

Fall 2018

A Message From Mayor Ralph Scordino

It has been another wonderful summer in Babylon Village and along the Great South Bay and I hope all residents had the opportunity to enjoy at least a few of the amenities that make our Village such a great place to live: the Gilbert C. Hanse Municipal Pool, the new Argyle Theatre, our E. Donald Conroy Golf Course, numerous terrific eateries, shopping venues and our close proximity to Fire Island.

Our Village Trustees work hard all year long to ensure Babylon Village stays a vibrant, modern and forward-thinking community while preserving our historical heritage, but no one has worked harder towards that aim the past 15 years than Debbie Basile, who retired July 27.

With a dedicated group of volunteers, Debbie spearheaded the restoration of our wonderful Conklin House, which she turned into a true showpiece of historical preservation, becoming a venue for many beloved community events and traditions such as the annual Apples and Art Festival, Christmas at the Conklin House, Christmas Cookie Contest, the annual Afternoon Tea, Dinner for Eight at the Conklin House and the recently added Old-Fashioned BBQ on the Green. She has brought cultural and artistic events to Babylon Village such as lecture series, concerts, plays, art classes and cooking and tasting demonstrations, all open to any interested Babylon Village resident.

Debbie has served Babylon Village and the greater Babylon area in many capacities beyond Village Trustee. A founding member of the Babylon Breast Cancer Coalition and recipient of numerous commendations and awards from local politicians and other organizations, Newsday named Debbie one of Long Island's 50 Most Influential Women in 2006.

In every way, Debbie Basile has been one of Babylon's greatest assets, as well as a wonderful friend and neighbor. I and the rest of the Babylon Village Board of Trustees wish Debbie a long, happy and healthy retirement.

Robyn Silvestri will be replacing Debbie Basile as Village Trustee. Robyn is active in a variety of capacities in many of our local organizations, such as Babylon K-6 PTA, Friends of the Babylon Village Library, Babylon Village Arts Council and many more. She brings over 20 years of experience managing clients, working in multinational companies and start ups and is a grant writer and fundraiser. She has proven to be a bridge builder who can connect people and resources and I am confident Robyn will serve the Babylon Village community and its residents with integrity and innovative thinking.

Infrastructure improvements continue in Babylon Village. In a collaborative effort with Suffolk County, we obtained a property behind several commercial buildings on Main Street and have used the parcel to create new and much needed public parking. Kudos to Skip Gardener and his crew for installing the blacktop, drainage and lighting at the new lot.

There was a wonderful turnout for the July 1st unveiling of the Bayman Statue, the culmination of almost three years of planning by a group of dedicated volunteers. The statue, which resides at Argyle Lake Park, is a wonderful addition to our Village and a tribute to its historic past.

As we head into Autumn, make sure to come out and enjoy the many wonderful events planned around the Village including the *Annual Fair on September 9th*, the *Apples & Art Festival*, *Fall Harvest Street Fair* and *Post Office 5k Run*, all on **October 20th**. Be sure to check the *Calendar of Events* on the back page of this newsletter for more upcoming Babylon Village events.

Please help keep our streets safe, be attentive when driving, stay off the phone and obey all speed limits and traffic safety regulations.

The Village Trustees and I wish all residents a fun, safe and healthy autumn season.

SEPTEMBER 9TH BABYLON FAIR

The Babylon Beautification Society's *Annual Fair* will be held on **Sunday, September 9th** from 9AM-5PM. Over 250 craft vendors offering a wide array of items will surround Argyle Lake. In the gazebo area, opening ceremonies will begin at 12 noon followed by plenty of "live" entertainment, food, beer, wine and a variety of soft drinks. Enjoy the charming plant/vegetable stands, Vermont cheese and pie booths. Children's games and activities will be across the canal. Admission is FREE. *Raindate: Sunday, September 16th*. Special Thanks to the BBS and all the volunteers for this well-attended event and for all their efforts throughout the year keeping Babylon Village beautiful!

TAKE A FREE RIDE ON THE TROLLEY!

A FREE trolley, sponsored by the Village, runs during fair hours, starting at the fair ground and running:

- *East on Main Street to Deer Park Avenue
- *North on Deer Park Avenue to Railroad Avenue
- *Cross Railroad Avenue by the LIRR Station
- *South on N. Carll Avenue to Main Street
- *West by the fairgrounds to Tappan Avenue
- *Circle through Nehring Avenue
- *Come back out on Main Street
- *Head east back to Deer Park Avenue

The trolley will stop at all regular bus stops as well as at two spots along the front of the fairgrounds



APPLES & ART FESTIVAL

Kick off a weekend of cultural and family fun with the 20th Annual *Apples & Art Festival* beginning **Friday, October 19th** from 7-9pm with the Artist's Reception. Come and meet several of our very talented local artists whose work will be on display throughout the Conklin House. Doors open again for artwork viewing on **Saturday October 20th** from 11AM-4PM and **Sunday, October 21st** from 12-3PM. Many thanks to Art Festival co-chairs Karen Petz and Al Ruggieri for organizing this wonderful display and to all our artists for their participation.

