



Lynbrook U.S.A Holiday Events!

Friday, November 30th

Winter Celebration

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Tree Lighting

7:00 p.m.

At Greis Park

DJ & Entertainment

Santa's House

Horse Drawn Sleigh Rides

Refreshments, Poinsettias and Wreaths will be sold by the Lynbrook Community Chest Committee



Sunday, December 2nd

3rd Annual Fly with the Owls 4-Mile Run/Walk

½ Mile Fun Run (ages 14 & under) - 9:15 a.m.

4-Mile Run/Walk - 10:00 a.m.

Lynbrook North Middle School

Merrick Road, Lynbrook

www.flywiththeowls.com

or Cathy Papandrew 593-8848

Monday, December 3rd

Blessing of the Creche

6:45 p.m.

Merrick Rd. & Blake Ave.

Saturday, December 8th

Breakfast with Santa

at So Far So Good Restaurant

8:15 a.m., 9:45 a.m. & 11:15 am

Tickets \$9.00 per person

A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Lynbrook Community Chest

Limited seating/Free Raffles

Tickets will only be sold on

Saturday, Nov. 17th at:

9:00 a.m. at

Lynbrook Village Hall

1 Columbus Drive, Lynbrook

Limit of 6 per person

First Come - First Served

Sunday, December 9th

Lighting of the Menorah at Five Corners Park

7:30 p.m.

Collation to follow at Congregation Beth David

Saturday, December 15th

Holiday Rides

Sponsored by the Lynbrook

Fire Department

12 noon - 3:00 p.m.

Earle Avenue Parking Field

Sunday, December 16th

A Holiday Concert

with the St. Agnes Cathedral

Choir of Men & Boys

3:00 p.m.

Library Concert Hall

Sponsored by S.E.A.L.

Saturday, December 29th

Holiday Romance Piano Concert

with Jeffrey Biegel

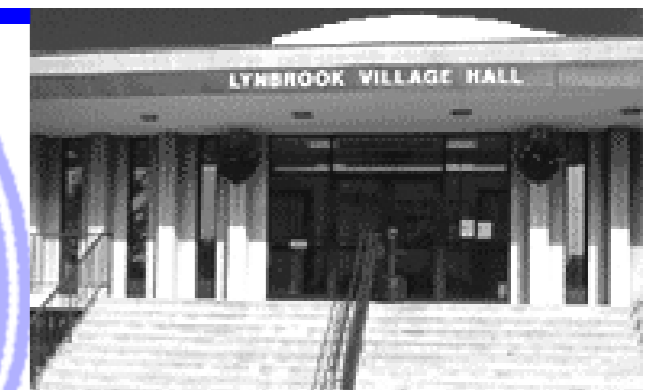
Featuring Music from his lasting recordings

7:30 p.m.

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Lynbrook U.S.A NEWSLETTER



DECEMBER, 2007

"The Village That Leads The Way."

New Program Offers Low-Cost Heating To Village Residents

With cold weather taking hold as we move closer to the winter season, it is opportune to announce that we have secured a cost



**From The Desk Of
The Village
Administrator
John Giordano**

saving option for residents and businesses who use natural gas (Keyspan) for heating, hot water, and cooking.

Through the efforts of Mayor Curran and the Village Board of Trustees, jointly with the Nassau County Village Officials Association, Econnergy Energy Company has been endorsed to provide gas to all consumers, at a cost of approximately 4 percent less than Keyspan. In addition, Econnergy will pay a rebate to each new customer equal to

10 percent of their highest monthly bill.

Although this may not seem to be a great savings, it is one small step, coupled with this year's tax rate decrease and expanded senior tax discount, to give relief to the heavy tax burden we all face from other taxes.

Econnergy is one of the largest energy suppliers in New York and has served over 500,000 homes and businesses over the past 10 years. Further information will be forthcoming in a separate mailing and we encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity.

Signing up with Econnergy can be done by simply completing an application which can be obtained at Village Hall (599-8300) or at www.lynbrookvillage.com (or complete the application inserted in this newsletter and return to Village Hall).

Like this initiative, we are continually exploring ways to reduce costs through cooperative purchases to continue the progressive tradition of Lynbrook, USA, the Village that leads the Way!

Leaf Collection Program Restored

The Village of Lynbrook recently announced that it has restored the Leaf Collection Program. Beginning November 27 the Department of Public Works (DPW) will make one pass through each quadrant of the Village to collect the leaves along every street and road within the Village. Signs will be posted to remind residents of the date that leaf collection will be conducted in their neighborhood.

Below is the schedule for the Leaf Collection Program:

District/Quadrant 1 Nov. 27-28-29

Between Ocean Ave. to Hempstead Ave. and between Hart Street to Peninsula Blvd.

