

# Lynbrook USA

## NEWSLETTER



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## Mayor's Message

How many times over the past year and half have you heard the term, "When we get back to normal"? Well here in Lynbrook, you won't hear it again because we are back! But not to normal, the village is back and better than before. Our downtown is fully open with restaurants and shops operating at full steam. The Lynbrook Movie Theatre is open and attracting people to spend time and enjoy pre and post showtime activities in our downtown. New businesses are opening throughout the village.

Programs at the Recreation Center as well as the Lynbrook Library are

in full swing, with activities available for all ages and interests. The Lynbrook Pool and Sprinkler Park is open and operating for all residents to enjoy. Plus, we are prepping for fall events including the return of the Concert for Wounded Warriors on September 25th and Lynbrook Oktoberfest on October 2nd.

So, I encourage everyone to get out there and enjoy their free time in Lynbrook. After a year of waiting for normal to return, the time is now to live and enjoy life to its fullest and there is no better place to do it than in Lynbrook.



MAYOR ALAN BEACH

Regards,

Lynbrook Mayor Alan Beach

### Mark Your Calendars!

**August 16 At 7 P.M.**

Village Board Meeting

**September 20 At 7 P.M.**

Village Board Meeting

**September 25 At 4 P.M.**

Concert for Wounded Warriors

**October 2 At 2 P.M.**

Lynbrook Oktoberfest

### Holiday Sanitation Schedule

Labor Day Week

Monday, September 6, 2021

No trash collection

Monday's garbage & recycling will be picked up on Tuesday

Tuesday's garbage & recycling will be picked up on Wednesday

Wednesday, NO YARD WASTE

## Greenfield Helps Get Green Light

Thank you to Lynbrook's favorite "citizen/taxpayer" Jeff Greenfield for his efforts in securing a Safe Streets grant for more than \$3 million to fund the redevelopment of the intersection of Merrick Road and Ocean Avenue in Lynbrook. As every Lynbrook resident knows, the intersection has been a consistent source of haz-

ardous traffic conditions for many, many years. The upgrade to the traffic light signal system includes increasing the left-turn lane to two lanes on the south-bound Ocean and adding one on the northbound side, and adding crosswalk countdown clocks in the intersection. The project should be completed on or around to Labor Day.



Jeff Greenfield with Mayor Beach

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## Feather Factory Update



During their June 7th meeting, the Lynbrook village board voted unanimously to approve plans to build a 201-unit apartment complex at the site of the former Man-

grove Feather factory at the corner of Broadway and Saperstein Plaza at the LIRR Station. This project is 15 years in the making after a series of debates and failed proposals

on what to do with the eyesore.

Developers hosted two separate community meet-and-greets with residents in April to provide details on the site and address any questions or concerns. A public hearing was also held in May where the project received mostly favorable reviews.

The complex, expected to cost between \$90 million and \$100 million, will be a five-story building, with 55 studio apartments, 111 one-bedroom units and 35 two-bedrooms. Additionally, 10% of the units will be designated as affordable workforce housing, which includes those who are not typically eligible for affordable housing programs.

Trustee Robert Boccio called it

a “tremendous opportunity and a massive investment,” that will help local businesses, while Trustee Laura Ryder said, “I believe this proposal brings a lot of opportunities to Lynbrook, to get rid of that terrible eyesore, which has been a blight on our downtown, and to be able to replace it with a state-of-the-art, upscale, tax-generating building.”

The plan now needs approval from the Nassau County Department of Public Works and fire marshal before it can move forward. It will take about six to eight months to raze the building and two years to build the new complex.

“It’s been a very, very long journey,” Mayor Alan Beach said, “We’re in the right direction.”

