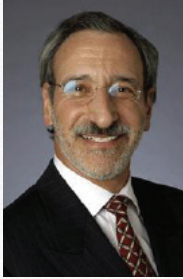




The Old Village News

Winter 2013-2014

From the Desk of Mayor Kreitzman



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

On behalf of your Board of Trustees of the Village of Great Neck, I would like to wish you a happy, healthy and prosperous holiday season and New Year.

As you will read in this newsletter, it has been a very busy year, and next year promises to be the same, hopefully with no more storms.

No type of government is as close to the people as villages are. Village government provides many of the services we need and have come to expect every day. As required by state law, Villages depend on real estate taxes for most of their revenue — but, in our case (excluding sewer fees), that amounts to less than 15 percent of your total taxes — less than the homeowner of an average house pays for cable tv, internet and home telephone service. The services your Village provides include fire protection, fire hydrants, ambulance service, road paving and repairs, snow plowing and salting, street sweeping, garbage and recycling collection, street lighting, building inspections, traffic signage, parking lots, code enforcement, storm sewers and much more. The Village takes pride in providing those services at the lowest possible cost. And remember, your elected and appointed Village officials are your neighbors and taxpayers.

Community input is critical to our efforts. I strongly encourage you to come to our board meetings, listen, learn, ask questions, make comments and become involved. I thank you for your continued cooperation and support, and I look forward to continuing our partnership as we work together for the benefit of all of our residents and businesses.

Sincerely,

Ralph J. Kreitzman, Mayor

Sewer Systems Combined



By the time you read this newsletter, the Village's sewer collection system should be part of the Great Neck Water Pollution Control District and its new \$60 million treatment plant on East Shore Road. The area east of Hampshire Road, approximately one-third of the Village, was already a part of the District, but now the entire Village is.

Well over ten years ago, the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) mandated that both sewer treatment plants reduce nitrogen emissions into the Long Island Sound. Neither plant (the Village's was built in the 1930s) was capable of doing that without major rebuilding. After studying the various options, in 2008, the Village and the District entered into an agreement for the District to rebuild its plant and expand its operations to process all of the Village's sewage. The estimated cost savings, to both existing District and Village residents and businesses, is significant. The District's website — www.gnwpd.org — has a wealth of information on the new plant and much more.

The Great Neck Water Pollution Control District's telephone number is 516-482-0238 and office hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday to Friday except holidays. Their after hour's emergency number is also 516-482-0238.

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Meet Our New Trustee – Norman Namdar



Khosow “Norman” Namdar was appointed to the position of Village Trustee, filling the vacancy created after Mark Birnbaum was elected Judge of the Village in June 2013.

Norman was born in the city of Mashhad, located in northern Iran. His family moved to Tehran when he was very young and remained there through high school. He received his B.S. in Civil Engineering from the Abadan Institute of Technology in southern Iran, before attending the University of Arizona in Tucson where he received his Masters in Structural Engineering. He has been a registered professional engineer in New York State since 1972 and is a “LifeMember” of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

For the last ten years, Norman has been leading the structural department of a branch of the large, international engineering and environmental firm Gannett Fleming located in Woodbury, New York.

Norman has primarily worked on projects in the northeastern United States. Some of his projects include: designing the steel and concrete structures for the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C., a “sand and salt” storage structure and its foundation for the city of Northport in Long Island, and major building additions and new structures for the Gowanus Wastewater Pumping Station in New York City. Norman has designed additional projects in Staten Island, Westchester and Putnam counties for the New York City Department of Environmental Protection.

Norman is an active member of United Mashadi Jewish Community of America and attends their two synagogues, both located on Steamboat Road in Great Neck. He is happily married with three children and eight wonderful grandchildren, all of whom live in Great Neck.

2013 Roadway Program Expanded and Significantly Under Budget

The 2013 Roadway Program was enormously successful. Based upon an estimate by Village engineers of the cost for the paving we planned, we bonded \$1,500,000. Before doing any engineering work or preparing a bid package, the Village was able to utilize the Town of North Hempstead’s bid contract to significantly save costs.

In addition to saving the costs of preparing a bid package and engineering work, Village employees were able to do much of the required curb and other work. The result was that we were able to pave almost three times — 5 miles — what we had planned for the same cost.

