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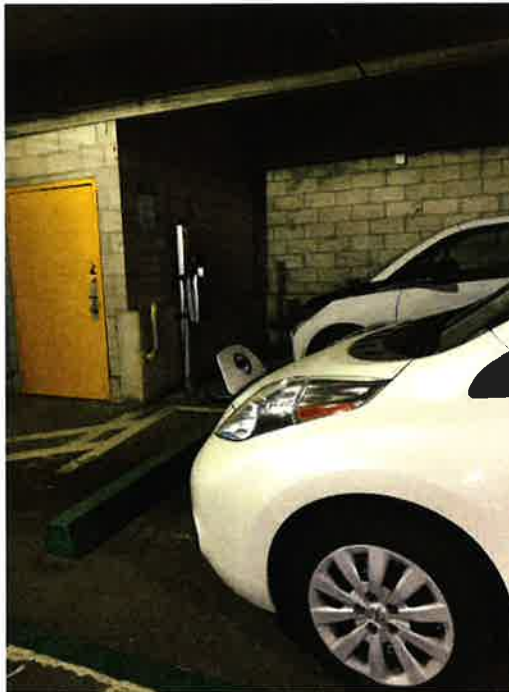
Village of Great Neck Plaza Earns Clean Energy Community Designation

Mayor Jean Celender and the Board of Trustees announce that the Village of Great Neck Plaza has been designated a Clean Energy Community by the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA), recognizing its leadership in reducing energy use, cutting costs and driving clean energy locally.

Announced by Governor Cuomo in August 2016, the \$16 million Clean Energy Communities initiative supports local government leaders across the state by providing grants to eligible municipalities to implement energy efficiency, renewable energy and sustainable development projects in their communities. Clean Energy Communities advances the Governor's Reforming the Energy (REV) strategy by demonstrating the importance of communities in helping New York reach its Clean Energy Standard mandate of having half of the state's electricity coming from renewable energy resources by 2030.

The Village of Great Neck Plaza received this designation for completing four out of ten high-impact clean energy actions identified by NYSERDA as part of the Clean Energy Communities initiative. In addition, the designation gives the Village a \$5,000 grant with no local cost share. At least two of the four actions must have been completed after August 1, 2016.

Mayor Celender stated, "We're thrilled that the Village has been designated a Clean Energy Community and look forward to working with NYSERDA on continuing to reduce our energy use, reduce GHG emissions, and implement clean energy initiatives as identified in our Climate Action Plan."



Pictured here is the Village's Zero Emission Vehicle (2017 Nissan Leaf) and Dual Port Public EV Charging Station in Plaza Centre Garage.

"I commend the Village of Great Neck Plaza for its commitment to reducing energy use while promoting clean energy alternatives in their community," said Alicia Barton, President and CEO, NYSERDA. "Under Governor Cuomo's leadership, Clean Energy Communities across the state are decreasing carbon emissions, reducing operating costs, and helping to preserve the environment by driving the use of clean, renewable energy and incorporating energy efficiency."

To earn the Clean Energy Community designation, the Village of Great Neck Plaza completed the following high-impact clean energy actions:

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Message from the Mayor

Dear Friends,

It's been a very exciting and busy summer here in the Village of Great Neck Plaza. It was a rather hot and wet summer throughout the New York City metropolitan area. It made it difficult to call our many outdoor events. We had a few rained out promenades, summer concerts and a couple of heat waves with three or more days above 90 degrees. It's also been a challenge to keep our flowering street planters and hanging flower baskets in a healthy state. Our DPW has been vigilant in watering them. It really adds to the beauty of our streetscape, reduces the heat island effect, and creates an inviting atmosphere in the downtown.

Our Tuesday night Summer Concerts in Firefighters' Park were well attended and also included a few new acts and had many different, talented musicians to perform live concerts. Only two concerts had to go indoors to the Great Neck Social Center due to rain. I want to thank the Great Neck Park District, Great Neck Social Center, Public Access Television Corporation, Great Neck Plaza Business Improvement District (BID) and all of our terrific businesses and individuals who sponsored our shows and helped us bring live music to the park for eleven weeks from mid-June through the end of August.

