

Fall 2016

A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR RALPH A. SCORDINO

It was another great summer in Babylon Village and along the Great South Bay. Our swimming and recreation programs were well-attended, our streets looked beautiful and there were many new additions and improvements throughout the Village. The Gilbert C. Hanse Pool, with its new façade and signage was well utilized during the hot and humid summer months. Pool attendees enjoyed new Adirondack and lounge chairs, a green area and patio, a basketball area with new paving and a new concessionaire, all adding comfort and ambience. Upgraded computer technology for the chlorination system was installed and thanks to a grant from Sen. Phil Boyle, the electric and cable systems were upgraded and exterior electric/utility lines and poles were placed underground, enhancing the pool’s spectacular view of the Great South Bay. Kudos to Skip Gardner and his crew for overseeing that project.

Many road improvements are underway or will begin shortly, including repaving The Crescent from Robbins Avenue to Cedar Lane, repaving Cedar Lane and new drainage and paving installed on Grove Place. New paving and sidewalks will be installed on the corner of Trolley Line Road and Railroad and Carll Avenue. Walkways surrounding Argyle Park should be completed by winter.

Residents are still dealing with the aftermath of Superstorm Sandy and the rebuilding of many Village homes continues. Issuance of building permits has continued to increase as residents are still receiving New York Rising awards. Properties purchased at auction are being elevated and repaired.

We apologize to residents inconvenienced by the Pokemon Go phenomenon around Argyle Park and our Village. This caused unforeseen expenses as security, garbage and maintenance costs were incurred for the park. We have submitted requests to the gaming company to remove Argyle Park as a Pokemon Go site.

As we head into Autumn, keep an eye out for the expanse of color and migration of waterfowl and migratory birds that come our way. Autumn also brings many exciting seasonal events to the Village. These include the Babylon Beautification Society’s *Country Fair* on September 18th, the ever-popular *Apples & Art Festival* on October 15th and the Chamber of Commerce’s *Fall Harvest Festival Street Fair*, also on October 15th. Check the Calendar of Events on the back page of this newsletter for the dates of these activities and more.

All the Village trustees and I were sorry to see Carol Amelia resign from the Board of Trustees this past summer and we thank her for her years of service to Babylon Village. Mary Adams has been appointed to fulfill Carol’s term. Mary has been very active in the community in the Tuna Club and Beautification Society and is a business owner and prior member of the Architectural Review Board.

Please remember to pray for our troops and their families. There sacrifice is enormous. Help keep our streets safe, be attentive when driving, stay off the phone and obey all speed limits, stop signs and traffic safety regulations. The Village Trustees and I wish all residents a fun, safe and healthy autumn season.

The Babylon Beautification Society’s *Annual Country Fair* will be held on Saturday, September 18th from 9AM-5PM. Hundreds of craft vendors offering a wide array of items will surround Argyle Lake. In the gazebo area, opening ceremonies will begin at 12PM with entertainment throughout the afternoon, food and drink concessions and a Country Store offering cheese and fresh vegetables. Children’s games and activities will be across the canal. Admission is FREE. Raindate: Sunday, Sept. 25th. THANK YOU, Beautification Society, for all the hard work you do to host this wonderfully popular event as well as all your efforts to keep Babylon Village looking beautiful!



Take a Free Ride on the Trolley!

A FREE trolley, sponsored by the Village, will run during fair hours, starting at the fairgrounds and running:

- *East on Main Street to Deer Park Avenue
- *North on Deer Park Avenue to Railroad Avenue
- *Cross Railroad Avenue by the LIRR station
- *South on N. Carll Avenue to Main Street
- *West by the fairgrounds to Tappan Avenue
- *Circle through Nehring Avenue
- *Come back out on Main Street
- *Head east back to Deer Park Avenue

The trolley will stop at all regular bus stops as well as at two spots along the front of the fairgrounds

AROUND THE VILLAGE

Saturday, October 15th will be a fun-filled day in Babylon Village as the Chamber of Commerce hosts it’s annual **Fall Harvest Festival Street Fair**. Deer Park Avenue will be closed from Montauk Highway to Railroad Avenue and the streets and sidewalks filled with carnival games, foods prepared by local eateries and special shopping values.