With an original goal to repave all of the 24 miles of Village roads in 30 years, the Village now hopes the program will be completed in less than 20. This work is crucial because many of the roads in the Village are very old and some have never been repaved. With the Village’s AAA bond rating, the Village was able to issue bonds to pay for roadwork at very low interest rates.

AAA Rating From Standard & Poor’s: *Village Maintains Strong Fiscal Outlook*

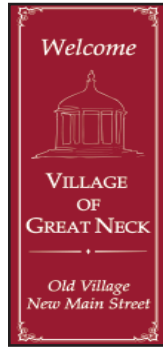
Standard & Poor’s Rating Services has reaffirmed its highest AAA rating and has forecast a stable outlook for the Village’s bonds. The Village in 2013 issued \$1,700,000 in bonds to fund its 2013 roadway repaving program, as well as the replacement of certain municipal equipment and vehicles.

The rating reflects Standard & Poor’s opinion of the Village’s “strong financial position,” “moderate-to-low debt burden with rapid amortization,” “extremely strong property values” and “high income levels.” Standard & Poor’s considers the Village’s financial management practices “good” under its Financial Management Assessment methodology, and considers the Village’s general fund reserve position and general fund expenditures both “very strong.”

This highest rating not only pertains to the Village of Great Neck’s newly issued bonds, but Standard & Poor’s affirmed that rating for all of the Village’s outstanding bonds. With our highest bond rating and a favorable municipal bond market, we also were able to refinance some older bonds resulting in a savings of about \$100,000 over the life of the bonds, which were not extended.

Rezoning of Steamboat and Middle Neck Roads

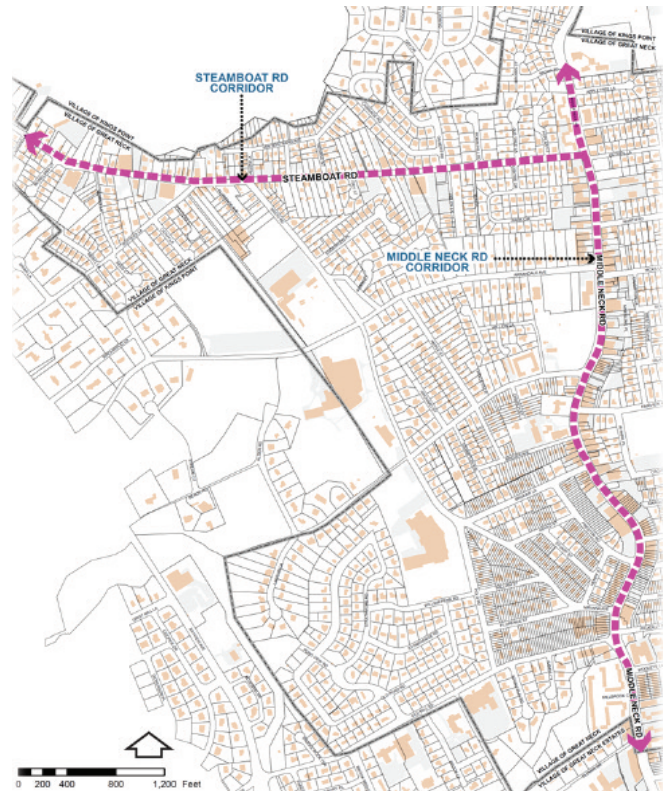
As part of our *Old Village, New Main Street* visioning, the Village is considering rezoning the business portion of Steamboat Road and most of Middle Neck Road to permit more residential housing, condense our business district and revitalize the downtown business area. Your further input will be critical to that effort, and we encourage you to come out and express your views at the public hearings and other opportunities that lie ahead. To assist in the visioning effort, we hired an architectural firm with significant downtown revitalization expertise, and held over a dozen focus groups and public meetings to ensure that our plan benefits the whole Village community.



We have experienced delays due to the microburst of 2010, Hurricane Irene and superstorm Sandy. However, this year we hired VHB to assist us in rezoning and in identifying and addressing any adverse environmental aspects. VHB is an architectural, engineering, planning and design firm with significant municipal experience. They prepared a corridor study and, with the assistance of our counsel, prepared proposed legislation to permit townhouses on portions of Steamboat Road, in addition to single family houses; apartment buildings and townhouses on Middle Neck Road north of Hicks Lane/Arrandale Avenue and south of Baker Hill Road; and other changes to enhance our business area.

