

NEWS ABOUT



Village of Babylon

Incorporated 1893

153 West Main Street

Babylon, New York 11702

Spring/Summer 2020

A Message From Mayor Ralph A. Scordino

It's been said that if you live long enough, you'll have seen everything. While I don't quite believe I've seen everything, I will say the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic is something I never expected to witness, but nonetheless, here we are. Change is the only certainty in life and the virus and the precautions taken to prevent its spread have certainly changed many things for most people, but trust in the fact that eventually, and hopefully very soon, we will resume normal life. Just as with Super Storm Sandy eight years ago, we will recover and get back to enjoying our friends, family and beautiful Village. We proved our resilience, fortitude and generosity in 2012 and we are continuing to do the same now in 2020. Though our movements may be restricted, we are all finding opportunities to connect with friends and neighbors. Social media can help combat boredom and fear, find out how we can help those in our community in need and lift each other up. I encourage all of you to take advantage of Facebook, Facetime, Instagram and other avenues of social media to share information, humor and compassion. And don't forget the good old fashioned telephone; a friendly voice is always welcome.

Please be assured that your Village government is up and running and will remain so. If our doors are not open to the public, we are answering phone calls and emails and conducting business. If you need to speak with someone from Village Hall, please consult the phone numbers on the last page of this newsletter.

Due to the unpredictability caused by the pandemic, many events normally scheduled for Spring will be postponed or cancelled altogether. I understand the disappointment this may cause some residents but these changes are beyond our control and are in place to protect public health. However, please **understand, that as of now, we fully intend to have a 2020 Summer Pool Season and a 2020 Summer Recreation Program**, though registration and start dates are currently tentative. When dates and times are listed, information will be available on www.villageofbabylonny.gov and on Facebook. Please check both sites regularly for the most updated information. If you are unable to access the web or Facebook, please call the Mayor's office at **631.669.1212**.

Improvement projects continue throughout our Village. Work is currently being done on the north side of Argyle Lake with the installation of rock-filled gabion baskets to stabilize earth movement and prevent erosion.

The triangular shaped property at the entrance to the railroad station on Railroad Avenue and Depot Place is getting a facelift. New signage, lighting, irrigation and plantings will be installed by Skip Gardner and his Highway Department crew, all generously funded by the Babylon Beautification Society.

Mayor's Message continued...

On behalf of the Village Trustees - **Kevin Muldowney, Anthony Davida, Mary Adams and Robyn Silvestri**, I send wishes of hope, health and optimism. We all look forward to having the Corona Virus stress and constraints behind us so we can once again enjoy summer in our uniquely beautiful community. We will continue to work tirelessly to ensure Babylon Village is the best it can possibly be.



KNOW BEFORE YOU GO!

With over 25,000 "likes and follows," the Babylon Village Facebook page is where you want to be! The Babylon Village Instagram page with close to 4,000 followers is the happening place, too! Activities, upcoming events, Village projects, meetings and news about all Babylon Village has to offer is right at your fingertips!

Enjoy our videos, watch for our calendar of events and be part of the action and happenings in Babylon Village! Be sure to LIKE US and FOLLOW US on the official Village of Babylon Facebook and Instagram pages!



Until Coronavirus restrictions have ended, please double check that any advertised event or activity is proceeding as scheduled including the summer recreation program info in this newsletter. This also includes events that may have already been rescheduled due to social distancing constraints.



PICKLEBALL ANYONE?

Get ready...the latest craze is coming to Babylon Village and it's PICKLEBALL! 6 of our tennis courts will be "pickleball ready" for those "PB Enthusiasts" and anyone else who wants to get in on the fun!

So get practicing and be on the lookout for upcoming info about the first Babylon Village Pickleball Tournament!

STREET LIGHT OUTAGE?

Please contact **631.669.1212** with the location of any street light that is not working properly.



