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Spring 2012

A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR RALPH A. SCORDINO

Spring came early to Babylon Village this year due to the mild winter, the Greenhouse staff was able to plant colorful pansies earlier than usual in our planting containers throughout the Village. These splashes of color remind us that summer is on the way bringing warm weather activities.

The **Babylon Village Little League** officially kicked off our spring activities with its annual parade on April 21st. The **Historical Society's Ole Times Day** is coming up on May 20, and the **Village Memorial Day** parade, sponsored by American Legion Post 94, marches at 11:00 AM on May 28. The next weekend brings the Babylon Village **Chamber of Commerce's Sidewalk Sale**. The Village's **Swim and Recreation programs** begin at the end of the school year, providing activities all summer long (see page 5 for details). And, the ever-popular Tuna Tournament and Snapper Derby are scheduled for late July and August.

The Village's Highway Department has been hard at work over the past months. The falls at Argyle Park, which were showing signs of erosion from years of water flow, have been shored up, repaired and painted and a new playground was installed. Both of these projects were accomplished with funding from Suffolk County Legislator Wayne Horsley. Just in time for the beautiful spring weather, another playground installation has been completed on George Street which includes a dog run for public use. The roadway drainage project on Stowe Avenue and Tappan Avenue has been completed, and drainage improvement work has begun on Beverly Road with Marlborough Road and Bayview Avenue to follow. We also thank Senator Owen Johnson for spearheading the traffic redirection project on Litchfield Avenue and Route 109. We appreciate your patience as we conduct these necessary work projects to improve the roads throughout the Village.

Babylon Village is very fortunate to have a thriving business area with many unique shops and popular restaurants. The warm weather brings more people out and about on the streets and we urge drivers to please be alert to pedestrians in crosswalks. We also ask drivers to be cognizant of the speed limits through the downtown and residential areas and to obey all traffic signs. Look for new signage for our Municipal Parking lots.

On behalf of all of us at Village Hall, I wish you a safe and happy summer and hope you enjoy all the upcoming activities which have been planned by Village Hall and the many volunteer organizations in our community. Please contact my office with any concerns or suggestions you may have. Your input is not only welcome, it is appreciated.

VILLAGE POOL OPENS JUNE 16

Swim Lesson Sign-ups Start May 12



Trustee Anthony Davida reports that the Village Pool opens for the weekend of Saturday, June 16, and Sunday, June 17. It will be closed during the next week but reopens on Friday, June 22 and will then be open daily offering a variety of summer programs. Pre-registration for swimming lessons and pool passes will begin May 12. (See registration form on page 5 of this newsletter.)

Family memberships are \$80, and season passes will list each family member residing at the same address. Individual memberships are \$50 for adults, \$30 for children, and \$10 for senior citizens (age 62 +). Two proofs of residency are required for all passes (e.g., driver's license, utility bill).

Late registration for all pool activities will be Saturday, June 9, from 9 AM - 12 PM, at the pool.

There is no mail registration.

AT THE CONKLIN HOUSE

Trustee Debbie Basile reports that there were several cultural and educational events offered at the Conklin House during the winter months.



Spring brought us storyteller/musician/singer Jim Hawkins who entertained with a St. Patrick's Day program in March.

On April 19, the Conklin House hosted a wine and cheese tasting and discussion on pairing wine, cheese and desserts. Solo Vino owner Massimiliano Gargiulo and cheese expert Patrick Conbroscio of the Babylon Cheese Cellar were our gracious presenters. All proceeds from the sold out event will help offset the cost of the restoration of the Nathaniel Conklin cemetery stone. Many thanks to coordinators Ginger Behrens and Karen Petz.

On Saturday, June 2, the Babylon Town Historical Society will present a program on Jacob Conklin and the Conklin Cemetery at the Town of Babylon History Museum, Old Town Hall, 47 W. Main Street, followed by an excursion to the Conklin Cemetery, in Wheatley Heights. A donation of \$10 is suggested. For full details, please contact the Town History Museum, at 587-3750.

Upcoming events include the following:

- May 5 - Plant sale 11 AM-2 PM, offering vegetables, annuals & perennials and homemade jams
- May 6 - Plant sale 12 noon-2 PM, offering vegetables, annuals & perennials
- May 30 - Annual Teen Volunteer Appreciation BBQ
- June 19 - Cooking with Herbs Demo & Tasting
- TBD - "Cooking Freaks" Demonstration and Tasting

Information on all upcoming events, including the annual Apples & Art Festival, will be available in The BEACON as details are finalized. If you would like to be added to our "events alert" emailing list to get information on all the Conklin House events, please send an email to conklinhouse@yahoo.com or call 669-8164.

