



Incorporated Village of Lake Grove **VILLAGE NEWS**

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A Message From The Mayor



Dear Fellow Village Residents,

With winter on its way out, we are getting prepared for our spring clean-ups and the beautification of our village.

I want to give thanks to our Department of Public Works for their efforts in keeping us all safe during the winter with the preparation and maintenance on our roadways, keeping them free of ice and snow. They will also be preparing soon for the removal of sand and debris from our sidewalks and roads. Please help them in their efforts by removing cars and any athletic equipment from public roadways while they are completing these tasks.

As a reminder, please check your recycling calendar for leaf bag distribution dates and other valuable information regarding recycling and holiday scheduling.

Have you noticed those savvy entrepreneurs we have been talking about coming into our village with the opening of Wegmans? Businesses such as Bagelati, Hummus Fit and Pooch's Bed & Barkfest saw the opportunity to be part of our business district and are now prospering from their decisions to come to Lake Grove. Let's help all our local businesses reap the benefits of being part of our community, including those that have provided us with excellent service throughout many years, such as Lake Grove Deli, Village Idiot, Uncle Joe's, LaGrova, Redefine and others. Patronizing local businesses keeps them vibrant as they continue to be assets to our community. We are fortunate to have most of everything we require at our fingertips within our village or just outside.

Lake Grove is such an amazing place to live and raise our families thanks to its proximity to everything including every kind of transportation, such as air, rail, and highway commuting. We are also fortunate to have

close access to some of the best medical facilities in the nation. Stony Brook Medicine at Smith Haven Mall continues to grow as they complete additional phases of construction and provide a multitude of services at that location.

I hope you all feel the same about our village as I do and appreciate how very fortunate we are.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Very truly yours,

Robert J. Scottaline
Mayor

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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 once 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!*

SENIOR SCAM ALERT!

In April the village will host an informational session in the Recreation Center for our senior community. Scams targeting older adults are costly, widespread, and on the rise. It's important to be aware of senior scams so that you can protect yourself or your loved ones from becoming victims. The speaker will discuss ways older adults can protect themselves from fraud and financial exploitation. We hope that the attendees will find it to be enlightening and will leave with some valuable information. **Please call 631-585-2000 for exact date or visit the village website at www.lakegroveny.gov**

Tax Exemption News for Seniors of Low Income Households

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 exemption, please contact us for an application. The income period basis for this particular year is 2024. 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 the end of each calendar year; however, we strongly advise you to submit your application as soon as possible.



Tax bills for the Village of Lake Grove's upcoming fiscal year will be sent on May 31st to all residents. Tax bills are payable beginning June 1st and must be paid on or before July 1st to avoid a penalty. *For your convenience, you may now pay your taxes by credit card, or by e-check via our website, though fees do apply.* All major credit cards are accepted. You can continue to pay your village taxes by cash (exact amount) or check with no added fees by stopping by Village Hall or mailing it directly to us.

If you choose to mail your payment, please make sure to have your envelope with check enclosed with an official U.S. Post Office postmark on it by July 1st to avoid any additional fees. Further information is provided on our website at lakegroveny.gov/faq under real estate taxes or you can contact the Tax Department directly at 631-585-2000 ext 108.

Through the act of giving, we can help create a better tomorrow!

The Value of Giving Back

The Village of Lake Grove has many opportunities to get involved with various volunteer positions. We are always looking for dedicated individuals (adults and students alike) to join us at our numerous events throughout the year.

Also, if you are a student and would like to earn community service hours, please contact the village to find out more. Whether it be helping at our SummerFest, Harvest Festival, Holiday Celebration or being a CIT during our Summer Recreation Program, there are many ways students can get involved. We are flexible with the roles and time you can commit.

You can truly make a difference by volunteering in your community. Call us today at 631-585-2000.

