

The Laurel Hollow Lantern

Late Spring 2019



Phase 1 Laurel Hollow Roadwork—We have run into issues with work done by the contractor on some of the roads in Phase 1, which has delayed repairs, striping, and shoulder completion. We are awaiting the final report by the independent testing company that the Village hired and will pursue vigorously completion of the corrected work. We will keep you apprised of timing on these issues.

Phase 2 Laurel Hollow Roadwork—Work for Phase 2 of our road reconstruction project is expected to be put out to bid by the time you read this, and we expect work to commence this summer. As a reminder, Phase 2 includes the repaving of Laurel Hollow Road, the eastern part of Springwood Path, Woodgreen Way, Woodfield Court, Cedarfield Road, Elizabeth Drive, Glen Lane, Overlook Drive, the southern portion of Shady Lane and Hilltop Drive. All concrete curbs will be replaced with Belgian block curbing. There will be additional drainage work done in some areas, including the intersection of Moore's Hill Road and Laurel Hollow Road, and Picardy Lane and Laurel Lane. More details, including scheduling of work, will be disseminated as actual construction nears.

OUR POLICE HONORED

At our March 2019 Board of Trustees meeting, our County Legislator, Josh Lafazan, presented Nassau County Citations of Merit, and our Village presented Letters of Commendation, to three of our police officers: Sergeant Ted Mergel, Officer Mike DiStefano, and Officer Sean Rourke. In February, 2019, because of their quick and decisive action, they saved the life of one of our residents. We thank them and all the officers of the Oyster Bay Cove Police Department for all they do for our community.

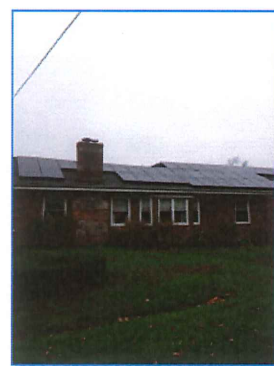
From left to right: Mayor DeVita, Officer DiStefano, Sgt. Mergel, Legislator Josh Lafazan, Officer Rourke, and Oyster Bay Cove Mayor Charles Goulding.



SOLAR ENERGY PANELS INSTALLED ON VILLAGE HALL

This past Fall, Laurel Hollow was awarded one of only a handful of Clean Energy Grants available on Long Island. The criteria was based in large part on steps the municipality had taken in the past to convert to clean energy. The \$50,000 grant was used to convert the indoor and outdoor lighting on our facilities (Village Hall, Police Booth, and Highway Department facilities) to LED Lighting. In addition, solar panels were installed on the southern portion of the Village Hall roof. These steps have resulted in savings of hundreds of dollars each month. Special Thanks to Roads Trustee Kevin Jusko for all of the time and hard work he put into obtaining the grant.

Village Hall with solar panels



SHELLFISH GARDENING PROGRAM AND OYSTER SURVEY

The unofficial kick-off of our annual Oyster Gardening Program was the oyster cage construction meeting on June 8, 2019. See the *Lantern Supplement* for the latest news.

On May 22nd, biologist Dr. Aaren Freeman of Adelphi University, conducted the second annual "Oyster Survey" at Laurel Hollow Beach. Volunteers counted and measured oysters along a predetermined path and then recorded the information. The results will then be compared with



Dr. Aaren Freeman

last year's to help determine if we have an increasing supply of oysters. Thanks to those volunteers who responded to the 7:00 am (low tide) request for assistance.

Top: Oyster Bay Cold Spring Harbor Protection Committee Coordinator, Rob Crafa (left) and volunteers

Bottom: Harbormaster Jeff Miritello (right) with volunteers



CROWN CASTLE HEARINGS

The final public hearing on Crown Castle's applications to install 25 new wireless telecommunications nodes as part of a new distributed antenna system was held June 4th. The public has 30 days from June 4th to have any documents or further written comments submitted as part of the record. Please send any such materials to Clerk-Treasurer Elizabeth Kaye at clerktreasurer@laurelhollow.org or to Village of Laurel Hollow, 1492 Laurel Hollow Road, Laurel Hollow, New York 11791.

TOURING THE LAB by Mayor DeVita

Recently, County Legislator Josh Lafazan and I were fortunate enough to be invited to tour the facilities at Cold Spring Harbor Lab. However, this was not just a "look and see" of their marvelous architecture and impressive buildings. We had the opportunity to sit with incredibly dedicated scientists and discuss their research in many areas, including their intense and extensive research in neuroscience and cancer. It was rewarding to know that such important and life-changing work is being done by our neighbors for the benefit of all mankind. Thanks again to Dr. Bruce Stillman, the Lab's CEO and President, to the scientists who took time out of their busy day to meet with us, and to all of the men and women at the Lab whose dedication and hard work have made it such a successful worldwide center of science and learning.



Mayor DeVita and Legislator Lafazan tour the Cold Spring Harbor Lab

COLD SPRING HARBOR LIBRARY SUMMER BENEFIT

On Friday June 21, 2019 there will be a benefit to support a new teen/media center and teen programs. Tickets are available at the following link: <https://www.cshlibrary.org>



AIRPLANE NOISE

In light of the terrible airplane noise we continue to experience, one of our residents, Christopher Melito, came across the article at the following link, which discusses a commercial product called *Airplanenoise.io*. You press a button to report a plane overhead and it instantly files a complaint. A periodic report is then sent to you compiling the plane type, flight number, altitude, etc.

<https://theislandnow.com/roslyn-109/old-westbury-trustee-fights-plane-noise-with-airnoise-tracking-device/>

However, you can also file a complaint by filling out the online submission form that Laurel Hollow has set up at the following link:

<https://www.planenoise.com/panynj/daPRAbr9/qs114wbt.php>



TREES

Please remember to call Village Hall before removing trees. Permits are required to remove all trees that meet the size threshold and are not 100% dead. Photographs must be submitted to the Village before dead trees may be removed. Applications for tree removal may be obtained at the Village website under the tab of "Forms & Instructions."



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 example, that you will be away for the holidays or vacation, then call the police booth at (516) 922-6363.

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2019 OYSTER GARDENING PROGRAM

Our third annual Oyster Gardening Program began in earnest on Saturday June 8, 2019 when dozens of participants took part in the construction of oyster cages in anticipation of receiving our oyster seedlings in a few weeks. The program is sponsored by the Oyster Bay Cold Spring Harbor Protection Committee. Once again, the Laurel Hollow program will be the largest and will have various groups and organizations join our residents to participate. Also, this year Bayville will have a number of its residents start a garden on West Harbor Beach in Bayville. Thanks to all who volunteered their time Saturday. We'll see you soon.



(l to r) Gardner & Intern, Liya, Sen. James Gaughran, Mayor DeVita, and Barry Udelson of Cornell Cooperative Extension



Laurel Hollow Harbormaster and Site Manager Jeff Miritello with gardeners.



Oyster Bay Cold Spring Harbor Protection Committee Coordinator Rob Crafa lectures gardeners on cage maintenance and oyster measuring techniques.

