



# The Old Village News

Winter 2011-2012

## From the Desk of Mayor Kreitzman



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

The Village of Great Neck Board of Trustees and I are pleased to be able to share the latest news about progress in our Village on many fronts. In each of these endeavors, our aim is to ensure that the Village continues and enhances its reputation as an exceptional place to live, work, shop and visit.

I want to take this opportunity to acknowledge John Dominsky, who recently retired after 16 years of dedicated service as clerk-treasurer. John's contributions to our Village are numerous, including having served as a trustee and on various Village boards. We extend our sincere appreciation and wish him the very best. Replacing John as clerk-treasurer is Joe Gill. Joe brings significant experience in municipal finance and administration to the Village, and we welcome him enthusiastically.

Edna Guilor-Segal, who has served in numerous capacities over the years, including deputy mayor, is now our Village historian. Please read the article on this page to learn more about her countless contributions, and join me in welcoming her in this new role.

Finally, many thanks to our Village residents and business owners who have continually demonstrated support in making our Village the best it can be. I invite all residents to join us for our regular Board meetings every first and third Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Village Hall, 61 Baker Hill Road.

My best wishes to each of you for a wonderful holiday season and a superb 2012.

Sincerely,

Ralph J. Kreitzman, Mayor

## Welcome Our New Village Historian



The Village of Great Neck Board of Trustees is delighted to announce that Edna Guilor-Segal was recently appointed to the position of Village historian. Edna most recently served as chair of our Architectural Review Committee.

Edna's contributions as a former deputy mayor, trustee, member of our Planning Board and member, then chair, of our Architectural Review Committee have been vital to the successful operation of our Village. She has not stepped down from her position as chair of our ARC, she has stepped up to her current, very important position.

If you have old photographs, documents, or other materials pertaining to the history of our Village, or you are willing to devote some time to a worthy effort, please email [historian@greatneckvillage.org](mailto:historian@greatneckvillage.org). We welcome information and assistance that contributes to the appreciation of Great Neck Village's rich and vibrant history.

## Did You Know?

- The Village of Great Neck was settled 368 years ago, and incorporated 90 years ago.
- All Saints Church is 125 years old this year.
- Alert Fire Company is 111 years old.
- Vigilant Fire & Ambulance Company is 108 years old.
- Village Green is 91 years old.
- Village Hall was on Middle Neck Road, where Apple Bee Market and Great Neck Glatt are now, until 1955.



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## ‘Old Village, New Main Street’ Is on the Way

In the fall of 2009, Mayor Kreitzman and the Board of Trustees announced plans to revitalize the Old Village Main Street - Middle Neck Road. Village officials and Dadrus Architects have had 14 focus group meetings and one public meeting, and are working on the plans. The public is invited to attend, and to provide comments at, an informational meeting to be held in February.

In keeping with the goal of restoring the Old Village to its original charm and vitality, new sidewalks on Middle Neck Road are now in accordance with Village specifications requiring the use of red “brick” pavers in a basket-weave pattern. (Copies of specifications can be picked up at Village Hall when applying for a sidewalk permit.) In addition, attractive new lighting is being installed in freshly repaved Municipal Parking Lot 1 (across from Beach Road).

Other plans for *Old Village, New Main Street* include construction of a sidewalk extension in front of the new Dunkin’ Donuts at the corner of Middle Neck Road and Brokaw Lane. That will increase pedestrian safety by providing more sidewalk area and a shorter walk across Middle Neck Road, as well as preventing vehicles from stopping along that section of the road. In addition, the Village is also planning a number of additional sidewalk “bump outs” and is developing guidelines for facades, signs and awnings; the streetscape (sidewalks, crosswalks, outdoor amenities and parking areas); and other related projects that will enhance the character of the Village, emphasize its historic relevance and assist its businesses.

“This is an exciting and tremendously important project that will benefit every resident of the Village as well as our local businesses,” said Mayor Kreitzman. “We are working to restore our Village to its original vibrancy and to create a vital downtown for the enjoyment of the entire community.”

