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The Village of Great Neck Plaza Board of Trustees passed landmark legislation in Dec. 2005 establishing an inclusionary affordable housing program that became effective Jan. 1, 2006. Before passing the legislation, the Board worked for months on planning studies and environmental impact assessments conducted by the village's planning/environmental consultants, Saccardi & Schiff of White Plains, New York.

Adoption of this legislation is the first step toward addressing a critical housing need and shortage in the Great Neck community and region. While admittedly the total number of units will be relatively small, and there may be some who feel the Plaza could do more, nevertheless the Board of Trustees believes creation of any new units is an achievement and feels the Board has been pro-active to address the problem, the first municipality on the peninsula to adopt affordable housing legislation.

The Plaza's program partners with the development community and therefore the Board is confident that the legislation is workable for the new buildings that will be proposed in the near future. In creating the legislation, the Village worked closely with developers for their input during the planning process, on providing detailed and insightful comments on drafts of the legislation and commenting on its economic viability and feasibility.

The problem of affordable housing is so acute here in Nassau County. The strong real

estate market for the past decade has created an environment where middle-income people can not find a home or apartment that they can afford. Average sales price in the Plaza for a one-bedroom co-op apartment in 2005 sold for \$263,237 and a single-family house for \$897,500, according to Phil Raices, of Turnkey Real Estate and the Multiple Listing Service (MLS) statistics, while the median family income for the Nassau-Suffolk Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area, as defined by the United States Dept. of Housing and Urban Development is \$88,850. A standard rule for housing affordability is in the range of 3.3 times income, which would equate to a sales price of \$235,000. Even if you use county-wide figures, apartment and housing prices do not meet affordability standards. The median price of \$482,000 in December, 2005 according to statistics released from the MLS, equates to sales prices that are not affordable to a large number of persons.

For young adults that have grown up in Great Neck and want to start households here, it is nearly impossible to find affordable housing. Most end up moving back in with their parents until they save enough money for living on their own. Seniors on fixed incomes are also feeling the squeeze, whether they own a home or co-op/condo apartment as their living expenses are significant and they feel the pinch to make ends meet.

The village enacted legislation that relies heavily on private-sector solutions. All affordable housing units will be rental units located within new or converted buildings by private developers. The required amount of affordable housing units is 7.5% of the gross floor area (FAR). As an incentive, the developer will receive a 20% density bonus above the current maximum gross FAR for the affordable units set aside. Rental of these affordable apartments will be controlled by the Village over the next 30 years. Under this program, if several new projects go forward, the Village will have between 15 to 20 units set aside for affordable rental units. These units would then be subjected to a lottery to screen applicants and select eligible persons for the program.

The program will assist members of the community that we would benefit greatly by having them live within the village, such as, village employees, emergency response personnel, school teachers, bank tellers, hospital technicians, shop clerks, retirees, etc.

We advise our residents and interested persons to stay tuned for future updates as to how the village's affordable housing program is progressing. There is much more work to be done on the program, Mayor Celender indicated. Over the coming months, the village will be developing more detailed regulations to administer the program, thus ensuring that the legislation accomplishes the goals for providing new affordable units for middle-income eligible persons.

Village Election Notice

Tuesday, March 21st,
 9 A.M.— 9 P.M.
 Great Neck Plaza
 Village Hall
Be Sure to Vote!

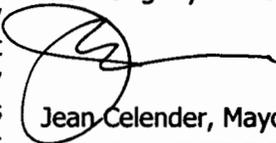
Dear Friends,

Another winter is coming to an end and our village staff is getting ready to do our annual spring cleaning and planting. We look forward to a beautification project that has been designed and is in the final production stages for Jon's Park. The third generation of Perlmans to assist in the betterment of the Village of Great Neck Plaza is Justin Perlman, one of Harry and Jeanette Perlman's talented four children. Justin is an accomplished sculptor and the Village commissioned him to do a bronze sculpture for the park as a tribute in memory of our beloved Harry. Harry designed numerous beautification projects in Great Neck Plaza and throughout the Great Neck community over his illustrious career and more than thirty years of service to the village. But perhaps none of his projects were more impressive and at the heart of our most active and beautiful parks, as Harry's contributions in Jon's Park on Grace Avenue. Harry designed the Master Plan, including the memorial that contains the bronze statute to Jonathan Ielpi, and our devoted firefighters who have died in the line of service. The Master Plan, implemented in partnership with the Great Neck Park District, has been a refurbishing of the park that has taken place over a three-year period. The exterior fencing and landscaping, expected to be completed this spring, is the final phase of the plan. A dedication ceremony for the Justin's completed sculpture in memory of Harry will take place in the spring. (See opposite column for photograph of the sculpture).

