

Head of the Harbor

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St. James, NY 11780
Phone: 631-584-5550
www.villagehohny.org



Winter 2014

Mayor Natale J. Tartamella

Happy New Year. As we enter into 2014, let us reflect on recent changes to the village's services and look forward to the planned improvements for our village.

Our new website and its Alert Notifications System has proven to be a very valuable asset during the winter storms.

Important information will be sent directly to you by email and/or text message.

For 2014, we are improving communications between the highway and police departments by furnishing village vehicles with two-way radios supported by the Town of Smithtown's repeater system.

As part of our emergency response plan, a base unit will be installed at Village Hall to provide further assistance during weather related emergencies.

On page 3 of this newsletter you will find a summary of the village budget for the fiscal year of

2014/2015. The new budget reflects a 4.7% increase in the village's tax rate.

Prudently, we have increased the village reserve funds to equal 6.4% of our annual budget.

Lastly, my term as Mayor will be ending March of 2014; I would like to take this time to express my gratitude for the opportunity to have served the residents of Head of the Harbor as Trustee and Mayor for the past 19 years.

It has indeed been an honor and a privilege.

Sincerely,

Emergency Notification System

www.villagehohny.org
Click on:

Subscribe to our Emergency Notification System

Tree Trimming (PSE&G)



Call 1-800-490-0075

www.psegliny.com

Report an outage by
texting "OUT" to
773454

(prior registration required)

Effective January 1, 2014, Public Service Enterprise Group (PSE&G) is now responsible for all electric service outages which were previously handled by LIPA.

In the event of a power outage, customers should contact PSEGLI directly at: **1-800-490-0075**

PSE&G has designated our village for their enhanced tree trimming program. Work will begin in mid-February and continue throughout the village until mid-April.

PSE&G will notify homeowners directly when work will be performed near your area. Tree Trimming Supervisor, 631-348-6375.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor Natale J. Tartamella
Deputy Mayor Heiko H. Folkerts
Trustee Judith C. Ogden
Trustee Douglas A. Dahlgard
Trustee Daniel W. White
Village Justice Ellen D. Fishkin

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Acting Justice Oliver Edwards
Hwy. Comm. J. Ted Naughton

APPOINTED BOARD CHAIRS

Architectural Review Board:

Paul Athineos

Environment Conservation:

Merle Neidell

Joint Coastal Commission:

Robin Herrnstein

Planning Board:

Harlan J. Fischer

Zoning Board of Appeals:

Jeffrey Fischer

Contacts:

Police Department:

911 EMERGENCY
Ask for Head of the Harbor

Chief Martin J. Thompson
631-584-7891

Village Clerk:

631-584-5550x2
Margaret O'Keefe

Village Treasurer:

631-584-5596
Patricia Mulderig

Village Court:

631-584-2034
Christine Wood

Highway Department:

631-584-3701
John Precht

Building Department:

631-584-5602
Gerard Harris

Village Election Day

VILLAGE ELECTIONS

Please Vote!

**Tuesday
March 18, 2014
12 noon
until
9:00 PM**

Village Hall
500 North Country

Head of the Harbor holds General Elections every March.

Any village resident registered with Suffolk County Board of Elections no later than Friday, March 7th is eligible to vote.

Suffolk County Board of Elections:
PO Box 700
Yaphank NY 11980
Phone: (631) 852-4500
Fax: (631) 852-4590

Online registration forms are available at:

suffolkvotes.com/register.asp

Absentee ballots must be applied for in advance by filing an application form with Head of the Harbor's village clerk.

Application forms are available at Village Hall and on our website:

www.villagehohny.org

Applications and absentee ballots must be filed in accordance with NYS Election Law.

Village employees may **NOT** provide Election Law information.

Deer Population

On Wed., January 15, 2014 over 50 residents attended an informational seminar the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation held at village hall.

This informative discussion illustrated the DEC's options currently available for controlling the deer population on Long Island.

www.dec.ny.gov

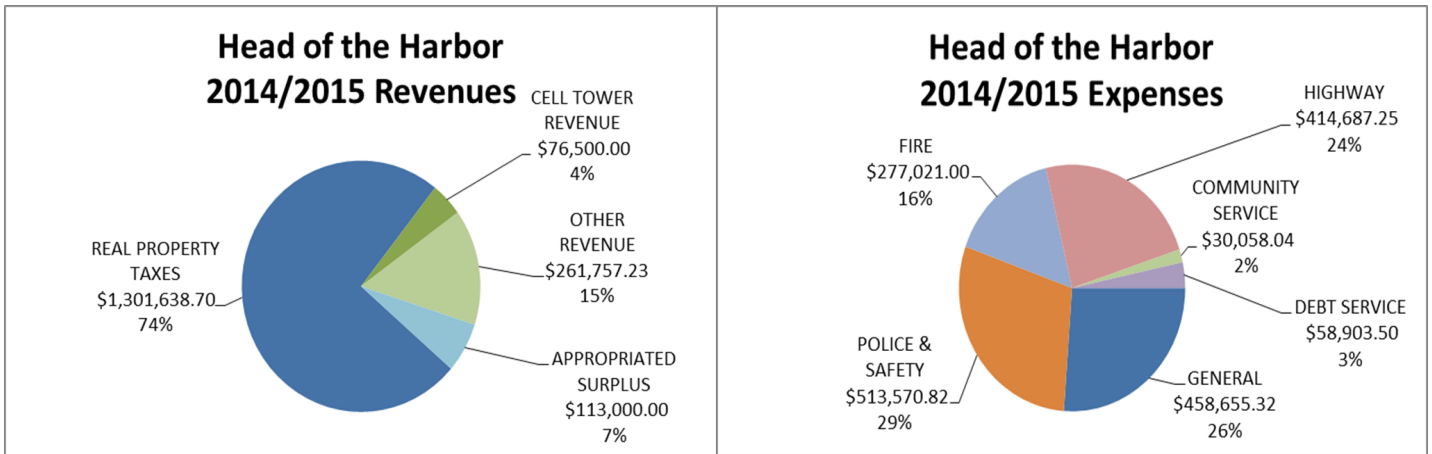
Reminders from the Police Department (Chief Martin J. Thompson)

