# Village of New Hyde Park

# Spring 2022 Newsletter



Dear Neighbors,

This spring is shaping up to be a season of renewal, rebirth and excitement! Change is in the air all around our Village. I hope you and your families are happy, healthy and able to be maskless. As the weather improves, I hope to see you at our

forthcoming events. There are many projects underway which will enhance the enjoyment of our future activities and celebrations.

The Village Hall renaissance continues with a makeover of the hallway and courtroom, which is now named Assembly Hall. We have embraced the great architecture of the building by revealing the original archways and tin ceiling. In addition, the basement has a new floor and paint job and will be further added to with a future Eagle Scout project. A new HVAC system is being installed and flooring in the hallways and stairway is weeks away. Plans are underway to upgrade both the Clerks Office and Building Department. On the exterior of the building, new lighting and signage is imminent. The memorial area in front of Village Hall is undergoing a makeover to add landscape lighting and feature the heroes whose names are displayed on the plaques. Their sacrifice on behalf of our Country will never be forgotten.

Initial designs for our new Community Center are done thanks to members of our Architectural Review Board. We are moving forward with actual plans to start the process of building a new facility. This will entail removing the existing building due to the lack of a foundation on a portion of the facility. Half of the tax increase in this year's budget is dedicated to the new community center. It truly will be a facility that we all have a vested interest in. The future looks bright, especially with our anticipated glass front exterior!

I am delighted to report that our promised 3 million dollar grant for a new Department of Public Works facility has finally arrived. We are moving forward with our plans to commence this long overdue construction. This will entail a complete shutdown of Nuzzi Field due to construction and housing of vehicles and our employees. Discussions have begun on the restoration and makeover of Nuzzi Field at the conclusion of construction of the new DPW facility. I have spoken with members of our Little League and the Nuzzi family to let them know this is a priority for our Board. - continued on the next page





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Our new pocket park at the corner of Jericho Turnpike and Central Boulevard will be dedicated to the New Hyde Park Fire Department and those members who have attained 50 years of service. There will be a bronze firefighter statue and memorial wall placed at that location. Excavation has been completed and construction will begin this month. This park will be unveiled at a future date to celebrate our great Fire Department.

Memorial Park is also currently under construction. A new front entrance on Lincoln Avenue and Central Boulevard is being built. There will be a new sign installed at the entrance. The memorial section makeover of the park is underway as well. The monuments will now be side by side on either side of the American flag. This flagpole will be surrounded by 6 additional flagpoles for each branch of the armed forces. A new walkway is installed to lead visitors to the ballfields without the need to walk through the memorial section. This section is hallowed ground devoted to the heroes who sacrificed their lives and those service members who were injured in service to our country. This area should be treated with dignity, respect and appropriate deference. A new bocce ball court has been constructed and new backboards and rims will be installed on the basketball courts. The crack in the tennis courts will be fixed as soon as we get a warm trend in the weather. A new dry well has been installed on the small ballfield as well as new dugout areas.

The opening of the Donald Barbieri Dog Park is weeks away. We plan on this significant addition being a source of great fun, goodwill and friendship. In that respect, it will exemplify the special man it is named after. We look forward to utilizing the park to have service dogs work with those in our community with physical and mental challenges. In the fall, we will be using a substantial grant from Nassau County, thanks to County Legislators Rich Nicolello and John Giuffre, to have a complete makeover of the children's playground. This construction will focus on kids of all ages and abilities.

In addition, starting this season we will be checking IDs for all who enter the park. This is an enforcement of the existing policy enacted in 2012. This Board didn't set this policy but we fully support it. This policy is outlined on every sign at the entrances to the park. I spent last summer observing who used our parks. I noticed that nearly 60% of the people who used the park were not Village residents. Our residents pay the taxes that maintain our parks, therefore Village residents deserve priority in our parks. These same Village residents are the ones paying the increase in taxes that results in the current upgrade to the park. This is also a policy followed by the surrounding Villages, Towns and Counties on Long Island. I believe a 10 year grace period is enough time to finally enforce this common sense policy. We always have and will continue to invite everyone at no cost to all our events, parades, concerts and movies in the park, including its use for Little League, Katie's Run and other special events. The lack of enforcement of this policy has caused non Village residents to either disregard the signage at the entrances or not read it at all. Unfortunately, it also causes some of these same people to become indignant or feel entitled to use our parks because that is what they have become used to.

