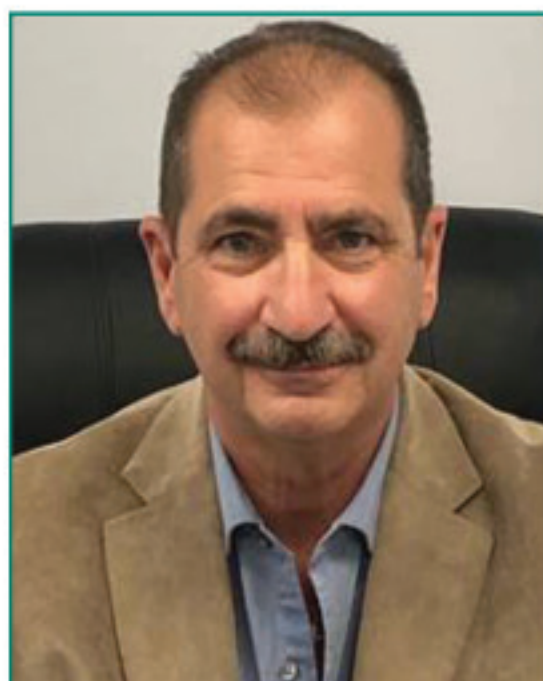




Incorporated Village of Lake Grove **VILLAGE NEWS**

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A Message From The Mayor

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Another summer has come and gone. I hope most of you had an opportunity to join us at our wonderful "Summer Festival". Each year, thanks to Trustee Kick, LG C.A.R.E.S, and the rest of our committee, the event is always a great success. This year we created a full weekend event by including music on Friday and Saturday leading up to the big day. These special events are generally net zero cost to all of us as taxpayers in the village. Vendors are required to pay to be at the festival and music is provided through our awesome volunteer group, LG C.A.R.E.S, and other donors. Special thanks to all. I hope many of you were also able to come out to our "Family Movie Night". A good time was had by all that attended.

Our village boards and staff have been very busy this year, working on numerous projects to enhance our community.

The speed tables we added on Hawkins Avenue are having the desired effect of slowing down traffic and having commercial traffic rerouting to state roadways to avoid the new speed control. These improvements come at no cost to the taxpayers as the funding for such projects comes from sources only available for traffic control.

The new cell tower located in our DPW yard has been another great addition, as it not only provides better mobile service throughout our village for all of us, but it also provides additional coverage for public safety through the Ronkonkoma Fire Department. Ronkonkoma FD has been experiencing drops in mobile service causing possible delays in responding to the public's needs. We are glad to be able to provide our brave men and women with the best possible tools to protect the community. An additional bonus of housing the tower on municipal property is that it is another source of revenue for the village. As the cost of everything continues to rise, any money coming into our budget helps to keep taxes as low as possible.

With all the great events happening around our village, I hope our new information sign in front of the Village Hall has been a benefit to all. Upcoming events and other valuable information are constantly being updated to keep everyone informed. The cost of the sign has been supplemented by a grant received through the efforts of our staff here at Village Hall. We have also applied for a grant to replace a piece of

playground equipment at Victor Park. These play-sets are typically very expensive. This playground equipment is being provided at no cost to the taxpayers of the village. This park fund is only available to be used towards capital improvements of parkland.

Lastly, we are very excited to be in the process of having our new DPW building installed. The bulk of the funding for the new building has been provided by the federal government through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) stimulus bill. This structure will provide better housing for not only our incredible staff, but also for our valuable equipment. We pride ourselves on sending out the best possible vehicles and equipment to provide the best possible service to all.

As always, thank you all for your continued support and valuable input.

Robert (Bob) Scottaline
Mayor

Feel free to contact me directly anytime:

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Attention Seniors!

Residents and taxpayers of the Town, age 60 years and older, are welcome to join our Brookhaven senior groups held here at the Village Recreation Center. It's a great way for our fellow residents to socialize with one another and enjoy a nice day out. New members are always welcome to join!

Brookhaven Seniors meets every Tuesday at 11am. This group provides social interaction through games, cards, and other activities such as luncheons, special events and trips. For more information, please contact Village Hall at 631-585-2000.

