

# Lynbrook USA

## NEWSLETTER



Winter  
2022

## Mayor's Message

The last of the leaves have been collected and the air is cool and crisp, so that could mean only one thing: It's the Holiday Season in Lynbrook!

Experience the joy of the season with Breakfast with Santa, Light Up Lynbrook, Tree Lighting and Blessing of the Creche, Wonderland of Lights, and Menorah Lighting to start. Also, attend our many holiday programs at Recreation Center and Library. There literally is something for everyone to enjoy! It is impossible to live in Lynbrook and not be filled with excitement.

And while you are enjoying these activities, don't forget to shop local and celebrate small businesses. Lynbrook's shops and restaurants have worked nonstop while spreading joy to the community.

As look toward the New Year, a new election season will begin with the Village Election for Mayor and two Trustee

positions. I look forward to getting out in our community to talk about not only all the great things that have happened in Lynbrook over the past five years while I have been Mayor but, just as importantly, sharing my vision for the future of Lynbrook. And that future is brighter than ever!

But before we get back into campaign mode, lets enjoy the Holiday Season here in Lynbrook with our friends, family and neighbors because there is no better place on this planet to do so.

To you and your family, Happy Holidays and a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Regards,

Lynbrook Mayor Alan Beach



MAYOR ALAN BEACH

## Remembering Bill Cosenza

On November 7th Ex-Chief & Hon. Commissioner William (Bill) Cosenza passed away at the age of 87. Bill was a lifelong Lynbrook resident. He attended Lynbrook High School and graduated from Adelphi University. During his professional career, Bill served as Assistant Director of the Nassau County

Department of Social Services. When Bill turned 18, he became a member of the Lynbrook Fire Department, joining Engine Co. No. 1 on June 3, 1954.

From that day forward he would go on to live the next 68 years of his life answering calls for help, not only from residents of Lynbrook, but the surrounding communities as well. Bill was elected Second Lieutenant of Engine Company in April of 1959, First Lieutenant in April 1960, and Captain in April 1961. He served until 1962. Once out of office, he was elected and served as Engine Co.'s Financial Secretary from 1965 through 1968 and eventually Company Treasurer from 1968 to 1972. In 1972, Bill



was elected as the Department's 3rd Assistant Chief. In 1973 he was elected 2nd Assistant Chief and then in 1974 he was elected

1st Assistant Chief. In 1975 he became the 55th Chief Engineer of the Lynbrook Fire Department. During his tenure as Chief, he oversaw the successful celebration of Engine Co.'s 75th Anniversary. After his time as Chief ended,

Bill continued to be active in Engine Co. as well as the Lynbrook Rescue Squad. In 1977 he earned his New York State certification as an Emergency Medical Technician. In 1992, he played an integral role in the development and establishment of the Lynbrook Medical Company No. 1.

During his tenure in Medical Company, Bill responded to over 1,200 emergency medical calls a year. In 2004 Ex-Chief Cosenza was honored for 50 years of service to the Lynbrook Fire Department and was made an Honorary Commissioner. He was the beloved husband of Catherine (Kate) née Charvat for 65 years; brother-in-law to Linda McIntyre, John Charvat, and Marie Kinnear; devoted father of Christine (Tom) Herald, Bill (Cindy), Mike (Merrilee), Joe (Holly), Cathy (Robert) Williams and Carol; loving grandfather of Sarah, Jacob, Chase, Jackie, Carson, Samantha, Ryan and Emily, and dear uncle to numerous nieces and nephews. Thank you, Bill for your lifetime of service to the Lynbrook community. You will always be in our hearts.

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## Oktoberfest

October 22nd was a special day as residents celebrated Oktoberfest at Greis Park. German Bavarian music, food, games, beer, vendors, raffles, and fun was enjoyed by all. Highlighting the event was the Lynbrook Chamber of Commerce's annual pie eating contest featuring pies from Prosperi Bakery. Big kids participated in a keg toss and keg relay roll race, while the little ones played special Oktoberfest games and activities. Thank you to all the volunteers that worked to make the event such a success and thank you to all the sponsors, including:

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Maier's Brick Café  
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### Bronze:

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Minuteman Press – Valley Stream  
The Little Balloon Cottage  
Lynbrook Chamber of Commerce  
Prosperi Bakery

### Volunteers:

CSEA/Department of Public Works  
Knights of Columbus – St. Mary's Maris / Stella Council  
LHS Student Government Association  
Our Lady of Peace Students

## Lyn-spook-tacular!



Lynbrook makes each Halloween happy and safe with its terrific annual Halloween events! This year's Halloween Havoc at Greis Park featured a spooky trail, DJ, games, bouncy slide, pumpkin and cookie decorating and of course, candy for all!