## More Village Roads Rebuilt and Repaved

As part of the 2011 Roadway Improvement Program, many Village roads, as well as one of our municipal parking lots, have been rebuilt and repaved this fall. These include:

- Warwick Road (Croyden Avenue to Baker Hill Road)
- Chadwick Road (Croyden Avenue to Baker Hill Road)
- Hartley Road (Croyden Avenue to Baker Hill Road)
- Ramsey Road (Croyden Avenue to Baker Hill Road)
- West End Avenue (South Street to Fairview Avenue)
- South Street (Crampton Lane to Maple Grove)
- Maple Grove (Hicks Lane to South Street)
- Franklin Place (West End Avenue to Hampshire Road)
- Crampton Lane (Hicks Lane to South Street)
- Municipal Parking Lot 1 across from Beach Road (from Middle Neck Road to the rear of the buildings)

Because the winning bid for the Village's 2011 roadway project came in well below the Village engineer's estimate, the Village was able to add the following road resurfacing:

- Wooleys Lane (from the Village line almost to its intersection with Oxford Boulevard)
- Oxford Boulevard (from the Village line to its intersection with Wooleys Lane)
- Piccadilly Road (between Cambridge and Hampshire Roads)

The 2011 roadway project is part of the Village's plan, which has been under way for many years, to rebuild or resurface all of the over 24 miles of Village roads.

## County Sponsors Middle Neck Road Improvements, With Enhancements to Business District

As part of the Village's larger revitalization project – *Old Village, New Main Street* – thanks to the efforts of County Legislator Judi Bosworth, a project sponsored by Nassau County will provide for improvements to Middle Neck Road, which is maintained by the county. The project allows for pedestrian crosswalks and “bump outs,” new red “brick” pavers at parking lots, new lighting, new benches, signage and other improvements.



# Village of Great Neck Earns AAA Bronze Award for Traffic Safety

The Village of Great Neck recently received the New York State AAA Bronze Award for outstanding efforts in making local roads safer for motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians. Sponsored by the AAA Community Traffic Safety Awards Program, the annual awards recognize communities that have addressed local traffic safety issues in a coordinated and cost-effective way.

The Village was bestowed with this year's award for its effective traffic safety initiatives, including the Pedestrian Safety Program and School Zone Parking Enforcement Program. In addition, the Village was presented with a Pedestrian Safety Commendation recognizing 13 consecutive years without a pedestrian fatality.

Trustee, Police Commissioner and Public Safety Commissioner Mark Birnbaum noted that traffic safety is a priority of the Village, and expressed his pleasure at being recognized by AAA for these successful efforts. "The safety of Great Neck Village's residents and visitors is of the utmost importance. We will continue to exercise precaution to ensure a safe community," he said.



*A representative of AAA New York and the Nassau County Chief of Patrol present the 2011 Bronze Award to Mark Birnbaum, Trustee, Police Commissioner and Public Safety Commissioner and Trustee Bart Sobel*

## Village's Drainage System to Be Upgraded

For well over 20 years, Middle Neck Road and Old Mill Road have been in need of a renovated drainage system. Thankfully, the Nassau County Legislature has approved this long-awaited renovation project, to begin in 2012.

In the aftermath of storms in recent years, there have been serious flooding problems on Village roadways, and especially Middle Neck Road near Old Mill Road. The Village's Department of Public Works clears all catch basins before each heavy rainfall and has been quick, day and night, to clear the streets of trees and debris following storms. Also, the Village purchased equipment that has allowed us to video the drainage system. This has been a temporary measure, however. The county project will provide welcome and much-needed relief, ensuring proper and effective drainage at this important location when storms hit.

Mayor Kreitzman and the Village Board of Trustees are grateful to County Legislator Judi Bosworth for her continued support in this and other important matters affecting the Village of Great Neck.

## Top Rating From S&P Reaffirmed

Standard and Poor's (S&P), the independent bond rating agency, again assigned a AAA/stable, its highest rating, to the bonds recently issued by the Village for its roadwork, a new street sweeper and other equipment. This is the third year S&P has rated our bonds and the third year the Village received the AAA/stable rating. In spite of the harsh economic times and the financial impact of the June 2010 microburst, our excellent financial condition and the S&P rating resulted in another low bond interest cost, which will save our residents money.