Homemaker's Club meets every Wednesday at 10am. This group is craft oriented and residents create craft related projects that count; such as holiday stockings for the military, lap blankets for nursing homes, and other charitable projects. For more information, please contact Susan at 631-588-3137.

Village Hall Meeting Schedule:

TUESDAY

- Senior Citizen Group- 11:00am-4:00pm
- Lake Grove Justice Court Sessions
(call for exact dates)
 - Traffic Court is held twice per month on Tuesday nights- 6:30pm
 - Village Code Violations are held once per month on Tuesday nights- 6:30pm

WEDNESDAY

- Homemaker's Club- 10:00am-2:00pm
- Zoning Board of Appeals
 - 1st Wednesday each month- 7:00pm

THURSDAY

- Planning Board Meeting
 - 2nd Thursday each month- 6:30pm
- Village Board Meeting
 - 3rd Thursday each month- 6:00pm

- JUSTICE COURT CLERK OFFICE -

Hours: Tuesday & Thursday, 10:00am – 2:00pm

Phone: 631-585-2008

Address: Justice Court

P.O. Box 1231, Lake Grove, NY 11755-0531

VILLAGE BOARD MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO ALL!

*It's YOUR turn to be part of the process....
Find out what is going on in your community!*

\$ **TAX** Exemption News for Seniors

Could you be eligible for the Village of Lake Grove's Over 65 limited income property tax exemption? The *maximum* income to qualify for this exemption is \$37,399.99 per household. If you wish to apply for the next year's tax bill over 65 exemptions, please contact us for an application. The income period basis for this particular year is 2022. Applications are available in person or can be mailed to you by calling Jessica in the Tax department 631-585-2000 ext. 108. All completed applications must be received by Friday, December 29, 2023; however, we strongly advise you to submit your application as soon as possible.



Town of Brookhaven INTERFACE

THANKS FOOD DRIVE GIVING

Help needy families enjoy a Happy Holiday Season this year
by purchasing and donating non-perishable food items
SEE VILLAGE WEBSITE FOR COMPLETE FLYER
Items Will Be Collected
UP UNTIL NOVEMBER 17th



Holiday Celebration

Mark your calendar

Before long, our **Holiday Celebration** will be here with Santa and Mrs. Claus joining us as always. Mark your calendars for December 8th at 7:00 p.m. Bring the children for a fun-filled evening! Raffles, prizes, music, refreshments and our tree lighting will help make this a wonderful way to enjoy the holiday spirit.

Special thanks to Deanna Scollo, creator, designer, and editor of our newsletters for her commitment to accuracy, inclusiveness, and detail. We are very fortunate to have her as an essential part of our team here at village hall.
Robert J. Scottaline, Mayor

NOW OPEN AT SMITH HAVEN MALL !

Stony Brook Advanced Specialty Care at Lake Grove *All your healthcare needs, in one convenient location*

Conveniently located at the Smith Haven Mall, Advanced Specialty Care at Lake Grove is Stony Brook Medicine's newest and most spacious, multispecialty care facility. Featuring a modern, open-concept layout, occupying approximately 170,000 square feet, this state-of-the-art facility makes health and wellness care easily accessible for you and your family.

Services include adult and family primary care, preventive medicine, pediatrics, diabetes education, genetic counseling, neurology, neuropsychology, pain management and more.

And should you need any additional care, Stony Brook University Hospital and Stony Brook Children's Hospital are just four miles down the road.

Volunteering is a Work of Heart

SPOTLIGHT Village of Lake Grove Resident



We are pleased to feature Marianna Geuss Marin as our next resident spotlight. Marianna has been a resident of Lake Grove Village since 1962. Her love of gardening began at the young age of 12 and her passion is clearly represented at her own home, where there is one lovely flower bed after another.

She has volunteered her time at the village for nearly 25 years beautifying our community with her gardening talents. She started as a member of the Lake Grove Beautification Society in 1999 and once that dissolved, she continued to volunteer her time. With the help of her daughters, Sue and Jen, Marianna is credited for much of the beautification around the village; planting the lovely pots in front of village hall every spring, as well as by the welcome signs entering

the village. We want to thank Marianna for her tireless effort and dedication in improving the look of our community.

