



Getting Ready for Winter Weather and Storms

In anticipation of the winter weather and storm conditions, PSEG Long Island is getting ready to respond to potential power outages, performing system checks on critical equipment and ensuring the availability of critical materials, fuel and other supplies. PSEG Long Island responds to power outages and electric emergencies 24 /7 and will have personnel on hand to handle any outages. If necessary, contractors, including tree crews, will be available to assist PSEG's own skilled workforce. Please know that we here at the Village have been working with PSEG Long Island and partnering with the Town of North Hempstead and our other Great Neck peninsula villages to prepare for and be ready for emergency response to any potential winter weather situation.



While snow storms can produce picturesque scenes, there are several important tips you should always remember during the winter months.

We are grateful to Supervisor Judi Bosworth and the Town of North Hempstead for offering us access to their Swift Reach system (reverse 911), an emergency notification system which provides accurate, immediate information from the Village to your cell, work or home phone, via text, email or voice message. The details are still being worked out amongst the village mayors through the Great Neck Village Officials Association and we will let you know how to receive notifications about emergencies that may affect your home, workplace, child's school, parents' home, or any other critical locations within the Village or affecting where you may park, etc.

If You Lose Power

First check your neighborhood. If you are the only one without power, check your fuse box for tripped circuit breakers or blown fuses. If that's

not the problem, look outside at the wire between your house and the utility pole. If it is down, report it immediately to PSEG Long Island by telephone.

Report a power outage using any of the following methods:

- **Phone:** To report downed wires or power outages, customers should call PSEG Long Island's Customer Service line at 1-800-490-0075. PSEG Long Island uses an automated system to handle customer calls as efficiently as possible. Customers who get an automated response when calling PSEG Long Island are encouraged to use it, as it is designed to route their calls to the right destination. If you have specific information regarding damage to wires, transformers or poles, PSEG Long Island asks that you stay on the line to speak with a representative to provide that information. You should also contact the Village and speak with the Mayor's Office. Municipal officials have a municipal hotline for reporting any issues in the community requiring immediate attention.

- **Mobile devices:** Text "OUT" to PSEGLI (773454). You'll receive ongoing updates about the status of your outage. If you're not registered, text REG to PSEGLI (773454) or visit My Account.
- **Online:** www.psegliny.com/stormcenter

General outage activity throughout Long Island's service territory is also available online and on a mobile website at www.psegliny.com. Updates are posted on www.psegliny.com/stormcenter during severe weather. In addition, if outages are widespread, the utility will activate its social

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media pages to keep the public informed about restoration progress. Customers can follow updates at <http://twitter.com/PSEGLI> and <http://www.facebook.com/PSEGLI>. Remember, your safety is first and foremost and all entities are working to ensure we can address your customer issues promptly and efficiently.



Message from the Mayor

Dear Friends,

I want to extend warm greetings and best wishes for the holidays and year ahead. Reflecting on 2014, I am reminded that there is much to be thankful for, including our dedicated village staff and the fine people who make Great Neck Plaza a great place to live, work, shop and play.

Our Dept. of Public Works crew went from the extensive work of fall cleanup of leaves, and tree debris to getting the Village outfitted and dressed up for the Holiday Season placing out our hanging swag lights, rope lighting, snowflakes, wreaths, toy soldiers, nutcrackers, and all of the holiday decorations to bring out beautiful lights, color and creating a festive spirit for this wonderful time of year! They also have equipped our trucks to meet Mother Nature's winter storms, which we hope will not be as frequent this year. Should you need information or assistance, feel free to call us at 482-4500, or visit our website at www.greatneckplaza.net for the latest information on Village events and how to contact various departments, and other special district services.

I encourage everyone to shop locally this Holiday Season and to frequent the Plaza's many fine retail stores, restaurants and service establishments. For this Holiday Season the Village is providing, in association with the BID, "Free Parking" in our 4-hr. surface lots to support our local merchants and shoppers on 4 Saturdays starting November 29, Small Business Saturday, through



December 20. Of course, remember that on Sundays, all meters are "Free." Our retailers offer us diverse products and services; everything from clothing and sporting goods to paint your own ceramics and pet pampering gifts. Our merchants are conveniently located within walking distance of most of our apartment buildings and single-family homes. Additionally, there is ample, "Free" parking in our Plaza Centre and Maple Drive municipal garages after 3 p.m. weekdays and on Saturdays and Sundays.

