



Thomaston Bulletin

Summer/Fall 2022

A Message from Mayor Steve Weinberg

A Busy Summer for the Village



Mayor Steve's Report

I hope everyone has enjoyed their summer. While many of you were busy enjoying the sunshine and other summer activities, the Village of Thomaston had a very productive and busy summer. As we enter the fall season, I would

like to take this opportunity to update you on the happenings in the Village.

LONG ISLAND RAILROAD (LIRR)

The most important issue currently facing Thomaston residents, the Great Neck community, and in fact, the North Shore of Long Island, is the Long Island Railroad's proposed schedule to eliminate express train service between Great Neck and Manhattan on the Port Washington line.

Express train service to and from Great Neck has existed for over 105 years. Express train service and our schools are the very bedrock of our community and, for many, the reason we moved to our Village in the first place. Express train service is a fundamental part of our residential and local business economy. Express train service is built into the cost of our apartment leases, co-op or condo purchases, home ownership, office leases, etc. Express train service offers the flexibility to spend a little more time with our children, support our families, added safety and security and/or the choice to take a less crowded train.

I am very thankful and appreciate those who joined me at the press conference held at the Great Neck Train Station on July 19, 2022 and our residents who spoke out about the importance to restore express train service to Great Neck at multiple LIRR virtual public hearings and/or submitted written comments to the MTA.

Please continue to add your comments at the following website:

<https://new.mta.info/grandcentralmadison>

As a result of our efforts and the support of NYS Senator Anna Kaplan, Assemblywoman Gina Sillitti, and our Town and County officials, who negotiated with the LIRR, I am happy to announce that the MTA has revised the preliminary timetables to include three (3) express trains to and from Penn Stations for both the AM and PM rush hours.

Thanks to the pocket track in our Village, we should have East Side Access at Grand Central terminal, local train service in Queens and express train service between Great Neck and Manhattan!

We must remain vigilant. I may call on your help as we continue to monitor the LIRR service and continue to advocate.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

The 2022 road project is almost completed. Underground water undermines and shortens the life of our roads or creates icing conditions in winter. Drainage has been added on Terrace Drive and Lincoln Road from Crescent Road to Windsor Road to lessen the impact of underground water deteriorating the asphalt on Crescent and Lincoln Roads; catch basins have been repaired or replaced on Avalon Road along with other road improvements to protect the asphalt, curb and concrete driveway curb cuts; valley gutters were replaced on Shoreward Drive and Shadow Lane to divert water in order to prevent road, curb and concrete damage; sidewalk repairs have been performed on Schenck Avenue, Overlook Avenue, Grosvenor Place, and Brompton Road; and repaving occurred where all drainage work was performed, as well as Linden Street and Colonial Road.

Our investment in extending the useful life of our roads and related infrastructure, enables us to work within our budget and NOT raise your Village tax!



SOLAR POLICY

The Village of Thomaston Board of Trustees has finalized the guidelines for our residential Solar Policy, which the Design Review Board will use in evaluating applications by Village residents for solar power installations. The Village held a public forum in April 2022 to seek the opinions of residents. As a result of your public comments, I and the Board of Trustees revised and adopted the Solar Policy at the September 12th Board of Trustees meeting. The adopted policy is on the Building Department page of the website. I thank our residents for their insight and contributions in establishing the guidelines for the policy.

PURCHASING POWER

In order to have twelve (12) years of no tax increases and a 3% tax cut for the current year, I have been a cautious steward of Village expenditures. I proposed, and the Village of Thomaston Board of Trustees has adopted, a local law that will allow the Village to participate in other municipal cooperative purchasing programs to make sure that the Village of Thomaston pays the lowest price or gets the best value for goods and services for our Village residents.

TREE MAINTENANCE

Tree maintenance continues to be an important job on Village property or in the Village right of way. Unfortunately, a blight has killed the ash trees throughout the Village. I am proposing to the Village of Thomaston Board of Trustees a request for proposal for a contract for the removal of dead trees for an annual term. We hope that a contract for tree maintenance may be less costly compared with the estimates on an as needed basis.

