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5th Annual LI Housing Partnership Symposium

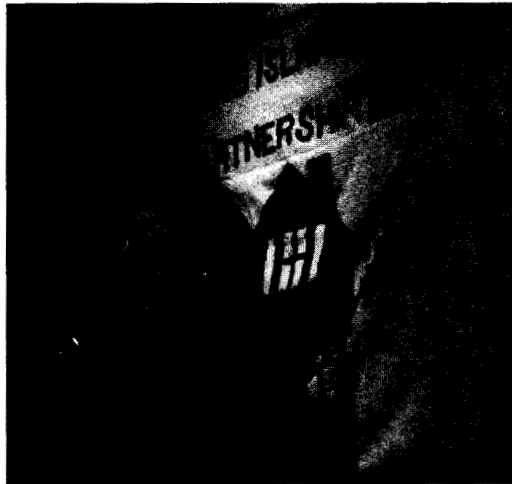
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On November 10th, Mayor Jean Celender was a panelist on the Long Island Housing Partnership, Inc. and Affiliates 5th Annual Chairman's Symposium at the Crest Hollow in Woodbury. James Larocca, Chairman of the Long Island Regional Planning Board was the moderator. Mayor Celender's session, "Creating and Implementing Inclusionary Zoning on Long Island," was shared with panelists, The Honorable Michael Balboni, New York State Senator, The Honorable John Venditto, Supervisor of the Town of Oyster Bay, and The Honorable Paul Pontieri, Mayor of the Village of Patchogue. The Town of Oyster Bay and the two villages of Great Neck Plaza and Patchogue were chosen for their landmark legislation and steps they have taken to address the critical shortage of affordable housing on Long Island.

Senator Balboni spoke about the legislation he drafted with Assemblyman Tom DiNapoli, which they had hoped would be incorporated into changes in housing policy and zoning in local LI municipalities. He recognized that each community should assess housing needs and attempt to find solutions to create more affordable housing. He emphasized that the legislation was an attempt to be a model code that provided for a 10% density bonus in exchange for a 10% set aside of workforce housing units, which could be built in a community or monies set aside in a fund for purchasing or building affordable units elsewhere, either within that municipality or perhaps in an adjoining community.

Mayor Celender spoke about her experiences with recent legislation crafted for her village, Great Neck Plaza. While most people think of Great Neck as being a wealthy area, the Plaza had a median income in 2000 of \$70,781, which is lower than the levels for the Town of North Hempstead (\$94,156) and Nassau County (\$81,246). This could reflect the increased percentage of retired persons 65 years of age and older living in the village on fixed incomes.

Great Neck Plaza passed an inclusionary zoning ordinance on December 21, 2005 that



became effective January 1, 2006. Adoption of this landmark legislation, the first for the Great Neck peninsula, represented a year of planning work, zoning analyses, environmental reviews and meetings with developers to create a viable approach.

The Plaza's officials have always viewed our village as offering a range of housing alternatives, from rent stabilized units (under ETPA), to co-operative apartments, condominiums and approximately 130 single-family homes. In 2000, we had a population of 6,433 persons (a 9.1% increase from 1990). The number of households also grew by 10.5% between 1990 to 2000. Household size slightly decreased by 0.6% from 1.75 to 1.74 persons per household. The fastest growing age group in the village, town and county from 1990 to 2000 is the demographic cohort 75 years and over. This age group grew 54.9% (from 768 to 1,190 people) in the village. The construction of Atria senior assisted care and Sterling Glen independent senior living facilities most likely contributed to this overall increase in our senior citizen population. The age group 20 to 34 years old, decreased by 9.3%, in keeping with changes in the Town (decreased by 15.9%) and the county (decreased by 22.3%). The lack of affordable housing of both owner-occupied and rental housing is a major contributing factor

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to this decrease. VGNP local law mandated the creation of affordable housing units within any new multiple-family building of 20,000 sq. ft. or larger within the C2 Zoning District. The C2 District is a multiple-family apartment zone that starts at the LIRR tracks running from Great Neck Road to Cutter Mill Road from the western village line to almost Middle Neck Road. Our ratio established a 7.5% set aside for a 20% bonus above the current maximum floor area ratio, which is a FAR of 1.25. This formula, developed

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Dear Friends,

As 2006 comes to an end, we reflect on the many wonderful activities and successful events that have occurred in the village during the year. The Summer Concerts in Jon's Park again had terrific performances and soon we will be planning next summer's schedule. So if you have some favorite groups that you want invited back, or some ideas for fresh new sounds, please contact Carol Teplin, my assistant and Event Coordinator for the concerts. These shows are for your enjoyment and we attempt "to have something for everyone," and a variety of music genres.

