

# Lynbrook USA

NEWSLETTER



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## Upcoming Events

Lynbrook USA: A Great Place to Play!  
Our Recreation Department has something for everyone! Join the Lynbrook Pool or check out our Summer Concert Series at Greis Park!

### June 27th

Tim Kubart and  
The Space Cadets  
6:30pm

### July 13th

Nassau Pops Orchestra  
7:00pm

### July 24th

Plaza Productions presents  
Wizard of Oz  
7:00pm

### August 3rd

Beyond Fab Beatles cover band  
7:00pm

### August 17th

Pool Pizza Party Members only  
4:30pm

### August 17th

X-Session 70's 80's Rock Band  
7:00pm

# Welcome to your new Lynbrook newsletter!

Together with the Village Trustees, my goal is to solidify Lynbrook Village as a great and safe place for residents to shop, dine, work, and play. The successful opening of the Lynbrook movie theater, investment in the Village roads, and arrival of new business is just the start!

### Regal Movie Theatre

On everyone's mind is the opening of Lynbrook's Regal 13 movie theater located at the corner of Hempstead Avenue and Merrick Road. The modern theatre plays an important role in revitalizing the downtown area, providing residents and visitors alike with another reason to spend time in Lynbrook.

The Village has prepared for the opening by creating designated parking areas with 695 spaces that allow up to four hours parking. Theatre parking can be found within a 1,000-foot radius and are highlighted with newly installed illuminated signs. Ample parking is still available for those who frequent our downtown shops, restaurants and businesses. Atlantic Avenue and some areas of Merrick Road will maintain the two-hour parking status.

In an effort to make paying for parking easier, we are bringing the phone app PayByPhone into the Village. The free app allows users to pay for parking on their phones rather than searching for coins under floor mats. The app will not replace the parking meters, but rather serve as an alternative for drivers. PayByPhone meters will be identified on the app and on site. Visit [paybyphone.com](http://paybyphone.com) for full details.

Increased police traffic and foot patrols along with



MAYOR ALAN C. BEACH

the reintroduction of bicycle patrols and the presence of crossing guards in the downtown area will ensure that everyone will have a safe experience.

### Village Road Improvement

It was a rough winter for everyone and we are all looking forward to warmer weather. Whether enjoying a leisurely drive, bike ride, or walk, thousands of residents will take to our roads. This year, nearly \$4 million is being invested in repairing over 8,600 linear ft. of village roads.

Additionally, Assemblyman Curran was successful in securing \$300,500 in additional funds for 2018/2019 roadwork via New York State's CHIPS Program, Extreme Winter Recovery Program, and NY Pave. More details on the road project are provided inside.

### New Business

You may have noticed that many new businesses have made Lynbrook their home. In conjunction with the Lynbrook Chamber of Commerce, the Vil-

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### Theatre by the Numbers:

Number of seats in new theatre:	1,382
Number of seats in previous theatre:	1,605
Number of theatre parking spots:	695
Height of old theater:	68 feet
Height of new theater:	77 feet 4 inches

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# Memorial Day 2018

This year's Memorial Day program at the Doughboy Memorial near the Lynbrook Train Station paid tribute to all who made the ultimate sacrifice in securing our freedom.



Commander Henry Speicher American Legion Post 335, Trustee Michael N. Hawxhurst, Commander Pat Nealon VFW Post 2307, Ex-Commander Patrick Cardone VFW Post 2307, Mayor Alan C. Beach, Trustee Robert Boccio, Trustee Ann Marie Reardon, Deputy Mayor Hilary H. Becker



American Legion 1133 Color Guard, Back Row L/R, Steve Grogan, George Lonergan, Tom Finan, Ken Weir, Frank Quinn  
Front Row Mike Guglielmo, Henry Speicher, Rich Hunt, Bill Marinaccio, Dennis Murphy, Mike O'Shea  
*Photos By Creative Photo*

## DiGregorio takes over as Village Prosecutor amid several new appointments

Mayor Alan Beach appointed Lynbrook resident Christine DiGregorio, Esq. to the role of the Village's Prosecuting Attorney. Ms. DiGregorio represents the first female to hold the position, which was vacant as a result of the recent appointment of former prosecutor, Robert Boccio, to the Lynbrook Village Board of Trustees. The prosecutors are responsible to represent the citizens of Lynbrook in prosecuting violators of Village Codes and vehicle traffic law. "Many cases come before the Village Justice concerning property maintenance, Illegal housing violations, traffic and parking violations, and I look forward to assuming this important responsibility," Ms. DiGregorio said.