Congratulations to this year's House Decorating Contest winners:

4A Windsor Place  
109 Earle Avenue  
148 Central Avenue

Thanks to all that participated and see you next year!

## Honoring the Fallen

Twice a year, every year, Lynbrook pays tribute to the ten Lynbrook Fire Department members those who have lost their lives throughout the history of the department. The LFD Memorial is located on the corner of Sunrise Highway and Earle Avenue and honors the memory of four firefighters killed in action in World War II, five firefighters killed in the line of duty right here in Lynbrook, and the department's Chaplain Father Larry Penzes, who was killed in March 2022.



## Lynbrook Sports for A Cure

On October 8th Lynbrook's youth sports organizations came together at Greis Park with the goal of raising awareness and funds for breast cancer research.

Families enjoyed an afternoon of activities and raised \$45,000 for the Breast Cancer Research Foundation. Thank you to Bryan Lanzello and Carlos Ospina for spearheading the event. Well done, Lynbrook!



## Help Your Community

The Lynbrook Fire Department invites you to become a member of our village's bravest. Call 516-599-2900 or stop by any one of the six fire companies for more information.



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## Wounded Warriors Arrive in Lynbrook by Steve Grogan

Wounded Warriors riding in the Lynbrook Fire Department van crossed under a huge American flag hoisted by Lynbrook and Malverne Fire Department tower ladders at Sunrise Highway and Earle Avenue as they arrived in Lynbrook on Friday evening, September 23, 2022, to attend the Lynbrook Fire Department's Wounded Warrior Concert and Block Party the following day at Greis Park.

The event raises money for Nassau County Firefighters Operation Wounded Warrior a 501-3C charity and the soldiers are from the Wounded Warrior Recovery Unit at Fort Belvoir, VA. Lynbrook and

other Nassau County firefighters bring Christmas to the wounded at Fort Belvoir and other wounded warrior battalions and recovery units along the east coast each December.

The eight wounded who came up to Lynbrook to attend the concert and block party were provided free rooms by the Rockville Centre Inn at Sunrise Highway and Ocean Avenue.

This is the eleven year that Lynbrook firefighters have held this event and the Rockville Centre Inn and formerly as the Holiday Inn Express have provided rooms free for the veterans each year.

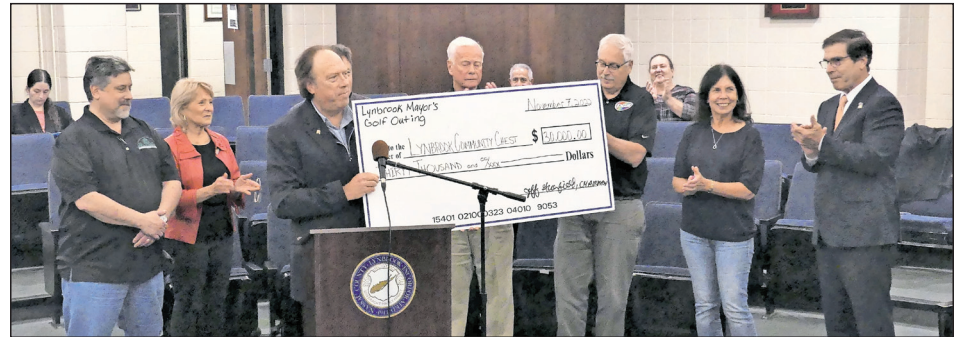


Photo by Steve Grogan & LFD

## November 7th Board Meeting Highlights



Nassau Legislator Bill Gaylor presented a \$25,000 grant to the village board for Lynbrook Police Department expenses.



Jeff Greenfield and the Lynbrook Chamber of Commerce presented a \$30,000 check from the Mayors Golf Outing for the Community Chest. An additional \$3,000 was donated by the Lynbrook VFW and \$2,000 by the American Legion.

## The Chamber Corner

The Mayor's Golf Outing co-hosted by the chamber and the village at Inwood Country Club was a huge success. We were proud to donate \$30,000 to the Lynbrook Community Chest, \$3,000 to the VFW and \$2,000 to American Legion. Jeff Greenfield did a great job of organizing the event, as always! Mark your calendar for the next one on August 14, 2023.

There were lots of laughs at the Chamber-sponsored Pie Eating contest at the Oktoberfest. It was so much fun and we were thrilled to be one of the highlights of the Oktoberfest.

Denise Sclafani of Unicorn Jewelers was unanimously voted to be honored at the Nassau Council of Chambers Business Person of the Year and Legislative Breakfast. We are so proud of her and as all of Lynbrook knows, she is an amazing business person and a real

friend to Lynbrook.

