

Village of New Hyde Park

Spring / Summer 2021 Newsletter



Dear Neighbors,

Hope springs eternal! The sweet fragrance of flowers blooming fills the air, the crack of the bat can be heard on the baseball fields and the wonderful sight of playgrounds and restaurants filling up can be seen. We are coming out and starting to break free of the terrible scourge of Covid. It is of utmost importance that we continue to practice caution and maintain safe protocols. However, there is a beautiful light that can now be seen at the end of the tunnel. Better days are rapidly approaching, especially in our Village!

There are many new faces on our Village Committees that are bringing new ideas and energy to our community. We welcome and thank them for their commitment to help improve our neighborhood. Plenty of opportunities still exist for you to make a difference and participate on a committee or board. Park attendant positions also remain open to be filled. Utilize our website and join us. Together we can accomplish great things!

We have a bold and ambitious agenda for our Village and our facilities. I am pleased to announce, that through the assistance of our State Senator Anna Kaplan, the Governor's office has approved a \$3 million grant towards a new Department of Public Works facility. This sorely needed project is closer to fruition than ever before.

Village Hall is in the process of having new bathrooms installed on the first floor, followed by new hallway flooring. Additionally, the Village will be filing for a state grant to upgrade our ancient courtroom. Marcus Christ Hall has been reviewed by architects, contractors, electricians and plumbers. A great deal of work is needed to improve the aging community center. We envision a beautiful hall that will make us all proud and will be filled by our community for a multitude of events.

Plans for Memorial Park include a new entrance on Lincoln Avenue and Central Boulevard (aka Memorial Way). This entrance will accentuate our beautiful park and will appropriately honor the meaning behind the naming of Memorial Park. There is also much anticipated discussion and potential plans for a dog park (big and small dogs) in Memorial Park.



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www.vnhp.org

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The inspiration for this idea will be reflected in who the dog park will honor. This park will be named after former Village Trustee Donald Barbieri and his beautiful and beloved service dog, Hallie. Donald was the ultimate goodwill ambassador for our community. He always had a smile on his face and was ready to engage in friendly conversation. Additionally, the leaky office roof at Memorial Park will be replaced.

Improvements to Nuzzi Field Park are dependent upon what happens with the DPW facility. Our goal is to restore Nuzzi field to its rightful majesty.

Deputy Mayor Madhvi Nijjar and I have made great progress in engaging future generations by meeting with the Principals of NHP Road School, Memorial High School and Sewanhaka High School. The response was overwhelmingly positive. The students will be working on designs for our Village signs, a mural for both Village Hall and Marcus Christ Hall and website upgrades. Within just a few weeks, we have 7 interns from Memorial High School ready to work. These young people are the future and lifeblood of our community.

The future of this Village is tremendously bright and full of great vibrancy and energy. Come join us on this journey as we work together to improve our neighborhood. There is much to do and we need all the help we can get.

Get involved and join the Village community. I hope you and your families remain healthy and safe.

Sincerely,



Christopher Devane
Mayor, Village of New Hyde Park

Village Board Meeting Schedule

A resolution authorizing the 2021/2022 Board Meeting schedule was unanimously passed at the April 1st 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 7 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 2021/2022 are:

June 17, 2021	December 2, 2021
July 15, 2021	December 16, 2021
August 19, 2021	January 6, 2022
September 16, 2021	January 20, 2022
October 7, 2021	February 3, 2022
October 21, 2021	February 17, 2022
November 4, 2021	March 3, 2022
November 18, 2021	March 17, 2022

*Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic Board Meetings have been held via Zoom Video Conferencing.
Continue to check the Village website for updated information.*

The Village of New Hyde Park has gone mobile!

Residents and visitors can download the “My VNHP” app from the Apple & Google Play stores.

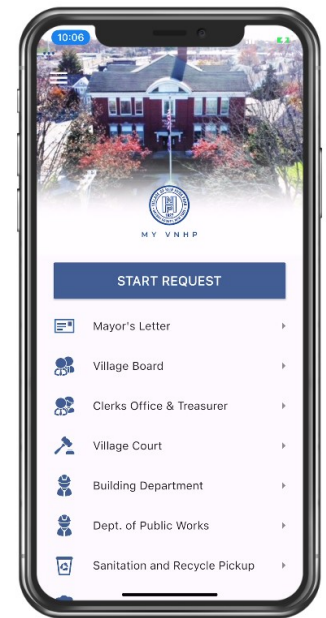
The app can be used to access useful Village information, report issues, and receive important news and updates from the Village.

Reporting issues through the app is extremely easy!

Simply tap the “Start Request” button.

Once submitted, the issue is sent directly to the Village department that is responsible for resolving that type of issue.

Download Your App Today!



Adopted 2021-2022 Village Operating Budget

This year’s Budget Hearing was held via Zoom Video Conferencing due to the Covid-19 pandemic, on Thursday, April 15, 2021 at 7:45 pm. Village Clerk and Treasurer Cathryn Hillmann presented the 2021-2022 Tentative Budget with a proposed total appropriation of \$6,623,077.08 and a proposed tax rate of \$23.78 per \$100 assessed valuation.

The total appropriation of \$6,623,077 represents an increase of \$239,874 from last year’s budget. The Tentative Budget proposes a tax levy of \$4,660,399 which is an increase of \$69,164 from last year’s budget. This calculates to a tax rate of 23.78 per \$100 of assessed valuation, a \$0.34 increase which is a 1.47% increase from last year’s tax rate.

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 \$18.36 a year in Village tax.

