

Plaza Voice
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Great Neck Plaza Hosts 3rd Annual Holocaust Remembrance Program and Exhibit

The Village of Great Neck Plaza hosted a Holocaust memorial exhibit, "Upstanders Then and Now: Courage Knows No Era." The opening reception and program for the exhibit was held November 30 at 7:30 p.m. in the Village court room.

Stated Deputy Mayor Ted Rosen, who organized the program on behalf of the Village, "As the level of government closest to the community and to the people, we have the ability to help bring this important exhibit to teach the history and the lessons of the Holocaust. We are fortunate for the collaboration with two prominent and outstanding Holocaust centers — The Harriet and Kenneth Kupferberg Resource Center of Queensborough Community College and the Holocaust and Tolerance Memorial Center of Nassau County."

Deputy Counsel General of Israel, Shlomi Kofman, and other dignitaries were present to help honor the extraordinary and brave individuals from the Holocaust and the present day. "Upstanders," are individuals who, when confronted with injustice take positive, often heroic, action to stop or prevent it from continuing.

Upstanders Then

Ana Randaroy, student of Queensborough Community College, and Josh Gessin, Great Neck North High School student and grandson of Holocaust survivors, presented the stories of Upstanders of the Holocaust. Thousands of Jewish children were saved during WWII and are alive today because of Upstanders like Renee Wiener, a Plaza resident, and Herman "Hy" Horowitz. Renee Wiener was a member of the French Resistance during WWII. This year, Ms. Wiener was awarded the medal of "Commandeur" (Commander) in the French Legion of Honor for her courageous acts of finding safe havens for, and rescuing, countless Jewish children who escaped to safety in Switzerland. Hy Horowitz, a soldier of the Seventh Armored Division, took part in the Battle of the Bulge, after which his unit liberated the Bergen-Belsen and Ohrdruf concentration camps. In 2009, Mr. Horowitz was named a "Chevalier" (Knight) in the French Legion of Honor.

Upstanders Now

Student and granddaughter of Holocaust survivors, Carly Hanft, presented on Upstanders of modern

times. Hassan Askari and Walter Adler are contemporary Upstanders as evidenced by their actions when they came face to face with an anti-Semitic assault by a group of attackers on a NYC subway train in December 2007. Mr. Askari, a Muslim, and a college student at that time, courageously stepped in to aid Walter Adler and his three Jewish friends despite the taunts and punches being thrown. While Mr. Askari fended off the attackers, Mr. Adler pulled the emergency brake to summon police. "I just did what I thought was right" Mr. Askari recalled. Both Mr. Askari and Mr. Adler were applauded by the Anti Defamation League and other organizations for their heroic acts. Mr. Askari and Mr. Adler are currently raising money to set up an EMT service in Haiti for earthquake victims.

The Exhibit

The exhibit features panels of photos from the Holocaust, including photos of Pastor André Trocmé who is credited with saving thousands of Jewish children. Pastor Trocmé, led his Protestant Huguenot community living in Le Chambon, France, a largely Catholic country to provide hiding places for Jews from all over Europe. Early in the war, the police arrested Pastor Trocmé and his assistant Edouard Theis, and they were held in the Saint-Paul D'Eyejeaux Internment Camp. Although they were later released, the Gestapo continued to monitor their activities.

What can we learn from the stories of these rescuers? Pastor Trocmé offers one answer in his quote, "I don't know what a Jew is. I only know human beings."

The exhibit will run through December 30, 2010 and will be free and open to the public during regular business hours, Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., and at other times by special appointment. Interested persons are asked to inquire at the Mayor's Office, Village Hall, at (516) 482-4500.

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Mayor Celender, Town Clerk Leslie Gross and Trustees Pam Marksheid and Ted Rosen present a proclamation to Herman Solomon upon his 100th birthday celebration at the Great Neck Atria.

