

Westhampton Beach VILLAGE VIEWS

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May - June 2008

The MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Residents:

The Board of Trustees and I wish to thank all of the residents who have made valuable suggestions and donated their time for the betterment of our community. As spring unfolds, you will see the results of many residents' generous donations of money and labor for the purchase and planting of over 38,000 floral bulbs to beautify our Village. The Village Board would like to personally thank the Department of Public Works, and specifically employee Andrew DeRubeis for his leadership in this endeavor.

The Board has been busy on many fronts. Through hard work and careful fiscal planning, the total annual expenditures for the Village have been held to only a 1.52% increase for the year 2008/2009. In addition, under the guidance of our professional land planner, the Board has adopted a Comprehensive Plan in the Business District and the Board has enacted substantial legislation regarding the downtown business district to preserve and to encourage traditional small town neighborhood designs.

As a result of the planning initiatives taken by the Village, extremely promising applications have appeared before the Village and Planning Boards, and the Planning Board is now better equipped to aid property owners in the expedient approval of improvements to their property, while protecting the character and appearance of our small Village.

Respecting Village improvements in the Village, you may note

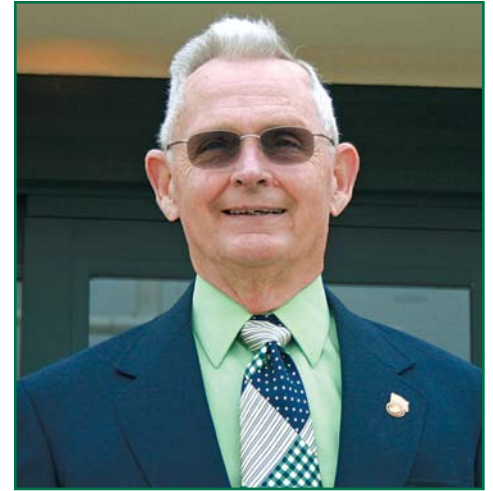
that the municipal parking lot adjacent to the new toddler park, just north of Main Street, has been totally resurfaced, and Seafield Lane and Sunswyck Lane will be both be regraded and resurfaced within the next few weeks. Additionally, the DPW has been continuing the work of cleaning out street drains around the Village, and sidewalk building and repair will recommence shortly.

Additionally, the recently acquired park parcel on Glover's Lane has been cleared, and is now ready for park design. If you wish to submit a design proposal for this new park, please send it to Village Hall, 165 Mill Road, Westhampton Beach, NY 11978. If your design is chosen and implemented, a plaque at the park will be installed in your honor.

In very short order you will notice that the Westhampton Beach Historical Society will add two "new" structures of interest next to the existing museum. The Village has agreed to the placement of the Foster/Meecker homestead and shed, which Village resident Walter Goldstein has graciously donated to the Historical Society. With the help of various community-spirited individuals, the move to Mill Road should be completed before the opening of the Farmer's Market in June.

2008-09 BUDGET

The Village of Westhampton Beach budget was adopted by the Trustees at their April 3, 2008 meeting. This budget represents a total increase in spending of 1.52% over the previous year, the lowest spend-



ing increase of the last 5 years. The estimated annual tax rate per \$1000 is 2.3965 vs. 2.4030 last year. A copy of the entire budget is available in the Village office for anyone who would want to see it.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Arnold W. Miller". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

VILLAGE NAMES BEACH MANAGERS



(Left to Right)
Tony Grausso,
Steve Wisnoski,
Eric Sweet

The Village has appointed Beach Managers for the 2008 season, all of whom are seasoned veterans of our Village beaches.

Tony Grausso has been a lifeguard at the Village Beach since 2000. He is a graduate of Westhampton Beach High School, and received his BS degree from St. Joseph's College, and an MS degree from Long Island University CW Post. Tony has been a teacher at Longwood High School for 7 years and has served as class advisor for 5 years.

Steve Wisnoski is beginning his eleventh season as a beach manager for the Village. During his first ten years, he worked primarily at Lashley Beach and the Village Office. Steve and his wife Maria have resided in the Westhampton area for nearly three decades. Steve teaches Advanced Placement European and American History at the Westhampton Beach High

School. He currently serves as the President of the Westhampton Beach Teachers Association as well as coaching numerous sports in both the High School and Middle School. Steve and Maria have one daughter, Alexandra, who is twenty-two years old and a senior at the College of Charleston in South Carolina.

Eric Sweet has been a Lieutenant Lifeguard for the past 5 years at our Village Beach. He is a graduate of Westhampton Beach High School and completed his undergraduate

studies at Salisbury University. He finished his graduate studies at Stony Brook University and is currently teaching at Connetquot High, as well as coaching in their football program.

Residents can begin picking up their beach passes on weekends beginning May 17 thru June 8, and the beach will be open 7 days a week beginning June 14 thru September 1. A complete list of beach rates and rules is available in the Village Office, and also at the Village Beach.

