

# Asharoken Village Newsletter

## Mayor's Report

April 2010

As your Mayor, it is important to keep you well informed of the many issues facing our Village and the progress that our administration has made over the past several months.

### Sand on the Beach

As you know, beach replenishment has been one of the priorities of my administration. I have had a three prong approach to restoring Asharoken beach and protecting our main roadway, Asharoken Avenue.

1. Get the US Army Corps of Engineers to enforce the power plant's operating permit and require the utility to replace the sand lost on the beach as a result of the plant's operation.
2. Get the US Army Corps to reinforce the existing sea wall.
3. Get the US Army Corps to finish the feasibility study and develop a plan to restore Asharoken beach to what it was 40 years ago.

Since being elected, I have warned every elected official at every level of government that it was only a matter of time before the sea wall would fail and Asharoken Avenue would be impacted by a breach in the sea wall and/or the dunes.

Congressman Steve Israel was the first to recognize the seriousness of the situation and has been at the forefront in getting the Army Corps to move forward with my objectives. The Army



Photo by Steve Silverman  
Mayor Pat Irving addresses a community forum on the status of the sea wall with Congressman Steve Israel, State Senator Carl Marcellino, Assemblyman Andrew Raia and representatives from the US Army Corps and Town and County officials.

Corps last month amended the permit for the operating plant, directing the utility to place 45,800 cubic yards of sand on Asharoken beach no later than Dec 31<sup>st</sup> of this year and an additional 45,000 cubic yards no later than Dec. 31, 2013 and an equal amount every three years thereafter.

The Army Corps has developed and submitted a plan for repairing the sea wall and is waiting for approval from Washington. Approval is expected in a matter of days and construction would likely start within 90 days of that approval.

The Army Corps has also recommended 100% federal funding for this project.

The Asharoken Beach Replenishment Feasibility Study is almost complete and calls for 580,000 cubic yards of sand being placed on Asharoken beach.



This plan is only economically feasible if the sand is dredged from Long Island Sound. The Army Corps is currently in negotiations with NYS DEC to allow controlled dredging off of Asharoken beach.

Residents should keep in mind that the repairs to the sea wall and the dunes are only temporary in nature. Therefore, Asharoken Avenue may be subject to further closures.

It has now become obvious to all levels of government, what the residents of Asharoken have known all along, the only way to protect our beach, our homes, the dunes, the sea wall and Asharoken Avenue is more Sand on the Beach. I will continue doing whatever I can to get as much as I can.



Shortly after the March 13th storm, State Senator Carl Marcellino and Mayor Irving received a call from Governor Paterson in response to their request for a disaster declaration in order to qualify the Village of Asharoken for emergency federal funding.

### Other Projects

The Village is proceeding with the Catch Basin Drainage project near Asharoken Avenue and Bevin Road. Engineering work is currently being done and we expect construction to start later this year.

Existing catch basins will be cleaned of debris from the last storm.

Trustee Joe Affrunti is exploring dredging of Duck Island Harbor.

Reconstruction of the roadway shoulders at the sea wall are on hold until the sea wall has been repaired. At that time, we will look at that project again and work with the DEC to protect the wetlands.

### Litigation

The litigation involving health care coverage for former elected officials and employees has been resolved.

The Court has affirmed the Village Board's decision to not provide this costly benefit to those that were not entitled to it. Their cases against the Village were dismissed.

### Village Hall Expansion

The Emergency Declaration during the March 13th storm caused a lot of activity in and about Village Hall. It was apparent that the existing facility is inadequate for our current needs.

An architectural firm is currently developing a plan for a new Village Hall/Police Station. We continue to look for additional sources of funding for this project.

### Census

You should have already received your 2010 Census Questionnaire. This census takes only a few minutes to complete and has a substantial impact on our Village. Most federal funding is based upon population.

It is important that Asharoken provides an accurate and complete record of our population. If you return the questionnaire there will be no need for census takers to visit you. If you have



not already done so, please complete and return the questionnaire.

**Election Day**

Village elections for Mayor, two Trustees and Justice will be held on Tuesday, June 15, 2010.

Voting will take place at Village Hall from 12:00 Noon till 9:00 PM.