Holiday Greetings from the Mayor

Dear Friends,

The holiday season is always a special period in the year for it means spending time with family and friends, and refocusing on those things that are truly important to us. There is much to be thankful for, including living in this beautiful village, for our dedicated staff, the many volunteers who offer their time or service to the village and community, and all the fine people who help make the Plaza a great place to live, work, play and shop.

Those of us who have been blessed have the responsibility to help those among us who have fallen upon hard times, including families and those individuals who are alone or in need. This season of joy should be a time of thanksgiving for the blessings we enjoy as well as a time to share. The Board of Trustees and I encourage you to reach out with a helping hand to those among us who are suffering an illness, the loss of family or a job. We extend good cheer to you and your family, with our heartfelt best wishes for good health and a peaceful new year.

I am also reminded at this time that the month of December is National Drunk & Drugged Driving Prevention Month. Please plan ahead and stay safe. As Nassau County Police Commissioner Lawrence W. Mulvey suggests, the following are some helpful holiday shopping tips:

Before Leaving Home

- Plan your shopping trip carefully. Know where you are going and how you are getting there, and let someone know where you are going and when you expect to return.
- If possible, arrange for a friend to go shopping with you. There is safety in numbers.
- Leave your home/apartment secure, engage alarms, if you have one, and give the appearance that your home is occupied by leaving the lights on in the most frequently used rooms.
- Don't leave valuable items out in the open, either in your home or when shopping. Always maintain your valuables close to your body and surveillance when shopping in a retail establishment. When at home, secure these items in closets, safes, etc.

When Parking

- Always park in well-lit areas. Always lock all your doors.
- Note the location of your vehicle in the parking lot or garage to conveniently return after shopping.

- Don't leave shopping bags and other valuables in your car visible on the seats. Remove all items, such as packages, radar detectors, laptops and hide them in the trunk, glove compartment, out of site.
- Avoid parking near vans or other vehicles with covered cargo areas.
- Avoid carrying large handbags. Carry only what is necessary.
- Look around the parking lot for suspicious persons before you exit your vehicle.
- Don't get out of your vehicle until you are ready. If you don't feel safe, stay in the car or drive away.

While Shopping

- Keep your money and credit cards in your front pocket and try to limit the number of credit cards and cash you're carrying while shopping.
- To avoid being a victim of "Identity Theft", be aware of exposing credit cards, debit cards and other identification at the cash register and ATM's. Thieves will utilize cell phones to capture card information without your knowledge.
- Be cognizant of any other type of "Distraction" type of crimes that typically occur during this time of the year.

When Returning To Your Car

- Never leave the store with your arms full of packages. Use a courtesy cart, if available, or ask for assistance.
- Have your car key in hand, ready to unlock your door.
- Check the parking area for suspicious people and look around before you exit the store.
- Do not return to your vehicle if you see people loitering nearby.
- Carry a whistle or other audible device. If you feel threatened, use it. If you're inside your vehicle, lock your doors and honk your horn to attract attention.

Let's all work together to keep the holidays a safe and wonderful time of the year!

Jean A. Celender
Mayor



Mayor Celender visited 5th graders at the Long Island Hebrew Academy to discuss local government and the national mid-term elections.

E-Newsletter *Receive News, Coupons, and Information via E-mail*—Join the Plaza's Downtown Buzz E-Newsletter!

If you would like to receive news and information from our office pertaining to our Village, including our new e-newsletter via e-mail, fill out the form below and return it to us at Village Hall. New Feature—You can now go on-line to register on the Village's website (Home Page) at www.greatneckplaza.net. Your submitted information will be used solely by the Mayor's office to keep you current on important matters.

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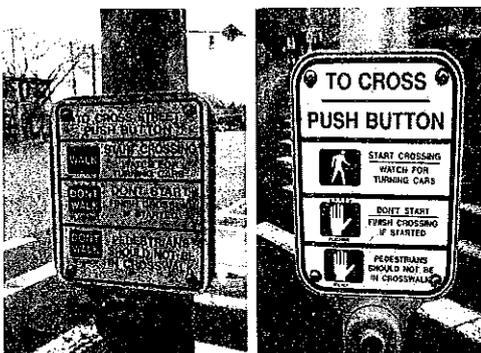
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* Indicates Optional Information

Did You Know?...