I can assure you that the Board is working on a guest policy, but the open door policy is over. Grandparents and grandkids will be addressed in a reasonable way as well. I urge our Village residents to come and get their free ID card for the park, including the dog. Once they arrive with their application and documentation, the ID process literally takes minutes. Village residents will not be granted entry to the park without presenting their physical park ID or having it on their phone. This ID must be shown every time they enter the park regardless of who they are or who they think they are. The dog park will be used exclusively by dogs of our Village residents, except for circumstances when service dogs are invited to work with residents or there is an adoption day with a local shelter.

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As for the enforcement of this policy, the first 30 days will be for Village residents only with no guests allowed as we work out the kinks in the system. A positive attitude is a critical piece to successful implementation of this policy. I have heard from many "keyboard warriors" who have ranted about the new enforcement of the existing policy. Almost all of these people are non-Village residents. I have done my best to respond to each of them even though I am not their Mayor. I have been in this community for over 50 years and I have great friends who live outside the Village. This is about fundamental fairness. It is not personal. To those who want to make it personal and go after this Board for enforcing this policy, my only advice to you is that negativity and anger corrode the container it's carried in.

This Village has so many positive developments going on and this spring will be an exciting time as we rebuild and remake our facilities. I ask you again to get involved and come along for the ride. There is so much to do and we are always open to new ideas and positive suggestions. Ideas can become reality with hard work. If we all pitch in, there is no limit to what we can accomplish!

Sincerely,

**Christopher Devane** 

Mayor, Village of New Hyde Park

# **Adopted 2022-2023 Village Operating Budget**

This year's Budget Hearing was held on Thursday, April 7, 2022 at 7:15 pm. Village Clerk and Treasurer Cathryn Hillmann presented the 2022-2023 Tentative Budget with a proposed total appropriation of \$7,372,010.52 and a proposed tax rate of 27.50 per \$100 assessed valuation.

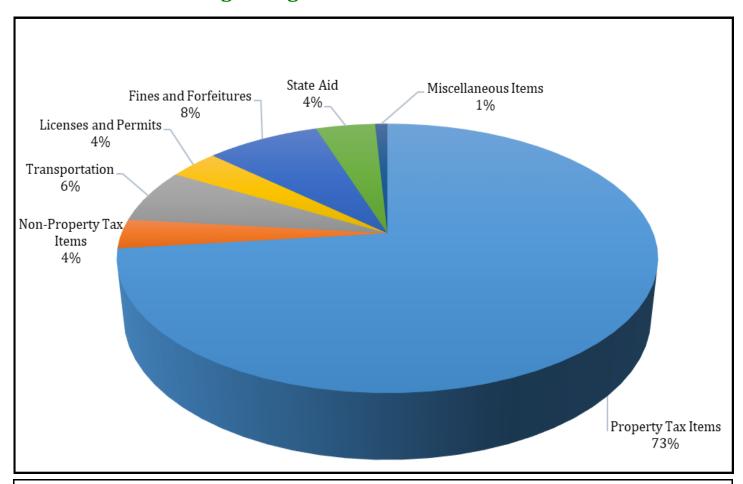
The total appropriation of \$7,372,010.52 represents an increase of \$689,233.57 from last year's budget. The Tentative Budget proposes a tax levy of \$5,380,270.52 which is an increase of \$719,872.52 from last year's budget. This calculates to a tax rate of 27.50 per \$100 of assessed valuation, a 15.66% increase from last year's tax rate. The 15.66% represents an increase of \$200.88 to an average household with 5,400 in assessed value.

The average assessed household in the Village, would be required to pay an additional \$200.88 for the year in Village Tax, where \$100.00 of the total will be dedicated to the construction of the new Community Center to replace Marcus Christ Hall.

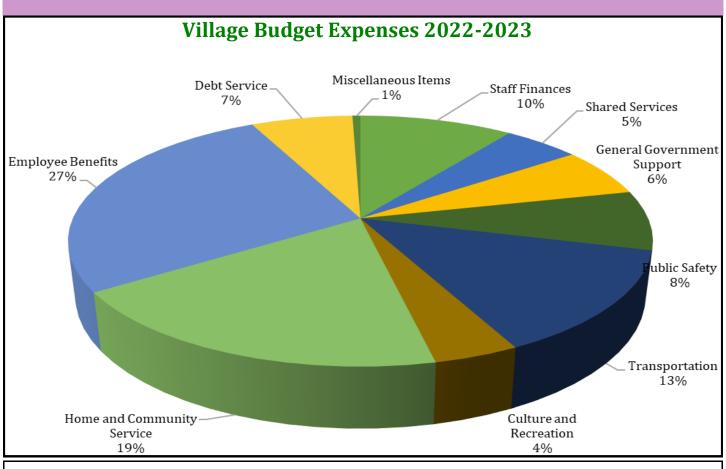
The total Village Assessment Roll as of April 7, 2022 was set at 19,561,762 a decrease of 32,581 from last year's total assessment of \$19,594,343. This represents a decrease of \$5,959.80 in tax revenue. The decrease in assessed value is mainly due to commercial tax certiorari settlements which represents a decrease of 85,400 in assessed value for 2022-23 tax year.