We also held four promenade nights hosted by our BID; two on Middle Neck Road and two on Bond Street. I want to thank Ron Edelson, Executive Director and Maria Coscia, Promotions Manager of the BID for their hard work on the promenade events. Also, kudos to our restaurateurs who participated in these events and came out onto the street by relocating their tables and chairs, in

some cases their entire restaurant, to serve patrons outdoors. Promenade nights, a popular favorite in the community, are a local block party to bring families and friends together. It's fun to dine al fresco on a summer night, learn new dances from professional dancers, watch a family movie and participate in a Karaoke contest. We can't wait for it all to start again next June!

Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Department of Transportation selected the Village of Great Neck Plaza to receive grant funding for its Transportation Enhancement Program (TEP) proposal for the Welwyn Road/Shorewood Drive area. The \$838,000 reimbursement grant is being utilized for the Plaza's revitalization efforts of this area, which is now under construction and is expected to continue through November.

Plans include improving safety by reconstructing new roadways with improved alignment for vehicular traffic, providing more visible pedestrian crossings, adding new brick sidewalks, installing new LED street lights, benches, and a public plaza with landscaping, new street trees, and tree pits. The TEP will add to our comprehensive program of providing traffic calming and pedestrian safety projects; totaling six significant improvements to enhance the community, making it more attractive, safer, more pedestrian-friendly and more walkable.

Sincerely,

Jean A. Celender, Mayor



34th Annual AutoFest & Street Fair Scheduled For Oct. 21st.

The Village of Great Neck Plaza, in conjunction with our Business Improvement District (BID), would like to extend an invitation to the 34th celebration of our Annual AutoFest and Street Fair! The Plaza's Annual AutoFest & Street Fair has been a part of the lives of Great Neckers for more than three decades. It brings us great pleasure to

announce the 34th Annual Auto Fest & Street Fair has been scheduled for Sunday, October 21st, from Noon to 5 p.m. In case of inclement weather, the fair will be held the following weekend; Sunday, October 28th. Parts of Middle Neck Road, Grace Ave, Bond Street, Cutter Mill, and North Station Plaza will be closed down temporarily for the enjoyment of fair-goers. Live music will fill the streets from several locations, there's various activities planned for children and fun events for all ages, including classic and special edition automobiles that are featured. For more information regarding the 34th Annual Auto Fest & Street Fair, please contact Village Hall, (516) 482-4500, or the BID at (516) 829-1301, shopgreatneck.com.

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- Streamlined the local approval processes for solar projects through adoption of the New York State Unified Solar Permit.
- Undertaking a community-based Solarize Campaign to reduce solar project costs through joint purchasing.
- Adopted a Benchmarking policy to track and report the energy use of the Village's municipal buildings.
- Establishing an Energize NY Finance Program that enables long-term, affordable Property Assessed Clean Energy financing for energy efficiency and renewable energy projects at commercial buildings and not-for-profits.
- Completed energy code enforcement training on best practices in energy code enforcement for the Village's Code Officers and Inspectors.
- Converting streetlights to energy efficient LED technology.
- Deployed a Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) in the Village's municipal vehicle fleet (Nissan Leaf) through a state grant of \$5,000 and vehicle rebates.

Cities, counties, towns and villages that complete at least four of ten high-impact clean energy actions are designated Clean Energy Communities and are eligible to apply for funding of up to \$250,000 with no local cost share and the option of receiving up to 25 percent paid in advance to support additional clean energy projects. NYSERDA is accepting applications for funding on a rolling basis through September 30, 2019 or until funds are exhausted, whichever comes first. Funds are being provided through the Clean Energy Fund and the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative.