District 2 Dec. 4-5-6

Between Union Ave. to Rockville Centre boundary and between Peninsula to East Rockaway boundary.

District 3 Dec. 11-12-13

Between Union Ave. and Horton Ave. (Valley stream boundary) and between Merrick Road to Rockaway Ave.

District 4 Dec. 18-19-20

Between Hempstead Ave. to Horton Ave. and between Whitehall Street to Merrick Road.

Mayor Curran, Deputy Mayor William Hendrick, and Trustee Alan Beach supported the restoring of the Leaf Collection Program, which was discontinued by the Village under the direction of the previous administration.

"The DPW will make every effort to collect leaves on the scheduled collection days for your neighborhood," said Mayor Brian Curran. "However, factors such as inclement weather or large volumes of leaves may cause schedule changes."

Due to the limited reach of the leaf collection vehicles, residents are asked to rake leaves as close to the street as possible. When placing the leaves at the curb, please be mindful of culvert or storm sewer openings. Leaves piled in these areas may create drainage problems in the event of rain and inclement weather. Leaves should be raked in long neat rows that do not exceed 5 feet in width.

"The Village's annual leaf collection program provides residents with another alternative for disposal of their autumn leaves," said Deputy Mayor William

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**Village Hall
1 Columbus Drive
Lynbrook, NY 11563**

**BULK RATE
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LYNBROOK, NY
11563**

Leading Cause Of Death For Children Can Be Prevented

Cutting down on the number of children killed or seriously injured in motor vehicle accidents is as simple as applying the rules of child car seat safety was the message delivered at the Town of Hempstead's Child Car Seat Safety Program, held recently at Greis Park in Lynbrook. The program provided helpful information and advice that will make obsolete the sobering fact that motor vehicle accidents are the leading cause of death among children.

According to the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (NHTSA), placing children in age- and size-appropriate restraint systems reduces serious and fatal injuries by more than half. In the United States during 2005, 1,451 children ages 14 years and younger died as occupants in motor vehicle crashes, and approximately 203,000 were injured. That is an average of 4 deaths and 556 injuries each day. The NHTSA said that of the children ages 0 to 14 years who were killed in motor vehicle crashes



Shown (-l-): Hempstead Councilman James Darcy; the Lengel family of Lynbrook; Hempstead Supervisor Kay Murray; Mayor Brian Curran and his son Jake; Lynbrook Village Board Trustee Alan Beach.

during 2005, nearly half were unrestrained.

The pre-dominant risk factors that lead to fatal motor vehicle accidents involving children are:

- One out of four of all occupant deaths among

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“Clean Up Lynbrook” Campaign Going Strong

When Mayor Brian Curran announced the launching of the “Clean up Lynbrook” campaign, he said its goal was simple: “Make Lynbrook one of Nassau County’s cleanest communities to live in” and that the new legislation will be “strictly enforced” to achieve that goal.

“It’s about getting back to the basics and respecting our community the way we respect our homes,” said Curran. “A cleaner downtown will help Lynbrook attract new and more businesses. Cleaner roadways will eliminate the extra cost incurred by hundreds of hours of manpower used to pick up litter on streets and highways.”

The Lynbrook Traffic/Code Enforcement, Department of Buildings, and Department of Public Works have been vigilantly enforcing the provisions of the “Clean up Lynbrook” campaign with daily, seven-days-a-week inspections of all commercial areas of the Village.

In accordance with the legislation, the Department of Buildings has issued approximately 60 warnings (30 in writing, 30 verbal); the Department of Public Works has issued 45 warnings; and the Lynbrook Traffic/Code Enforcement has issued a total of 53 warnings and fines.

Under the “Clean up Lynbrook” campaign, Lynbrook no longer tolerates motorists or pedestrians littering on village roadways and sidewalks. If a motorist or pedestrian is caught in the act of littering, he/she will be assessed a fine with a maximum amount of \$350.00 for the first violation and a \$500.00 fine for any second and subsequent violation. For certain individuals, especially minors, who are found guilty of littering, the court will impose an eight hour community service sentence.

Homeowners and merchants are also being held accountable by the legislation. Business owners or tenants must pick up litter at least once a day (by 10 AM every day a store is open for business) or face a maximum fine of \$350.00 for the first offense and \$500.00 for second and subsequent offense. *(Please note, commercial establishments will first be provided with an initial warning regarding a violation with the next failure to pick up trash serving as a first offense.)*

To avoid excessive debris on the curb and in the street area of the downtown and commercial districts, the legislation aggressively targets trash that is put out too early or is improperly secured. Violations of this rule will result in a fine of up to \$250.00.

“The success of this initiative requires the cooperation of every resident and commercial store owner or tenant. If we all work together there is no doubt that we can clean up Lynbrook and keep it clean,” said Mayor Curran.