The fun continues with the *Apple Festival* on **Saturday, October 20th** from 11AM-4PM on the Conklin House Lawn, a.k.a. the Green. Locally grown apples, cider and pies and oh, my! Join in for some pumpkin picking fun or stuff a life-sized scarecrow to take home. Donations of jeans/pants and shirts of all sizes are welcome. Please call us at [631-669-8164](tel:631-669-8164) or email us at conklinhouse@yahoo.com to arrange drop off. Big shout out to Apple Festival chairperson Margaret Rohl and the dedicated volunteers of the Conklin House Steering Committee, as well as the Babylon Village Juliettes.



A TREE GROWS IN BABYLON...

It's almost that time of year again! Trustee **Mary Adams** reminds Village residents that applications for the *Village Tree Planting Program* must be received by **September 21st** for the Fall planting of curb line trees in front of resident's homes. For more details call the Mayor's Office at [631-669-1212](tel:631-669-1212).



Trustee Kevin Muldowney reports lots of summer activity at the E. Donald Conroy Golf Course. On June 25th, over 40 children from all over the metropolitan area participated in the Jr. PGA Golf Tournament hosted at our Village course. The course is donated for play annually by the Village to support and promote junior golf on Long Island. This year, the young players came from as far away as Connecticut and Remsenberg. Joseph Dolezal of Old Westbury shot the lowest round of the day, a 26, which was one under par.

The Women's League hosted their annual "Swing For A Cause" on July 11th with over 100 golfers playing in two shotgun starts at 7:30 and 10:15. The last three years of this event have been dedicated to the Babylon Breast Cancer Coalition and through member contributions and a 50/50 drawing, a donation of \$2,115 was made to this worthy organization for 2018. After play, 120 people attended a BBQ supplied by Babylon Meat Market. Contest winners Meg Auer and Joan Crockett tied for Low Score with a 36 and Closest-to-the-Pin was won by Mary Kearney. Meg Auer was awarded Longest Drive of the Day. Congratulations to all the winners and a big "Thank You" to the Women's League for hosting this fun event!

On May 21st, the Village held it's first annual "Sponsors Tournament". All the competitors were businesses that sponsor a hole or advertise on our scorecards. It was a great outing with The Villager Restaurant edging out Dynasty Limousines for the title. The highlight of the day was a hole-in-one by Dan Herb on the eight hole, playing for the Dynasty Limousine team. The teams gathered for a post-play victory celebration at Lily Flanagan's Pub.



Mayor Ralph Scordino (left) and Trustee Kevin Muldowney (right) flank The Villager foursome, Rob Freyer, Joe Flanagan, Rob Keneally and Wayne Meehan as they celebrate after the Sponsors Tournament.

Residents are responsible for any debris left in the street or at curbside by their landscaping companies. Any leaves or other debris left behind should be bagged by residents and placed in their yard until regular rubbish pickup day.



S.T.O.P. DAY WITH PAPER SHREDDING

Trustee Anthony Davida would like to inform residents that **Saturday, September 22nd** is the next scheduled S.T.O.P (StopThrowing Out Pollutants) day. Bring your old paint, aerosol cans, pesticides, motor oil, medications, etc. to the Babylon Village Highway Department on Carlson Avenue from **9AM-12PM** so they can be safely and lawfully disposed of. Village residents only. **Picture I.D. must be presented.**

In addition, **paper shredding will also be available on September 22nd from 2PM-5PM.** Bring tax records, ATM receipts, credit card statements and other personal papers that can provide thieves with easy access to your private information. No need to remove staples or clips. **No hard drives. Residents only. Picture I.D. must be presented.**

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

Hurricane season is here and residents are reminded there are steps you can take to be ready. All homes should have a disaster supply kit which would allow families to be self-sufficient for several days. Secure all items on your property. Be sure to listen to the advice of local officials regarding evacuation and safety measures. If a situation occurs where you have to evacuate your home, it is important to turn off your utilities (gas and electric) at their main source. Please visit the Babylon Fire Department website for more important tips at www.babylonfd.com



VILLAGE FACEBOOK PAGE AND INSTAGRAM



With over 11,000 followers, the Village of Babylon Facebook page is going strong, reports **Trustee Mary Adams**. Residents and visitors are informed about upcoming events, activities for families and projects happening throughout our Village. Enjoy our "Monday With the Mayor" column, "Code Enforcement Corner" and all you need to be kept "in the know" on Babylon Village. Everyone is welcome to "LIKE" us on our Village of Babylon Facebook Page! Babylon Village is on the "media move," so be sure to follow us on Instagram! Enjoy our photos and upcoming events!