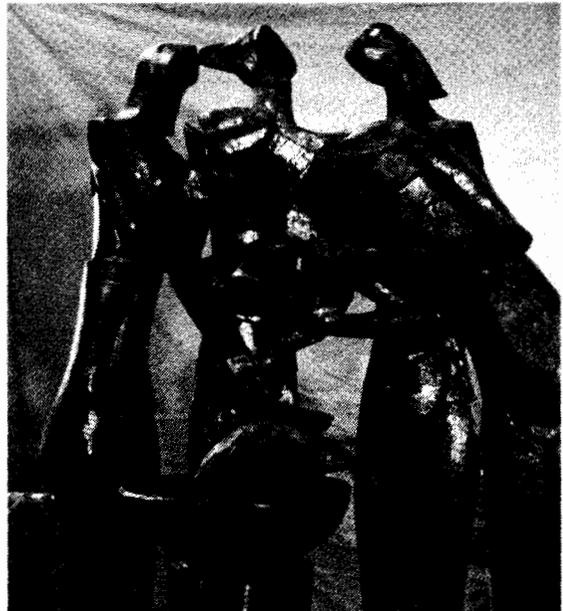
We will soon be having a ceremony to dedicate the completed trompe l'oeil mural on Maple Drive. The date of the ceremony was delayed due to completing the fundraising for the project, as well as coordinating a date with our honorary chairperson, Sarah Hughes. As you now know, her sister, Emily, is also a figure skater and like her sister, we're thrilled to have another Great Neck Olympian to proudly compete on the U.S. Team in the Winter Olympics. This is such a wonderful achievement for Emily, and of course, becomes a family event for the Hughes' as all were there in Torino to cheer on Emily during the games. The Trompe L'oeil Mural Program is a downtown revitalization initiative. The mural on Maple Drive is the first in what we hope will be a series of fine art murals to grace Great Neck Plaza's streetscapes, as a means to provide beautiful public art for residents and visitors alike, as well as being a catalyst for attracting visitors, increasing foot traffic, and for bringing cultural tourism to the village.

The Board of Trustees and I look for ways to improve the quality of life here in the Village. We ask our residents to get involved with Village government and if you have time, please volunteer for one of our many

resident committees. We welcome the opportunity for fresh, new ideas and to work with you on improving village services, beautifying our residential and commercial areas and promoting economic initiatives to keep our downtown vital and thriving. We are always open and accessible to your comments and suggestions. Please drop me a note, or call me at Village Hall at 482-4500, if you have a concern or issue. We are here to help if it is a village matter, or if not, we will refer you to the proper authorities of another level of government to get you the right answer or direction.



Jean Celender, Mayor



A portion of the wax model designed for a memorial Bronze Sculpture honoring Harry Perlman, by his son, Justin Perlman.

VGNP GARAGE SALE APRIL 30TH

The Village of Great Neck Plaza is unique to Long Island as it has a plethora of apartment buildings that do not have access to space for a garage sale. That's why we instituted the "I Don't Have A Garage, Garage Sale" several years ago. The date for this event is Sunday, April 30th from 9 A.M. to 4 P.M., with a rain-date of May 7th.

The village contributes the space, the staff and all the newspaper advertising to attract buyers. The garage sale will be held in the surface parking lot (Lot #1) on Grace Avenue between Bond Street and Park Place (opposite Fredrick's). The cost to register is \$5 for residents and \$20 for non-Plaza residents. Spaces are given by pre-registration only, there is no money accepted on the day of the event. Call Carol Teplin at 482-4500 to reserve a spot.

RIBBON CUTTINGS IN THE PLAZA



Phoenix Boutique, 9 So. Middle Neck Road

The Great Neck community welcomed Phoenix Boutique, at 9 South Middle Neck Road. Greeting the guests were Susan Wong, President and her daughter, Nancy Wong Farrago, Vice President. Great Neck Plaza Mayor Jean Celender and Trustee Gerry Schneiderman joined the celebrants and cut the traditional ribbon with Ms. Wong.

