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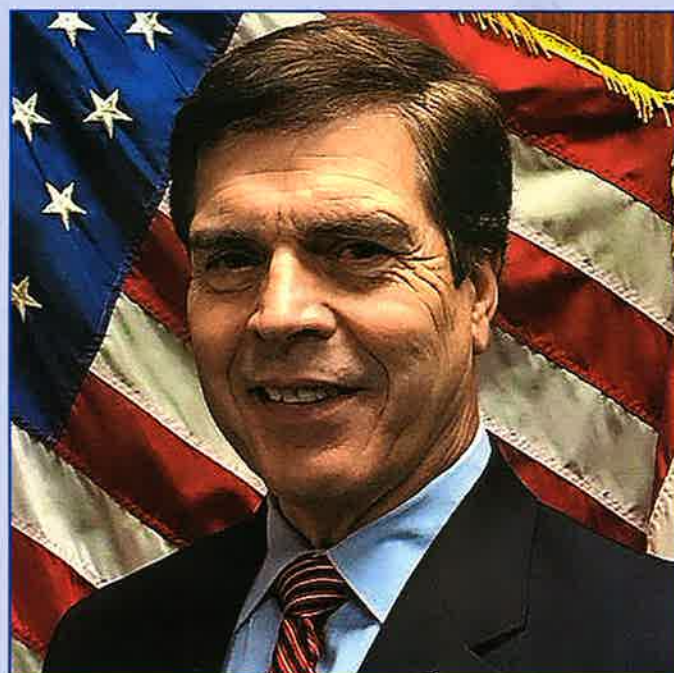
Mayor's Message

It's Fall of 2020 in the year that for many of us could not end quick enough. As if COVID-19 and the recent civil unrest was not enough for one year, we still have a national and local election. The election, which is anticipated by most to be the most contentious in our history, will be occurring at a time when the public's trust in our elected officials is at an all-time low and our politics have truly divided our country.

There isn't a better time to remember public servants who embodied all that is good with not only Lynbrook, but our country. This newsletter is dedicated to these heroes, including Lynbrook resident and NYPD Sgt. Christopher Christodoulou, a 9/11 hero who succumbed to illness as a result of the attack. We never forget those who went to work on that fateful day and gave their lives to help others. We honor those who selflessly went to battle during World War II. Lastly, remember a Lynbrook mayor whose legacy has extended well beyond what he accomplished as mayor: Eugene (Gene) Scarpato, who recently passed away due to a heart condition.

At this time, I would like to pay a personal homage to Mayor Scarpato as he truly embodied the Lynbrook spirit. Unlike many of the today's politicians, Gene spent years serving both his country and the Lynbrook Community before he ever decided to run for public office as a Village Trustee. He was a Marine who served in the Korean War. Following the war, Gene and his dear wife Virginia moved to Lynbrook where Gene instantly began volunteering in the OLP Parish as well as the village community. Due to years of selfless volunteerism, Gene was already a prominent and well respected resident in Lynbrook when he ran for a trustee and eventually mayor.

Upon being elected Mayor, Gene displayed an almost uncanny ability to see Lynbrook's future and work as hard as he could to make it a reality. And so much of that future did come true with Gene's hard work and vision. Whether it was a downtown walk through, a business improvement district, a soccer or a baseball field, Gene created it in Lynbrook. I re-



MAYOR ALAN C. BEACH

member approaching Gene with a proposal to build the Lynbrook Hockey Rink. He immediately said, "yes" and asked how we can get it done. Over two decades later, thousands of Lynbrook kids have enjoyed playing roller hockey at Greis Park because Gene Scarpato said, "yes."

It has always been said that if the people you have touched and the community you have lived in remembers you beyond your years- you have lived a good life. These heroes are remembered fondly by all of the residents of Lynbrook not only for what they accomplished but the manner in which they held themselves. I'd like to extend a heartfelt *Thank you and May God Bless You.*

Sincerely,



Lynbrook Mayor Alan Beach

Fall into a good book at the Lynbrook Library!