HALLOWEEN IS APPROACHING

Please discuss Halloween evening activities with your children and remind them that it should be a night of respectful fun. Babylon Village has a zero tolerance policy regarding destruction of property.

SUFFOLK MARINE ANGLERS BASS TOURNAMENT



Carl Vik and with his winning 51lb. Striped Bass

On June 19th, the Suffolk Marine Angler's 10th Annual Striped Bass Tournament was held at the Babylon Village Dock. It was an exciting start, as 50 boats left the dock with a 6:00am shotgun start.

162 anglers fished the event, but Carl Vik was the day's winner, reeling in a 51 lb. Striped Bass. Matt Walsh finished a close second with a 50.08 lb. catch. Miller Ale House was a great contributor as a major sponsor and helped raise a significant donation for a wonderful cause, The Children's Hospice Care Network.

SENIORS AND VETERANS...Check the Village website at www.villageofbabylonny.gov for current criteria and filing dates for senior and veteran tax exemptions.

VILLAGE SUMMER PROGRAMS & CONCERTS

Trustee **Mary Adams** is pleased to report that the free summer recreation programs were enjoyed by over 300 children participating in tennis, gymnastics, basketball and Science Fridays. "Indoor Tennis" was introduced this year with children learning/playing tennis in the elementary gym! Congratulations to our "Campions of the Week" and thanks to our directors and coaches for their enthusiasm and efforts in making this year's summer programs a success. Kudos to ALL our campers who participated in ALL our summer programs!

The 2018 Summer Concert Series was "jamming," reports Trustee **Mary Adams** and with a packed out Gazebo! Special thanks to our Parks Department for beautifully maintaining the Gazebo grounds and our "greenhouse girls" for the upkeep of our gorgeous flowers and planters. Looking forward to seeing old friends and making new ones next year at the Gazebo!



EVERYBODY WAS IN THE POOL!

Trustee **Anthony Davida** reports that the Gilbert C. Hanse Municipal Pool was the place to beat the heat this past summer. With more than 500 family, senior and individual passes sold, attendance was at an all-time high as residents enjoyed this "little gem" on the Great South Bay.

Once again, the swim lesson program was very successful with classes available for every level of swimmer. The July 28th Annual Swim Meet was the culmination of the summer swim lessons and many of our young residents participated in this exciting competition.

Many thanks to our fabulous, professional pool staff for another successful swim season and to Molto Vino, for the addition of the much-enjoyed concession stand.



VILLAGE SWIM MEET

Many young residents participated in the July 28th Annual Village Swim Meet.

Pictured, two young Mermaids-in-Training pose with their ribbons alongside Mayor Ralph Scordino (l)

Decorate a Lamp Post for the Holidays!

The holiday season kicks off in Babylon Village this year with lamp post decorating on Sunday, November 25th. Within hours, our Village is transformed into a magical holiday landscape, compliments of the Babylon Beautification Society. Each year, families, businesses and community groups gather to decorate the Village in this time-honored tradition.

Sign-up is only through the Babylon Beautification website at www.babylonbeautification.org and begins in late September.



VILLAGE GAZEBO NEWS AND MORE!

Trustee **Mary Adams** reports that the Village of Babylon, in cooperation with the Babylon Village Library, hosted two "Movie Nights at the Gazebo" for children during the summer with a big screen TV, fresh hot popcorn and refreshments!

Please visit the newly installed "Read A Book" box at the Argyle Playground and look forward to "Harvest Time at the Gazebo" this coming fall for the children to enjoy! Special thanks to the Babylon Village Library. We look forward to more such enjoyable events for our young people!



CONKLIN HOUSE NEWS

On behalf of the Conklin House Steering Committee, newly-appointed Trustee **Robyn Silvestri** is pleased to announce that the 2018 Old Fashioned Picnic and Beer Tasting held in July was a great success. Many thanks to our event sponsor's, Lily Flanagan's, The Local and the Villager Restaurants for serving up a savory grill menu and refreshing beverages. Thanks also to GaboWabo Party Rentals for providing the much-appreciated shade under the striped tent. All proceeds from this fundraiser went to restoration and maintenance of our historic Conklin House.