A tour of the store revealed a brilliant collection of custom designed, original clothing made from the finest materials plus a fine selection of Chinese Jade, crystal jewelry and accessories at amazingly affordable prices! "We customize and design our clothing from your measurements, including couture tailored suits, blazers, formal wear, dresses, blouses, vests, skirts, slacks and coats," said Susan Wong. Ms. Wong has been one of the most respected names in the fashion and clothing industry for 30 years, her name is identified with superior fabrics, meticulous hand tailoring and exceptional quality, custom tailored especially for you.



Bank of America, 10 Middle Neck Road Grand Re-Opening!

On a chilly January morning, Friday the 20th, a large group of residents and well-wishers gathered in the newly refurbished Bank of America Building at 10 Middle Neck Road. Mayor Jean Celender was on hand to address the crowd and cut the ribbon. She also thanked Bank of America for their participation in community activities and presented the bank with a proclamation.

Elena Perez, Regional Manager of Bank of America named several of the community projects they have sponsored such as the Great Neck Senior Center, the Great Neck Arts Center, the Village's outdoor summer concert series and our Trompe L'oeil Mural program, to name just a few. Branch Manager, Mr. Cort Zink hosted a wonderful breakfast event for this Grand Re-Opening and everyone wished Bank America's staff "good luck."



La Rotonda's proud new owners cut Ribbon at 8 Bond Street!

The Ribbon Cutting and Grand Opening La Rotonda Pizza & Restaurant, located at 8 Bond Street, was a delightful success! The new owners, Luigi Muto, George Pecorado and Luis Arias greeted the guests as they arrived for the festivities. Late last summer, the existing chefs and the manager of La Rotonda were told by the owners that they were about to sell the restaurant. The three men put their heads together and decided, in the true American spirit of entrepreneurial moxy, to pool their resources and buy the restaurant themselves. "You will see many familiar faces because we have kept the same dedicated staff. The only changes we have made were improvements in our menu and dining room appearance," said proud new owner Luigi Muto.

After the ceremonial Ribbon Cutting, the guests were treated to samples of the wonderful cuisine and raised a glass to toast their success!

PLAZA WELCOMES THE PHOTO ARTISTRY OF MARIO NOVAK

The Village is very grateful to Regina Gil, Executive Director of the Great Neck Arts Center and Commissioner of Cultural Affairs for the Village, Vivi Nissim, Curator of the Gallery and Georgia Vahue, Director of Development, for our newest art exhibit; "Panorama's of the World: the Photo Artistry of Mario Novak", in the Courtroom Gallery. This new program of the GNAC, called "Art in Community Spaces," was designed to bring this type of art to other public areas on the peninsula.

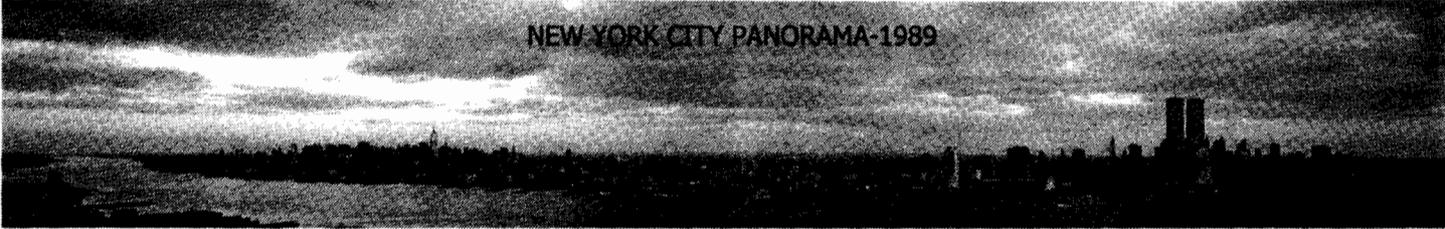
Novak's photographic education began in the late 1970s in rural Croatia, where he pored over old photo journals sent by pen pals in Czechoslovakia. Using old Altix cameras and Zeiss lenses loaned to him by his father, Mario learned his craft through trial and error. He developed a very sharp precise style along with an in-depth understanding of film, light and composition.

