

# *The Laurel Hollow Lantern*

**SPRING 2018**



Dear Neighbor:

This was a brutal Winter but it looks like we are done with it or it is done with us. This Winter also was very busy for our Village. Our use of Ice B'Gone Liquid (IBG), the environmentally safe natural product applied to salt, was a great success. It allowed our road salt to activate at lower temperatures, adhere better to the road, and it completely eliminated our need for messy, toxin-clinging sand, which will in turn reduce or even eliminate our need for street sweeping. We couldn't have expected a harsher winter for it to prove its worth, and we are very happy with the results.



This picture shows Cherry Lane with the untreated, snow-covered Town portion of the road in the foreground and in the background the IBG-treated, fully exposed asphalt on the Laurel Hollow portion of Cherry.

We continue to plan for Phase One of our road repaving project, which is to begin early this Summer. Because of the Board's excellent fiscal management practices over the years, the Village earned an AAA Bond rating from S&P Global. This attracted an unusual number of bidders for the sale of our Bonds, which helped us to attain a favorable interest rate of 2.72% for 15 years. This is actually a lower borrowing rate than we had estimated at our February public meeting on the roads and, as a result, we have adjusted our budget for interest payments accordingly.

Other projects continue to move forward as well. As you read this, all lights in the Village facilities, including the Village Hall, the Police Booth, the Highway Department Buildings, our six street lights, as well as all exterior lights on our buildings and in our parking lots have now been converted to LED. As a result, we anticipate significant electricity and maintenance savings. Moreover, we await bids on the conversion of the Village Hall to solar power and its virtual elimination from reliance on the electrical grid.



New LED parking lot lights

Please see the rest of *The Lantern* for important Village news.  
All my best, Mayor Dan DeVita

## **SHELLFISH GARDENING PROGRAM**

The 2018 Oyster Gardening Program will have its kick-off meeting on Thursday May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 pm at the Hawkins Conference Room at the Cold Spring Harbor Lab. Last year's program proved so successful that a new location, Eagle Dock at Cold Spring Harbor, has been added. Last Fall's oysters were wintered in bags at the water bottom near our jetty. They will be released in the same area this Spring. The program is conducted under the auspices of the DEC and the Oyster Bay Cold Spring Harbor Protection Committee, with assistance from the Cornell Cooperative Extension. The program manager at Laurel Hollow Beach once again is our Harbormaster and Trustee Jeff Miritello. We thank him in advance for the time and effort that he and all the gardeners will contribute toward this clean water project.

APPOINTMENTS

This past February, we said goodbye to our Clerk-Treasurer of 15 years, Karen Navin, and hello to our new Clerk-Treasurer Elizabeth Kaye. Liz, who is a CPA with 21 years of clerking experience, comes to us most recently from the Village of Plandome where she handled similar duties. Please be sure to stop by and say hello to a terrific person.



Our resident Vincent Parziale of Ridge Road has been appointed to our Board of Zoning Appeals. Good luck to Vincent and we thank him in advance for contributing his time and talents to our community. Vincent replaces Newt Burkett who, after many years as a resident, has moved. We wish him and his family best wishes and we thank him for his many years of service on our Zoning Board.



Mayor DeVita was named Vice Chair of the Oyster Bay Cold Spring Harbor Protection Committee. Mayor DeVita was also appointed to the newly formed Nassau County Police Commissioner’s Community Council. He was nominated for the position by Nassau County Legislator Josh Lafazan.

AIRPLANE NOISE

We are still receiving complaints about excessive airplane noise. There are two websites that are important and should be used to file complaints with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). The first is [www.planefinder.net](http://www.planefinder.net), which can track flights in real time as they fly overhead. The second is [www.panynj.gov/airports/webtrak.html](http://www.panynj.gov/airports/webtrak.html), where residents can file complaints about flight noise with the FAA. Click on “Noise Information” and then “Noise Complaints” to complete the information and file the complaint. Filing complaints of this type is important because the FAA may use them as one measure of drawing new flight routes in the future.

ROAD WORK UPDATE

**Cold Spring Road--**Nassau County advises that it will be repaving the road in 2018.

**Laurel Hollow Road and Route 25A--**The State Department of Transportation (DOT) still refuses to perform required repairs at the intersection of Laurel Hollow Road and 25A. We have been working with Assemblyman Lavine’s office to require the State to do what it is legally obligated to do and repair the roadway. After 18 months of denying its legal responsibility, DOT has finally agreed to submit our legal documentation to its own legal department for review. We will keep you advised.

**Stillwell Lane** This Town of Oyster Bay-controlled road is in desperate need of repaving. We have informed Town road officials of our concerns. The letter I wrote to the Supervisor last Fall was answered with painted stop lines and a crosswalk. The road has not been paved since 1992 and carries heavy bus and commercial traffic as well as other vehicular and pedestrian traffic. We will continue to press the Town.

POLICE CALLS

Finally, please remember to **call 911 immediately** in the event of any emergency. Whenever you see a suspicious car or need to report suspicious events, **call 911**. Do not call the Village Hall or the Oyster Bay Cove police booth for an event because the police booths, both in Laurel Hollow and in Oyster Bay Cove, are not staffed 24/7 and it will only delay a response. However, if you want to alert the police for non-emergency situations such as being away for the holidays or vacation, call the police booth at (516) 922-6363.

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