

Inc. Village of Head of the Harbor



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Dear Friends,

I would like to take a moment to thank all of the residents who participated in the public hearing held on December 19<sup>th</sup> concerning the village's 2019/2020 budget. The Village Trustees unanimously passed a budget that included a tax rate increase of 6.02%. The factors for the tax increase were highlighted in my December 6<sup>th</sup> mailing, which is also available on the village's website. A summary of the adopted budget is on the reverse side and budget details are available on the Village web site.

In this letter I mention some of the topics that we plan to cover at the January 16, 2019, Board of Trustees 7 PM meeting. I hope to see you there!

The public hearing on draft legislation regarding Bed and Breakfasts will be reconvened. A public hearing on the proposed contract for fire and emergency services from the St. James Fire District will also be held.

The NYS DEC has approved the village wide, deer management program that involves non-lethal PZP immuno-contraception. Dr. Allen Rutberg of Tufts University and Kali Pereira of the Humane Society as well as Katharine Griffiths, Director of Avalon Park will be on hand to discuss the field operations that will begin this winter.

In addition, there is a Suffolk County shared services initiative getting underway in the eastern portions of Long Island regarding tick borne disease control. We have invited Legislator Bridget Fleming of the 2nd District to attend and further discuss.

As I write this letter, it is Christmas week. This is the time when our village returns to an era when people walked about and met other residents. I have come across many families and visitors walking along our village roads on sunny days in the tranquil silence of minimal traffic.

When walking around I notice that a number of our residents have beehives. Growing a greener village using native plants with minimal fertilizer and pesticides while attracting pollinators is a goal of our community. Bees are important to our ecosystem, if a number of beekeepers wanted to form a community group Village Hall would be made available. Please let us know if you are interested.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of all the Trustees, volunteers and employees,

*Doug*

Douglas A. Dahlgard  
Mayor

## Head of the Harbor Village Budget 2019/2020

Below is a summary of the current (2018/2019) budget and next year's budget (2019/2020). 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.HeadoftheHarborNY.gov](http://www.HeadoftheHarborNY.gov).

	2018-2019	2019-2020
<u>REVENUES</u>		
REAL PROPERTY TAXES	\$1,422,682.52	\$1,518,183.67
OTHER REVENUES	524,418.00	548,691.00
APPROPRIATED SURPLUS	<u>105,000.00</u>	<u>150,000.00</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>\$2,052,100.52</u>	<u>\$2,216,874.67</u>
 <u>EXPENSES</u>		
GENERAL	\$502,123.81	\$516,036.47
POLICE	557,512.49	590,998.65
FIRE	319,325.00	399,156.00
SAFETY	40,119.44	43,584.93
HIGHWAY	448,917.84	476,330.80
COMMUNITY SERVICE	28,263.74	28,622.82
DEBT SERVICE	65,838.20	82,145.00
RETIREMENT	<u>90,000.00</u>	<u>80,000.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$2,052,100.52</u>	<u>\$2,216,874.67</u>
TAX RATE	<u>\$24.43</u>	<u>\$25.90</u>

Residents who do not use an escrow account will receive tax bills in mid-February. Taxes are due March 1st and can be paid without penalty by April 1st. Please have all tax payments postmarked by April 1, 2019 as penalties cannot be excused. Tax bill questions can be asked of the Village Treasurer, at 631-584-5596.

**For All Emergencies  
and time sensitive police calls  
please call dispatch  
"911"**

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

**Police Station 631-584-7891**

**Village Election Day  
Village Hall  
Tuesday, March 19, 2019  
12 noon – 9 pm**

**Election Law §15-118(2), residents must be registered with Suffolk County Board of Elections prior to March 8, 2019. The offices that are vacant at the end of the current official year are:**

**(1) one Justice 4-year term and  
(2) two Trustees 2-year terms**