

# Lynbrook USA

## NEWSLETTER



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## Mayor's Message

Happy 2021! If you are like me and so many others, I am sure you are thrilled to wave goodbye to 2020 which was, in the mildest of descriptions, a trying, difficult, and for some tragic year. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families of Lynbrook residents who passed away in 2020 because of Covid or any other reason.

Even though 2020 may have been a year most of us would like to forget, I was never prouder and more honored to be the Mayor of this great village. Every day of the pandemic, the residents of this village showed strength, determination and resolve to continue forward and live their lives the best way they could under unimaginable circumstances. All the while, showing compassion and love for fellow Lynbrook residents and businesses hurt by Covid. I witnessed citizens checking on their neighbors who were at risk; patrons raising money for their favorite local businesses that are fighting to remain open; and Lynbrook families making medical masks and donating them to local hospitals and first responders as they serve on the front line of this disease. Inspiring is not a strong enough word to describe the character and actions of the residents of Lynbrook over the past year.

In the new year, our Village faces challenges as a result of Covid. We must rebuild and fully reopen our downtown and assist our struggling local businesses. We must also



MAYOR ALAN BEACH

help our fellow residents whose lives have been altered due to the pandemic whether it is health reasons or economic effects. But like all past challenges, Lynbrook and all of its residents will face them head on and together we will overcome them.

The new year has already brought a few unexpected surprises in the form of heavy winter storms and dangerous snowfalls. I want to thank the men and women of the Lynbrook Department of Public Works that did an outstanding job clearing the snow and making the paths and roadways of Lynbrook safe for all residents. The hard work and commitment of the Lynbrook DPW often gets overlooked and taken for granted. So, thank you!

Finally, the new year also brings a village election on March 16th, 2021. This year's election is for two trustee positions and the Village Justice. I encourage everyone to vote in this year's election. It provides you with an opportunity to have your voice through your vote be heard on the future of our village. Polls will be located at Greis Park Recreation Center and will be open from 7:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M.

So, we look forward to the endless possibilities and opportunities that awaits Lynbrook and all of its residents in 2021. I wish everyone a happy, prosperous and, most importantly, healthy 2021. It is going to be a great year!

Regards,

Lynbrook Mayor Alan Beach

### Village Board Election:

**Tuesday, March 16**

**7am – 9pm @Greis Park**

**Recreation Center**

**Results to be posted on-  
line at LynbrookVillage.  
net and on Lynbrook-TV  
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# Lynbrook News

## Remembering Mari Hansen

On Monday, January 25, 2021, Mari Hansen, known to many who loved her as Gaga, passed away at age 98. For 47 years, students and their parents knew her as the caring and humorous crossing guard who faithfully guided them across the intersection of Merrick Road and Niemann Avenue until she retired at age 93.

Mari was born on March 2, 1922 in Rjukan, Norway. She moved from Norway to Brooklyn, New York in 1946 and married Arthur Hansen, formally of Farsund, Norway. Together they raised three children, Gary, Gail, and Sharon in Lynbrook.

She was known for her strength, caring and compassionate spirit, and quick sense of humor. She loved spending time with her children, the late Gail Hansen, Sharon and Eddie Hughes, and Gary and



**Mari Hansen**

Nancy Hansen; her grandchildren, Melissa and Chad Hughes, Danny and Jackie Hansen, Scott and Dianna Tortorici, the late Keith Hughes, Brian and Jane Hughes, and Kelli and Rob Von Bargen; and her great-grandchildren, Kylie, Blake, Connor, Brandon, Ryan, and Liam; in addition to many friends and family both in New York and in Norway.

## Remembering James Deliver

James "Jimmy" Deliver, passed away on September 18, 2020. Jimmy spent his working life as a truck driver, but will be remembered in Lynbrook for his dedication to the Lynbrook Fire Department, serving as a 29-year life member of Tally-Ho Chemical Engine #3. Upon joining the LFD in October, 1991, Jimmy worked his way up in the ranks, becoming a company chauffeur and working with several company and department committees. In 2000, he was elected 2nd Lt, then 1st Lt in 2002. In 2004 he was elected Captain of Tally-Ho. Eventually Jimmy was elected as company warden and council member in 2010.