The Mayor's Office often receives inquiries regarding the operation of traffic signals and pedestrian signals. All of the traffic and pedestrian signals located at intersections in the Village of Great Neck Plaza, whether on a village or a Nassau County road, are controlled and operated by the Nassau County Department of Public Works (NCDPW). Traffic and pedestrian signals are within the jurisdiction of Nassau County because they are interconnected and centrally-operated via a master electronic control system at the NCDPW's engineering main headquarters in Westbury, NY.

The pedestrian signal provides time for pedestrians to enter the street on the steady walk signal or walking person symbol, and to finish crossing the street on the flashing don't walk or upraised hand signal. The signal is normally activated by a push button, which causes the traffic signal controller to operate a pre-programmed timed sequence of walk and flashing don't walk indications. Many of our intersections on the main thoroughfares, such as Middle Neck Road, Grace Avenue, Cutter Mill Road and Great Neck Road have pedestrian signs indicating instructions for pedestrians **"TO CROSS, PUSH BUTTON."**



Pedestrian signals consist of walk and don't walk signals or the international symbols displaying a person walking for the walk indication, and a hand for the don't walk indication. The "walk" indication is displayed in white, and the "don't walk" indication is displayed in Portland orange. The pedestrian signal sequence begins when the walk indication is illuminated, and this sequence varies depending on the intersection, but is typically about 5

seconds or longer and is set for the width of the roadway and average walking speed. This sequence should be long enough for an average pedestrian to leave the curb and begin crossing the street before the clearance interval begins.

The pedestrian clearance interval consists of the flashing "don't walk" indication. During this interval the pedestrian is expected to complete their crossing of the street. The pedestrian should not, however, begin crossing the street on the flashing "don't walk" indication if they are on the curb and want to cross. A steady "don't walk" hand indicates that pedestrians should not be in the crosswalk. Pedestrians are advised to return to the curb, push the pedestrian button and wait to cross when the pedestrian "walk" signal indication comes on again.

Is it really necessary for me to push a button to activate the pedestrian signal, or can I just wait for the light to change?

Where buttons are available to pedestrians, it is because the traffic signal is timed for vehicles, not for people on foot. You should activate the pedestrian signal by pushing the button, to get the full pedestrian phase activated, since the traffic light won't necessarily give you enough time to safely cross the street. You only need to push the button once for it to be activated. Many of the intersections will still flash the "walk" signal even if the button is not pushed, because they are automatically timed to operate; however, the pedestrian phase in many instances is longer, if activated by the push button. Pushing the button, will activate the signal for pedestrian movements, and will provide the maximum time programmed for the pedestrian phase of the signal.

Why does it always say "don't walk" before I've completed crossing the street? The flashing "don't walk" or upraised hand is a warning to people who have not yet entered the intersection that it's too late to safely cross the street before the traffic signal changes allowing vehicles to proceed. Signals are timed to

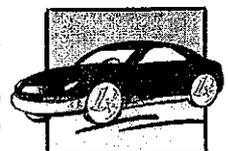
allow people who have already started walking to safely cross the street.

Where do we have updated pedestrian push buttons?

The pedestrian signals on Great Neck Road, at the Gardens of Great Neck Shopping Center intersection, were updated in 2008 with a New York State Department of Transportation traffic calming grant which provided for updated "countdown-type" pedestrian signals to enhance pedestrian crossings and lessen confusion. What is a countdown-type of pedestrian signal? It means the time, in seconds, for the pedestrian to cross are indicated in white on the signal, and pedestrians can see the seconds counting down to assist them to know the time remaining to cross this intersection.

