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Mayor's Message

At the beginning of each village newsletter, it has been the practice of the Mayor to include a message which is overwhelmingly positive and happy. However, anyone that has been paying attention to news events realizes that our country and state is experiencing a difficult period that is affecting every individual and family. Whether it is the increase in crime, gas, food prices or inflation, families are having a tough time. To pen a message that does not acknowledge and recognize that fact would be out of touch with what Lynbrook residents are truly experiencing.

So instead of ignoring the reality of the moment, let me tell you briefly what I, along with the Village Board, doing to alleviate some of the concerns and pressures being experienced by Lynbrook families. Here in Lynbrook, unlike many areas in the rest of New York State, crime has remained extremely low. That is due to the hard work and commitment of Police Chief Brian Paladino and our Police Department. Keeping the residents of Lynbrook safe is the Village Board's main responsibility. One that we will not fail at.

Regarding finances, it is, and has always been, the Village Board's intention to run

Lynbrook like a successful business where we provide excellent services at the lowest cost. With that goal in mind, the Village Board recently passed its yearly budget and despite increased operating costs, we approved a budget that was under the Tax Cap. Rest assured that as the year progresses, the Village will continue to seek ways to lower our costs whether it be securing grants, cutting spending or implementing new procedures that will save the tax payer money.

I would be remiss in not reminding people that we live in a special community where neighbors help neighbors, checking on each other to ensure they are safe and have what they need. For those who are experiencing hardships, there are resources available to assist, including the Community Chest and Lynbrook Cares.

Let me conclude with this, these difficult times, will be behind us soon. Here in Lynbrook, we will get through it just like we have in the past, together. That's what makes Lynbrook such a special place to live.

Regards,

Lynbrook Mayor Alan Beach



MAYOR ALAN BEACH

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Thank You for Your Service



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This year, Emergency Medical Company celebrates 30 years of keeping Lynbrook safe. Ex-Captain Kaitlin Curran was honored at their April 1st anniversary party.

Thank you, Captain for your leadership and thank you to the entire Emergency Medical Company team for your service to our village.



Photo: Village of Lynbrook: Lynbrook PD Chief Paladino & Officer Messina

Congratulations to Lynbrook PD Officer Messina who received the M.A.D.D. Award during the Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) annual awards ceremony in April. P.O. Messina's DWI arrests has helped save the lives of many and we thank him for his service and congratulate him on his award.

Man of the Year



Photo: Village of Lynbrook

Congratulations to Lynbrook Police Department Chief Brian Paladino on receiving the Man of the Year award during the recent St. Mary's Maris/Stella Knights of Columbus Communion Breakfast.

Greenfield's Corner



Photo: Village of Lynbrook

Lynbrook business owner and Jeff Greenfield is presented with an honorary sign in recognition of his work secure a \$3.2 million grant to make safety improvements at the intersection of Ocean Avenue and Merrick Road. "Greenfield Corner" will be dedicated at Rocklyn Avenue and Merrick Road.

Eggs-elent Fun!

A great time was had by all at the 2022 Lynbrook Easter Egg Hunt. Children from across the village

took to Greis Veterans Memorial Park for not only the egg hunt, but to play games, build crafts, and get their photo with the Easter Bunny. Mayor Beach and the Village Board was joined by former Mayor Curran to kick off the festivities. Special thanks to everyone at the Lynbrook Recreation Department for making this event a success.



Photo: Village of Lynbrook

Welcome to Lynbrook



Photo: Village of Lynbrook

On June 9th, Mayor Beach, Trustees, Department Heads, and the Chamber of Commerce welcomed new residents with information about all of the wonderful things our beautiful village has to offer.

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The Key to Our Hearts

According to the American Red Cross, every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood. Lynbrook High School's Key Club

organized an April blood drive at Greis Park collecting over 88 pints of blood. Thank you for helping to save lives.



Photos: Village of Lynbrook

2022 Girl Scouts Awards



Congratulations to Lynbrook residents Amelia Doyle and Colette Doyle, Girl Scouts of Nassau County 2022 Gold Award Recipients.

Getting Roller Hockey Ready

Our Lynbrook DPW not only helps keep our village looking good but it makes places like Greis Veterans Memorial Park a world-class facility. Here our DPW team constructs the boards around the new surface.



Photo: Village of Lynbrook

Always Remember

Each year, the internationally recognized date for Holocaust Remembrance Day corresponds to the 27th day of Nisan on the Hebrew calendar. It marks the anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Up-

rising. During the April 4th Board Meeting, the village recognized Holocaust Remembrance Day with Interim Rabbi Dennis Ross from Temple Am Echad and President Warren Cooper.



Photo: Village of Lynbrook

Happy Birthdays

Mayor Beach and Trustee Ryder celebrated Lynbrook Senior Club President Rose McKee's and Lynbrook resident Joseph Guerera's April birthdays. Join Rose, Joseph and other Lynbrook Seniors at Senior Club meetings every Wednesday, September through June at the Greis Park Recreation Center.



Photos: Village of Lynbrook

Helping Heroes

On April 30th, Lynbrook hosted an American Legion Family Book of Heroes Walk-a-Thon, benefiting the VA's Healthcare for Homeless Vet Program in New York State and

the New York State America's Vet-Dogs Program. Veterans from Lynbrook, Malverne, Elmont and Rockville Centre joined citizens in raising funds for these heroes.