Additional clean energy action items communities can take to achieve designation include:

- Performing energy efficiency and renewable energy upgrades to municipal buildings.
- Implementing Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) so residents can gain greater choice and control over energy use a group.
- Earning Climate Smart Communities Certification through the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) for developing a comprehensive program to reduce its carbon footprint and improve the environment.

Once all funding is exhausted for large or small/medium categories in a region, local governments designated a Clean Energy Community are eligible to apply for a \$5,000 grant, on a first-come, first-serve basis until such funds are exhausted.

Clean Energy Community Coordinators are also available at no charge to help communities to develop and prioritize clean energy goals; access easy-to-use resources such as guidance documents and case studies; and take advantage of available funding and technical assistance opportunities.

For more information on Clean Energy Communities, visit www.nyserdera.ny.gov/cec. Local government officials or employees can find contact information for their respective coordinator at <https://www.nyserdera.ny.gov/Contractors/Find-a-Contractor/Clean-Energy-Community-Coordinators> for assistance navigating the program.



The Village Says Farewell to an Icon: Mayor Celender honors John The Tailor with a Proclamation

After 46 years of running his successful tailoring business, Cinciripini Tailors at 1 Grace Avenue, John Cinciripini has decided to retire. The 83 year old tailor has decided to retire to spend more time with his family. John got into tailoring at just 12 years old, when he became an apprentice. John moved to America at the age of 23 and began working in a shop in Hempstead for ten years. After the shop went under, John decided to open up his own tailoring business in Great Neck Plaza after a sales clerk he knew from the shop suggested it would

be an excellent location to operate the business. Despite having a fear of the new business failing, John opened up the tailoring shop in 1972 and the first week of business, saw a lot of success. John says he owes a lot of his success



Pictured here, John the Tailor receiving a Proclamation from Mayor Celender to congratulate and thank him for his 46-year career of working in the Village of Great Neck Plaza.

to his family, his wife Paola and his four children: Daniel, Grace, Nancy, and Denise. Daniel, his only son, has gone on to be a top mechanic for many years, now working for Firestone. Grace, his eldest daughter is currently a pediatric ophthalmologist. His second eldest daughter, Nancy, passed away on July 6th, 2018. John is still mourning her loss. His third daughter, Denise, is a general practitioner. John feels “The people in Great Neck have been very good to me for 46 years; I thank them all for being my customers and

for being my friends.” Mayor Celender thanked John the Tailor with a proclamation at Village Hall to honor his long and fruitful service to the community. The Village will miss him.

An update on the Village's Monarch Butterfly Pledge

This summer, we've had numerous sightings of monarch butterflies in the Maple Drive planting bed, which is a good sign that our commitment to restoring the monarch butterfly population is working!

With the news of a revitalized monarch population, Mayor Celender had this to say: “I was proud to take the Mayor's Monarch Pledge. Thus far, Great Neck Plaza has completed a Village proclamation, supported our DPW to plant host species and pollinators in the Maple Drive parking lot, and provided public education through our newsletter and newspaper articles to get the word out to the public and to encourage homeowners, apartment dwellers and other villages and municipalities to join in our efforts.”



A monarch butterfly pictured here in our Maple Drive Street Parking Lot's Sanctuary. Photo taken by Great Neck resident Karen Fayley.

Local resident Robert Sedaghatpour, and Jeffrey Petracca were influential in identifying this issue to us and encouraging the Village to establish a monarch butterfly garden in the Maple Drive parking lot. They were helpful in determining a draft list of species to plant. We contacted our nurseries and bought some of their suggested host plants and pollinators. We're proud to participate in the National Wildlife Federation's challenge and help reduce the decline of the monarch butterfly. We have created a habitat and hope to encourage the monarch

butterfly to flourish in Great Neck. They're beautiful and add to the natural look of our sustainable, “green” Maple Drive Parking Lot. Hopefully as more time passes there will be more monarch butterfly sightings!