## Join Code Red

Mayor Beach reminds you to enroll in the rapid emergency notification service, CodeRED. CodeRED is used in emergency situations where it is important to get the most accurate information out to the public for decisive actions as they relate to conditions we may be experiencing. This service can be used in case of fires,

chemical spills, lock downs, downed power lines, missing persons, natural disasters, abductions, water system problems, bomb threats, or other emergencies. Calls can be geographically targeted for localized messaging. By registering, you’ll be added to the emergency call list. There is also an option to enroll in nonemergency notifications. It is important for Village residents and businesses customers to register, especially if they use unlisted numbers, cell phones, or VOIP. Those who do not register their address and phone number may not be notified with CodeRED in the case of an emergency. Registration is confidential, free, and easy. Visit <https://www.lynbrookvillage.net/code-red/> for more information and to enroll today!



## Code Enforcement Watch! - Illegal Apt's

The Lynbrook Building Department continues to enforce its illegal apartment laws and is upholding a 100 percent conviction rate against those in violation. Penalties begin at \$4,500 for first time offenders and rise drastically if the property is not brought into compliance. Any additional violations while investigating the property are cited as well. Investigation methods utilized by the Village include the daily use of special plainclothes inspectors during the eve-

ning, search internet listings and weekend inspections. “Illegal apartments pose a definite hazard, as they often don’t meet fire, building or plumbing standards, and increase pressure on local police, fire and ambulance services,” commented Mayor Alan Beach. “Additionally, they unfairly shift the school tax burden to property owners and the Village simply won’t stand for it. We will continue to prosecute offenders to the full extent of the law,” the Mayor added.

## Sanitation Alert

The Lynbrook Department of Public Works has encountered an alarming amount of improperly disposed of medical and animal waste. Any and all medical waste involving radiation treatment or hypodermic needles must be disposed of by special handlers. Animal waste must be double bagged. It is a violation of environment regulations to dispose of in sewers or in storm drains. For more information, contact the DPW at 516-599-8838

## Mark Your Calendar

### •Concert for Wounded Warriors & Oktoberfest 2021

The Lynbrook Fire Department will host their annual concert for Wounded Warriors to benefit Nassau County Operation Wounded Warrior on September 25th at Greis Park. The cost of admission is a \$20 donation and food will be available free of charge. Exciting raffle prizes

will be available, including two round-trip tickets to anywhere JetBlue Airways flies. For more information, please contact former LPD Chief Kevin Bien at 516-993-6074.

On October 2nd, Lynbrook’s Oktoberfest will return to Greis Park! Get ready for another great day of food, games, beer, vendors, raffles and entertainment for the whole family! More information to follow soon!

## Reach Out for Help

During times of special counseling needs, families can be stressed and unprepared to deal with various crises that may arise. To accommodate these situations, the Village Board has continued its partnership with LINK Counseling Center, a division of Long Beach Reach, to provide confidential counseling and referral services to residents. For additional information visit <https://longislandreach.org/lynbrook>



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## Nassau County's Legionnaire of the Year



American Legion Photo

Steve Grogan, second from left, receives congratulations and a plaque from outgoing Nassau County Commander Al Ficalora, left, as Lynbrook Post 335 Commander Bill Marinaccio, second from right, and newly elected Nassau County Commander Pat Alesia, join in.

Former Village Trustee Steve Grogan, a Vietnam-era veteran and a member of Lynbrook American Legion Post 335, has been named Nassau County's Legionnaire of the Year for 2020-2021 at the American Legion's Nassau County Committee's annual convention held in June. Each year, one veteran member of Nassau County's 52 American Legion Posts receives the award for their dedication to their post, their community

and the American Legion. Grogan, the Lynbrook Post's Historian and writer has researched and written a number of stories about the history of the Post. He was also honored for his work in helping our wounded warriors as vice-chairman of Nassau County Firefighters Operation Wounded Warrior, a charity formed in 2004. Grogan is also a 53-year member of the Lynbrook Fire Department and is an Ex-Captain and Honorary Chief.

## Former Lynbrook Village Justice John O'Connor Passes

O'Connor and his wife, Ann, raised 10 children together, and he practiced law for more than 40 years. He graduated from St. Francis College and St. John's Law School, and became a senior partner at his firm.

