



Incorporated Village of Hewlett Neck

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Dear Residents,

We hope this finds you all well. Summer 2020 is now upon us and we would like to remind you of some important village information that should be useful to all. I encourage you to attend our monthly board meetings held at Village Hall or temporarily via Zoom as your feedback and participation is greatly appreciated. Our meeting schedule is posted here: <http://hewlettneck.org/meetings.asp>. On behalf of the Board of Trustees and the Village Office Staff, I hope you all have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Best,
Mayor Ross Epstein

New Village Residents: Welcome to the neighborhood! Please feel free to contact Village Hall at 516-295-1400 with any inquiries related to your property including home repairs, construction, landscaping projects, parking regulations, etc. Our Village Staff is available Monday-Friday, 8am-4pm to assist you.

Phone Notification System: We hope everyone is receiving the Village notifications we send via text and/or email. If you are not, please contact Village Hall to update your contact information.

Walkers/Joggers/Bicyclists: Although we encourage residents to enjoy a peaceful walk, jog or bike ride around our beautiful Village, **all residents should use caution and not walk, jog or ride their bicycle in the middle of the road.** Special caution should be made at dusk and night-time hours as vehicles may not be able to see you clearly. **We highly recommend wearing reflective clothing.** Further, **due to the continued uncertainty of Covid-19, we recommend everyone continue to maintain social distancing and wear facemasks when necessary.**

Motorists: We have been receiving complaints from Village residents about motorists speeding through the neighborhood and often completely ignoring stop signs. This puts the pedestrians at great risk not to mention other drivers. We have notified the 4th Precinct to patrol the area more often and ticket anyone violating the traffic laws. **If this pertains to you, PLEASE slow down and DRIVE CAREFULLY. If you have a child that drives, PLEASE TALK TO THEM as well.**

Parking on Village Roads: Kindly be reminded that per the Village code, **the parking of vehicles is prohibited on ALL streets between 3am - 6am or for more than three (3) hours between 8am - 6pm on any day.** Parking is also prohibited 24 hours/7 days a week on both sides of Browers Point Branch. Violators will be ticketed by the local police. **If you are hosting a party or event at your home and plan to have multiple guests, you MUST obtain a Parking Permit from Village Hall in advance.**

House Numbers: Kindly be reminded that for your safety and as required by NYS Code, please make sure that the street number of your house is posted & visible from the street **(numbers should be at least 4 inches in height).**

Mosquitoes, Horse Flies, Etc.: As you are probably aware, our Village was built on marshland. After the county stopped spraying the area with insecticides, many years ago, our neighborhood became overwhelmed with pesky mosquitoes and insects especially during the summer months. There are many safe ways residents can combat or lessen the impact (i.e. hiring a private licensed exterminating company, purchasing horse fly traps, etc.). However, the onus is on the homeowner to research and to do whatever they feel will be the most effective for their own property, as long as it is legal and safe for the environment and surrounding neighbors.

Village Safety & Security: MCS Consultants Inc. continues to provide private monitoring of our Village roads. Please keep the following safety & security tips in mind:

- Always keep your home secure and your home security system activated.
- **Always keep your car doors locked.**
- Never leave valuables in your car, especially in plain sight.

Home Construction: If you are planning to do **ANY WORK** to your home, **PLEASE contact Village Hall and make sure you understand your obligations and the various Village requirements that may be applicable.** Complying with Village codes BEFORE performing work is a much more efficient and less costly than trying to correct permitting issues after they occur.

PLEASE NOTE: Construction hours are 8am – 6pm on weekdays and 9am – 5pm on Saturdays. NO WORK IS PERMITTED ON SUNDAYS AND HOLIDAYS. Please also make sure your contractors do their best **not to block the Village streets.** They must only park on one side of the street. Please make sure your contractors keep your property clean, orderly and are complying with all Covid-19 safe practice and or executive orders. **If the Building Inspector witnesses properties not being maintained and/or violating Village Code, monetary violations will be issued.** Please contact William Dougherty (building inspector) with any questions at 516-295-1400.

Landscaping and Home Construction: Kindly be reminded of our Village ordinances pertaining to various types of power equipment that can be considered a nuisance:

- Power lawnmowers or any power assisted gardening equipment may be used weekdays, 8am - 6pm and Saturdays, 9am-6pm. **All other equipment is strictly prohibited on Sundays & holidays.**
- Construction, demolition, plumbing, alteration or repair of any building or structure is permitted (**permits required**) on weekdays, 8am-6pm and Saturdays, 9am-5pm. **NO CONSTRUCTION is permitted on Sundays & holidays.**
- The operation of tractors, earth moving machines, cement mixers, cranes & other similar heavy machinery & construction equipment can only be operated weekdays, 8am-6pm (**building permits required**) – **such heavy equipment is strictly prohibited on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.**
- **Landscapers are required to have a permit to work within the Village.** Kindly review the village code located here: <http://www.ecode360.com/HE1652>.

Pets/Dogs: All pet owners are responsible for the behavior of their pets. Please respect your neighbors and monitor to avoid a nuisance complaint. **All dogs must always be walked wearing a leash at all times.**

House Parties & Gatherings: If you plan to host a party outside, on your property, please be mindful of your neighbors. During Covid-19, please adhere to all local and state applicable executive orders. **Advance notification to your neighbors goes a long way!** If you require parking in the streets, please contact Village Hall as a permit for on-street parking in designated areas is required. As previously noted, our Village has a noise ordinance and will address nuisances if they occur. **Outside sound amplification is NOT PERMITTED between the hours of 11pm & 8am. Kindly respect your neighbor's rights to the peaceful enjoyment of their homes, at all times but especially at night!**

HAVE A SAFE AND HEALTHY SUMMER!