TREE PLANTING PROGRAM

Congratulations to Babylon Village for becoming one of 3,400 communities across our nation designated as a *Tree City, U.S.A.!*

Trustee Mary Adams reports the 2019 Tree Planting Program a success and reminds residents that applications for the 2020 program are being accepted through **September 18th**. Applications can be obtained at the Mayor's office and must be completed prior to having curbside trees planted at residences. Residents may call **631.669.1212**.



CONKLIN HOUSE NEWS

Trustee Robyn Silvestri is delighted to report that Spring has sprung at the Conklin House, thanks to our Greenhouse crew's beautiful plantings. Many thanks to Rose Garden volunteer, Jodie Pederisch, who has established new Clematis plants that will wrap their way around our decorative obelisks. Be sure to check out their beauty as you stroll through town.

Congratulations to our 2020 Dinner for Eight winner, Sharon Sobral, who along with seven of her luckiest friends, will enjoy appetizers in the Victorian Parlor and a four-course dinner served in the Gathering Room. Our sincere thanks to all those who participated in this fundraiser, the proceeds of which are used to maintain our historic house and continue programming.

Over the summer, stop by the Conklin House during any of the Block Parties for a glass of lemonade on the porch or some free *Games on the Green*. We'll be hosting *Printmaking* art classes led by resident artist Shawn Uttendorfer on **July 13th and 20th**. On **August 12th** we'll welcome a free evening of *Children's Ballet*, courtesy of the Luminere Ballet Performing Company.

Delightful hats, red roses, mint juleps, oh my! Our first ever *Kentucky Derby* event will be held **Saturday, September 5th**. Tickets available on Eventbrite. Search: Conklin Kentucky Derby.

For info on these and other rescheduled events, including our ever-popular Afternoon Tea, Art Talks and Children's Tea, email us at conklinhouse@yahoo.com, subject line: Newsletter.

THE LIFE AQUATIC

Here's news fishermen and landlubbers alike will appreciate:

Spring Bass Tournament - The Suffolk Marine Anglers will be holding their *12th Annual Spring Bass Tournament* on **Sunday, June 7th**. It kicks off on the Main Dock with a **6:00am shotgun start**. It's an impressive sight seeing about 60 boats take off at once. Fish weigh-ins begin at 2:30pm and the last call is 4:30pm. It's a great day for the fishermen as well as the Hospice Charities Care Network, the recipients of the day's fundraising. Check their website for more information at: www.Suffolk-anglers.com

Snapper Clinic- The Babylon Tuna Club will host their *3rd Annual Snapper Derby Clinic* on **Saturday, August 15th** from **9:00am until noon** at the Gilbert C. Hanse Village Pool parking lot. Children will learn how to fish for snappers, bait lines and learn about our local waterways. Reservations are required as there will be a limit of 80 participants. Contact the Babylon Tuna Club for more information at www.BabylonTunaClub.com

Snapper Derby - The Tuna Club's *2020 Snapper Derby* will be held on the main dock on **Saturday, August 22** and is open to boys and girls ages 12 and younger. There will be prizes, including a bicycle for each boy and girl who catch the biggest snapper during Derby hours, as well as prizes for other categories such as Most Unique Fish. All participants will enjoy hot dogs, soda and ice cream. It's a great day for kids and parents. Contact the Babylon Tuna Club at www.BabylonTunaClub.com for info.

Crab Season - Applications for crabbing permits are available at the Village Clerk's office or online at:

www.villageofbabylonny.gov/permits-and-applications



VILLAGE GOLF COURSE NEWS

Trustee Kevin Muldowny reports that due to the Corona Virus, the opening of the E. Donald Conroy Golf Course at Sumpwams Creek has been delayed.

Hopefully, we'll all be out on the course very soon but golfers are urged to check the Village of Babylon Facebook page and the Village of Babylon website for the new opening day date.

Head greens keeper Tom Steffan and his crew have the course back in great shape and ready for play. This unique golf course has holes ranging from 100 to 185 yards, elevated greens and a pond. It's a great place to work on your short game or launch your golfing career. It's also an excellent venue for small group outings and organizations. Please consider us for your upcoming fundraisers and team-building events.