Shout Out to Our 2018 Summer Concert Series Sponsors

When the calendar shifts to June in Great Neck Plaza, you can be almost assured of one thing; Tuesday nights are music night! For over three decades, the summer concert series has been a staple of the Great Neck community, kicking off the start of summer with numerous evening concerts that last right up until the end of August. Like many concerts before it, the 2018 Summer Concert Series featured so many diverse musical styles and from all different eras. From the sounds of Motown, the British Invasion, classic rock's 'golden 60s,' opera, swing and the Mediterranean, concertgoers were taken on a magical journey of music's most celebrated sounds. The concert series brings out participants in large numbers every week regardless of how warm it was or the how high the percentage of rain was, and for that, we couldn't say thank you enough to those who joined us every Tuesday.

- **Inn at Great Neck**, 30 Cuttermill
- **Daruma of Tokyo**, 95 Middle Neck Road
- **Public Access Television Corporation (PATV)**, 1111 Marcus Avenue, Suite LL27



- **Mediterranean Seafood & Grill**, 132 Middle Neck Rd.
- **Nemat Development & Homes**, 565 Middle Neck Rd.
- **Richland Management Co.**, 10 Welwyn Rd.
- **Passes Dental Care**, 415 Northern Blvd.
- **Ed Ferry Mechanical Corp.**, 75 Watermill Ln.
- **Ronald Fatoullah/Ronald Fatoullah and Associates**, 60 Cutter Mill Rd #507
- **Best Bagels**, 40 Middle Neck Rd. #2
- **Bagel Hut**, 503 Middle Neck Rd.
- **Radson Development**, 77 Cuttermill Rd.
- **North Shore Farms**, 90 Horace Harding Boulevard

Additionally, we would like to thank the Great Neck Park District for allowing the Village to use beautiful Firefighters' Park and its gazebo as our summer concert series outdoor venue, as well as their park staff for their assistance each Tuesday night. Similarly, we thank the Great Neck Social Center for graciously permitting us to use the center as our indoor venue in the case of inclement weather. Furthermore, we would like to thank Tony Ventiera, the Village's sound engineer, Matt Cavanaugh, his assistant, and Al Magliano, concert series MC, for their contribution to the 2018 Summer Concert Series.

Along with the great musical acts that took part in the 2018 Summer Concert Series, the Village has another roster of exceptional people we wish to recognize; the remarkable 2018 Summer Concert Series sponsors! Desiring to do their part to support and celebrate this outstanding community program, members of the business community from the Great Neck peninsula and across the North Shore so generously donated to the Village to make this concert series happen. The Village would like to gratefully acknowledge and thank the following sponsors for their helpful support:

- **Mindy Greenberg, Realtor**, 11 Bond Street
- **Metropolitan Commercial Bank**, 111 Great Neck Road
- **EES Music and Entertainment/David Emanuel**
- **Great Neck Park District**, 65 Arrandale Ave
- **Great Neck Social Center**, 80 Grace Avenue
- **Great Neck Plaza BID**, 5 Bond Street
- **Great Neck Diner**, 14 Grace Avenue

Although we are sad the 2018 Summer Concert Series is over, we are immensely thankful for all those who participated in making this year's concert series an amazing experience. We eagerly look forward to organizing the 2019 Summer Concert Series, and would appreciate any feedback you may have going forward, including any bands you would like to see perform next summer. Send your input to Village Hall via email at mayorsassistant@greatneckplaza.net.

Start of Construction on the Great Neck Plaza Shoreward Drive/Welwyn Road Pedestrian and Bicyclist Enhancement Project (TEP)

The Mayor and Board of Trustees for the Village of Great Neck Plaza announce that a contract was recently awarded to J. Anthony Enterprises, Inc. of Hauppauge, NY for the construction of the Shoreward Drive/Welwyn Road Pedestrian and Bicyclist Enhancements Project (TEP). This award kicks-off the final phase of continuing efforts by the Village, New York State Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration to complete a federally-aided local transportation improvement and enhancements project awarded in 2014. J. Anthony Enterprises anticipates the start of construction by late August and work is expected to be substantially complete by November 30, 2018.

