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"I want to keep Lattingtown the way it was when you moved here."

Dear Fellow Resident:

The quotation above is from our recently retired Mayor, Clarence F. Michalis. The longest serving Mayor in New York State history, Clarence has led by these words from the day he took office in 1969 until his retirement last month. I hope you share my deep gratitude for his principled leadership and unwavering commitment to the best interests of all Lattingtown residents. When Clarence submitted his resignation to the Board of Trustees, I was honored to be appointed by the Board your new Mayor.

It will be a difficult task to fill Clarence's shoes, but I am confident that my 27 years of Village service on the Zoning Board and Board of Trustees will provide me with a solid base from which to serve you. As a Lattingtown resident for 61 years, I appreciate Clarence's philosophy which will also guide my tenure as your Mayor. While life in the Village has progressed over the decades, our consistency of land use control through zoning, a light touch of local rules and regulations and our devoted and responsible governance ensure that Lattingtown remains an attractive place to live.

In a March, 2017 audit of the 97 villages in Nassau and Suffolk Counties for responsiveness to records requests, the Village of Lattingtown received one of only two A+ ratings (along with Lynbrook). The cumulative grade for Long Island's villages is a C. The data was compiled from a 16-month-long collaborative project by the Long Island Press and the Press Club of Long Island. For this, and for their many years of A+ service to all of us, we are especially grateful to Clerk/Treasurer Kathy Picoli, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Jan Hagner, and Administrative Assistant Dawn Gresalfi.

We also thank Lucie Bard for her wise and attentive service who retired this year after 18 years on the Board of Trustees. Please join me in welcoming the new Deputy Mayor, Carol Harrington (former Chair of the Zoning Board) and Trustee, Stephen Ely. Also, new this year are Gioia Bales and Lizbeth Finnerty on the Zoning Board. It is our aim to encourage residents' involvement, so if you are interested in volunteering for one of the Village Boards, please contact me or Kathy Picoli.

Sadly, this year marked the death of Building Inspector Mathew Moed who served the Village with extensive knowledge and acuity for 34 years. Matt's position with the Village has been assumed by

former Deputy Building Inspector Peter Albinski, an architect who also serves as Building Inspector in a number of other villages. We are confident of a smooth transition.

Administration

Taxes

I will continue to strive for the lowest possible tax rates for our residents. Our current budget reflects Governor Cuomo’s property tax freeze, a cap based on the rate of inflation or 2%, whichever is less, limiting revenue growth to .12%. Because Lattingtown’s total assessment dropped from \$1,983,011 to \$1,910,622, the Village tax rate per \$100 has increased from \$38.83 to \$40.31. Expenses remain relatively even at \$1,269,900 compared to \$1,252,600. Village budget numbers for five years:

Year	Taxes	Assessment	Tax Rate	Expenses	Revenue Other Than Taxes	Appropriated Surplus
2012-13	524,089	2,481,486	21.12	1,050,423	216,200	310,134
2013-14	752,489	2,149,971	35.00	1,068,698	221,832	94,377
2014-15	760,076	2,076,145	36.61	1,184,112	315,532	108,504
2015-16	770,026	2,013,197	37.91	1,251,912	333,153	148,733
2016-17	770,003	1,983,011	38.83	1,252,612	347,732	134,877
2017-18	770,171	1,910,622	40.31	1,269,934	271,332	205,931

If you have any questions about the budget numbers do not hesitate to get in touch with our Clerk/Treasurer Kathy Picoli or our Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Jan Hagner.

Roads

This past year we repaved Birch Hill and Overlook Roads. The cost was \$410,190, \$140,000 of which was covered by grants from New York State. We will continue our road rebuilding program this year with funds allocated in our current budget. A note on street lights – if you see one that is out or have a recommendation for a location where a light should be added, please contact Village Hall.

Environmental

We have three major conservation areas in our Village: Frost Creek, from its mouth at Long Island Sound to its upper reaches opposite the Tides Motel, is a Federal Wildlife Preserve monitored by the U.S. Wildlife Service and patrolled by the Village. In addition, the Village owns a conservation area which includes the Gibson Boat Basin just west of private property at the north end of Sheep Lane. Finally, there is the Kate Trubee Davison Preserve to the south and west of Lattingtown Harbor. All these conservation areas are open to residents of the Village. And remember Bailey Arboretum, our 43-acre horticultural preserve and historic residence on Bayville Road. Although it is owned by Nassau County, it is run by the Friends of Bailey Arboretum under contract with the County. “Volunteers for Wildlife,” a privately run but State licensed refuge for injured birds and animals is also in the Arboretum. Learn more about Bailey Arboretum on its vivid website baileyarboretum.org

Miscellaneous

Filming

Please note that TV or movie filming within the Village, even on private property, requires a permit from the Village.

Document Shredding

As in past years, we invite you to take advantage of Shredding Day at Village Hall on Saturday, November 4, 2017 from 9 am to noon for your documents and papers.

Email Contacts

In the interest of better communication, we are working to compile our residents' email addresses. This will enhance our ability to communicate rapidly while saving significant mailing costs. Please visit our website to review Village information and add your email address: villageoflatingtown.org

Attached is a list of items of importance for quick reference entitled Things to Note along with an updated contact list of Village officials for your quick reference. Do not hesitate to call if you have a question.