When the pedestrian phase is activated at this intersection, it stops traffic in all directions, and there is a dedicated "pedestrian only" phase of the signal. In addition, there is a median pedestrian refuge, so that for slower moving persons, if the signal doesn't provide them adequate time to cross, they can remain in the center median refuge, with a paved concrete curb, and wait to cross the remaining half portion of the roadway in the next pedestrian signal cycle. These countdown signals were part of a grant program requested by the Village and were approved by the County as a pilot program to review their operation and effectiveness. Since our grant request and completion of the Great Neck Road project, Nassau County has begun implementing and rolling out these new, more effective, countdown-type signals county-wide on County roadway improvement projects.

So remember, always **PUSH THE PEDESTRIAN BUTTON** to assist you in crossing an intersection with a pedestrian signal. We urge you to please get in the habit!



Next Star Performer Awards - February 3, 2011 at 9:30 AM

"STAR PERFORMER" NOMINATION FORM

If you wish to nominate a "Star Performer" please complete this form and mail it to **Star Performer, Village of Great Neck Plaza, Village Hall, 2 Gussack Plaza, P.O. Box 440, Great Neck NY 11022.** 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:

My name & phone number:

Nominator's name

Phone Number

To nominate someone for the Star Performer Award you select someone who works in a shop or business who goes out of their way to make you feel special, and who makes Great Neck Plaza a better place for you to work, shop and live. Potential "Star Performers" greet you with a smile, are eager to help, treat you with dignity, respect and patience so that it's a genuine pleasure to do business in the Plaza.

Just fill out the Nomination Form and mail it back to us. It's that simple. Call Michal Pinto, Mayor's Assistant, at 482-4500 for more information or to nominate a "Star Performer" and join us on Thursday, Feb. 3rd, 2011, at 9:30 a.m. for a really "feel good" ceremony at Village Hall.

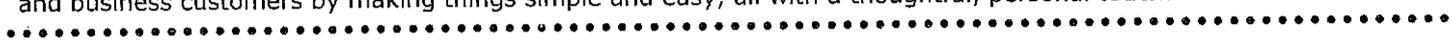


Star Performer Award Ceremony, Nov. 5, 2010

The November 5, 2010 "Star Performer" recipients and what their nominators had to say about them were as follows:

George Lotto, Branch Manager of Citibank on 111 Great Neck Road, nominated by Anne Falk; says Anne, "My experience at Citibank has always been satisfactory and Mr. Lotto manages the bank most efficiently. He is very knowledgeable, and always welcomes the customers

and helps them with their problems more so than any other manager I have met." Babs Mohel from the Atria Great Neck filled in for Ms. Falk at the award ceremony. **Zenel Kastrati, Superintendent of 25 Park Place**, nominated by Ethel Pomerantz who says, "Zenel is very hardworking, conscientious, particularly during the snow and rain storms that occurred last year." **Stacey Keramis of Mykonos Restaurant**, nominated by Trustee Gerry Schneiderman; he says "Stacey is caring, kind and thoughtful to her customers." **Sarah Staller of Astoria Federal Savings Bank**, nominated by Rhoda Marks exclaimed, "Sarah is always helpful, courteous, and cheerful. She goes out of her way to greet and service all your needs. Sarah is an asset to the bank indeed!" Branch Manager, Jennifer Rizzo who attended the award ceremony added, "Astoria Federal Savings understands what community banking is all about. The friendly, professional Great Neck staff puts the bank's philosophy of 'putting people first' into action every day for its personal and business customers by making things simple and easy, all with a thoughtful, personal touch."



Station Branch Opens in New Space in the Gardens

By Trustee Pam Marksheid



Left to Right: Trustee Pam Marksheid, Library Director Jane Marino, Trustee Gerry Schneiderman, Mayor Jean Celender and Trustee Marion Green

Library Director Jane Marino and Station Branch Manager Kathleen Cotter warmly greeted patrons on November 12 at their new facility as it opened with little fan fare in its beautifully renovated space at 26 Great Neck Road in the Gardens at Great Neck Shopping Center. Residents may remember this space upstairs, which was formerly Bennigan's Restaurant many years ago. We invite you to see this spacious, bright, and tastefully decorated new branch on the second floor above Waldbaum's. It has access via newly renovated stairs and elevator, which were done by the landlord, Mr. Neal Kaplan of Kabro Associates, to accommodate the branch's relocation upstairs.