The Lynbrook Police Department, in their efforts to deter crime and en-

force all laws to keep Lynbrook safe is credited with generating almost \$2.5 million in fines annually—putting Lynbrook into the top 10 Villages in New York State. Trustee Robert Boccio stated that, "Ms. DiGregorio will also act as part of the team that has been credited with combating illegal apartments in the Village."

A lifelong Lynbrook resident, Ms. DiGregorio finished third in her class at Touro Law School. Mayor Beach added that, "Ms. DiGregorio's legal skills will be an asset to the community."

Additionally, a few other changes have gone through. Former Village Justice Tom Atkinson will be assuming the role of Village Attorney. This position became available as a result of the retirement of long standing Village At-

torney Peter Ledwith, whom Mayor Beach described as, "A consummate gentleman who served this Village in a professional manner. Lynbrook has always been in his heart and he will always be in ours."

Atkinson graduated from Villanova University. He received his JD from Rutgers Law School. Mr. Atkinson has a long history of faithfully and diligently serving our village in a number of capacities including as Trustee, as a Judge, and now as the Village Attorney. Mr. Atkinson said, "I am very much looking forward to representing Lynbrook in a number of different important areas, and will always do my best to defend the best interests of this Village and its residents."

Last, but by no means least, Mayor Beach has appointed Brendan Hughes, Esq. to fill the vacancy in the Village Court created by Mr. Atkinson's assumption of the role of Village Attorney. Mr. Hughes received a Bachelor of Arts from Hunter College and JD from Seton Hall University School of Law. Mr. Hughes said, "As someone who grew up in Lynbrook I know all too well that Lynbrook is an outstanding place to live, to work, and to run a business. This is due to the active role that the Village takes in creating and ensuring an environment where residents, visitors, and business owners feel welcome and safe. I am looking forward to working with the team on continuing that effort and on serving the Village and its residents."

## Welcome...

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lodge continues to seek out and bring in new businesses, shops, and restaurants. Here's just a few that have recently opened:

**CNH Nutrition (Smoothie Shop)**

71 Atlantic Avenue

**Luxury Dentist**

393 Sunrise Highway

**Leona & 3 Brothers**

(Vegetarian & Vegan Italian)

152 Union Avenue

**MaidPro (cleaning service)**

222 Merrick Road

**Photo Lab**

43b Rocklyn Avenue

**Lava Grill (Korean BBQ)**

47 Atlantic Avenue

**RLB Safety (Safety Gear)**

205 Sunrise Highway

A big addition to the Village is the recently opened Northwell Health Physicians new, state-of-the-art \$19



million multi-specialty practice at 733 Sunrise Highway. The facility replaces the old, rundown water company building and providing residents with access to world class physicians at a central location. I'm sure that you will agree that it represents a great improvement!

Watch this space and follow us on Facebook for information on upcoming grand openings! Please join us in patronizing these and all other local Lynbrook establishments!

Finally, I want to hear back from you. Tell us what you think and how we are doing. Feel free to reach out to me at 516-599-8784 or via email at [abeach@lynbrookvillage.com](mailto:abeach@lynbrookvillage.com).

On behalf of the Village Board and the Village staff, we wish you a happy, safe and memorable summer in Lynbrook!



# Assemblyman Curran honors Lynbrook's future leaders



Congratulations to two of Lynbrook's own! Allison Kunstler and Ally Fitzgerald were honored for their contributions to the community by Assemblyman Brian Curran during his Second Annual Youth Leadership Event.