During a special Budget Hearing held on April 21, 2022, the Village Board voted unanimously to adopt the 2022-23 operating budget as presented.

# **Village Budget Revenue 2022-2023**



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



Expense Chart Legend				
Culture and Recreation	\$	240,041		
Parks and Recreation, Beautification, Celebrations, Adult Recreation, Cultural Commission				
Debt Service	\$	454,050		
Installment Bond, Bond Interest				
Employee Benefits	\$	1,593,393		
Social Security, Health, Dental, Vision, Retirement, Workers Compensation, Unemployment				
General Government Support	\$	272,548		
Unallocated Insurance, Municipal Assoc. Dues, Claims and Judgement, MTA Payroll				
Home and Community Service	\$	1,394,384		
Zoning Board, Refuse Collection and Disposal, Community Environment				
Miscellaneous Items	\$	41,850		
Public Health, Economic Assistance				
Public Safety	\$	382,336		
On-Street Parking, Safety Inspection, Civil Defense				
Shared Services	\$	267,783		
Village Hall, Central Garage, Mailing and Data Processing				
Staff Finances	\$	627,736		
Legislative, Judicial, Executive, Auditing, Treasurer, Budget and Assessment, Clerk Staff, Contractual				
Law, Engineering, Elections				
Transportation	\$	1,108,903		
Street Maintenance, Snow Removal, Street Lighting				
Grand Total	\$	6,383,024		

# Nassau County Auxiliary Police Unit #212

Our Nassau County Auxiliary Police Officers are trained "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.

Like the Fire Departments, we use a "Mutual Assistance" model, so special acknowledgement also to our Stewart Manor unit members who received Awards at our annual Nassau County Auxiliary Police Longevity, Service Award and Promotion Ceremony. The 2019-2020 Ceremony, postponed due to the Covid-19 Epidemic, was held on October 7, 2021. Congratulations to all award recipients!

#### **NCPD Academy Graduates:**

APO Edmond Campbell (Stewart Manor) APO Amit Kumar (Stewart Manor)

#### **Recipients of the 300+ Hour Award:**

Captain Derrick Nankoo (2019) PFC Linda Halas-Kaplan (2020) PFC Jonathan Levy (2020)

#### **Recipients of the 500+ Hour Award:**

Deputy Inspector John J. Concannon (2020) PFC Linda Halas-Kaplan (2019) PFC Jonathan Levy (2019)

#### **Recipient of the 1,000+ Award:**

Deputy Inspector John J. Concannon (2019)

## Recipients of the Ten-Year Service Award:

Sergeant Rajinder Gujral (2019) PFC Jonathan Levy (2019) APO Phil Leotta (2020) APO Thomas Varghese (2019)

#### **Promotions:**

Lieutenant Derrick Nankoo to Captain (2021)



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

# **Village Board Meeting Schedule**

A resolution authorizing the 2022/2023 Board Meeting schedule was unanimously passed at the April 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Organization Meeting. Board Meetings provide a great opportunity to learn about important issues and events in our community. Residents are encouraged to attend third 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 2022/2023 are:

June 16, 2022 July 21, 2022 August 18, 2022 September 15, 2022

October 20, 2022

November 17, 2022 December 15, 2022 January 19, 2023 February 16, 2023 March 16, 2023

# **LIRR Mainline Construction Project**

The LIRR 3<sup>rd</sup> Track Project continues to move forward with construction coming to a close in our Village by the end of this year. This is good news for our community! Though, we the Board, suspect that some minor work may continue as punchlist items get closed out, we will keep our residents informed as best as we can of any future activities. Last quarter we have seen the opening of the South 12th Street underpass, North side 12 car station platform and the new station house. Construction work continues on the G-14 Substation including; the fencing, roadway, landscaping, clean-up, and remaining station platform on the south side. As noted in the last newsletter, the litigation issues with Garden City have been resolved and the construction of the new Denton Avenue Bridge is



Updated Station House at the New Hyde Park Rail Road Station.

well underway. In April 2022, the new Denton Avenue Bridge was pushed into place. Currently, Denton Avenue/Tanners Pond Road is scheduled to be reopened in June 2022. Please see our Village website for the Denton Avenue detour route.