He was pre-deceased by his parents Al and Carole Deliver and is survived by his brother Michael, wife Erin, niece Kaitlyn, and nephew Ryan from Mastic Beach.



*Photo by: Lynbrook Fire Department*  
**James Deliver**

He is also survived by his sister Lisa Graff, and her husband John from Lynbrook.

## Lynbrook World War II Veteran Honored on His Birthday



*Photo: Steve Grogan*

Mayor Alan Beach, third from left, joins with veterans, from left to right, Lynbrook American Legion member and former village trustee Steve Grogan, Rockville Centre American Legion's Frank Colon, William Vogric, Lynbrook Marine Corp Leagues' Len Goldstein, and Lynbrook American Legion Commander Bill Marinaccio

On January 19th Lynbrook firefighters on their fire trucks and Lynbrook police officers in their patrol cars, with lights and sirens, drove down Vine Street to honor World War II veteran and long-time Lynbrook resident William Vogric who was celebrating his 93rd birthday. Also on hand outside to watch the birthday parade was members of the Vogric family as well as Lynbrook Mayor Alan Beach and a group of veterans from Lynbrook's America Legion Post, the Marine Corp League, and the RVC American Legion.



*Photo: Steve Grogan*

Lynbrook fire and police vehicles drive down Vine Street on Sunday to celebrate the 93rd Birthday of WWII veteran William Vogric, right, who waves back to the first responders.

## LFD Rescues Resident from Burning Home



*Photo: Steve Grogan*

**LFD performs CPR on house fire victim**

Thanks to the efforts of the brave members of the Lynbrook Fire Department, a resident is in recovery following a house fire in the early morning of February 21st.

Fire was blowing out of a basement window at the Shpherd Avenue home, and the LFD was advised that someone may still be in the basement.

Working together, Chief of Department Michael Brooks, Third Assistant Chief Danny Ambrosio, and First Assistant Chief John Donald as well as Truck Company's Captain James DiGiambattista, Ex-Captain Scott Bien, and Firefighter James Merkel were able to remove the unconscious victim from the basement and pass the victim to the care of Medical Company personnel.

EMT/Ex Captain Janice Germain immediately began CPR with the assistance of EMT/Captain Kaitlin Curran and EMT/Lieutenant Kacie Curran.

The victim was transported to South Nassau Hospital



*Photo: Steve Grogan*

**LFD rescues fire victim**

by Lynbrook's ambulance with the assistance of Northwell Health Paramedic while members of Engine 1 extinguished the fire.



# Lynbrook News

## Police Awards

On January 6th, members of Lynbrook’s Finest were recognized by Mayor Beach, the Lynbrook Village Board, and Police Chief Brian Paladino for their outstanding work in making Lynbrook a safer place to live, work, and play. Below are illustrations of the bravery, quick thinking, professionalism, and enthusiasm that the Lynbrook Police Department personifies each and every day.

**Police Officer Chris Lopez: recipient of a Certificate of Exceptional Duty, four Letters of Recognition, and two Certificates of Merit**

Thanks to Officer Lopez’ remarkable work in assisting or investigating illicit drug activity at several Lynbrook residences, drug activity has ceased at three homes.

Additionally, he was awarded for observing a drug transaction where he was able to arrest the customer of a drug dealer. From that arrest, and with the assistance of Detective Harrison, Officer Lopez was able to obtain information from the arrestee that enabled him to name, identify, and locate the drug dealer and arrest him, hours later.

He also showed exemplary bravery when he helped remove a resident from a fire on Smith St.

Finally, Officer Lopez was also recognized for a car stop initiated when he witnessed both the driver and passenger of a vehicle smoking from a marijuana cigarette. After a brief conversation and a pat down for weapons as an officer safety measure, Officer Lopez noticed a black back pack on the passenger side of the vehicle. He was given permission by the occupants of the vehicle to look into the bag. As he did this, the passenger fled causing a shutdown and search for the fleeing passenger in the area. Moments later Officer Lopez got a chance to look into the bag where he recovered a black Ruger 9MM hand gun. The driver was placed under arrest for this and the passenger who was able to be identified still remains at large.