In addition to serving as Lynbrook village justice, O'Connor also worked as a Nassau County Judicial Hearing officer. He was an active parishioner at Our Lady of Peace Parish in Lynbrook and an ardent fundraiser for the Oblate Sisters and Mercy Hospital in Rockville Centre.

Irish to the core, O'Connor was an active member of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick.

He was predeceased by Ann and

five siblings, including his recently departed twin, James. He is survived by his 10 children, Rosemary (Jack),

Robert (Paula), Damian (Erin), Terrence (Maureen), Sheila (Tim), Deirdre (Jodi), Patrice (Pleasant), Maura (Dan), Aileen (Jim) and Annmarie (Paul), and many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

O'Connor's wake was June 30 at Flinch & Bruns Funeral

Home in Lynbrook, and his funeral Mass was set for July 1, after the Herald went to press, at Our Lady of Peace Church. In lieu of flowers, his family requests that donations be made to the OLP Parish Social Ministry, 25 Fowler Ave., Lynbrook, 11563.



## Grand Openings



Ageless Media Spa and Wellness Center: 939 Sunrise Highway



Prime 39: 39 Atlantic Avenue



Philly Pretzel Factory: 118 Broadway



Elite Martial Arts and Fitness: 147 Sunrise Highway

## Accolades to NCPD Commissioner Patrick J. Ryder

Since 2018, former Lynbrook resident Patrick J. Ryder has served as commissioner of the Nassau County Police Department. He recently completed his 34th year in law enforcement, serving the last 32 years with the Nassau County Police Department. His police department, of about 2,400 members is the 13th largest in the country.

A graduate of Lynbrook High School, Patrick and his family have deep roots in Lynbrook. Most currently, his sister-in-law Laura Ryder is serving as a village trustee. "There is not enough room in this newsletter to list the accomplishments and service that members of the Ryder family have had in the community over the decades," Mayor Beach said.

Throughout his career, Patrick Ryder has implemented a

number of life-saving programs and initiatives that helped ensure officer and public safety. These include the NCPD's Real-

Time Intelligence (RTI) system; the R.E.A.C.H. Program; the Civilian Intelligence Analyst Program; the creation of the Counter-Terrorism Unit, Think Tank, and the Department's Criminal Intelligence Rapid Response Team (CIRRT). Together

these initiatives have brought crime in Nassau County to historic lows, allowing residents to enjoy the lowest crime rate for a city its size in the United States.

As commissioner, he has been working across Nassau's diverse communities through outreach programs. Ryder stated, "My entire adult life has been dedicated to law enforcement and building trust in our communities."





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## Meet Trustee Ann Marie Reardon

Ms. Reardon was appointed to the Lynbrook Village Board on June 1, 2015. Ann Marie is a graduate of Kellenberg Memorial High School, received an Associate Degree from Nassau Community College in Liberal Arts and a Bachelor and Master Degrees in Social Work from Adelphi University.

Ann Marie was active in the OLP Parents Association (PA) for the past 7 years and was the Co-President of the PA (for three years) and also served as its treasurer. She also assisted with many different event and fundraiser run by OLP School and Parish and has been a Parent Volunteer for the OLP Marching band. She is an active member for 4 years on the committee for Christopher's Hemophilia Benefit Dinner (Christopher's Crew) to benefit the National Hemophilia Foundation.

Ann Marie is married to Keith Reardon since October 1999 and is the mother to four children, James, Keith, Matthew and Grace.

**Q:** Why did you decide to run for village government?

**A:** Let me tell you, I never once thought that I would enter the world of politics and run for elected office. That's probably because, as my husband would tell you, I have always been very willing to take a stand and voice my opinion regardless of whether it is a popular position or not. In today's world, it is sometimes difficult to find an elected official who take a stand on a position that is based on the best interest of the people they represent and not their own personal interest. So, when the opportunity to run for the Village Board arose, I wanted to be a part of the future of this wonderful village that I owned a home and was raising my family. Honestly, I have not regret that decision for a moment in the past six years.

