

Lynbrook USA

NEWSLETTER



Fall
2023

Mayor's Message

Happy Fall!

Not sure if that is a real thing but my grandkids, are excited with the prospect of the season changing from summer to fall, keeping saying it to me. So "Happy Fall" it is, especially here in Lynbrook. There are so many autumn events that have already took place and are planned for Lynbrook residents that one can't help being excited.

So far, we selected a Man and Woman of the Year, hosted a block party, a bonfire, dined around, and remembered those we lost on

that fateful day 22 years ago.

Soon we will squeeze into our leidenhosen for Oktoberfest, treat ourselves to some sweets during Halloween Havoc, and nap after a Thanksgiving feast. All good things are coming to our village this fall making it happy indeed.

Sincerely,

Lynbrook Mayor Alan Beach



MAYOR ALAN BEACH

Tree Planting Season Is Here

Now is the time to avail of Lynbrook Village's free tree planting service.

Apply for your free tree by downloading an application at www.lynbrookvillage.net in the Department of Public Works section or call the DPW at 516-599-8838.

Pediatric Cancer Awareness Month

The Village of Lynbrook declared September as Pediatric Cancer Awareness Month and invite all to support The Mary Ruchalski Foundation.

Visit www.themaryruchalskifoundation.org for more information.



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Lynbrook TV is now also on YouTube. Check out video from Village events, including board meetings, Patriot's Day, Pre-Prom, and more!

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Lynbrook News

The Chamber Corner

I'm sure many of you know of Carol Burak's passing on August 4. Carol was such a good friend to me, Lynbrook and especially to the chamber. She served as secretary for many years and then as president. She will truly be missed. She loved supporting the chamber and I'll always be working to make her proud.

The summer was busy! The kids looked beautiful for Prom Night, as always, and our Thursday night Cruise Nights throughout the summer were a great success. Special thanks to Steve Wangel, Genarro Izzo, Shirish Mohile and Michela Argento for all their help. On our final night the village board voted for Best in Show. John Zangler

Expert Watch and Jewelry Repair donated a beautiful watch to our winner Robbie Rosenbaum - congratulations Robbie! The Mayor's Golf outing was also a tremendous success with Jeff Greenfield once again at the helm. Our special thanks go out to Patrick O'Brien, our summer intern; we really appreciated his help!

Now we're back to business ... our networking meetings and workshops are in full swing. In September we hosted a networking and new member event at the beautiful Cornerstone at Yorkshire catered by Frank Pignataro of River Mill, we are continuing our Breakfast Meetings monthly, and our September Dine Around was at the new

EGP Lynbrook. Great food at all our events!

Women's Night Yoga class is October 18, Casino Night, our first real Fund Raiser in ages, will be November 15. We've also set the date, January 18, 2024, for our Evening of Excellence, once again to be held at the Coral House. Mark your calendars - we had a great time last year! Check our newly updated website for our events and shopping guide. www.lynbrookusa.com. Our shopping guide will help you to Shop Local every chance you can!

Make sure you get one of our "Lynbrook Means Business" bumper magnets!

Polly Talbott, President

Lynbrook Chamber of Commerce



Mayor's Golf Outing

This year's Mayor's Golf Outing was once again a success, raising funds for the Lynbrook Community Chest. Thank you to major sponsor Crown Ford and all the golfers who took part, and congratulations to this year's honorees, John Giordano, David Greenberg and Michael Electric.

The Lynbrook Community Chest is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization with

the sole purpose of aiding the residents of the Lynbrook community who are in need due to financial or economic hardship reasons. Since its inception, the Community Chest has donated thousands of dollars to numerous families. Because of the nature of these donations, several have attempted to help others in the way they were helped. For more information, call Village Hall at 516-599-8300 x 201.

Celebrating Over 25 Years



community for over 25 years! Congratulations to owner Anthony Babiak and the entire team for keeping Lynbrook in shape!

Five Corners Fitness, located on Hempstead Avenue, was recently recognized by Lynbrook's own Councilwoman Laura Ryder for serving the Lynbrook community

Swim Across America

Congratulations to the Lynbrook Swim Across America Team, who for the 13th year raised funds to help find a cure for cancer. Lynbrook thanks Emily Bergin, Julie Bergin, Kelly Stapleton, and Jason Diaz, Captain of the Lynbrook Swim Across America Team for their hard work and dedication to such a worthy cause.



Ryder Narcan Training

Recently, Town of Hempstead Councilwoman Laura Ryder held Narcan Training at the Lynbrook Public Library. Village Trustee AnnMarie Reardon was on hand as Town of Hempstead EMS educated all those who attended on how to save a life.



Gaylor Hosts Tax Workshop

On September 20th, Legislator Bill Gaylor hosted a Nassau County Property Tax Exemption Workshop at the Lynbrook Public Library. Staff from the Department of Assessment were available to assist homeowners filing for the various exemptions offered by the County, including Senior Citizen and Veterans exemptions.

