

# Westhampton Beach VILLAGE VIEWS

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## THE MAYOR'S MESSAGE



**Dear Residents,**

Spring is here, and the Board and I thank the Highway Department,

the Beautification Committee and the donors for the flowers that are beautifying the Village.

Our budget has been impacted by the continuing economic decline.

## GLOVERS LANE PARK UPDATE

The property directly behind the Chamber of Commerce building has been purchased for Village use from Community Preservation Funds.

The Beautification Committee is working on a plan that will turn this piece of property into a park for all of our residents and visitors to enjoy.

The committee is currently working with landscapers, irrigation companies, masons, and nurseries

We will not be undertaking any major projects. All departments have been very cooperative and made positive suggestions on projects that could be put on hold.

Our summer season is about to begin, and on behalf of the Police and the Ambulance emergency responders, we ask all drivers to be cognizant of our walkers, joggers

and will begin work on the project in early August.

Everyone that has been contacted so far has been very generous by offering their time or products to help complete the project. Any monies that will be needed will come out of the Park Fund, so that there will be no additional burden on our taxpayers

and bicycle riders. Safety is all of our concern.

On behalf of the Village Trustees and employees, I wish all of you an enjoyable and healthy summer.

## 2009-10 BUDGET

The Village of Westhampton Beach budget was adopted by the Trustees at their April 2, 2009 meeting. This budget represents a total decrease in spending of 4.23% over the previous year. The estimated annual tax rate per \$1000 is 2.4420 vs. 2.3965 last year.

A copy of the entire budget is available in the Village office for anyone who would want to see it.

# PREVENT HOME BURGLARIES

## WESTHAMPTON BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT, SAFETY ALERT

Home burglaries on Long Island are on the rise. The Westhampton Beach Police Department's Detective Division presents the following tips for protecting your property and avoiding home burglaries:

**LOCK DOORS AND WINDOWS.** When leaving home, even for a few minutes, lock doors and windows. Also keep thieves and intruders out by securing sliding doors, patio doors, basement doors and windows. If possible, use an alarm even when leaving your home for brief periods.

**SECURE AIR CONDITIONING UNITS.** If there is an air conditioning unit installed, secure it so that it cannot be removed easily to provide access for thieves and intruders. Keep home surroundings well lit. Use a timer to keep an exterior light on so that home surroundings - doors, windows, porches, patios - are well lit. Install motion sensors that will illuminate home surroundings in an effort to deter unwanted "visitors".

**LOCK SHEDS, GARAGE DOORS AND BASEMENT EGRESSSES.** Deter thieves by making sure that sheds, garage doors and basements egresses are locked and well secured.

**DO NOT MAKE IT OBVIOUS WHEN YOU ARE AWAY.** Keep your home secured while you are away by having your mail held at the local post office; placing timers on lights and having a neighbor or friend keep a watchful eye on your property. Cancel newspaper

delivery, etc. Have a neighbor throw our unsolicited magazines left in your driveway.

**REPORT THE CRIME.** If you witness suspicious activity at your home or in your neighborhood, call the police immediately at 631-288-3444. Thieves look for easy access. These precautions may deter unwanted intruders and help to keep your home from being burglarized.

## JUST A REMINDER

**VILLAGE ELECTION DAY:** Friday, June 19 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](http://www.westhamptonbeach.org) and on the right side menu under Building-Zoning Department click on "Online 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 16. The beaches are open on Saturday and Sunday from 10:00 to 5:00 until Saturday, June 13 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.

**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.

**U.S. CENSUS BUREAU:** the Address Canvassing Operation will begin in early April 2009, and will last through the end of June 2009. This is in preparation for the 2010 Census. Census Takers may knock on doors to verify house numbers, the number of units and the unit designations at an address. However, they will not be asking any personal information about any individual or groups of people living at an address.

**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](http://www.westhamptonbeach.org) to find everything you need to know about what's going on in the Village. Access information about the Village beaches, marina, download applications for permits needed in our Village, and view our monthly municipal events calendar with the click of your mouse. To view a Village meeting go to "Board of Trustees" and then "Meeting Videos" or check the Channel 22 weekly schedule, at the bottom of the gray menu on the right of your screen, for television viewing.

