

Sands Point Report

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REPORT FROM MAYOR ADLER

✧ M I L E S T O N E S ✧

Village Club Commission Chair **Sandy Cardiello** will step down at the end of her term this month. Sandy joined the Commission in 1995, served as Deputy Chair from 1997 to 2003 and as Chair for the past eight years. She has led the Commission with exceptional skill, insight and dedication, and the Board of Trustees commends her for her outstanding work. Sandy will continue to advise the Board on Club matters, such as long-range planning. Her successor and members of the Village Club Commission for 2012 will be appointed at the December Board meeting. The Board and Commission will be making a coordinated effort in 2012 to fund new equipment and labor to enhance the quality and playability of greens and fairways and to plan for capital improvements to the swimming pool facilities.

Village Clerk **Randy Bond** completed her twentieth year with the Village in September. Randy first served as accounts receivable clerk, then Building Department Coordinator for four years before becoming Deputy Treasurer and finally Clerk in 2003. Her job is often difficult and challenging, as she coordinates all areas of Village government, keeps a careful watch on the budget, and keeps the Board of Trustees informed about myriad government regulations with great dedication and good humor. Earlier this year Randy was elected First Vice-President of the New York State Association of City and Village Clerks.

Colleen O'Neill is just a few months behind Randy in longevity, reaching her twentieth anniversary with the Village this month. She is often the person you meet first when coming into the Village office or the voice you hear when calling the Village. Her versatile talents, administrative as well as artistic, cover many responsibilities such as the newsletter, records management, deputy registrar and diverse other functions. She is always ready to answer your questions or direct you to the appropriate department or person. **(continued on page 2)...**

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Randy Bond

Police Chief
Mark Mandel

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MAYOR'S REPORT...CONTINUED**☞ KENNETH AUERBACH, ESQ. ☞**

I am sad to report the sudden passing last month of **Kenneth Auerbach**, long-time Village attorney and partner in the firm Sahn, Ward, Coschignano & Baker. A gifted counselor, negotiator and litigator, Ken advised the Board of Trustees and other Village boards and commissions on all legal and legislative matters and worked tirelessly on the Village's behalf. He was very much a part of our Village "family", and he will be sorely missed. Michael Sahn and other partners in the firm have assumed Ken's duties.

☞ POST - IRENE PLANNING ☞

The infamous "Halloween" snowstorm that left tens of thousands of Connecticut residents without power for as long as two weeks spared Sands Point, fortunately, but it did serve to remind us of the importance of the initiatives already underway following Hurricane Irene to improve our preparedness for the next storm emergency. Those Village employees and officials most involved with meeting the challenges of Hurricane Irene have summarized and critiqued the Village's response and are preparing updated emergency procedures plans. If you haven't already, please fill out and send in the Irene Survey included with this newsletter or download it from the Village website. The more residents who do so, the greater will be the value and accuracy of the summary information once compiled.

An important effort is underway to study ways for LIPA to minimize power losses from downed trees in coming years. Two productive and informative meetings with senior LIPA engineers earlier this fall will be followed by additional meetings in the coming year. The goal is to explore short and long term programs for minimizing power losses from downed trees, minimizing the number of homes affected by any single system failure and minimizing the time needed to restore power, whether for a single customer or an entire sector. Success in this endeavor is by no means assured, but all options will be reviewed for effectiveness and feasibility.

Best wishes from all Village officials and staff for enjoyable holidays and a happy, healthy and prosperous 2012.



GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES
VILLAGE & COUNTY PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS

Tuesday, February 21, 2012 is established by New York State Law as Grievance Day for those who wish to contest their Village Property assessments. The Tentative Assessment Roll for the Village will be completed for review on February 1, 2012.

Forms on which to file are available at Village Office. In addition Form RP524 *Complaint on Real Property Assessment* is available online at www.tax.ny.gov. Forms may be filed at the Village Office from February 1st through Tuesday, February 21, 2012 by 3 p.m. You must file one original completed form and one copy.

County, Town and School taxes are based, in part, on the County assessment roll.

However, property owners must file separately with the County. This filing, with Nassau County must be made between January 3, 2012 and March 1, 2012. County forms are available at www.nassaucountyny.gov.

So, there are two separate grievance filings to be made - - - with Sands Point Village and with Nassau County.

Satisfied with your assessment? There is no need to file anything.



RIBBONS AND BALLOONS

To indicate party locations, some residents have placed balloons or ribbons on poles or street markers. If not removed they hang and become litter. Those who place such items, must also remove them.

REMINDER

Water Bills were mailed on December 1st—if you didn't receive a bill call Village Hall at 883-3044 - you can also view your bill online and also pay online by visiting the village website: www.sandspoint.org and clicking on the tab "Pay Tax & Water". There can be no extensions for late payment.

REPORT ON BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING OCTOBER & NOVEMBER 2011

REPORT BY BUILDING COMMISSIONER, TRUSTEE NAJMAN

OCTOBER - Permit Applications 3; Permits issued 20; CO's issued 7.
NOVEMBER- Permit Applications 5; Permits issued 5; CO's issued 3.

