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Mayor's Message

These have certainly been trying times in our village, the greater metropolitan area and across the globe. Many of us have felt a mixture of emotions over the past couple months as our way of living has dramatically transformed in order to enable those in our hospitals and health care facilities on the front lines to battle the virus. They are supported by first responders ensuring the safety of our communities and by the essential workers keeping the basics of our economy functioning. Lynbrook is home to many of these workers and I join with all our residents in thanking them for all that they have done and continue to do.

We have also been doing our part here at Village Hall to ensure continuity of services while activating modified working arrangements in accordance with guidance from our federal and state partners. Our public works, fire, police, and various other departments have made the necessary accommodations to maintain operations in a safe and sound manner while ensuring most services can continue operating remotely or online. While we have unfortunately had to temporarily close our library and recreation programs that our residents take great pride in, we hope to have them running again soon when we meet the criteria for reopening.

We have been communicating with the Federal Emergency Management Agency on a weekly basis regarding reimbursement of Covid-19 related expenses to the village, as well as with Congresswoman Kathleen Rice, the Small Business Administration and officials from the Town of Hempstead and Nassau County. We are engaged with our local business community and focused on getting our business district reopen when permitted, while looking at ways to support them by fast-tracking certain accommodations, including outdoor dining, which commenced on June 12th.

The village has also supported state legislation to temporarily waive late fees on real estate taxes and enact federal programs to reimburse municipalities for lost revenue. Emergency budget provisions were adopted to minimize impacts to local taxes knowing that the coronavirus is resulting in lost revenues for our village. In addition to robo calls to our residents, we have rolled out a new website that features the latest information on village updates and have begun to broadcast our board meetings live on YouTube for those who are home-bound. As always, for any special accommodation and additional information residents are encouraged to call Village Hall at (516) 599-8300.



MAYOR ALAN C. BEACH

Despite the obvious health and economic impacts this crisis is having on our village and across our country, I have never been more proud to call Lynbrook home. Every day, I am amazed at the outpouring of support our residents have for each other, and the spirit of volunteerism and charity we exhibit for our neighbors and our community.

Lynbrook leads by example. Residents have stepped up to make homemade masks in bulk for our first responders, our Cares Committee volunteers have delivered meals and ran errands for many of our village's oldest citizens, a local food truck has setup shop in the parking lot of Village Hall to provide a free meal to all Lynbrook nurses, doctors and first responders as a way to say thanks, and as always, the Our Lady of Peace Food Pantry is open and serving those residents in need.

So while this will certainly be a year of hardships and sorrow because of illness, cancelled events and trips, and lost economic opportunities, I hope it's also a year where we will remember how we came together to overcome, and that we come back better than ever before.

Sincerely,



Lynbrook Mayor Alan Beach

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Lynbrook News

Board Passes 2020-2021 Village Budget

With the coronavirus pandemic consuming much of its attention for the past three months, on May 11th Mayor Alan Beach and the Lynbrook village board passed the 2020-2021 budget by a 4 to 1 vote. The \$43.1 million-dollar budget fell under the tax cap.

One year after passing the 2019-2020 budget that did not raise taxes for village residents, the 2020-2021 budget included a 2.25 percent tax increase. According to village officials, the tax increase was a direct result of a considerable loss in village revenues due

to the coronavirus pandemic. Initially, the board was faced with a \$44.5 million-dollar budget which would have resulted in raising village taxes by 9.4 percent.

With the sole intent to reduce any village tax increase in this unprecedented period, Mayor Beach and the board crafted a budget that cut spending and expenses that also applied funds from the village reserves. Expense reductions contained in the final budget included capital improvement costs and summer seasonal employees. However,

the budget assures that all existing services offered by the Lynbrook Library, Department of Public Works, Lynbrook Fire Department and the Lynbrook Police are continued through 2020-2021.

"The Coronavirus caused economic chaos not only for the Village of Lynbrook but more importantly for some of our residents with the possibility of loss of employment. As a result, Mayor Beach and the board's primary concern in the budget process was limiting any tax increase for our residents while ensuring the continuation of essential vil-

lage services at the highest quality level. While none of the board members wanted to cut seasonal summer hires which are basically Lynbrook kids or cutting back on the village's capital improvement program, the majority of the board wanted to pass a budget with the lowest possible tax increase in these troubling and uncertain times," stated Deputy Mayor Michael Hawxhurst who is also the Village Finance Liaison.