A new event, the Clothesline Arts Show, was launched in September in cooperation with our terrific non-profit arts organization, the Great Neck Arts Center. Displayed in the Maple Drive parking lot and throughout the galleries of the Arts Center were artists' pieces of artwork for sale as a benefit. The event provided art lovers an opportunity to buy beautiful works of art at a fraction of gallery prices. For the Annual 22nd Street Fair on October 22nd, despite the lateness of the event this year, we had good weather, great bands and activities, and a wonderful selection of antique cars. A good time seemed to be had by the many people who participated and enjoyed this annual street fair event. We are always looking to bring more activities for children and families, and of course, the best eatin' on the streets of Great Neck.

We had had many new stores that have opened this year, a sign, we hope, of prosperous years ahead for our merchants. A great many were restaurants, adding new cuisines and ethnic foods that offer diversity to our downtown eateries. We had the formal dedication ceremony of the Trompe L'oeil mural on Maple Drive and a bronze statue in the Jonathan Ielpi Firefighters' Memorial Park on Grace Avenue in honor of our beloved, former Commissioner of Public Services, Harry Perlman.

We have continued to pursue our traffic calming grant for Great Neck Road in cooperation with Nassau County, the Town of North Hempstead and our neighboring villages. Final design and construction drawings are being prepared as we finalize agreements with the involved parties. We anticipate that construction will begin in late spring in 2007. We feel it is important to bring these "quality of life" improvements to our village, making our downtown a more walkable, sustainable community. Many of our residents of all ages love walking, and it's important to help make our streets and crosswalks a safer environment, and to encourage motorists to be more courteous to our fellow residents.

We also take time out during the year end holidays to spend time together with staff and friends at holiday parties and open houses to have relaxing and enjoyable times celebrating the season. We hope you too enjoy such parties and take time to relax, socialize and catch up with neighbors, colleagues and friends. It gives us time to take stock of this beautiful community and appreciate how fortunate we are to live in a special village. I am thankful for the many blessings we have here, my terrific competent Board, judges and staff who are dedicated and care a great deal about serving our community. So I offer to you my best wishes for your health and happiness during this season of giving and holiday joy.

Mayor Jean



Traffic Talk: Let's Take A Walk

by Sheldon Goodman, PhD

Creating walkable neighborhoods, where walking is both appealing and safe, can be especially advantageous for the pedestrian groups that are most likely to be injured in a collision with a motor vehicle. Insufficient attention has been given to the safety of the older adults in our community. A crucial and I believe inseparable element is that encouraging walking also prompts independence.

Walking is not only a healthy activity and an alternative to driving but also a wonderful way to maintain a healthy lifestyle. For many of us, the auto has made it too easy to lead a sedentary lifestyle. "Why walk when it is so easy to drive?" This notion is so widespread that 59% of older Americans do not walk or exercise regularly. Because walking is second nature to us, we forget that it is also good exercise that enables us to get where we want to go without having to rely on a vehicle. By substituting walking for driving, when possible, older adults can extend the number of years they are able to drive. Medical experts warn that a lack of regular physical activity and the effects of natural aging lead to 20 to 40% of muscle loss. With such a decrease you could have difficulty walking, getting out of a chair, and driving. Physicians tell us it is never too late to start an exercise program. Let me add an important caveat-please clear any exercise regimen with your doctor before you begin it.

What stops us: lack of time; isolation; current weight; poor vision; fear it could cause injury, illness, and side effects of medication. Maintaining or increasing your strength, endurance, flexibility are key factors to staying fit. For some walking 30 minutes a day may be too much; so start with ten minutes a few times a week.



