

Village of Asharoken – Newsletter

June-2011



Asharoken Storm Drain Project:

Asharoken Mayor Patricia Irving and NY State Senator Carl Marcellino along with Village officials inspect the recently completed the Storm Water Catch Basin Project just north of Bevin Road. The project was completed on time and under budget, with a grant from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. The project is designed to reduce flooding and catch storm water runoff and contaminants on Asharoken Avenue before they enter Duck Island Harbor. Pictured from left to right, Village Attorney Ken Savin, Committee member Pam Pierce, Zoning Board member Joseph Catanzano, Mayor Patricia Irving, Senator Marcellino and Police Officer-in-Charge Ray Mahdesian.

Feasibility Study for Beach Replenishment:

Mayor Irving extended an invitation to Senator Carl Marcellino to tour our Village last month. The Senator spent time at the sea wall discussing “Sand on the Beach” with Mayor Irving. The Mayor reached out to Senator Carl Marcellino to assist with the “sand on the beach” project. The Mayor sent a letter to the new DEC Commissioner, Joe Martens addressing the need for dredging in L.I. Sound.

New Yard Waste Service for our residents:

A new service is available to our village residents as of June 14th ; a pilot program to pick-up yard waste materials (not grass clippings). Over the past three years, residents have asked for their yard waste to be picked up by the Village. Mayor Pat Irving and your Board of Trustees have scheduled a monthly Yard Waste pick-up service **beginning Tuesday, June 14th**. The board has reviewed the costs involved and benefits and has decided to move forward with a pilot program for this year. Please follow the following guidelines:

Yard-waste materials are (leaves, bundled branches, gardening debris & prunings)

- Grass Clippings, stumps, large branches, dirt or lumber will **NOT** be picked up (Grass clippings can only be brought to the Recycling Center for a fee of \$1.50 per bag call 427-6377)
- All yard-waste material **must** be placed in **CLEAR plastic leaf bags**
- No more than **SIX** bags will be picked-up, per house hold on each pick-up day
- Please place your bags out the morning of the pick-up date
- All bags must be placed at the end of your driveway
- Yard waste will be picked up once a month only (see Schedule below)

Please refer to the following yard waste Pick- Up schedule:

- Tuesday, June 14th
- Tuesday, July 12th
- Tuesday, August 9th
- Tuesday, September 13th
- Tuesday, October 18th
- Tuesday, November 15th

Recycling:

Depending upon market conditions, the Village may receive payment for Newspaper & Cardboard recyclables. These items may include: newspapers, junk mail, gift boxes, cereal boxes (without plastic liners) shipping & packing boxes, shoe boxes, school paper, etc. Please do not include: milk, juice & egg cartons, wax coated cardboard, books, soiled paper, pizza boxes, etc. Place these items in regular garbage.

It is important to know that the more we recycle newspaper & cardboard the lower our costs become for sanitation landfill fees. So let's keep newspaper out of the trash and into the recycle bins.

Village Elections:

The Village of Asharoken Election Day for two Trustee positions will be held on Tuesday, June 21st, at Village Hall. Voting hours are from 12 noon to 9:00 p.m.

Petitions have been received from two candidates for the two available Trustee positions; Mary P. Pierce & Joseph L. Catanzano. Both candidates are running on the Quality of Life line. Please participate in the Asharoken Village government by remembering to vote on June 21st.

Are you registered to Vote?

The last day to register with Suffolk County Board of Elections to be eligible to vote in the General Village Election will be Friday, June 10th. The registration forms must be received by Suffolk County Board of Elections no later than June 10th.

To vote, an individual must be:

- A citizen of the United States
- At least 18 years of age on Election Day
- A resident of Asharoken Village for at least 30 days preceding the election.

Will you need an Absentee Application?