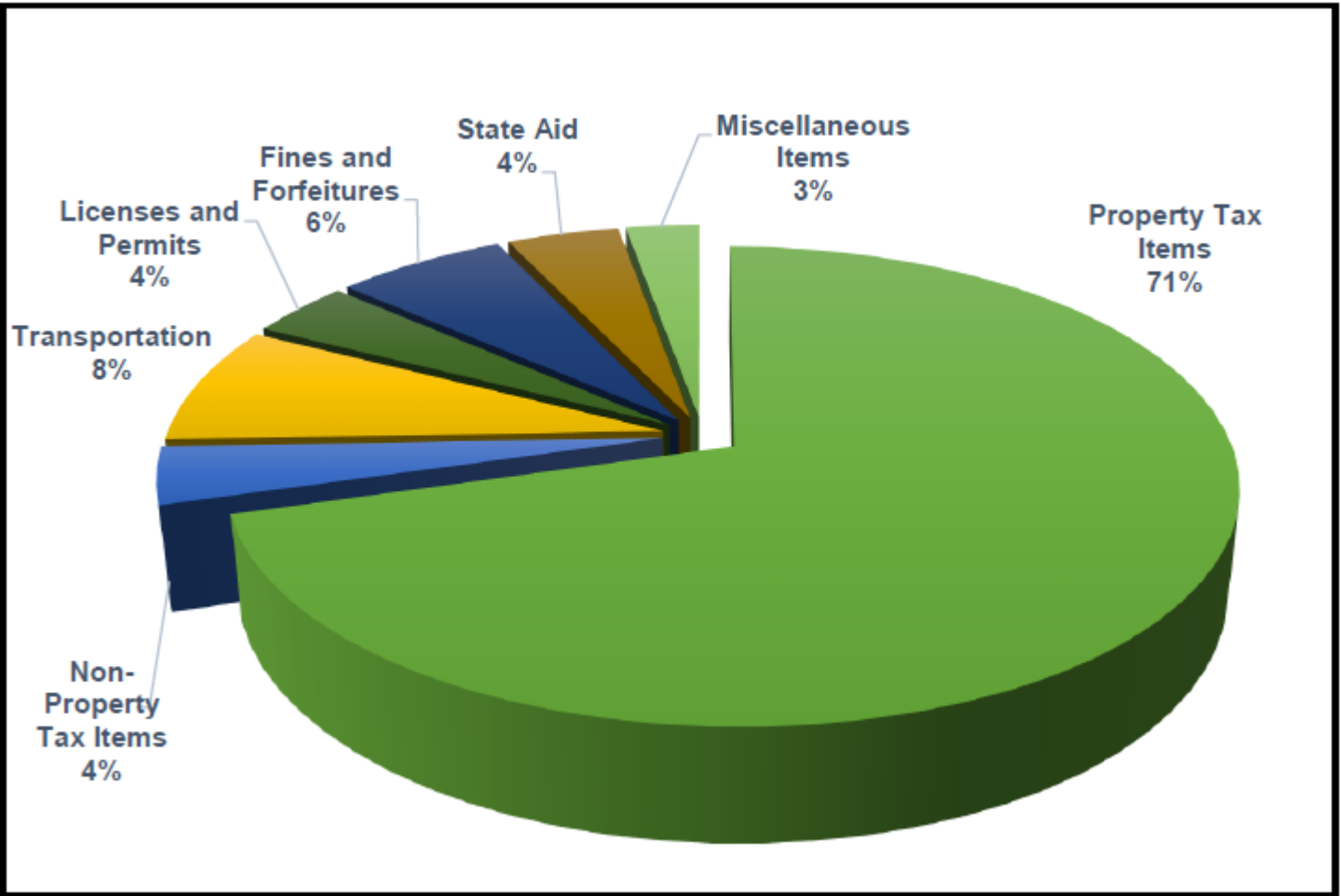
The total Village Assessment Roll as of April 1, 2021 was set at \$19,622,643 an increase of \$6,391 from last year’s total assessment of \$19,587,952. Other revenue sources in the budget are projected at \$1,962,678 which represents a \$170,889 increase from last year, or approximately 9.54%.

During a special Budget Hearing held on April 29, 2021, the Village Board voted unanimously to adopt the 2021/2022 operating budget as presented, with no changes or amendments. And for the 11th consecutive year, the 2021/2022 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 \$1,135,050 an increase of \$228,339.01 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 \$342,510, an increase of \$33,534 from last year.
- The increase of the total Village Assessment Roll of \$6,391 represents an increase in tax revenue of \$1,520.