New Stormwater Legislation

In October, 2006, the Village Board of Trustees passed two important local laws relating to stormwater management. The first deals with measures regarding sediment and erosion control, and the second on detecting and preventing illicit discharges into the stormwater system. These laws are additional measures to ensure that the Village minimizes discharges into the storm sewer system and we take appropriate measures to minimize pollutants; since anything that enters our storm sewers is discharged untreated into nearby waterbodies. Polluted runoff is the nation's greatest threat to clean water, and we can all do our part in the responsibility for pollution solutions. With that in mind, below are things our residents can do to prevent stormwater runoff pollution:

THINGS YOU CAN DO TO PREVENT STORMWATER RUNOFF POLLUTION

- * Use fertilizers sparingly and sweep up driveways and sidewalks.
- * Never dump anything down storm drains (see our colorful decals that remind us of this potential pollution effect)
- * Vegetate bare spots in your yard
- * Compost your yard waste
- * Avoid pesticides and learn Integrated Pest Management (IPM) techniques
- * Direct downspouts away from paved areas
- * Take your car to the car wash instead of washing it in your driveway
- * Check car for leaks and recycle motor oil
- * Pick up after your pet

New Residents Welcome

The Village of Great Neck Plaza would like to meet and welcome new residents to the Plaza at a reception we are hosting on Wednesday, January 3rd, at 7 PM at Village Hall.

We'd like to tell you all about the services we offer to our residents and have the opportunity for Mayor Jean Celender and the Board of Trustees to meet and greet you.

If you are a new resident, please call Carol Teplin at 516/482-4500 and let her know that you are interested in attending. Refreshments will be served.

TROMPE L'OEIL NOTE CARDS

The Village of Great Neck Plaza in conjunction with the Great Neck Arts Center has created a package of four note cards, with a beautiful color photo of the mural "A Handful of Keys" on the outside and a blank card inside (with envelopes) which will be available for sale at \$10 a packet. This project was conceived by and is being underwritten by Village of Great Neck Plaza Trustee, Gerry Schneiderman. The profits from each sale will benefit the Village of Great Neck Plaza Public Art Initiative Program and the Great Neck Arts Center. These note cards make wonderful gifts and can be used for birthday, anniversary, holiday or gift notes. To purchase your packet of note cards, please visit the Village of Great Neck Plaza, or the Great Neck Arts Center at 113 Middle Neck Road.



Architect Walter Blum purchasing the first set of note cards, Regina Gil, Executive Director of the Great Neck Arts Center and VGNP Trustee Gerry Schneiderman, in front of the mural, "A Handful of Keys," located on Maple Drive and Middle Neck Road.

Another Successful Blood Drive

The Village of Great Neck Plaza ran a blood drive on Wednesday, October 11th, 2006, with the cooperation of the Rotary Club. The blood that was collected is vitally important to distribute to local area hospitals. Based on our successful drive last year at this time, our amount of recommended pledges needed to reach the goal was 26, but with your help, we processed 45 donors!

We depended upon the community for donations of food to make our blood drive "Great Neck Special". We thank the businesses below for their community spirit and generosity: LaGioconda, Trobiano's and Antonino's Italian Restaurants, The Atria of Great Neck, Village Feast, Best Bagel, Poultry Mart, Dunkin' Donuts, Waldbaum's, Food Emporium and Kron Chocolate.

WALKWAY DESIGN PROJECT

The Village of Great Neck Plaza collaborated with the New York Institute of Technology (NYIT) and its 5th Year architectural students on a design competition for the pedestrian passageway that extends from the surface parking lot across from Village Hall to Middle Neck Road. The winning 1st place submission, called "Great Neck Way" by Elizabeth Zaccaria was the judges' unanimous favorite. She not only redefined the passageway for usage as a walkway, but designed a historical tribute to the village and community. She created two separate walkways inside the 15-foot passageway; one side for quick passage and the other for more leisurely strolls, with seating, lighting and the ability to view historical artwork and murals on the walls of the buildings. Her model was also an outstanding, realistic depiction replicating the proposed materials, vegetation and an overhead brown, wooden trellis to bring down the height and give the pedestrian a more human scale to the space as one enters Middle Neck Road, with its tree-lined canopy along the sidewalk. Architect Walter Blum called her submission "bold delicateness," as well as praised her submission for providing a "cost-effective, implementable and elegant proposal to transform the passageway space."