Please visit Lynbrooklibrary.net for upcoming events and operating hours, including the return of computer usage and Sunday service!

COVID Testing Still Available:

COVID-19 antibody and infection testing is available at Greis Park through October. Hours of operation are Monday and Wednesday between 8am and 5pm and Saturday 8am to 1pm. Testing is covered under insurance. No co-pay is charged. Appointments not necessary.

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Lynbrook Heroes Remembered

Street Renamed for Local Hero

On August 21st Mayor Beach and the Lynbrook Village Board gathered at the corner of Hodson and Central avenues to honor NYPD Sgt. Christopher Christodoulou with a street dedication ceremony. Sgt. Christodoulou was a Lynbrook resident and a decorated New York City Police Officer who passed away following a battle with cancer triggered by the toxic smoke and fumes he was subjected to during the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

The street dedication was organized by Lynbrook resident and Christodoulou's neighbor, retired New York City Transit Police Sgt. Lawrence Lombardo and the New York City Sergeants Benevolent Association.

"Lynbrook was lucky to have been the home for such a good man. The street dedication will serve as a reminder for all of a life well lived," stated Mayor Beach.

Christodoulou, who joined the New York City Police Department in 1997, was a member of the NYPD counterterrorism unit on September 11, 2001. Almost immediately after the World Trade Center was attacked by terrorists on that fateful date, Christodoulou and his unit responded to the scene where he displayed unbelievable courage in assisting victims of the attack. Almost sixteen years to the date, Christodoulou died on September 16, 2017 at the



Photo: Steve Grogan

The Christodoulou Family watches as the street sign is revealed.

age of 45 due to September 11th related illness.

In attendance for the dedication ceremony was Christodoulou's wife Melissa and three children Amanda, Bryan and Nicholas as well as numerous NYPD officers and Lynbrook neighbors.

Sgt. Lawrence "Larry" Lombardo, who was responsible for organizing a petition to request the Village Board to rename the street in honor of Christodoulou, stated, "I want to thank the Village Board for allowing this renaming ceremony to happen. Now my neighbors will know they have an angel among them."

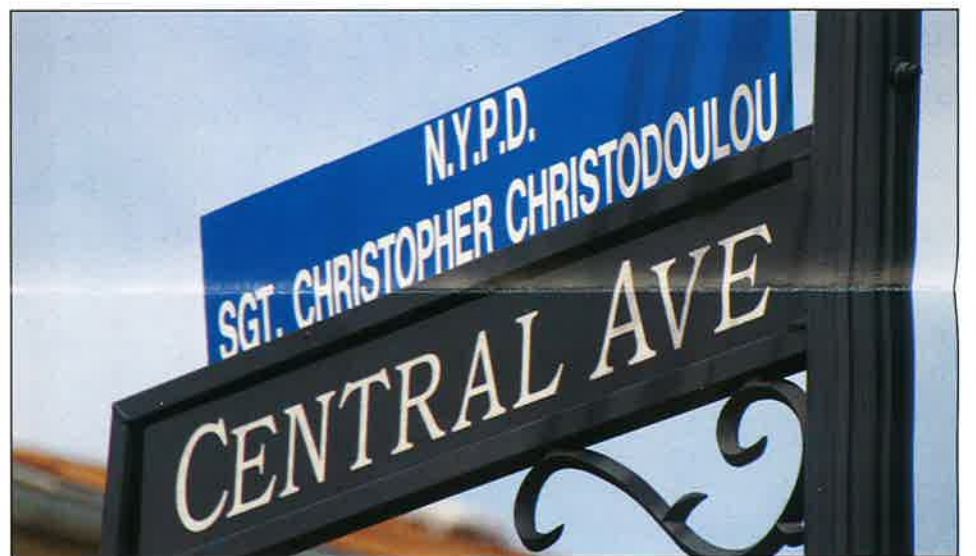


Photo: Steve Grogan

Sign honoring Sgt. Christodoulou.

Never Forget: September 11th



Photo: Perfect Photo

Mayor Beach leads 9/11 commemorative ceremony.



