

Salute To Lynbrook's, Nation's Veterans

Record crowds gathered following the Memorial Day Parade to the Veterans Monument at Ross Plaza opposite the train station to pay tribute to our fallen armed service war veterans.

Flanked by Lynbrook's landmark WWI Doughboy Statue, a new Korean War Veterans Memorial was unveiled in honor of the many who served during the Korean War. Constructed with private contributions and a grant provided by Senator Dean Skelos and Assemblyman Robert Barra, Village Trustee Alan Beach and his Korean War Veterans Monument Committee saw through the completion of the new memorial.

"We will never forget the sacrifices made by those to preserve our freedoms," said Mayor Brian Curran. "These monuments serve as a testament to those sacrifices."

"We thank the Mayor, the Village Board, and the men of the Department of Public Works for their hard work and support for our veterans," said Patrick Cardone, commander of the VFW.

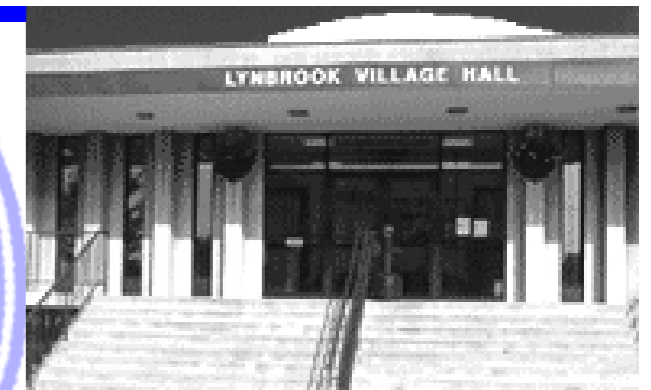


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"The Village That Leads The Way."

Getting Better All The Time!

"Smart Growth" for Lynbrook is Underway

The Regional Plan Association (RPA), a renowned planning group serving the Tri-State area, has recently been engaged by the Village to perform a master plan study report of Lynbrook's downtown shopping district.

The RPA will be working with a team of Village and Chamber of Commerce members to plan for future "Smart Growth" in the business area. The plan is expected to be completed by the end of the year.



Above: The newly refurbished McDonald's on Merrick Road.
 Inset: McDonald's before renovation.

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Awards Night Honors Residents

The Village of Lynbrook held its Annual Awards Night recently to celebrate the



Francis X. Becker, Jr. was named 2008 Man of the Year.

achievements and accomplishments of residents, homeowners, and commercial



2008 Woman of the Year Mari Hansen and her family.

businesses that make Lynbrook a special place to live.



McQuades Neighborhood Grill, at 273 Merrick Road, recently opened by Robert and Theresa Foders (with daughter Lauren) won the Business Beautification Award.



Anthony and Luisa Dattoma, with daughter Angela, of 51 Wilson Ave. received Northwest Quadrant Beautification Award.



Holiday Inn Express, intersection of Sunrise Highway and Ocean Ave., represented by architect John Capobianco (center), won a Business Beautification Award.

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A Great Place To Play

Children Flock to Opening of New Larson Park

Children of Lynbrook gathered with Mayor Brian Curran and the Larson family to celebrate the opening of the renovated and refurbished Larson Park. They were joined by Deputy Mayor Bill Hendrick, Trustees Alan Beach, Richard Clifford, and Dave Penso, Lynbrook Recreation Director Richard Flynn, Lynbrook Department of Public Works Superintendent Phil Healey, and Assemblyman Bob Barra.

The renovation of Larson Park is a continuation of Village-wide improvements pledged by Mayor Curran and was aided by \$50,000 in state grants secured by Senator Skelos and Assemblyman Robert Barra.

Nestled at the corner of Peninsula Boulevard and Remsen Street, Larson Park features fresh landscaping, fun playground activities for toddlers, and shaded pathways with welcoming benches on which parents can recline while watching the children. The park, named in honor of 30-year Recreation Commissioner Ed Larson, was originally deeded to the Village by the County of Nassau to be maintained in perpetuity for this use.

"I am pleased with the Village's success in beautifying Larson Park," said County Legislator Francis X. Becker, following the recent re-

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Pasquale and Mary Sorbara and family of 184 Canterbury Gate received the Southwest Quadrant Beautification Award.