A limited amount of bricks from the original house built in 1803 are currently available for sale at \$25 each. They include an engraved brass plaque identifying the Nathaniel Conklin House as a piece of Babylon Village history and are packaged in a handsome gift box with the Conklin House logo.



NEW OFFICERS FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT

At the Babylon Fire Department Installation Ceremony on April 14, Department and Company Officers were officially installed. Pictured left to right are 3rd Assistant Chief Michael Golub; 2nd Assistant Chief Scott Glenn; Mayor Ralph A. Scordino; Chief of the Department Paul Twardy; and 1st Assistant Chief Michael Sasuk.

COMPANY OFFICERS

Hook & Ladder Co. #1

Captain: William Tillinghast, Sr.
Lieutenant: Raymond E. Baldwin, Jr.
2nd Lieutenant: Andrew Hoyt

Phoenix Hose Co. #1

Captain: Tony Schultz
Lieutenant: Matthew Arundale

Sumpwams Hose Co. #2

Captain: Thomas O'Brien
1st Lieutenant: Shawn Johnston
2nd Lieutenant: Stephen Faranello

Argyle Hose Co. #3

Captain: Paul Balsamo
Lieutenant: Kelly Maier

Electric Hose Co. #4

Captain: Keith Mitchell
1st Lieutenant: Michael McCarthy
2nd Lieutenant: Jeffrey Bridges

Fire Patrol Co. #1

Captain: Jody Gangloff-Kaufmann
Lieutenant: Guiseppa Pergolotti

Rescue Squad

Captain: Douglas Hefter
Lieutenant: William Bender IV

Marine Unit

Captain: Robert Fredericks
Lieutenant: Eric Price

2012 TAX RATE

Mayor **Ralph Scordino** reports the Village Board of Trustees has adopted a budget for the fiscal year starting June 1, 2012, that calls for a tax rate of \$12.98. This reflects a forty-eight cent increase per \$100 of assessed valuation of real estate property. This means that a home with a Village assessment of \$5,000 will have a Village tax increase of \$24 for this year.

Tax bills will be mailed by Friday, May 11. If you do not receive your bill and your mortgage company does not escrow for payment, call the Tax Receiver's office at 669-1500. If you recently purchased the property, please call the Tax Receiver's office as it takes a few months once the deed is recorded to receive the change of ownership from the County Clerk's office.

Taxes are due June 1, 2012. Check the legal notice in The BEACON or visit our website in the month of May for a more detailed explanation.



Trustee Debbie Basile asks that should you notice a Village streetlight not working by your residence, please call 669-1212 to report it for repair.



VILLAGE GOLF COURSE

Trustee **Kevin Muldowney** reports that, thanks to great spring weather, the E. Donald Conroy village golf course was opened on its earliest dates ever. Greens superintendent Tim Shelhorse had the course in great shape to open on March 2, and plans are in full swing, so to speak, for the season's activities.

Golf Pro Joe Malloy will offer his junior clinic this summer for boys and girls ages 8 – 15. The details are not yet finalized; please call the course office for more information. The very popular men's and women's leagues are starting up and anyone interested in joining should call the course office for details. Also plans are underway for a family week tournament and the traditional Village Cup Outing. These dates will be posted when plans are finalized.

The Babylon Breast Cancer Coalition has booked its third annual "Golf Challenge" for Monday, October 15. Last year close to one hundred golfers participated in three shotgun starts, with various contests and games mixed in along the way. It was a fun filled and very successful day for the coalition. Mark your calendar now to participate in this event for a great cause!

Gift certificates are wonderful Mother's Day and Father's Day gifts and can be purchased at the course office and at the Clerk's Office in Village Hall. Also, seniors receive a \$2 discount on weekday mornings.

This unique golf course has holes ranging from 100 yards to 185 yards, five elevated greens and a pond which comes into play on several holes. It's a great place to work on your short game or to launch your golfing career. It is also an excellent venue for small group outings for businesses and organizations

For all golfing information, please call the course office at 669-2340.

E. DONALD CONROY GOLF COURSE AT SUMPWAMS CREEK



*** 2012 Season Opening Special ***

**Good for one (1) free play
when accompanied by a
Babylon Village resident**

Valid only on May 26 & 27, 2012

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT UPDATE

The Babylon Village Highway Department is continuing with the installation of stormwater filter vaults throughout the Village. Along with the new vault installations, there has also been replacement of the contaminated filter media on an as-needed basis.