Stated Mayor Celender, "The Village of Great Neck Plaza is pleased to begin construction and bring to fruition this TEP grant to rehabilitate and enhance this busy, congested area of the Village." The proposed project will be a significant upgrade of the area, providing a greater visual experience and improving accessibility and safety for pedestrians, of all ages and physical capabilities, and bicyclists that utilize these facilities. The design will also provide traffic calming features in the area to improve vehicular safety and better accommodate the movement of passenger vehicles, commercial vehicles and NICE buses.

The Shoreward Drive/Welwyn Road Pedestrian and Bicyclist Enhancement Project (TEP) reconfigures the roadways of Shoreward Drive and Welwyn Road, from the Barstow Road roundabout to Gilchrest Road, and provides safety features to enhance pedestrian crossings by making them more highly visible to motorists, such as

a raised median and shoulder area curb extensions, similar to other locations improved throughout the Village. It will also provide new brick walkways consistent with the Village's standard in the downtown commercial district. Using innovative design concepts, such as raised crosswalks and "sharrow" (shared lane markings), it will promote pedestrian and bicycle activity and improve safety. All of the proposed project improvements are in conformance with the Village of Great Neck Plaza's Complete Streets Policy Guide, which was adopted by the Board in 2012.



Pictured here is the intersection between Shoreward Drive and Welwyn Road, where construction will be taking place.

The new roadway alignment, with reconfiguration of access arrangements in cooperation with the Great Neck Park District, and the addition of a public plaza in front of the U.S. Post Office will enable the Village to provide an economic development project to benefit this area and existing residential and commercial uses.

Mayor Celender further stated, "This project is part of our comprehensive

transportation improvement program for the Village that we have proactively developed over many years of obtaining state and federal grant projects. It's an infrastructure grant project that will greatly enhance the cultural and historic aspects of this area of the Village by improving overall aesthetics, providing new streetscape enhancements, while also serving to increase safety at night for pedestrians and bicyclists that utilize this corridor link adjacent to the historic Great Neck Train Station and U.S. Post Office." For more information, please contact Village Hall at (516) 482-4500, email Vincent Ferry, Mayor's Assistant, at mayorsassistant@greatneckplaza.net, or visit our website at www.greatneckplaza.net under "Traffic Calming."

Ninth Annual Poetry Contest Rules Announced!

The rules and dates for submission for the Village's 9th Annual Poetry Contest are finally here! Starting immediately, residents 18 years of age and above from Nassau, Suffolk, Queens, Manhattan, Bronx, and Brooklyn are invited to submit up to the three unpublished poems, along with an entry fee, non-refundable, of \$15. The entry fee can be payable by check or money order to Long Island Traditions. The poems may be on any subject, in any style, must have a title, and must not exceed more than 30 lines per poem. We also ask that poets type their poems in single-space format. Poets must include two copies of each poem, one anonymous and one with the poet's name and address below the poem. A cover sheet listing the poet's name, address, phone number and email address, and title of each poem, must be included as well when submitting an entry. Submissions are mailed to Village Hall, 2 Gussck Plaza, P.O. Box 440, Great Neck, NY 11022-0440.

Winners will be posted on the Village website, greatneckplaza.net. An Awards Day (TBD) reading will take place at the Great Neck Plaza court room on a Sunday in April for the winners of the 9th Annual Poetry Contest. The first prize winner will receive \$150 and a 20-minute reading at Awards Day, second prize winner will receive \$75 and a 10-minute reading, and the third place winner will receive \$50 and a 5-minute reading. There will also



be two awards for Honorable Mention; these poets will be invited to read their poems as well. Each of the three winning poems will be posted for one month on seven secure outdoor village sign posts, on the bulletin board in Village Hall, and in the waiting room of the Great Neck LIRR station. Honorable Mention poems will be posted for two weeks at the aforementioned locations.