The one "nay" vote was from Trustee Hilary Becker.

Lynbrook Swears in its 100th Fire Chief

On April 21st, Mayor Alan Beach swore in Michael Brooks, who became the 100th Chief of the Lynbrook Fire Department. Chief Brooks assumes the leadership of the Department from outgoing Chief Nick Pearsall.

Brooks first joined the Lynbrook Fire Department as a Junior fireman in 1995 at the age of 13. Since joining Hose Company No. 1 in 2000, Brooks has served as captain for two terms. For the past three years, Brooks was elected assistant fire chief of the Lynbrook Fire Department.

Chief Brooks is married to his wife, Elizabeth and has two daughters, Allison and Sophia. Brooks is also a 16-year employee of the Lynbrook Department of Public Works. Chief Brooks comes from a family with a long history in the Lynbrook Fire Department including his grandfather, Walter Brooks, serving as Chief of the Fire Department in 1972.

Village Trustee Ann Marie Reardon, who serves as the Village Board Liaison to the Fire Department stated, "On behalf of the Mayor and the Board, as well as all of the residents of Lynbrook, I would not only like to congratulate Chief Brooks on becoming the 100th Fire Chief in the history of our village but I would also like to thank him and all of the volunteers of the LFD for their service and commitment to our community."

Along with Chief Brooks, Mayor Beach also swore in three assistant chiefs: First Assistant Chief John Donald of Truck Company, Second Assistant Chief Chris Kelly of Engine Company and the newest chief, Third Assistant Danny Ambrosio of Vulcan Company.

Chief Mike Brooks is Lynbrook's 100th Fire Chief

Photo: LI Herald Photo: Lynbrook Fire Department



Demolishing the Capri

After years of arrests for prostitution and drug possession including several drug overdose

deaths at or near the property, the Capri Motor Inn was demolished on June 15th. Replacing

the Capri will be the Cornerstone at Yorkshire, a Tutor-style apartment complex. The

estimated \$24 million, 80-unit project is scheduled to open in the Fall of 2021.



Mayor Alan Beach addresses spectators prior to demolition. From Left to Right: Trustee Rob Boccio, Mayor Alan Beach, Deputy Mayor Mike Hawxhurst, and Trustee Ann Marie Reardon



The demolition begins!

Lynbrook News

Honoring Our Heroes

Coronavirus prevented the village from hosting its yearly Memorial Day marching parade and ceremony but that did not stop Mayor Beach and village residents from honoring our military heroes. This year Mayor Beach and the

village board led a vehicle parade and conducted a small ceremony at the Doughboy Monument to remember the nation's war dead as well as to say thank you to all of our veterans for their service.



Grand Marshall U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Myriam Carpio-Hospedales prepares for the caravan with (from left to right) Lynbrook PD Chief Brian Paladino, Trustee Rob Boccio, Mayor Alan Beach, Trustee Ann Marie Reardon, and Deputy Mayor Mike Hawxhurst.



The Habert Family watches the caravan under the banner commemorating the service of Edward Habert. From left to right: Kerrie, Mia, Mike, and James Habert.

Remembering Alicemarie Bresnihan

On May 11th, Alicemarie Bresnihan passed away after a battle with cancer at age 85.

Alicemarie was a champion for all things Lynbrook since first being elected to the Lynbrook Board of Education in 1975. During her 45 years' tenure she served as both as a board member and as Board President, lobbying in Albany and Washington D.C. on behalf of the district as a member of the school board's Audit and Policy committees.



Photo: LI Herald / Lynbrook Schools

Alicemarie and her husband John moved to Lynbrook in 1959. They raised nine children all of whom graduated from Lynbrook High School, and was blessed with twenty-one grandchildren. Professionally, Alicemarie worked as a Nassau County Probation Officer retiring in 2003.

The Village recognized Alicemarie's commitment to Lynbrook and its children by naming her Citizen and Woman of the Year.

Former New York State Assemblyman and Lynbrook Mayor Brian Curran stated, "Alicemarie was one of the sweetest and kind hearted person I ever had the pleasure of meeting. She dedicated her life to ensuring that Lynbrook students received the very best education. She loved Lynbrook schools and every child that attended them. Lynbrook truly lost a big part of its community heart with Alicemarie's passing."