We believe this new location and increased space for Library patrons is an important resource in the Plaza and a welcomed renovation. We hope you will find it to be convenient, modern, more comfortable with wider aisles, stacks, a large reading room, and with all of the same hours and services it had in its previous location. The renovated Station Branch has a beautiful color scheme for the walls, flooring and furnishings. With its natural materials and attention to detail, it is a more comfortable facility for your reading and relaxing pleasure. Stated Director Jane Marino, "the response has been very positive since we opened, and we even showed our first feature film in the Multi-Purpose Room, to participants' delight!" A drop box is located near the entrance at the street level for patrons to drop off books and materials being returned.

Over the past year the Village has been working hard with the Library to ensure the Station Branch would remain in the Plaza and stay in the Gardens Shopping

Center where it is centrally located, not only to Plaza residents, but the community at-large. I and my fellow Board members and our mayor attended many meetings of the Library Board. We spent long hours coordinating with the landlord, Mr. Kaplan, and working out all of these details with Director Marino, the Station Branch Committee and the Library Board to ensure the permit processes were expedited and obtained in short order.

According to Director Marino, the Great Neck Library applied for a grant under the Nassau Library System's annual grant program, made available through New York State for library construction projects. Twenty-three libraries applied for these funds. The Great Neck Library was pleased to learn that they have been awarded \$63,934, which will go toward the construction costs for Station Branch. The Library should receive this money sometime next year. Thus, given the Library's hard work to expedite completion of construction and obtaining this state grant, they were able to open the renovated Station Branch in less time than previously expected, and are currently in the space rent free, which also helps to save taxpayers' expenses.

We send our best wishes and kudos to Director Marino, the Library Board, their consultant and contractor, and Mr. Kaplan on an outstanding job done. We were grateful for the ability to partner with the Great Neck Library and the property owner, to ensure everyone was coordinating efforts together in support of this important community project. A Grand Opening reception on December 5 welcomed the community to the new Station Branch.

Station Branch is located at 26 Great Neck Road (in the Gardens of Great Neck Shopping Center, 2nd Floor). The telephone number is 466-8055, ext 233. For further information, visit the Library's website at www.greatnecklibrary.org.

Historic Preservation Commission Seeking New Member

As part of the Certified Local Government (CLG) program of New York State, as administered through the National Park Service, the VGNP Historic Preservation Commission is seeking architects, historians, real estate brokers, attorneys, and other individuals with a serious interest in historic preservation to join our volunteer Commission. Interested persons should send a resume and cover letter to Village Hall, to the attention of Mayor Jean Celender, to be considered. We look forward to working with our residents on this effort, and together we will share the proud tradition of preserving our historic architecture.

Veterans Day Celebration, November 11, 2010 at the Atria Cutter Mill

Poem by Edward Rieff

Forget him
My friends say to forget him
Forget his smile
Forget his style
Forget that he made life worth-while
Forget him
I'm trying to forget him

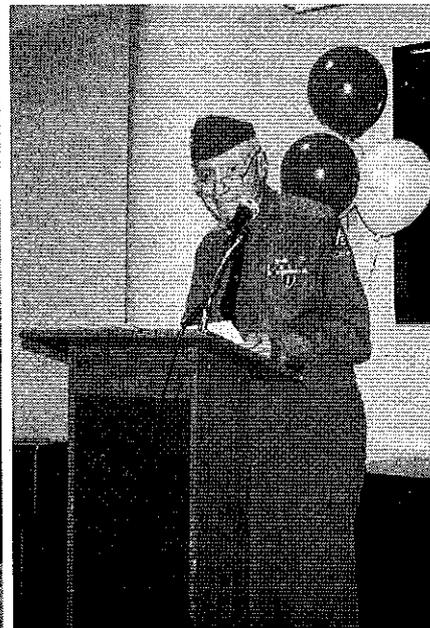
Forget the look that always took
My breath away
But by the book
I'm trying to forget him

And just about when I think I do
A song will come out of the blue
And I forget the forgetting I've been through.
And so I have to start anew
Forgetting.
It's so hard this forgetting.