The 18th Annual **Apples and Art Festival** at the Conklin House will be held that weekend, as well. The Art portion will be open to the public on Friday, October 14th, 7-9PM; Saturday, October 15th from 11AM-4PM and Sunday, October 16th from 12PM-3PM. Everyone is invited to meet local artists and view their works. Karen Peltz and Larry Nye are co-chairs for this event.

The **Apple Festival** will take place on the Conklin House Green on Saturday, October 15th from 12PM-4PM, offering locally grown apples, cider and pies. Family activities will include children’s games, pumpkin picking fun and stuffing a life-size scarecrow to take home. The event chairperson is Margaret Rohl. The Apple and Art Festival committee are in constant need of jeans/pants and shirts (male, female and children) for scarecrow making. Please consider donating whatever you are throwing out by contacting the Conklin House at [631.669.8164](tel:631.669.8164).

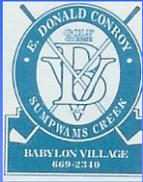
On Saturday morning, October 15th, the Post Office Care will hold its 23rd Annual **5K and 1K Fun Run***. Hundreds of runners and walkers will wind their way through the streets of Babylon.

**Some streets in the southerly end of the Village will be closed temporarily during race hours.*



TREE PLANTING PROGRAM

Trustee **Mary Adams** reminds residents that applications for the Village Tree Planting Program must be received by September 23rd for the Fall planting of curb line trees in front of resident’s homes. For more details, contact the Mayors office at [669.1212](tel:669.1212).



GOLF COURSE NEWS

Trustee **Kevin Muldowney** reports the E. Donald Conroy Golf Course was the site of many exciting events this past summer. On June 27th, the Junior PGA Metropolitan Tournament was held at Sumpwams Creek. The Village donates the course once a

Year to the Junior PGA to help promote junior golf on Long Island. There were 43 boys and girls from as far as Southampton and Connecticut. The boy's winner in the 12 to 14 age group was Aaron Skii from Massapequa, who shot a 31; in the 7 to 11 age group, Gerard Gavin also shot a 31 to take the trophy. The girl's winner was Dominique Maudlin from Center Moriches with a winning score of 37. The highlight of the day had nine year old Gabriel Oh, playing in his first tournament, make a hole-in-one on the 4th hole. Congratulations to all the participating youngsters.

Another summer highlight at the course saw West Islip's Sean Keller shoot a 22 to break the course record low score of 24, previously held by...Sean Keller! Sean grew up on the course and gave a lot of credit to former pro Joe Malloy, his mentor. Sean went on to play Division 1 golf at Lehigh University and is currently in his 3rd year of medical school. It's great he still comes back to play at Sumpwam's Creek with his dad, Doug. Sean is the real deal!

In Golf League News... The Women's League "Swing For A Cure" tournament was held in July with 110 participants. Competition was fierce, but Mary Alice Markham won with a score of 32. It was great fun and raised almost \$2,000 for the Babylon Breast Cancer Coalition.

The men and women's league championships are still going on, so those results will be in our next newsletter. Good luck go all!

The "Village Cup", a competition open to all Village organizations will be held in mid-October. Past winners have been the Babylon Boosters, the Lions Club and the Beautification Society. It's a great day so get your organization involved this year!



L-R Trustee Kevin Muldowney, Gabriel Oh, Tom Kuhn (PGA)



Sean Keller

S.T.O.P. DAY WITH PAPER SHREDDING

Trustee **Anthony Davida** would like to inform residents that **Saturday, September 24th**, is the next scheduled S.T.O.P. (Stop Throwing Out Pollutant) day. This is a great chance to clean out basements and garages of all potentially toxic materials (paints, aerosol cans, pesticides, medications, motor oil, etc.)