"They have both represented Lynbrook well, and they continue to serve as an example to younger students. The achievements of these young women is remarkable," Curran said during the ceremony. We think that you will agree.

## Allison Kunstler

Allison Kunstler has been a strong leader in the community for many years. She has been a volunteer for the Suiam program since eighth grade, which is a Hebrew school for students with special needs. She has also volunteered with the Top Soccer Program since ninth grade, a soccer club that teaches people with special needs the fundamentals of the game. In addition, Allison coaches students with disabilities at Lynbrook High School with Challengers Basketball.

She spent one summer at Camp Anchor, volunteering to help men 20-25 years old with their daily camp activities. Allison is also the treasurer of Lynbrook High School Student Government and Key/Leadership Club.

Allison has participated in athletics her whole life. At Lynbrook High School, she was captain of the kick line, soccer, and track teams, and she has competed in the Penn Relays for track. Finally, Allison was a semifinalist for the Coca-Cola Scholars program, a scholar-athlete for soccer and all division for track. She will be attending Duke University this fall.

## Ally Fitzgerald

Ally Fitzgerald is a Lynbrook resident who started training in Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu at seven years old. That same year, she started competing in tournaments on the east coast along with her brother, Liam. Ally and her brother have accumulated over 50 championship belts and countless first place medals.

When Ally was nine years old, Lynbrook Deputy Mayor Hilary Becker gave her a chance to join Lynbrook Titan's Youth Wrestling Program. Through the Titan's program, Ally had a chance to develop

her wrestling skills through the guidance of past Lynbrook wrestlers and coaches. It is here that she learned to love wrestling. Ally moved on to wrestle in New York State tournaments competing in both boy's and girl's divisions.

She was the first girl to join the Lynbrook Middle School wrestling team. During the two years she was on the team, she was undefeated. She has competed all over the United States against some of the best girls in the country. In 2017 and 2018, Ally was invited to the Women's Team USA camps to train with the cadet and junior team members.

As a freshman at Lynbrook High School, Ally became the first female to wrestle on their varsity wrestling team and went on to become the first female to ever win a sanctioned high school wrestling tournament on Long Island going 4-0 and winning Most Outstanding Wrestler.

Ally is also a two-time Pan AM Champion in Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, four-time NYWAY Girls State Champion, 2018 NY Girls High School State Champion and two-time NYWAY Summer National Champion.

Photos from Future Leaders

## Lynbrook road project

The construction phase of the Lynbrook Road Project is underway. The initiative, which commenced on May 22, will improve the travel for pedestrians, bicycles and vehicles in all four quadrants of our Village. It consists of reconstruction of over 8,600 linear ft. of roadways and includes the installation of new curbing, concrete gutters, driveway aprons, (to eliminate puddling, curb side storm water drainage structures along with pedestrian ramps) as well as roadway asphalt replacement.

We have coordinated with our major utilities to replace and upgrade the water and gas mains to minimize future road opening for repairs in our new roads along with providing enhanced services to the residents.

Additionally, in order to facilitate

the proper construction and durability, it will be necessary for the Village to selectively remove trees. The trees will be replaced with appropriate species in order to re-leaf the streetscape. Another green component of the project is the re-

placement of any damaged grass areas with sod in the fall (in order to avoid the summer heat and difficult growing conditions).

The Road Work Project is scheduled to be completed by December 31, 2018.

### Targeted roads are as follows:

- Jarvis between Rose and Village line
- Intersection of Rose and Vincent Place
- Lafayette between Lakeview and St Nicholas
- Intersection of Denton and Oak St
- Earle Ave between Merrick and Peninsula
- Intersection of Berry and Lenox
- Piccadilly between Westminster and Scranton
- Fowler Ave
- Winter Street
- Smith Street
- Davison between Hempstead Ave and Green Street

## Books and Beyond: This Summer @ The Lynbrook Library!

Visit the Lynbrook Library in person or online at [www.lynbrooklibrary.org](http://www.lynbrooklibrary.org) and check out how you can plan a summer outing at N.Y.S. Park with free access to an Empire Pass! Plus pack your beach bag with great summer reads: Children's items can now be checked out for 28 days! It's always cool at the Lynbrook Library!



