



A Message from Mayor Siry

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Greetings!

At Village Hall, the Trustees, Planning Board and Zoning Board have been working on your behalf to ensure that the Village is moving forward. Many people are working to make sure your property values are preserved, taxes are held to a minimum and your quality of life is enhanced. I would like to update you on several projects and improvements that have taken place recently:

- **Streetlights:** Starting on August 5th, we'll begin upgrading all existing streetlights throughout the Village with longer lasting, energy-efficient LED lighting. This will be paid for with a \$200,000 grant received from the Finance Restructuring Board. We are "piggy backing" on the Town of Brookhaven's contract for the LED conversion, which will result in a cost savings of roughly \$50,000/year to the Village.
- **Road Paving:** Phase I of our road paving project is complete and we are looking to secure a \$2 million bond to finance the next phase of street paving. Our goal is to pave as many streets as possible but paving comes with a high price tag. We are working with our engineering firm to determine priorities and will have a list narrowed down soon. We'll also repair and repave the access road at the rear of the stores on the east side of Broadway between Union Ave. and Oak St. And, soon we are going out to bid for paving of Park Avenue from Ireland Pl. to Greene Ave. (thanks to a grant from the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York - DASNY).
- **Bulkheading:** Our Hurricane Sandy-related bulkhead repair and replacement project, through the Governor's Office of Storm Recovery (GOSR), is winding down and we are making finishing touches. I hope you have had a chance to visit the new, accessible public docks at Richmond Avenue and at Coles Ave. I want to thank Village resident Peter Casserly who was a tremendous help in managing this extensive project.



Inspecting the new public docks with DPW Superintendent Bruce Hopper; Peter Casserly and Trustee O'Neill

- **Storm Sewer Drains:** GOSR plans are 100% approved and we'll be going out to bid for flood mitigation work on Norman Ave. and Meadow La., as well as on Dewey Ave. and Mincher Pl. We are also adding check valves and filter bags on every storm drain outlet in the Village to help prevent tidal flooding. We continue to work with the engineers to evaluate and address street flooding issues south of Merrick Rd., however, changes in street elevations are extremely costly. We're also looking at the feasibility of raising street elevations on Shore Rd. and South Bayview Ave.
- **Oak Street:** Throughout this complicated two-year project, we have been in close contact with the County to keep you advised and informed of their progress directly from the project managers. I thank everyone who lives or

works on or near Oak Street for their patience and understanding – I know it's been a challenge. After major culvert work at Peterkin Park, we are starting to see major progress. The County tells us that once the utility work can be done (relocating a pole) around Peterkin Park, the final paving can be done.

- **Brunswick Property:** The former site of Brunswick Hospital on Broadway and Loudon Ave. has been sold to residential developer, Avalon Bay, and plans for a proposed apartment community are progressing. Building applications are expected to be filed soon, and plans will be shared to keep you aware and involved. As you may have read in [the recent article in Newsday](#), the complex will be designed to mirror and complement our architectural style and will add to our tax base.
- **GreenTek Living:** The site of LandTek on County Line Road and Oak Street bordering the LIRR will soon be redeveloped into the proposed 115-unit GreenTek Living multi-family apartments. Offering studio and 1- and 2-bedroom units, the attractive rentals are expected to appeal to LIRR commuters and bring added traffic to our downtown shopping and dining district. In June, the Village was presented the for this transformational project which will help fuel our downtown revitalization efforts.
- **Downtown Revitalization Committee** - a committee of residents with a variety of backgrounds actively meets to identify opportunities for the development of our downtown area. Among their concerns are filling vacant retail space on Broadway to help make Amityville more attractive to residents and visitors. We are also working with the LIRR to collaborate on a pedestrian/bike path from John St. to Broadway.
- **Grants:** We continue to work behind the scenes to seek grant funding to enhance our Village and offset our expenses. We were just awarded a \$100,000 grant from the Dormitory Authority State of New York through the office of Senator John Brooks to secure **electric vehicles and charging stations**. We also are installing a **new generator** at the Main Fire House, for use as an emergency public shelter, thanks to a grant through GOSR; we secured **commercial washing machines** for our fire department gear, thanks to Congressman Peter King; we've replaced two aging **police vehicles** and are getting a third, through a SAM grant, through Assemblywoman Kimberly Jean-Pierre; and have benefitted from a \$500,000 DASNY grant for the recent paving of the **Amityville Village Beach Lot**, thanks to efforts of the late Hon. Owen Johnson, State Senator. We also have applied for a competitive, \$10 million **Downtown Revitalization Initiative grant** from New York State which, if awarded, would be a tremendous boost to our downtown improvements.
- **Finance:** Our accounting firm will soon be closing out our books for FY 2018/2019 and Village finances are looking very good. As we get the audit findings in September, we will update you.
- **Quality of Life:** Day in and day out, our Quality of Life officers and Building Department work with commercial and residential property owners to ensure that properties are well maintained under Village code. Recently, they have concentrated their efforts on our very visible main business corridor.
- **Supporting Veterans:** We hosted and cheered on 1,200+ veterans and supporters who cycled through the heart of Amityville at the recent Soldier Ride. I thank our Village Departments -- DPW, APD, and AFD --and all the individuals and organizations who created a true heroes' welcome here in Amityville!

Thank you for your interest and support, and all you do to help make Amityville a very special community. Check our website **Amityville.com** and our Facebook page - **Amityville Village Hall** for information and updates.