**Police Officer Jean James: recipient of two Letters of Recognition**

Officer James came to the aid of a female who was having difficulty breathing in a vehicle that was pulled over on Merrick Rd. Upon observing her condition, Officer James recognized that she was having an allergic reaction to something and administered a dose of epinephrine to her, providing her with immediate relief. Ambulance and hospital both commended Officer James on his diagnosis of the patient and his choice to administer the epinephrine.

Additionally, Officer James was assigned and first to respond to a medical aided case for a female choking at a private residence. Upon arriving, he found the woman lying on the floor, in a supine position, not breathing, with an apparent airway blockage. Officer James immediately identified the problem, scooped her off of the floor and administered multiple Heimlich abdominal thrusts causing the woman to expel a brussels sprout out of her throat. Thus, saving the woman’s life.

**Police Officer Kevin Hoffman: Lifesaving Award**

A trip to the movies for a father and his children turned traumatic as during the movie the 48-year old became unconscious. Audience members jumped into action and performed CPR. Soon after, Police Officers Kevin Hoffman and Jeff Burke took over the CPR and proceeded to deliver three shocks to the aided person’s heart from their AED. The gentleman was transported to the hospital where he made a full recovery.

**Police Officer Robert Meier: Letter of Recognition**

In late February/early March 2018 reports of graffiti, specifically the word “SERP” and a picture of a snake were spray painted on walls at several locations in Lynbrook.

On June 14th 2019, Officer Meier, while investigating a burglary observed the tag “SERP” spray painted on a wall in the rear yard of the property. Subsequently an interview was conducted with a young man who revealed a full confession to the all of the aforementioned graffiti incidents. He was placed under arrest for these crimes.

**Police Officers Brandon Lavista and Robert Campagna: Letter of Recognition**

There are always be individuals looking to make a quick buck from stolen merchandise, and larcenies from vehicles are an easy way to do just that. On the night of December 19, 2019, Officer Lavista, along with some other members of the overnight tour came upon a suspicious male trying a door handle of a car on Surrey Commons. The subject fled and was subdued approximately 15 minutes later on Northumberland Gate where he resisted arrest, injuring two of Lynbrook’s Finest in the struggle. Police Officer Lavista skillfully affected the arrest of the individual and recovered property stolen from numerous residences.

Also, on the same night Officer Campagna, along with fellow officers, found a male subject stealing items from cars in the Yorkshire section of the village. The subject, after being stopped, fled and was recaptured a few blocks away. When Officer Campagna attempted to arrest the individual, he began to fight him and the other officers, injuring two of them. He was eventually subdued and the stolen property was recovered and given back to their rightful owners.

**Sgt. Anthony Falsitta: Letter of Recognition and a Certificate of Merit**

While he was still a Police Officer, Sgt. Falsitta arrived at the scene of a vehicle that struck a tree on the shoulder of the westbound side of Sunrise Highway, he found the driver unconscious and unresponsive at the wheel, with the vehicle still running. In order to render aide to the man, Falsitta had to break the passenger window. He then discovered thousands of dollars in cash as well as illegal drugs throughout the vehicle and it was apparent that the driver was in the midst of a drug overdose. Narcan was immediately administered and the man regained consciousness. He was then transported to the hospital and was processed for arrest.

**Additionally, Sgt. Falsitta led his men in assisting the victim of a house fire on Smith St. Police officers, along with Mayor Beach removed the resident from his home, which was fully engulfed in flames.**