Bring your items to the Babylon Village Highway Department on Carlson Avenue between 9AM and 12PM so that all hazardous materials can be disposed of safely. Babylon Village residents only, please. **Picture I.D. must be presented.**

In addition, **paper shredding will also be available on September 24th from 3PM-5PM only.** Bring your personal household documents (ATM receipts, checks, tax records, credit card statements, etc.) that could provide thieves an easy way to steal money or an identity. Documents will be shredded while you watch and then recycled. No need to remove staples or paper clip. No cardboard, plastic or hard drives, please! Village residents only, **photo I.D. required.** Protect the environment and your personal information.

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

Hurricane season is here and residents are reminded there are steps you can take to be prepared. All homes should have a disaster supply kit which would allow families to be self-sufficient for several days. Secure all items on your property. Be sure to listen to the advice of local officials regarding evacuation and safety measures. If a situation occurs where you have to evacuate your home, it is important that you turn off your utilities (gas and electric) at their main source.

Please visit the Babylon Fire Department website for more important tips, www.babylonfd.com

FIRE DEPARTMENT SAFETY TIPS

Babylon Village Fire Chief Scott Glenn would like to remind all residents to practice fire safety all year round.

- It is imperative that your house number be posted and visible from the street for police, fire and rescue personnel to find you in the event of an emergency.
- Smoke alarm and carbon monoxide alarm batteries should be changed when turning back your clocks for Eastern Standard time on November 6th.

BOATING SEASON WINDS DOWN

All boats in Village berths should be out of the water by **December 1st** so as not to hinder the Village's ice Breaking program. All lines must be removed as well. Winter boat berths are available in Argyle Basin and on Shore Road. This program is also available to non-residents. Call the Village Clerk's office at [669-1500](tel:669-1500) for information.



BUILDING DEPARTMENT NEWS

As boating season comes to a close, please be mindful of the following codes:

- Boat storage in residential areas is allowed from November 1st thru April 1st ONLY each year. Boat storage is prohibited on residential property at any time.
- There must be at least one clear side yard of 10 feet remaining. The boat can't be placed within the front yard.
- Boats must be stored in a safe and secure fashion
- Boats store on residential property must be emptied of gasoline and other combustibles during storage period.

If you have questions about any Building Department issue, please call [669-1300](tel:669-1300) Monday-Friday, 9AM-5PM.

DECORATE A LAMP POST FOR THE HOLIDAY

Sunday, November 27th will be **Lamp Post Decorating Day** in Babylon Village. The Babylon Beautification Society donates all the trimmings for the old-fashioned lamp posts throughout our Village and families, groups and businesses volunteer to do the decorating.

Lamp post sign-ups start November 1st, 2016. Visit our website at www.babylonbeautification.org



SENIORS AND VETERANS

Check the Village website at www.villageofbabylonny.gov For current criteria and filing dates for senior and veteran tax exemptions.

VILLAGE SUMMER PROGRAMS & CONCERTS

Trustee **Anthony Davida** reports that once again, the Gilbert C. Hanse Municipal Pool, that gem on the Great South Bay, provided an escape for residents and their families from the summer heat. Attendance was sky-high and all swim programs were at capacity. The Pool is just one of the many venues that makes our Village a special place to live but it does take a lot of manpower and effort to maintain. Kudos to the 2016 pool staff and the Babylon Village Highway Department for all their hard work during the summer. In addition, we thank the Babylon Beautification Society for once again donating the lovely flowers and plants that enhance the pool landscape at this venue and our greenhouse staff for planting and maintaining them.

Trustee **Mary Adams** is pleased to report that the free recreation programs were very active this year, with 354 resident children participating in the tennis, gymnastics and basketball programs. Thanks to all the coaches and volunteers for their enthusiasm and efforts in making this year's summer programs enjoyable and a success.