Photo: Perfect Photo

Lynbrook's Finest with beams recovered from the World Trade Center.

On September 11th, the Lynbrook community gathered together (while maintaining social distancing) as Mayor Beach led a ceremony commemorating the 19th anniversary of the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. Deputy Mayor Hawxhurst and Village Trustees Becker, Boccio and Reardon read the names of those we lost from Lynbrook.

Mayor Beach spoke of the unity, hope, and support that our country had in the time following the attacks and how those messages need to once again be delivered as we continue to face uncertainty.

"We will never forget," he said. "But in all of its destruction, it brought us closer. We should also remember the unity of Sept. 12 and the days following the attacks. New Yorkers and all Americans stood strong and together, in a way that I have never seen before in my lifetime. We were there for our neighbors, friends and family. We owe it to those we lost 19 years ago today to make it a point to live and rekindle the spirit of the unity that brought us together."

Lynbrook Heroes Remembered

Remembering Mayor Gene Scarpato

Lynbrook recently lost one of its most impactful mayors. On July 21, 2020, Eugene Scarpato, who served as mayor from 1995 to 2007, passed away due to a heart condition. He was 89.

Anyone who knew Mayor Scarpato realized that the two greatest priorities of his life were his family and Lynbrook. After serving in the Korean War, he met and married the love of his life, Virginia. Shortly after marrying, Gene and Virginia moved to Lynbrook where they lived on Hawthorne Street. The couple had five children, Linda, Sue, Eugene, Donald and Denise. The couple was married for 64 years. Along with Virginia and their children, Gene is also survived by ten grandchildren.

Lynbrook Trustee Annmarie Reardon stated, "Mayor Scarpato personified what makes Lynbrook great: family and community. Anyone who came into contact with him knew that he adored his wife, children, and grandchildren.



Gene Scarpato

They also knew that he loved Lynbrook and always tried to make our village a better place to raise a family."

As a resident, a Village Trustee and ultimately as Mayor, Scarpato created a legacy filled with amazing accomplishments and lasting relationships. Upon moving to Lynbrook and before his political ca-

reer, Scarpato became the athletic director at Our Lady of Peace (OLP), where he also coached basketball, baseball and track. He created a OLP youth organization designed to bring young adults together to socialize. He also served as a member of the Lynbrook Recreation Commission and Lynbrook Board of Zoning Appeals.

"What some may not realize, Gene gave so much of himself to this Village way before he decided to run for the Village Board and Mayor. His dedication to the young people of Lynbrook was unparalleled. He was already such a huge part of this community when he decided to run for village office," said Deputy Mayor Mike Hawxhurst.

After serving as Village Trustee, Scarpato was elected mayor in 1995. During his tenure, the Lynbrook Village Pool, Lynbrook Little League-Norman Dyer Field, Lynbrook Field of Dreams Soccer Field on Ocean Avenue,

Lynbrook Roller Hockey Rink, and the Lynbrook 9-11 Memorial were created. He helped revitalize the Lynbrook Downtown by creating the Business Improvement District and the Atlantic Avenue Walk-Through.

"Gene was a consummate gentleman who always made decisions based upon the best interests of Lynbrook. I will always remember how welcoming he was when my wife and I moved to the Village. He made us feel as though we had lived here for years. Gene was among the best this Village had to offer. He will be missed."

In 2008, Gene and Virginia decided to move from their beloved Lynbrook to Vermont, but his Lynbrook legacy was not yet complete. Last October, Mayor Alan Beach and the Village Board unanimously voted to rename the pool the Eugene B. Scarpato Village Pool in recognition of a man who gave so much of himself to this great Village.

Honoring Our Veteran Heroes on Nov. 7th



Photo: National Archives

Flag raising on Iwo Jima. Joe Rosenthal, Associated Press, February 23, 1945.