Photo: Village of Lynbrook

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New Fire Chiefs Sworn In



Photo: Steve Grogan

New Lynbrook Fire Department Chief Chris Kelly, second from left, was sworn into his new position by Deputy Mayor Mike Hawxhurst on April 19 along with First Assistant Chief Danny Ambrosio, Second Assistant Chief Scott Bien, and Third Assistant Chief Clayton Murphy.

On April 19, Christopher Kelly became the Lynbrook Fire Department's 102nd chief.

Kelly is a 17-year member of Engine Company 1 and has served two terms as captain of Engine Company. He also served on the department's Training Committee, and was a member of the Tumblers Old Fashion Drill Racing Team.

For the past three years, Kelly has been an assistant chief, and in April was elected to chief.

Deputy Mayor Mike Hawxhurst swore Kelly into his new po-

sition along with First Assistant Chief Danny Ambrosio, of Vulcan Company, Second Assistant Chief Scott Bien, of Truck Company, and rookie Third Assistant Chief Clayton Murphy, also from Vulcan Company.

"It is an honor and privilege first to serve the residents of Lynbrook as chief of the Lynbrook Volunteer Fire Department," Kelly said, "but more importantly, to lead the brave men and women of this department who are always proud and ready to serve our residents 24 hours a day, seven days a week."

Summer Fun at Greis Park



Photo: Village of Lynbrook

It's that time of the year to join your neighbors and friends for fun in the sun at the Lynbrook Village Pool. The pool operates daily June 20th until Labor Day. Memberships are open to Incorporated Village of Lynbrook, SD#20 and Rockville Centre residents.

Register in person at the pool.

Little League Field

Look out Yankee Stadium, the Norm Dryer Field is getting Hall of Fame ready courtesy of our DPW team! This spring saw the instillation of new infield and outfield grass, as well as regraded clay and new warning track material. The project continues through the summer with the refurbishment of the bullpens and batting cages.



Photo: Village of Lynbrook

Lynbrook East Rockaway Little League

Questions with Deputy Mayor Mike Hawxhurst

Q: The village just passed its yearly budget. As a person who has been instrumental in crafting Lynbrook's budget for the last ten years, can you provide some highlights of this year's budget and some insight of the difficulties that went into constructing it?

A: The budget process has been challenging the last few years due to the uncertainty of COVID and its impact on the Village and the wider economy in general. The Village faces the same issues that our residents face. We are looking at higher costs in gasoline and diesel for operating our vehicles, higher costs in supplies for projects we are planning, and increases in insurance costs due to the rise of cost in vehicles and supplies. The board has worked hard to keep the tax increase to a minimum and keeping it under the tax cap.

We have seen a quicker and bigger bounce back in revenues related to the recreation department and the courts which has helped us offset taxes. In planning this year's budget we look to keep the services that residents have come to expect by living in a full service village, but we need to find other funding sources to help offset the costs. One of the areas where we have seen increased revenues has been the ability to attract TV and commercial producers to the village. Ed Burn's TV show Bridges and Tunnel filmed a second season in Lynbrook, and we were lucky to attract commercials being filmed in Greis Veterans Memorial Park which brings the village additional revenue. Finally, with the completion of the turf field at Greis we will be having a new sponsorship deal for naming rights to the field. While we will not bring in the same amounts as the large stadiums, it is a significant benefit to the Village. The most important thing the residents should know is that this board takes a hard look at every dollar being spent to ensure that the resident's tax money is spent efficiently in providing the services in the Village.

Q: There are so many areas of concern for the average citizen these days, ranging from inflation, crime, and the economy. Is there any message that you and the board want to convey to residents?

A: After dealing with the pandemic for the last two plus years we had

hoped to have turned the corner. While the impact of COVID is not over, it has been diminishing due to the vaccine. However, those concerns are being replaced with fears about inflation, crime, and the economy. As a board we are aware of the impact of each one of these items on the residents and the village. One of the most effective aspects of this Board has been its ability to partner with our partner government agencies to help with these concerns.

This has manifested itself with the numerous grants the village has received from the County and also the quick turnaround of COVID related funds from the Town. Additionally, our close working relationship with Nassau County Police Commissioner Patrick Ryder allows for the expedited transfer of information and coordination with the Lynbrook Police Department to protect our Village.

Q: One of the biggest concern of residents is the rise of crime throughout the country. What is Lynbrook doing to address the concerns of crime in the village?

A: I cannot say enough good things about the hard work, dedication and commitment of the Lynbrook Police Department. Under the guidance of Police Chief Paladino, I can say we have the best Village Police Department not only on Long Island but in New York State. The officers of the Department are there 24/7 to provide protection for the residents of the Village. Like I mentioned above, their working relationship with the Nassau County Police Department provides them timely information to address concerns before they happen in the Village.

The Village has seen concerns in overnight vehicle break ins. The department is working hard to address this and remind residents to lock their cars to prevent this occurrence. The Village Board has continued to provide the necessary resources for our Police Department to provide an excellent level of service to the residents. While the country has seen efforts to "Defund the Police", I can emphatically state this is not the case in Lynbrook, and we will always ensure the Police have the tools they need to protect the Village and its residents.