We would like to express a heartfelt thank you to our dedicated Ronkonkoma & Centereach fire departments, as well as the SCPD 4th Precinct for their invaluable support at our recent festivals. Whether it's the Centereach FD transporting Santa to our Holiday Celebration or hanging our SummerFest banner, or the 4th Precinct holding medication drives in the village, thank you for your unwavering commitment to our community. We would also like to thank the Ronkonkoma Fire Department for stopping by our summer recreation program each year for some water fun activities with our campers! Our Summer Camp would also like to extend their appreciation to the Crossing Guards that get our cars in and out safely during our very busy drop off and pick up, as well as getting our walkers home safely. We couldn't have done it without your assistance! We truly appreciate your presence at our events, which help to make our festivities an enjoyable and safe experience for all.

Building Hope through Generosity



We want to thank our wonderful village residents for their generous contributions during our most recent donation drives. Beginning with the Back-to-School drive, without your support, the success of this drive would not be possible. Together, we were able to help make sure that every student has a great school year!

Once the holiday season came upon us, the village participated as a drop off location for our Food, Toy & Pajama drives, which was also a huge success. The food drive provided hearty Thanksgiving meals to over 1,400 families in Brookhaven, as well as thousands of toys and PJ's to deserving children. We also held a Winter Coat Drive in February where once again our amazing residents came out and donated gently used coats, scarves and hats. We were able to provide hundreds of warm coats to many town and village residents in need.

Without your heartwarming donations, all of this would not be possible. You have helped bring the joy of the new school year and the holidays to less fortunate families and children in our community.

LG C.A.R.E.S-New Members Wanted!

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 every December and most recently, they hosted a successful paint night. We also fundraise by raffling off baskets at SummerFest and the Annual Harvest Festival. We are seeking new members so that we can offer more programs and events to the village community. If you are interested in volunteering your time please contact LG CARES at 631-585-2000.

Reminder to Landscapers... Warm weather is around the corner, which means you're probably starting to think about Spring clean-ups in your yard! We would like to remind our residents that all landscapers working in Lake Grove Village must obtain a permit ANNUALLY to ensure they are aware of Village rules and regulations. Applications are available on our website or stop by the village office. Possession of a permit is not a recommendation by the village as to the quality of the work a landscaper will perform. It is the responsibility of property owners to make sure any contractors hired are properly insured.



Landscaping functions may be performed by landscapers only during the hours of 8:00 am through 7:00 pm Monday through Friday, and 8:00 am through 5:00 pm on Saturday. Homeowners performing their own landscaping, please be courteous to your neighbors and abide by the Village's Noise Ordinance Policy.



UPCOMING HAPPENINGS IN THE VILLAGE!



THE LAKE GROVE LIONS CLUB PANCAKE BREAKFAST and Basket Auction

SUNDAY, MAY 4TH
9am to 12noon

Adults \$10 Children (12 and Under) \$5

LAKE GROVE VILLAGE RECREATION CENTER
980 Hawkins Avenue

Bring the whole family! All proceeds go to supporting The Guide Dog Foundation & other local charities

Lake Grove Lions is always looking for new members! For more information contact Howard Mazer (631) 312-1517

BLOOD DRIVE

DONATIONS SAVE LIVES

Village of Lake Grove

Sponsored by
Mayor Scottaline the Village Board
Senator Dean Murray,
and Legislator Leslie Kennedy

Community Center
980 Hawkins Ave.
Lake Grove

Thursday, May 8th
12:30pm-6:30pm

Appointments strongly preferred

Scan the QR code to right
or call

1-800-933-2566

or visit www.nybc.org

Any further questions contact Jennifer at 516-310-2382
Medical Questions call 1-800-688-0900

New York Blood Center 800.933.BLOOD - nybc.org #nybloodcenter



S.C.P.D. FOURTH PRECINCT
PRESENTS



OPERATION MEDICINE CABINET

Don't let your medication fall into the wrong hands

Have any unused or expired medication at home?
Please bring with you for safe disposal by the S.C.P.D.

No syringes, auto-injectors, creams or liquids will be accepted.
Please remove pills from packages and bottles
and place loose medications in a Ziploc type bag for collection.

