

Head of the Harbor

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631-584-5550 Spring 2018



Mayor Douglas A. Dahlgard

Dear Friends,

Your decision to live in Head of the Harbor is a smart one! Did you know that the combination of your town and village tax bills is less than the single bill received by Smithtown residents who reside outside the village boundaries?

As an example, a Village homeowner with total assessed value of 10,000 saves roughly \$2,650 per year in tax dollars compared to a property with the same assessed value located outside the Village.

How is this accomplished? Our Trustees, Justice, Acting Justice and advisory board members are devoted residents, who serve their community for no compensation, health benefits, retirement benefits, nor tax credits. Our small group of dedicated employed staff performs a broad scope of functions.

Details about Village residents' tax bills:

Your town bill includes taxes that cover the school system, town, county, library, and a few miscellaneous items. The tax rate is \$1,797 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation.

Your village bill includes village provided services such as road maintenance, police, zoning & code enforcement, plus administration. The tax rate is \$244 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation.

Therefore, your total tax rate, adding the Town and Village bills, is \$2,041 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation.

Residing outside of Head of the Harbor, the total tax rate of the Town tax bill alone is \$2,307 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation.

At times, working with the Town of Smithtown benefits all residents. Recently, we became a partner agency in a NYS Water Quality Improvement Grant awarded to purchase a shared vacuum truck. This unique piece of equipment is a high-pressure water system catch basin cleaning unit. Please note, it is prohibited to use the municipal catch basin system to dispose of pool water or any waste products.

In addition to the tax savings, Head of the Harbor has maintained its unique beauty and rural character for 90 years through adherence to village zoning codes and the building permit requirements. The village zoning and building codes help to protect your safety and financial investment in your property. Shortly, the Board of Trustees will consider proposing a local law that would provide village residents an amnesty period to correct expired building permits or situations where construction was started or completed without a building permit. The goal is compliance rather than enforcement.

If you would like to know more about your government, please attend our monthly public meetings held on the third Wednesday of the month at 7 PM.

Best,
Doug

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor Douglas A. Dahlgard
Deputy Mayor Daniel W. White
Trustee Judith C. Ogden
Trustee L. Gordon Van Vechten
Trustee Jeffrey D. Fischer
Village Justice Ellen D. Fishkin

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Acting Justice Oliver Edwards
Hwy. Comm. Judith C. Ogden
Historian Leighton H. Coleman III

APPOINTED BOARD CHAIRS

Architectural Review Board:

Paul Athineos

Joint Coastal Commission:

HOTH/NISS

Planning Board:

Harlan J. Fischer

Zoning Board of Appeals:

Joseph Bollhofer

Contacts:

Police Department:

DIAL 911

Ask for Head of the Harbor

Chief Charles M. Lohmann

631-584-7891

Village Clerk:

631-584-2239

Margaret O'Keefe

Village Treasurer:

631-584-5596

Patricia Mulderig

Village Court:

631-584-2034

Tracie Villani

Highway Department:

631-584-3701

Frank Prinzevalli

Building Department:

631-584-5602

Robert O'Shea

Building Inspector and Permit Fees

Last year, subsequent to the retirement of Mr. Harris, Mr. Robert O’Shea, RA, NYS certified Code Enforcement Officer, was unanimously appointed as our Building Inspector. In addition to Code Enforcement, the Village Building Inspector issues all building permits. Please call the building department, 631-584-5602, directly to schedule appointments and inspections. Mr. O’Shea’s office is open on Mondays and Wednesdays, by appointment. Updated applications forms and complete fee schedules, including Planning & Zoning fees, may be viewed on the village’s website at HeadoftheHarborNY.gov. Below is a partial list of the of building permit fees adopted by the Board of Trustees:

1. Building Permits	
a. application fee	\$200.00
b. any building permit for principal building or accessory structure	\$1.00 per square foot, not less than \$250.00
c. patios	\$0.30 per square foot, not less than \$100.00
d. swimming pool	\$500.00
e. tennis court	\$500.00
f. hot tubs and similar structures	\$250.00
g. demolition permits *valid for a period of sixty (60) days	\$1,000.00 principal building \$ 200.00 each accessory building
h. fences	\$125.00 (no application fee)
i. tank installations	\$250.00 (no application fee)
j. generator	\$250.00 (no application fee)
k. updated certificate of occupancy / certificate of completion	\$50.00
l. building permit for work started without building permit	300% of fee for building permit
m. certificate of existing use / letter in lieu of a C.O. (including required inspection)	\$500.00
n. any renovation or remodeling project not described hereinabove:	\$1.00 / square foot, not less than \$250.00
o. tent permits	\$0.30 / square foot, not less than \$250.00
p. renewals	
1. first 12 Month renewal	50% of initial fee
2. second, third, fourth renewals	100% of initial fee
3. each subsequent renewal	200% of initial fee