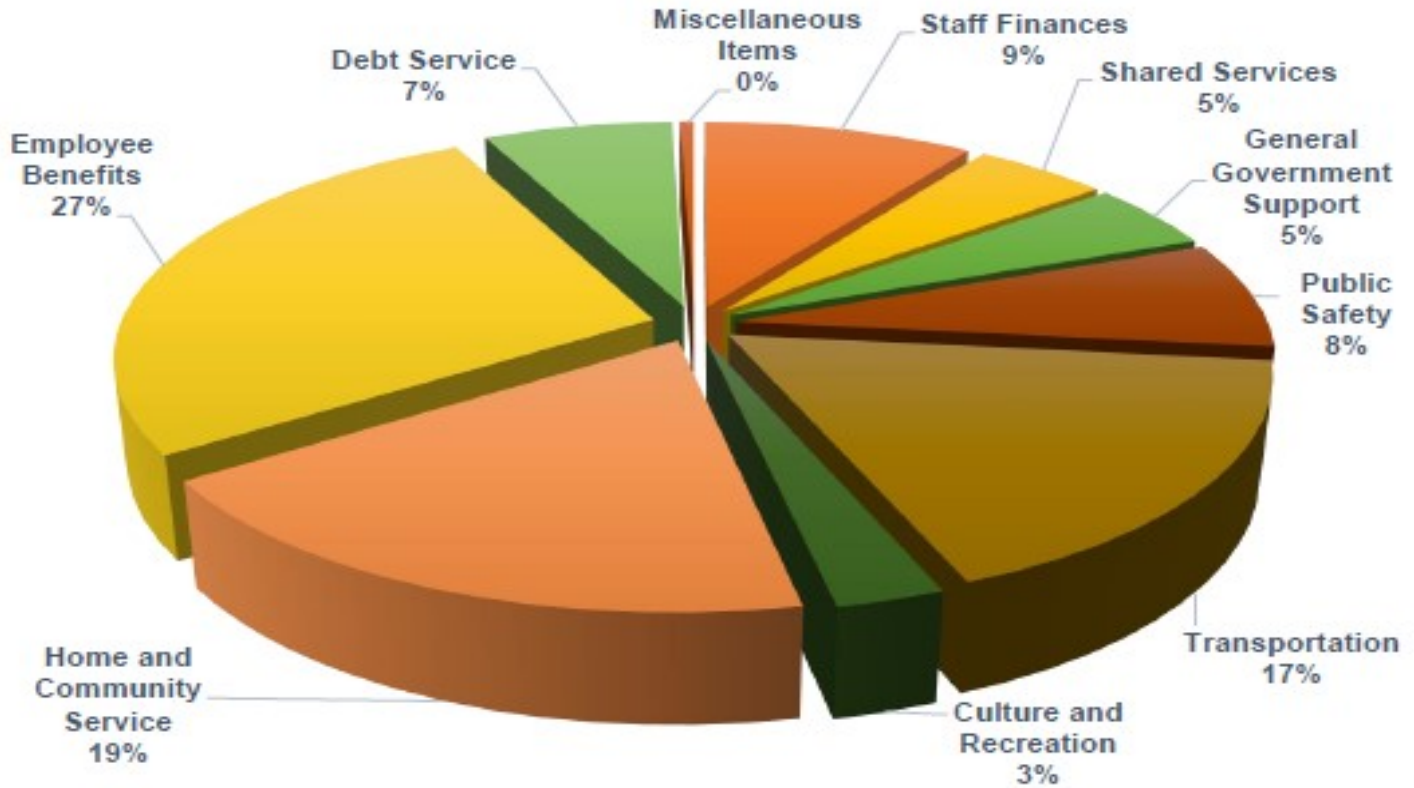
Village Budget Revenue 2021-2022



Revenue Chart Legend

Fines and Forfeitures	\$ 430,500
<i>Court and Building Fines, Handicap Surcharge</i>	
Licenses and Permits	\$ 257,400
<i>Plumbing, Building, Rental Registration</i>	
Miscellaneous Items	\$ 184,670
<i>Departmental Revenue, Culture and Recreation, Use of Money and Property, Compensation for Loss</i>	
Non-Property Tax Items	\$ 260,000
<i>Utilities</i>	
Property Tax Items	\$ 4,670,399
<i>Property Tax, Interest and Penalties</i>	
State Aid	\$ 283,108
<i>Sales Tax, Mortgage Tax, Per Capita, NYS Youth Division</i>	
Transportation	\$ 537,000
<i>Parking: Permits, Meters, Voucher, Muni-Meter</i>	
Grand Total	\$ 6,623,077

Village Budget Expenses 2021-2022



Expense Chart Legend

Culture and Recreation	\$ 184,412
<i>Parks and Recreation, Beautification, Celebrations, Adult Recreation, Cultural Commission</i>	
Debt Service	\$ 444,363
<i>Installment Bond, Bond Interest</i>	
Employee Benefits	\$ 1,810,156
<i>Social Security, Health, Dental, Vision, Retirement, Workers Compensation, Unemployment</i>	
General Government Support	\$ 314,421
<i>Unallocated Insurance, Municipal Assoc. Dues, Claims and Judgement, MTA Payroll</i>	
Home and Community Service	\$ 1,235,841
<i>Zoning Board, Refuse Collection and Disposal, Community Environment</i>	
Miscellaneous Items	\$ 31,850
<i>Public Health, Economic Assistance</i>	
Public Safety	\$ 506,277
<i>On-Street Parking, Safety Inspection, Civil Defense</i>	
Shared Services	\$ 317,511
<i>Village Hall, Central Garage, Mailing and Data Processing</i>	
Staff Finances	\$ 635,279
<i>Legislative, Judicial, Executive, Auditing, Treasurer, Budget and Assessment, Clerk Staff, Contractual Law, Engineering, Elections</i>	
Transportation	\$ 1,142,967
<i>Street Maintenance, Snow Removal, Street Lighting</i>	

Grand Total	\$ 6,623,077
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Village Residents Elect a New Mayor, Two New Trustees and a New Justice

Village elections took place on Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at Marcus Christ Hall where a record amount of ballots were cast to elect a new Mayor, two new Trustees and the Village Justice. With some board members not seeking re-election and some retiring, our Village family will be saying farewell to Mayor Lawrence Montreuil, Trustee Coppola, and Trustee Pallisco. All three exiting Board members have served the Village in some capacity for 20, 22 and 19 years respectively.



Left to Right: L. Montreuil, R. Coppola and R. Pallisco

A lifelong resident of the Village, Lawrence Montreuil began serving this community as a member of the Board of Education for 10 years before joining the Village board as a Trustee in 2001. In 2013 he was appointed Deputy Mayor and stayed in that role until he was elected Mayor in 2017.

Raising his family in the Village, Rich Coppola has served on the Board of Trustees for 22 years. He has served as liaison to the Nassau County Police Department, New Hyde Park Fire Department, Auxiliary Police, Little League and the Chamber of Commerce.

A resident of the Village for over 20 years, Richard Pallisco has served the Village in a number of volunteer capacities before he was elected a Trustee in 2017. He then took on the responsibilities for the Beautification Committee, Tree Committee, LIRR Taskforce, and the Architectural Review Board.

As we say farewell to our exiting Board members we welcome the new additions to our Village family.

Newly elected Mayor Christopher Devane is a lifelong member of the Village community. A former prosecutor of the District Attorney's Office, he now practices law at his own firm. Mayor Devane proudly served as Village Justice since 2003 and is a volunteer member of the New Hyde Park Fire Department for 35 years.

Newly elected Trustee Madhvi Nijjar is a 20 year Village resident, where she lives with her husband and two young boys. Her experience in the mental health and human services field led her to pursue teaching those who want a future career in the same profession.

Newly elected Trustee Arthur Savarese and his family have been residents of the Village for 33 years. He has been a sales and real estate professional and works directly with Village businesses, cultivating long term business partnerships. Trustee Savarese has served on the board for the New Hyde Park Little League and coached for several years.

