

The Laurel Hollow Lantern



WINTER 2021

Note from Mayor DeVita

While we must slog through these snowy, dark days of winter, we've rounded the corner and Spring is close at hand. Hopefully soon our anxious and at times frustrating wait for vaccine will give way to happy and healthier times. In this Newsletter, I want to focus on two main points. First, many new residents moving into our wonderful Village, as well as longtime residents, are eager to do construction or some type of home improvement. Remember to check with our Village Staff to see if a permit is required. The Town of Oyster Bay recently mailed a list of projects that would likely require a permit. While that applies to non-Village residents, the list is essentially the same for our Village. We've included a link to our website where it is posted. If there is any doubt, it's recommended to call our staff before work begins to see if a permit is required. We are here to help, not hinder, and to facilitate, not create obstacles. We want your project to go smoothly. Next, we are entering our fifth year of the Community Oyster Gardening Program. This year the program will expand to an area off West Shore Beach in Oyster Bay and to Eagle Dock in Cold Spring Harbor. Added to the three existing locations (Laurel Hollow Beach, West Neck Beach in Lloyd Harbor, and Bayville), this year's expansion marks the significance of this program in bringing communities across the North Shore together to work toward a cleaner Long Island Sound. This year we will be raising 150,000 water filtering oysters from seedlings, a 50% increase from last year and many multiples of the first year of the program when Laurel Hollow was the first and only location. With the establishment of the oyster sanctuary off our beach, and the Town's very recent addition of oysters to our own embedded oysters there, we have bedded almost 150,000 mature oysters in these protected waters. Many thanks go to Rob Crafa, Coordinator for the Oyster Bay Cold Spring Harbor Protection Committee and our Harbormaster and Trustee Jeff Miritello for their tireless efforts to expand the program and make it such a success. Be well and stay safe.

With warmest regards,

Mayor Dan DeVita



CONSTRUCTION AND HOME IMPROVEMENT

Many new residents may never before have lived in an incorporated Village and may not be aware that zoning and building rules come under the Village's jurisdiction and not the Town's or the County's. Therefore, it is important to check our Village Zoning and Building codes online at www.laurelhollow.org or check with our staff at (516) 692-8826 to see whether a building permit, slope approval, or a variance is necessary for the work you intend on doing. Below is a link to the Town's listing of the types of work needing a permit. While the list is not exhaustive, it does give a good idea of the types of projects for which the Village would require a permit.

https://www.laurelhollow.org/sites/g/files/vyhlf3321/f/news/town_flyer_on_home_improvements.pdf

ROAD WORK UPDATES

While we anticipated that Cherry Lane, the Hollows, and a small segment of Springwood Path would be paved this past Fall, we were delayed by litigation with the original contractor. However, we will definitely be going forward with that project this Spring. In addition, western White Oak Tree Road will go out to bid as well and we are optimistic that it too will be repaved.



SHELLFISH COMMUNITY GARDEN PROGRAM

Please watch for emails very soon to sign up for our 2021 program. As stated before, this is slated to be the biggest and best year yet. It's a great project for families, especially youngsters, to experience, and a great way to meet your neighbors. The project is educational and fun. It will be performed, as it was last year, following COVID protocols. If you are looking to become a new gardener, send us your contact information at contactus@laurelhollow.org and we will make sure you are added to the email list for the program. Please see our Oyster Gardening Supplement below for a flavor of our successful endeavor.

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. 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.”



REFURBISHED FILE ROOM AND KITCHEN

Between snowstorms, our tireless Highway Department crew has been busy renewing our file room/kitchen. They installed a new floor, new hardware and patched and painted the walls. Certainly, a job well done!



(l to r) Carlos Hernandez, Highway Superintendent Nick Porcaro and Dave Engelhardt



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 is 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.
- **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.
- **Snow and gravel** should not be pushed onto Village roadways when driveways are plowed. It creates dangerous conditions.
- **Clearing Snow** from around a **fire hydrant** is a homeowner's responsibility. If there is a hydrant on your property, please locate it and do your best to remove the snow so it is accessible to the fire department in case of an emergency.