## We Want to Hear From You!



Village Hall, located at 61 Baker Hill Road, is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call us or visit us on the web at [www.greatneckvillage.org](http://www.greatneckvillage.org) to request records, obtain permit applications and other forms, find important contact numbers, locate sanitation and recycling schedules, and much more.

All of our departments can be reached by calling our main number - (516) 482-0019. Our email address is [info@greatneckvillage.org](mailto:info@greatneckvillage.org).

### Emergency Numbers

Village sewer problems -  
(516) 315-7714

Sewer District sewer problems -  
(800) 285-1493

Other Village problems  
during non-business hours -  
(516) 573-6600 or 911





# Village of Great Neck

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## 2012 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 – Monday, Jan. 2	Tuesday/Thursday	Wednesday/Friday
Martin Luther King Jr. Day – Monday, Jan. 16	Tuesday/Thursday	Wednesday/Friday
Presidents' Day – Monday, Feb. 20	Tuesday/Thursday	Wednesday/Friday
Memorial Day – Monday, May 28	Tuesday/Thursday	Wednesday/Friday
Independence Day – Wednesday, July 4	Monday/Thursday	Tuesday/Friday
Labor Day – Monday, Sept. 3	Tuesday/Thursday	Wednesday/Friday
Columbus Day – Monday, Oct. 8	Tuesday/Thursday	Wednesday/Friday
Veterans Day – Monday, Nov. 12	Monday/Wednesday	Tuesday/Thursday
Thanksgiving Day – Thursday, Nov. 22	Monday/Friday	Tuesday/Saturday
Christmas Day – Tuesday, Dec. 25	Monday/Thursday	Wednesday/ Friday

### Recycling Schedule

**Glass, metal and plastic** will be collected every **Wednesday**  
except Independence Day, July 4, when collection will be on Thursday.

**Paper and cardboard** will be collected every **Wednesday** except for weeks including **Martin Luther King Day, Lincoln's Birthday, Presidents' Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day and Columbus Day**. During those weeks, papers will be collected on **Thursdays**.

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

### 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, pharmaceuticals, oil based paints, flammable liquids or toxic substances.

For information on the disposal of these substances, see information on the **2012 S.T.O.P. Program** below.

## Recycling Do's and Dont's

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

Rinse all glass, plastic and metal.

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

Paper and Cardboard	
Recycle	Do Not Recycle
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Paper</li><li>• Newspapers &amp; inserts</li><li>• Magazines &amp; newsletters</li><li>• Catalogs &amp; junk mail</li><li>• Construction &amp; wrapping paper</li><li>• Index &amp; greeting cards</li><li>• Paperback and hardcover books</li><li>• Corrugated cardboard</li><li>• Telephone books</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pizza boxes</li><li>• Envelopes with plastic windows</li><li>• Cardboard drink containers</li><li>• Cereal boxes</li></ul>
Glass, Metal and Plastic	
Recycle	Do Not Recycle
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Empty plastic containers <b>only</b> with <b>number 1</b> or <b>2</b> in the recycle symbol on the container</li><li>• Empty food cans</li><li>• Empty beverage cans</li><li>• Clear &amp; colored glass containers</li><li>• Clean aluminum pans</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Styrofoam products</li><li>• Plastic bags &amp; wrap</li><li>• Paint &amp; solvent containers</li><li>• Aerosol cans</li><li>• Cans contaminated with pesticides or chemicals</li><li>• Mirrors, window &amp; safety glass</li><li>• Light bulbs</li><li>• Ceramics</li><li>• Drinking glasses &amp; broken glass</li></ul>

