NEWS ABOUT
Village of Babylon
153 West Main Street, Babylon Village, New York 11702
Fall/Winter 2018-2019

A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR RALPH A. SCORDINO

This past October marked six years since Superstorm Sandy forever changed the landscape of Babylon Village. Slowly, life has returned to normal for most residents affected by the storm and the Village as a whole has come back stronger than ever. However, reminders of the storm remain as several storm-damaged properties are just now finally being elevated. We look forward to the future when Superstorm Sandy and its devastation are a distant memory for our Village and our residents.

We should all be proud that our busy, beautiful Village is the envy of many Long Island communities. We provide numerous events and activities throughout the year that make living here a pleasure for all and we are fortunate to have so many Village organizations that really go the extra mile in showcasing all our Village has to offer. Recently, our very active Chamber of Commerce created a new event for residents to enjoy. In August and September they hosted block parties on Deer Park Avenue, closing off traffic from Montauk Highway to Railroad Avenue, allowing our many eateries to serve food and beverages outside their establishments while youngsters enjoyed face-painting, bounce houses and other fun activities. On September 30th, the Chamber held their 4th annual *Village Shopping Crawl* where shoppers received a "swag bag," raffles, discounts and enjoyed a free, post-crawl drink at Monsoon. It was a great way to highlight our local merchants and eclectic shopping venues. The Chamber of Commerce once again hosted their *Safe Trick or Treat* program throughout the business district on October 27th. Hundreds of young, costumed trick-or-treaters walked in the Halloween Parade and enjoyed lots of goodies and surprises. Thanks to the Chamber of Commerce, Suffolk County Police Department, our Code Enforcement, our Highway Personnel and the Babylon School District for making this a safe, fun-filled day in our Village. In addition, the ever-popular annual *5k Run, Apples and Art Festival* at the Conklin House and our fall *Merchants' Street Fair* were very well attended, proving Babylon Village residents love to come out and support the wide array of fun events held throughout the year.

Boy Scout Eagle projects and Girl Scout Gold Award projects continue to beautify our streets. Thank you, Scouts, for your vision and hard work.

Improvements are always ongoing in Babylon Village. We are currently awaiting installation of generators at Village Hall and the N. Carll Avenue Fire House with funding provided by NY Rising. Our annual fall *S.T.O.P* program was the most successful one yet, with the 5th annual paper shredding component having significant impact on preserving our environment.

The holiday season is a special one in our Village and I encourage all Babylon residents to take part in the many fun traditions that make our Village a winter wonderland. The **November 25th** *Decorate A Lamppost* kicks off the holiday season to be followed by the annual Chamber of Commerce's *Old Fashioned Village Christmas* on **Friday, November 30th**. This year, the Village is closing Deer Park Avenue to all vehicular traffic from Railroad Avenue South to Montauk Highway and Fire Island Avenue from Main Street to the municipal lot by the Carriage House. Activities for children and adults are planned along Deer Park Avenue. Come out, have fun and shop locally to support our many terrific merchants. That same evening, ***Christmas at the Conklin House*** will delight the eyes as doors open for all to view the magnificent decorations that adorn each room.

On **Sunday, December 2nd**, join the fun at the 100th *Traditional Tree Lighting* at Argyle Park with caroling and a visit from Santa. Following the tree lighting, plan to walk down to the Babylon Historical Society to share a cup of cheer with friends and neighbors at our Main Street museum for their annual Wassail Bowl. And don't forget the **Boy Scout Spaghetti Dinner** held at the Babylon High School the same day, **December 2nd**. It's a great chance to mingle with friends old and new.

Message continued…

As the cold weather and early darkness is upon us, please be careful when driving around our community and remember to be aware of snow removal procedures, which are outlined in this newsletter. If possible, please keep drains near your home clear. We did a terrific job of keeping our streets and walkways safe last year. Let's continue to work together to keep our roads and sidewalks safe for everyone. If there is a fire hydrant in front of your home, please make sure to remove the snow around it so that emergency services can easily locate it.

Critical weather and snow-related information will be posted on our village website at **villageofbabylonny.gov** as well as on the Village of Babylon Facebook page.

As always, please keep our service men and women in your prayers and remember their families as it is so difficult for them to be without their loved ones, especially at this time of the year.