The Village continues to face a number of challenges, including noise from the construction site, and un anticipated road closures. The Village Board continues to work with our residents, 3TC and the MTA to mitigate these challenges. We continue to hold bi-weekly meetings with the MTA and 3TC, which have been very beneficial. Although we do not always get immediate information from 3TC, we continue to be committed to getting the most up to date information to address any issues as fast as possible. Thank you again to all our residents for their patience, support as well as voicing their issues and concerns. You are our eyes and ears. It has been a very challenging 3+ years but we are getting close to the end of the line! Please continue to pay attention to telephone Robo calls, our Village Website at www.vnhp.org, Village Instagram account at villageofnhp, 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 send an 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.

#### South 12th Street Pedestrian Underpass, Station House, and Platform

There have had two major activities that occurred the past few month at the LIRR construction site. The first was the opening of the South 12th Street pedestrian underpass on February 28, 2022. The second was the re-opening of the newly renovated New Hyde Park station house on May 2, 2022.

You may not be aware that the pedestrian underpass was opened before construction was completely finished. The request to open the pedestrian underpass came directly from the Village residents and commuters for the sole purpose of allowing pedestrians to once again access the north and south side of the Village and station platforms without having to walk to Covert Avenue or New Hyde Park Road. That was the reason why there were temporary railings covered in duct tape, and unfinished concrete in the underpass.

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We have had some positive as well as negative feedback on the pedestrian underpass. Some residents like the underpass as it is less obtrusive then having a 2-3 story bridge structure straddling the train tracks, while others would have preferred a bridge, citing safety concerns among other issues. The Village Board respects and understands all opinions but the underpass was built based on discussions and decisions dating back to 2015 and 2016 and then memorialized in the final project Environmental Impact Statement of April 2017. That being said, today we are working and moving forward to make it better.



New Pedestrian Underpass is open to residents and commuters

We are looking at some enhancements to the underpass including safety and aesthetics, as well as addressing a

number of ADA concerns. Items in the work or completed include façade work (smoothing and painting), permanent railings, installation of security gates, mirror installation at the bottom of stairs/access ramp, and security cameras. With respect to ADA concerns, it has been confirmed that the ADA code requirements have been met. That being said, after several discussions and meetings with local residents, 3TC, MTA and the Village Board, there was agreement that more could have been done to



The renovated New Hyde Park Station House is now open to commuters

better address the ADA community. Some immediate improvements are being made to include replacement of grates, realignment of grates, and clean up and smoothing out the floors of the underpass. The Village is also requesting more from the MTA with respect to the security operations and accessibility of the cameras by MTA or Nassau County Police. The Village Board is committed to include the ADA community in future projects.

The new station house opened on May 2, 2022. Externally the station house has a new façade, new New Hyde Park sign, new windows and doors installed, a new roof and internally there is a newly renovated waiting room with new bathrooms. The Station 12 car platform on the North Side is now fully operational. The south side remains as 10 car platform until the 3rd Track is activated later this year.

#### **G-14 Electrical Substation**

The G-14 Substation work has stalled in the past couple of months as 3TC and MTA engineers work on facility grounding regulatory requirements. It is understood that this is nearing completion and the project will be once again moving forward. In May and June of 2022, we can expect to see the fencing being installed along with paving of sidewalks and entrance driveways. The Village Board requested a final schedule on the upcoming work to better understand when the substation is expected to be energized and operational. As highlighted in the last newsletter, the substation is large and unsightly. We agree with our residents who have voiced their dissatisfaction. Mayor Devane, Trustee Burger and various members of the Village Board have voiced their concerns over several meetings with the MTA and 3TC.

The Village Board is pushing hard to have the MTA and 3TC evaluate additional landscaping options to try and hide the site as best as possible. We obviously can't hide the massive structure, but we are asking the MTA to look at possibly installing some more mature landscaping that will have some height to it. We are also looking at the possibility of pushing out the curb toward South 9th Street to give us more landscaping options. 3TC engineers have highlighted some issues with utilities and drainage that would be impacted by pushing out the curb. We will be meeting with the 3TC and the MTA in May to discuss the issues and hopefully work out a solution on how they can be mitigated. Once the Village acquires an updated plan, we are committed to share this plan with our residents. In addition, we are working to have vinyl fencing installed parallel to the MTA substation fencing for a neighboring resident. More information about the substation modernization and other project elements can be found in the project's Environmental Impact Statement on <a href="https://www.amodernli.com">www.amodernli.com</a>.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue Roadway Reconstruction and Wall Construction