Mario attended school in Croatia, where he studied math, physics and computer programming, as well as philosophy, logic and history. After graduating in 1986, Mario came to New York City. He drove a yellow cab to earn money for film

and rent while he continued his education in photography and telecommunications. In 1987, one of his passengers, Vesna Loney, director of the Yugoslav National Tourist Office for North America, offered Mario a ten-week assignment to Yugoslavia to photograph the country. Mario continued to work with the Tourist Office until the outbreak of war in the Balkans in 1990. Mario has also worked with some of the most reputable names in the real estate industry including Sotheby's. Though commercially successful, Mario continued to pursue a more artistic, photographic path.

Classical painters Caravaggio's and Rembrandt's use of light has profoundly inspired and influenced Mario's work. He has sought to adapt classical techniques along with new technology and cutting-edge applications into his work. His combined artistic and technological approach along with a genuine passion for photography, enables Mario to bring out the soul and balance of whatever he shoots, allowing the picture, rather than the photographer, to tell the story.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR NEW VGNP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

Mayor Celender announces the formation of a new resident advisory committee, an Environmental Committee, to assist the Board in recommendations and initiatives on environmental policy issues. Chairing this new committee will be Gary Stempa, whose family industry, AIC Facilities Management, located at 10 Chelsea Place in Great Neck Plaza, is a successful maintenance and janitorial service company. Recently their focus has been in promoting "green cleaning" for commercial buildings utilizing environmentally friendly cleaning products and efficient methods to deliver the most effective results. Residents interested in volunteering for this committee should call Carol Teplin at Village Hall (482-4500). Volunteers should have some familiarity and background in environmental issues, green buildings, and a desire to look for new ways to spread the message on sustainable buildings, energy conservation and promoting green buildings in the Plaza.

Green buildings are healthy buildings for the occupants and the environment. These structures are also economical buildings, boasting reduced energy, water and maintenance costs; however, constructing or renovating homes in an environmentally responsible manner requires a great deal of planning, as well as educating and prodding architects and builders to seek greener materials and construction techniques. Gary Stempa explained that AIC is utilizing cleaning products that are less toxic and supplementing building techniques and products for their clients to integrate into a green building; things like smart design, good insulation, weather stripping, energy-efficient lighting, good cross ventilation, ceiling fans to move air, purchasing energy efficient appliances and office equipment/computers, and reducing solid waste. Builders and owners who want green buildings have the benefits of health, economic and environmental performance.

Another focus of the Environmental Committee will be in citizen participation of the Phase II storm water regulations. The Phase II program began in March, 2003 with the Village's filing of a Notice of Intent (NOI) to operate a small, municipal separate storm water system which the US EPA has abbreviated as a "MS4." The purpose of the program is to reduce pollutants in storm water, thereby improving the quality of our surface waters and groundwater in the US. Everyone needs to take an active role by first being made aware of how actions have an adverse effect on the environment, and second, by doing simple things in our daily activities, such as cleaning up after your pets, how to care for your lawn and washing your car. If our residents help do their part, collectively, we can make a difference and improve water quality. We are also placing decals on our catch basins in the spring to remind people not to discard materials in them, and which eventually makes its way to the estuaries, Little Neck Bay and the Long Island Sound. Please help us to protect the environment and maintain our clean waters.

KENSINGTON KOSHER DELICATESSEN CELEBRATES 30 YEARS

"In thirty years of business in Great Neck Plaza, how many hot dogs have you served?" asked Mayor Jean Celender as she presented a proclamation honoring his 30th Anniversary to Paul Saberito, co-owner of Kensington Kosher Deli at 27A Middle Neck Road. After his laughter died down, he said could not even venture a guess, "The number would be astronomical!" he replied, smiling.

Reading the proclamation the Mayor commented that Paul has been a dear friend of the village, a wonderful merchant in the Plaza, and continues to cook and serve the finest quality deli food to the entire Great Neck community and beyond. We honor Kensington Deli on this milestone anniversary and wish them many, many more happy, healthy and prosperous years in business!