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# Around the Village

## Prescription drug take back initiative

The Lynbrook Police Department invites residents to take part in its ongoing prescription drug take back initiative. In conjunction with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration Lynbrook residents are provided with the opportunity to discard expired medications, many of which were opiate narcotics, in a safe and responsible manner.

By participating, we are keeping drugs out of the hands of abusers and potentially saves lives by removing unused painkillers and controlled drugs from homes. The more unused painkillers or controlled drugs removed from the home, the more potential lives will be saved from abuse of these extremely addic-

tive medications. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. The Lynbrook Police Department was proud to have taken part in this effort and was encouraged by the overwhelming response from the community.

The Lynbrook Police Department has a drug collection box available 24 hours a day, seven days a week in the lobby of Police Headquarters. All prescription medications are accepted but cannot be in liquid form. Needles are also not accepted.



## Lynbrook receives “safest community recognition”

Lynbrook has been designated as one of the safest places to live in New York State by the National Council for Home Safety and Security, a trade association comprised of home security professionals across the United States. “We are very pleased, but not surprised, of this recognition,” Mayor Beach said. The council advocates for safe communities and home safety with a strong focus on community involvement, ranking Lynbrook 24th in New York State. To identify the safest places in New York, the Council reviewed the most recent FBI Uniform

Crime Report statistics along with population data and internal research. The locations were ranked based on the number of reported serious and property crimes (burglary, arson, larceny-theft, and motor vehicle theft) per 1,000 residents. These variables were then weighted, with serious crimes accounting for 1.5 of the total (due to their severity) than property crimes. “With over 550 Villages in New York State, we are proud of this accomplishment, which is a testament to the stellar job of the Lynbrook Police Department”, Trustee Robert Boccio said.



### New Fire Department Chiefs Sworn In

Mayor Beach swears in, from second left to right, Chief William Abrams, First Assistant Chief Nicholas Pearsall, Second Assistant Chief Michael Brooks, and Third Assistant Chief John Donald. Their terms are for one year. Thanks to outgoing Chief Carl Lengel for his service during his tenure.



## By the numbers...

### Lynbrook Building Department Actions

The Building Department has continuously been active in ensuring the safety of our residences and businesses. Here's a by the numbers summary of the actions performed in the past six months for the respective four quads.

Quad One (North-East)		Quad Two (South-East)		Quad Three (South-West)		Quad Four (North-West)	
Inspections		Inspections		Inspections		Inspections	
Building Inspections	270	Building Inspections	195	Building Inspections	324	Building Inspections	330
Property Maintenance Inspections	364	Property Maintenance Inspections	315	Property Maintenance Inspections	516	Property Maintenance Inspections	395
Illegal Housing Inspections	51	Illegal Housing Inspections	7	Illegal Housing Inspections	55	Illegal Housing Inspections	37
Fire Inspections	97	Fire Inspections	103	Fire Inspections	158	Fire Inspections	162
Multiple Dwelling Inspections	34	Multiple Dwelling Inspections	33	Multiple Dwelling Inspections	68	Multiple Dwelling Inspections	72
Sidewalk Inspections	72	Sidewalk Inspections	57	Sidewalk Inspections	112	Sidewalk Inspections	122
<b>Total Inspections</b>	<b>888</b>	<b>Total Inspections</b>	<b>710</b>	<b>Total Inspections</b>	<b>1,233</b>	<b>Total Inspections</b>	<b>1,118</b>
Permits Issued		Permits Issued		Permits Issued		Permits Issued	
Building Permits	29	<b>Building Permits</b>	<b>15</b>	Building Permits	37	Building Permits	36
Plumbing & Mechanical	32	Plumbing & Mechanical	23	Plumbing & Mechanical	42	Plumbing & Mechanical	55
<b>Total Permits</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>Total Permits</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>Total Permits</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>Total Permits</b>	<b>91</b>