Sincerely,
Robert W. Fagiola
Mayor

THINGS TO NOTE

Fire Department: Emergency number 671-2600
 General information: 676-0560

Police Department: For emergencies, call 911 and be sure to give your street address and house number which should be clearly visible from the street. For other matters not involving an emergency, the number of the Second Precinct is 573-6200. We are primarily protected by Nassau County car 202, but also have cars 201 and 203 from Locust Valley and Bayville available for backup. Car 202 is manned by Nassau County police officers permanently assigned to our Village. If you do not have a "VL" (Village of Lattingtown) sticker for the rear bumper of your car, please obtain one from our Village Clerk. It helps the police identify our residents.

Garage, Tag Sales and Auctions require Village approval, which can be obtained by contacting the Village Clerk. The refundable deposit is \$100.00 for residents and \$150.00 for professionals, in addition to a daily fee of \$100.00.

Signs: The posting of any signs in the Village is subject to Village regulation. Permission must be obtained through the Village Clerk and the fee is \$50.00. Please be aware that the Village has a real estate sign ordinance whereby we will only approve generic signs. Call the Village Office for more information.

Landscape Service: Anyone servicing your property must dispose of any debris outside of the Village. The fine for indiscriminate dumping is \$500.00 for each infraction, and the homeowner is liable as well as the landscape service. It is important to note that it is a violation for the landscape service to blow leaves off a resident's property onto a highway. Leaves should be picked up and bagged or placed in a mulch pile. Please note the hours of operation of power equipment under the Noise Ordinance section below.

Cutting of Trees: There are stringent limitations on tree cutting on private property. If you are planning any tree cutting, please contact Kathleen Picoli, our Village Clerk, for a copy of the ordinance. Please note the penalty for violating this ordinance is now \$1,000 a tree.

Dead Trees: It has come to our attention that there are many dead or compromised trees on private properties overhanging roadways in the Village. We would like to remind residents that if you do have such a tree on your property, you are advised to remove that tree as it creates a liability for the property owner. Please contact the Village for a tree removal permit. In addition, if your tree does fall onto a Village roadway, the Village will move the debris to the side to clear the road, but it is the property owner's obligation to remove the debris.

Village Roads: Fall: Leaf pickup in the fall - October 15th through December 1st. There will be no pickup after December 1st. All leaves must be bagged for pickup. Branches will also be picked up but must be tied in bundles no larger than 4 ft. long and 18 in. in diameter. Leaves and branches that are mixed with debris will not be picked up.

Spring: Leaves must also be bagged for spring pickup. Branches must be bundled as above. The following roads are maintained by the Village of Lattingtown:

Bear Lane
Birch Hill Road
Egypt Lane

Ludlam Lane
Matinecock Lane
Midway Avenue

Overlook Road
Park Avenue
Ryefield Road

Factory Pond Road
Fox Lane

Millford Drive
Old Tappan Road

Valley Avenue
Wood Lane

County Roads: As many of you know, the County in past years has cleaned up County maintained roads in springtime for leaves, branches and other garden debris. However, because of manpower shortages that service will no longer be available. Despite the foregoing policy, the County does from time to time in the fall pick up leaves that are blocking storm sewers. However, residents on County roads should not count on that service but find other means of disposing of this material. It cannot be left by the side of the road or residents will be subject to fines under the Village ordinances.

Parking: A reminder—There is no parking permitted on any Village road except by special permission of the Board. Call the Village Clerk (676-6920) if you are planning a function requiring on-street parking. Note: boats and RVs can only be parked on residential property if visible to the street for not more than 30 days in any calendar year.

Noise Ordinance: There are limitations on the use of construction and landscaping equipment concerning the hours when this equipment can be used. Heavy construction equipment: 8:00 am to 6:00 pm Monday through Friday; no use permitted on Saturday and Sunday. Landscapers using power equipment: 8:00 am to 6:00 pm on Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm on Saturday. Homeowners must adhere to the same schedule with the exception that they can use landscaping equipment from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm on Sundays and legal holidays. Please contact our Village Clerk for a copy of the ordinance.

Lighting Ordinance The Village has an ordinance severely limiting the use of floodlights and decorative lighting around houses. View the ordinance online or call the Village for a copy.

Dog Ordinance: We have an ordinance in the Village to protect residents from dangerous dogs or those annoying neighbors by continuous barking. Complaints in this regard should be directed to our Village Clerk, or in her absence our Village attorneys—and in an emergency, our police.

Lattingtown Village Beach: Available for our residents' use for a fee of \$125.00. Nonresidents may also belong to our Village Beach if sponsored by a resident. The fee is \$200.00. Call Kathleen Picoli, our Clerk/Treasurer, for information.

Glen Cove Golf Course: Available to residents of our Village who must be approved by the Glen Cove Golf Commission. In this latter connection, the golf course is only available at a reduced rate to bona fide residents of the Village. Residents are defined as property owners and their immediate families residing with them, or people legally renting in the Village on a year-round basis. It is only reasonable to expect the Manager of the Glen Cove Golf Course to seek confirmation of an applicant's residential status. Our Village Clerk can confirm property owners, whereas those people renting must obtain a letter from their landlords confirming that they are renting in the Village on a year-round basis.

Village Office: Phone - 676-6920 - Kathleen Picoli, Jan Hagner, or Dawn Gresalfi - if you have any questions about these items or the Village ordinances.

Website: The Village has a website (Village of Lattingtown.org) which provides information regarding Village matters.