

Welcome to

THE VILLAGE OF WESTBURY



FALL 2020



Village's Annual Road Repaving Continues



Regular Maintenance Continues



Essential Services Continue to Respond

Inside this issue:

Westbury People & Tax Exemption Information	2
Mayor's Message	3
Fall Information	4
Public Works Information	5
Hispanic Heritage	6-7
Westbury Contacts	8

School is Open
Please Drive Carefully



Ride Safely




Westbury Recycles—printed on recycled paper

Westbury People

Westbury High School, Class of 2020



*Olusola Babalola
Valedictorian*



*Iyana McKnight
Salutatorian*

Westbury Middle School, Class of 2020

- Top 10 Students
- Linda T. Lu
 - Areej Nawaz
 - Tia Malloy
 - Andrew W. Lee
 - Alexander Munguia
 - Johan E. Lara
 - Yaritza N. Menjivar Pineda
 - Britzi Z. Juarez
 - Chickinkira Guevara
 - Adriana Flores Alatorre

Mayor's Message Continued from Page 3

I always enjoy meeting with our residents and hearing your concerns and comments. I encourage you to share your thoughts with me (or any of your Village Trustees) on any topic of concern. You can send me an email at mayor@villageofwestbury.org or call me at Village Hall (516) 334-1700, ext. 111. And, I will resume my regular "Meet the Mayor" office hours on October 1, so please come and see me if you would like to discuss any issues or problems (see the box on page 4 for the schedule of hours). No appointment is necessary. I am also available by appointment at your convenience.

Please continue to stay safe and healthy.

Exemption Update from the Village Department of Assessment

It is the time of year for those who are applying for an exemption within the Village, to file their application by the **deadline of January 4, 2021** for the 21/22 tax year. Residents should remember that for the Village, the Senior Exemption and Firefighter/Ambulance Corp. members with under 20 years of service must renew each year. Renewal applications have been mailed to those who already have the exemption. Any residents applying for these exemptions for the first time should call Village Hall at 516-334-1700, x-112 for an application. All NYS exemption forms are also available on the ORPTS website.

Since all exemptions are governed by New York State and adopted by both the County and the Village, you need not fill out both applications. Residents can simply make a copy of what is submitted to Nassau County and send it or deliver it to Village Hall.

Please remember for all income & age-based exemptions (Senior Exemption) that you include your tax return for NYS 2019, proof of ownership and proof of residency. To apply for either the Basic or Enhanced STAR exemption you must call 518-457-2036 to apply or go online at www.tax.ny.gov. Should you need information at the County level, please call 516-571-1500.

While the deadline for submission of all exemptions applications is January 4, 2021, please do your best to submit your applications as early as possible. Early decisions will be sent to those applicants who submit their material before December 1, 2020. Any information provided after January 4 will not be considered in the application, as decisions must be rendered no later than February 1, 2021.

As always, property owners are encouraged to call and speak to the Village Assessor regarding any questions you may have regarding any assessment issues. The Village Assessor can be reached at 334-1700, x-125, at which time you can discuss your issue or make an appointment to meet. Please have your address and section, block, lot number available. - Steven Corte, Village Assessor.

From the Mayor's Desk

mayor@villageofwestbury.org

Fall 2020

I hope and pray this message finds you and your family safe and healthy. We've experienced a very difficult period of time for our nation and community that hopefully will improve as we move into the Fall months. However, we must remain vigilant to protect ourselves and families in this still perilous time. Hopefully, you've had a chance to enjoy some restful time over the summer with family and friends, albeit in this modified "new normal."



The COVID-19 public health crisis forced the cancellation of many of the community's summer standards, including the Italian feasts, the in-person Westbury Arts summer concert series, and more. We are hopeful that all of these events will come back next year better than ever. Unfortunately, as Fall approaches, additional events and activities will continue to be affected, and we expect additional restrictions, even cancellations, in the abundance of caution and pursuant to the guidance and requirements of our public health officials. As of this writing, the Latino Advisory Council's Hispanic Heritage event has been cancelled for this year, and the B.I.D.'s annual Street Fair is also cancelled.

