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Mayor Beach joins Firefighters

To show their appreciation for those who have served our country, Lynbrook Mayor Alan Beach and Lynbrook volunteer firefighters traveled to military hospitals to bring Christmas spirit and cheer to our wounded warriors. Their trip included visits to hospitals and rehabilitation clinics in Bethesda, MD, Fort Belvoir, VA, and Fort Bragg and Camp Lejeune in North Carolina.

"Our annual trip to Fort Belvoir, VA is an excellent opportunity for the Lynbrook Fire Department to give back to our wounded service members and their families," said

Lynbrook Chief John Donnell. "It was so nice for Mayor Alan Beach to join us for such an important event. His unwavering support and dedication helped make this year such a success".

Lynbrook firefighters are part

of Nassau County Firefighters Operation Wounded Warrior, a charity formed to help our wounded service men and women. This is the fifteenth-year firefighters have traveled during the holiday season to hospitals and rehabilitation centers.



Regal Success for Downtown

The Regal Cinemas 13 has been a great success. In fact, it has become a "go-to" place in downtown Lynbrook. It's a place where friends and family can get together and watch a movie in a comfortable setting, replete with food, drink and excellent service.

"It has become such an enjoyable place to congregate and its positive effects on the downtown business district are immeasurable," said Mayor Alan Beach. Businesses in the village have seen a 30% increase in pedestrian traffic and business. "I think the movie theatre has created a good bump in our weekly business," said Thomas

Garret, General Manager of Craft Kitchen and Taphouse. "We have not seen any issues on our end only positive impact."

Chief of the Lynbrook Police Department, Brian Paladino explained, "Many residents were nervous that the Regal The-

ater would inundate Downtown Lynbrook with parking problems, traffic and increased crime. To date, The Lynbrook Police Department has experienced minimal amounts of police calls for service at or near the theater, while the explosion

of pedestrian traffic is helping our local businesses thrive."

The seating capacity of the theater has been curtailed to make the theater experience more comfortable, and we see a lot of smiling faces exiting the theater at the end of each movie.

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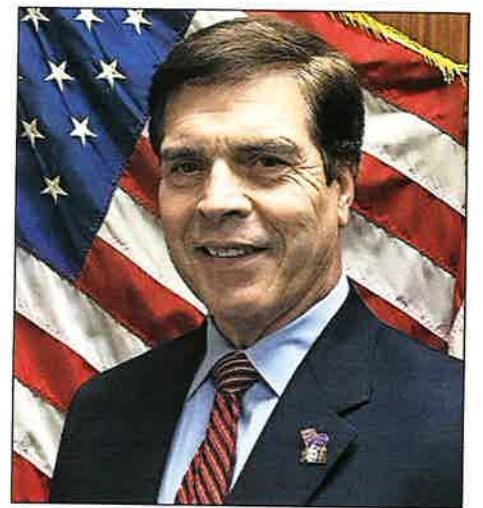
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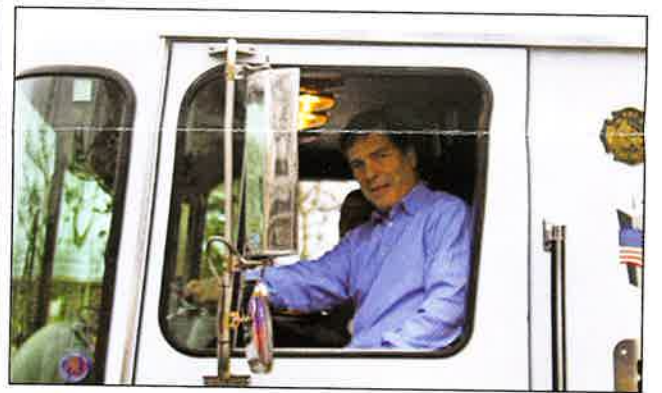
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Around Town at Holidays



Mayor Beach Forms Committee to Increase Resident Input On Development

On December 20th, Lynbrook Village Mayor Alan Beach convened a select committee of individuals to review and make recommendations on improving residential knowledge and input for proposed future development projects.

The Committee is comprised of twelve volunteers, including former Village elected officials, representatives from the Lynbrook Chamber of Commerce, community leaders, and Village residents. Michael Davies, who is an officer in the Lynbrook Chamber of Commerce, was selected by the group as the Chairman of the Committee.