## 2012 S.T.O.P. Program

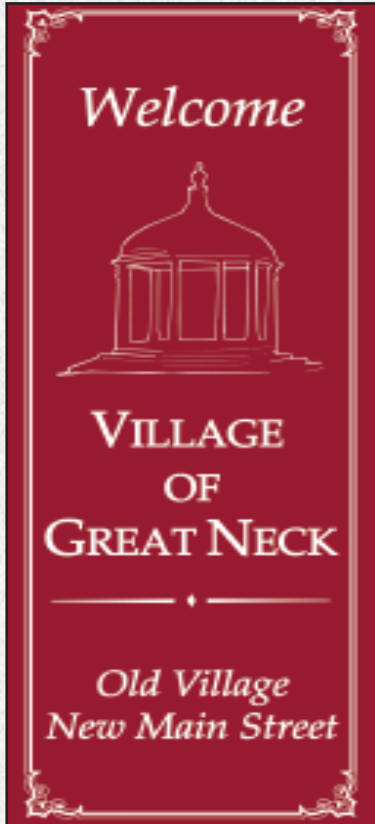
The Town of North Hempstead's S.T.O.P. (Stop Throwing Out Pollutants) program offers residents the opportunity to dispose of their household hazardous waste and pharmaceuticals in an environmentally friendly manner. At the time of this printing, the 2012 S.T.O.P. program dates and locations have not been finalized by the Town. Residents should call 311, or visit [www.northhempstead.com](http://www.northhempstead.com), to find out more about the S.T.O.P. program's upcoming schedule.

## 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).



# News Briefs



## Islands of Beauty

Work on the center islands on Middle Neck Road was completed in fall of 2010 and plantings were completed this summer. Though the flowering season has now passed, we can look forward to enjoying the colorful displays again next spring. In addition to commenting on the lovely roses, many Villagers have contacted us to ask what the purple and blue flowers are called, hoping to plant similar flowers in their own gardens. These flowers are called *nepeta*. We expect to be seeing a lot more of them around once our local green thumbs get back to planting!

## Mayor Kreitzman Assumes Additional Positions

Mayor Ralph J. Kreitzman has been appointed president of the Nassau County Village Officials Association (NCVOA) after serving as the association's treasurer and second vice president. Additionally, he has been designated a member of the executive committee of the New York State Conference of Mayors and Municipal Officials (NYCOM), an organization representing over 560 cities and villages. He continues to serve as a member of the executive board of the NCVOA, vice president of the Great Neck Village Officials Association and director of the Water Authority of Great Neck North.

## Want to Stop Those Annoying Circulars in Your Driveway?

We've enacted a law to make that easier. Go to our website – [www.greatneckvillage.org](http://www.greatneckvillage.org) – and click on the "Notice to Stop Circular Deliveries" link, or write us, and we will notify the companies for you.

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As noted on page 5 of this newsletter, bins for glass, metal and plastic recyclables (\$12), bins with lids for newspapers (\$10) and biodegradable leaf bags (5 for \$2) are available at Village Hall for purchase by residents.

## The Village of Great Neck Is Among the Nation's Frontrunners for No Smoking Legislation

In January 2011, Great Neck Village Mayor Ralph J. Kreitzman and the Board of Trustees passed a law prohibiting smoking on sidewalks in front of businesses and certain other areas on Middle Neck Road, making the environment more healthful and pleasant for Village residents and merchants. Among only a handful of other municipalities nationwide to pass such a law, the Village is the first in New York State to take a proactive stance in decreasing public exposure to secondhand smoke.

The local law prohibits the smoking of tobacco and other substances on sidewalks along, or within 125 feet of, Middle Neck Road in front of commercial establishments, the Village Green Park and the Village Housing Authority. The ban also prevents smoking at benches in municipal parking lots with access to Middle Neck Road and within 10 feet of those benches.

"The Village decided to enact this local law to respect and protect those who do not wish to be exposed to cigarette smoke. It also is a health benefit for pedestrians – including children, who cannot protect themselves against the dangers of secondhand smoke. I look forward to seeing other villages follow in our footsteps," said Mayor Kreitzman.

The Village of Great Neck garnered the attention of major domestic and international media outlets – including media in Japan and Korea – for being a pioneer in this important initiative. The Village has also received much praise from the Long Island Tobacco Action Coalition for banning smoking in these public areas of the Village.

Long Island Tobacco Action Coalition Nassau Project Coordinator Carol Meschkow commented, "The precedent [Great Neck Village] established in crafting policy to ban smoking on public sidewalks in the commercial district has raised the bar in this area, and will surely have a broad-reaching positive impact; most importantly, they have placed their Village in the forefront in the battle to reduce youth initiation to the number-one preventable cause of death."

Thank you to the residents and merchants of our Village for responding to this legislation with great support and respect for fellow Villagers and visitors!