The women's league will be starting their 20th season this year, while the men's league will be entering their 17th season and their memberships' continue to increase. Our newest Wednesday evening league is up to 70 golfers and its only in its 4th year! Anyone interested in joining any league can contact the golf course. Resident pro Mike Reilly is back for his 7th season, providing lessons and clinics during the course of the golf season. Stop by the course to pick up information on all his programs. Once again, we are looking forward to the Junior PGA's Metropolitan Group holding their annual tournament here. This year's tournament is scheduled for June 29th and draws young golfers from all over the metropolitan area.

Golf course gift certificates are available and make wonderful Mother's Day and Father's Day gifts. They can be purchased at the course or at the Clerk's Office in Village Hall. Please call the Clerk's office at **631.669.1500**. Seniors receive a \$2 discount on weekday mornings from Monday to Friday. For all golfing information, please call the course office at **631.669.2340**. Bring a friend to our Village course and take advantage of our spring opening special!

2020 SEASON OPENING SPECIAL*

Good for One (1) Free Play When Accompanied

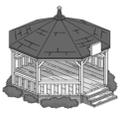
By a Babylon Village Resident

*Valid Only On May 23th and 24th, 2020

BABYLON VILLAGE BICYCLE RIDE SHARE

Trustee Robyn Silvestri reports the Bicycle Advisory Committee is pleased to welcome back the Bethpage Ride Share bike program. Download the Pace app to rent a bike starting at just \$1 for 15 minutes or \$10/month at any one of the six bike racks located around town, including at Argyle Lake, Park Avenue Tennis Courts, the Farmer's Market, Locust Ave. & James St. commuter lots and the Village Pool. Ride safe and bring your own helmet!





UNDER THE GAZEBO...

The beautiful Village Gazebo will be the venue for lots of warm weather fun. Look what's ahead!

Gazebo Movie Nights Looking for a great way to spend some "family time?" *Gazebo Movie Nights 2020* premieres **Monday, June 29th**. Join us at the Gazebo at **6:30pm** for a pre-movie summer kick-off celebration. There will be plenty of activities and fun prior to the **8:30pm** movie showtime with lots of snacks, refreshments and HOT popcorn during the show. Sponsored by the Village of Babylon and the Babylon Public Library, *Gazebo Movie Nights* continue on **Wednesday, July 29th** and **Thursday, August 6th**. Showtime for all movies is **8:30pm**. This event is free and open to the public. Movie titles to be announced.

Date Night Sponsored by the Village of Babylon and the Babylon Public Library "**Date Night at the Gazebo**" returns in **October!** Be on the lookout for more information!

Shakespeare in the Park Trustee Mary Adams is happy to report the "Shakespeare in the Park" series with the South Shore Theatre group will return to the Village Gazebo in 2020! "**Twelfth Night**" will be performed and all performances are free and open to the public. Performance and date details coming soon!

Family Celebration The Village of Babylon and the Babylon Arts Council invite children of all ages to the **2nd Annual "Celebrating Family"** afternoon on **Saturday, May 30th** from **1:00pm to 3:00pm** at the Village Gazebo! Enjoy a fun-filled afternoon where children can show their love and appreciation for their family with "sidewalk chalk art" and a chance to display their artsy talents, too. The event is free and there will be activities, refreshments and snacks.

"A Summer Ready" Celebration Trustee Mary Adams is happy to announce "**A Summer Ready**" Celebration at the Village Gazebo on **Thursday, July 23rd** from **2:00pm-4:00pm**. There will be plenty of afternoon fun for the children including face painting, music, activities, snacks and more, all sponsored by the Village of Babylon, the Babylon Public Library and the Babylon Arts Council. Everyone had a terrific time at "Blast Off" last year, so be sure to attend the "**A Summer Ready**" 2020 Celebration!