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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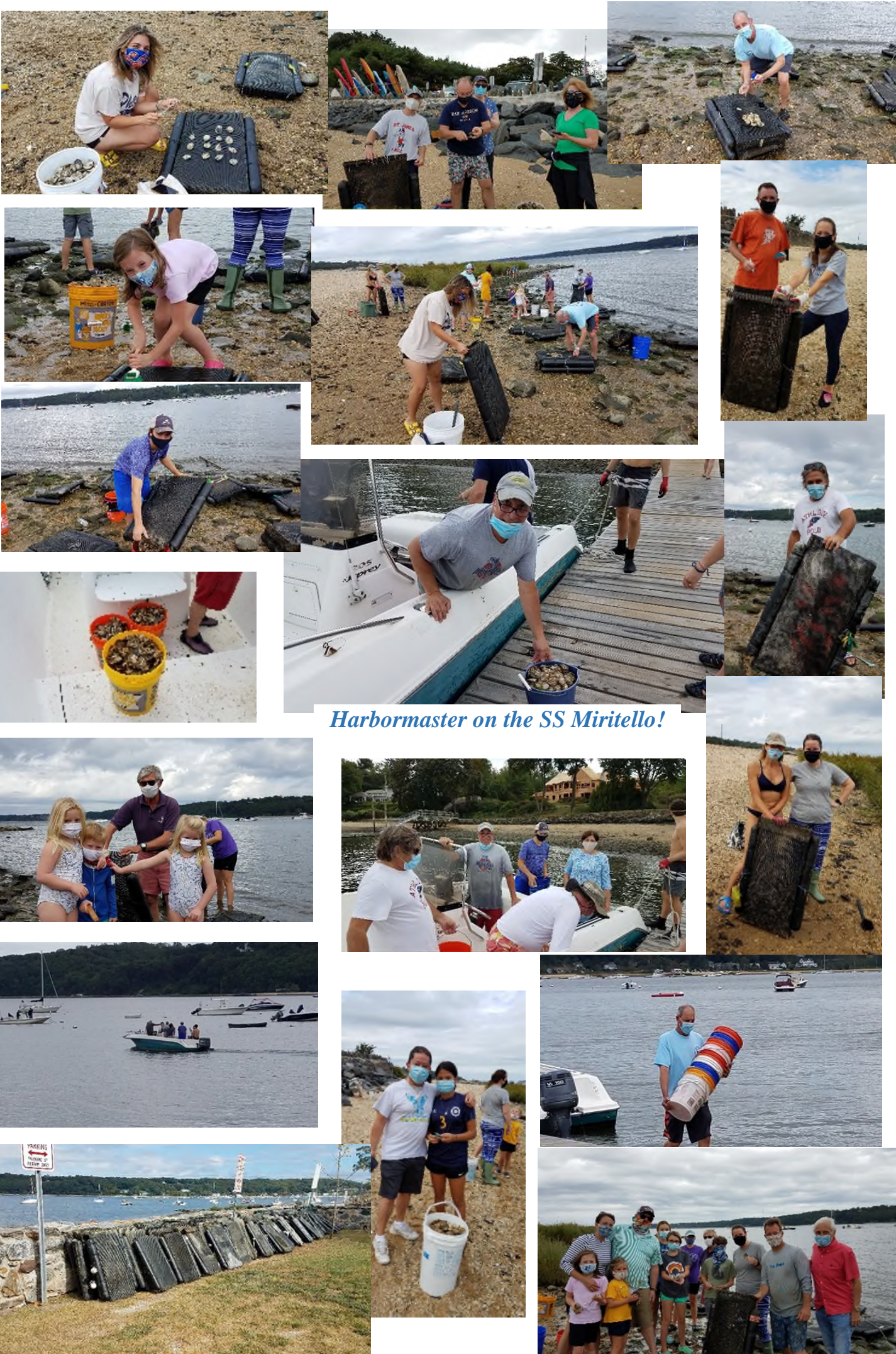
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OYSTER GARDENING 2020



Starting with seedlings no bigger than your thumbnail, our gardeners worked diligently to raise them to become mature oysters that were given a permanent home in the sanctuary just off Laurel Hollow Beach. The mixture of a noble mission (clean water), hard work, fun, and comradery have made this program a huge success. We will continue to welcome new gardeners and hope to see you this Spring.



Harbormaster on the SS Miritello!