The Village has entered a contract with a testing laboratory to test the stormwater entering and exiting the filter vaults. This process is required by the funding source to confirm the proper filtering of the stormwater.

The ultimate goal of the Village is to install filter vaults on all of the 93 stormwater outfalls entering the surrounding water bodies.

AROUND VILLAGE HALL

NEWS FROM THE VILLAGE CLERK'S OFFICE

Landscapers. All landscapers working in Babylon Village must obtain a permit ANNUALLY to insure they are aware of Village rules and regulations. Applications are available at the Village Clerk's office and on our website. *Possession of a permit is NOT a recommendation by the Village as to the quality of the work a landscaper will perform.*

It is the responsibility of property owners to make sure any contractors you hire are properly insured. It is suggested you obtain a certificate of insurance showing coverage.



When you or your landscaping service use a broadcast spreader, please make sure no material is spread into any bodies of water. Also, all fertilizer should land on grass and garden areas not on sidewalks and streets where it will wash into drains. High levels of nitrogen, abundant in fertilizers, are harmful to aquatic life.

Crabbing permits are now due to be renewed and applications are available in the Village Clerk's office as well as on our website. The fee is \$5.00 for Babylon Village residents.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT NEWS

The Building Department reminds all Village residents of the following important regulations:

- Boat storage is not permitted on residential property after April 1st.
- Self locking gates and alarms are now mandatory for all pools in the Village of Babylon.
- **Pumping swimming pool water into streets or street drains is prohibited.**
- State code requires that carbon monoxide alarms be installed in all new and existing buildings. More information on this new code is available at www.dos.state.ny.us/CODE/COAlarm.htm.

For all questions regarding Village building code issues, please contact the Building Department at (631) 669-1300.



TREE PLANTING PROGRAM

Babylon Village offers its residents a Street Tree Planting program. Residents are required to complete an application to request trees to be planted at the curb line in front of their homes. Applications are being accepted now through September 17 at Village Hall for the November 2012 planting. For further information call the Mayor's office at 669-1212.

S.T.O.P. SET FOR SEPTEMBER 22

The next S.T.O.P. (Stop Throwing Out Pollutants) date is Saturday, September 22, from 9 AM to 12 noon at the Village Sanitation Department. Residents may drop off acceptable household pollutants: latex and oil-based paints, car batteries, household cleaners, laundry products, used motor oil and other items. The Village will dispose of them properly.

Trustee Anthony Davida states that Babylon Village is proud to be a part of this important environmental program.

GENERAL SAFETY TIPS TO KEEP IN MIND

For the betterment of all, please keep the following points in mind:

- Circulars left in driveways are a clue for vandals and burglars that a house is empty. If you see these on a neighbors driveway or lawn when they are away, toss them out of sight.
- Please be watchful of strangers in your neighborhood. If you notice anyone suspicious walking around or driving slowly through your area, don't hesitate to call Suffolk County Police.
- Please make sure your house number is posted and visible from the street for police, fire and rescue personnel to find in the event of an emergency.



Please Watch Your Speed

With the warmer weather, more people are out and about. Please comply with speed limits set in our Village. The speed limit is 20 mph in school areas and 30 mph on ALL Village streets, unless otherwise posted.

NEWS FROM THE SANITATION DEPARTMENT



Please help us better serve you by noting the regulations below. If you have questions about these issues, please call the Village Sanitation Department at 669-4878.

- **Yard waste** (*leaves, plant clippings, - anything that grows*) should be separated from all other rubbish and placed in a clear plastic bag for a separate pick-up on your regular rubbish day. This is a mandate from the Town of Babylon which runs the landfills we use. There can be no plastic pots, plant tags, or other non-green contaminants in the bag with the yard waste or the bags will not be accepted and will be left at the curb.
- When putting out **metal objects** for pick-up, you must **call ahead** to advise the Sanitation Department that your item(s) will be out. These include refrigerators, washers, dryers, treadmills, BBQ grills.
- Place your rubbish between the sidewalk and the curb *not earlier* than 6 PM the evening before *nor later* than 7 AM on the morning of your collection day, and remove empty containers from the curb. **There is no garbage, rubbish or recycling pick-up on Saturdays, Sundays or holidays.** When rubbish or recycling collection falls on a holiday, please do not put items out for pick up until your regular scheduled rubbish/recycling day the following week.
- **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 your yard until your regular rubbish pick-up day.