In addition, Timothy F.X. Jones was elected as new Village Justice. His term will run for 4 years. Justice Jones is a trial attorney who works for Scahill Law Group in Bethpage.

Whether ending their service to the Village Board or just beginning, the Village employees and residents wish everyone good luck in the upcoming years.



Left to Right: Trustee Savarese, Mayor Devane, Trustee Nijjar and Justice Jones

LIRR Mainline Construction Project

The 3rd Track project which had been making good progress, as well as maintaining its overall project schedule, came to a screeching halt in mid March 2021. There were two serious incidents that occurred in the first and second of March that temporarily suspended the project for what the MTA called a 'safety pause'. The first incident occurred at Willis Avenue where 3TC contractors were demolishing a building. The structure collapsed outward rather than inward with debris falling on to nearby tracks. Luckily no one was hurt. The second incident occurred at the Mineola construction site, where an iron worker was electrocuted and seriously injured after a construction crane hit a high voltage line causing an electrical arc to the steel structure the worker was standing on. 3TC and the MTA implemented a 'safety pause' so that both incidents can be properly investigated and updates/enhancements to safety protocols and procedures can be put into place to prevent such future occurrences.

Work did resume on April 8, 2021, specifically at the G14 substation site in the Village of New Hyde Park. Infrastructure work resumed to prepare the site for the installation of the substation building and transformer utilities. Mayor Chris Devane, Trustee Rainer Burger, and Deputy Superintendent Igor Sikiric, continue to have interactions and discussions with the MTA, 3TC and construction crews to understand issues and mitigate impacts to our community. We will continue to inform our residents on any major development and issues. As always the Village Board and Village employees want to thank those residents who are most impacted by this construction and urge them to not only reach out to 3TC and MTA on issues but also contact the Village and the Village Board so that proactive measures can be taken. As mentioned in the last Newsletter, it is through you, our residents, and your collaboration that getting through this massive construction project, which spans across our Village, has been possible.

The Village Board will continue to do its best to keep residents informed with any new information and issues we encounter. Please continue to pay attention to telephone Robo calls, our Village Website at www.vnhp.org, and more importantly the LIRR Expansion website at <https://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 Chris Devane as well as Trustee Rainer Burger on the "cc" of your email, so that they are aware of your concerns.

New Hyde Park Road and New Commuter Parking Lot

New Hyde Park Road and the new commuter parking lot is virtually complete. As the weather warms up, additional landscaping will be planted in and around the area. On March 15, 2021, the commuter lot was opened in conjunction with the new platforms. Prior to the opening of the lot and new platforms, the Mayor and Trustee Burger pushed hard for 3TC to clean up the area, with the understanding that construction is still in progress. This included removal of construction materials, equipment and fencing in and around the construction areas.

A punchlist was also created for damage repair to the new lot caused by 3TC while using it as a staging area. This included curb and asphalt repair, as well as additional signage.



New commuter parking lot on the corner of Plaza Avenue and New Hyde Park Road

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The Village Board continues to work with 3TC on a number of safety concerns, some of which will be added to the punch list of items to be completed. As mentioned in the last newsletter, Nassau County disapproved the installation of a flashing crosswalk sign at New Hyde Park Road and Plaza Avenue but did approve a 'Do Not Block the Box' on South Park Place and New Hyde Park Road. The Village will follow-up with the County to get the box installed. The Village continues to work with 3TC on the concerns regarding the entrance to the new commuter parking lot. Specifically, with the left turning lane from Plaza Avenue into the lot. The Village Board met and surveyed the area with 3TC/Stantec, and it was agreed that the Village Board concerns are valid. The updated drawings from 3TC have yet to be seen.

South 12th Street Pedestrian Underpass



Rail road crossing and pedestrian underpass at South 12th Street

South 12th Street pedestrian underpass was progressing well until the 'safety pause' went into effect. The pedestrian underpass was scheduled to be 'pushed' into place on April 24, 2021. Due to the safety pause, this push has been rescheduled to June 12, 2021. This will coincide with a double track outage. The safety pause has potentially impacted the September 2021 opening date of the pedestrian underpass. The Village Board has met with 3TC and the MTA and requested that the pedestrian underpass completion be made a priority. The Village Board is asking for 3TC and the MTA to evaluate the schedule and meet the September opening deadline. The Village Board stressed that the closure of South 12th Street and the lack of a pedestrian underpass for our residents and commuters, is a huge inconvenience. Mayor Devane and Trustee Burger will

be looking to work with 3TC to see what can be done to have the underpass open as soon as possible. Please remember, with the closure of South 12th Street, a new vehicular traffic map and pedestrian detour map have been published. For details, please visit the Village Website or www.lirrexpansion.com.

Nightwork and Track Outages

With the exception of a few nights at the G-14 electrical substation, where trucks were staged for the delivery of the substation building materials, we are happy to report, that there has been limited nightwork. Once again, the Village Board thanks our residents who endured the nightwork and we understand how disruptive that could be. As work resumes, we will do our best to make residents aware of any potential nightwork, outside of the right of way (ROW). We are also doing our best to discourage 3TC doing any nightwork at this time. That said, there were and will continue to be track outages in order to complete work within the ROW. This may involve nightwork along the entire line to Hicksville, including New Hyde Park Station, South 12th Street and other various points along the entire line. We will do our best to notify our residents if we become aware of any nightwork within our Village.

New Station House and Station Platform

Work continues to move along at both the station house and the platform. On March 15, 2021, a portion of the new platform opened to the commuters. Currently only 10 rail cars are able to platform. This will be expanded to 12 rail cars in the fall once the South 12th Street pedestrian underpass is completed. The 12 car platform was originally scheduled to open in September 2021 but will most likely be delayed due to the safety pause.

The station house refurbishment is progressing. New doors and windows have been installed, and the exterior façade is being worked on, including the interior of the station house. Per the request of the Village Board, the roof color will be changed to a blue gray. This will match the platform roofing. As previously reported during the Board Meetings, 3TC originally did not intend to update the roof, but the Village Board challenged that the green roof did not architecturally conform or match the new platform colors or any other rail stations along the LIRR corridor.