VILLAGE ELECTION DAY

Friday, June 20 from 12 noon to 9:00 PM at Village Hall located at 165 Mill Road. You must be registered with the Suffolk County Board of Elections (631) 852-4500 to vote.

VILLAGE TAXES

Due June through July 1 without a penalty. If you have changed your mailing address or want your tax bill mailed to a different address, please notify the Village Office at (631) 288-1654.

SUMMER RENTALS

Village residents who rent their homes must have a Summer Rental Permit on file for your renters to obtain their beach passes and car sticker. You can obtain one at the Building Department, by phone (631) 288-3478, or log on to our Website listed below and go to Building Department then On-Line Forms.

BUILDING PERMITS

Interactive building permit applications are now available on the Village Website. Just go to www.westhamptonbeach.org and on the right side menu under Building-Zoning Department click on "Online

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Forms", then click on Building Application-Interactive. Use the "Tab" key or your mouse and type your information in the boxes. There is a "Print" button at the bottom of the application.

TRUSTEES MEETINGS ON VIDEO

Trustee Meetings for the last year are available on our website under the "Board of Trustees" menu.

VILLAGE BEACHES

Open on Saturday, May 17. The beaches are open on Saturday and Sunday from 10:00 to 5:00 until Saturday, June 14th, when they will be open everyday. Village tax payers and year-round renters go directly to Rogers Beach to get their beach passes and car stickers. The beach managers will have your name on their list.

JUSTICE COURT UPDATES

The State of NY Office of Court Administration has supplied all New York Towns and Villages with the ability to collect their fines and fees by credit card. We now have a court officer present at

all of our daytime court sessions.

ALARM SYSTEMS

If you have an alarm system in your home or business and have not filled out an alarm application, please stop by the Village Office or phone (631) 702-1558.

SPRING CLEANING

Will continue until May 16. Environmentally friendly paper bags can be obtained at the Village Office. We have free "mutt mitts" in five Village locations and Rogers and Lashley beaches.

VILLAGE WEBSITE

www.westhamptonbeach.org to find everything you need to know about what's going on in the Village. Access beach information, local weather and downloadable Building Department forms with the click of your mouse. To view a Village meeting go to the bottom of the gray menu on the right of the screen and click on "TV Channel 22 Weekly Schedule". If you have a business in the Village and are hosting an event, email us your information at: webmaster@westhamptonbeach.org

SPRING & SUMMER 2008 IMPORTANT EVENTS

CYSTIC FIBROSIS

"GREAT STRIDES" WALK *May 17*
on the Village Green, 516-827-1290.

**FAMILY COUNSELING SERVICES
GOLF TOURNAMENT** *May 19*
at the WH Country Club, 288-1954, ext. 249.

**SOUTHAMPTON HOSPITAL
GALA** *May 25*
on the Great Lawn, 726-8700.

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
SPRING ARTS &
CRAFTS SHOW** *May 31-June 1*
on the Village Green, 288-3337.

WHBPAC GOLF TOURNAMENT *June 16*
at the WH Country Club, 288-2350, ext. 119.

WHB FARMERS MARKET *June 21-Nov. 15*
Mill Road Municipal Lot
Saturdays, 9:00 am-1:00 pm, 288-1559.

**EAST END HOSPICE
ANNUAL GALA** *June 28*
at Sandacres, 288-7080.

**CONCERTS ON THE
VILLAGE GREEN** *July 3-August 28*
Thursdays at 7:30 pm, 288-3337.

KIDS ON THE GREEN *July 8-August 19*
Tuesdays at 5:30 pm, 288-1312.

**FAMILY COUNSELING SERVICES
ANNUAL GALA** *July 12*
on the Great Lawn, 288-1954, ext. 249.

ST. MARK'S SUMMER FAIR *July 12*
288-2111.

**WHB FARMERS
MARKET CHILDRENS
PROGRAM** *July 12-Aug. 30*
Mill Road Municipal Lot, Saturdays, 288-1559.

**WHBPAC HOUSE
& GARDEN TOUR** *July 18*
288-2350, ext. 119.

JOE KOZIARZ 5K RUN *July 19*
at the Village Green, 288-3337.

**ANTIQUE SHOW
TO BENEFIT WHB
HISTORICAL SOCIETY** *July 19-20*
at WHB High School

**TOWN OF SH PARKS
& RECREATION
OUTDOOR MOVIE** *July 21*
on the Great Lawn, 728-8585.

**WHB OUTDOOR
ART SHOW** *August 2-3*
on the Village Green, 288-3337.

EAST END HOSPICE OPEN *August 9*
at Sportime, 288-7080.

ROTARY FLEA MARKET *August 9-10*
on the Great Lawn, 288-1486.

**WHB FIRE DEPARTMENT
OPEN HOUSE** *August 17*
2-5 pm at the Firehouse, 288-1255.

**BLACK & WHITE BENEFIT
PECONIC BAY MEDICAL** *September 19*
at the WH Country Club, 548-6080.

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