This is an offshoot project of the Village's Trompe L'oeil Mural Program, which aims to create an outdoor gallery of public art and beautification projects that will simultaneously beautify the village, promote tourism, enhance economic prosperity and celebrate our historical and cultural heritage. "This passageway," stated Mayor Celender, "is an important walkway and offers a highly visible location for residents, shoppers and visitors alike. We are excited to begin implementation of the award winning design."

For further information about the project or perhaps to volunteer on the Public Art Advisory Group assisting in this project, or for making a 100% tax-deductible donation for the public art and beautification component, contact Mayor Celender at (516) 482-4500.

At a recent board meeting, Mayor Jean Celender and the Board of Trustees honored the students with proclamations. The first place winner, Elizabeth Zaccaria, was awarded a check for \$750 and the second place winner, Theresa Peppitone, was given a check for \$250. This project was spearheaded by Great Neck Plaza Public Art Advisory member and Architect Emeritus, Walter Blum, and was designed by Mr. Blum and Dr. Frederick Bentel, FAIA. The prizes of \$750 and \$250 were generously donated by Mr. Blum.



Housing Symposium

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based upon testimony from the developer community in crafting the legislation to make it economically viable for within our village, given existing land prices and the cost of housing construction.

We studied a broad range of models and alternatives to create our affordable housing legislation. We looked at communities from Southold, Greenburgh, Briarcliff Manor, Bedford, Lewisboro, Port Chester, Oyster Bay, Southampton and Orangetown, in addition to White Plains.

Great Neck Plaza's Affordable Housing ordinance requires the following:

- All affordable housing units will be rental units located within each building to be constructed or converted to residential use.
- Rents for these units will be controlled by the Village over the next 30 years. After 30 years, the tenant in the unit will be given the right of first refusal to purchase the unit at market rate.
- Rents will be set at 30% of the adjusted gross incomes of the eligible person's household.
- Persons will be eligible if their household income falls within 50% to 100% of Nassau County's median household income, with adjustments for size and periodic updating of this income amount as determined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).
- Who will get these affordable units? Applicants will have to meet income and category eligibility requirements. We want to benefit those that we want to encourage to remain living within the village; for example, village employees, local volunteer emergency responders, school teachers, bank tellers, hospital technicians, secretaries, shop clerks, young professionals, retirees, etc.
- Village is starting to develop procedures for how to apply for these units, since the first applications for building permits under this legislation are now being submitted within the next few months. We will develop the forms, the financial reporting requirements, a lottery system, if necessary, and the required documentation needed for submitting proof of eligibility.
- Village expects to have between 15 to 20 units of affordable housing units set aside in new multiple-family apartment buildings in the C2 district within the next 3 to 5 years.

Nassau County Planning Commission is also working on a model code, which the Plaza supports, so that the County's 64 villages, 3 towns and 2 cities can encourage affordable housing within every municipality. Mayor Celender said that every municipality needs to find a way to help solve the dilemma and adopt solutions that fit each community's characteristics.

Village of Great Neck Plaza

Village Board of Trustee Meetings

Convenes 1st & 3rd Wednesday @ 8 p.m.

Jan. 3 & 17

Feb. 7 & 21

Mar. 7 & 21

Village Court Dates

Jan. 2, 9 & 23

Jan. 16th Trials

Feb. 6, 13 & 27

Feb. 20th Trials

Mar. 6th, 13 & 27

Mar. 22nd Trials

Upcoming Cablevision Rate Changes

Effective January 1, 2007, Cablevision's Broadcast Basic Service will increase from \$15.38 to \$16.13 per month. Other price adjustments will vary from customer to customer. Family Cable, their most popular programming package will not change, nor will the standard Optimum Online high speed Internet service and Optimum Vice digital voice-over-cable services through 2007; the fourth consecutive year without a price increase for these top-rated services. For more information, or to make a Cablevision Cable service complaint, please contact Trustee Joel Liebowitz, our Village's Cable Commissioner, at 482-4500.