REPORT BY WATER COMMISSIONER, TRUSTEE SCHEYER -GALLONS PUMPED

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
SEPTEMBER	45,140,000	66,730,000
OCTOBER	27,590,000	34,800,000

JUSTICE COURT REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER—JUDGES BOROS & ADLER

OCTOBER - Arraignments: 24, No. of Trials: 0, Fines collected: 2,260.00
NOVEMBER- Arraignments: 44, No. of Trials: 0, Fines collected: 3,485.00

SNOW PLOWING SCHEDULES DURING HEAVY SNOW EMERGENCIES

Middle Neck Road and Cow Neck Road will be sanded and plowed by the County. Plowing and sanding of Village maintained roads proceed in the following order:



Tibbits Lane, the location of Police Headquarters, Sands Point Road and Barkers Point Road (our main arteries)

Harbor Acres area and then proceeding in a northerly direction, servicing the remaining Village roads, both public and private.

Road edging, rocks and structures which may be damaged or cause damage to snow removal equipment should be marked by the property owner.

The Police Department communications system enables the department to maintain a close control over the plowing and sanding of Village roads as previously outlined. It would be appreciated therefore, if residents would refrain from calling our Police Department for the purpose of inquiring about snow removal except to report abandoned cars (which will be towed away at the owner's expense) or in the case of a genuine emergency requiring immediate action.

PRIVATE ROADS – SNOW PLOWING

The Village will only plow private roads to protect fire hydrants, water mains and waste removal, police, fire and ambulance access, and will only plow roads which permit general public access.

The Village will undertake to do that, through our contractor, provided that the road is wide enough and that the road surface will not damage his equipment. He will let us know which, if any, roads will not qualify. If any owner of a qualifying private road objects, the Village will not plow that road other than on a declared emergency basis.

This limited act is not intended in any manner to be construed or interpreted as altering the private nature of the roads or the responsibility for their maintenance. The Village will not repair or maintain private roads. This remains the responsibility of the owners, and such roads should be maintained to be accessible and safe.

Private roads which cannot accommodate heavy snow removal equipment will await the availability of smaller equipment provided such roads are in sufficiently good condition and width to make plowing and sanding feasible without exposing snow removal equipment to any undue risk.

In undertaking to plow and sand private roads, the Village is performing this service on an emergency basis and cannot assume any responsibility for inadvertent damage to the road or adjoining property such as trees, shrubs, etc. If you object to this emergency service please notify the Village, in writing, immediately.





Dogs

Obeying Rules of Common Courtesy

Dog etiquette protects owners and their neighbors. Pets can be a rewarding addition to any family, but they come with responsibilities...which are enforceable by Village law:

Clean-up after your dog - scoop the poop—neighbors should not have their shrubs and lawns destroyed by urinating and defecating dogs

Keep your dog on a leash - Even if your dog is responsive and reliable—you never know what might happen.

Keep your dog under control - be mindful of trouble-Dogs running the neighborhood can cause dissension among the neighbors, and the dog often pays the toll.



Volunteers Needed

The Village is looking to fill two positions ...

A Village Representative for the Hempstead Harbor Protection Committee to attend meetings, gather information and report to the Mayor and Trustees - for further information please call Trustee Kay Ullman at 944-8517 or Pasqua Dziadul at 944-8492.

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Village Archivist - for collecting and clipping newspaper and other articles and information about Sands Point and arranging them in binders for historical preservation—if interested please contact Clerk Randy Bond at 883-3044.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING DATES

Tuesday, December 20, 2011 at 8:00 p.m.

The Village will hold a public hearing to consider adoption of an amended dog local law and a new local law to License Professional Landscapers

Tuesday, January 24, 2012 at 8:00 p.m.



WE'RE ON THE WEB!
WWW.SANDSPOINT.ORG

SANDS POINT REPORT



DECEMBER 2011

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CURRENT RESIDENT OR:

PLEASE NOTE:

This newsletter is also being distributed electronically to those who have signed up at NorthShoreAlert.org - so if you haven't or know of others who haven't ...

REGISTER NOW - STAY INFORMED!

SPEEDING - PASSING STOP SIGNS



There is an increase in serious complaints of speeding cars and trucks, especially in areas with long stretches of road, such as in the Harriman area, Harbor Acres, Forest Drive, Old House Lane and Barkers Point Road.

We are fortunate to have an increasing number of children in the Village, and more vigilance is required.

The speed limit is 30 miles per hour and where marked with black and yellow signs the speed should not exceed the limit shown which is usually 20 mph for a short distance, such as on Cornwall Lane and, in Manorhaven, on Dunes Lane, and on curves on other roads.

Chief of Police Mark Mandel is directing an increase in enforcement by our Department as to speeding and failure to make complete stops at the signs.

There will be fewer warnings and more tickets issued.

Be aware of your speed and remember to STOP!