Roadway reconstruction and wall construction at S 12th Street and Second Avenue

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue re-construction and paving will begin this summer. The Village Board has not yet received an overall timeline, but when received it will be posted on our website and announced to our residents at the board meeting. Curb installation work on 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue between South 12<sup>th</sup> Street and the new station house has been completed while other curb work continues. As noted in our last newsletter, the parking plan was reviewed and approved and can be found on the Village website. The parking plan shows the new parking configuration for both 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. The two way traffic flow will be maintained for 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue while 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue will become a one way eastbound from South 8<sup>th</sup> Street to Baer Place. This was necessary, since the LIRR right of way (ROW) boundary/

fencing has been pushed southward. It was also necessary to maintain parking availability. The LIRR right of way boundary has not been changed but the actual previous fencing and several feet of the parking spaces were. Between the ROW fencing shift and the necessary parking the remaining roadway did not have the proper width as governed by DOT standards, to maintain 2-way traffic. The Village Board agrees that this will cause an inconvenience and adjustment for residents and businesses but felt that it was important to maintain the necessary parking as this is an important source of income for the Village. The Village Board is open to re-evaluate the reconfiguration of  $2^{nd}$  Avenue if this becomes a major issue. Part of the reconstruction of  $2^{nd}$  Avenue will include the modification of  $3^{rd}$  Avenue and Covert Avenue extension intersection for better truck access. This was completed in April 2022 and will allow access to trucks 55 feet in length.

The wall construction along 2nd Avenue and 3rd Avenue is near completion with only a few sections remaining. Some of these sections have not been tackled as 3rd track work continues in the New Hyde Park corridor. The purpose of the wall is to help attenuate the sound of the train as it passes through the Village of New Hyde Park. It is not a sound barrier wall as some residents have thought in the past. It will also provide additional safety and security measures to prevent un-authorized entry onto the tracks. We were informed that the black architectural fencing that will go on-top of the wall is on order and is expected to be installed in late June. The Village Board has requested a schedule from 3TC for upcoming work but has not received one as of yet.

#### **Night Work and Track Outages**

Periodic night work and track outages will continue along the corridor within the MTA right of way (ROW). Please visit the Village Website for announcements of overnight work. Although most of this work is within the ROW and industrial area of our Village, we know this this can be disruptive to all residents. We thank our residents for having to endure this disruption. The Village Board will continue to discourage night work, but unfortunately it is sometimes necessary to ensure the safety of the construction workers. We will do our best to notify our residents if we become aware of any night work within the Village.



Tracks leading to the New Hyde Park Rail Road Station

#### **New Hyde Park Road Safety Concerns**

Mayor Devane and Trustee Burger continue to work with the Nassau County Legislature, Nassau County DPW, the MTA and 3TC on safety concerns at the intersection of New Hyde Park Road and Plaza Avenue. These concerns are because of accidents that resulted in fatalities at the intersection. As previously noted, the design and construction of the underpass met all applicable codes and standards per the signed and sealed Engineer of Record Drawings. The review of the accident reports do not show that the design or construction played any contributing factor in the accident, but rather a situation of circumstances. However, the Village Board believes enhancements can be made and is pushing for mitigations. After several meetings with Nassau County, 3TC and the MTA, the group has agreed to move forward with implementing pavement markings noting speed limits in addition to the already installed signs and speed lights. A set of plans have been approved by all parties and 3TC is scheduling the work. The Village Board is also looking into installing a left turn, protected signal at New Hyde Park Road and Plaza Avenue. Although a completed traffic study concluded that a left turn protected signal is not warranted, the Village Board would like one installed. As New Hyde Park Road is a county road, the decision to install a protected signal rests on Nassau County and we are awaiting a decision. LIRR is also looking to install additional signage on the platform to encourage commuters to use the New Hyde Park Road pedestrian bridge to cross the major roadway rather than the crosswalk. A concern was raised by a resident about the stop line on the west bound lane on the east side of Plaza Avenue and New Hyde Park Road which is being evaluated by Stantec, a Village engineering firm.

#### **Water Authority**

The well at Station 57 Rehabilitation project including 1.4 Dioxane removal is scheduled to come online in late June or early July of 2022 (Originally Dec 2021). Water Authority has experienced several delays and setbacks to include, materials, and manpower. The testing of the facility has been ongoing. The Village Board has been addressing several issues with the Water Authority, which includes issues with work being performed by AT&T as antennas were being installed on the top of the water towers, as well as site cleanup and construction issues. The Village Board has also noted that much of the concrete sidewalk around the facility has been damaged. The Water Authority has noted the concrete sidewalk will be replaced at the completion of the project. This will also include the installation of new fencing that will match the fencing being installed by the MTA on the sound attenuation walls. This fencing will be installed in late August or early September.