In fond reminiscence, Paul told this reporter that he had begun working in his friend's father's Windsor Park kosher deli in Bayside when he was fifteen years old, and took to the business like a duck takes to water. When he graduated high school, he went on to earn a Business degree from St. John's University and had several careers; in importing, in a car dealership and the like – always working his other jobs around his working in the deli. When he came to Great Neck he resumed a twenty year relationship with Oscar Rathaus, his friend's uncle who had a deli in Bayside where Paul worked during his college years. Oscar owned the Kensington Deli, in Kensington Village. That operation was quite large and had a seating capacity of 65 people. In July 1975 the deli was destroyed by a fire. Paul and Oscar looked for a place to relocate. In September 1975 they were thrilled to find and buy "Pastrami and Things" at 27A Middle Neck Road. They realized that this property was much smaller and narrower than the former location, but since the location was perfect, they decided to take a chance. They named their deli, "Kensington Kosher," and opened for business!

Paul remembers clearly the excitement of opening up his first deli business. "I felt completely at home from the first day! The community welcomed us with open arms, and has continued to be like family to me since that first day! When we opened the business it was mostly take-out, since we didn't have seating. Gradually, we made some renovations and added the counter and the tables in 1982. It is amazing for me to say, but the only change we made in the restaurant since 1982 is the new ceiling!"

Although retired now, Oscar is still Paul's partner in Kensington Deli. Paul's daughter, Kristen, who is an extremely talented free-lance Graphic Designer living in Hoboken, has designed Kensington's logo and business card, which he showed proudly when I asked for a card. Paul has not been exempt from tragedy in his life; first his wife's courageous battle with cancer and then losing his beloved 22 year old son, to leukemia. He remarked that when he feels sad, coming to the deli always raises his spirits and the frenzy of the busy hours in the deli, helps fill the hours.

"My philosophy has been; always give the customer more than he is anticipating; treat the customer the way you would like to be treated yourself; and greet them as if they are coming in to your home." I asked if his employees have the same philosophy and he remarked "Yes!" He is proud of his staff and remarks that most of his employees have been with him for over 25 years. "Phil Sutton, my manager, has been with me for 27 years. I watched his child grow up and go off to college!"

Stop in and wish Paul and his "deli family" a happy 30th Anniversary, and grab a hot dog!

COPAY HONORS FIVE FOR UNENDING SUPPORT

The Board of Directors of COPAY, Inc., (Community Organization for Parents and Youth), honored five Long Islanders who have supported the agency and offered guidance over the past year.

Honorees at this annual COPAY Recognition Event were Madge Kaplan, Commissioner, Town of North Hempstead; Michael Larkin, Executive Director of the Great Neck/North New Hyde Park United Community Fund; Harvey Spitz, Esq., Attorney, former President, and current Advisory Board Member; Carol Teplin, Assistant to Mayor Jean Celender and former COPAY Counselor; and Diana Vargas Singh, Esq., Bilingual Attorney, Grants Writer, and current Board Member.

The honorees were presented with Certificates of Recognition during the dinner that was held at Bruzell's in Great Neck. COPAY President, Honey Heller and Executive Director, Maria Cuadra, thanked each of the honorees for their long record of service to the community and to COPAY. Their services included legal/development advice, grants writing, transportation for the children's program, assistance with cash flow/funding concerns, and valuable networking assistance and advice. Each honoree gave extensively of him/herself for no other reason than to assist families and children and support the services that COPAY delivers. For information about all of COPAY's services call 466-2509.

Cell Phones: Drive Now, Talk Later

Sheldon M. Goodman, Ph.D.

In the last Plaza Voice my article, "Cell Phones: Safety Your Most Important Call," put forth some issues on the use of cell phones while driving. It was placed within the larger context of this activity being a driver distraction of a specific nature constructed of three parts: the nature of the in-vehicle device or task, the driving conditions under which the task is engaged, and the abilities of the driver. The task element was what we concentrated upon, as well as some helpful safety tips.

Now we extend our circle of considerations to include the "V" word. You ask what is the "V" word, and I answer Virtue, which is a blend of manners and morals that some view as characteristic of a lost time and place. In my reckoning, manners are the harbingers of morals; the civilities of private life that are the corollaries of a civilized social life. If we can take, as representative, recent letters to the editor in the Great Neck Record, this component of life in Great Neck is slipping away when many of us enter our cars. Let us see what we can do as a community to help inject a measure of civility and etiquette into our roadway behavior.