We appreciate the resident calls for tree trimming of Village trees. We also thank our residents who requested a tree for the Village right of way.

I thank all of you for making our Village one of the most beautiful places to live in New York State!

VIDEO CONFERENCING

I proposed and the Village of Thomaston Board of Trustees has considered a local law to allow meeting by Video Conferencing in the event of an emergency. The Covid-19 pandemic has made this option a reality.

I am not stopping there. We purchased the technology to allow video conferencing. While we are meeting in person, we will use the equipment to allow residents who cannot attend the in-person meetings to view and listen to our Board of Trustees meetings via livestream. Meeting notices are posted around the Village and at www.villageofthomaston.org.

COVID-19 TEST KITS

Did you know the Village will let you know when we receive Covid-19 test kits for distribution to our residents? Please sign up for Swift911 (our resident notification system) so that you may be the first to get notice of availability of free Covid-19 test kits.

RESIDENT NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

There are 585 residents subscribed to receive emails from the Village's Swift911 notification system. Please encourage your neighbors and friends living in Thomaston to sign up for Swift911 at:

www.villageofthomaston.org/swiftreach.html

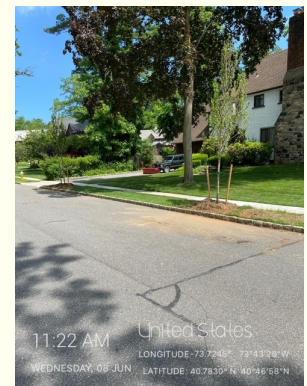
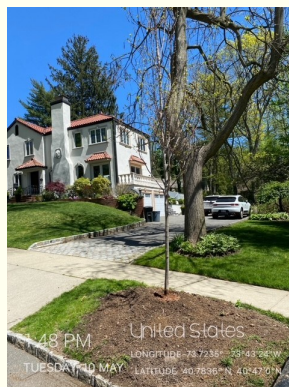
In all of our efforts, I will remain committed to a high level of service for residents. Yours is a Village government of neighbors - all unpaid volunteers. I have always believed that, by working together, neighbors can accomplish much. We have certainly accomplished much during the past years, and we will continue to meet the needs of residents in the future. If I can be of assistance to you, please call on me.

Very truly yours,

Steve Weinberg

Mayor
Village of Thomaston

SPRING 2022 TREE PLANTING



Mayor Weinberg About Town...

RECENT COMMUNITY EVENTS

LIRR PRESS CONFERENCE



On Tuesday, July 19th a Press Conference was held at the Great Neck Train Station. Mayor Weinberg, along with all of the Mayors on the Great Neck Peninsula, and local officials including Town of North Hempstead, Supervisor Jennifer DeSena and Councilwoman Veronica Lurvey, County Executive Bruce Blakeman and Legislator Mazi Pilip, and NYS Assemblywoman Gina Sillitti called on the MTA/LIRR to reinstate express service on the Port Washington branch of the Long Island Railroad.

TOWN OF NORTH HEMPSTEAD 9/11 MEMORIAL SERVICE



On Sunday, September 11, 2022, Mayor Weinberg attended the Town of North Hempstead 9/11 ceremony to remember the 56 North Hempstead residents who lost their lives in the attacks and honor the brave heroism of the first responders who answered the call that day.

Last year, commemorating the 20th anniversary of the devastating attacks, the Town unveiled a monument at Manhasset Valley Park that features a 19 foot-long steel beam from the World Trade Center.
(pictured above)

BAIL REFORM PRESS CONFERENCE

Mayor Weinberg, along with numerous Mayors from Villages in Nassau County, gathered for a press conference on Tuesday, September 20th with County Executive Blakeman. Speaking in a uniform voice, the Mayors called on New York State Officials to reconsider the 2019 Bail Reform laws to address the increase in crime and called for better protection for our residents.

[View the footage from the press conference](#)



Mayor Weinberg has been appointed to the executive board of the Nassau County Village Officials Association (NCVOA), which was founded in 1925. The Village of Thomaston has been a member of the NCVOA since our incorporation.