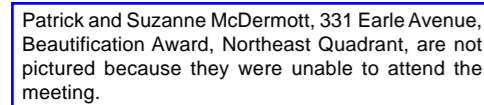
John Woodard and family (Amanda, Christina, Marcia and John Woodard) of 60 Shpherd Ave. receive the Southeast Quadrant Beautification Award.



Mr. & Mrs. Jason Gaertner and family, 80 Lenox Ave accept the 2008 Before & After Home Improvement Award.



Police Officer Donald J. Hemenlotter, retiring after 24 1/2 years of service, receives Village citation from Mayor Brian Curran.



Patrick and Suzanne McDermott, 331 Earle Avenue, Beautification Award, Northeast Quadrant, are not pictured because they were unable to attend the meeting.

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dedication ceremony.

"We are proud of re-opening the park and look forward to other Village improvements," added Mayor Curran.



Larson Park Playground complements Greis Park Playground, affording families on the East and West of Lynbrook



Road Improvements Fast-Tracked

Mayor Curran announced that Road Improvements in various sections of the Village



have accelerated in an effort to provide safe and aesthetically pleasing streets in many residential areas.

"These improvements, coupled with the recent planting of over 250 curbside trees, is one small step in improving and preserving our suburban quality of life and property values," said Mayor Brian Curran. The Village was fortunate to receive a Moody's Bond rating upgrade to A1, the highest grading since Moody's began grading the Village 35 years ago, which enabled the Village to issue Bonds at attractive interest rates to fund the road work.

In addition to the bond financing, Nassau County Legislator Francis X. Becker, Jr. was credited with having the County of Nassau finance the upcoming resurfacing of parts of Scranton Avenue, Horton Avenue, and Union Avenue, which are three major thoroughfares in the Village.

I wish to thank all residents for their support throughout my first year as Mayor. This year, we have experienced many successes and I am looking forward to working with the you and the Village Board to build on the successes throughout my term as Mayor of Lynbrook.

An important objective when I first took office was to gain control of rising taxes. We accomplished this by adopting a budget

division for Greco-Roman Wrestling; Crossing Guards Mari Hansen and Randi Dyrvik; and Richard Koch, who retired from the Library Board after 45 years!

Please join me in thanking Trustee Alan Beach and members of the Korean War Veterans Committee, Patrick Cardone, Henry Speicher, Steve Grogan, Jack Barlow, Len Goldstein, and Jim Dillon for their passionate, dedicated work to secure a new Veterans monument.

Our newly formed Mayors Community Chest Committee, chaired by Kim Misiano, has also been busy over the past year, having held various fundraising activities and contributing to those in need. The mission of the Lynbrook Community Chest is to raise money to help people in the Village of Lynbrook and only Lynbrook that are experiencing hardship. The Community Chest works with the Village's religious organizations and schools to identify Lynbrook Families that need help. The Community Chest funds are comprised of exclusively private donations.

I extend a hearty congratulations to Francis X. Becker, Jr., the 2008 Man of the Year, and Mari Hansen, the 2008 Woman of the Year, as well as to the winners of the 2008 Beautification Awards.

Our thriving Chamber of Commerce is again sponsoring various events throughout the year, holding a carnival at Greis Park, Farmer's Market on Sundays on Forest Avenue, and Car Shows on Thursday evenings throughout the summer. Please patronize our merchants and businesses, which will also help you save money used on gasoline.

It has been a great year, and it is an exciting time to be a resident or merchant in the Village of Lynbrook. I wish you, your loved ones, friends, and neighbors a relaxing, joyful, and safe Summer.



THE MAYOR'S MESSAGE

By Hon. Brian Curran, Mayor, Village of Lynbrook

in which we reduced taxes and enhanced tax exemptions for our senior citizens. We have also preserved funding to maintain proper staffing and equipment in our Fire and Police Departments to keep Lynbrook safe.

I would like to use this opportunity to recognize Charles Street resident Jay F. Korth, who was recently honored by the Nassau Bar Association for practicing law for 60 years. Jay held post in the Village as a Lynbrook Trustee and Village Attorney from 1958-2005. It also gives me great pride in recognizing other individuals in the community for recent accomplishments: Mary Knittel, 100th Birthday; Bill Germanakos, winner of "TV's Biggest Loser" weight-loss reality show, and his wife and children who supported him with endless encouragement; Richard Renz, NewYork Empire Games multiple gold medalist in the heavyweight

It's Your Right to Vote, But First You Must Register to Vote!

This will not be the first nor the last time that you are informed that there will be a Presidential Election this November.