In a nation of cell phone users, hands-free devices (which does not mean risk free), have been touted as a potential solution to growing driver distraction issues. New York was the first state banning drivers from using hand-held phones; but whether drivers use a hand-held device or not, "phone use degraded both driving performance and vehicle control," said the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA). A team from the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute and the NHTSA watched over 100 drivers for over a year and concluded that electronic devices such as cell phones precipitated many crashes and near-misses. This team of investigators used cameras and internal car sensors to track the activities inside a vehicle immediately preceding a dangerous event, including crashes, near-crashes and incidents that required an evasive maneuver to avoid a crash. The study showed such events were often preceded by distraction, and the most frequent form of distraction was the use of cell phones. There were nearly 700 incidents involving wireless devices. One might reasonably infer that leaving the hands free had the potential to increase, not decrease, driver distraction. A false sense of security is instilled in the driver, when research has shown that it is the conversation that leads to distraction and inattentive driver behavior. Leaving your hands free has the potential to increase not decrease, driver distraction. Not only are you capable of doing something different, but you can do three or more tasks simultaneously. Laws such as those enacted in New York are well intentioned and not unreasonable attempts to solve the problem. The difficulty exists in that the distraction factor is not eliminated.

Let's get back to the elements involved in cell phone distractions. The main source is cognitive. The studies done emphasize that you are tuning out some important details about driving. Your eyes will go to a place or thing but you won't see it, it will not register a kind of "inattention blindness." You may be thinking, "Hey this guy is exaggerating to make a point," as does a former cell phone account executive I recently read about who utters "having a baby or even another person in the car is just as distracting, I don't buy any of this scare tactics stuff." Other drivers who express similar sentiments will say the studies thus far completed are flawed: the sample was too small; it was limited to urban drivers in one city; it was restricted to cell phone users who had had a collision, hardly

a representative sample; or the really research savvy might cite a study conducted by the University of North Carolina that seemed to vindicate cell phone use. That study of 300,000 incidents funded by the AAA listed driver distraction factors associated with serious crashes, cell phone use was eighth on the list. Number one was "something outside the vehicle"; adjusting the audio system or talking with other occupants, were also statistically of greater significance as a causative agent. Where does the truth lie? Depending on one's age, experience, and the conditions on the road, the effect may vary. What does seem irrefutable is that when you have to make a quick decision in a surprise situation, such as a child running into the road, or a car unexpectedly pulling into your lane, the effect can be life endangering.

Having a cell phone is convenient for everyday tasks and can be critical in emergencies, but if you talk on the phone while in a vehicle, I encourage you to pull off the road and stop. This is not only a courtesy to the drivers; it could keep you out of an accident. When you are talking, you are impaired! Period.

What are reasonable measures for our elected officials to pursue? Groups such as the NHTSA are encouraging every state with a reckless and inattentive driving law to actively enforce those regulations as they apply to cellular use; when law enforcement officers observe reckless or inattentive driving that is associated with the use of cell phones this should be noted in the officer's report or on the citation.

We can effect change through our purchasing decisions. As the wireless phone industry moves toward smaller screen displays and keypads, while increasing functionality, the likelihood of driver distraction increases. Certain design changes could minimize this. For example; larger keypads and number displays, increased power to avoid distracting dropouts, easier-to-hold handsets, keys that beep or click when pressed so a driver doesn't have to verify the number dialed, and using a less-startling sounds when a phone does ring.

A reminder for parents who give their children (who are new drivers) a cell phone; please instruct them in its safe use and set a good example by not using a cell phone when driving. A thought for pedestrians who already are ignored by many drivers. You are at double risk if you cross our streets or walk through a parking lot while talking on a cell phone.

Remember: holding the phone isn't the main issue. Thinking is.



Historic Preservation Commission Update

During January and February, 2006 the Board of Trustees voted to designate the Telephone Building and the Robertson Block as local historic landmarks. The Telephone Building, located at the corner of So. Station Plaza and Barstow Road, was built for the NY Telephone Company in 1929, and opened in 1930 with 30 operators. This handsome art-deco style façade has decorative brickwork and an ornamental copper roof, making a striking impression on pedestrians and motorists alike. It was built to serve the larger Great Neck, Manhasset and Port Washington communities, as development increased in these north shore communities during the roaring twenties. Today the building houses telecommunications equipment and automated switchboards (now used for Verizon). The site is in excellent condition and serves as a reminder of the Village's prosperity during the 1920's.