# **American Legion Ernie Pyle Post # 1089**

On behalf of the American Legion Post #1089, Commander Bill Hothan and 1st Vice Commander Rainer Burger, the Post would like to thank the New Hyde Park Community for all their continued support. The 1st meeting of the year was held in April 2022, with the next meeting on May 14, 2022. The Post received Valentine Cards from our local NHP and GCP schools and would like to thank all our students. It meant a lot and brought many smiles to our veterans. In April, Post #1089 led the New Hyde Park Little League Parade and presented the color at the opening day ceremonies. As we head into May, the American Legion Post and the Village are getting ready for our Memorial Day Ceremonies to honor those who gave the ultimate sacrifice to our country. We ask all our residents to come join us on May 28, 2022. The Memorial Day Parade will kickoff at 10:00 am at Hillside Boulevard. The parade will travel up Jericho Turnpike to Village Hall. There will be a short pause at the Village Hall for a wreath laying ceremony. The parade will then continue to Memorial Park for our Memorial Day Ceremony and wreath laying. Please visit the Village website for additional details. We ask our residents to show their appreciation for those who fought for our freedom. Purchase a flag and pole and properly display/ mount it on your homes. Let's show that New Hyde Park is proud and appreciates those who fought for our freedom. We ask residents to also display the American Flag on their home for the 4th of July.

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 Raymond Minicus at 516-459-6885 to join the American Legion Ernie Pyle Post #1089 of New Hyde Park. If you would like to donate, please make Checks payable to New Hyde Park American Legion Ernie Pyle Post #1089 and mail to P.O Box 1174, New Hyde Park New York 11040. For more information on the American Legion, please visit https://www.legion.org.





#### **Noise Abatement**

Richard Pallisco, our appointed Village representative on the Noise Abatement Committee, attended the Town-Village Aircraft Safety and Noise Abatement Committee (TVASNAC) meeting in April 2022. TVASNAC works with officials of the FAA and Port Authority, local and federal elected officials to implement procedures and guidelines to help mitigate aircraft traffic and noise over our communities. TVASNAC holds monthly meetings at the Hempstead Town Hall. TVASNAC has been working on getting the Daily Noise Level (DNL) down to 55 like most European countries. The current level on Long Island is estimated at 65 DNL. Aircraft Noise over our community is a quality-of-life issue causing depression in adults and



possible cognitive health issues in children. TVASNAC is pushing the FAA to install more noise monitors in our area for better and more accurate readings. It is understood that complaints from TVASNAC to the FAA have been continuously ignored. As such, Hempstead Town Supervisor Don Clavin has appointed a Special Attorney to review complaints from the committee. A special proceeding, Article 78 will be filed against the FAA. An article 78 seeks to challenge actions of administrative agencies and other governmental bodies. With the upcoming travel season, air traffic will be increasing and hence so will the noise. Residents are urged to file online noise complaints at www.hempsteadny.gov/TVASNAC. Or for Hempstead residents to call at 1-800-225-1071, North Hempstead residents dial 311.

# **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.

# Village of New Hyde Park Retirement

On April 14, 2022 our Village Family gave Eileen Raguseo a bittersweet sendoff at her retirement party. Although the night was festive, filled with food, drinks and good company it was difficult to say goodbye to one of our most valued employees.

Eileen's retirement follows her 17-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 Deputy Clerk, Eileen started her career with us in 2005 as a Deputy Treasurer.

Eileen was a dedicated and hardworking member of the Village family, who was always ready to lend a hand where need be. She put her many talents to good use so she could better serve the Village of New Hyde Park and its residents. She dedicated her free time to the St. Baldrick's Foundation, organizing the annual fundraiser along with members of the police department.

We wish Eileen the best in her well-earned retirement. Her absence will leave a void in our Village Family.



Eileen with her family at her retirement party.



Eileen and the Village Board Members at her retirement party.

## **Residential Rehabilitation**

### **Community Development Block Grant Funds**

Every year, the Village Board files an application with Nassau County to obtain grant money for residential and commercial rehabilitation. The Village of New Hyde Park was allocated \$100,000 to be used for residential rehabilitation.

We urge low and moderate income homeowners to file an application. The criteria used by Nassau County for financial assistance is income level and the need for improvements for the preservation of the home. Residents who meet the guidelines established by Nassau County are eligible to apply.

Take the first step today and contact Village Clerk Treasurer Cathryn Hillmann at 354-0022. For more information on this program, please go to the Village website:

www.vnhp.org/Community Development.

# New Hyde Park Museum - Our Plan for 2022 - 2023

#### Digital Catalogs | Events | Room Display

As we ease back into a somewhat normal schedule of events, we have put the following set of goals and objectives together in a planning document. You can read the full document online at <a href="https://bit.ly/nhpplan22">bit.ly/nhpplan22</a>.