NEW STORES IN THE PLAZA

The Village is happy to welcome the following new and/or relocated businesses that have recently opened in the Plaza. Stop in and greet these newcomers and say "hello." They bring vitality to our community.

- Mama Asia Restaurant at 68 Middle Neck Road, a combination of delicious fusion, sushi and Asian food.
- Subway, 25 Cutter Mill Road, the greatest, freshest sandwiches, salads and soups.
- Sylvan Learning Center, 25 Cutter Mill Road
- Allison Corey Fine Art, 7 North Station Plaza, featuring unusual and traditional artwork.
- Aphrodite Jewelry, North Station Plaza



The ribbon cutting for Allison Corey Fine Art, a new art gallery at 7 North Station Plaza, was attended by many members of the community. They wished Allison good luck in Great Neck.

If you would like to have a ribbon cutting call the village at 516/482-4500 and ask for Carol Teplin. She will help you coordinate the event, and will announce the news to various service clubs in the Great Neck area.



**Happy
Holidays to
everyone**



Courtroom Gallery Features Myra Forte and George Burns

The Plaza Courtroom Gallery has been host to many fine artists who have exhibited here over the years. This month is no exception, as we proudly announce the return of one of our favorite artists, Myra L. Forte, who will share our walls with another fine artist, George Burns, her husband of two years.

Myra has been painting for fifteen years in various mediums such as oils, watercolor and pastels. Her works include still life, landscape and floral. She has studied with such renowned artists as Diana Willis and Joseph Bohler, in Italy and at the Huntington Art League, and the Village Artist Studio in Huntington. She has had exhibitions at the Freeport Art Center, Syosset Library, Fleet Bank and currently at the Cold Spring Harbor Art Center.

George Burns has been painting in oils for eighteen years and teaching for fifteen years. He has exhibited his paintings at B & M Artist Colony, Suffolk Arts and Crafts Center and is also currently at the Cold Spring Harbor Art Center. His work includes paintings of florals, landscapes and seascapes. George has studied with Gary Jenkins, a noted artist in California and with Master artist Buck Paulson who won several awards in galleries in Santa Barbara California.

There will be an artist's reception on Wednesday, December 20th from 7 to 8 PM in the Courtroom of the Village of Great Neck Plaza. You are invited to stop by for some wine and cheese, peruse the spectacular exhibit and chat with the two artists in person. This combined show will be on exhibit at the Courtroom Gallery from December 20, 2006 until the beginning of February 2007.

VGNP STAR PERFORMER AWARDS

On Thursday, October 19th, 2006 the Village of Great Neck Plaza presented seven people from the Plaza with "Star Performer" awards. The Village instituted this "feel good program" whereby residents are invited to catch someone in the act of being kind and helpful. The resident is given an opportunity to honor that person by nominating them as a "Star Performer." Potential "Star Performers" greet you with a smile, are eager to help, treat you with dignity, respect and patience so it's a genuine pleasure to do business in the Plaza.

Sheila Penn nominated Jeanne Brooks, who runs a jewelry and accessory shop in the Moon River Salon. Sheila described Jeanne as a very friendly, generous, community minded woman with wonderful taste. Jeanne thanked the Mayor for the Proclamation and said that she has been in the village for 56 years and has had a business in the village for over 30 years.

Linda Mass nominated Dr. Marc Lazare, a young dentist at 7 Bond Street. She described him as being soooo compassionate to his patients, with a movie star smile and an extremely understanding and painless dentist. Dr. Lazare was joined by his beaming, proud wife and very beautiful daughter. When accepting the award, Dr. Lazare said that he always treats his patients the way he would like to be treated, and is very sensitive to their needs.