Saturday, April 5th
Lake Grove Village Meeting Hall
10am - 12noon

PEST CONTROL: The solution to this problem is to pay more attention to our own "nests"

If you have recently observed rodents around your home, please be assured that you are not alone. Over the past decade or so, sightings in Suffolk County are no longer uncommon. Fortunately, the path to eradicating this nuisance is not complicated and is as simple as increasing sanitation practices around the home, ceasing or modifying certain common habits that can attract these pests to your yard and, lastly, extermination. The sanitation / homeowner practices component comprises 80% of a plan to address a rodent infestation. Extermination without following sanitation modifications around the home will not be successful.

Three things are key to their survival; they need food, a water source, and a place to live (harborage). To begin addressing your problem in the most expeditious manner, please follow the tips below.

1. Provide tight fitting lids on garbage cans. Garbage should not be placed at the curb in plastic bags.
2. Bird feeders must be spill-resistant and elevated off the ground. They will even raid sheds and garages for grass seed.
3. Refrain from throwing food on the ground (e.g. bread) to feed wild animals such as squirrels and pigeons.
4. Never feed feral (outdoor) cats. The Health Department has even found rodents eating from the bowls of dogs which are fed outside.

5. Remove dog and other animal feces on a daily basis.
6. Remember that rodents love fresh vegetables. This usually becomes a problem when the local gardens begin producing. Keep a close watch during that time.
7. A properly maintained compost pile should have low odors and should not provide rodents with food.
8. Avoid providing easy harborage on your property. They will look for ready-made homes such as a pile of broken concrete, an abandoned car, or other household items stored for long periods outdoors.
9. Keep your property well maintained. High grass or weeds sometimes provide a cozy and more private environment for them to burrow.
10. Make sure that the seal at the bottom of your garage door is tight, particularly in the fall when they will look for a warm place over the winter.
11. People choosing to have a pond, waterfall or bird bath need to be extra vigilant because that acts as a water source for rodents.

The good news is that once you follow these actions your problem should subside, if not be eradicated all together.

For more information on pest control please contact Suffolk County Department of Health at 631-852-5900.

New Business SPOTLIGHT

To build a strong community, we must support the dreams and growth of our small businesses



• Bagelati • • Hummus Fit •

Both eateries have opened in recent months and business seems to be doing very well! If you have not had the chance to visit these local places, you should stop in soon. We are

proud to have them as a great addition to Lake Grove. Bagelati is a café that serves mainly bagels and gelati, among many other options that include breakfast, lunch sandwiches, burgers, smoothies, pastries & coffee.

Hummus FIT is a new spot for fresh, healthy, and delicious meals either on the go or you can dine in if you choose. Diners can build their own bowls and salads with a variety of lean protein options and toppings. You can also stop in and enjoy one of their delicious, high protein muffins or smoothies.



• Wegmans •

As Wegmans prepares to open its doors, we are sending huge congratulations and best wishes for a thriving and successful launch! By the time this issue gets printed, Wegmans will have had its grand opening day in February. Lake Grove is



very proud to be Wegmans first Long Island location. It will be such a positive addition to our village, as it will help rejuvenate all of the retail in the area.

• Ford's Garage •

Ford's Garage, a casual eatery with a burger-and-beer-centric menu and a whole lot of motoring memorabilia, opened in November. The restaurant, designed to resemble a 1920s-era service station, is filled with Ford memorabilia, gas pump faucets and automobile-tire sinks in the bathrooms and a Model T suspended above the center bar.

There is no better way to support your local community than by patronizing local businesses. We wish all of the businesses in Lake Grove nothing but success!

COFFEE WITH THE MAYOR!



