

## Mayor's Message 5/22/23

Greetings,

There's a lot going on in the Friendly Bay Village and I would like to share a few upcoming events with you.

**This Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, NYS Senator Alexis Weik** will be at the Village Hall Court Room from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. to meet with constituents. Please call to make an appointment (631) 665-2311 and stop by to meet her. This is a great opportunity to share your concerns and interests and get to know our newest state elected official.

Keep an eye out in your mailbox for the 2023-2024 **Village Property Tax Bills** which are going out at the end of this week. We will start accepting payments on June 1<sup>st</sup> and you can pay without penalty until July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

On Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m. the **Pomeroy Foundation** is installing an historical marker at **Unqua Corinthian Yacht Club** to commemorate this special Village gathering place on the Bay. All are welcome to witness the unveiling.

Be sure to show your patriotic pride on **Memorial Day** by attending our annual service at the Village Gazebo, Park Ave. and Broadway, **Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, at 10 a.m.** Please join the VFW Post 7223, Hunter Squires Jackson American Legion Post, AMHS Band, local clergy and elected officials for reflection and remarks before you start your holiday festivities. Have a safe and enjoyable Memorial Day Holiday!

Also, we'll be ramping up with warmer weather activities soon so check out the official Village website [Amityville.com](http://Amityville.com) for a complete calendar of upcoming events.

### **Downtown Revitalization Initiative Update:**

We are continuing to move forward with our Downtown Revitalization plans.

Recently, we hosted a community presentation by Suffolk County and consultants from GPI in preparation for an Active Transportation Study for safer, more welcoming ways for people of all abilities to get around, as pedestrians and bikers. During the evening walk that followed, a large group of residents set out to explore the downtown area at dusk, starting at the LIRR, going up toward Walgreens and down to St. Mary's Church and the post office. Along the way, they observed traffic safety and environmental conditions, and shared their impressions, from lighting and sidewalks to speed of traffic and areas of interest.

Two additional "Amity Walks" Active Transportation Study community walk audits will take place on Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., starting at the Farmer's Market on Broadway at 9/11 Memorial Park (the market is open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., starting Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> – so do some shopping!). We hope you will be able to join in this activity to provide valuable community feedback to help guide our downtown improvements.

Also, please take a moment to visit [Amitywalks.net](http://Amitywalks.net) to submit any concerns or suggestions you have about walking or getting around the Village.

Here's a quick guide on how to share your comments:

1) When you log onto <http://www.amitywalks.net/>, you will be on the home page of Amity Walks.

- 2) Move on over to Public Engagement Tool. This will bring you where you can drop comments.
- 3) If you select + Submit a suggestion, you will be given a menu of details. You don't have to fill it all out, just the arrowed information is required.
- 4) Leave any details, comments or suggestions on walking, biking, safety, drivers, greenery etc.
- 5) You can select on the map where you want your comment to go OR type in an address or location!
- 6) When you're done, hit Report it!

And, instead of submitting a Suggestion, you can simply Like or Comment on any existing Suggestion.

In addition to extensive DRI planning and preparation, we'll also be collecting vehicular traffic data in the coming weeks for our **Traffic Calming Study** and are establishing a **Façade Rehabilitation Program** with NYS to help businesses in our Downtown fund enhancements to their building exteriors. More information will be available shortly.

Have a safe and enjoyable Memorial Day Holiday!

Respectfully,

Mayor Dennis M. Siry