In addition, **Mary Adams** reports the *Friday Night Summer Concert Series* at the Gazebo had exceptional turnouts each week. Special thanks to Skip Gardner and our maintenance crews for keeping the Gazebo looking beautiful throughout the year.

VILLAGE SWIM MEET DRAWS A CROWD

The Annual Village Swim Meet was held at The Gilbert C. Hanse Municipal Pool on Saturday morning, July 30th with many swimmers participating. Congratulations to all our swimmers.



4-5 year old girls with Trustee Anthony Davida. L to R: Amelia Crocenzi, Lillian Schilling, Isabelle Morganson, Nicole Shea

BABYLON TUNA CLUB TOURNAMENT NEWS

Trustee Kevin Muldowney reports the Babylon Tuna Club's 59th Annual Tuna Tournament kept the main dock lively throughout the August 5th - 7th weekend. Unfortunately, stormy weather conditions at sea caused some anglers to withdraw from the contest but the dockside festivities proceeded as planned with nautical vendors, rides and contests for the kids. The music of "Risky Business" and the "No Request Band" on Friday and Saturday kept everyone entertained and helped create a lively weekend.

Two anglers fishing off the *Laura G* were the big winners this year. Skip Erickson pulled in a 58 lb. Tuna and Larry Bernard came in second with a 54 lb. Tuna. Rich Larocca won the Blue Fish category fishing off *Island Girl*. Even though it wasn't a qualifying fish, the crowd was very excited to see the 123 lb. Tiger Shark brought in by Vinny Bozza on the *Victory*.

STRIPED BASS TOURNAMENT

The Suffolk Anglers Club hosted its 8th Annual **Striped Bass Fishing Tournament** at the Village Municipal Dock on June 5th. Over 52 boats participated in the event, leaving the dock with a 6AM shotgun start. 162 anglers fished the tournament but Mike Gilberto was the day's winner bringing in a 38.5lb. Striped Bass. Miller's Ale House was a major contributor and sponsor of this event, raising a significant donation for a wonderful cause, the Children's Hospice Care Network.

CONKLIN HOUSE NEWS...



Trustee **Debbie Basile** reports another busy season at the Conklin House. The Conklin House is being utilized on a regular basis as a cultural center for Babylon Village and we are so pleased it is able to serve so many community interests.

The *You Gotta Have Art* one-person art show was a huge success featuring the ever-popular local artist Ed Lee who was on-hand throughout the weekend to greet his many fans and explain his unique artwork, which includes paper collage and mixed media. Guests were fascinated by his skill and artistry.

On August 28th, the Conklin House hosted *Senior Senior Photo Exhibit* featuring Babylonians who attended the Village schools and still live here. On display were pictures taken from past and present and as a special treat, videos were taken of our honored seniors telling stories from days past and were on display in the Victorian Room. Guests had the opportunity to talk to the speakers and hear many more stories first hand.

The Nathaniel Conklin Award for Volunteerism annually honors a community member who has volunteered their services over the years. A committee of past recipients selects the annual winner. This year's award proudly goes to Dr. Christopher Proto. Presently, Chris is co-chair of the Babylon Baymen Statue Steering Committee, which was assembled to commemorate the Great South Baymen and Babylon's waterfront heritage.

Chris has been involved with numerous community organizations throughout the years, including the Historic Fountain Reconstruction Project, the Babylon Rotary Club, St. Joseph's Church, the Babylon Community Scholarship Fund, the Babylon Village Historical and Preservation Society and the Nathaniel Conklin Restoration Fund.

Chris was the recipient of the Habitat for Humanity Hopebuilder Award for his efforts in bringing the first Habitat for Humanity home to the Town of Babylon; was awarded the first Babylon Beacon Humanitarian Award and was honored by the Babylon Village Youth Project with the David Lincoln Volunteerism Award. In 2011 the West Babylon Alumni Association inducted him in their Alumni Hall of Fame.