Not only does Marianna donate her time with her gardening designs, but she is also our Village Election Chairperson. How incredibly generous of her to lead the village election committee and take on all the duties that come along with that. Marianna's selfless commitment as a chairperson leader is truly incredible and she is greatly appreciated for the time and hard work she puts in.

Commitment to community is evident in everything she does and her dedication as a volunteer is an inspiration to others.

As a token of appreciation for everything Marianna has done, the Mayor and the Village Board have recognized her at a Village Board meeting with a beautiful plaque and gift.



L.G. C.A.R.E.S

The **Lake Grove Cultural Arts, Recreation & Education Society** is a non-profit organization that was established in 1999. Over the years L.G. C.A.R.E.S and its volunteers have been actively engaged in sponsoring a variety of activities and events, such as their holiday celebration in December and most recently, they hosted a successful paint night. This organization proudly awards 6 scholarships each year to qualified high school graduates who are residents of Lake

Grove. Each school district located in Lake Grove receives 2 scholarships. These scholarships are made possible from the funds raised selling raffles at various events in the village, such as our annual harvest fest and our summer festival. New members are always welcome and if you are a Lake Grove business become a member today and support your community. For more information, please call 631-585-2000. We would like to thank LG C.A.R.E.S and all of the dedicated volunteers for their time and effort making this organization as successful as it is. Without these wonderful members, all of this would not be possible. Your hard work does not go unnoticed and is greatly appreciated.



Bringing People Together to

Here's a re-cap of what's been happening in the village....

Operation Medicine Cabinet

On April 26th, the SCPD 4th Precinct was proud to sponsor Operation Medicine Cabinet in which many residents came down to Village Hall and were able to safely dispose of their expired and/or unused prescription medications. Operation Medicine Cabinet illustrates our commitment to keeping all our residents safer, protecting our young people from the harmful misuse of prescription drugs, as well as helping to protect the environment.



BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE!

Our Back-to-School Drive ran from July 28th-August 25th. The drive collected backpacks, notebooks, binders, paper, pencils, crayons and other school supplies. We want to thank all the residents that contributed to this drive. Without their support, the success of our Back-to-School Drive would not be possible. Together, we can help make sure that every student has a great school year!

Mobile Health Screening Event *Education & Care on Wheels!*

The Village held a health screening event through Catholic Health on August 24th. At events with the mobile health bus, staff members provide general health and wellness education and offer the following services: blood pressure, blood sugar, and cholesterol screenings. Residents are encouraged to stop in the next time the mobile health unit visits our community.

Child & Senior ID Event

The Village, in partnership with the Suffolk County Sheriff's office, hosted this event on September 28th for the community. Free ID cards were issued, complete with a resident's personal data, physicians' contact information, and emergency phone numbers. These ID cards are extremely important, as they contain vital information to distribute to local authorities.

The Return of our Summer **MOVIE** NIGHT



Residents came out to enjoy the movie screening of Minions: The Rise of Gru on August 25th. Although the weather didn't cooperate for us to show it outdoors as planned, all seemed to have fun cozying up inside at this family-friendly event. We'd like to thank LG CARES for donating their time selling refreshments. This event was free to all village residents, and we hope to host more movie nights for our community in the near future.



THE CIRCUS WAS BACK IN TOWN!

Cirque Italia Gold Show - *A breathtaking performance of European style*

Circus goers were treated to a show unlike anything they have experienced before! Cirque Italia has designed a traveling water show- a stage that holds 35,000 gallons of water that performers dazzle over while thrilling the audience with every move. With this unique feature under the tent, guests were riveted the entire time, for it's a show of its own! The circus was held at the SmithHaven Mall from October 5th-October 15th. You won't want to miss this show the next time it's in town!

Build a Stronger Community

A Great Success for this year's Annual Summer Festival August 18th-20th!



This year we decided to turn our very popular Summer Festival into a weekend event, with bands playing Friday and Saturday night at the Memorial Park adjoining Village Hall and then a full day of festivities Sunday on Hawkins Avenue. Sunday's events included numerous vendors, a full day of music and a car show.