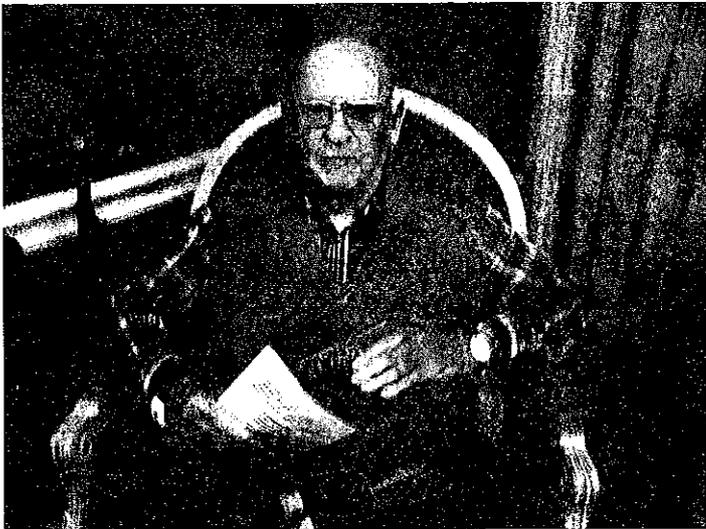
Forget the days, forget the nights
Forget the kisses after fights
Forget the thousand and one delights
Forget the wrongs; forget the rights
Forget him
I think I can forget him

Forget the joy, forget the bliss
Of his tender goodbye kiss
The quiet times
The jokes I'll miss
Forget him
I hope I can forget him

I pray that there will come a day
When years have flown
And hair turns grey
That in conversation
I will say
I loved this guy
His name was
Hey
I'm trying to remember – It's so hard to remember



Veterans Day Celebration (continued) November 11, 2010 at the Atria Great Neck



"We salute with gratitude and appreciation all the men and women who so gallantly served our nation during WWII. May God Bless You."



Representing the Plaza in Great Neck and Nassau County



Trustee Gerry Schneiderman, Judy Jacobs, Minority Leader of the Nassau County Legislature, and Warren Tackenberg, Executive Director of the NCVOA

Our local government believes you need to be current in all areas that could affect our village. The Village of Great Neck Plaza participates in both the Great Neck Village Officials Association and the Nassau County Village Officials Association (NCVOA). We have representation at the meetings of both associations to make sure our voice is heard on issues that affect the Plaza.

One of our Trustees, Gerry Schneiderman is an active participant in the Nassau County Village Officials Association, which was created to encourage cooperation among the 64 member villages. By working together with the other villages, we are stronger in fighting for our mutual benefits and welfare.

The NCVOA provides village officials with a forum for exchanging ideas and experiences in the administration of their municipal duties. They develop educational programs and conferences to assist village officials. The association studies and discusses activities that benefit the safety, health and welfare of the public.

Trustee Schneiderman has served as our representative to the NCVOA since 2003. He is a knowledgeable source of information that helps our village officials govern with the best interests of our constituents. He provides periodic updates from the many contacts he has made in Nassau County. We are lucky to have Gerry Schneiderman representing Great Neck Plaza and the interests of its residents.

Employee Anniversary – Pat Shanahan



The Village would like to recognize Pat Shanahan, one of our longtime, most dedicated employees who recently celebrated 32 years with the Plaza. Mayor Celender states, "We appreciate greatly Pat's caring ways and his many years of loyal, dedicated service to the village and community." Superintendent of the Dept. of Public Works (DPW), Ivor Belgrave, further remarked, "Pat is one of the most kind-hearted people you would ever meet, and is always willing to do whatever is asked of him."