This rezoning would include a workforce housing component, as well as incentive zoning features to improve the business area of Middle Neck Road and to provide incentives for possible destination and quality stores and restaurants, without changing the primarily single family nature of the Village.

While the process is not yet complete, residents, businesses, architects, builders, impacted property owners and dozens of other members of our community have provided their input as the project moves forward.



Proposed AvalonBay Project

AvalonBay is planning to develop the site of rusting and unused fuel oil tanks between the Great Neck Water Pollution Control District sewer plant and the BMW repair facility on the East Shore Road waterfront.

They will clean up the contaminated site at no cost to taxpayers, and reposition the site into a luxury lifestyle rental community which will feature a workforce housing component. Like the proposed rezoning of Steamboat and Middle Neck Roads, this involves a public and open process that has and will focus on potentially adverse environmental issues and seek community input.





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2014 Sanitation Pickup Schedule

Monday & Thursday

All residents on the east side of Middle Neck Road except those scheduled for Tuesday and Friday

Tuesday & Friday

All residents on the west side of Middle Neck Road, as well as residents on Apple Tree Lane, Gutheil Lane, North Road, Hayden Avenue, Floyd Place, Forest Lane, Franklin Road, Forest Row (#31, #34 and higher), Ellard Avenue and Middle Neck Road (#707 and higher)

Holiday Collection Schedule

	If your collection day is:	
	Monday/Thursday	Tuesday/Friday
New Year's Day – Wednesday, Jan. 1	Monday/Thursday	Tuesday/Friday
Martin Luther King Jr. Day – Monday, Jan. 20	Tuesday/Thursday	Wednesday/Friday
Presidents' Day – Monday, Feb. 17	Tuesday/Thursday	Wednesday/Friday
Memorial Day – Monday, May 26	Tuesday/Thursday	Wednesday/Friday
Independence Day – Friday, July 4	Monday/Wednesday	Tuesday/Thursday
Labor Day – Monday, Sept. 1	Tuesday/Thursday	Wednesday/Friday
Columbus Day – Monday, Oct. 13	Tuesday/Thursday	Wednesday/Friday
Thanksgiving Day – Thursday, Nov. 27	Monday/Friday	Tuesday/Saturday
Christmas Day – Thursday, Dec. 25	Monday/Wednesday	Tuesday/Friday
2015 New Year's Day – Thursday, Jan. 1	Monday/Wednesday	Tuesday/Friday

Recycling Schedule

Glass, metal and plastic will be collected every **Wednesday** except **New Year's Day 2014**, when collection will be on Thursday.

Paper and cardboard will be collected every **Wednesday** except for the weeks that include **New Year's Day 2014, Martin Luther King Day, Presidents' Day, Memorial Day, Labor Day and Columbus Day**. During those weeks, papers will be collected on **Thursdays**.

Other Items

Organic yard waste will be collected Monday or Tuesday, whichever is your regular collection day.

Furniture, carpeting, mattresses, wood, metal and tires will be collected Thursday or Friday, whichever is your regular collection day.

Please Turn Over for Further Important Information

Snow and Ice Alert

Garbage and recyclable collections may be delayed or canceled due to weather conditions. In the event of snow or ice, a clear path free of ice and snow must be made from the street to the collection point. Failure to provide a clear path may result in a non-pickup. **All sidewalks must be cleared of ice and snow within 24 hours.**

Do Not Place Garbage Cans, Recycling Bins or Other Items in the Street.

Under no condition should the following be put out for collection: gasoline, waste oil, medical waste and pharmaceuticals, oil based paints, flammable liquids or toxic substances. For information on the disposal of these substances, see information on the 2014 S.T.O.P Program below.

Your Contractor is Responsible for All Building Debris Resulting From Work Done on Your Property.

Major appliances and e-Waste (washers, dryers, stoves, refrigerators, computers, televisions, etc) will be collected by appointment only. Call 516-482-0019 ext. 142 at least 24 hours in advance.

