVID-19 pandemic and prepare for modified activities in the upcoming months, the team at the New Hyde Park Museum has been looking over our options for the future. And we have decided that NOW is the time for us to document history. The New Hyde Park Museum is looking for stories of how people's time was spent during the shelter-in-place mandate, photos that go along, even digital journals for all to see. When things do start to re-open, we are looking to document the various phases with new and interesting experiences. People will be surprised how fast current events become part of history.

Volunteer: If you are interested in photography, blogging, working on our Facebook page, making videos of our local business and community events, or other digital work, fill out our request form at: bit.ly/nhpcontact

Events: Check our website for updated events at NewHydeParkMuseum.org/events or sign up for our mailing list.

Carol Nowakowski, President / Mildred M. Tassone, Vice President

www.NewHydeParkMuseum.org

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Village Tree Committee

Village of New Hyde Park Tree Committee along with the New Hyde Park Ladies Lions Club planted a tree in Memorial Park in honor of Arbor Day. The tree was generously donated by the Ladies Lions and will allow the Village to maintain its status as a Tree City USA.



The New Hyde Park North Ladies Lions Club and the New Hyde Park Village Tree Committee

VILLAGE PROPERTY TAX BILLS

The 2020/2021 Village tax bills have been mailed to property owners at the end of May. Tax bills are payable beginning June 1st and must be paid on or before July 1st to avoid a penalty. This year, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, residents will have the option of paying their taxes in two installments, one due July 1st and the second due December 31st. The tax bill will reflect the full amount due. To pay in two installments, residents are asked to remit half of the amount by July 1st.

This year we encourage residents to make payments by mail or online, as Village Hall is not open to the public at this time. Upon re-opening, a notification will be posted on our website at www.vnhp.org. For residents who do not wish to mail in their payment, a mail drop-box has been installed in the vestibule of Village Hall.

Taxes can be paid by check, money order, credit card (MasterCard/VISA) or by on-line payment through www.vnhp.org. All fees will be waived if paying online via ACH. Please note that certain fees will apply if you choose to pay with a credit card. Please call or email the Village Clerk's Office if you don't receive your tax bill by early June or if you have any additional questions.

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

Zoning Board of Appeals:

February 12, 2020

- 104 Hillside Boulevard – partial approval was granted to the applicant seeking to construct two second story additions and a roof over an existing rear yard brick patio. Addition of a 36” brick wall to be added to the perimeter of the patio was denied.
- 16 South 6th Street – a decision was tabled until the Board of Trustees meet for the applicant seeking approval to subdivide the existing parcel in order to alter this existing building for the use of a banquet hall. Based on the design of the proposed building, the village code requires a total of 21 off-street parking spaces that measure 25’x10’. The applicant is providing 6 spaces that measure 20’x10’.

March 11, 2020

- 1631 Jericho Turnpike – approval was granted to the applicant proposing to operate a physical fitness training center. Village code dictates that for such a use there be provided, based on its formula, adequate parking spaces measuring 10’x25’. The applicant can provide four spaces sized 8’x20’, four spaces sized 8’x18’, one space sized 9’x18’ and one space sized 11’x18’. Originally tabled on February 11, 2020 for Board review, approval was granted subsequently.

Architectural Review Board:

February 5, 2020

- 1302 Washington Avenue – last month the application from the homeowner to add a second story addition was tabled until suggested changes could be implemented. Amended plans were submitted for consideration and approval was granted.

March 4, 2020

- 1631 Jericho Turnpike – approval was denied for the business owner to paint the exterior of the building with a corporate specified design. The exterior will be painted white.
- 710 Premier Blvd – approval was granted for the homeowner to perform renovations to the front porch, interior and exterior of the house.

Village Board Public Hearings:

February 27, 2020

- After holding a public hearing, approval was granted by the Village Board for the applicant seeking approval to open a fitness training center at 1631 Jericho Turnpike.