The Village has, over the past several months, continued to operate, albeit in modified fashion, to provide all of the essential services that we normally do. I am happy to say that as of September 1, we resumed in-person Village Board meetings and Village Court will also be resuming in-person business. We have adopted a series of precautions and protocols, and installed physical barriers and spacing at Village Hall, to protect those coming to do businesses here. Please observe these rules and precautions, and wear your masks, when coming to Village Hall, or venturing out into the community.

This summer, the Village Board issued a dozen or so temporary outdoor seating and similar permits to our various restaurants, to assist them in maintaining their businesses and enabling them to continue to employ their employees at the time that they were unable to operate indoors, or when their indoor operations were limited. We believe that these efforts have been successful in assisting our business community, and I want to thank all of our residents who continue to support our local businesses through this very difficult time for them. We also requested from the Governor, and were granted, a 21-day extension to allow residents to pay their Village property taxes without penalty (through July 22). We hope that this relief was helpful to residents (it was the maximum relief that we could request and that the Governor could grant).

While the ongoing pandemic has had a significant negative impact on the Village's revenue streams (sales tax, permit fees, parking fees and penalties etc.), as I indicated in my budget message, we anticipated these shortfalls and believe our Village's exceptionally strong finances will allow us to weather this temporary financial downturn with little or no effect.

As you know, we have an abundance of important ongoing projects and, as Summer ends, I can report that there have been tremendous strides on many of these projects - from the DRI-funded projects, to the Third Track project (including the School Street grade crossing elimination and the parking garage projects), and others. It was important that these projects continued unabated (to the extent possible) during the shut-down months so that we did not lose any momentum or ground.

Likewise, we were able to continue our annual road paving project and as a result of this year's work, we have now seen the completion of the repaving of over 90% of our Village streets over the past 8 years. I truly believe that our Village streets are in better shape than almost all (if not all) other surrounding communities. We hope to complete the project in the next few years.

Mayor's Message Continued on page 2



Fall Festivities Around the Village



Westbury Arts “Drive-in” Annual Short Film Concert

Friday, September 11 (Rain date: Saturday September 12)

At the Village Madison Avenue parking lot (behind Rite Aid/across the street from Village Hall). This free event is limited to 50 cars and tickets must be reserved through the Westbury Arts Website (www.westburyarts.org). Cars may arrive at 7:30 PM and the movies start at 8:00 PM.

Hicks Nurseries Fall Activities

Weekends September 12 - October 18

The Hicks Nurseries Fall Festival has always been a favorite activity of your editor but this season it is scaled down due to the Covid-19 pandemic. There will be the animated children’s story (Otto’s Fantastic Pet Parade), fall products, food (TO-GO) and, of course, photos with Otto the Ghost.



Historical Society of the Westburys Program

Sunday, October 18, 2:30 PM

ZOOM presentation: *Westbury from Above* by Richard Panchyk: take a unique look at Westbury and its history through aerial photo views and relevant vintage images. For additional information go to www.westburylibrary.org.

Westbury Arts Wine and Tapas Tasting

Saturday, November 14

At the Dell’ Assunta Building, 373 Maple Avenue, 7:00 PM, \$50. In addition to the tasting there will be a 50/50 and possibly other raffles. For additional information go to www.westburyarts.org.



Meet the Mayor (Restarts October 1)

Mayor Peter I. Cavallaro holds Office Hours on the first and third Thursdays of the month from 5:00 to 7:00 PM and the second Saturday each month from 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM or by appointment at other times. Contact the Mayor at 334-1700, extension 111 or by email: mayor@villageofwestbury.org

Keep Up-To-Date

There are many resources available to help keep you informed. Our Village newsletter is published and mailed to every address in the Village 4 times a year. We have a Village website and Facebook page (www.villageofwestbury.org and a link to Facebook). Blast Email and reverse 311 calls are used to disseminate important and emergency information (call Village Hall 334-1700 or email clerk@villageofwestbury.org to get on the list). If you have Optimum, VOWtv channel 18 has quarterly updates, and more.