**Police Officers Peter Festa, Derek Buonora, Jon Stawinski: Letter of Recognition**

On Wednesday, November 27, 2019 a serious car crash occurred on Sunrise Hwy near the intersection of Reyam Rd. Upon their arrival, Lynbrook Police Officers Peter Festa, Derek Buonora, and Jon Stawinski found a severely injured female, who witnesses said had just driven her sedan at a high rate of speed into the back of a box truck, lying in the left lane of west bound Sunrise Hwy just feet from her vehicle. She had just been extricated from her car by civilians seconds earlier. Recognizing that the crash scene was quickly deteriorating (because the sedan had just caught fire) and understanding that, without immediate medical attention, this woman was about to die, the trio lifted the victim together, moved her to a safe distance from the crash site, out of vehicle traffic and began medical lifesaving measures. Within moments, they were relieved by Northwell Ambulance and Lynbrook Fire Department personnel. They then went to work making enabling stopped traffic to flow again. As soon as the scene began to stabilize, Officer Stawinski was assigned to South Nassau Hospital and guard the patient, as is normal in a situation when someone is likely to die. He was met by the husband of the seriously injured woman, and took it upon himself to comfort him and act as a liaison between him and the medical staff. When the woman was transferred to Northwell Hospital in Manhasset to undergo specialized surgery, Officer Stawinski drove the distraught husband to Northwell and again situated him and comforted him at the hospital. Right now, the female victim is alive and rehabilitating in the hospital all thanks to the quick and decisive action of the civilians, police officers, and members of the Lynbrook Fire Department



# Lynbrook News

## Upcoming Lynbrook Village Recreation Programs

Follow the Lynbrook Recreation Center Facebook or visit [Lynbrook.RecDesk.com](http://Lynbrook.RecDesk.com) for the latest programs being offered, including registration.

### Greis Park Preschool:

September 13, 2021 – June 10, 2022

Registration for Fall 2021 has begun! Four-year-old program will be held Monday – Friday 8:45am – 11:45am.

### Village Pool:

Due to the fluidity of the pandemic, details of the 2021 pool season are currently under review. Tentative dates of operation are May 22nd through September

6th (operating weekends only through June 21st).

### Adult Canvas Painting Class:

Mondays @ 9am – 12noon; \$14.50 per class

Create your very own original masterpiece with instructor Joan Lazarus. All students must bring their own paintbrushes, canvas, and canvas stand.

### Zumba:

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays (times vary); \$4.50 per class

Great music, great people! Join us as we burn calories without even realizing it!

## Lynbrook Library

Our library is open for browsing (including Sundays to assist with those Monday morning deadlines)! Hours of operation are as follows:

Monday/Wednesday/Thursday: 10am – 1pm; 2pm – 5pm; 6pm – 9pm

Tuesdays: 2pm – 5pm; 6pm – 9pm

Friday/Saturday: 10am – 1pm; 2pm – 5pm

Sundays: 12pm – 4pm

Catch the Creativebug! We've partnered with CreativeBug.com to present online art and craft video classes taught by design experts and artists. Grab your library card and visit <https://www.creativebug.com/lib/lynbrooklibrary> to find a project you'll love!

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## Outside Sports Programs

We can't wait to get together and play! Check out the websites of Lynbrook's outside sports programs for updated information on their respective seasons.

Lynbrook Little League: <http://www.lynbrooklittleleague.com/site/>  
Lynbrook / E. Rockaway Soccer Club: <http://lilybrookrockaway.sportssignup.com/site/>

Lynbrook Roller Hockey: <http://www.leaguelineup.com/welcome.asp?url=lynbrookrollerhockey>

Lynbrook Titans Football: <https://www.lynbrooktitansfootball.com/>



Photo: Lynbrook Herald  
*Rec Center fun!*

## Spring Cleaning

Lynbrook Public Works knows you are ready to begin your spring cleaning, and they're here to provide you with the guidance needed to keep your home (and Lynbrook) clean and green!

- Recycle! Separate cardboard from other recyclables.
- Call 516-599-8838 for special

bulk pick-up by appointment.

- Avail of the Town of Hempstead's E-Cycle & Shredding services and S.T.O.P collection for disposing computer and electronic products as well as hazardous materials. Call 516-378-4210 for schedules and guidelines.

## New Businesses

Now more than ever it is important to support local businesses. Join us as we welcome these new establishments to Lynbrook!

**The Artisan:** 379 Sunrise Highway Burgers, wings, fries, and shakes

**Halal Express:** 47 Atlantic Avenue Gyro, halal, sandwiches and wraps

**Prime 39:** 39 Atlantic Avenue Steak, seafood

**Donzi's Kitchen:** 88a Atlantic Avenue Crepes, sandwiches, panini

**GEICO Insurance:** 475 Sunrise Highway



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