2014 S.T.O.P Program

The Town of North Hempstead's S.T.O.P. (Stop Throwing Out Pollutants) program offers residents the opportunity to dispose of their household hazardous waste in an environmentally friendly manner. The 2014 program will take place from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on:

**Saturday, April 5, Saturday, June 7
and Saturday September 6**

Michael J. Tully Park

1801 Evergreen Ave, New Hyde Park, NY 11040-4050

Sunday, May 4th and Sunday, November 2

North Hempstead Beach Park North Lot

175 West Shore Road, Port Washington, NY 11050-3049

For more information, please call the Town of North Hempstead's hotline by dialing 311 or visit www.northhempstead.com.

Recycling Bins and Bags Available

Available at Village Hall for purchase by Village residents are bins for glass, metal and plastic recyclables (\$12), bins with lids for newspapers (\$10) and biodegradable leaf bags (5 for \$2).

Paper and Cardboard

*Do not put newspapers in plastic bags.
Put them in bins, paper bags or tie them with twine.*

Recycle

- Paper & cardboard
- Newspapers & inserts
- Magazines & newsletters
- Catalogs, junk mail & envelopes
- Construct & wrapping paper
- Index & greeting cards
- Paperback & hardcover books
- Clean pizza boxes
- Telephone books
- Cereal & food boxes (remove plastic bags)

Do Not Recycle

- Paper plates, cups & towels
- Cardboard drink containers
- Cardboard with wax or styrofoam

Glass, Metal and Plastic

Rinse all glass, plastic and metal.

Recycle

- Empty plastic containers with **number 1, 2, 4, 5 or 6** in the recycle symbol on the container
- Empty food cans
- Empty beverage cans
- Clear & colored glass containers
- Clean aluminum pans

Do Not Recycle

- Styrofoam products
- Plastic bags & wraps
- Paint & solvent containers
- Aerosol cans
- Cans contaminated with pesticides or chemicals
- Mirror, window & safety glass
- Light bulbs
- Ceramics
- Drinking glasses & broken glass
- Six pack holders (cut before discharging)



More News

New Village Tree Planting Program

Following the devastation and deforestation of the 2010 microburst, Hurricane Irene, superstorm Sandy and our winter weather conditions, the Village has embarked on a program to spend at least \$51,000 to plant trees on Village, public school and park property. The work started this summer and fall and will continue over the spring and fall of 2014 and the spring of 2015. The program has been undertaken as part of a resolution to an enforcement matter brought by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation for violations primarily due to the fact that our decommissioned 80-year-old sewer treatment plant was no longer able to perform at currently required standards.



Remember the Flooding on Middle Neck Road at Old Mill Road?

We are pleased to report that the much-delayed Nassau County flooding mitigation project has begun and will continue into 2014.

Some Other Projects

We also are happy to report that the county is installing a traffic signal at the intersection of Middle Neck Road and Brokaw Lane. This light is part of the Village's efforts to improve pedestrian and traffic safety on Middle Neck Road.

The Village also has an application with Nassau County to permit the installation of a number of sidewalk extensions ("bump-outs") and new crosswalks on Middle Neck Road. Much of the cost will be paid by a NYS administered federal government grant the Village obtained. The county also has informed us that they finally will be repaving Steamboat Road next spring.

Your Board of Trustees



Welcome New Board Members

In addition to Norman Namdar becoming a trustee in 2013, Fred Knauer joined our Planning Board as an alternate, Robin Portnoy joined our Board of Appeals as an alternate and Lollie Stancati joined the board of the Village of Great Neck Housing Authority. We also note with sadness, the recent passing of our long time Board of Appeals member and good friend, Victor Habib. He will be missed.

Mayor Kreitzman Honored

Our mayor was honored at the Nassau County Village Officials Association testimonial dinner in September for his two years of service as president of the association. Mayor Kreitzman continues to serve on its Executive Committee. The NCVOA represents all 64 Nassau County villages and over 450,000 of the county's residents. Just before his term ended, our mayor became president of the Great Neck Village Officials Association. He also continues to serve on the Executive Committee of the New York State Conference of Mayor and Municipal Officials which represents most of the 62 cities and over 550 villages in the state

Here is How to Reach Us

516-482-0019 [we were the 19th telephone on the Great Neck peninsula] reaches all departments of the Village. Village Hall is open from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (except holidays). Our website is www.greatneckvillage.org and many of our forms and other information may be found there. If you do not find a direct email address on our website, email us at info@greatneckvillage.org.