- **POLICE DISPATCH-** Head of the Harbor police are dispatched by Suffolk County. To get us to your location, call **911**. This is for any timely police need. Calling the station will cause a delayed response, you will reach a voicemail system, as officers on duty are most often on patrol.
- **FIRE & E/R SERVICES-** Since January 1st the St. James Fire Department has been dispatched by Smithtown Public Safety. It is critical that you call **911** for any **fire or medical emergency**. If you call the old seven digit number, crucial time will lapse as the call is redirected. For your safety, please ensure that your house number is clearly visible.
- **EVENT PARKING-** If hosting an event at your home requires street parking, call the police station at least 2 weeks prior to your event, **631-584-7891**. Please leave a detailed message and an officer will call you back to discuss if your street can accommodate parking.
- **VACATION/VACANT HOME-** If your house will be vacant, please inform the police station 631-584-7891. Patrols can check your home at least once every shift, which is three times a day.
- **SNOW-** Snow covered fire hydrants are a serious hazard. If a hydrant is in front of or near your home please remove the snow as quickly as possible. Street parking is prohibited and impedes plowing, cars will be ticketed and may be towed at the owners expense. When clearing your driveway and vehicles none of the snow/ice may be deposited on the roadway.
- **HUNTING-**The increase of whitetail deer in our area, has led to a number of people illegally hunting, AKA poaching. Poachers are trespassing through Head of the Harbor and the surrounding area. In our village it is **NOT** permitted to use firearms or archery equipment for any reason, even if you hold a NYS DEC permit. Foul hunting on the water is permissible. If you see any hunting activity in the village call **911** immediately.
- **SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY-**Any suspicious activity should be reported through **911** immediately. Do **NOT** confront anyone yourself.

Village Budget 2014/2015

Below is a summary of the 2014/2015 village budget. Complete copies are on file at the Village Hall, Village Clerk's Office and may be viewed during regular business hours, or on our website at www.villagehohny.org.

	2013-2014 Budget	2014-2015 Budget
REVENUES		
REAL PROPERTY TAXES	\$1,253,483.21	\$1,301,638.70
OTHER REVENUES	266,450.00	261,757.23
CELL TOWER REVENUES	76,500.00	76,500.00
APPROPRIATED SURPLUS	<u>37,000.00</u>	<u>113,000.00</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>\$1,633,433.21</u>	<u>\$1,752,895.93</u>
EXPENSES		
GENERAL	\$431,805.92	\$458,655.32
POLICE & SAFETY	484,983.21	513,570.82
HIGHWAY	382,920.16	414,687.25
FIRE	243,001.00	277,021.00
COMMUNITY SERVICE	30,634.92	30,058.04
DEBT SERVICE	<u>60,088.00</u>	<u>58,903.50</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$1,633,433.21</u>	<u>\$1,752,895.93</u>



A Message from the Village Treasurer

Homeowners will receive their 2014/2015 Village Tax bills in mid February. Paid annually, village taxes are due March 1st and may be paid without penalty by April 1, 2014. All payments received after April 1st are subject to a penalty. Penalty rates can be viewed on the Treasurer's page of the village website: www.villagehohny.org

Tax bills will only be mailed to those residents who do not have an escrow account with a Bank, Credit Union or Mortgage Company who is responsible for paying their Village Taxes. A receipt will be mailed to all homeowners after the payments have been received and recorded.

Any questions concerning tax payments can be forwarded to the Village Treasurer, Patricia Mulderig at 631-584-5596.

For All Emergencies

CALL "911"

**FIRE
AMBULANCE
POLICE**

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

Become Involved...Get Involved!

Volunteers Needed

If you have an interest in serving your community, there are currently vacancies on :

- ◆Emergency Preparedness Committee
- ◆Architectural Review Board
- ◆Zoning Board of Appeals
- ◆Joint Coastal Commission
- ◆Roadsides Committee
- ◆Planning Board

Send a brief résumé and letter of interest to:

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Mailing label

Head of the Harbor Village Calendar 2014/2015

March 18, 2014 (Tuesday). **Village General Election** . Polls open from 12 noon until 9 PM at the Village Hall.
April 19, 2014 (Saturday). **St. James Fire Department's Annual 5 Mile Race**

Monthly Meetings at Village Hall

Architectural Review Board-1st Tuesday of each month at 7 PM
Board of Trustee-3rd Wednesday of each month at 7 PM (no meeting July)
Environmental Conservation Board - 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM (no meeting in July)
Joint Coastal Commission— 1st Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM (currently convening in Head of the Harbor)
Justice Court- 3rd Thursday of each month at 6 PM
Planning Board - 2nd Tuesday of each month at 5:30 PM (no meeting in July)

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 is **NO** yard waste pickups available to incorporated villages.
The Village Highway Department does not pick up yard waste.