On behalf of the **Village Board - Mary Adams, Anthony Davida, Kevin Muldowney and Robyn Silvestri** - I wish you peace this holiday season and send best wishes for a happy, healthy and safe 2019.

HAVE A SAFE HOLIDAY SEASON

The Babylon Fire Department reminds us to follow these holiday safety tips:

1. Always use candles with care. Never leave them unattended.
2. Select toys with safety in mind.
3. If displaying a fresh tree, remember to keep it watered daily.
4. Never leave a lighted tree unattended.
5. Inspect decorative lights for frayed wires or damage.
6. Follow the instruction manual when installing smoke or carbon monoxide detectors. Replace batteries in devices already in use.

Other winter safety tips to keep in mind:

- **Make sure your house number is visible in the dark.** This is imperative for your safety in the event rescue or fire personnel need to find your location at night.
- Keep hydrants close to your home clear of debris and snow.
- Keep emergency phone numbers near your phone. Stickers can be obtained from the Chief's office after 7 PM.

The Officers and members of the Babylon Fire Department wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season!

AS WINTER APPROACHES, PLEASE REMEMBER…

- Residents are responsible for removing snow from the sidewalks at their homes.
- Parked vehicles must be moved from the streets in residential and business areas to enable snow plows to safely do their job. **Vehicle removal is the resident's responsibility.**
- **Businesses** are responsible for removing snow from the sidewalks in front of their stores within 24 hours of a snowfall. This is important for the safety of your customers and employees.
- Please make sure to clean all gutters on homes and garages.

Tax Exemption News for Seniors

The maximum income to qualify for a Senior Citizen Exemption is $30,000 per household. If you had a 2018 exemption you should have received your renewal application. If you did not have a 2018 exemption, download the application at the bottom of our website page, come into the Village Clerks office and pick one up or call us at **631-669-1500** and we will mail one to you. All applications must be received in the Office of the Village Clerk no later than **December 28, 2018,** however, earlier in December is *strongly advised.* You may file your application as early as the first week in December.

CONKLIN HOUSE HAPPENINGS

Trustee Robyn Silvestri reports that 2018 holiday celebrations at the Conklin House begin with the *Holiday Cookie Contest* on **Thursday, November 29th.** Residents of all ages can submit their cookies in several categories and distinguished community members serve as judges. To participate, please call Cindy Theiss at **631-587-6352** or Kathy Ruggieri at **631-669-2970**, register at the Babylon Public Library or email us at **conklinhouse@yahoo.com**, subject line Cookie Contest.

On **Friday, November 30th from 6-9pm** the Conklin House doors open to the public for our annual *Christmas at the Conklin House*. Tour the lovely rooms which will be beautifully decorated for the holidays by community members and enjoy light refreshments, including delicious cookies from the Holiday Cookie Contest. Don't forget to enter our *Dinner for Eight* raffle for a chance to win a sumptuous and elegant dinner for you and seven friends served at the Conklin House in early 2019. Raffle tickets are $20 each; 3 for $50.

On **Sunday, December 2nd from 12-4pm** the Conklin House is holding its annual *Picture Perfect Christmas* photo shoot with Santa and a professional photographer on hand. Pre-registration is a must for this very popular event as time slots are limited. Please email us at **conklinhouse@yahoo.com** for more information.

Many thanks to the wonderful committee of volunteers who donate their talents and time to make the Conklin House such a delightful holiday showcase.

If you would like to stay informed on a variety of cultural events being planned at the Conklin House for 2019, including the ever-popular *Afternoon Tea in the Spring*, email us at **conklinhouse@yahoo.com**, subject line Events Notifications and/or follow the Village of Babylon Facebook page.

It is with great please that we announce Mr. Frank Seibert as the recipient of the 2018 *Nathanial Conklin Volunteerism Award*. Frank is a 32 year resident of Babylon Village and has served our community with distinction in a multitude of positions.

Currently, Frank is a member of the Babylon Beautification Society, Babylon Village Historical Society and sits on the Board of Directors for the Babylon Citizens Council on the Arts. In addition, he is a member of the Babylon Lions Club and was voted their Man of the Year in 2008. A member of the Babylon Rotary Club for the past 24 years, he has served twice as its president, and is currently the Club's Literacy and Foundation Chairman. He currently sits on the Babylon Village Zoning Board of Appeals and in the past served on its Architectural Review Board and Planning Board. He has a keen interest in adult literacy and currently teaches ESL and is a literacy tutor with several groups, including Literacy Suffolk, We Are New York and Make the Road New York. He holds a Master of Arts degree in Language and Literacy from City College of New York and a Master of Arts in Human Resource Management from Stonybrook University.