Please be safe and enjoy everything this Holiday Season has to offer. Also, help us to give back to those less fortunate, as we are collecting gently-used coats as part of our annual coat drive with New York Cares. This groups, and all of our local non-profit organizations, work hard all year long to serve the community; they rely on our help and support for their operation and to continue providing great programs and services offered for our residents. Remember them in this season of giving.



On behalf of the Board of Trustees and staff, we wish you and your family good health and a very happy New Year!

Jean A. Celender, Mayor

E-Newsletter

Receive News and Information via E-mail
Join Mayor Jean's E-Newsletter!

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

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE _____

PHONE * _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

* Indicates Optional Information



VGNP Accepting Submissions for 5th Annual Poetry Contest

The Village of Great Neck Plaza, in conjunction with Long Island Traditions and Poetry Coordinator, Carolyn Raphael, is accepting poetry submissions for the 5th Annual Poetry Contest! This year's judge will be Joshua Mehigan, a prize-winning poet whose first book, *The Optimist* (Ohio, UP), won the Hollis Summers Poetry Prize. His second book, *Accepting the Disaster*, was published this July by Farrar, Straus and Giroux. His poems have appeared in many periodicals including *The Paris Review*, *The New Yorker*, and *Poetry*.

Poets 18 years of age or older from Nassau, Suffolk, Queens and Kings Counties are invited to submit up to three original unpublished poems as part of the 5th Annual Poetry Contest. Poetry contestants may submit poems on whatever subject and style desired, as long as each poem does not exceed a 30-line maximum. Poetry entries must be hand-delivered or postmarked no later than January 31, 2015, to Village of Great Neck Plaza, 2 Gussack Plaza, P.O. Box 440, Great Neck, NY, 11022, Attn: Poetry Contest. There is also an entry fee of \$15 (non-refundable), payable by check or money order to Long Island Traditions, that must be included with any material submitted. Poems must be single-spaced and typed, with one poem per page. Each poem shall have a title as well. Contestants shall include two



copies of each poem, one anonymous and one with the poet's name and address below the poem. A cover sheet listing the poet's name, address, phone number and email address, and title of each poem, must be included when submitting an entry.

Winners of the 5th Annual Poetry Contest will be announced on the Village's website, www.greatneckplaza.net on Tuesday, March 31, 2015. An Awards Day reading will take place on Sunday, April 19, 2015, at 2 p.m., at the Great Neck Plaza court room. The first prize winner will receive \$150 and a 20-minute reading at Awards Day, second prize winner will receive \$75 and a 10-minute reading, and the third place winner will receive \$50 and a 5-minute reading. There will also be two awards for Honorable Mention; these poets will be invited to read their poems as well. Additionally, each of the three winning poems will be posted for one month on seven secure outdoor village sign posts, on the bulletin board in Village Hall, and in the waiting room of the Great Neck LIRR station. Honorable Mention poems will be posted for two weeks at the aforementioned locations.

For any additional information, feel free to contact Carolyn Raphael, poetry coordinator, gnpppoetry@yahoo.com, or Brian Hetey, mayorsassistant@greatneckplaza.net.

Have a Spare Coat? Donate to a Great Cause!

The Plaza is proud to announce that it will once again partake in New York Cares Annual Coat Drive this winter season. The Plaza will be accepting coats through December 30th. Now in its 26th year collecting coats for those less fortunate, New York Cares is once more asking New Yorkers to open up their hearts and donate any unused coats in their closets. Since its inception, New York Cares has distributed more than 1.6 million coats, and this year, is looking to collect 100,000 coats over the next two months.

Earlier this year, in January, the Plaza participated in last year's cycle that was extended by New York Cares, and the response was overwhelming. In a three week window, the Village received



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over 120 coats from people all over the Great Neck peninsula! This winter, we are hoping we can keep a lot more people warmer with your help. As always, the Plaza can only collect clean, gently used jackets and coats, so please wash or dry clean any coats you wish to donate. The value of any coat(s)