Dog owners are reminded that the Village has installed two fenced-in dog runs: one is behind the south Little League ball field on Locust Avenue and the other is on George Street. Free doggie bags and disposal receptacle are provided. Owners are asked to please help keep the area clean by picking up after your animals and disposing of the waste properly.





After the golfing "Battle of the Sexes" competition - Men's league vs. Women's league - at the E. Donald Conroy Golf Course, it was all smiles and camaraderie for those who participated in this enjoyable day.



TUNA TOURNAMENT 2012

Trustee Kevin Muldowney announces that the annual Babylon Tuna Tournament will be held on July 26, 27, 28 & 29. The club is looking forward to an exciting event this year, as they are recruiting other local organizations to be part of the festivities. There will be music and many nautical vendors, making the dock a lively place to visit on the weekend. Fresh fish will be sold on Saturday and Sunday and the proceeds from these sales will go to the organization of the Veterans and Servicemen of Long Island.

SNAPPER DERBY FOR JUNIOR ANGLERS

The Tuna Club's 2012 Snapper Derby will be held on August 25 and is open to boys and girls 12 years of age and younger. There will be prizes (a bicycle each) for the boy and girl who catch the biggest snapper during Derby hours, along with other category prizes, like the most unique fish. Hot dogs, soda and ice cream will be given to all participants. It's a great day for both the kids and their parents!



As the summer months arrive, please keep pool safety in mind!

DON'T ...

leave children unattended, not even for a few seconds!

DO ...

- make sure your pool is fenced and locked
- have a pool alarm installed
- make sure an adult is present
- make sure a phone is located near the pool

"OLE TIMES DAY" CELEBRATES THE HISTORY OF OAK BEACH

Ole Times Day, sponsored by the Babylon Village Historical & Preservation Society, will be held May 20, from 2-4 PM at the Historical Society Museum. This year's program is titled "The Story of Oak Island Beach," featuring Jed Meade whose family has lived at Oak Beach since before 1911. The Officers and Trustees of the Society invite the public to join them for this free program of rich Babylon history. Refreshments will be served.

The Historical Society's **Percival Award for Excellence in Social Studies**, a \$500 grant given to a student from Babylon Village with the highest regents marks in American History, will be awarded that day as well.

The Museum is located on West Main Street at the corner of N. Carll Avenue, and is open to the public on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 2-4 PM. Anyone interested in membership, arranging a visit, or general information should call 669-1756, or visit their website at: www.babylonvillagehistorical society.org.



PLEASE REMEMBER!

When parking on the street - right wheels to the curb; you're on the right side of the street and you're facing the right direction. Also, persons parking on or across sidewalks will be issued tickets.



Swim Instruction and Pool Pass Registration Form on other side.

Please fill out the form on the other side of this card and bring it with you to registration.



Registration for Swim Instruction & Pool Passes

Alphabetically by last name at Village Hall from 9 AM to 12 Noon

A - F Saturday, May 12

G - N Saturday, May 19

O - Z Saturday, June 2

Swim lessons begin Monday, June 25.

No one will be denied a requested swim lesson during these registration times. A neighbor may register your child if it is for a renewal. If this is the first time for swim lessons, you must come in person with your child who must be measured, as there is a height requirement. **THERE IS NO MAIL REGISTRATION.**

Make checks payable to: **Village of Babylon.**

* All new registrants must be at least entering kindergarten.

VILLAGE POOL SUMMER PROGRAMS

- **Swimming instruction** is \$35 for children and \$40 for adults. A valid pool membership is required to register. Swim lessons run Monday, June 25, until August 3, with the annual Village Swim Meet on August 4.
- **ARC Junior Lifeguard Class and Instructor Aid Class.** Applicants must have completed all swim instruction levels.
- **Lifeguard Training Course** is offered for residents 15 and older who have completed all swim instruction levels.
- **Village Swim Team** is for residents with a valid pool membership. Age and height restrictions apply. There is a \$30 registration fee to join the Swim Team.
- **USCGA New York State Young Boater's Course** will be held at the pool for residents ages 10-18. Upon completion of the course, a boater's license will be issued to all attendees.