For Absentee Applications that are mailed to Village Hall, they **must be received by June 14th**, in order for absentee ballots to be mailed out by the deadline of June 15th. If you choose to **walk-in** and fill out an absentee application you **must do so by June 20th**. Absentee Ballots must be received no later than the close of polls on Election Day.

All Voter Registration forms and Absentee ballot applications are available at Village Hall. For more information regarding voter registration please call Suffolk County Board of Elections at 631-852-4500.

Swearing In Ceremony:

Newly elected Trustees will be sworn in at Asharoken Village Hall on July 1st, 7:30pm. Please join us as our new Trustees receive the oath of office before the beginning of their respective terms of office.

JEEP (Joint Emergency Evacuation Plan):

In the event of a natural or man-made disaster, Suffolk County Department of Fire, Rescue and Emergency Services may provide assistance for eligible disabled individuals who have no other way to evacuate their homes.

If you think you will need special needs, such as transportation and/or sheltering, then this plan is for you. You must apply to ensure that you qualify for this program.

- An application must be filled out (Applications are available at Village Hall). If you need an application sent to your home, call 631-261-7098.

- Once your application is complete and has been approved you will be contacted by Emergency Services and they will inform you about shelter services and assigned transportation services.

This is Important: If you are unable to fill out the application and need assistance please contact the Village Hall at 631-261-7098, we will provide assistance for you.

Asharoken Property Tax Bills:

Asharoken tax bills have been mailed out to all property owners. Asharoken taxes are due June 1st, payable without penalty by July 1st, 2011. Asharoken property taxes are only sent out once a year. Pre-printed return envelopes are included; please return to Asharoken Village Hall, Payable to "Inc. Village of Asharoken".

2011 Fireworks Show:

Your Asharoken village staff, Mayor and Trustees along with many volunteers are preparing for the annual fireworks show to be held **Monday, July 4th** (Rain-date July 5th).

The NYS DEC and US Fish & Wildlife personnel have been visiting our beaches regularly and monitoring the Piping Plovers. We appreciate the support from the residents and property owners who have assisted in this process for compliance.

New Message Board outside Village Hall:

Your Asharoken Board of Trustees has installed a new message board outside Village Hall. Up-to-date Village information will be posted.

Copies of trash schedules, ski permit applications, various fliers and important information will be available to pick up as well. Feel free to drive up and help yourself.

Blessing of the Fleet:

Northport Harbor Blessing of the Fleet will take place on Saturday, **June 18th at 10:45 a.m.** Approximately 100 boats are expected to parade by the Northport Village Dock for recognition by elected officials, Coast Guard personnel and blessing by clergy. Mayor Irving traditionally participates in this event. The day will include the opening of the Farmers Market, music and other activities in the Northport Village park area. All participating boats should gather at the entrance of Northport Harbor near the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Boat.

Village Handbook:

Enclosed is a first time published, Village handbook that outlines important information for all property owners. Before you plan your next project and are not sure if a building permit is needed, please refer to the handbook and as always, call the Village Clerk or Building Inspector for more specific information. The handbook also outlines permit fees, zoning requirements, driveway and curbing requirements, information on signage, etc. Compliance within our Village helps to enhance our property values and our Quality of Life. This handbook does not take the place of our Village Code Book which is available to review at Village Hall during normal business hours or for purchase.

Coastal Beach Clean Up:

Save the Date! The Coastal Clean-up event will take place Saturday, October 1st (Rain date October 2nd).

The Village sponsored a Coastal clean-up this past year that drew almost 300 volunteers that collected almost 2,900 pounds of trash on our beaches, including the Huntington Town's Asharoken beach, Asharoken Village beaches on the bay and LI Sound, Soundview beach, Hobart beach and the US Coast Guard Station at Eaton's Neck.

Asharoken Garden Club Members:

I would like to thank all the Asharoken Garden Club members who volunteered their time to plant the flowers and beautify our Village Hall.

Have a wonderful summer season.

Mayor Patricia Irving & your Board of Trustees