# The Incorporated Village of Lattingtown

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“A person doesn’t know how much he has to be thankful for until he has to pay taxes on it*”*

 *-Ann Landers*

Dear Fellow Resident:

Here’s what’s happening in our Village:

Taxes

We certainly have a lot to be thankful for in the Village of Lattingtown. Inflation has taken its toll on expenses to run the Village, but the Trustees and I continue to keep our Village property taxes flat. We are now in the 8th consecutive year with no material increase. As the total property assessment in Lattingtown continues to decrease from $1,134,477 in 2021 to $ 1,073,814 in 2022, the Village tax rate per $100 will increase from $67.93 to $71.76. Tax revenue, however, will remain flat at $770,568.

YEAR TAXES ASSESSMENT TAX RATE EXPENSES REVENUES APP SURPLUS

 other than taxes

**2015-16** 770,026 2,031,197 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

**2018-19** 770,064 1,835,673 41.95 1,409,285 417,400 181,821

**2019-20** 770,480 1,772,848 43.46 1,520,231 512,900 236,851

**2020-21** 770,557 1,706,661 45.151,562,232 409,132 383,543

**2021-22** 770,650 1,134,477 67.93 1,654,258 386,232 497,376

**2022-23 770,568 1,073,814 71.76 1,534,838 436,839 327,431**

Our success in keeping taxes flat this year is due in large part to continued strong building permit fees and receipt of Covid relief funds through the American Rescue Plan. If you have any questions about the budget, do not hesitate to get in touch with our Clerk/Treasurer, Dawn Gresalfi.

Roads

An ongoing challenge for the Village is the maintenance and repair of Village Roads. This year we repaved Factory Pond Road. This road had not been repaved since 2007 and has been adversely impacted by traffic detours from the Bayville Bridge project. The cost for this repaving is approximately $223,225, of which we expect a significant portion to be covered by grants from New York State. In addition, we replaced the sidewalk on Ryefield Road at a cost of $190,000 and repaired significant storm damage to Overlook Road at a cost of $41,250. We expect to receive a total of $220,000 from New York State for these road projects. This year’s road projects include Millford Drive and Matinecock, Park and Egypt Lanes. We continue to lobby the Nassau County Department of Public Works and the office of the County Executive for the repaving and repair of the County roads in our Village, most notably Bayville Road and Horse Hollow Road.

Village Speed Limits

In 2019, the Village speed limit was lowered to 30 mph to promote safety in our Village, particularly in our school zones. Our speed limits now conform with surrounding jurisdictions. Unfortunately, we continue to see speeding in our Village. Nassau County Police have been asked to step up enforcement as and where needed.

Village Boards: Trustees, Planning and Zoning

Sadly, I have to report that Gene Souther, who served the Village on the Board of Zoning Appeals and then as Village Justice for a total of more than 23 years, passed away in July of last year. Gene made immeasurable contributions to our village governance and he will be missed.

I have appointed Steve Levanthal to take Gene’s spot as Village Justice for the remainder of Gene’s term. Steve has served the Village as Associate Justice for 13 years and will run for election in June for his own 2-year term as Village Justice. I have appointed Michael McClellan to fill the vacancy left by Steve as Associate Justice. Mike has served the Village for 13 years on the Board of Zoning Appeals, most recently serving as Chairman of that Board.

The position of Chairman of the Board of Zoning Appeals, vacated by Mike, will be assumed by Paul Bentel. Paul has served on that Board for 8 years and is a lifelong resident of our Village. I have also appointed Jon Sullivan as an Alternate Member of that Board. Jon is an attorney who practices here on Long Island. Jon and his wife Melissa and their three children have been residents since 2009. Jon is also a board member and Treasurer for the Friends of Bailey Arboretum.

On our Planning Board, Roger Mullarkey has resigned after 8 years of service. We thank Roger for his efforts on behalf of our Village. I have appointed Frank Sciame,III to fill the vacancy left by Roger. Frank was born and raised in Lattingtown and looks forward to contributing to our Village.

Environmental

The Village continues its cooperation with neighboring villages, the City of Glen Cove, the Town of Oyster Bay and state and federal governments to promote environmental preservation of Long Island Sound and the surrounding north shore area. Deputy Mayor Carol Harrington is our representative on the Oyster Bay/Cold Spring Harbor Protection Committee. As a coastal village, we remain actively involved in protecting our watershed and beaches including efforts to control storm water run-off and we ask residents to maintain their septic systems and pick up pet waste. Last year, Nassau County announced a new program to provide grants of $10,000 to homeowners and small businesses to replace outdated septic systems with new nitrogen reducing systems. For further information about this important program, please contact the Village.

Code Enforcement Officer

I am pleased to announce that we have retained the services of Jack Mancusi as our Code Enforcement Officer. Jack is a retired police officer and resides in Glen Cove. Jack is charged with assuring compliance with Village Ordinances and will make periodic rounds in the Village.

COVID-19 Relief Funds

As you may be aware, in early March 2021, Congress passed the American Rescue Plan which provides for direct financial relief to State and local governments. Under this plan, the Village expects to receive approximately $190,000 in two equal installments over a two-year period. The first installment was received on July 2021 and the second is expected later this year. These funds will allow the Village to fast-forward some local infrastructure projects while continuing to keep your Village taxes flat.

Police

The security and safety of our Village and our surrounding communities is of paramount importance. To that end, I have been working closely with the Nassau County Police Commander from our local precinct to increase and to improve both the police presence and response within the Village. We will continue to stay in close contact with the commander and with the officers assigned to our area.

Village Beach

One lovely asset of our Village is the Village Beach which will open for business on Saturday, May 28. We have repaired the seawall and patio area, and installed new picnic tables. A new rack has been installed to make it easier for residents to store and to use their kayaks and other non-motorized small boats at no additional charge to Village Beach permit holders. Additional work will be done on the interior of the beach structure, including electrical and plumbing updates. If you are interested in joining the beach for the summer, you may download the application from the Village website or you may call the Village Office and we will drop one in the mail for you. The fee for residents is $150. Resident members may also sponsor a friend for membership for $250.

Email Contacts

We continue to compile email addresses for all of our residents to enhance our ability to communicate rapidly and save significant mailing costs. Please visit our website and add your email address:

**villageoflattingtown.org**

Filming

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

Noise and Lighting Ordinances

To maintain the quiet enjoyment of our Village, please remember to be courteous to your neighbors and be mindful of the hours of operation for landscapers and the restrictions on outdoor lighting (see attached Things to Note). We have also included a separate sheet with landscaping hours to give to your landscapers!

Attached is a list of items of importance for quick reference entitled Things to Note. Do not hesitate to call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Fagiola

Mayor