**Q:** We understand that you are active on a number of village committees and serve as a liaison to a number of community organizations, including the following:

Northeast Quadrant Liaison; Village Clerk Office and Court; Insurance Liaison; Village Fire Department; CSEA (DPW)/UPSEU; Village Police Department; Lynbrook School Liaison; Liaison to Lynbrook Boys & Girls Scouts; Lynbrook Business Improvement District; Lynbrook Celebrations; Lynbrook Senior Citizen Committee; Liaison to Lynbrook Beautification Committee;

Which of these stand out and why?

**A:** Absolutely all of them. I love being involved in all of them and it would be impossible to choose one over another. I am so proud to be liaison to the Lynbrook Police and Fire Department. The men and women of these two organizations are a major reason why Lynbrook is the safest village to raise a family. At the same time, the sense of encouragement in the future that I get each time I work with the Lynbrook Boys and Girls Scouts, as well the school district, is unbelievable. And call me pathetic as my kids often do but I look forward every year to spring to lead the beautification committee of our village. I believe downtown Lynbrook has never looked better and I get an overwhelming feeling of pride every summer when I see the plantings and hanging flowers everywhere making Lynbrook the most beautiful village in Nassau County. I love all my committees and I wouldn't trade any one of them for something else.

**Q:** Any achievements you feel especially proud of?

**A:** I am so proud to be part of this Village Board at this moment in

time. Under Mayor Beach and this Village Board, Lynbrook is experiencing a historic revitalization that it desperately needed. We are seeing new development projects like the Cornerstone that replaced the decade old problem of the Capri Motor Inn. The Village Board is working on a new development project that will result in the tearing down of the decades old eye sore Feather Building and serve as a new hub for our downtown area. Lynbrook just witnessed the renovation of the Lynbrook train station, as well as the rehabilitation of every park in Lynbrook including the installation of a brand-new turf field at Greis Park. Everyday, Lynbrook is becoming even a greater place to live and raise a family and I am proud to be a part of the Village board that is making it happen.

**Q:** Anything you would like to change?

**A:** Hey, like every other homeowner in Lynbrook, I would love to see some property tax relief. I understand that the majority of every Lynbrook property tax bill is school, town and county tax and not the village. Regardless, I think it is incumbent for me and the other members of the Lynbrook Village Board to take the steps required to be in a position to stabilize, freeze or reduce the village tax bill for every household. Those steps include growing the tax base, reducing needless spending and engaging in private/public and multi-government cost sharing programs and initiatives. The Village Board, particularly Mayor Alan Beach, has been extremely successful in expanding our village tax base by attracting and securing new development in the Village that increases our tax base. At the same time, the Village board has controlled and minimized spending. All of these actions have resulted in the Village Board stabilizing village taxes. The last five annual budgets aver-

aged only a 1.6% increase. While that is a good record, I would like to do more to position the Village for multi-year tax freeze. We have to recognize that homeowners are getting squeezed to the point that they can't take it anymore and we, not just the village but the school district, town and county, have to do something about it and not just pay lip service to the problem.

**Q:** What village projects would you like to see completed in the coming years?

**A:** That's easy, I want to see the Feather Factory knocked down and a new development in its place. A project that will serve as a centerpiece of our downtown. A project that not only help the village as ethically but also financially by expanding our tax base to lighten the tax load on our home owners.

**Q:** Many residents don't fully understand the job and obligations of being a Village Board member. We asked Deputy Mayor Mike Hawxhurst how he managed a full-time job and family life. How do you manage all of your responsibilities?

**A:** With four kids, a husband and a fulltime job at Kellenberg High School, it's not easy. But my life is no different than any other Lynbrook mom. I know that I am bias but I look around and I am amazed by the young moms of this village and what they accomplish every day. I see them at PTA Meetings, Little League games, school drop offs and pickups, Boys Scouts, Girls Scouts- you name it, the Lynbrook mom is there and that is only one day's schedule. Even more impressive than the daily managing of family life, is the way I have seen the moms of this village rally and support one another in tough and difficult times. So, the short answer is that I am no different than any other Lynbrook Mom- just my schedule includes fitting in a job that I absolutely love in a village that I adore.



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