



A Message from Mayor Siry

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I want to thank everyone who participated in the Fourth of July car caravan and came out to celebrate the holiday on Saturday. Thank you to Bill Ordon and Ginger Lee, Jaisle Hilbert Chester and all those who helped organize it. It was great a great way to mark our Independence while keeping socially distant. We hope that our individual efforts to contain and eliminate the Coronavirus are successful and we can pull out all the stops for a grand parade next year!

In the past few weeks, we have had walks and marches for equality occurring here in the Village – some of which were planned; others spontaneous. **Please know that the Village has not given out any permits for these marches.** There is a direct order from the governing body of New York State to allow these protests to convene without permits, and the Village of Amityville is doing our best to stay on top of these organized marches to ensure safety and limit any negative traffic impact that could affect residents. I want to thank our officers in the Police Department and APD Chief Bryan Burton for their professionalism, hard work and dedication and for keeping us all secure during these unprecedented times.

There is always a lot going on in the Village. Here are a few things to share:

- A reconstruction project is beginning on County Line Rd., (CR 1) extending from Merrick Rd to Matthew Drive. As you probably know, this street straddles the lines between Suffolk and Nassau Counties and is under the jurisdiction of both counties. We have been advised by Suffolk County that the project encompasses drainage, paving, curbs and sidewalks as well as signal improvements.
Please note that the paving contractor will be using the eastern most side of Brunswick's overflow parking lot on Loudon Ave. for materials/equipment storage. We have met with the contractor to establish guidelines for site use and hours of operation to minimize disruption to neighbors.
On a related note, we have been in touch with the County to follow up on the status of its Oak St. CR 12 paving project. While finishing work is still at a standstill, (due to the contractor going out of business) a third-party has taken over management and we are optimistic that they will soon complete any outstanding work.
- Drainage work is finishing up at Dewey Ave. and Mincher Pl., addressing some of the flooding issues they have experienced due to high tides and runoff. While this is not meant to remediate the problem entirely, we are doing all we can within the available funding we have at our disposal.
- The Beach is officially open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. Passes will be issued at the beach (ID with proof of Village residency required) and at Village Hall (8a.m. to 4 p.m.) Due to COVID-19,

guests of residents are not permitted this season. Also, note that the fishing pier remains closed due to erosion, and upon DEC approval we will move forward to restore and repair the area.

- Plans to hold another Drive-in movie are in the works and we will keep you posted on date and the featured filmed.
- On Saturday, July 18th there will be a drive-in concert featuring live music from the 70's and 80's by Radio Flashback. It will take place at the beach and a limited number of free tickets will be offered for Village Residents. Special thanks to Village resident Steve Pisani and his bandmates for offering up their services for this exciting concert. Check our website Amityville.com and Facebook page Amityville Village Hall in the coming days for info.
- The LandTek project is moving along nicely on Oak St. and County Line Rd. If you haven't driven by I suggest you have a look at the attractive apartment complex that they are putting up by the LIRR and our downtown.
- Recently the Town of Babylon IDA and Planning Commission held meetings on the project to discuss PILOTs and other details. Once these entities complete their reviews the Village will work with the developer to issue building permits for the 338-unit apartment complex to be constructed on Broadway and Loudon Ave. on the former site of Brunswick Hospital. We are looking forward to the development of the site and to joining the long list of attractive Avalon Bay housing communities in and around our region.
- Reminder: Thursday evening's Planning Board Meeting will include applications for 335 and 339 Merrick Rd. properties, now being used by Security Dodge. Please keep in mind the hearing will address façade and site plans only, as the use permit has previously been approved by the Board of Trustees. The information for joining this Zoom meeting is on our Website, and requests to join the meeting must be made by 12 noon on Wednesday.
- For commuters: the LIRR has announced a free app that will give you helpful info about train times, track numbers , and even help you find a car with the least amount of people to help you socially distance on your commute.

As always, please support our local businesses, especially as they rebound from these difficult times, and enjoy the beautiful summer!

Regards,

Mayor Dennis Siry