RECREATION PROGRAMS BEGIN JUNE 25

Trustee Alice Vanderveldt reports that the Village's free recreation programs for resident children starts on Monday, June 25 and run through Friday, August 3. (*The Gymnastics program starts June 26.*) Registration takes place from 9:00 - 11:00 AM at Village Hall on the following dates:

- Tuesday, June 19**
- Wednesday, June 20**
- Thursday, June 21**

Offered this year are:

 **Basketball: Starts June 25.** Students must be entering at least second grade in September to register for this program. Sessions are held at the Babylon High School "East Gym" from 8 AM to 12 PM.

 **Gymnastics: Starts June 26.** Students must be entering at least kindergarten in September to register for this program. Sessions will be held in the "West Gym" of Babylon High School, from 8 AM to 12 PM.

 **Tennis: Starts June 25.** Students must be entering at least fourth grade to register for this program. Sessions will be held at the tennis courts on the south side of Park Avenue from 8 AM to 12 PM.

If you have questions, please stop by during registration hours, or call the Mayor's office at 669-1212.



By law, and for health reasons, pet owners must pick up after their animals and free doggie bags are provided throughout our village. Failure to comply will result in a fine of up to \$75.



Please help keep our streets and parks clean by putting extinguished cigarette butts and all other debris in the trash containers provided throughout the business district and park areas.

We can all be proud of how beautiful our Village is ... let's each do our part to keep it that way!



Please fill out this form and bring it with you to registration.

VILLAGE OF BABYLON POOL REGISTRATION 2012

Please print

Family Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

	First Name	Age	First Name	Age
Husband	_____	_____	_____	_____
Wife	_____	_____	_____	_____
Others	_____	_____	_____	_____

Proof of Eligibility _____ Signature _____

- Family Membership (\$80)
- Adult Membership (\$50)
- Child Membership (\$30)
- Senior Citizen Membership (\$10)

OFFICE USE ONLY

Fee: _____ By: _____ Date: _____ Pass # _____

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Individual memberships will be \$50 for adults, \$30 for children and \$10 for senior citizens (age 62 and over). Two proofs of residency will be required (e.g., driver's license, utility bill).

Swimming instruction will be \$35 per season for children and \$40 for adults. All those desiring swimming instruction must have valid pool memberships for 2012.

Swim Team registration is \$30 per child.

Swim lessons begin Monday, June 25.

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Sponsored by the Village of Babylon
Friday evenings at 8 PM
Argyle Park Gazebo

<p>Friday, July 6 The Joel Sikowitz Orchestra</p> <p>Friday, July 13 Soundtrac</p> <p>Friday, July 20 Jim Rheel and The Banjo Rascals</p> <p>Friday, July 27 Linda Ciofalo Swing Band</p> <p>Friday, August 3 Mike Carubia and The Great South Dixieland Jazz Band</p>	<p>Friday, August 10 Tricia Raymond and The Long Island Banjo Society</p> <p>Friday, August 17 Tony Ventiera and Piece of the Rock</p> <p>Friday, August 24 Union Jazz Coalition</p> <p>Friday, August 31 Edward deCorsia and New York's Most Dangerous Big Band</p>
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Admission is **FREE**.
If raining, concerts will be held in the Babylon High School Auditorium.



Alcoholic beverages are not permitted in any area of the park.

BABYLON VILLAGE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 12, 19, June 2	Swim Instruction & Pool Pass Registration
May 20	Ole Times Day at the Historical Society
* May 28	Memorial Day Parade (Village Hall Closed)
June 6	The E. Donald Conroy Scholarship Fund Event
June 1, 2, 3	Babylon Village Chamber of Commerce Sidewalk Sale
June 9	Late Swim Lesson & Pool Pass Registration
June 16, 17	Pool Open for the Weekend Only
June 19-21	Village Recreation Program Registration
June 22	Pool Officially Opens Daily for the Summer
June 25	Village Pool Swim Lessons Begin
June 25	Village Basketball and Tennis Programs Begin
June 26	Village Gymnastics Program Begins
* July 4	Independence Day Observed (Village Hall Closed)
July 28-31	Tuna Tournament
August 2	Village Gymnastics Show
August 4	Village Pool Swim Meet
August 25	Snapper Derby
* September 3	Labor Day Observed (Village Hall Closed)
September 9	Beautification Society Country Fair
September 22	S.T.O.P. Day

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Village Hall Hours: Monday - Friday 9 AM - 5 PM

Highway & Sanitation Hours: Monday - Friday 7 AM - 4 PM

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669-1212	Mayor's Office	669-4878	Sanitation Depart.
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 Depart.	669-2340	Golf Course
669-4878	Parks Department	669-8164	Conklin House

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

Village Boards Meeting Dates

- Board of Trustees - meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the 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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