Program Provides Free Trees

The Village of Lynbrook has launched a tree-planting program that will bring new trees to the streets of Village at no cost to homeowners. The program was initiated by Mayor Brian Curran and the Board of Trustees with the goal of enhancing Lynbrook’s environmental splendor.

The free trees will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis. The trees will be planted in the easement in front of residents’ homes.

“The tree planting program will supplement a Village plan to replace the LIRR’s recent reckless removal of precious greenery along the Sunrise Highway embankment,” said Mayor Curran.

The tree-planting program is coordinated by the Village’s Dept of Public Works (DPW). DPW personnel will determine if a property has adequate space for a tree. All interested homeowners are encouraged to participate in the program, and a property does not have to have a dead or damaged tree in need of replacement to be eligible.

“We are pleased to bring this program to our residents,” said Deputy Mayor William Hendrick. “It is a program that has been designed to benefit our residents and their properties.”

“Through the hard work of planting a tree,

residents feel a sense of ownership,” added Trustee Alan Beach.

“Neighborhood tree plantings create a sense of community pride, and respect for nature.”

In addition to the community beautification and pride, trees keep our air supply fresh by absorbing carbon dioxide and producing oxygen; provide shade and shelter, reducing yearly heating and cooling costs by 2.1 billion dollars; lower air temperature by evaporating water in their leaves; cut down noise pollution by acting as sound barriers; stabilize the soil and prevent erosion; improve water quality by slowing and filtering rain water as well as protecting aquifers and watersheds; provide protection from downward fall of rain, sleet, and hail as well as reduce storm runoff and the possibility of flooding; provide food and shelter for wildlife; and act as a source of glare and reflection control.

For more information call the Department of Public works at (516) 599-8838.



Hempstead Mobile Hall Visits Lynbrook

More than 200 residents of Lynbrook came to Village Hall to access the services provided by the Town of Hempstead Mobile Town Hall. Lynbrook residents were able to apply for passports, safeguard their children with a child identification kit, and adopt a pet from the Town Animal Shelter.

“The Mobile Town Hall is a great resource for our residents,” said Mayor Brian Curran. “I thank Supervisor Kate Murray for bringing this valuable program to Lynbrook.”

In addition to enabling residents to apply for passports, place their children in the Child Emergency Identification Program, or adopt a pet, the mobile unit allows neighbors to address issues to Supervisor Murray, Councilman Anthony



Shown (l-r): Lynbrook Trustee Dave Penso, Town Councilman Anthony Santino, Lynbrook residents with baby in tow to file for a child safety ID card; Lynbrook Mayor Brian Curran; Lynbrook Trustee Alan Beach; Lynbrook Police Chief Joseph Neve; and Village of Lynbrook Deputy Mayor Bill Hendrick.

Santino, Town Clerk Mark Bonilla, and Receiver of Taxes Don Clavin.

A Look Back...

By Art Mattson, Village Historian

“Come out of that corn! I’ve got you covered!”

Lynbrook was incorporated on March 1911. Back then, our village was not much more than a country “hick town.” As evidence of this, the South Side Observer of July 28, 1911 reported the following story:

Mr. William Haff of Lynbrook, a wealthy coal dealer, returned home late Sunday night and heard a rustling sound in his nearby cornfield. He went in the house and secured his shotgun and revolver.

Returning to his yard he shouted: “Come out of that corn! I’ve got you covered!”

Receiving no reply, he waited a few minutes and again shouted: “I am not going to tell you again. If you do not come out, I will shoot!” No response. More rustling. “I am going to count to three. Then I will shoot!”



W.P.W. Haff’s residence, circa 1911

Hearing no answer, Haff counted slowly to three and fired. The rustling now increased. Putting down his shotgun, he pulled out his revolver. He pointed it in the direction of the noise, and entered the cornfield in quest of the criminal he had just wounded. Suddenly he was struck in the side with such force that he was thrown quite a distance. As he recovered his senses, he saw his favorite cow exit the cornfield and gallop down Atlantic Avenue in the direction of East Rockaway.