Our heartfelt congratulations to Village resident Frank Siebert on being selected as this year's recipient of the prestigious *Nathaniel Conklin Award* for outstanding volunteerism and community service. Over the past 25 years, Mr. Siebert has served our community in so many ways. He has been a Beautification Society volunteer, Chair of the Rotary Club's Literacy Committee, has helped Superstorm Sandy victims and volunteered with the Babylon Village Historical Society and Lion's Club. Currently, he serves as a member of the Babylon Village Zoning Board of Appeals. Thank you, Frank Siebert, for being such an inspirational friend and neighbor.

Many thanks to all those who donated to support the installation of the new maple tree on the Conklin House Green in memory of Larry Nye, a long-time Steering Committee volunteer and true gentleman.

Please save the following dates for Conklin House happenings:

Thursday, November 29th **Cookie Contest**

Friday, November 30th **Holiday Open House**

Sunday, December 2nd **Picture Perfect Holiday**
(Professional holiday photo op in the beautifully decorated Conklin House - *limited availability*)

The Conklin House is made available to community groups for cultural, historical and educational events. Guided historical tours and field trips are available on request. For info or to join our mailing list, please contact us at conklinhouse@yahoo.com or call us at **631-669-8164**. "LIKE" us on the Babylon Village Facebook page to stay informed of all Village and Conklin House upcoming events.

Finally, it is with deep gratitude that all of us at the Conklin House thank former Trustee Debbie Basile for her tremendous hard work and service to the Village and to the Conklin House for the past 15 years. We wish her much happiness in her retirement.

BABYLON VILLAGE VOLUNTEER CORPS.

"Through Service and Volunteerism our Community Strengthens" is the mission statement of the BVVC! Trustee **Mary Adams** reports that the BVVC is on the move assisting Babylon Village residents. Volunteers have shoveled snow, cleaned driveways, power washed and stained decks, weeded gardens, mowed lawns and gave some "quality time" to seniors in need of companionship. Volunteers also participated in the "Feed the Hungry" program held at the 1st Presbyterian Church! Recently, the BVVC "Summer Social" was held at the Village Pool. Puzzles, games, refreshments were served and the event was well-attended by children and adults. As the fall season approaches, the BVVC Corps. is ready to assist our Village residents with fall planting and clean up, leaf raking and light chores. Get ready for the BVVC's "Fall Walks & Talks" with a date to be scheduled soon!

The Babylon Village Volunteer Corps is here and ready to help ALL our Village residents. Contact the BVVC direct at **631-649-5490**.



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BABYLON VILLAGE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 3	Labor Day Observed (Village Hall Closed)*
September 9	Beautification Society's Annual Fair
September 22	S.T.O.P. / Shred Day
October 8	Columbus Day Observed (Village Hall Closed)*
October 19	Artist's Reception at the Conklin House
October 20	Chamber of Commerce Fall Harvest Festival Street Fair
October 20	Post Office 5K Run
November 12	Veterans Day Observed (Village Hall Closed)* (please contact the American Legion at 669-0094 for ceremony details)
November 22	Thanksgiving Day (Village Hall Closed)*
November 24	Small Business Saturday
November 30	Chamber of Commerce Old Fashioned Night of Shopping
November 30	Christmas at the Conklin House
December 2	Tree Lighting Ceremony
December 2	Wassail Bowl at the Historical Society
December 2	Boy Scout Spaghetti Dinner

***There is no garbage, rubbish or recycling pick-up on holidays**

When your rubbish/recycling collection day falls on a holiday, please do not put items out for pick up until your next regular scheduled rubbish/recycling day the following week. If you have any questions, please call **669-4878**, Monday - Friday, 7AM-4PM

Village Hall Hours: Monday - Friday 9AM-5PM

Highway & Sanitation Hours: Monday-Friday 7AM-4PM

Website: www.villageofbabylonny.gov

669-1212 Mayor's Office	669-4858 Sanitation Department
669-1500 Village Clerk	587-6270 Treasurer
669-1500 Receiver of Taxes	669-1771 Village Justice
669-1523 Registrar	669-1756 Historical Society
669-1300 Building Inspector	587-7707 Municipal Pool
669-1300 Assessor	669-2340 Golf Course
669-4878 Highway Department	669-8164 Conklin House
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Police.....911

Fire & Rescue.....911 or 226-1212

Village Boards Meeting Dates

- **Board of Trustees** - Meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 8:00PM in the Village Hall
- **Zoning Board of Appeals** - Meets the third Wednesday of the month at 7:30PM in the Village Hall
- **Planning Board** - Meets the last Thursday of the month at 8:00PM in the Village Hall
- **Architectural Review Board** - Meets the first Thursday of the month at 8:00PM in the Village Hall