HELPFUL INFORMATION



Building Department Corner



DID YOU KNOW: The Building Department files for every property in Thomaston have been scanned into the Village's computer system. With the exception of very large documents such as architectural plans, all building related documents such as Permits, Certificates of Occupancy and Completion, Surveys, etc. are available for viewing through a computer terminal in the Village Hall. Copies of scanned documents are available for a fee of \$.25 per page.

Planning on doing work on your home?

- ✓ Before starting any work on your home, please check with the Building Department to see if you need a permit.
- ✓ All contractors working in the Village must have a valid Nassau County License and provide proof of insurance.
- ✓ If a dumpster is needed as part of your project and it is 10 cubic yards or larger, a Dumpster Permit is required. Dumpsters may not be placed on the street!

Building regulations protect all residents



Sanitation & Recycling Corner



DID YOU KNOW: Meadow Carting Corp. provides sanitation and recycling services for Thomaston. Pursuant to the Village's contract, household trash is picked up from the side or rear door of your property. Recycling, rubbish and bulk items are picked up from the curb. Please contact Meadow Carting at (516) 338-0121 with any questions or concerns. Please refer to the chart below for further instructions.

What:	When:	Where:	Restrictions:
Household Trash <i>All kitchen and bathroom waste</i>	Mon / Wed / Fri: South of Schenck Ave including all properties on Schenck Ave Tue / Thu / Sat: North of Schenck Ave	At the side or rear door of your property.	Do not place household trash at the curb.
Recycling & Newspaper	Thursday: Entire village	At the curb no earlier than Wednesday night.	Plastics, glass and metals: place in recycling can or plastic bag (clear or blue)* Newspapers/Corrugated Carboard: bundle and tie or place in a paper bag.*
Rubbish <i>Anything other than household trash, yard waste or bulk items</i>	Mon / Wed / Fri: South of Schenck Ave including all properties on Schenck Ave Tue / Thu / Sat: North of Schenck Ave	At the curb no earlier than the night before pick-up.	3 bag maximum.*
Leaves & Yard Waste	Wednesday: South of Schenck Ave including all properties on Schenck Ave Thursday: North of Schenck Ave	At the curb no earlier than the night before pick-up.	5 bag maximum per week. Branches and twigs must be bundled and tied in 3-foot lengths.*
Bulk Items	Friday: South of Schenck Ave including all properties on Schenck Ave Saturday: North of Schenck Ave	At the curb no earlier than the night before pick-up.	1 large item per week per household.* <i>Please call Meadow Carting ahead if you are disposing of an excessively large or heavy item.*</i>

*Please visit http://www.villageofthomaston.org/garbage_recycling.html for more information.



VILLAGE OFFICIALS:

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Trustee
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Trustee
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(516) 482-3110
clerk@villageofthomaston.org

***Evening & weekend emergency phone
number for public works emergencies:***
(516) 504-3791

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by the Village of Thomaston staff.*

REMINDERS FOR ALL RESIDENTS:

There is no parking from 3 A.M. to 7 A.M.
on all roads in Thomaston.
This regulation assists police in
safeguarding our community.
Please clean up after your dog,
as required by law.
Winter is coming! Please remember that
there is no parking on Village roads during
or 24 hrs. after snow has fallen.

USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS:

Water issues/billing:

Manhasset Lakeville Water District
466-4413 (Residents south of LIRR tracks)

Water Authority of Great Neck North
487-7973 (Residents south of LIRR tracks)

Sewer issues:

Great Neck Water Pollution Control
482-0238 (Residents east of S. MNR)

Belgrave Sewer
487-2759 (Residents west of S. MNR)

Parks:

Great Neck Park District
487-7665

(All area codes are 516, unless otherwise noted)

KEEP THESE EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS HANDY:

Police/Emergency:

911
6th Precinct : (516) 573-6600

Fire and Ambulance:

North of the railroad tracks:
Vigilant Fire/Ambulance:
(516) 487-5000

South of the railroad tracks:
Manhasset-Lakeville Fire Dept.
(516) 466-4411

Electric Outages:

PSEGLI
800-490-0075

Gas Leaks:

National Grid
800-490-0045