The New Hyde Park Museum is located at on the second floor of Village Hall. This historical building was originally a schoolhouse and has a rich history with unique architecture and features.

The objectives for this year will be:

- Set up our Village Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> floor gallery location with a walk-through space, include links to expanded online extensions of artifacts in the room.
- Create a Village Hall Virtual Reality Tour to highlight some old and new features in this beautiful building.
- Host online podcast interviews with local officials, groups and individuals.
- Set up monthly off-site presentation events and provide expanded small group functions.
- We also want to make all our content American with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant for access by all.

For anyone interested in helping. You can send us photographs, work on blogs, our Facebook page, make videos of our local business and community events, or do other digital work. If you would like to record a podcast, blog, send us photos, go to our request form: <a href="MewHydeParkMuseum.org/contact">NewHydeParkMuseum.org/contact</a>.

For anyone interested in New Hyde Park history. You can read the Early History of New Hyde Park, by George E. Christ online. It is a fascinating book and is based on his solid research. Link on <a href="NewHydeParkMuseum.org">NewHydeParkMuseum.org</a>.

Thank you, Carol Nowakowski, President | Mildred M. Tassone, Vice President NewHydeParkMuseum.org | nhpmuseum@gmail.com | 516.515.1837 Join our mailing list: Text NHPMUSEUM to 42828 https://www.newhydeparkmuseum.org/planning







# **Donald Barbieri Dog Park at Memorial Park**

The DPW department has spent the better part of the this last season building our first Dog Park at Memorial Park. Here are some of the pictures of the almost completed Dog Park.







# **Long and Lean**

Our long and lean program is coming to an end for the season. It will resume in September. Look for detailed information on days and times classes will be available on <a href="https://www.vnhp.org">www.vnhp.org</a>







June 15, 2022 - 7:00 PM Gentleman of Soul Concert

\*Rain date - June 22, 2022 (Wed)

July 6, 2022 - 5:00 PM

**Multicultural Show** 

\*Rain date - July 8, 2022 (Fri)

August 10, 2022 - 7:00 PM
Mean Machine Concert

September 9, 2022 - 7:00 PM

**Back to School Movie Night** 

\*Rain date - September 16, 2022 (Fri)

September 17, 2022 - 10:00 AM

**Village Street Fair** 

\*Rain date - September 24, 2022 (Sat)

Keep checking www.vnhp.org for new and exciting events happening in the Village of New Hyde Park!

# Village of New Hyde Park Recent Events

Saint Patrick's Day







**Earth Day** 





Little League Opening Day







# **Zoning Board of Appeals**

#### **February 9, 2022**

<u>611 Wayne Ave</u> - Approval was not granted to the applicant seeking to transfer existing Special Exception Permit from previous home owner.

705 N Street - Approval was granted to the applicant seeking to construct a new second dormer, interior alteration and existing first floor, addition of a new front portico and removal and install of a new stoop.

#### March 9, 2022

<u>1 Jericho Tpke</u> - Approval was granted to the applicant seeking to perform interior alterations to construct an event facility and office space.

<u>610 First Ave</u> - Approval was granted to applicant seeking to re-proportion lot lines.

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123 N 10th Street - Approval was granted to applicant seeking to name change of special exception permit.

### **Architectural Review Board**

#### March 2, 2022

<u>165 Hillside Blvd</u> - Approval was granted to the applicant seeking re-approve plans for first and second floor additions with interior alterations.

#### April 6, 2022

514 N 11th Street - Approval was granted to the applicant seeking to change stone of the home.

<u>143 N 10<sup>th</sup> Street</u> - Approval was granted to the applicant seeking to construct a second floor addition with interior alterations.

401 Brown Place - Approval was granted to the applicant seeking to change the stone and siding of the home. 77 Jericho Tpke - Partial Approval was granted to the applicant seeking approval for four awnings and four signs, pending sign review by board.

# 2022 CHILDREN'S SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM

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 grades 1-6 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 Tuesday, July 5<sup>th</sup> and continuing through Thursday, August 4<sup>th</sup>.

\*We are exploring the idea of 5 day summer camp in 2023. Your opinion matters. Let us know your thoughts by emailing events@vnhp.org

Children will be organized into two age specific sessions. Children grade 1-3 will attend the morning session from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm. Youth grade 4-6 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 Village Hall on Wednesday, June 22, 2022 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Please bring a completed registration application for each child being registered, along with proof of Village residency (tax bill, utility bill, etc.) If your child has a Village Park ID, you only need to bring the completed application along with their Park ID.

