

Incorporated Village of Mill Neck

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Dear Village Resident:

I am pleased to report that it has been another good year. The Village closed its May 31, 2010, fiscal year with a modest surplus of revenue over expenditures. We continue to build the reserve funds designated for maintenance and replacement of our facilities, roads and heavy equipment

Projects completed this past year include painting of the Village Hall and garages, installing a new roof over the post office and various minor road projects. Projects for the coming year include the re-curbng of a portion of Horseshoe Road for erosion control and striping on Cleft and Mill Hill Roads. No other major road projects are planned for the year. Planned capital acquisitions will include the replacement of a ten year old highway truck and a thirty year old leaf vac.

I would like to bring the following matters to your attention:

1. West Shore Road

We continue to encourage Nassau County to move forward with its plans to repair the seawall on West Shore Road. Approvals from the D.E.C. and other agencies are expected shortly for Phase I of the overall project. The project will also include the replacement of the existing roadway and the installation of a new drainage structure. As noted in my letter of last year, the plans do not provide for any widening of the road. It is anticipated the project will be done in either three or four phases. As illustrated by the severe storm this past March which closed off portions of the road for several days, it is critical the work begin soon on this project. Nassau County is presently working with various agencies, including the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, the New York State Department of Transportation, the US Army Corps of Engineers, and the US Fish and Wildlife Service. Please check the Village's website at www.millneckvillage.com for updates.

2. Trees

This past year we again had several incidents of residents who cut down trees on their properties without first obtaining a tree removal permit. The Village has a stringent tree ordinance, and fines are imposed against those who cut down trees without a permit. Please call our Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer Joseph Richardson at [659-0010](tel:659-0010) to obtain a permit before cutting down any trees. Also, be sure that your arborist is licensed and has obtained the proper tree permit.

3. **Robert DeGraff Causeway**

We have contracted with Land Use Ecological Services, Inc. for the elimination of Phragmites which have been a nuisance for many years. Land Use has extensive experience in designing, permitting and implementing wildlife habitat improvement projects that incorporate elimination of Phragmites and replacement with beneficial low-growing native grasses. This program will incorporate supervised monthly cutting of the invasive plants during the growing seasons. After several growing seasons, the Phragmites will die and aerial portions of the plants will be replaced by native grasses that seed naturally or are seeded as part of the program.

4. **Garbage**

Please continue to limit the weight of your refuse containers to 50 pounds. Also, please do not include liquids with your garbage. In the past, we have had several occasions where someone has put paint cans in with their trash, which has resulted in our garbage trucks leaking paint on residents' driveways and roadways. Please continue to recycle. Not only does recycling help the environment, but it also saves the Village money on disposal fees. Please call the Village Hall at 922-6722 in case your garbage is mistakenly not picked up or if you have any questions or concerns.

5. **Emergency Planning**

We are continuing to work with Nassau County in developing an emergency management plan. As part of this plan, the Village has partnered with the Town of Oyster Bay to receive Swift Reach 911 System coverage which will be utilized to alert all residents in case of an emergency. To date we have had two emergency test calls on the Swift Reach 911 System. During these calls, it was discovered that Village residents who have either unlisted or "blocked" numbers did not receive the emergency call. Therefore, it is imperative that you sign up as soon as possible. *To register for the system* and to be sure you and any designated family members are part of this emergency notification, it is important to provide the Town of Oyster Bay, Division of Emergency Management, with contact information. All information received by the Town of Oyster Bay will be for the use of this System only.

Log onto www.oysterbaytown.com and click on the Swift 911 link at the right "*Add/Remove Yourself*". You will be able to provide up to three alternative means of contacting you: landline, cell phone, email address, text, or page numbers. You may do this for each person living in your home by entering the pertinent information for each individual person. Or you can call 516-677-5350 to get a mail-in form; or call Village Hall.

6. **Website: www.millneckvillage.com/**

Please keep in mind that the Village Code Book, along with the information printed here, is available on our website.

7. **Email**

Our Village email address is: **millneckvillage@optimum.net**

8. **Police and Fire Departments**

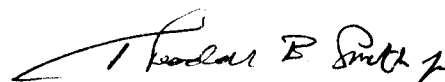
The Old Brookville Police Department, Locust Valley Fire Department, Bayville Fire Company No. 1, Oyster Bay Fire Department and Atlantic Steamer Fire Company No. 1 continue to provide the Village with excellent police and fire protection services.

9. **Dog Licenses**

Effective January 1, 2011 residents must register their dogs with the Town of Oyster Bay, Town Clerk's Office, 54 Audrey Avenue, telephone number 624-6320. The Village has a contract with the Oyster Bay Animal Shelter. You can contact them at 677-5784 whenever needed.

In closing, I want to thank all who have served on the Village Boards for their service to the Village and also to Palma, Joe, Mike, Tim, Tom and Carol for all their good work on our behalf.

Sincerely,



**Theodore B. Smith, Jr.
Mayor**