During emergencies and storms, information is updated frequently. Joining the Blast Email list, reverse 311 call distribution and liking us on the Village Facebook Page will keep you quickly informed on the latest information.

Hurricane Season Tips

Hurricane safety tips are available on www.villageofwestbury.org. If you do not have access to a computer, come by the Village Hall, 235 Lincoln Place for a copy



COMING SOON TO YOUR YARD . . LEAF SEASON

DPW highway crews will be working throughout the Village to collect leaves. Westbury Village is the home of many lovely trees that will soon shed their leaves. What do we do with all of them? There is no perfect solution - some leaves can be put in our plant beds and composters. The rest . . . ?? If you use a landscaper, **they MUST take them away**. For the rest, our Department of Public Works collects bagged leaves for recycling disposal every Wednesday. If you do your own gardening and want to rake them to the curb for pick up, this leaf collection will commence on Monday, November 2 and run through Monday, November 30.



WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?

- When possible bag the leaves for pickup - they don't blow around!

They will be picked up on Wednesdays as part of our Yard Organics Recycling Program.

Otherwise,

The Village Recycles!

- Rake leaves from your yard into the street for collection (Monday, November 2 - Monday, November 30)
- For safety, do not let the leaf pile obstruct traffic, storm drains or fire hydrants
- Do not park your car on top of the leaves as it could cause a fire
- Do not put brush, branches, rocks or other extraneous materials in leaf piles

HOLIDAY SANITATION PICK-UP REMINDER

NO SANITATION COLLECTION on these holidays:

Columbus Day, Monday, October 12 - NO recycle pickup this week

Normal Monday & Thursday pick-up will be picked up on Tuesday & Thursday
Normal Tuesday & Friday pick-up will be picked up on Wednesday & Friday

Veterans Day, Wednesday, November 11 - NO recycle pickup this week

Normal Monday & Thursday pick-up will be picked up on Monday & Thursday
Normal Tuesday & Friday pick-up will be picked up on Tuesday & Friday

Thanksgiving, Thursday and Friday, November 26 and 27

Normal Monday & Thursday pick-up will be picked up on **MONDAY ONLY**
Normal Tuesday & Friday pick-up will be picked up on **TUESDAY ONLY**

There will be recycling pickup on Wednesday, November 25

Next E-CYCLING Program

Saturday, October 10, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

The Village of Westbury recycles!!! In an effort to increase our recycling, the Village conducts an E-CYCLING program in conjunction with e-Scrap Destruction.

This program allows Village Residents to safely dispose of computers, computer components, televisions, VCR's, DVD players and all other old electronic equipment and components.

The Department of Public Works facility, 500 Dover Street, will be open for drop off of these items.



Westbury Celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month

In the truest expression of the American love of freedom, the Village of Westbury will once again join in a national commemorative celebration of Hispanic Heritage. This celebration began in 1968 with a two-day Presidential Proclamation by Lyndon B. Johnson, honoring those countries in the America's who had achieved their independence from Spain. Over time, the now month-long celebration has come to include all of the nations of North America, South America, Central America and the Caribbean that share a common culture and language.

Mayor Peter Cavallaro and the Mayor's Latino Advisory Committee, have announced that Westbury will move forward with a modified Hispanic Heritage Month celebration, September 15th through October 15th 2020. Due to COVID-19 precautions, it will be necessary to make changes to the festivities of past celebrations which limit the Village's capacity to host large public fairs. Nevertheless, it is expected that the month-long celebration will again tap into the enthusiasm, vitality and pride of our residents in this annual homage to a shared ancestry. Look for the Village Latino Advisory Council's banner on Post Avenue celebrating this month.

Historically, Hispanic Heritage Month honors those who have become a part of the fabric of our society and celebrated for their leadership and achievements. For 2020, special recognition is given to our health professionals, essential workers, first responders and the brave members of the Armed Forces, deployed in dangerous regions throughout the world.

For all the shared customs and characteristics, each country has a unique identity. The foods vary; the topography offers dramatic contrasts, the music and art are distinctive, indigenous cultures are mixed with European, African and Spanish ancestry and the historic significance of their journey to independence is at once similar, and yet different.