2020 Summer Concert Series We're rocking the Gazebo this year! New bands, Tribute music and it all begins at **8:00PM** at the Village Gazebo! Free and open to the public. Here's our 2020 Concert Series Lineup:

July 3 The Liverpool Shuffle	July 10 No Request Band	July 17 Piece of the Rock
July 24 White Wedding Band	July 31 Souled Out Band	August 7 Floyd Levy
August 14 The Frayed Knots	August 21 History of Rock and Roll	August 30 The Clusters

Sponsored by the Village of Babylon Alcoholic Beverages Prohibited
In the event of rain, concerts will be held at the Babylon High School

SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAMS BEGIN JUNE 29

Trustee Mary Adams reports that the Village's free recreation programs for resident children start on the dates listed below. Registration takes place at Village Hall from **9am-12pm** on:
Tuesday, June 23 Wednesday, June 24 Thursday, June 25

Can't make it down to Village Hall to register? We'll gladly email the application paperwork to you! Email us at: bvrec2020@gmail.com



Basketball: Starts Monday, June 29 Participants must be entering at least second grade in September. Sessions will be held in the Babylon Elementary School gym on Ralph Avenue from **8am - 12pm**.



Gymnastics: Starts Tuesday, June 30 Participants must be entering at least kindergarten in September. Sessions will be held in the Babylon High School West Gym from **8am - 12pm**.
Village Gymnastics Show: Thursday, August 6th 2020



Tennis: Starts Monday, June 29 Participants must be entering at least 4th grade in September. Sessions will be held at the tennis courts on the south side of Park Avenue from **8am - 12pm**. We are proud to offer our Village children "Indoor Tennis" during inclement weather at the Babylon Elementary School gym.



Science Fridays: Starts Friday, July 10 Students must be entering at least the 2nd grade in September. Sessions on Fridays will be held in the Babylon Elementary School from **8am -12p.m**. Classroom location to be announced.



Art Monsters: Starts Monday, June 29 For students K-5. This program allows students to explore their "artsy" side. Sessions will be held in the Babylon Elementary School, from **8am - 12pm**. Classroom location to be announced. Art work will be displayed in Village Hall at the end of the season.

Tentative New Summer Recreation Program

We are hoping to offer our Babylon Village youngsters a new summer recreation program: "**Children's Theatre Workshop 2020**" to be held in the Babylon High School Theatre. Plans are still underway, so stay mobile on our Village of Babylon Facebook page and website for announcements and details!

"CRAFTY WEDNESDAYS AT THE PLAYGROUNDS"

Not sure what to do on a hot, Wednesday afternoon? Meet us at the playground! Trustee Mary Adams announces "crafty afternoons" for children ages 5 through 12 on Wednesday afternoons beginning at **3:00PM**. Refreshments, snacks and crafts will be provided.

July 1	Lewis Circle Playground
July 8	Park Avenue Playground
July 15	Cooper Street Playground
July 22	Argyle Park Playground
July 29	Stowe Avenue Playground

BABYLON VILLAGE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*May 25	Memorial Day Observed (Village Hall Closed)
May 30	VOB Chamber of Commerce Spring Fling
May 30	Celebrating Parents
June 7	Spring Bass Tournament
June 23, 24, 25	Summer Recreation Program Registration
June 29	Basketball Program begins
June 29	Tennis Program begins
June 29	Art Monsters begins
June 29	Gazebo Movie Night
June 30	Gymnastics Program begins
July 2	VOB Chamber of Commerce Block Party
*July 3	Independence Day Observed (Vill. Hall Closed)
July 10	Science Fridays begin
July 23	VOB Chamber of Commerce Block Party
July 23	"Summer Ready" Celebration
July 29	Gazebo Movie Night
Aug. 6	Gymnastics Show
Aug. 6	VOB Chamber of Commerce Block Party
Aug. 6	Gazebo Movie Night
Aug. 15	Snapper Clinic
Aug. 20	VOB Chamber of Commerce Block Party
Aug. 20	Babylon Beautification Society's Gazebo Palooza
Aug. 22	Snapper Derby
*Sept. 7	Labor Day Observed (Village Hall Closed)
Sept. 13	Annual Fair

***There is 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/recycling day the following week.*

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

Village Board Meeting Dates

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



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