Work is progressing on the new platforms and station house (pictured right)



Utility Poles

As noted in our Winter Newsletter, EJ Electric and other utility companies continue working on relocating cables to the newly installed utility poles. This effort will continue through late 2021 and is a coordinated effort throughout the entire corridor.

Truck Access and Parking Plan for 2nd & 3rd Avenue

The Village Board is happy to report that the MTA and 3TC have agreed to modify the truck access at the intersection of 3rd Avenue and the Covert Avenue extension. This will permit access of trucks that are 55 feet in length. The current intersection prohibits large size trucks from accessing the area. Our Village and the local businesses were compromised because of poor design of the intersection. Along with this approval, the Village Board had to agree to a parking plan that will make 3rd Avenue a one way street (east bound to South 12th Street). This was required in order to allow trucks to safely make the turn from the Covert Avenue extension onto 3rd Avenue, without going into opposing traffic. This does translate into a loss of approximately 50 parking spaces which will diminish the parking revenue for the future. The Village Board is not happy about this development and will look at other parking alternatives to make up for lost parking spots as well as lost revenue. In addition, there are several agreements that the Village Board and the MTA is negotiating that will benefit the Village in the future, including some of the hardships our Village has had to endure the past 2 years.

G-14 Electrical Substation

With the MTA and 3TCs lack of communication and coordination on the construction and buildout of the site, the G-14 substation continues to be a challenge as the Village Board encounters issues. Earlier in the year we encountered unscheduled and unannounced work being done during the weekends. The work included shoring pile removal, which shook and vibrated the homes surrounding the area. The G-14 construction has been very frustrating for the entire Village, especially the residents in the surrounding area.

With the work now restarting after the safety pause, the substation has been made a priority by the MTA for a target completion set for the fall. The substation building and transformers that were originally scheduled to be delivered and installed in March, were delivered and installed between April 14th and 16th. This was a 3 day process, which included the delivery of the prefabricated structures and transformers by seven oversized vehicles. Originally a 2-day process, it was extended to three days due to the logistics. The substation building and transformers were delivered in the overnight hours and repositioned for installation on 3rd Avenue for the next day. A crane was set up on 3rd Avenue which lifted and positioned the substation building components and transformers into place.

Other than the delivery of the materials, work was done during the daytime hours. EJ Electric will continue to work on site over the next several months, thru late August / early September. Additionally, they have installed 2 utility poles for the substation at the corner of South 9th Street and 3rd Avenue. The installation required a smaller crane to lift and set the poles. The original plan had the crane positioned on South 9th Street and the work be performed overnight. Mayor Devane and Trustee Burger rejected the request and had 3TC modify the plan to have the crane positioned on 3rd Avenue and the work to be performed during the daytime hours. Testing and commissioning of the site is expected at the end of 2021.



Installation of the materials delivered at the G-14 Electrical Substation



Construction site at the G-14 Electrical Substation

As noted in the winter newsletter, 3TC had agreed to replace the utility style fencing with an aesthetically pleasing wall. However, the Village Board received word in March 2021 that the MTA disapproved the wall as it did not conform to MTA standards. 3TC has been directed to proceed with the installation of the non-metallic utility style fencing. This was very disappointing to the Village Board. The Village Board will look to work with the MTA to dress up the area with landscaping. As previously mentioned, the MTA is still looking to complete construction and have the substation operational in the 4th Quarter of 2021.

Sound Attenuation Wall Construction

The sound attenuation wall construction began moving forward once again. Wall construction has begun by Premier Boulevard and will migrate to Covert Avenue. Once this is completed, crews plan to continue on the south side of the tracks along 3rd Avenue towards South 12th Street. Crews will then switch to the north side and work on the wall construction from Covert Avenue to South 12th Street. Overall this will be a 16-week installation process and will involve the closures of 2nd and 3rd Avenues at various points.

We will keep our residents informed as best as we can on the schedule and street closures. Originally, 3TC wanted to do the work on both 2nd and 3rd Avenues at the same time, but the Village Board disagreed due to the impact on parking, as well as our residents and local businesses.



New Fitness Station at Memorial Park

Troop 298, life scout Daniel Corcoran completed his Eagle Scout Project at Memorial Park the weekend of April 10, 2021. For his project, Daniel installed three fitness stations on the South side of Memorial Park along the pedestrian walkway. The three stations included a sit-up and push-up station, a pull-up bar station, and a parallel bar station (pictured below).

Daniel was responsible for the planning of the project, presenting it to the Village Board and having his project drawings reviewed by the Village Board. Once approved, Daniel was responsible for the procurement of all the materials as well as leading and managing the installation effort. The project was originally scheduled for the fall of 2020 but was postponed due to COVID-19.

The Mayor and the Village Board are thrilled with the project and thank Daniel along with Troop 298. Former Trustee Richard Pallisco was instrumental in making this project a reality. The Village Board may possibly add additional fitness stations based on community feedback. We want to congratulate Daniel Corcoran on completing his Eagle Project, and wish him success at the Eagle Board.



Top Right: Boy Scout Troop 298 at Memorial Park on the weekend of April 10th
Bottom Right: Two workout stations built at Memorial Park

Nassau County Auxiliary Police Unit #212

Nassau County Auxiliary Police Officers are the “eyes and ears” of the Nassau County Police Department. 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 Officers at Village Board Meetings, Village Court, and other community events 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 supporting our community.

A special acknowledgement to the New Hyde Park unit members who will receive Awards at our annual Nassau County Auxiliary Police Longevity, Service Award and Promotion Ceremony. This year’s ceremony has been postponed to a future date due to Covid-19. Congratulations to all award recipients!

Recipients of the 300+ Hour Award:

Lieutenant Derrick Nankoo,
PFC Linda Halas-Kaplan,
PFC Jonathan Levy.



Nassau County Auxiliary Police
Nassau County, New York

Recipients of the 500+ Hour Award:

Deputy Inspector John J. Concannon.