In conjunction with Carolyn Raphael, VGNP's Poetry Coordinator, we are pleased to announce Suzanne Noguere will be contest judge for the upcoming poetry contest. Ms. Noguere is a poet whose work has appeared in many journals, among them *The Nation*, *Poetry*, and *The Literary Review*, and in several anthologies, including *A Formal Feeling Comes: Poems in Form by Contemporary Women*. She is the author of *Whirling Round the Sun (poems)* and two natural history children's books as well as co-author of the novel *The Stone House*, *A Blues Legend* and the musical play *Klub Ka*, *The Blues Legend*. She has received the "Discovery"/The Nation Prize, a Poetry Society of America award, and the University of Iowa Partnership in the Arts Award.

For additional information regarding the Village's 9th Annual Poetry Contest, please feel free to contact Village Hall, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., at (516) 482-4500. or Carolyn Raphael at gnpppoetry@yahoo.com.

The Village Welcomes The Galleria with a Ribbon Cutting

On July 21st the Village of Great Neck Plaza welcomed the Galleria residence with a Ribbon Cutting. In attendance were Village, Town, and County officials including Nassau County Executive Laura Curran, Nassau County Legislator Ellen Birnbaum, Town Supervisor Judi Bosworth, and Town Councilwoman Anna Kaplan. Located at 5 to 9 Grace Avenue, Galleria is a new mixed-use development of four stories with the ground floor dedicated to retail and three stories of apartments above by Nemat Development & Homes. An award-winning project recognized by Vision Long Island in 2017 it received its coveted Smart Growth Award. This transit-oriented development (T.O.D.) offers



residents proximity to the Plaza's retail stores and services in the heart of the village and it's located a block and a half from the Long Island Rail Road Great Neck train station. The building contains 30 residential apartment units (a combination of one and two bedroom units), with 4,000 sq. ft. of ground-level retail. It offers its residents many amenities, including on-site parking and a gym. This development is the first mixed-use development as a T.O.D. to be completed in Great Neck Plaza and fits into the broader goal of creating a transit-oriented village and additional housing affordability. A total of 3 affordable housing units are included in the Galleria.

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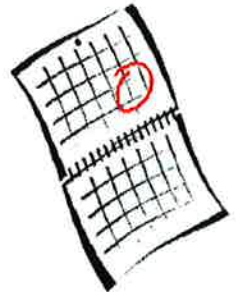
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Dates to Remember:

- **Sunday, October 21** - 34th Annual AutoFest and Street Fair, Noon to 5 p.m. (**Rain Date:** Sunday, October 28th)
- **Monday, October 8** - Columbus Day. ****Please Note, Village Hall will be closed in observance of the holiday.****



VGNP Business News

The Village is happy to welcome new businesses that are coming, have opened or have recently expanded their business within the Plaza. Stop in and greet these merchants and say "hello." They bring vitality, diversity and new services to our community. If you are a new storeowner in town, new management, or are celebrating a milestone anniversary, the Plaza would be happy to provide a free Ribbon Cutting Ceremony or help you celebrate your event. Just call the Mayor's Office at 482-4500. Some recent additions are:

- **Yahao Asian Cuisine** - 6 Bond Street (516) 829-3811 ***New Ownership***
- **Plaza Deli** - 14B South Station ***Coming Soon***
- **Art Portfolio Center** - 10 Grace Avenue, 2nd Floor (631) 742-0318 ***New Name***



Located at 27B Great Neck Road, Mr. Poke is Great Neck's first Poke Bowl restaurant. You may be asking yourself what is a Poke bowl? Originating from the Hawaiian Islands, poke is raw, fresh fish sliced into cubes or bite-size pieces, including raw tuna, salmon, chicken, shrimp, tofu, and even octopus! Open from 11:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M. If you have any questions about Mr. Poke, give them a call at (516) 482-0416.