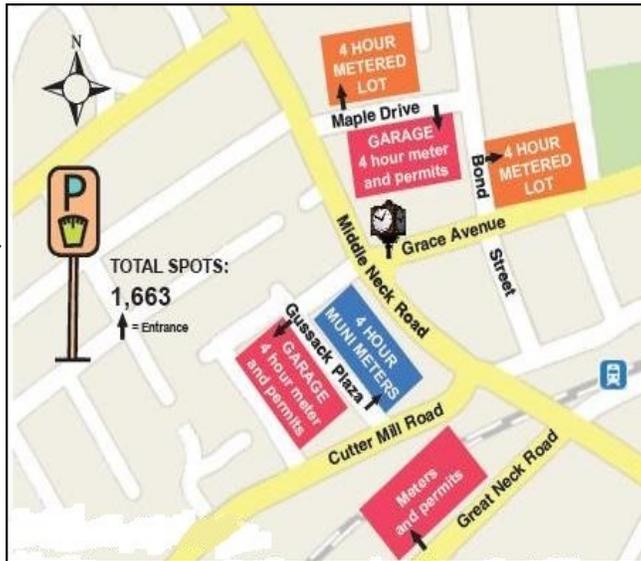
you donate is tax deductible; the Village will provide you with a form you can fill out when you make a donation. We will be collecting coats during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., at Village Hall (2 Gussack Plaza, Great Neck, NY 11021).

With an average of 66 days a winter in which the temperature drops below freezing in New York, please donate today to make a difference in the life of someone else. For more information regarding the New York Cares Annual Coat Drive, please call Village, (516) 482-4500.



Shop Till You Drop with Free Holiday Parking

This holiday season, the Village wants to help you in the rush to get all the goods on your friends' and families' wish list. As a way to give back to the many people who come to the Plaza to shop year-round, the Village Board of Trustees, in conjunction with the Great Neck Plaza Business Improvement District, recently declared shoppers and residents will be treated to four consecutive Saturdays of free parking in the Village's four surface municipal parking lots.



to a maximum of 4-hours - to fully enjoy our downtown holiday shopping and dining. On-street meter regulations will be in effect, and a 4-hour maximum parking will be strictly enforced in the outdoor lots. Residents and shoppers should also be reminded that parking in the Village's two municipal garages is always FREE on weekends, and after 3 p.m. on weekdays.

So when you think of FREE parking for your holiday shopping, think garages and lots for lots of free parking in the Plaza!

Starting November 29th, Small Business Saturday, until December 20th, parking on Saturdays will be FREE in our outdoor lots located at Bond Street and Grace Avenue (Lot #2), Gussack Plaza (Lot #4), Maple Drive (Lot #1) and Atria Great Neck (Great Neck Road lot, meters only), free of charge - up

This holiday season, the Village will be implementing free parking in our four outdoor lots each Saturday from November 29th to December 20th.

*Note: Thursday, December 25th, is already a listed free parking day throughout the Village as per the Village Code.

2-Year Street Parking Permit Renewals for 2015-2016

Resident street parking permits of multiple dwelling apartment buildings will expire at the end of December. To renew your VGNP street parking permit, you must present your driver's license and car registration (this is for verification only, we do not keep copies). **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, credit card or bank statement. As always, original copies of your license/documents are required in order to process your permit.

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MAKE	
PERMIT NO.	
PLATE NO.	
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New two-year street parking permits will be issued starting mid-January.

Applications for street parking permits may be printed and filled out from the VGNP website, www.greatneckplaza.net, or permit applicants can fill out applications located at the Village Hall front desk. 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.

Current turquoise street parking permits will have a grace period until **April 15, 2015**. The new stickers will be issued starting in mid-January. When the new street parking permits are issued, we will now require residents to place their permits in the lower right corner of the driver's side rear passenger window; permits should no longer be placed on the vehicle's bumper. Transferring your permit to another vehicle will result in the revocation of said permit.

The fee for a two-year street parking permit is \$10 and can be paid by cash or check, made payable to, "The Village of Great Neck Plaza." Street parking permits are processed Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, please call Village Hall at (516) 482-4500.

Project Independence Taxi Transportation Program; Grocery Shopping Bus

As hard as people may try to fight, aging is something that all people have to come to terms with. As our friends and family members get older and aren't able to do all the things they once were able to do, they feel they are burdening their loved ones in asking for help with these things. And one of the things that many of us take advantage of doing each and every day is driving. Not having access to drive a vehicle can prove to be a difficult adjustment, making normal things like visiting friends or taking a leisurely Sunday drive out of reach. However, something even more pressing, a trip to the grocery store to make sure you have the essential food items, becomes a weekly struggle. Fortunately, the Town of North Hempstead has a solution for seniors.