The skies were blue and sunny, the temperatures warm, while merchants and residents came out to greet hundreds of visitors to our community. There was an abundance of food vendors, several wonderful local bands, a variety of village businesses and street merchants. A special thanks to Trustee Kick and his dedicated committee for planning the event, as well as all the village residents and merchants for their support and hospitality throughout the day. We would also



like to thank Wegmans, Steel Equities, Crunch Fitness and the Village Idiot Pub for sponsoring our bands this year. We are always looking for new vendors... please contact Village Hall if you would like to participate next summer 631-585-2000.

Summer Recreation Program



We are very pleased with the success of this summer's program and with our talented staff. The camp directors and counselors are the heart and soul of this program. They interact with the children and encourage them to participate in all the activities provided. The kids enjoyed playing games, arts and crafts, sports, water balloon games, and so much more! The highlight always seems to be the several field trips that are incorporated into this fun-filled camp. The Summer Recreation Program concluded with its usual big finish of their wonderful variety show, where family and friends attended. Many thanks to our camp director, Rosemarie Rivera and Trustee Wienclaw for making this camp the success it is. We encourage all residents to consider this program next year for their children. Look for summer 2024 program details next spring on the village website.



LAKE GROVE VILLAGE RECYCLING INFORMATION:

Check your Lake Grove Recycling Schedule that was mailed to every resident for garbage pick-up and recycling days. They are also available at Village Hall or you can refer to our website at,

www.lakegroveny.gov

(Please do not refer to the Town of Brookhaven's calendar!)

Important Note: Collection is every Wednesday, alternating Paper & Commingled

COMMINGLED RECYCLING DAY: ▲



- Mixed Recyclables bearing appropriate symbols
- NO household garbage or scrap metal
- NO plastic bags • NO glass

Glass bottles and jars are no longer accepted with curbside recyclables. We have listed a few locations nearest to us where you can drop glass off free of charge. Glass colors may be mixed.

Brookhaven Town Hall

One Independence Hill,
Farmingville, NY 11738
South Parking Lot

Brookhaven Landfill

350 Horseblock Road,
Brookhaven, NY 11719
M-F 7am-3pm
Sat 7am-12pm

Holtsville Ecology Center

249 Buckley Road, Holtsville, NY 11742
Every day 8am-3pm

New Village Recreation Center

20 Wireless Road,
Centereach, NY 11727
In the back of the parking lot

West Meadow Beach

100 Trustees Road, Stony Brook, NY 11790
Northern Area of Parking Lot

NOVEMBER 2023

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DECEMBER 2023

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PAPER RECYCLING DAY: ●

- Use brown paper bags or tie in bundle with string
- Corrugated & Non-Corrugated cardboard boxes must be flattened
- NO household garbage • NO plastic bags

Curby Recycling stickers are available at no cost to residents. Pick up at Village Hall

SAFETY & ENVIRONMENTAL EFFORTS

Help Keep our Village Safe and Clean

Please help our Department of Public Works maintain our village to the highest standards. Although it is always important to keep us informed of problem areas, it is imperative during any storm season. Please contact us about any of the following problems or any other maintenance issues now and throughout the year.

- Storm drains blocked or clogged with debris
- Excessive sand on roads and intersections • Possible unsafe conditions at any of our parks • Sand or debris on sidewalks • Low tree branches hanging over sidewalks or roads • Damaged or open fences around sumps • Litter

Even though we continue to be enjoying a warm autumn, winter will inevitably be here soon. We urge our residents to follow the village's state of emergency ordinance prohibiting vehicles parking on the road and the removal of basketball hoops during a storm. Working together, we can help ensure that roads and sidewalks are cleared in a safe and efficient manner. Here's how you can help:

- Do not park on the street during snow events • Minimize your travel during snow events • Do not throw snow from your walkway or driveway onto the road. Having snow removal teams return to the same street multiple times increases the cost and time necessary to clear the roads.
- Remove snow from your vehicle while it is still parked in your driveway and certainly before you travel.
- Village Code requires that residents and business owners remove snow and ice from the sidewalk within 24 hours of the snow event.

If you have questions on snow removal, please call the Department of Public Works at 631-585-2000



A MESSAGE FROM THE LAKE GROVE VILLAGE FIRE MARSHAL

Andrew J. Brofman, Lake Grove Fire Marshal

Planning ahead can save your life! Do you know which fire department protects your home? Calling the direct number to the fire department that protects your part of the Village can save 4 to 6 minutes response time! If you don't know the answer to this question, call the Village Fire Marshal. He will provide the information. Call these numbers in an emergency requiring the response to your designated fire department.