Born and raised in West Babylon, Dr. Proto moved to Babylon Village where he lives with his wife, Monica and son, Andrew. He has a dental practice on North Carll Avenue and annually participates in the *Give Kids A Smile* Program sponsored by the Suffolk County Dental Society, supervising the screening of underserved children in eastern Suffolk County.

Dr. Christopher Proto will receive The 2016 Nathaniel Conklin Award on Sunday, October 30th at 3p.m. at the Conklin House. For information please call [631-669-8164](tel:631-669-8164).

Conklin House restorations are on-going in and around the house including, but not limited to the lovely perennial, herb and rose gardens. Many thanks to volunteer Margot Denza for always adding her special touch and expertise to the rose garden, arbor and planters throughout the year and to our greenhouse and highway department for maintaining the grounds.

If you would like to be added to our "Events Alert" email list to get information on all the events at the Conklin House, please send an email to conklinhouse@yahoo.com or call [631-669-8164](tel:631-669-8164). The proceeds of all events at the Conklin House, along with public donations, go toward the restoration and maintenance of this historic house, as well as the cultural art programs provided throughout the year. The Steering Committee thanks all those who support the preservation of this Village treasure.

Residents are responsible for any debris left in the street or at the curb by their landscaping companies. Any leaves or other debris left behind should be bagged by the resident and placed in their yard until their regular rubbish pick-up day.

BABYLON VILLAGE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- September 5 Labor Day Observed (Village Hall Closed) *
- September 18 Beautification Society Country Fair
- September 24 S.T.O.P. / Shred Day
- October 2 Chamber of Commerce Shopping Crawl
- October 10 Columbus Day Observed (Village Hall Closed) *
- October 14 Artists Reception at the Conklin House
- October 15 Chamber of Commerce Fall Harvest Festival Street Fair

- October 15 Apples & Art Festival
- October 15 Post Office 5K Race
- November 11 Veterans Day (Village Hall Closed)
(please contact the American Legion at [669-0094](tel:669-0094) for ceremony details)
- November 24 Thanksgiving Day (Village Hall Closed) *
- November 26 Small Business Saturday
- December 2 Chamber of Commerce Old Fashioned Night of Shopping
- December 2 Christmas At The Conklin House
- December 4 Christmas Tree Lighting
- December 4 Wassail Bowl at Historical Society
- December 4 Boy Scout Spaghetti Dinner
* **There is no garbage, rubbish or recycling pick-up on holidays.**

When your rubbish/recycling collection day falls on a holiday, please do not put items out for pick up until your regular scheduled rubbish/recycling day the following week. If you have questions, please call [669-4878](tel:669-4878), Monday - Friday, 7AM - 4PM.

Village Hall Hours: Monday through Friday 9AM - 5PM
Highway & Sanitation Hours: Monday through Friday 7AM - 4PM

website: www.villageofbabylonny.gov

669-1212	Mayor's Office	669-4878	Sanitation Dept.
669-1500	Village Clerk	587-6270	Treasurer
669-1500	Receiver of Taxes	669-1771	Village Justice
669-1523	Registrar	669-1756	Historical Society
669-1300	Building Inspector	669-1212	Livingston Center
669-1300	Assessor	587-7707	Municipal Pool
669-4878	Highway Dept.	669-2340	Golf Course
669-4878	Parks Dept.	669-8164	Conklin House

Police..... 911
 Fire & Rescue..... 911 or 226-1212

Village Boards Meeting Dates

- **Board of Trustees** - meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 8:00 PM in Village Hall.
- **Zoning Board of Appeals** - Meets the third Wednesday of the month at 7:30 PM in Village Hall.
- **Planning Board** - Meets the last Thursday of the month at 8:00 PM in Village Hall.
- **Architectural Review Board** -Meets the first Thursday of the month at 8:00 PM in Village Hall.



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