Our networking meetings are being held on a monthly basis, but some upcoming not-to-be-missed events are:

Our annual "Evening of Excellence" is January 19, 2023 from 6 to 10pm at the Coral House in Baldwin. Please join us as we induct our officers and honor some wonderfully deserving people in Lynbrook. Tickets are available on Eventbrite. Buy tickets before December 15 and get a great early-bird price!

We will be hosting a "Leadership Workshop" for members on March 14.

We are extremely excited about our very first "Experience Lynbrook ... a Business Showcase"! It will take place on Saturday April 29 from 12 to 6 pm in the great room of the Library. All village residents are invited to at-

tend and experience all Lynbrook has to offer. Restaurants, delis, plumbers, kitchen designers and pet supply stores to dance studios, florists, bicycle shops, audiologists and chiropractors ... and so much more. We've got it all! Food, fun, friends - and it's free! Mingle with business owners, managers and key employees of your business community. Learn how you can enjoy the convenience and satisfaction of supporting your local businesses.

Visit [lynbrookusa.com](http://lynbrookusa.com) to find out more about your Chamber of Commerce. If you have a business, join. If you don't have a business, you can be an associate member! Please urge all the businesses you frequent to join the chamber to help strengthen our business community.

-Polly Talbott

## Ex-Chief Tkacz Honored

Phil Tkacz, an ex-captain of the Lynbrook Fire Department Truck Company was honored during the October 17th Village Board meeting for his efforts to help save the life of an unconscious motorist who had crashed their car along the Van Wyck Expressway.

During the afternoon of March 23rd, Tkacz was on his

way home from work when he saw people exiting their vehicles and rushing to a car that was pinned against a guardrail. He pulled the occupant out of the vehicle and he and an off-duty police officer administered CPR to the victim. When the EMS arrived, he requested that AED be administered to the unconscious, unresponsive

patient. The victim was transported to a nearby hospital, where he later regained consciousness.

"You were presented with a situation where you had to act and you did," Lynbrook Mayor Alan Beach said. "People could have driven on by, but you stopped and helped."

Tkacz was not only honored

by the village, but he was presented with a Firematic Award from the Town of Hempstead.





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## Department of Public Works

'Tis the time of the year when we produce more waste! Here's some refreshers on how to keep your home (and Lynbrook) clean!

Remember, Lynbrook implements a "Waste to Energy" or Bio-Mass program, an environmental solution to municipal solid waste (MSW, or often called garbage) disposal, where plants burn municipal solid waste to produce steam in a boiler that is used to generate electricity. As a result, you can put more waste in the garbage pail versus the recycling bin without feeling guilty.

Items that should be placed in the garbage include the following:

- Unwashed cans and bottles
- All plastics, except #1 & #2
- Plastic bags, straws, plastic chairs & toys
- Aluminum foil, plastic & metal cutlery
- Wire & plastic hangers
- Batteries
- Light bulbs
- Telephone books
- Styrofoam
- Soiled pizza boxes
- Coated cardboard (milk and juice containers)
- Plastic and paper food containers

### Holiday Sanitation Schedule:

- Monday's garbage & recycling will be picked up on Tuesday
- Tuesday's garbage & recycling will be picked up on Wednesday
- Wednesday, no yardwaste
- Wednesday's recycling – no change, picked up on Wednesday
- Monday 12/26: Christmas Day Observed
- Friday 12/30 & Wednesday 1/11: Christmas Trees Collected
- Monday 1/2: New Year's Day Observed
- Monday 1/16: Martin Luther King Day

## Holiday Relaxed Parking

All on-street overnight parking regulations are to be relaxed for the period between Sunday, December 18th thru Sunday, January 1st.

## Lynbrook Library Holiday Events and Hours

Holiday Closings:  
December 24, 25, 26  
January 1, 2, 16

Special Hours:  
December 31, 9:00 am-1:00 pm

Holiday Break Events:  
Register online at [lynbrooklibrary.org](http://lynbrooklibrary.org)

- 12/28 & 12/29: Free Play for Cruisers – 35 months, with caregiver

- 12/28 & 12/29: Family Craft, Build & Play Age 3 to Grade 5, with caregiver
- 12/28: Minecraft Group Gameplay Grades 4 to 8
- 12/29: Make Apple Burritos Grades 4 to 12
- 12/31: New Year's Eve Party
- 2/1 & 2/2: Nut Free Teddy Bear Tea Ages 3 to 7, with caregiver

## Wonderland of Lights

Our dazzling drive thru holiday light display returns Saturday, December 17th. Register for time slots on December 1st at [Lynbrook.RecDesk.com](http://Lynbrook.RecDesk.com).

## Shop Local

Need a gift? Shop local in Lynbrook. After shopping, drop in on one of our eateries!

## Light Up Lynbrook

Send your home address to [LRC@LynbrookVillage.com](mailto:LRC@LynbrookVillage.com) by December 15th to showcase your holiday decorations.

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