Latin Music has found popularity in contemporary culture. Its rhythms are known throughout the Americas.

As we seek to preserve the traditions and customs of our ancestors, residents are encouraged to visit many of our Village restaurants and cafés (i.e., Punta Cana, Little Mexico, Los Tacos), bakeries (i.e., Maria's, La Sevillana) food purveyors (Bravo) and other enterprises to savor delicious and authentic food favorites. Many Latin food favorites have become part of the American fine dining experience and the fast food culture.

WESTBURY CELEBRA EL MES DE LA HERENCIA HISPANA

En la expresión más verdadera del amor americano por la libertad, La villa de Westbury se unirá una vez más a la celebración conmemorativa nacional de la herencia hispana. Esta celebración se realizó por primera vez en 1968 con una proclamación presidencial de dos días de Lyndon B. Johnson, en honor a los países de América que habían logrado su independencia de España. Con el tiempo, la celebración de un mes ha llegado a incluir a todas las naciones de América del Norte, América del Sur, América Central y el Caribe que comparten una cultura y un idioma en común.

El alcalde Cavallaro, y el Comité Asesor Latino del alcalde, han anunciado que Westbury seguirá adelante con la celebración del Mes de la Herencia Hispana, del 15 de septiembre al 15 de octubre de 2020. Por causa del COVID-19 será necesario tomar precauciones y realizar cambios respecto a las festividades de celebraciones pasadas, lo cual limitará la capacidad de la villa a albergar grandes ferias públicas. No obstante, esperamos que esta celebración de un mes evoque el entusiasmo, la vitalidad y el orgullo de nuestros residentes en este homenaje anual a una ascendencia compartida. Busque el estandarte/banderín del Comité Asesor Latino en Post Avenue en celebración de este mes.

Históricamente, el Mes de la Herencia Hispana honra a aquellos que se convirtieron en parte de nuestra sociedad, y celebra su liderazgo y sus logros. Para 2020, se otorga un reconocimiento especial a nuestros profesionales de la salud, trabajadores esenciales, socorristas y los valientes miembros de las Fuerzas Armadas, desplegados en regiones peligrosas de todo el mundo.

A pesar de todas las costumbres y características compartidas, cada país tiene una identidad única. Los alimentos varían, la topografía ofrece contrastes dramáticos, la música y el arte son distintivos, las culturas indígenas se mezclan con la ascendencia europea, africana y española, y el significado histórico de su viaje hacia la independencia es a la vez similar, pero diferente.

Argentina, Bolivia, Brasil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, República Dominicana, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, México, Nicaragua, Panamá, Paraguay, Perú, Puerto Rico (EE. UU.), Uruguay, Estados Unidos de América, Venezuela, España

La música latina ha encontrado popularidad en la cultura contemporánea. Sus ritmos se conocen en toda América. —

El Tango (**Argentina**), Danzón (**Cuba**), Flamenco (**España**), Salsa (**Puerto Rico**),
Folklorico (**México**), Merengue (**República Dominicana**), Cha-Cha-Cha (**Cuba**),
Bachata (**República Dominicana**), Cumbia (**Colombia**), Bolero (**Cuba**), Samba (**Brasil**),
Mariachi, Norteña (**México**) y La Macarena (**España**).

Si Bien buscamos preservar las tradiciones y costumbres de nuestros antepasados, exhortamos a los residentes de la villa a visitar muchos de nuestros restaurantes y cafés locales (p. ej., Punta Cana, Little Mexico, Los Tacos), panaderías (p.ej., Maria's, La Sevillana) proveedores de alimentos (Bravo) y otras empresas para saborear platos deliciosos y auténticos.