Angelica Lopez, of Sovereign Bank was nominated by customer Burton Goodman, who said that he always enjoyed walking into the bank because Angelica always treated him with respect and courtesy. He also said that she was bright, helpful and energetic. Angelica thanked the village for this award and shared that she is always mindful of the fact that the person she is serving may have had a terrible day and a kind word may be all they need to turn that bad day around.

Paul Alcee and Christina Britt, physical therapists at Donna Croce, were nominated by Gerry Nathanson. Gerry not only praised their skill, patience and professionalism, but she added that Christina had noticed that Gerry was looking pale and listless and insisted on taking her blood pressure on the spot. When the results were dangerous, she called Gerry's daughter and had her come to the office and take her mother to the hospital immediately. Gerry feels sure that Christina's concern and caring may have saved her life.

Nanette Koller of Rite Aid, nominated by Joan Antonoff, was acclaimed for her helpful, kind and nurturing manner. Joan feels as if Nanette may have saved her life as well by directing her to an over the counter medication that worked like a charm to relieve Joan's symptoms. Joan's District Manager of Rite Aid added that Nanette is valued and respected by all their customers, and Rite Aid is very proud of Nanette receiving this well deserved award.

Regina Gil, Director of the Great Neck Arts Center, nominated her all-round, indispensable, right hand and assistant, Ronni Berger. Regina noted that when she was looking for help in the very beginning of the Arts Center's existence, she asked then Mayor, Bob Rosegarten, to recommend someone. When Ronni showed up, she announced that she would help out, but would not stay. Needless to say that was many, many years ago, and she's still there, literally dreaming up ideas for the Gala and putting a new twist on an old theme. Hats off to Ronni, a very deserving lady!



Pictured from left to right: Jeanne Brooks, Nanette Koller, Marc Lazare, Mayor Jean Celender, Christina Britt, Angelica Lopez, Ronni Berger and Paul Alcee.

"Star Performer" Nomination Form

To qualify for this award you need to nominate someone who goes out of their way to make people feel special, and make Great Neck Plaza a better place to work, shop and live. If you wish to nominate a "Star Performer" please fill out the form and we will invite you and your "Star" to attend the next award presentation.

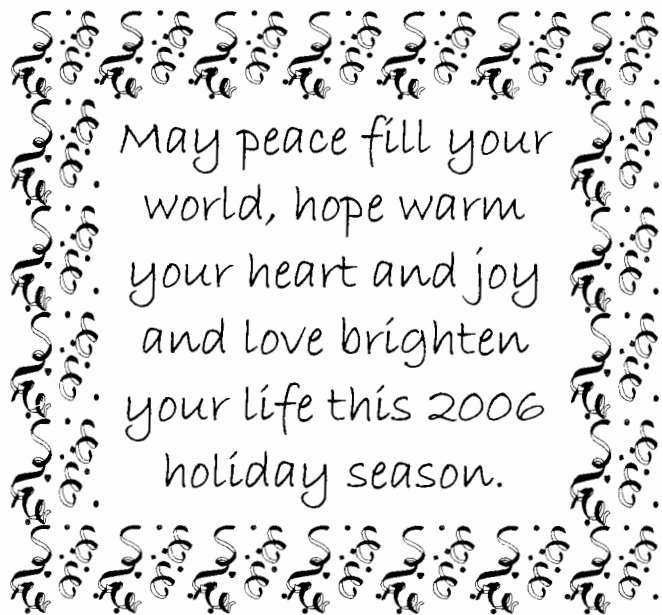
Name of your nominee: _____

Their employer _____

Four words that best describe the nominee: _____

Your name & phone number: _____

Send this form to VGNP, Carol Teplin, 2 Gussack Plaza,
PO Box 440, Great Neck, NY 11022



Renew Street Parking Permits

Street parking permits for people who live in multiple dwelling apartment buildings will expire at the end of December 2006. To renew your Village of Great Neck Plaza street parking permit, you need to bring your current license and car registration. You may provide copies if necessary.

If the license and car registration DO NOT show your current village address, you will need 2 proofs of residency. (i.e.: Newly signed lease or signed closing statement, current utility bill, rent invoice/mortgage statement, major credit card bill or bank statement).