Whether or not it is a contested election, it is very important that you vote. We need to let elected officials at all levels of government know that Asharoken Village is a substantial voting bloc.

If you need to register to vote, please remember that your voter registration form must be received by Suffolk County Board of Elections no later than Friday, June 4, 2010.

If you have voted in any election in the past two (2) years from your Asharoken address, you are already registered for this election.

Absentee voting information and registration forms are available at Village Hall.

The elected Mayor, Trustees, and Justice will be sworn in at Asharoken Village Hall on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Please join us as the constitutional oath of office is administered to the Mayor, the Trustees, and Justice before the beginning of their respective terms of office.

**Fireworks**

We expect to have our fireworks show again this year. Of course, we are working with the NYS DEC and US Fish and Wildlife to do what is necessary to protect the piping plover.

Bonfires will be permitted if weather condi-

tions assure that it can be done safely. Keep in mind that they should not be oversized and only wood materials should be burned. As always, our police department will be patrolling the beach.

**Upcoming Events**

- Village Elections - Tuesday, June 15, 2010
- Swearing In Ceremony - Thursday, July 1, 2010
- Fireworks - Sunday, July 4, 2010
- Pot Luck Supper -Saturday, August 14, 2010
- Cow Harbor Parade - Sunday, Sept. 26, 2010

All dates are subject to change. Check [www.asharoken.com](http://www.asharoken.com) for any updates. Our website, is also the primary source for the latest information in the event of storms, emergencies and road closures.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we continue to protect and maintain the beauty of our unique waterfront village. Enjoy your summer.

*Patricia Irving*

**Mayor Patricia Irving**

**Village Proclamation**



Photo by Steve Silverman  
Mayor Pat Irving, Deputy Mayor Pete Masterson and Deputy Police Commissioner Mel Ettinger present an Asharoken Village Proclamation to Officer in Charge Ray Mahdesian for his 50 years of volunteer service to the Dix Hills Fire Department.



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**May 2010**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 Trustees Regular Meeting 7:30pm Village Hall Trash Pickup	4	5 Newspaper / Cardboard Recycling	6 Trash Pickup	7	8
9 Mother's Day	10 Trash Pickup	11	12 Bottles / Cans / Plastic Recycling	13 Trash Pickup	14	15
16	17 Trash Pickup	18 School Budget Vote & Election of Trustees	19 Newspaper / Cardboard Recycling	20 Trash Pickup	21	22
23	24 Trustees Special Meeting 7:30pm Village Hall Trash Pickup	25	26 Bottles / Cans / Plastic Recycling	27 Trash Pickup	28	29
30	31 Memorial Day Schools Closed					

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**June 2010**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Trash Pickup	2 Newspaper / Cardboard Recycling	3 Trash Pickup	4	5
6	7 Trustees Regular Meeting 7:30pm Village Hall Trash Pickup	8	9 Bottles / Cans / Plastic Recycling	10 Trash Pickup	11	12
13	14 Flag Day Trash Pickup	15 Annual Village Elections, Village Hall Noon - 9pm	16 Newspaper / Cardboard Recycling	17 Trash Pickup	18	19 Northport Farmers Market: 9am-1pm
20 Father's Day	21 Trash Pickup	22	23 Bottles / Cans / Plastic Recycling	24 Trash Pickup	25 Last Day of School	26 Northport Farmers Market: 9am-1pm
27	28 Trustees Special Meeting 7:30pm Village Hall Trash Pickup	29	30 Newspaper / Cardboard Recycling			

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**July 2010**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Trash Pickup	2	3 Northport Farmers Market: 9am-1pm
4 Independence Day Asharoken Fireworks	5 Trash Pickup	6 Trustees Regular Meeting 7:30pm Village Hall	7 Bottles / Cans / Plastic Recycling	8 Trash Pickup	9	10 Northport Farmers Market: 9am-1pm
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**August 2010**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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8	9 Trash Pickup	10	11 Newspaper / Cardboard Recycling	12 Trash Pickup	13	14 Northport Farmers Market: 9am-1pm
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Any changes and copies of these Schedules are available at Village Hall and our website [www.asharoken.com](http://www.asharoken.com)