Muchos favoritos de la comida latina en la actualidad son parte de la experiencia gastronómicaestadounidense y la cultura de la comida rápida. —

Arroz con Pollo (All) - Rice + Chicken...Camarones en Salsa Verde (All) - Shrimp in green sauce...Cerullitos de Maíz (All) - Corn Fritters...Ceviche (Peru) Lemon/ Lime - Marinated raw fish...Chimichurri (Argentina) - Sauce for Steak...Empanadas (Chile) - Turnover, various fillings...Frijoles/Habichuelas (All) - Red and Black Beans...Guacamole (All) - Avocado, onion, cilantro, lime...Lechón Asado, Pernil (Cuba, DR, PR) - Roasted Pig...Maduros (Caribbean) - Fried sweet/ripe plantains...Mangú (Dominican Republic) - Mashed green plantains...Mofongo (Caribbean) - Mashed Plantain; garlic, oil, pork rind...Paella (Spain) - Rice, seafood, chicken, sausage...Pasteles (Puerto Rico) - Pork, Beef, Chicken filled plantain pies...Pastelón / Piñón de Plátanos Maduros (Caribbean) - Sweet Plantain, Meat Lasagna...Plátanos (Caribbean) - Green Plantains...Pupusas (El Salvador) - Corn or flour disc w/ various fillings...Empanadas (All) - Turnovers – various fillings...Ropa Vieja (Cuba) - Braised and Shredded Beef...San Cocho (Colombia, DR, PR) - Hearty stew, chicken, yuca, potato, corn...Tacos (Mexico, All) - Crisp/soft flour disc w/various fillings...Tostones (All) - Fried Plantains with salt, garlic...Zarzuela de Mariscos (Spain) - Catalan Seafood Casserole; y Postres/Desserts - Tres Leches, Flan, Cascos de Guayaba, Arroz con Dulce, Arroz con Leche, Tembleque, Budín de Pan, Dulce de Lechosa; y Frutas (Fruits) - Mango, Guayaba (Guava), Guanábana (Soursop), Tamarindo (Tamarind), Lechosa (Papaya), Coco (Coconut), Mamey, Piña (Pineapple). ¡Buen Provecho!/Enjoy!

INDEX FOR VILLAGE OF WESTBURY SERVICES

VILLAGE HALL

235 Lincoln Place
Westbury, NY 11590
Tel: 334-1700 Fax: 334-7563
Hours: 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM
Mayor Peter I. Cavallaro
Village Clerk/Treasurer - Robert Juliano
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer - Lina Cesare

Village Attorney - Anna Vikse
Village Justices Thomas F. Liotti
Elizabeth D. Pessala
Buildings Department (Fax: 334-7388)
William Mello, Senior Building Inspector
Code Enforcement **HOT LINE 333-1869**

Westbury Water District 333-0427
Carle Place Water District (West of Ellison Ave.) 333-0540
Westbury Fire Department 334-7924
Carle Place Fire Dept (West of Ellison Ave.) 742-3300
Auxiliary Police 573-7521
Westbury Post Office 333-3598
Westbury Library 333-0176
Westbury B.I.D. 333-2235
Westbury/Carle Place Chamber of Commerce 338-7200

Public Works

500 Dover Street
Westbury, NY 11590
Tel: 334-0062
Hours: 7:00 AM – 3:30 PM
Phil Fulgieri, Superintendent
Pasqual Iannucci, Deputy Superintendent

Recreation Department

357 Rockland Street
Westbury, NY 11590
Tel: 334-5560 Fax: 334-1059
Hours: 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Senior Citizens Program

Westbury Community Center
360 Post Avenue
Tel: 334-5886 Fax: 333-7030
Hours: 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM
Andrea Padinha, Acting Director
Patricia Lent, Homebound Coord.

Newsletter/Web Site Editor Raymond Muntz

Visit us on the Web at www.villageofwestbury.org and look for our Facebook page



Village of Westbury
235 Lincoln Place
Westbury, New York 11590



PRST STD
U.S. Postage
Westbury, NY
Permit No. 13
Zip Code 11590

FALL 2020

VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Mayor Peter I. Cavallaro
Trustee/1st Deputy Mayor Steven L. Corte
Trustee/2nd Deputy Mayor Beaumont Jefferson
Trustee William B. Wise
Trustee Vincent Abbattillo

***ECRWSS
Postal Patron

DO NOT DISCARD
CONTAINS IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR VILLAGERS