FIRE DEPARTMENT EMERGENCY LINES

Nesconset Fire Dept: 631-924-5252

Centereach Fire Dept: 631-981-0177

Ronkonkoma Fire Dept: 631-588-8410

Setauket Fire Dept: 631-941-4441

Check the Fire Marshal section of the Village website for additional information.
Make sure your house number is visible from the street.
If we can't find you, we can't help you!



Lake Grove Village Department of Public Works Guide

APPLIANCES & SCRAP METAL

Appliances & Scrap Metal will not be picked up with regular garbage. Place items at the curb only after contacting Lake Grove Village Hall for a scheduled pick up. Please call 631-585-2000 to schedule a pickup.

These items include: appliances, air conditioners, metal bath tubs, swing sets, water heaters, metal lawn furniture, metal pool frames, auto engines, automobile parts, chain link fences, boats & trailers, metal sheds, and coiled bed springs, along with washers, dryers, stoves, refrigerators & freezers with doors removed, and other similar items.

- **Major homeowner construction, commercial construction and demolition debris** won't be accepted and must be removed by a private firm.

- **Lumber** must be cut into 4-foot lengths and tied & bundled securely. Nails must be removed or flattened against the wood.

- **Propane tanks** can be brought to any place that sells or services them. No oil tanks or other metal items contaminated with toxic substances will be picked up. Used oil can be taken to the Brookhaven Town Landfill or your local service station.

- **Bulk items, such as sofas, coffee tables, TV's, etc.** do not require a phone call for special pick up. Residents are allowed to put out no more than 4 bulk items a week on Thursdays or Fridays, depending on where you live in the village. Place at the curb by your garbage pails and the bulk item will be picked up on the 2nd garbage collection of the week.

PAPER BAGGED LEAVES & BRANCHES ONLY

Paper bagged leaves and branches should be placed curbside at the beginning of the scheduled week.

- **No bag should exceed 50 pounds**
- **Branches & Brush- must be bundled and tied in 4' bundles** (maximum length)

Please note: Leaves & Brush not bundled appropriately or placed in plastic bags will not be picked up. Each Fall and Spring the Village of Lake Grove provides an allotment of paper leaf bags to each homeowner.

The pick-up schedule for Fall 2023 leaves & brush is as follows:

LEAF BAG & BRANCH CLEAN UP DATES

PAPER LEAF BAGS, BRANCHES & BRUSH

(Branches & brush must be tied and bundled & no longer than 4 feet long)

NORTH SIDE PICK-UP

Any street north of Village Hall

WEEK OF 10/9, 10/23, 11/6, 11/20 (last week)

SOUTH SIDE PICK-UP

Any street south of Village Hall

(including Washburn Street & Moriches Road)

WEEK OF 10/16, 10/30, 11/13, 11/27 (last week)

*Leaf bags & tied and bundled brush must be at curb Sunday night prior to pick up week. Will be picked up one day between Monday and Friday. **NO GRASS***



>>> GARBAGE REMINDER <<<

- **ON HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE DAYS, ALL GARBAGE MUST BE PUT CURBSIDE IN COVERED PAILS ONLY.**
- **GARBAGE SHOULD NEVER BE PUT OUT IN PLASTIC BAGS.**
- **IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR ANYONE TO OPEN THE COVERED PAIL OF ANOTHER.**
- **GARBAGE SHOULD NOT BE PUT OUT BEFORE 7PM THE NIGHT BEFORE PICK-UP.**





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IMPORTANT LAKE GROVE VILLAGE INFORMATION INSIDE

**KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR
FUTURE LAKE GROVE VILLAGE
PROGRAMS & EVENTS!**

Will be listed on our FACEBOOK PAGE:

www.facebook.com/LakeGroveVillage

WEBSITE: www.lakegroveny.gov

as well as the Display Screen Outside Village Hall



Notify Me!

If you are interested in being added to our notification call list for emergency related matters or any upcoming events, please contact Village Hall at **631-585-2000**.



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- Thank You for Your Continued Support -