Working in the insurance industry for the past 40 years, Frank enjoys sailing, cycling and visiting local beaches in his leisure time. He and his wife, Carol, have two adult daughters, Jennifer and Rebecca.

Congratulations, Frank Seibert, on all your wonderful achievements and your dedication to helping others.

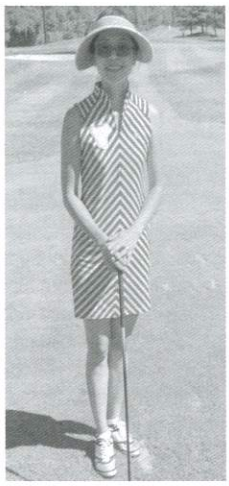
VILLAGE GOLF COURSE NEWS

Trustee Kevin Muldowney reports another busy autumn at the E. Donald Conroy Golf Course. The men's and women's leagues held their respective tournaments recently, with Rudy Castro winning the men's three round championship with a score of 91, just edging out John Ziegelmeier, who finished in second place with a 97.

Michelle Rosenbaum, who took the trophy in 2016, came back to capture it again this year with a two round score of 68. Phyllis Kroll and Suzanne Boehmcke tied for second with a score of 72.

The 3rd Annual Evening Summer Golf League at Sumpwams Creek wrapped up their season with Anthony Scorcia beating out Dennis Gargano on the final hole of the tournament.

2018 Men's League Tournament winner Rudy Castro



2018 Women's League Tournament Winner Michelle Rosenbaum

2018 Summer Evening Golf League winner Anthony Scorcia

If you are interested in any of the clubs, tournaments or leagues, please call the course at **631-669-2340** to get more information.

Weather permitting, the course will remain open through December. Stop by and take advantage of the "*Winter Special*" going on now:

Play 18 holes for price of 9! (Monday through Thursday only.)

GOLF GIFT CERTIFICATES:
The Perfect Stocking Stuffer
Available for Purchase at the Golf Course
Or the Village Clerk's Office

HOW ABOUT THAT SNAPPER DERBY?

The Babylon Tuna Club held their annual Snapper Derby on August 25th, 2018 and it was a great success, as usual, reports **Trustee Kevin Muldowney**. There were tons of prizes awarded at this fun-filled, family day of fishing. Congratulations to all the winners and participants and especially to weighmaster Doug Laukatis, who had a very busy day! Thanks to the Babylon Tuna Club for sponsoring this great family event.

2018 Snapper Derby Winners:
Biggest Fish (Boys) - Nathan Dardyshire
Biggest Fish (Girls) - Marina Montjoy
Most Unusual Fish (Puffer Fish) - Nick Luppy

THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR!

Trustee Mary Adams reports the Babylon Historical Society, in cooperation with the Village of Babylon, will host the annual *Tree Lighting Ceremony* **at 4pm on Sunday, Dec 2nd** in Argyle Park. We will be celebrating the 100th year of the Tree Lighting and will be commemorating this wonderful tradition with some additional festivities for everyone to enjoy! Completing the tree lighting will be our choir singing and roasting s'mores over a bonfire as well as awaiting the arrival of Santa Claus!

Immediately following the tree lighting on **December 2nd** at **4pm**, stop by the Historical Society for the annual *Wassail Bowl* at it's museum on Main Street. Relive tradition and enjoy Village history among friends and neighbors sharing a cup of warm, mulled cider, or Wassail.

Holiday Shopping Night - Enjoy an evening of Dickens as you stroll the downtown streets of Babylon Village! The Babylon Village Chamber of Commerce hosts the annual *Old Fashioned Night of Shopping* on **Friday, November 30th from 5pm-9pm**. Experience holiday classics on two big screen TV's, a carousel ride for the children to enjoy and holiday music throughout the streets all while browsing in our quaint Village shops and stores. Mingle with family and friends and get into the holiday spirit! Santa Claus will delight shoppers as he drives throughout the Village on a horse drawn carriage! *Raindate: December 7th*

Gingerbread Contest - On **Friday, December 14th**, it's *The Dickens Gingerbread Contest*! Bring your ALREADY DECORATED gingerbread house to the sidewalk in front of Fitness Incentive on Deer Park Avenue between **5-5:30pm** for a prompt 6pm judging. Prizes will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners! Sponsored by the Babylon Village Chamber of Commerce.