If you are age 60 or older and are a resident of the Town of North Hempstead, you are eligible for the FREE Project Independence taxi transportation program. On Mondays and Thursdays here in Great Neck Plaza, the Town offers shopping transportation—free of charge, as previously mentioned—to designated shopping centers in our area between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. In the Plaza, residents have the choice of shopping at either Waldbaum's or Shop Delight. Additionally, the Town provides discounted tax rides for non-emergency medical, dental and treatment appointments within the Town of North Hempstead, as well as some frequently visited designated outside the Town, seven days a week.



To schedule a ride through the Town, Project Independence ask that you call "311" at least one day in advance if calling within Nassau County, or (516) 869-6311 if calling from a non-516 area code phone number. For more information, please call Chari Buton, Mobility Manager at Project Independence, at (516) 869-2926.

**Project Independence
assists and enables aging residents of
the Town to remain in their own homes and familiar
surroundings as they grow older.**

When to Call an Ambulance By Great Neck Vigilant Fire Company



Each year, Great Neck Vigilant Fire Company does much outreach to its residents to let them know the ins and outs when to call to your local emergency service in times of need. Too often, people downgrade their health condition in their own mind to give them a sense of calm instead of panicking over the unknown.

However, emergency technicians say if you are danger, the time you wait to call 911 can make a difference between life and death. The Great Neck Vigilant Fire Company wants to bring you these important tips on when you should call an ambulance and what to do when calling an emergency service. Whether you or someone else is in an emergency situation, these are the five important tips to always consider;

- Could moving the victim cause further injury?
- Could distance, traffic or weather conditions cause a delay in getting to the hospital?
- Does the victim require the skills and equipment of paramedics or EMTs?
- Is the condition life-threatening?
- Could the condition worsen and become life-threatening on the way to the hospital?

If you answered "yes" to any of the above questions, or you are unsure, the safest bet would be to call for an ambulance. Also, when calling for an ambulance, remember to always speak calmly and clearly, and give as much information to the dispatcher as possible; name, address, phone number and location (nearest cross streets or building address if outside) and condition of person in need.

In Great Neck, to report an emergency north of the LIRR tracks, call (516) 482-5000; this is the emergency number for the Vigilant Fire Company. If you are reporting an emergency south of the LIRR tracks, please call (516) 466-4411; this is the emergency number for Manhasset-Lakeville Fire Department. If you are reporting an emergency from a cell phone, it is important to know that the dispatcher may not have detailed information on your location. Always make an attempt to tell the dispatcher the nearest intersection to help responders arrive to your location sooner.

Of course, dialing "911" will always get you the help needed in the case of an emergency. However, contacting the aforementioned emergency services directly will save time.

Veterans Day Celebrations, November 11, 2014 Atria Cutter Mill & Atria Great Neck

The Old Salt

By Mac McGovern

The Old Salt was a special man who came along in a time when he was needed most.

A time that now gone forever.

When men believed and sacrificed, when hero's walked the earth in mass.

When patriotism was no just a word but, by what men lived and judged the worth of each, a man who lived a life most of us cannot comprehend.

An era now gone as this warriors tour of duty ends at this station, and begins anew in the heavenly fleet.

What greater honor, that when a man moves forward, he leave behind in each of us the best of what he was.

A defender, protector, supporter, victor, a warrior, the last of the breed from an era when ships were made of wood and men were made of steel.

The Old Salt has reported for duty that takes him away from us for now.

Those of us who remain behind, remember, and will continue to remember, because he now resides forever in our hearts.

As I look up at night, I envision The Old Salt, a beret draped just above the eye,
As he draws upon his pipe, quietly he waits.

The guardian of heaven's gate.

Thank a Veteran

By Brittany Cuneo

Today is the day we honor, the nobles and the brave, the men and women who dedicated their lives, and the sacrifices that they have made.

When America had an urgent need, they were the first to raise their hand, without thinking twice about it, they were proud to take a stand.

Some came back from war with battle scars, others flagged draped coffins, even though their flesh may never left, their spirits will never be forgotten.

Their unselfishly and knowingly, put their lives on the line, so when you see a veteran, thank them, cause without them, freedom would have died.



The Village, along with Boy Scouts from Troop 10 in Great Neck, Sylvia Schwartz, had the pleasure of honoring veterans from our two Atria senior living facilities. Above, Sylvia Schwartz, Atria Cutter Mill resident and former home front worker, leads those in attendance in the Pledge of the Allegiance.