## VILLAGE MEETING SCHEDULE

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

*First Thursday  
of the month at 7 pm*

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES WORK SESSION

*Please call Village Office  
for dates: 288-1654*

### PLANNING BOARD

*Second Thursday  
of the month at 7 pm*

### ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

*Third Thursday  
of the month at 7 pm*

### ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

*First and third Tuesday  
of the month at 7 pm*

*We encourage Resident  
participation!*

**SOUTHAMPTON HOSPITAL GALA**

at the WH Country Club, 726-8700

*May 24***WHB SPRING ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW**

on the Village Green, 288-3337

*June 6-7***WHB FARMERS MARKET**

Mill Road Municipal Lot, Saturdays, 9 am-1 pm, 288-1559

*June 13-November 21***SUMMER CONCERTS AT ROGERS BEACH**at Rogers Beach Pavilion at 7 pm, call WH Library 288-3335 *June 20, July 11 and August 22***WHB PERFORMING ARTS GOLF TOURNAMENT**

at the WH Country Club, 288-2350, ext. 119

*June 22***EAST END HOSPICE ANNUAL GALA**

at Sandacres, 288-7080

*June 27***SATURDAY STORYTIME ON THE VILLAGE GREEN**

Saturdays at 10 am, call WH Library 288-3335

*June 27-August 29***CONCERTS ON THE VILLAGE GREEN**

Thursdays at 7:30 pm, 288-3337

*July 3-August 28***KIDS ON THE GREEN**

Tuesdays at 5:30 pm, 288-1312

*July 7-August 25***FAMILY COUNSELING SERVICES ANNUAL GALA**

on the Great Lawn, 288-1954, ext. 249

*July 11***ST. MARK'S SUMMER FAIR**

at St. Mark's Church, 288-2111

*July 11***EAST END HOSPICE FASHION SHOW**

at the Stone Creek Inn, 288-7080

*July 12***WHB PERFORMING ARTS HOUSE & GARDEN TOUR**

for tickets 288-1500

*July 17***JOE KOZIARZ 5K RUN**

at the Village Green, 288-3337

*July 18***ANTIQUA SHOW TO BENEFIT WHB HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

at WHB High School, 288-1139

*July 18-19***TOWN OF SH PARKS & RECREATION OUTDOOR MOVIE**

on the Great Lawn, 728-8585

*July 20***BRICKLIN INTERNATIONAL CAR SHOW**

on the Great Lawn, 288-3337

*July 25***WHB OUTDOOR ART SHOW**

on the Village Green, 288-3337

*August 1-2***ROTARY FLEA MARKET**

on the Great Lawn, 288-1486

*August 8-9***WHB FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE**

2-5 pm at the Firehouse, 288-1255

*August 16***ST. MARK'S CHURCH ART SHOW**

on the Great Lawn, 288-2111

*August 22-23***BLACK & WHITE BENEFIT-PECONIC BAY MEDICAL**

at the WH Country Club, 548-6080

*September 25***HARVEST FESTIVAL AT THE FARMERS MARKET**

Mill Road Municipal Parking Lot, 12noon-4pm, 288-1559

*October 10***WHB FALL ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW**

on the Village Green, 288-3337

*October 10-11***WHB HALLOWEEN TRICK OR TREAT**

on Main Street, 4-5:30 pm, 288-3337

*October 30***Important Events**

# FORMER VILLAGE RESIDENT DICK NORTH IS HONORED



Former village resident and author Dick North of Dawson City, YT, Canada was appointed a member of the order of Canada by her excellency the right honorable Muhaelle Jean, governor

general of Canada, December 28, 2009. This is the highest civilian award that can be received. The honor recognizes “a lifetime of distinguished service in or to a particular community, group or field of activity”, with North cited for his role in preserving the heritage of the Yukon.

Dick North, a friend and former neighbor, was curator of the Jack London Interpretive Center for many years, and has written many books on historical characters, people and events occurring in the Canadian territories.

## TREE DONATIONS BEAUTIFY OUR VILLAGE

The WHB Beautification and Tree Committee invites you to participate in “Tree City Community 2009”. If you wish to honor or memorialize a friend or a loved one, make a donation yourself, or to denote a special occasion, please consider donating a tree to be planted in our beautiful Village. The name of the friend or loved one and the donor will be listed on our Tree Commemoratives Sign on Main Street at Sexton’s Commons.

For additional information, or to make a donation, please call (631) 702-1558.



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A newsletter for  
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