LFD loses One of Their Own

On April 18th, the Village of Lynbrook lost lifelong resident Charles Weiler. Charlie was 85 years old at the time of his passing.

After graduating St. Raymond's School and Lynbrook High School, Charlie joined the US Army and served in the Korean War. Upon returning, Charlie worked as a postal clerk in the Lynbrook Post Office, a driver for Louis Ohland Meats and a --- at Flinch & Bruns Funeral Home and Perry's Funeral Home. Charlie was also a regular bartender for many years at the Lynbrook Elks Club.

One may think Charlie was too busy for any volunteerism but nothing further could be from the truth. In 1952, Charlie joined the Lynbrook Fire Department where he was a member for 66 years. In that time, Charlie served as Captain of Vulcan & Hose Co., as well as warden and trustee of the LFD.

Charlie was married to Carole



Photo: LI Herald / Colleen O'Connor

Coonan for twenty-one years and is survived by his two daughters, Debbie and Christine, as well as his five grandchildren.

"Charlie Weiler personified Lynbrook. A family man who worked hard and had a huge heart. He loved this village and it was shown in everything he gave to this community. He will be missed," stated Mayor Beach.

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Coronavirus Recovery

Lynbrook Goes Out

Restaurants Open

Local business and restaurants are the fabric of our community. In an effort to jump start downtown businesses and residents' needs for a night out on the town, Atlantic Ave (between Stauderman and Merrick) is closed to vehicular traffic on Fridays and Saturdays from 5–10pm. June 12th marked the start of the

first weekend for "Al Fresco" dining on the Avenue. Be sure to check with your favorite local restaurant for available options.

With summer in full swing Mayor Alan Beach and the village board are taking steps to allow for street and parking lot closures that will enable businesses some additional capacity outdoors.

Movie Night

On May 23rd, the village board and Chamber of Commerce partnered to present Lynbrook's first ever drive-in movie experience with the screening of *The Greatest Showman*. A 40-by-50 tall inflatable screen was set up at Greis Park with cars parked in rows six feet from one

another: accommodating nearly 300 vehicles.

Many thanks to all those that made this possible including our Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Village Board, Chamber of Commerce, our Recreation, Public Works & Police Departments, the New Vision Party, and all the volunteers who helped out.



Date with Dad: Alan Kelly and his daughters enjoy dining on the Avenue!



Trustees Robert Boccio, AnnMarie Reardon, Mayor Alan Beach, President New Vision Party Laura Ryder, Deputy Mayor Michael Hawxhurst, LPD Chief Brian Paladino

Attn: COVID Antibody & Infection Testing

Throughout this summer, COVID-19 antibody and infection testing is available every Monday, Wednesday & Saturday between 8am and 5pm at Lynbrook's Greis Park. **Testing is covered under insurance. No co-pay charged.** To make an appointment, visit www.Baselineappointment.as.me/volrapid

Recreation Department

Let's work off "the coronavirus 15" with the Lynbrook Recreation Department! They have many virtual programs for adults and children to get you moving! Check out their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/LynbrookRecreationDepartment/

The Lynbrook Village Pool is open and operating under social distancing guidelines. The pool is open and you must register and pay in advance to enter the pool by time slots. To view the programs and register, visit <https://lynbrook.recdesk.com/Community/Program>

Summer Activities

Lynbrook Library

The virtual Summer Reading Club, "Imagine Your Story" is in full swing! Registration, reporting and programming is available 24/7. Visit www.lynbrooklibrary.org/summer-reading-2020/ for more information.

Lynbrook Library's new lobby service enables you to request items for pick up. Requests can be placed online at www.lynbrooklibrary.org through "My Account", via Live Chat on our webpage or call the library at (516) 599-8630, Monday—Friday from 10:00 am – 4:30 pm. A library team member will contact you when your items are available for pick up. .



Save the Date: Nov 7th Veteran's Day Parade & United Veterans' Organization Fundraiser

This year marks the 75th anniversary commemorating the end of World War II. Lynbrook will be hosting an intra-municipality

Veteran's Day Parade on Nov. 7th. Show your support for veterans by visiting the village website to purchase novelty

"War Bonds" in the name of a family or in honor of a family member who served. After expenses, all proceeds will be donated to the United Veterans' Organization to administer an

endowment for disbursement to aid the homeless veterans.