The applications for street permits are located on the front desk of the Village Hall or you may print them off the website www.greatneckplaza.net under the section for Street Parking.

If the car is not registered in your name, you will need to fill out an additional form to verify the owner is permitting you to use the car. This form must also be signed by the owner themselves.

The fee is \$5.00 cash or check made out to the Village of Great Neck Plaza. Hours are Monday through Friday 9:00am-1pm and 2pm-4:00pm.

Just a reminder; the current Street Parking Permits are BLUE and carry a grace period until April 15, 2007, after which time the code enforcement personnel will be issuing tickets.

Historic Preservation Commission

The Village received a grant from the Certified Local Government Program for a series of commission training workshops focusing on design review issues and legal procedures. Erin Tobin of Historic Albany met with commissioners to discuss historic design patterns and materials of the 20th century. This included storefronts and commercial buildings, pre-war apartment buildings and garden landscapes, as well as conventional historic design characteristics. During the full-day November workshop, the commissioners discussed how new materials could help or hinder efforts to preserve local historic properties, and new legislation that could potentially benefit historic property owners.

The next workshop, scheduled for early December, will be led by attorney William Hurst of the Preservation League of New York, and will examine legal issues including commission powers to designate commercial and residential properties, its relationship with state and local government, evaluating and advising Village trustees on design issues, and various government procedures.

In other news the Village has applied to the Certified Local Government program to redesign and expand its web site so that visitors can easily find information about the Historic Preservation Commission. Viewers will be able to download the various publications issued by the Village, find upcoming meeting information, read historic survey forms and view photographs of local historic sites.

Upon the recommendation of the commission, the Village recently has designated St. Paul's Church on Grace Avenue as a Village landmark. This 1924 structure built as "All Saints Church" was designed by Mann & MacNeille architects for local residents. The historic site was built in the English manor style including its prominent "distressed" slate roof.

As always, commission meetings take place on the 3rd Monday of each month at 6:30 pm in Village Hall. We invite local residents and property owners to attend. January and February meetings will take place on the 4th Monday in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. and Washington's Birthday holidays.



Photo taken at the Training Session of the Historic Preservation Committee.

Pictured from Left to Right are: Marion Green, Frank Gencorelli, Gary Grasso, Nancy Solomon, Consultant and Erin Tobin, Historic Albany Trainer.

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Great Neck Plaza Offers Special Daily Metered Parking To PT & Seasonal Workers

In an effort to answer the needs of the merchants in the Plaza, Mayor Jean Celender announced that there will be thirty parking spaces allocated for "Daily Meter Parking by Special Permit Only" available now at Village Hall. This is a pilot program starting with thirty metered parking spaces in a designated section on the roof top of the Plaza Center garage. This reserved metered parking will be available on a first come, first served basis and are only available to seasonal and part time employees of merchants in the Village of Great Neck Plaza. These employees must first come to Village Hall and obtain a permit to allow them to park in this area. The permit, which will be free of charge, will allow parking up to a maximum of 10 hours daily, at designated meters at a rate of 25 cents per hour. This is the same rate charged for our 2 and 4-hour meters. The employee will be responsible for putting the correct amount of quarters in the meter daily or they will be subject to a summons. Likewise, only vehicles with the special permit displayed will be allowed to park in these metered spaces or be subject to a summons as well.

This program was established at the request of merchants whose part-time/seasonal workers find it difficult to utilize our quarterly permit parking program. We are hopeful that this pilot program will result in less feeding of the meters at the parking spaces meant for customers. The convenience of an employee parking their vehicle on the roof and not having to "feed the meter" several times a day, will pro-

vide peace of mind and no fear of expired meter parking fines for the employees. It will also represent fewer "quarter" breaks away from the shop, which will benefit the employer. The village anticipates that this will be a successful answer to the ongoing problem of available customer parking, but also recognizes that we may have to make adjustments as we work through the implementation stage to fine tune this pilot program.

Employees who want to utilize this special daily metered parking should first come into Village Hall and complete an application to obtain the permit sticker. These permits are only processed between the hours of 9-10 AM and noon to 1 PM. For further information, please contact Beverly Safian at 482-4500.