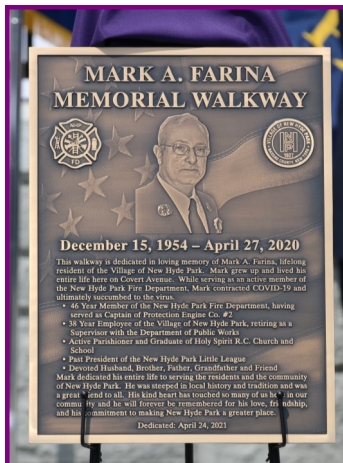
Recipients of the Ten-Year Service Award:

APO Phil Leotta.

**Thank you members of NCAP Unit #212
for all you do for the
Village of New Hyde Park**

Mark Farina Dedication Ceremony

On Saturday, April 24, 2021 the Village of New Hyde Park along with the New Hyde Park Fire Department, held a plaque dedication and renaming ceremony on the walkway over the Covert Avenue Bridge, for Mark Farina.



Mark Farina grew up in New Hyde Park and dedicated his life in making our community a better and safer place to live. He was a volunteer firefighter his entire adult life and spent his professional career working for the Village of New Hyde Park. He was loved and respected, and a person that could always be relied upon.

The Village Board and the New Hyde Park Fire Department appreciate and thank everyone who participated in the Dedication Ceremony honoring Mark Farina. He will always be remembered in our hearts.



Mark Farina’s family at the dedication ceremony :
(left to right) James, Matthew, Debbie and Thomas

Photos courtesy of the New Hyde Park Fire Department

Village of New Hyde Park Retirement

On March 18, 2021 during the Village Board Meeting the Village Board recognized Tom Gannon for his many years of hard work, dedication and commitment to the Village of New Hyde Park and the entire Village Community.

Tom's retirement follows his 30 year tenure working for the Village of New Hyde Park. Although best known for his role as the Superintendent of Building and Public Works for the last 9 years, he had held several positions in the DPW department prior to that. As the Superintendent his responsibilities ranged from personnel needs, to facilities, sanitation, snow removal, and street repaving. Tom has played a vital role in preserving and improving the suburban character of the Village.

Tom was a dedicated and hardworking member of the Village family, who was always ready to lend a hand where need be. He put his many talents to good use so

he could better serve the Village of New Hyde Park and its residents. We wish Tom the best in his well-earned retirement, his absence will leave a void in our Village Family.



Tom was presented with a recognition plaque by the Village Board. Left to Right: Deputy Supt. Sikiric, Tr. Squicciarino, Former Tr. Pallisco, Supt. Tom Gannon and Tr. Burger

A New Addition to the Village Family



The Village of New Hyde Park is delighted to welcome A. Pillay (Binu) as the newest member of the Village Family. Binu has joined us as Superintendent of Building. As part of his new role, Binu will be responsible for ensuring the safety of building structures, compliance with building and zoning codes, as well as overseeing the day to day management of personnel and operations for the building department.

Binu comes to us with over 22 years of experience in the architectural and engineering design industry. Most recently he was the Project Architect for an engineering firm where he was the lead building and zoning code analyst, design developer and project architect who was instrumental in designing private, municipal and commercial projects for various towns and villages on Long Island. His many years in the industry have earned him the experience in a multitude of disciplines, including architectural, structural, mechanical, electrical, plumbing and design implementation during construction projects.

We are very fortunate to have Binu join us and apply his background and expertise in architecture and engineering to his new role as Superintendent of Building. Please join us in welcoming Binu to the Family.

American Legion Ernie Pyle Post # 1089



Due to the COVID-19, American Legion Ernie Pyle Post #1089 has not been holding meetings until now! With the decline in the COVID-19 infection rates, and increased numbers vaccinations, the American Legion will hold its first meeting of 2021 on May 15th at Marcus Christ at 10:00 am. The following meeting will be on June 19th, same location and time.

With the decline in COVID-19, the American Legion Ernie Pyle Post #1089 and the Village of New Hyde Park will be holding a Memorial Day Car Parade and Ceremony on Saturday, May 29, 2021.

The Village Board and members of the American Legion want to invite residents to come out and show their support to honor and remember those lost in combat while serving our great Nation, to ensure the freedom that we enjoy today.

On July 1, 2021 Commander John McGuire will be stepping down from his position and Mr. Bill Hothan will assume Command of Post #1089. The Village Board would like to congratulate Bill and wish him success as the new Commander. The Board also congratulates the outgoing Commander John McGuire for all the hard work, dedication, leadership, and service to the Post and our Village. 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 of New Hyde Park. For more information on the American Legion, please visit [https: www.legion.org](https://www.legion.org).

Village Ribbon Cutting

On Friday, March 26, 2021, the Greater New Hyde Park Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting for Park Place Restaurant & Bar, one of the newest members in the New Hyde Park business community; located at 1218 Jericho Turnpike in the Village of New Hyde Park. Owners Matt Tesoriero, Patrick O'Halloran, and Sergio DeCiantis have turned the location, into a modern fine-dining establishment, with a completely renovated interior.

Attendees included County Executive Laura Curran, Presiding Officer Richard Nicoletto, County Clerk Maureen O'Connell, North Hempstead Town Clerk Wayne Wink, Chamber President Cheryl Fajardo, Trustee Donna Squicciarino, and Former Village Trustee Rich Pallisco.

The Village of New Hyde Park wishes owners of Park Place Restaurant and Bar lots of success and best of luck.



Owners of Park Place and the Nassau County Public officials at the ribbon cutting



Photos courtesy of the Chamber of Commerce

Pictured right: Owners of Park Place, along with Trustee Squicciarino and former Trustee Pallisco

Employee Spotlight:

Department of Public Works

We all owe a huge **Thank You** to our dedicated healthcare workers, police officers, and teachers, but there is another group of essential workers that have been working non-stop through the pandemic to keep our community safe, clean, and operational; that group is our Department of Public Works (DPW). The Village of New Hyde Park DPW has been performing essential day to day services during the pandemic, from road repairs to tree trims to sanitation collection. They have been on the job day in and day out, making sure the residents of our community are provided with the crucial services to preserve the quality of life in our Village. Please extend a thank you to these essential workers for their dedication in keeping our streets and community clean, and our parks operational.