A 1 inch by 1.5 inch photo of your child is required (if your child does not have a Village Park ID) and will be used to create a photo ID card for the summer program. 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 <a href="https://www.vnhp.org">www.vnhp.org</a>.

This program is provided free of charge to Village residents for 2022. 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.

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!

# 2022 CHILDREN'S SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM REGISTRATION FORM

Child's Name:		SELECT NEW STORY			
Child's Address:		1927 COUNTY, NOW TO			
Date of Birth/Age/Grade: (	Age as of July 1, 2022)				
Child is in good health, exc	ept as listed below.	al problems. If none, state "none"):			
Parent/Guardian Name:					
		Cell #:			
	EMERGENCY CONTA	ACTS:			
1. Name:	Daytime Telephone:				
Relationship to Child:		_			
		ne Telephone:			
	STATEMENT BEFORE SIGNING:				
In the event of a medical emerger to the doctor or hospital. Howeve prompt attention.	acy, the procedure will be to call the parent er, when neither parent nor guardian can	t or guardian, time permitting, before taking the child be reached, the following permission will help ensure			
hospital for emergency treatmen that may be necessary to allow	t. I hereby give permission for the recrea hospital personnel and/or any licensed	to transport my child to and from the doctor and or ation program leader or designee to sign any consent physician to examine my child and perform any ninistration of any drugs or medication necessary to			
hold them harmless and indemn injury, illness, death, or propert	ify them for demands, liabilities and caus	ard of Trustees, employees, agents, volunteers, and to sees of actions arising out of or connected to personal soever other than their own negligence, and for any ed.			
		the judgment of the recreation program leader or sume the responsibility for providing transportation			
Parent/Guardian Signature:					
Print Name:	Date:				
If the program is canceled du no later then an hour before t		will be made via e-mail, as early as possible but			
Please nrovide vour current e	-mail address: (print clearly):				

# **Calendar of Events**

Sat 5/28	Memorial Day Parade				
Man 5/20	10:00 am - Jericho Turnpike				
Mon. 5/30	Memorial Day				
	Village Office Closed				
Wed. 6/1	No Sanitation Pickup				
wed. 6/1	Village Traffic Court				
	6:00 pm – Village Hall				
W/ 1 C/1	(by appointment only)				
Wed. 6/1	Architectural Review Board				
Thum 6/2	7:30 pm - Village Hall				
Thurs. 6/2	Village Staff Meeting				
Wed. 6/8	7:00 pm – Village Hall				
wed. 6/8	Zoning Board of Appeals				
W. 1 C/15	7:30 pm - Village Hall				
Wed. 6/15	Village Building Court				
	6:00 pm – Village Hall				
	(by appointment only)				
	Gentleman of Soul Concert				
	7:00 pm – Memorial Park				
Thurs. 6/16	Village Board Meeting				
	7:00 pm – Village Hall				
Mon. 7/4	<b>Independence Day</b>				
	Village Office Closed				
	No Sanitation Pickup				
Wed. 7/6	Village Traffic Court				
	6:00 pm – Village Hall				
	(by appointment only)				
	<b>Multicultural Show</b>				
5:00 pm - Memorial Park					
Wed. 7/6	Architectural Review Board				
	7:30 pm - Village Hall				
Thurs. 7/7	Village Staff Meeting				
	7:00 pm – Village Hall				
Wed. 7/13	Zoning Board of Appeals				
	7:30 pm - Village Hall				
Wed. 7/20	Village Building Court 6:00 pm - Village Hall				
	(by appointment only)				
Thurs. 7/21	Village Board Meeting				
	7:00 pm – Village Hall				

# **Sanitation Schedule Change**

# **Independence Day Observed**

Monday, July 4

Garbage for North side POSTPONED and rescheduled for Tuesday, July 5

#### Tuesday, July 5

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.

# VILLAGE OF NEW HYDE PARK BOARD MEMBERS

Mayor Christopher Devane Deputy Mayor Madhvi Nijjar Trustee Donna Squicciarino Trustee Rainer Burger Trustee Arthur Savarese

Village Clerk's Office and Building Department 516/354-0022 (M-F) 8:45AM- 4:15PM

Department of Public Works: 516/354-0064 (M-F) 9:00AM- 3:00PM

Village Court: 516/354-6330

Fire Department & Ambulance: 516/742-3300

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# **Village Property Tax Bills**



The 2022/2023 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, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Taxes can be paid by check, cash, money order, credit card (MasterCard/VISA) or by on-line payment through <a href="www.vnhp.org">www.vnhp.org</a>. 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 do not receive your tax bill by early June or if you have any questions.

For your convenience, there will be a mailbox available for anyone who wishes to drop off their tax payment in the vestibule of the New Hyde Park Road entrance.

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