This year marks the 75th anniversary commemorating the end of World War II. Lynbrook will be hosting an intramunicipality Veteran's Day Parade on November 7th. Show your support for veterans by purchasing a novelty "War Bond" in the name of a family member or in honor of a family member who served. More information can be found on our website at www.lynbrookvillage.net or by calling 516-599-8300 ex. 201. After expenses, all proceeds will be donated to the United Veterans' Organization to administer an endowment for disburse-

ment to aid homeless veterans. Please join us in supporting this worthy cause.

All are welcome to celebrate with our veterans on November 7th. Parade step off is at 10 AM (rain or shine) and will commence on Merrick Road in Lynbrook from Ocean Avenue, heading west, turning left on Horton Avenue, ending in Greis Park. Event will feature armored vehicles, WWII re-enactors, marching bands, floats, food and entertainment. Attendees are expected to wear masks and social distance. Let's show how Lynbrook supports its heroes!

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Lynbrook News

Lynbrook Retains AA+ Bond Rating

Standard & Poors, the credit rating agency has reaffirmed Lynbrook's AA+ Bond Rating, maintaining our highest rating over the past 50 years. This comes amidst the

current financial pressures placed on municipalities during the COVID-19 pandemic. New York State establishes the maximum taxing power and debt limits for its municipalities.

When compared to all other cities and villages in New York State, Lynbrook reached 62% of its constitutional tax limit, and has exhausted less than 14% of its debt limit, making

Lynbrook a relatively low taxed, low debt community. Commercial property owners pay approximately 22% of the local tax.

Lynbrook's Bravest Provide Assistance

The Lynbrook FD participated in a joint training with the FDNY, Nassau Fire Marshals, and other local Fire Departments in a joint training to test a portion of the NYC mobilization and mutual aid plan. Fire companies, escorted by Nassau County Fire Communication units traveled into several parts of Brooklyn, to pair up with FDNY companies for the exercise. In the years following the attacks of 9/11, New York City and Nassau fire officials developed an extensive plan for the coordinated response of mutual aid units to a large disaster. The

plan calls out specific and predetermined locations to which Nassau fire companies would respond in the event the plan, or portion of the plan is activated. The exercise, which took place in April, tested part of the plan, which involved route familiarization, and hands on training with their counterparts. Members compared their protocols, guidelines, and equipment to insure a seamless joining of forces should the need arise to operate together at the scene of a fire. Many thanks to Lynbrook's Bravest for their participation and their service.



Photo: Nassau County Fire Communications

Lynbrook Floodlight and Command Vehicle 426 assisted in the coordination of the staging area.

Lynbrook Supports Our Police

While some communities have called for a defunding of its police departments, Lynbrook residents have proudly stepped up to show their support to police by through its Blue Ribbon Campaign. The campaign encourages supporters to place a blue ribbon on their home or business to show their support for the men and women in law enforcement. The ribbons can be displayed on trees, poles, railings, or wherever people can see

them.

"Our officers in Lynbrook reflect the very best of our communities and have dedicated their lives to protecting and serving our residents," Mayor Beach said. "I urge our residents to hang a blue ribbon on their home, or tree to show that we support law enforcement, and all that they do to keep us safe." Great job, Lynbrook! Let's see more of those ribbons!



Photo: Legislator Gaylor

Nassau County Legislator C. William Gaylor (center) presents Cathy Bien with a citation for her support of the Blue Ribbon Campaign. From left to right: Lynbrook Police Chief, Brian Paladino, Mayor Alan Beach, Gaylor, Bien, Lynbrook P.O. Jeremiah Quinlan.

Supporting Our Restaurants

Lynbrook continues to support "Al Fresco" dining at our village restaurants and Mayor Alan Beach and the village board are continuing their efforts to assist local businesses during these times. With weather permitting as we enter the fall season, Atlantic Avenue, between Stauderman and Merrick, will remain closed to vehicular traffic on Fridays and Saturdays from 5-10pm, enabling our restaurants to adhere to social distancing rules and meeting the demands of their clientele. Eat local, Lynbrook and keep our village a great place to play!



Photo: Lynbrook Village

Deputy Mayor Michael Hawxhurst and Shannon Kelly recently enjoyed dessert at A la Carte on Atlantic Avenue.