James Hoffman

Additionally, there is one employee at DPW that deserves special recognition, that employee is James Hoffman. James is the longest tenured Village employee and will be celebrating his 30 year anniversary this June. As a member of DPW, James has spent most of his career as a Village sanitation worker. Please join us in thanking James for his many years of dedicated services to our community. In addition, James is serving as the CSEA Local 882 Union President representing the entire DPW staff.



The public works highway crew standing inside the DPW salt shed.



DPW crew planting trees during Earth Day



Mattress and Box Springs Disposal procedural changes as of February 1, 2021:

In an effort to manage public health concerns and for the safety of our employees, the Village is now requiring all residents who are disposing of a mattress or box spring to fully enclose these items within a plastic mattress bag.

- Bags must be properly secured and completely sealed. Failure to fully enclose the mattress or box spring within a plastic mattress bag will result in a non-collection of the item.
- The Village does not supply or sell mattress bags. Mattress bags can be purchased at most home improvement stores, department stores, or on-line retail site.



PARROTBEACH Jimmy Buffet Tribute

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16, 2021

7:30 PM AT MEMORIAL PARK

LOCATED ON LINCOLN AVENUE, BETWEEN WILLIAM AND ALBERT STREETS

FREE ADMISSION / BRING A CHAIR OR BLANKET / ENJOY GREAT

ENTERTAINMENT UNDER THE STARS



FOR YOUR PROTECTION AND THE PROTECTION OF OTHERS, WE REQUIRE ALL ATTENDEES WEAR A FACE MASK AT ALL TIMES, AND KEEP A SOCIAL DISTANCE OF 6 FEET

Summer EVENTS

With Covid-19 on the decline the Village of New Hyde Park is looking forward to bringing back some of our resident's favorite summer events, as well as introducing new events to our calendar which promise to bring the diverse members of our community together.

Keep checking www.vnhp.org
for new and exciting events
happening in June, July and August!

Dog Walking Etiquette

Walking the family dog down our quiet suburban tree lined streets is one of the more relaxing times in our otherwise stressful lives. It's a great time to get a little exercise, bond with your pet and greet some of the neighbors.

There is of course a less pleasant task that presents itself during this serene interlude with man's best friend. The labor of love to clean up after your dog reflects the commitment to the family pet, similar to changing your baby's diaper. It's also greatly appreciated by the neighbors, here in New Hyde Park, and who share the streets with you and your family pet. The vast majority of dog owners in the Village respect their neighbors and yet, there are those very few who don't.

It's difficult to imagine something that is more disrespectful and inconsiderate to a neighbor than failing to perform this simple responsibility. It is baffling that anyone can be so rude or lazy to walk in front of someone else's home for the purpose of having your pet defecate in front of their property and leaving it there.

Failing to pick up after your pet also contributes to pollution of our waterways when material is washed down the storm drains during the rain. Some folks, while fastidious about cleaning up, dispose of the effluent illegally in storm drains. The drains are not sanitary sewers that lead to a magical sewage treatment plant.

The contaminated runoff from the streets leads to the aquifer that supplies our drinking water and to the bays and ocean. The proper method of disposal is to use a sealed plastic bag and deposit in your trash can.

So a few helpful reminders to be a good dog owner and a respectful neighbor, operating within the law include:

- Only walk your dog within the street, from curb to curb
- Don't allow your dog to urinate or defecate anywhere but in the street
- Always clean up after your dog
- Dispose of the waste in a plastic bag in your own trash pail

For more details on dog etiquette you can consult Section 80-23 of the Village Code which can be found on our website at www.vnhp.org.



Spring Clean Up



Spring is a great time to get out doors, clean your garden, property and flower beds.

Practicing good property clean up and maintenance is not a one-time endeavor. It should be a daily, weekly, or monthly practice. We ask that everyone help beautify their 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 as well as business owners are asked to pitch in and keep their property clean and free of debris. Be a good neighbor, whether your property is commercial or residential, and regularly sweep your property and store front to keep it clean.

We all benefit from one another'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.



24th Annual Village Street Fair
Saturday, September 18th
10:00 AM to 4:30 PM
(Rain Date: September 25th)



Jericho Turnpike (From New Hyde Park Road to Covert Avenue)

Covid-19 Restrictions may apply. Visit www.vnhp.org for more information.

Zoning Board of Appeals

February 10, 2021

500 N 3rd Street - Approval was granted to the applicant seeking to maintain a second above grade kitchen that was being utilized by their mother and will not be utilized by their son.

April 14, 2021

1614 Lincoln Avenue - Approval was granted to the applicant seeking to perform interior alteration to the existing first floor, a rear extension of existing second floor, and a new roof over an existing porch.

654 S 11th Street - Approval was granted to applicant seeking to perform interior alterations to existing first floor, rear one-story addition with finished clear and new front portico onto existing front stoop.

105 N 5th Street - Approval was granted to the applicant seeking to change the name of a previously approved Special Exception Permit for an above grade 2nd kitchen.

Architectural Review Board

February 3, 2021

21 N 10th Street - Approval was granted to the applicant seeking to subdivide to construct two single family homes.

March 3, 2021

632 5th Avenue - Approval was granted to the applicant seeking to subdivide to construct two single family homes.

April 7, 2021

402 Brown Place - Approval was granted to the applicant seeking to change materials.

574 N 6th Street - Approval was granted to the applicant seeking approval for a second floor addition, first floor addition, new front covered porch and alteration to the kitchen and dining area.

May 5, 2021

47 Millers Lane - Approval was granted to the applicant seeking to renovate and extend the existing second floor within the footprint of the first floor.

1419 Park Avenue - Approval was granted to the applicant seeking approval for the alteration and extension of the existing one family house and add a second floor.

155 N 5th Street - Approval was granted to the applicant seeking approval to resurface the existing stucco on second floor and reconstruct decorative columns on the first floor.