Picture Perfect Soccer Pitch

Providing standard-setting youth athletics and activities is a tradition in Lynbrook. A key to the

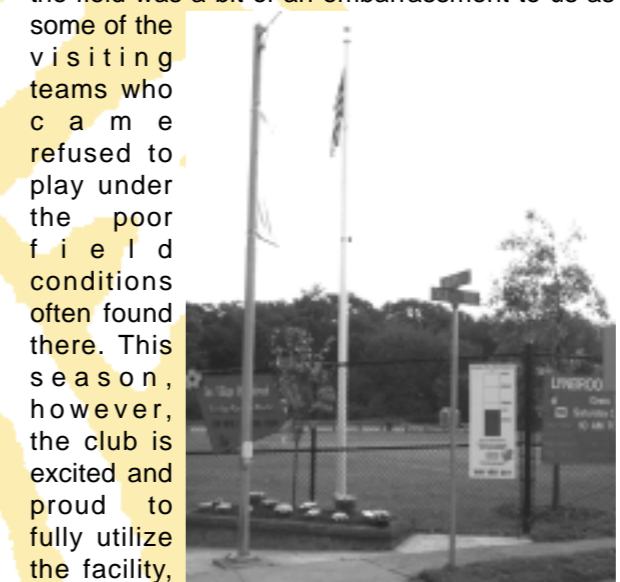


tradition has been Lynbrook’s commitment to maintaining quality sporting venues.

The Village of Lynbrook, under the direction of Mayor Brian Curran and spearheaded by Trustee Alan Beach, recently completed renovation of the Ocean Ave. Soccer Pitch. The field has been re-graded and re-surfaced with new sod that is nurtured and maintained by a repaired sprinkler system and enhanced irrigation and drainage. Player benches and spectator stands have also been added. It is now graced with a colorful flower box built on the corner of Ocean and Lakeview, a flag pole with solar illumination, tress planted along the outside perimeter of the playing field, league banners, and manicured grass surrounding the field. In addition, the field’s driveway entrance has

a new apron, the parking lot has been re-graded, and barriers have been installed for safety.

“Thanks to the improvements conducted by the Village, the Ocean Ave. Soccer Field has become our club’s signature field for games in our younger travel team divisions and intermediate intramural divisions,” said Guy Punzi, president of the Lynbrook/East Rockaway Soccer Club. “Last year, the field was a bit of an embarrassment to us as some of the visiting teams who came refused to play under the poor field conditions often found there. This season, however, the club is excited and proud to fully utilize the facility, and is proud to host visiting clubs. Our youngest players are now looking forward to the day when they can play on this home field.”



Mayor Hosts Pizza Party For Cub Scouts



Lynbrook Mayor Brian Curran, Deputy Mayor Bill Hendrick and Police Chief Joseph Neve hosted Joseph Webelos Den Pack 84 of St. Raymond’s RC Church at Village Hall.

In addition to a pizza party, the Webelos interviewed Mayor Curran, Deputy Mayor Hendrick, and Police Chief Neve, a requirement needed to obtain their citizenship badges.



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children ages 0 to 14 years involve a drinking driver. More than two-thirds of these fatally injured children were riding with a drinking driver.

- Almost 40% of children riding with unbelted drivers were themselves unrestrained.

- Child restraint systems are often used incorrectly. One study found that 72 percent of nearly 3,500 observed child restraint systems were misused in a way that could be expected to increase a child’s risk of injury during a crash.

To prevent children from being injured or killed in motor vehicle accidents, please adhere to the following tips:

- Use child safety seats, which reduce the risk of death in passenger cars by 71 percent for infants, and by 54 percent for toddlers ages 1 to 4 years.

- The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration recommends booster seats for children until they are at least 8 years of age or 4’9” tall.

- For children 4 to 7 years, booster seats reduce injury risk by 59 percent compared to safety belts alone.

- All children ages 12 years and younger should ride in the back seat. This eliminates the injury risk of deployed front passenger-side airbags and places children in the safest part of the vehicle in the event of a crash.

Overall, for children less than 16 years, riding in the back seat is associated with a 40 percent reduction in the risk of serious injury. Appropriately restrained children ages 13 to 15 who sit in the front seat are not at increased risk for injury.

To learn more about effective interventions to increase child safety seat use, go to www.cdc.gov and click on “Injury, Violence, and Safety.”

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Hendrick. “Residents who do not mulch or bag their leaves may simply rake leaves to the curb or carriage walk line the night before their scheduled pickup.”

“This is a service that we, Mayor Curran, Trustee Hendrick, and I believe the residents, from senior citizens to those with physical conditions that are exacerbated by raking and bagging leaves, deserve, and we are glad to provide it for them,” said Trustee Alan Beach.

Below are some helpful reminders for leaf pickup:

- Do not park your vehicle on the street on the day of your pickup. Crews cannot remove leaves on a roadway that is blocked by a vehicle parked on the street;

- Do not rake grass clippings, sticks, rocks, branches, mud or other debris to the curb with your leaves. These materials clog and damage the equipment used for collecting leaves. If these items are found, the leaves will not be removed;

- If a crew starts to pick up in an area before they are scheduled to do so, they will also return on the scheduled day;

- Inclement weather may delay pickups, but crews will make at least four trips through your neighborhood.

For more information, call (516) 599-8838.