

Inc. Village of Head of the Harbor

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Dear Friends,

A cold and bleak winter is not something new to our community, but now we long for it to be over. An anonymous poem, circa 1750, expresses that thought:

*"In Winter Dreare
when sleeps the Sun,
And candles lit ere Daye is done,
Bees in a Ball together cling,
And I, like they, do Dreame of Spring."*

Severe winter weather has a significant impact on the village budget. The Board of Trustees, Highway Commissioner Ogden, and Deputy Highway Commissioner Lendino are keeping a watchful eye on the costs for overtime, salt/sand mix, and the wear and tear on highway equipment.

Many heartfelt thanks to our Highway Department team, who work day and night clearing the Village roads to make travel safe. Head of the Harbor's highway employees Jack, Mike, and Eric, together with our contractor, Alexander, continue to meet Mother Nature head on.

Plowing snow is hard work and here is how we, as residents, can help:

- Keep the roads clear of cars so plow trucks can navigate narrow, winding roads.
- Do not push driveway snow into the streets or onto a traffic circle.
- Clear fire hydrants of snow

Please be neighborly and check on those who may have trouble with snow, lack of heat, have limited mobility, or may be lacking emergency supplies.

A pin board has been erected in the Village meeting room, and I encourage residents to hang photographs of the village vistas to share. It is my hope that on Village Election day, Wednesday, March 18, 2015 the board be filled with wonderful images of Head of the Harbor in the Winter. When stopping by with photos, please consider bring a nonperishable donation to the Smithtown Township Emergency Food Pantry collection area in our lobby.

In closing, please note our **new website address** HeadoftheHarborNY.gov where you can sign up for our Alert Notifications System.

Best Regards,

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