The Robertson Block, located at the corner of North Station Plaza and Park Place, is the oldest commercial building in the Village. Built c. 1870 in the Victorian Italianate style, this large frame building has been site to a general store, the first village post office, the Jack

Brooks Tavern, a brothel, and a printer during its colorful history. Today, it is home to several restaurants and offices.

Recently released is a publication, "Guidelines for Property Owners and Residents," on how to preserve their historic structures. Copies are free and available at Village Hall, and also can be downloaded from the village's web site.



Pictured here is a recently designated local historic landmark, the NY Telephone Building, at So. Station Plaza and Barstow Rd., built in 1929.

SCAG Held Informational Meeting on the Stanton Cleaners Site



Shirley Siegal, President of Stanton Cleaners Area Community Group (SCAG), reports that SCAG recently held an important informational meeting in our Village Hall regarding a Public Health Assessment Report issued in Nov. 2005 by the New York State Department of Health. Representatives of the NYS Health Department, US EPA, NYSDEC, Nassau County Department of Health, Water Authority of Great Neck North, Assemblyman DiNapoli's office, Board members of SCAG, Manhasset-Lakeville Fire & Water District, Mayor Celender, and interested residents attended the forum to learn about the Stanton Cleaners site, its contamination history, clean-up and monitoring efforts to-date, on-going groundwater remediation on the site, and the health risk assessment study. The public is urged to get involved with SCAG and those interested in receiving a copy of the Public Health Assessment Report should contact Shirley Siegal at 516-466-0427, or e-mail her at shirleysiegal@verizon.net.

Homebound and Special Needs Residents Urged to Register with the Village

We want to know if you have any of the following situations so that we can update and expand our "Special Needs" resident database. We need to know where you are living, and your special circumstances so that we can locate you and notify our first responders in an emergency.

Please register with the Village by providing us with important information about your name, residence, and your needs if you meet one or more of the following:

- Resident that is homebound.
- Resident with an illness or situation requiring equipment and electricity 24 hrs. per day, 7 days a week, operating in your residence.
- Resident with an illness taking medications that require refrigeration and/or require immediate attention should we have an event where we might be without power for several days.

To register with the village, please contact Carol Teplin at 482-4500. We will share this list only with our emergency fire and ambulance personnel so that "Special Needs" residents are identified on a first priority basis in our hazard mitigation and emergency preparedness planning.

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- **Tuesday, March 21st, 9 A.M. - 9 P.M., Village Elections, at Great Neck Plaza Village Hall.**
- **Sunday, April 30th "I Don't Have a Garage, Garage Sale" Call 482-4500, to register.**

EVERY VOTE COUNTS ... PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!

Are you prepared to cast your ballot this March? Remember every vote counts! On **Tuesday, March 21st, 9 A.M. to 9 P.M. at Village Hall, 2 Gussack Plaza** the following elected offices will be decided in our Village elections:

- Mayor, for a two-year term
- Two Trustees, each for a two-year term

Residents that will be away, are homebound or ill may request an absentee ballot for the March 21st election, by contacting Patricia O'Byrne, Clerk-Treasurer, at 482-4500.

While it is too late to register for this upcoming election, you can always register now for the November elections. A voter registration form is available on-line at the village's web site. Log on to www.greatneckplaza.org and go to "Application Forms." Copies are also available at the front desk at Village Hall for your convenience.

You should be aware that Mayor Celender, in response to concerns expressed by residents about the lack of handicapped accessible facilities at St. Paul's Church on Saint Paul's Place, petitioned the Nassau County Board of Elections to make Village Hall a polling location, since it is centrally located and is handicapped accessible. Furthermore, we bag meters and designate convenient parking spaces for voters to enable easy access to the polls on election days. Unfortunately, due to the size constraints of our facilities, we were only able to relocate three of the five election districts in the village. Voters in the 20th, 21st and 22nd Election District are the three districts whose polling place was changed from St. Paul's Church to Great Neck Plaza Village Hall. The 18th and 19th districts continue to remain at St. Paul's. Persons in the 18th and 19th districts that require handicapped access for the general elections can make use of one of the following:

1. Request an absentee ballot.
2. Request to vote at Great Neck Plaza Village Hall through the Nassau County Board of Elections (571-2411).

The Board of Elections can allow persons to vote at an alternate polling location for special needs purposes.