2021 CHILDREN'S SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM

It's that time of year! The Village Parks and Recreation Commission is pleased to offer our popular Children's Summer Recreation Program, to be held at Memorial Park this upcoming summer. Children between the ages of 6 and 12 will be eligible to join in the hours of fun and enjoyment in our kid friendly park. The large shelter at Memorial Park will provide a sun-free setting for games and entertainment.

This Program will be held Monday through Thursday for five weeks beginning on **Monday, July 6th and continuing through Thursday, August 5th.**

Children will be organized into two age specific sessions. Children ages 6 - 8 will attend the morning session from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm. Youth between the ages of 9 - 12 will attend the afternoon session from 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm. All program activities will be geared to the appropriate age groups.

The Park Field Office will be closed for lunch between the hours of 12:30 pm and 1:30 pm and there will be no supervision available during that time period.

Registration will be held at Marcus Christ Hall (located next to Village Hall) on **Wednesday, June 23rd from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.** Please bring a completed registration application for each child being registered, along with **proof of address** (license, tax bill, utility bill, etc.)

A 1 inch by 1.5 inch photo of your child is required and will be used to create a photo ID card. If you have more than one child to register, application forms can be obtained at the Village Clerk's Office, or on the Village website at www.vnhp.org.

This program is provided free of charge to Village residents. Non-village residents in the New Hyde Park 11040 zip code are eligible to participate, pending availability. The non-resident registration fee, per child, is \$125, which can be paid by cash, check or credit card.

Because of Covid-19 restrictions all program activities will be canceled during incremental weather, due to the lack of space at Village Hall. Parents will have to make other arrangements for their children during those days.

The Village Parks and Recreation Commission is confident that this Program will provide your children with great summer activities and entertainment. We encourage you to have your children participate.

**There is no better place for our children to be,
then playing in our Village parks!**

2021 CHILDREN'S SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM REGISTRATION FORM



Child's Name: _____

Child's Address: _____

Date of Birth: (Age as of July 1, 2021) _____

Child is in good health, except as listed below.

(Please describe below all allergies, drugs and medications, or any medical problems. If none, state "none"):

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Home Phone: _____ Business #: _____ Cell #: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACTS:

1. Name: _____ Daytime Telephone: _____

Relationship to Child: _____

2. Name: _____ Daytime Telephone: _____

Relationship to Child: _____

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT BEFORE SIGNING:

In the event of a medical emergency, the procedure will be to call the parent or guardian, time permitting, before taking the child to the doctor or hospital. However, when neither parent nor guardian can be reached, the following permission will help ensure prompt attention.

I hereby give my permission for the recreation program leader or designee to transport my child to and from the doctor and or hospital for emergency treatment. I hereby give permission for the recreation program leader or designee to sign any consent that may be necessary to allow hospital personnel and/or any licensed physician to examine my child and perform any emergency treatment, which may be necessary, and to consent to the administration of any drugs or medication necessary to tender such emergency care.

I hereby agree to release the Village of New Hyde Park, members of the Board of Trustees, employees, agents, volunteers, and to hold them harmless and indemnify them for demands, liabilities and causes of actions arising out of or connected to personal injury, illness, death, or property damage resulting from any cause whatsoever other than their own negligence, and for any expenses incurred in the rendering out of any care and treatment so provided.

I understand that in the event of illness, or discipline problem, when in the judgment of the recreation program leader or designee, it is in the best interest of the child to be taken home, I will assume the responsibility for providing transportation home.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Print Name: _____ Date: _____

If the program is canceled due to inclement weather, notifications will be made via e-mail, as early as possible but no later than an hour before the start of the program.

Please provide your current e-mail address: (print clearly): _____

Calendar of Events

Tues. 6/1	Village Tax Payable
Wed. 6/2	Village Traffic Court 6:00 pm – Village Hall <i>(by appointment only)</i>
Wed. 6/2	Architectural Review Board 7:30 pm - Village Hall*
Wed. 6/9	Zoning Board of Appeals 7:30 pm - Village Hall*
Wed. 6/16	Village Building Court 6:00 pm – Village Hall
Wed. 6/16	Summer Concert 7:30 pm - Memorial Park
Thurs. 6/17	Village Board Meeting 7:00 pm – Village Hall*
Wed. 6/23	Children’s Rec. Registration 10:00 am – 2:00 pm Marcus Christ Hall
Thurs. 7/1	Last Day to Pay Village Tax
Mon. 7/5	Independence Day Observed Village Offices Closed
Wed. 7/7	Village Traffic Court 6:00 pm – Village Hall <i>(by appointment only)</i>
Wed. 7/7	Architectural Review Board 7:30 pm - Village Hall*
Wed. 7/14	Zoning Board of Appeals 7:30 pm - Village Hall*
Thurs. 7/15	Village Board Meeting 7:00 pm – Village Hall*
Wed. 7/21	Village Building Court 6:00 pm – Village Hall
Wed. 8/4	Village Traffic Court 6:00 pm – Village Hall <i>(by appointment only)</i>



* Due to Covid - 19, certain meetings will be held via Zoom Video Conferencing. Please stay updated on all Village Meetings and Events by checking the Village Website at www.vnhp.org

Sanitation Schedule Change

Independence Day Observed

Monday, July 5

Garbage for North side POSTPONED and rescheduled for Tuesday, July 6

Tuesday, July 6

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.
- ◆ **Do you need a new recycle bin? If so, you can purchase one from 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.**

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(M-F) 9:00AM- 3:00PM

Village Court:
516/354-6330

Fire Department & Ambulance:
516/742-3300

Village Property Tax Bills



The 2021/2022 Village tax bills will be 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 receiving a penalty. Payment can be made by mail or in person at the Village Clerk's Office, Monday through Friday, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Taxes can be paid by check, cash, money order, credit card (MasterCard/VISA) or by on-line payment through www.vnhp.org. Please note that certain fees will apply if you choose credit card or on-line payment options. Please call the Village Clerk's Office if you don't receive your tax bill by early June or if you have any questions.

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