Meet Trustee Michael Habert

Mr. Habert was appointed to the Lynbrook Village Board on July 17, 2023. As lifelong village resident, Mike has been a staple in our community. Most recently he is known for his fundraising efforts with Bryan Lanzello. Together they raised over \$600K for local businesses during the pandemic and are continuing their efforts in helping local families in need. One can say that Mike is a consummate community believer as he served as police officer with the NYPD in Brooklyn for 26 years, with his last 14 as a homicide detective.

Mike and his wife Kerrie have been married for over 20 years and live in the house he was raised in. Their kids James, 20 and Mia, 19 attended Our Lady of Peace School, the same school Mike and his eight siblings went to.

Let's learn more about Mike!

Q: Why did you say 'yes' to the Village Board?

A: Well, I didn't say "yes" right away to Mayor Beach. Of course, I was flattered but I had my concerns about entering the political world. I am really a quiet and reserved guy. Serving on the Village Board, there is a spotlight

that is cast on you and I wasn't exactly sure if I would be comfortable with that. But what I was sure about is my love for this Village. I grew up here. I have known no other place as my home except Lynbrook. And I think the last few years have brought a lot of changes.

Q: What special skills do you bring to the table?

A: My ability to communicate with people. I listen. I understand. We (the Village Board) are tasked with the job of representing and protecting the interest of our neighbors, our families, and our friends. It's not something that I take lightly. My years as a police officer taught me how to listen to people and how to protect their interests. My goal is to talk with people and bring their concerns to the board and address them. I'm approachable. I'll listen.

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

Northwest Quadrant Liaison; Chamber of Commerce; Real Estate & Assessing; Fire Department;

Labor Relations (PBA/CSEA Dispatchers, CSEA(DPW)/UPSEU); Town-Village Aircraft Safety & Noise Abatement Committee; Village Infrastructure (Buildings); Celebrations Committee; Senior Citizens Committee; Liaison to Architectural Review Board; Liaison to BZA. Which of these stand out and why?

A: I am so honored to be on all of the above committees and I promise to work as hard as I can to bring real value to each one. I am really excited about being the liaison to the Lynbrook Fire Department, which I believe is the best department on Long Island. I really am amazed at the commitment and service of all our volunteers. The fact that they sacrifice so much of their time for no other reason than to keep their neighbors safe is amazing to me. The Village owes each volunteer a debt of gratitude for what they do for the residents.

Q: What is your priority?

A: That's easy, making sure Lynbrook remains one of the safest communities in Nassau County. Lynbrook Police Department

does an excellent job keeping Lynbrook residents safe. But it is undeniable that we have seen an increase in crime in both New York State and Nassau County. With 26 years as a New York City Detective, I hope I can help the Lynbrook PD continue doing its excellent job because living in a safe village is always the priority.

My second priority is the empty storefronts. We need them to be filled. Let's work on bringing nice and good businesses here. Businesses that fit into the fabric of the community. Sustainable businesses that are not constantly turning over from one empty store to the next. Thriving businesses and filled storefronts means reducing the tax burden of residential homeowners and we should always thrive for that.

Q: What village projects are you excited about?

A: It may be a boring answer but improving our roads. I believe that village residents care about being safe, having their garbage picked up regularly, and driving/walking on good roads. Investing in redoing our roads should be and is a priority for Mayor Beach and the village board.



Never Forget September 11, 2001



On September 11th, the Lynbrook community once again gathered together as Mayor Beach led a ceremony commemorating the 22nd anniversary of the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. Deputy Mayor Mike Hawhurst, Village Trustees Boccio, Habert, and Reardon read the names of those we lost from Lynbrook.

Thank you to the Lynbrook Fire and Police Departments, the Lynbrook American Legion, the Junior Fire Department, and the Lynbrook Chamber of Commerce for their participation in the ceremony.

Lynbrook will never forget those who perished that day as well as those who are suffering today.



Beautification Honorees

Our village has a long-standing tradition of ensuring not only the proper upkeep of its residences but the promotion of beautification of its properties to keep the entire community a desirable place in which to live and operate a business. The Beautification Award celebrates those residences and businesses who take the time to invest in enhancing the beauty of their properties. This year, Lynbrook paid special tribute to the beautification efforts of four homes (one from each quadrant of the Village) and one business:

From Lynbrook Northwest:	Cindy Schreiner	54 Sherman Street
From Lynbrook Southwest:	Patricia & Joseph Giovinco	45 Birch Street
From Lynbrook Northeast:	The Morgan Residence	15 Oak Street
From Lynbrook Southeast:	Jeff Wohlfarth	8 Windsor Place
Lynbrook Business:	Hendel Products Group	146 Horton Avenue



Only in Lynbrook

Man and Woman of the Year

Each year Lynbrook honors the men and women who have given outstanding volunteer service to the Lynbrook community.