An invitation to connect with Mayor Scottaline

Some of the best ideas and conversations are had over coffee! The advantage of being in a close-knit community like Lake Grove Village is that we have more opportunities to interact with one another. Coffee with the Mayor is a unique chance to meet with Mayor Scottaline, as well as professionals in the community, in a friendly relaxed atmosphere. This is your opportunity to:

- *Voice Your Concerns:* discuss local issues that matter to you
- *Share Your Ideas:* contribute to the future of our community
- *Build Community:* forge meaningful connections with your neighbors

Whether you are a resident or business owner, our collective voices will continue to shape our future!

Join us every 3rd Thursday of the month at 5:00 pm in the village meeting hall.

First meeting will be March 20, 2025

Resident Feedback: We want to hear from you!

We put a lot of time and effort into the content of our newsletters. To get the most out of the village newsletter, it's essential to create content that our audience wants to read. Surveying our audience can help us better understand what subject matter is most valuable to you. If you wouldn't mind offering us some feedback to help improve future issues of our newsletter. Some thought-provoking questions are: What do you most enjoy about the newsletter? Is there anything you would like included that is not currently included? What would you like to hear more about?

We would love to hear from you...please email your comments and/or suggestions to Deanna Scollo at deannas@lakegroveny.gov

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 that you can drop off free of charge. Glass colors may be mixed. For a complete list of drop-off locations, please visit- www.brookhavenny.gov/940/Recyclable-Glass-Drop-Off-Program

Brookhaven Town Hall
One Independence Hill,
Farmingville, NY 11738
South Parking Lot

New Village Recreation Center
20 Wireless Road,
Centereach, NY 11727
In the back of the parking lot

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

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

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

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**
- **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**
- **Signage obstructed or damaged.**

Winter is still upon us and we would just like to remind our residents to follow the Village's state of emergency ordinance prohibiting vehicles parking on the road. Working together, we can help ensure that roads and sidewalks are cleared in a safe and efficient manner. Here is how you can help:

- **Do not park on the street during snow events**
- **Basketball hoops should be kept off the street at all times**
- **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, you can call the Village Fire Marshal.

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

The Fire Marshal reminds all residents to follow these safety tips:

- Please check and/or install smoke and carbon monoxide detectors to be sure they are in proper working order.
- Make sure your house number is visible from the street, especially in the dark, in the event of an emergency.
- Keep fire hydrants near your home clear of debris and snow.
- Keep emergency numbers accessible in your phone.

Check the Fire Marshal section of the Village website for additional information.

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 bags to each homeowner. **We will be giving out Leaf Bags March 31st through May 3rd.** Just come down to the Leaf Barn on the designated dates highlighted in yellow on the recycling calendar. Each resident was mailed a recycling calendar and it is listed on our website as well. Additional bags can be purchased at home improvement stores. The pick-up schedule for Spring 2025 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 4/14, 4/28, 5/12, 5/26 (last week)

SOUTH SIDE PICK-UP

Any street south of Village Hall
(including Washburn Street & Moriches Road)
WEEK OF 4/21, 5/5, 5/19, 6/2 (last week)

Leaf bags & tied and bundled brush CAN NOT be combined. They get picked up separately. Leaf Bags & Brush must be at curb Sunday night prior to pick up week. Will be picked up one day between Monday and Friday. Leaves ONLY in bags and 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



Mark Your Calendars
EVENTS



SummerFest 2025

Save the date for SummerFest 2025! AUGUST 17th

The most highly anticipated event our residents look forward to every year is our annual SummerFest! It will once again be a whole weekend event, with bands playing Friday and Saturday night at the Memorial Park adjoining Village Hall and then a full

day of festivities Sunday August 17th on Hawkins Avenue. Sunday's events will include numerous vendors, a full day of music and a car show.

Summer Recreation Program

Keep an eye out for our Summer Recreation Program registration dates

Our camp runs from July through August 2025 (5 weeks). The camp takes field trips, craft vendors come in, the Fire Department comes in one day, a last day of camp talent show is put on by the campers and their counselors. It really is a fun-filled action-packed month of summertime activities. Program dates to be announced soon!

**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**.

- Thank You for Your Continued Support -