Village, Town, County, State, Federal elected officials advise you to exercise your right to vote. To do that you must be a registered. If you are not registered, or if you're not sure, you are

encouraged to fill-out a voter registration form, which is available at Village Hall and can also be downloaded from the Village website (lynbrookvillage.com "downloads"). Registered voters can vote in the November elections, as well as future school board and upcoming village board elections in March of 2009.

Spotlight On:

Anne Conway, Senior Citizen Liaison

In a continuing effort to help the Lynbrook seniors, Mayor Brian Curran appointed Anne Conway as the Village's new Senior Citizen Liaison. Ms. Conway has volunteered her time daily over the past several months handling the multitude of tasks in providing assistance to more than 200 seniors.

"Anne has a unique ability to cut through the red tape of obstacles that seniors confront in their day-to-day lives," said Mayor Brian Curran.

Ms. Conway is credited with working closely with

the Lynbrook Senior Citizens Club to secure a \$5,000 grant from Senator Dean Skelos and Assemblyman Robert Barra to fund the club's many activities at Greis Park.

Information concerning activities can be found on the Village website at www.lynbrookvillage.com



Girl Scouts Display Leadership Skills

"Anything You Can Do I Can Do Better." So states the song from Irving Berlin's musical "Annie Get Your Gun."

The first session of Lynbrook Government Night allowed the Cub Scout Packs and Boy Scout Troops of Lynbrook to experience the functions and responsibilities of Mayor Brian Curran, Deputy Mayor William Hendrick, Village Trustees Alan Beach and Richard Clifford, and Village Administrators.

The second phase of Lynbrook Government Night allowed the Girl Scout Troops of the ELLM Association (East Rockaway, Lynbrook, Lakeview, and Malverne) to demonstrate that, according to Mayor Curran, "they are well on their way as well to being future leaders for the families, communities, and businesses of Lynbrook."



On the heels of last year's unprecedented tax rate decrease, the Village ended the May 31st fiscal year with a Surplus of \$8.3 million, which represents a significant achievement in controlling inflationary expenses and enhancing miscellaneous Revenues and



From The Desk Of The Village Administrator John Giordano

Grants. We have continued maintaining our financial strength, and when compared to all other cities and villages in New York State, exhausted only 17% of our State debt limit and 56% of our tax limit. Despite inflation and escalating energy costs, all Departmental operation expenses were reduced when compared to levels of 2 years ago.

Other News:

- Our Justice Court was the recipient of a State Grant which provided four new desktop computers, while \$75,000 was awarded for improvements at Greis Park;
 - A new State Law allows handicap parking permit holders free parking where meters exist in municipal parking lots;
 - At the end of the year when the final payments for the 07/08 tax was due, less than a half percent remained unpaid;
 - To remove your address from junk mail and unsolicited credit card lists, Call the Credit Reporting Industry Pre Screening Opt-out Number at 1-888-5OPT-OUT (1-888-567-8688)
 - Oaths of office were recently administered to appointees to the Village family: Board of Ethics: Vivian Crowley, Michael Pavone, and William McKeon; Board of Zoning Appeals: Anne Conway and Brian Braccia; Board of Architectural Review: Clementine Becker and Thomas Gaimaro; Library Board of Trustees: Gary Spredowich
- We wish them all good luck in their respective roles. Have a wonderful and safe summer

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In the meantime, two major buildings that anchor the shopping district, the movie theatre at Five Corners and the abandoned three-story building at the corner of



Above: McQuades Restaurant. Below: The property before beautification.



Broadway and Saperstein Plaza, have been eyed by the Village for improvements, and discussions are underway with the respective land owners.



Above: The new 6th Ave. Electronics, located on the former site of Harrow's pool supplies (shown below).



A \$65,000 county grant, secured by County Legislator Francis X. Becker, will be used to fund the village's streetscape improvements on Broadway, from Sunrise Highway to Union Place.

These Improvements include ornamental street lighting, brick sidewalks, and additional street trees. Work is expected to be completed by the end of the year. The Village is also seeking funding for similar improvements in other commercial areas on Hempstead Avenue, Union Avenue, Lakeview Avenue, and Hendrickson Avenue. We also welcome McQuades Restaurant, which recently opened its warm and engaging new restaurant in the former Lynbrook Hardware building on Merrick Road by Five Corners, the newly refurbished McDonald's on Merrick Road, and 6th Avenue Electronics on Sunrise Highway in the former Harrows Pool building.