March 5, 2020

- After holding a public hearing, approval was granted by the Village Board for the applicant to serve and consume food on premises of 500 Jericho Turnpike.

April 2, 2020

- The Village Board voted unanimously to approve the resolution authorizing the Village Clerk Treasurer to submit the 46th year application for Community Development Block Grant Funding. The Village is requesting \$15,000 for Urban Planning; \$ 75,000 for Parks and Recreation; and \$50,000 for Public Facilities.
- The Village Board voted unanimously to amend the Municipal Code authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law Section 3-C.

Calendar of Events

- Mon. 6/1 First Day to Pay Village Tax
- Wed. 6/3 Architectural Review Board*
7:30 pm - Village Hall (Tentative)
- Wed. 6/10 Zoning Board of Appeals*
7:30 pm - Village Hall (Tentative)
- Thurs. 6/18 Village Board Meeting
8:00 pm Village Hall
- Mon. 7/1 Last Day to Pay Village Tax
Without Penalty
- Mon. 7/1 Architectural Review Board*
7:30 pm - Village Hall (Tentative)
- Fri. 7/3 Independent Day Observed
Village Offices Closed**
- Thurs. 7/4 Independence Day Holiday**
- Wed. 7/8 Zoning Board of Appeals*
7:30 pm - Village Hall (Tentative)
- Thurs. 7/16 Village Board Meeting*
8:00 pm Village Hall
- Wed. 8/5 Architectural Review Board*
7:30 pm - Village Hall (Tentative)
- Wed. 8/12 Zoning Board of Appeals*
7:30 pm - Village Hall (Tentative)
- Thurs. 8/13 Village Board Meeting*
8:00 pm Village Hall

**Because of Covid-19 please stay updated on all Village Meetings and Events by checking our Village Website at www.vnhp.org*

Sanitation Schedule Changes

Independence Day Observed

Friday, July 3

No schedule change for
Garbage Pickup

- Garbage, newspapers, and recyclables cannot be put curbside 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 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 neighbor's property.
- Empty trash receptacles left curbside all day are unsightly and could be a sign that the home is unattended. 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.



New Recycle Bins Available To Purchase

Do you need a new recycle bin? If so, you can purchase one at the Department of Public Works located at Village Hall. Within days of placing your order, the Sanitation Crew will deliver the new bin to your home. There is a \$16 fee for the recycle bin, which is the cost incurred by the Village to purchase new bins. Payment can be made by cash, check, or credit card.

Please be Considerate of Your Neighbor

Keep Music and Noise from Spreading

Each of us are entitled to the peaceful enjoyment of our homes. When music or noise pervades someone else's living space, it can be annoying and disruptive. It may also be a violation of village code and subject to a fine. Summer is a great time to enjoy the outdoors. Please do so responsibly with the respect for your neighbors that you expect from them. Call 911 in a timely manner to make a noise complaint.

Don't Feed Feral Cats

Village code prohibits the feeding of feral (wild) cats. Violations are punishable by a fine. The population of feral cats in the village appears to be increasing. Cats who become dependent on getting handouts from humans are less capable of fending for themselves. The wild cats can carry disease and their growing population represents a threat to public health. The Towns of Hempstead and North Hempstead each operates a catch, spay/neuter, and release program to help control over population.

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All residents are encouraged to fly their American Flag every day. Let's make New Hyde Park the most patriotic Village on Long Island. Nothing says Suburbia, USA more than seeing a block full of houses proudly displaying Old Glory in the summertime. Whether you're born in the USA or new to this country, displaying the flag is a great way to show your allegiance and unity to this great land.

VILLAGE OF NEW HYDE PARK

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Deputy Mayor: Donna Squicciarino
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Richard Pallisco
Rainer Burger

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

**Due to Covid-19
the Village Hall has been
closed and the Village Court
has been canceled,
until further notice**

**For questions please email the
Village Clerk's Office at
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Village Justice Clerk at
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**Please keep checking our Village Website
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