

# Sands Point Report

SEPTEMBER 2017

## MAYOR ADLER'S REPORT

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## Ongoing Construction Projects

This has been an exceptional summer of construction and infrastructure improvements underway throughout the Village:

- 2.6 miles of road curbing, repaving and drainage projects completed or in progress
- 1,645 new water meters in process of installation (90% complete)
- A recent record of 14 new homes and 22 renovations commenced in the past year
- PSEG's ongoing pole replacement and "hardening" project on several Village roads

Though some residents have experienced intermittent inconveniences, largely unavoidable, overall the work has gone smoothly. Public Works Superintendent Brian Gunderson estimates completion of road projects by the end of November and water meter installations in the coming weeks. Testing is underway for the radio transmission system that will link all the new meters to an internet-accessible database for consumption monitoring and billing.

## Police/PBA Contract

Our negotiating team of Trustees Marc Silbert and Katherine Ullman successfully concluded their second PBA contract. The previous four-year contract they negotiated in 2013 expired in May and has been amended and extended for five years, through May, 2022. Base salaries will increase by an average of 2.9% per annum over the course of the contract term.

Our police force continues to recruit new officers to replace retiring long-tenured officers. New to the force this month is Officer Jonathan Jonke, formerly a Suffolk County Deputy Sheriff.

## Milestones

Norman Schefer, who has served on the Village's Planning Board for 27 years, has stepped down as Board Chair after serving 10 years in that capacity, but he will remain a member of the Board for his 28<sup>th</sup> year. We owe him many thanks for his dedicated and exemplary service. Ben DeYoung, a member of the Board for twenty years, has been appointed Chair. Thanks are also due Elena Karabatos; after serving ten years on the Planning Board, she has stepped down as a result of her new responsibilities as president-elect of the Nassau County Bar Association. Mary Rita Wallace, who has lived in the Village for 22 years and is an attorney and former associate justice in the Village of South Floral Park, was appointed to the Planning Board as an alternate.

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## Water Conservation Progress

While some residents have wisely taken advantage of the Water Department's \$150.00 incentive program for installing "smart" irrigation controllers, most have not and are spending significantly more than necessary and wasting water by needless use of irrigation systems.

A good example is the evening of Wednesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>. An inch of rain drenched Sands Point that afternoon, yet pumpage was reduced only about 20%. That means that as much as 1.5 million gallons of water from the aquifer under our peninsula was wasted that evening! In dollar terms, that amounts to at least \$6,000. Yes, the Village benefits financially from residents who waste water, but in the long run it's a lose – lose situation for residents, the Village, and our environment when modestly-priced "smart" controllers make it easy for every resident to avoid the waste.

## Building Department

The Building Department under the leadership of Trustee and Commissioner Lynn Najman, Coordinator Joanna Palumbo, and Inspector Stephen Rusnak has implemented new policies and procedures in order to close out long-open building permits. The goal is to resolve open issues and/or obtain missing information to enable the Department to issue certificates of occupancy or completion. If you have been contacted about a permit open for more than four years, please give the Department your full cooperation to avoid enforcement action.

## The Village Club

As of this month, KemperSports Management (KSM) has assumed management responsibility for the operations of the Village Club and expects to take over golf course maintenance on December 1<sup>st</sup>, the expiration date of the five-year contract with BrightView. KSM has been involved with the Club's operations for the past four years in a more limited capacity. We look forward to a productive long-term relationship with KSM in their new role, which will make available the full range of their management and planning expertise and oversight. KSM is also assisting our search consultant to find a new General Manager who would be the best possible "fit" for the Club. It is anticipated that the new GM will be on the job in early 2018.

It is hoped that the new management arrangement will permit the Board of Trustees and Operations Committee to focus less on internal operations and more on long-range planning and policies to best serve Village residents and Club members. The three key goals remain financial stability, increased quality of all aspects of the Club experience, and increased participation by Village residents.

With respect to capital improvement projects, reduced-scope plans for **renovation of the pool house building** are expected to go out to bid this month; a year ago the Board of Trustees rejected bids for a more extensive renovation project scope. KemperSports will assist the Board of Trustees and Operations Committee to determine the project's final scope if the bidding process is successful and renovations can be completed prior to the re-opening of the pool next spring.



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### **An Important Message from Police Chief Richard Lertora**

The Sands Point Police Department would like to remind all residents that September brings the return of school, and with that an increase in vehicle and pedestrian traffic on our roads. All homeowners are required to maintain their property and prevent any overgrowth that can be potentially hazardous for anyone driving or walking on village roads. All bushes and shrubs should be trimmed back to facilitate a clear line of sight on roadways. All vegetation is required to be cut back far enough that pedestrians can walk, run or bicycle on the shoulder without having to enter the lanes designated for motorized traffic. Any properties that are located at intersections should ensure that no tree, shrub or bush blocks the view of any signage on the road including stop signs. Please help us keep our residents safe. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this or any other issue, please call us at 883-3100.

### **State Audit of Historic Landmarks Preservation Commission**

Georgia DeYoung, Chair of the Historic Landmark Preservation Commission, reports that the first audit of the Commission was conducted successfully this past June by a representative of the Survey & Evaluation Unit of the Eastern NY State Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Department. The Commission is part of the NYS Certified Local Government (CLG) program. The day-long audit included a review of the existing eleven locally landmarked sites, including those on the State and National Historic Registers. The representative conducting the audit told the Commission members that she was very impressed with how dedicated and proactive the Commission is within the community.

### **Road Project Update**

With the completion of the final portion of Sands Point Road and a portion of Barkers Point Road this month, the next roads to undergo curbing, drainage and repaving work will be:

- Bridle Path
- Bridle Path North
- Bridle Path East

Weather permitting, work will begin in late October and conclude by the end of November.



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