"Recently, a proposal for the development of an apartment building (Cornerstone) came before the Village Board for review and a group of residents felt that citizens were not being provided with enough information," said Mayor Beach. "To be more responsive to their concerns, as well as increasing transparency, I have placed together a diverse committee to evaluate the current Village procedure regarding new development proposals, as well as make any recommendations on how residents can become more informed and involved."

During the December meeting, Mayor Beach reflected that the complaint of lack of residential involvement or knowledge regarding new development proposals has been a concern that has been voiced

at various times over the past forty years during proposed projects including, the Jamaica Savings Bank building, the Atria Senior Living Center on Ocean Avenue, and the Marriott Hotel. Mayor Beach declared that it is time to address this recurring concern and that a committee of Lynbrook stakeholders examine the issue.

Committee Chairman Mike Davies said, "I applaud Mayor Beach's commitment to addressing resident concerns regarding opportunities for development of our business district in Lynbrook. I was impressed with the measures taken by the Mayor during the recent Cornerstone proposal to ensure the process was open and transparent by making information easily accessible to the public on the Village website. That was a big first step. It's my hope this newly formed committee will provide the Mayor and Village Board with recommendations on additional steps they can take to help disseminate information and solicit feedback from our community."

According to Village Hall, the committee, which will meet monthly, will issue a report to the Mayor containing recommendations on how to improve residential involvement and input regarding new development projects. Some recommendations that were discussed included a Resident Development Review Council, re-

quiring Village Hall to post on the Village website all plans, renderings, studies and reports associated with a proposed new project, and require developers to hold Open Houses or Public Information Forums on any new proposal before the public hearing.

Mayor Beach stated, "Recognizing that Lynbrook residents want to be fully informed on proposed projects trying to come into their Village, I am making sure that my administration takes these unprecedented steps to increase the flow of information. This started with the proposed Cornerstone's project documents posted on the Village website and continues with the formation of this committee. Every project proposal will have transparent and open process."

However, Mayor Beach cautioned the committee that any recommendation should not interfere or limit the Village Board's elected responsibility as the final decision making authority on any new development proposal. Recommendations should not interfere or bind the functioning duties of the Villages Architectural Review Board (ARB) and Board of Zoning Appeal (BZA) Committees; any recommendation should seek to improve residential information and input into a proposed project but not, in any way, become a barrier or impediment for a developer to bring forth a proposal

to the Village Board; and any and all recommendations should be reviewed by the Village Attorney to ensure legality under the Village Code.

Committee member and former Lynbrook Mayor William Geier stated, "I want to commend Mayor Beach on acknowledging some of the resident's concerns regarding new development projects and his selection of a cross section of residents, including former Village officials as well as ordinary citizens to provide recommendations to improve the flow of information to the residents. I am honored to be part of this committee."

At the conclusion of the meeting, Mayor Beach stated, "Let me be clear, my job as Mayor is to continue to make Lynbrook the greatest place to live and raise a family. A very big part of accomplishing this is to keep Lynbrook affordable for middle class families. Attracting new development projects to shore up and expand our tax base is vital to keeping Lynbrook affordable. This is why this committee is so important. We need to attract new projects to Lynbrook while at the same time keeping residents informed and engaged so that they never feel that the character of the Lynbrook that we all love is never jeopardized by a new development proposal."

The Committee is scheduled to further meet in January.

Jay F. Korth: Celebration of Life

Former Village Attorney Jay F. Korth passed away on December 3rd at the age of 99.

Korth, who served in the U.S. Army Air Corps in World War II, started his Village career as a Village Trustee in the 1960s during the administration of Mayor George Magravite. He later became the Village Attorney.

"He was an affable man who also served as an unofficial Village historian," said Trustee Mike Hawxhurst. "I will miss him."

"Jay Korth knew the history of the Village and the reasons why things happened the way they did," said Village Trustee An-

Marie Reardon. "He always had a joke or a story readily available and I never, ever heard him raise his voice in anger. He was a wonderful person who loved his God, country, wife and family."

Korth was Past Commander of American Legion Post 335, a 70 year member of the Nassau County Bar Association, a longtime member of Our Lady of Peace Church, Grand Marshal of the Memorial Day Parade, a former Lynbrook "Man of the Year," and an active member of both the Lynbrook Elks and Knights of Columbus.

"Jay Korth was a kind and gentle man," said Trustee Robert

Boccio. "He was a pillar of the community and will be sorely missed by the people who knew him."



Korth is survived by his wife, Grace, three children, and six grandchildren.



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