

The Laurel Hollow Lantern

SPRING 2021



Note from Mayor DeVita

We all welcome Spring and the renewal it brings, particularly this year. We seem to be able to actually see a time when the pandemic will end. While positive test results continue to accumulate not only in our Village but across Long Island, we are beginning to see the rates decline. Let's hope this continues. Meanwhile, the Village is busy. Because the bids for our road projects came in low, we will be able to perform the roadwork we had anticipated for 2021 as detailed below. If you are doing any type of home construction, new pool, extension, or other type of work by permit, know that our permitting process moves exceptionally fast compared with other municipalities. If you have any questions or concerns during the permitting process, contact us. There is a lot going on at our beach including the installation of our dock any day now, oyster cage reconstruction is underway, and a kelp farming study continues off our beach. Enjoy the nice weather. Be well and stay safe.

With warmest regards,

Mayor Dan DeVita

ROAD WORK UPDATES

Here is the anticipated schedule for roadwork in the Village:

Village: Cherry Lane, The Hollows, the western portion of White Oak Tree Road, the bottom of Timber Ridge Drive, and the beginning of Springwood Path (curbing and paving) will be paved. The project will start after school ends in June. This will avoid any interference with buses or student commutes. Tree work will be performed on White Oak Tree Road prior to paving.

State: New York State Department of Transportation has informed us that Route 25A in Laurel Hollow will be paved in the Fall of 2022.

Town: Because of our residents' communications with the Town Supervisor's office, the Town has agreed to repave Stillwell Lane in 2022. In the interim, they have vowed to keep up with repairs to the road.



NEW PLANNING BOARD MEMBER SALLY INGRAHAM



One of our longtime Planning Board Members Beth DiBlasio has retired from service. Beth also served as our Harbormaster for many years. Taking Beth's place on the Planning Board is longtime resident Sally Ingraham. Sally was a member of the East Woods School Board for many years. She served on its Executive Committee and as its Secretary. She was also the Horticulture Chair of the North Country Garden Club. In addition, she taught at Kingsborough Community College for 13 years. Sally's family has roots in Laurel Hollow dating back to 1926. Her father, William S. Smoot, served as Mayor of Laurel Hollow from 1969-1985.

NASSAU COUNTY POLICE SENIOR ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM:

NCPD is developing a program that will be available to all police departments, including Oyster Bay Cove, whereby seniors who sign up will be on a notification program so that police on patrol will be able to identify seniors, particularly during emergencies. Seniors will also receive early notifications regarding crime issues such as senior scams, storms, other weather-related events, and more. We will let you know more, including how to sign up, once we receive more information from the NCPD.

“ON THE WATERFRONT”

Kelp Farming:

A kelp farming study conducted by Dr. Aaren Freeman from Adelphi University is in its second year at our Beach. When the Oyster Gardening Program season ends, kelp farming begins. Kelp grows particularly well in the cold waters, so the timing works well. Kelp, once indigenous to the Sound and its bays and harbors, is being examined for its improving water quality restorative properties, including the removal of harmful nitrogen and its production of oxygen. The area between the orange buoys is strung with lines containing kelp grown this winter. We thank Dr. Freeman for his continued efforts in this study.



Oyster Gardening Cage Repair and Reconstruction:

On Saturday April 18th, the first session for repair and reconstruction was held. It was a beautiful morning and a lot was accomplished. The next two sessions are April 25th from noon to 3:00pm, and on May 8th from 8-10:00am. Thank you to all those involved. It's not too late to register for the program. Go to <https://www.laurelhollow.org/> and look for the tab on top called “Oyster Garden Registration”.





**Rob Crafa and Mayor DeVita,
Coordinator and Chair, respectively, of
the Oyster Bay Cold Spring Harbor
Protection Committee**

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- **New Parking Stickers** for 2021 are in (\$20 each). Remember to purchase permits for all cars you intend to use to get to our beach. Fines for parking tickets were increased last summer to \$250 for a first offense.
- **Work hours for contractors and landscapers** on Saturdays are from 9:00am to 4:00pm and from 8:00am to 6:00pm Monday through Friday. No work is allowed on Sundays or Holidays. The permitted work hours are posted at every job site. The fine for a first offense is \$500.00
- **Dogs** are not permitted on the beach. **Dog feces** contains coliform bacteria, which pollutes our waters and presents a danger to bathers and the ecological system itself. No matter where you walk your bundle of joy, always pick up after your pet.



TREE WORK

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. While a permit is not needed to remove a dead tree, 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**. Also, **call 911** even for incidents such as landscapers working on Sundays or builders working on a holiday. While it may not be deemed an emergency, the 911 Call Center acts as our dispatcher for all calls and will prioritize the call information and send it directly to our patrol car. 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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