

Mayor's Report: August 6, 2024

The 4th of July was a day to remember with nice weather followed by the Village's traditional fireworks and bonfires. I thank and commend everyone for your cooperation in making fires that complied with the Village code. Your understanding made for another safe and fun holiday. Big thanks go out to Carole Casamassima, Linda Letica, and Kerry Kruckel for their efforts to fund raise \$11,000 to support the fireworks. I also thank the Asharoken Police Department, under the leadership of Officer in Charge Ray Mahdesian, for their efforts on the 4th of July to ensure a safe day for everyone.

If you have a fire hydrant on your property, please ensure that any vegetation surrounding it is cleared to ensure that the fire department can find and access it quickly.

The Village plans to restripe Asharoken Avenue from Village Hall to 285 Asharoken Avenue in the next few weeks. The work is expected to be done at night so there should be minimal impact on traffic. Once a final date is set, I will let you know.

The Village is continuing to work with the NYS DOT to finalize the master agreement to allow the Village to utilize the \$1,000,000 earmark from Senator Schumer to do an interim repair to the seawall. The Village will meet with GEI in the next week or two to have a kickoff meeting for engineering for seawall replacement and beach restoration. In addition, GEI will be looking at what the Village can do as a short-term project to bolster the most damaged part of the wall. The Village still has approximately \$25,000 of grant money to support this type of repair. I thank State Assemblyman Keith Brown for securing this grant for Asharoken.

Officer Jeff Josephson, who has worked on the Asharoken PD for 40 years, has accepted the Village's retirement incentive. He will be resigning as a full-time officer in September but will remain on the force as a part-time officer. Jeff has been an exemplary police officer and is a well-respected member of the Asharoken family. I want to thank him for his service and his commitment to continue serving the Village.