Fire and Emergency Services Contract

The village’s contract with St. James Fire District for fire and emergency services expires on December 31, 2018. Because the St. James Board of Fire Commissioners has proposed closing the firehouse on Route 25A, we have requested a detailed proposal identifying where equipment will be located and the anticipated response times from that location to the village. St. James Fire District raised the tax rate paid by residents outside of the village last year by 19%.



St. James Firehouse Route 25A

Roadside Beautification



Entrance to Head of the Harbor Village

Trustee Gordon Van Vechten and the dedicated residents volunteers of the Roadside & Beautification Committee have begun Spring activities by planning the re-painting of the Thorton Estate Gates, and adding additional landscaping donated by a village resident.

This dedicated group of volunteers is interested in making the village of Head of the Harbor an even more beautiful place to live. Tasks may include street side planting, participation in celebrating Arbor Day and performing other tasks around the village to help augment the work of our small; but very hard working, Highway Department.

Typically meeting for a few hours on occasional Saturday mornings in the nice weather, please consider volunteering. Additional volunteers are always welcome. Please contact Gordon at gvvtrustee@gmail.com or call his office at 631.650.1000

Arbor Day

On Friday, April 27, 2018 Head of the Harbor celebrated Arbor Day, and the benefits of a community tree program accomplished by the hard work of village volunteers and employees to plan, plant and maintain native species. Via Mayoral proclamation, citizens were urged to protect trees and woodlands.

The village encourages the use of native plantings as a form of habitat restoration to preserve the natural character of our sea- and road-scapes. Native plants are more drought-tolerant than non-native species, are adapted to local climate conditions, soils, require minimal if any fertilization, and help to maintain natural ecological diversity. Residents can be further educated about native species, proper tree care, soil erosion and the need to protect wildlife habitats online on the Joint Coastal Commission page of our website HeadoftheHarborNY.gov.

Highway Department

Moving forward with a Master Plan developed last year to improve drainage infrastructure and road paving, the Highway Commissioner, Judith C. Ogden and Board of Trustees continue to analyze NYS consolidated highway funds and potential grant funding to support 2018 road and drainage projects. An application will be submitted for assistance through the NYS DEC Water Quality Improvement Project to support drainage and paving projects that will prevent stormwater runoff into Stony Brook Harbor from Hitherbrook Rd. and Evan Ct.

Routine road maintenance is performed by three full-time Head of the Harbor employees. Led by Frank, the crew leader, Vincent and Ryan are responsible for spreading salt, snow plowing, road maintenance, clean up, mowing and equipment repairs. With milder weather approaching cobblestone repair will commence shortly.



Deepwells Lane

For All Emergencies

CALL "911"

**FIRE
AMBULANCE
POLICE**

**Tell the dispatcher you reside in the
Head of the Harbor Police District**

**Emergency
Notification**

System

Sign up at:
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Subscribe to our Emergency
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Mailing label

Head of the Harbor Village Calendar 2018/2019

Sept 7th–16th (tentative) Historian's Equestrian Exhibit – Please check HeadoftheHarborNY.gov for updates

Monthly Meetings at Village Hall

Architectural Review Board- 1st Tuesday of each month at 7 PM

Board of Trustees- 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7 PM

Board of Trustees Work Session– 1st Wednesday of each month at 7 PM

Joint Coastal Commission– 1st Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM (currently convening in Nissequogue)

Justice Court- 3rd Thursday of each month at 6 PM

Planning Board - 2nd Tuesday of each month at 5:30 PM

Zoning Board of Appeals- 3rd Monday of each month at 7:00 PM , if a hearing is scheduled

Refuse/ Recyclables Collection Schedule is administered through the **Town of Smithtown (631) 360-7514.**

Pickup for refuse on Tue & Fri, recycle on Wed. Garbage carter is Garofalo Carting **(631) 231-0999.**

There are **NO** yard waste pickups available to incorporated villages.

The Village Highway Department does not pick up yard waste.