Decorate Your "Home for the Holidays" Contest - Show off your home holiday decorating skills! Sponsored by the Babylon Beautification Society, enter your home into a holiday decorating contest! 3 prizes will be awarded. There is still plenty of time to gather decorating ideas! For application and deadline info: www.babylonbeautification.org.

Trustee Mary Adams reports that the Village of Babylon, in cooperation with the Babylon Village Library and Babylon Village Arts Council, hosted a Children's Fall Festival on Saturday, October 27th at the Babylon Village gazebo. Children enjoyed Steve Petra's "Tricky Treat Puppet Show", arts and crafts tables, fall "goodie bags," refreshments and pumpkins! Special thanks to the Babylon Village Arts Council. We look forward to more enjoyable events!

BOATING & DOCKING NEWS

Boaters are reminded that **all boats in Village berths are to be out of the water by December 1st** and all lines removed from the poles, so as not to hinder the Village's ice breaking program during winter months. Winter boat berths are still available in Argyle Basin and on Shore Road. Boats can be moored for a $250 fee. It is an economical alternative to pulling your boat out of the water for the winter months. This program is also open to non-village residents. If interested, please call the Village Clerk's office at **631-669-1500.**

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 other time**
- **There must be a 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 stored on residential property must be emptied of gasoline and other combustibles during the storage period**

SKIP GARDENER HONORED FOR 50 YEARS OF SERVICE

Public Works Superintendent Skip Gardner was honored by friends, family and residents at a recent *Coffee With the Mayor* session marking his 50 years as an employee of the Village of Babylon. In charge of ensuring the roadways and infrastructure of the Village are efficient and well-maintained, Skip has long had a reputation of going above and beyond; always ready to help in any capacity needed. Attendees enjoyed cake and coffee and had the opportunity to share their personal experiences with Skip and amusing memories about him.

Want to attend *Coffee With the Mayor*? All residents are welcome. Please check the Village Facebook page for upcoming dates.

Pictured left to right: NYS Parks Commissioner Wayne Horsley, Trustee Mary Adams, Trustee Tony Davida, Trustee Robyn Silvestri, Mayor Ralph Scordino, Skip Gardner, Deputy Mayor Kevin Muldowney, Town of Babylon Receiver of Taxes Corinne DiSomma, Legislator Kevin McCaffrey, Deputy Town Supervisor Tony Martinez

SUMMER JOBS APPLICATIONS

Starting **February 19th, 2019** the Village will be accepting applications for summer employment. Employment opportunities are available at the Village Pool, Parks and Recreation Department, the Highway Department and clerical positions in Village Hall. Applicants should be at least 16 years old. Applications will be accepted for residents 15 years old for use only if additional students are needed. For more information, call the Mayor's Office at **669-1212.**

Babylon Village Calendar of Events

November 29	Cookie Contest at the Conklin House
November 30	Chamber of Commerce Old Fashioned Village Christmas
November 30	Christmas at the Conklin House
December 1	BV Volunteer "Senior Day at the Conklin House", 1-3pm
December 2	Picture Perfect Holiday Photos, 12-4PM
December 2	Christmas Tree Lighting 4:00 PM
December 2	Wassail Bowl at Historical Society, 4-5 PM
December 2	Boy Scout Spaghetti Dinner
December 25*	Christmas Holiday Observed *(Village Hall closed)*
December 28	Last date to file Veterans and Senior Exemptions
January 1*	New Year's Holiday Observed *(Village Hall closed)*
January 21*	Martin Luther King's Birthday *(Village Hall closed)*
February 18*	Presidents' Day *(Village Hall closed)*
April 19	Good Friday *(Village Hall closes at 12:00 noon)*

* **NO garbage, rubbish or recycling pick-up on 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. If you have questions, please call **669-4878**, Monday to Friday, 7:00 AM - 4:00 PM.

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Justice John Rafter

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Highway & Sanitation Hours: Monday through Friday 7 AM - 4 PM
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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	587-7707	Village Pool (Summer)
669-1300	Assessor	669-2340	Golf Course
669-4878	Highway Dept.	669-8164	Conklin House
669-4878	Parks Dept.		

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

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