“The Lynbrook Man and Woman of the Year shines a spotlight on community members who give back with their time and efforts to make our village a better place to work and live,” said Mayor Alan Beach. “These honorees are celebrated for their acts of kindness, unwavering commitment to serving others, and their initiatives that have positively impacted our community.”

The 2023 Lynbrook Man of the Year is Carlos Ospina.

For the past eight years, Carlos has been the President of the Lynbrook-East Rockaway Soccer Club. As Club President, Carlos oversees 1200 youth soccer players that comprises over fifty Travel and Inter-league teams. Carlos is not only responsible for scheduling over two hundred games every season, but you will often observe him lining the grass fields in preparation for all



weekend home games.

Under his tenure as President, Carlos has been instrumental in expanding the activities and influence of the Lynbrook-East Rockaway Soccer Club. He coordinates the mailing of donated soccer equipment to the “sister soccer club” in Kingston, Jamaica. The equipment includes cleats, jerseys, and soccer equipment. Carlos also has led the TOP Soccer Program in Lynbrook, which involves uniting special needs kids with youth club teams and local high school students.

In addition to coordinating year end intramurals festival and the Lynbrook-East Rockaway first annual Soccer Tournament, Carlos held the Breast Cancer Awareness Festival.



The festival, which is in its fifth year, raises funds and awareness for breast cancer research. Carlos secured the festival’s corporate sponsor, Estee Lauder. Last year’s festival, Lynbrook Sports for a Cure, raised over \$45,000.

The 2023 Lynbrook Woman of the Year is Patricia (“Pat”) Alonge.

Growing up in Lynbrook, Pat graduated Lynbrook High School in 1974. She would later go onto college and become a nurse. Pat married Mitch Alonge and they had two children, Kristen and Kevin.

For many years, Pat has adopted Lynbrook families in need, during the holidays by securing and delivering toys and presents and year-round with online food and clothing

drives. If you are a follower on social media, you will see that Pat has become an advocate for those Lynbrook residents who are facing challenging times. During the last holiday season, she extended her good deeds beyond Lynbrook, by adopting an entire shelter located in Suffolk County. With the help of friends and family, she provided presents to over 50 families at the shelter.

Pat’s boundless energy and good heart did not go unnoticed by Mayor Alan Beach who recently appointed Pat to the Lynbrook Community Chest, whose sole purpose is to assist struggling Lynbrook residents.

Cathy Bien, a Lynbrook resident and a member of the Lynbrook Community Chest, nominated Pat for the award and stated “Pat is one of the most giving and kindest persons I know. If you fall on challenging times, Pat is the first to help and I can’t think of a person more deserving to be Woman of the Year than Pat Alonge.”

Assemblyman Curran’s “Run for Heroes”

On September 9th, New York State Assemblyman Brian Curran held his annual 5k “Run for Heroes” at Baldwin Park. Over 180 people participated in the run/walk. The run’s proceeds go directly to the American Legion and VFW posts in Lynbrook, Malverne, Rockville Centre, Baldwin, and Freeport.

Assemblyman Curran originally created the run back in 2010/2011 to financially help struggling veteran posts in the district.

Many local elected officials supported and participated in the race including Lynbrook Mayor Alan Beach, Lynbrook Trustees Mike Habert, and Rob

Boccio, along with Hempstead Town Supervisor Don Clavin, Receiver of Taxes Jeanine Driscoll, and Councilwoman Laura Ryder.

Curran stated, “This year’s run was by far the best we ever held. I would like to thank all the runners/walkers and race sponsors for their support. We can never do enough for our veterans.”



Lynbrook Library Fall Programs

Fall 2023 Programs are open for registration at www.lynbrooklibrary.org. Click on the “Register Online” button and scroll through the calendar of events to the program you wish to register for. You will need a valid Lynbrook Library card to register for most programs.

[See the Stars with the Library Telescope!](#)
Borrow our telescope today! Visit www.lynbrooklibrary.org for more details.

[Great Give Back](#)
Book Giveaway: October 16 – October 21
Halloween Costume Giveaway: October 16 – October 31
[Books & Brews](#)
A no-pressure book club hosted at South Shore Craft Brewery!
Thursday, November 9 at 7 PM.

Friday, October 21: Family Fun Night
From 6pm to 8pm, join Ms. Renee for pizza and snacks and make a lawn spider. For families with children Grades K and up! Registration begins Friday, October 7.

Friday, October 27: Haunted Scavenger Hunt
From 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm, come to the library after hours if you dare, for a creepy scavenger hunt! This program is hosted by Knock ‘em Dead Comedy. Registration begins Friday, October 13 and is open to young adults, grades 6 – 12.

Monday, November 6: Book Pumpkin
From 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm, use your crafty skills to transform an old book into a pumpkin with Ms. Renee. Registration begins Monday, October 23 and is open to young adult, grades 6 – 12.

Monday, November 20: Autumn Leaf Cookies
From 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm, prepare a baker’s dozen of yummy fall leaf cookies to be baked at home. Registration begins Monday, November 6 and is open to adults 18 years+