Residents from Atria Great Neck participate in the honoring of those who have served our country aboard and on the home front, both past and present. In total, the Village honored 53 veterans - 30 from Atria Great Neck and 23 from Atria Cutter Mill - who have bravely served our country in the times of need. On behalf of the entire Great Neck community, we thank all of those who have protected our country to preserve our fundamental liberties.



Next Star Performer Awards

March 5, 2015



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 live,

work, shop and play. 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 Brian Hetey, Mayor's Assistant, at (516) 482-4500 for more information or to nominate a "Star Performer," and join us on Thursday, March 5, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. for a really "feel good" ceremony at Village Hall.

"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, Attn: Star Performer.** 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:

Call for Artists; Village of Great Neck Plaza Looking for Artists to Exhibit

If you are an emerging or established artist, looking for a new venue to showcase your work, then you may want to consider exhibiting with the Village of Great Neck Plaza. We are interested in seeing your work and publicly displaying it in the community.

Our court room, in a public municipal building space, is outfitted as a gallery with hanging wires to accommodate a variety of picture sizes. We are currently putting out this call for artists and portfolio submissions for exhibits in 2015.



A recent artist reception showcasing the wonderful artwork of Charles Messite (left) and Atsuko Ann Seki (right), pictured above with Great Neck Adult Education Center art instructor, Mina Rabbani.

If you wish to consider exhibiting with us, please contact the Mayor's Assistant, at (516) 482-4500, or email mayorsassistant@greatneckplaza.net, to set up an appointment to view your portfolio and our exhibit hall.

Generally an exhibit is displayed for approximately 4 to 6 weeks. Works can be for sale; however, artists may not label prices on their pieces, and instead may offer their artwork for sale in a separate catalog handout listing.

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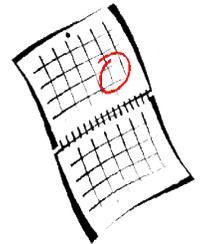
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www.greatneckplaza.net

Dates to Remember:

- BID Holiday Savings Gift Certificate Program, November 25 to January 31, 2015 - receive your \$5, \$10 and \$20 gift certificates. Go to shopgreatneck.com for more details
- December 17 - Christmas Tree Lighting, Chamber Kiosk, 5 p.m.
- December 22 - Menorah Lighting by the Chabad of Great Neck, Chamber Kiosk, 5:30 p.m.
- December 25 - Christmas Day, Village Hall will be closed. Note; Village Hall will be open half a day on December 24 (9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.)
- January 1, 2015 - New Years Day, Village Hall will be closed
- January 31, 2015 - Poetry Submission Deadline for Fifth Annual Poetry Contest
- March 5, 2015 - VGNP Star Performer Ceremony, Village Courtroom, 9:30 a.m.



The Plaza Welcomes New Merchants

The Village is happy to welcome new businesses that are coming, have opened or have recently expanded their business within the Plaza. Stop in and greet these merchants and say "hello." They bring vitality, diversity and new services to our community. If you are a new storeowner in town, new management, or are celebrating a milestone anniversary, the Plaza would be happy to provide a free Ribbon Cutting Ceremony or help you celebrate your event. Just call the Mayor's Office at 482-4500. Some recent additions are:

- **Caffé Bene**, 1 South Middle Neck Road
- **European Wax Center**, 14 Great Neck Road (Gardens Shopping Center), (516) 482-5300
- **Lamed Vav**, 20 South Station Plaza, (516) 482-3652
- **Leeman Dental**, 59/59A Cutter Mill Road
- **Muse Painter Bar**, 34 Middle Neck Road
- **Sam Tutors**, 10 Grace Avenue, 2nd Fl.
- **Sus Gallery**, 42A Middle Neck Road, (516) 672-9437
- **Village Asian Fusion & Sushi Bar**, 36 Middle Neck Road



A recent ribbon cutting event welcoming Lamed Vav to Great Neck Plaza. located at 20 South Station Plaza, offers fine dining at its best. Alex Levine, owner of Brasserie HaLevi - the highly rated restaurant in the Five Towns - brings his trademark style and world class continental cuisine to the Plaza with his latest venture. Lamed Vav's menu boasts savory appetizers, soups and salads, as well as the finest meat, poultry and fish dishes. For more information about Lamed Vav, please give them a call at (516) 482-3652.