Pat, born, raised, and schooled in Great Neck, started at the Plaza's DPW in July 1978, and has worked for four mayors. His grandfather, John Heaphy, was also a longtime former employee of the DPW. Although Pat has worked holidays, and stayed overnight at times of snow storms, what has kept him here is the staff and friendships he has made over the years. Aside from attributing appreciation to his wife, Martha, he acknowledges Rory Grady, and Steven Penn, fellow employees, for becoming his lifelong friends. Pat is currently a senior member of the DPW crew. He has worked tirelessly to come in working nights to remove snow and operate the plows in the winter, power wash sidewalks and water flowering baskets early in the summer. Pat provides valuable insight and awareness from being a Village resident and employee as a volunteer member of the Resident Parking & Pedestrian Safety Committee.

The Mayor appreciates hearing from you if a Village employee has done a good job in servicing you. Please write to her if there is a special staff member that you'd like to mention. It's always nice to hear and to take pride in knowing that an employee played a major role in making and keeping the Plaza a wonderful place to live, work and play!



Street Parking Permit Renewals

Street parking permits of multiple dwelling apartment buildings will expire at the end of December 2010. To renew your VGNP street parking permit, for a two-year period, you need to present your driver's license and car registration. You may present copies for verification of all information necessary. **If the license and car registration do not show your current village address, you will need TWO additional proofs of residency**, i.e. newly signed lease, current utility bill, any major credit card bill and/or bank statement.

Applications for street parking permits may be printed off the VGNP web site: www.greatneckplaza.net or are located on the front desk at the Village Hall. If the car is not registered in your name, you need to fill out an additional form to verify the owner is permitting you to use the car. The new stickers, costing \$5.00, will be issued from the beginning of December and the current stickers have a grace period until **April 15, 2011**.

Plaza Holiday Lights On Display



We invite you to enjoy the sights of the holiday season that capture its very own winter wonderland with the thousands of twinkling lights on display in downtown Great Neck Plaza. Be sure to bring friends and family to tour the luminous trail of nostalgia and celebration. Our DPW crew spends hundreds of hours during the holiday season delivering, re-sorting and putting up these displays. The 2010 Holiday Season will be another exciting year, as there are more lights and displays, new snowflakes and ropes

twisted on our street lamps, and more days to the ongoing holiday theme.

Holiday Lighting Facts

- There are new lighting displays downtown this year, thanks to partnering with our BID, which purchased 23 additional snowflakes for the holiday season.
- 80 street poles and trees are lit downtown for the holidays.
- 30 decorated holiday wreaths, 6 lit street swags and dozens of snowflake lighting displays are placed throughout the downtown
- Santa and two of his reindeer are placed in perched displays to watch holiday shoppers.
- Evergreen trees are lit in the downtown triangle and decorated with red bows along Great Neck Road for the holidays.

VGNP Hosts First Poetry Contest

Attention poets and poetry lovers: In celebration of poetry month, April 2011, the Village of Great Neck Plaza in association with Long Island Traditions and coordinated by Poet Carolyn Raphael are proud to announce the first Poetry in the Plaza Poetry Contest. Read on for submission details. Join the contest and come to the Winners Day Reading on Sunday, April 10, 2011 at 2 p.m. in Village Hall. It will be free and open to the public.

RULES FOR SUBMISSION TO THE GREAT NECK PLAZA POETRY CONTEST

Residents 18 years of age and above of Nassau and Suffolk Counties are invited to submit up to three unpublished poems for an entry fee of \$15.00 (non-refundable).

The poems may be on any subject, in any style, to a maximum of 30 lines per poem. The line limit is required because the

winning poems will be displayed on Great Neck Plaza's seven secure outdoor sign posts, on the bulletin board in the Great Neck Plaza Village Hall reception area, and in the waiting room of the Great Neck LIRR train station building. The postmark deadline is January 4th, 2011, and the winners will be announced on March 4th, 2011 on the Great Neck Plaza website: www.greatneckplaza.net.

The judge will be Susan Astor, prize-winning poet and teacher. She is the author of two books, *Dame* and *Spider Lies*, and was named 2008 Poet of the Year by the Walt Whitman Birthplace Association.

PRIZES

First prize will be \$150 and a 20-minute reading at the Great Neck Plaza Village Hall on April 10th

Second prize will be \$75 and a 10-minute reading at the Great Neck Plaza Village Hall on April 10th

Third prize will be \$50 and a 5-minute reading at the Great Neck Plaza Village Hall on April 10th

Only one monetary prize per poet.

There will be two awards of Honorable Mention. These poets will be invited to read their winning poems at the awards reading at the Great Neck Plaza Village Hall on April 10, 2011.

Each of the three winning poems will be posted for one month on 7 village signposts and bulletin board in Great Neck Plaza and in the waiting room of the Great Neck LIRR train station building.

Each poem that wins honorable mention will be posted for two weeks on 7 sign posts and bulletin board in Great Neck Plaza and in the waiting room of the Great Neck LIRR train station building.

Poems must be single-spaced and typed. One poem per page. Each poem should have a title.

There should be two copies: one anonymous and one with the poet's name and address below the poem.

There should also be a cover sheet listing the poems, the poet's name and address, phone number, and e-mail address.

The poems should be mailed to The Village of Great Neck Plaza, 2 Gussack Plaza, PO Box 440, Great Neck NY 11022-0440, Attn: Poetry Contest.

The check for \$15.00 should be made payable to Long Island Traditions. Enclose a Self-Addressed Stamped Envelope for results, or visit the Great Neck Plaza website, www.greatneckplaza.net, for announcement of the winners.

Check to see that you have followed all instructions before you mail your entry. For questions, contact Carolyn Raphael at craphael6@yahoo.com.

Please mark your calendar and we invite you to join us to celebrate Poetry Month and our winners.



VILLAGE OF GREAT NECK PLAZA

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www.greatneckplaza.org

Dates to Remember:

- December 16, 2010 at 10:30 a.m. Senior Span Advisory Committee hosts Medicare speaker at the Great Neck Senior Center, 80 Grace Avenue
- January 4, 2011 Poetry Contest Postmark Deadline
- Star Performer Award Ceremony, on Thursday, February 3, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. in the Village Hall court room
- March 4, 2011 Poetry Contest Winners announced on the Village of Great Neck Plaza website
- April 10, 2011 at 2 p.m. in Village Hall, Poetry Contest Winners Day Reading

Plaza Welcomes New Stores

The Village is happy to welcome new businesses. They bring vitality, diversity and new life to our community. If you are a new storeowner in town, or an existing business celebrating a milestone anniversary, or recently moved to a new location, the Plaza will provide a free Ribbon Cutting Ceremony to celebrate your event. Call Mayor Jean Celender at (516) 482-4500, to set a ribbon cutting date. The following recent store openings are:

- Computer Teach, 33 Great Neck Road, 733-9847
- Aura Salon and Style Lounge, 25 Cutter Mill Road, 487-2872
- Great Neck Diner, 14 Grace Avenue, 466-0678
- Gelber & Mundy, 5 Bond Street for watches, diamond and fine jewelry (an authorized dealer for TAG Heuer & Michele)
- LOL Kids, 23 Middle Neck Road, upscale children's clothing boutique, 504-8400



Winner of the Plaza's Downtown Buzz Restaurant Contest, **Ruth Spector**, receives gift certificate to **Pancho's Border Grill** from the owner, Jeff Moss. The other two winners who received gift certificates and the nominated restaurants were **Patricia Goodman - Lola Restaurant**, and **Julie Jacobs - Elaine's Asian Bistro and Grill**. Please be sure to check out and frequent these "best" restaurants and see what the buzz is all about!