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FROM THE VILLAGE OFFICE MAYOR JOSEPH A. McNULTY

Happy New Year to all! As we begin 2012, I'd like to take a moment and wish all our wonderful residents and their families a very happy, healthy and prosperous new year. It seems like not too long ago I was informing you of our upcoming village events and here we are into the new year and all our events have taken place and we are planning for the next couple of months.

I am pleased to inform you that all of our planned events were well attended and a success!

The **Annual Garage Sale** was once again a success for both the sellers and bargain hunters. I was told that we actually had to adhere to the cut off date as all spaces filled up rather quickly. The **Movie Night** featuring "Monsters Inc." turned out to be another success as more and more families turned out for the occasion. Despite the cold, damp weather our **11th Annual Pumpkin Run** had a stellar turn out. Close to

300 participants attended despite the damp cold day.

My thanks to the Lions Club and the Bay Shore Fire Department for the annual **Halloween Rag-a-Muffin Parade**. Each year it is entertaining to see the many costumed children parade through the village. This year's mild temperatures made the occasion even more enjoyable.

In preparation of the holiday season, we were once again happy to start the weekend off with the annual **Photos with Santa** at Wohseepee cabin. Santa and his many "elves" spent hours greeting children while taking memorable photos. At dusk Santa and the Bay Shore Fire Department assisted us in our **Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony**. This popular event is always enjoyed by many residents who avail themselves to the holiday music provided by the Bay Shore High School and Mr. Christopher Bilella.

The photos with Santa and the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony have become a tradition we all enjoy. It's always heartwarming

to see how many attend the tree lighting ceremony while enjoying hot chocolate generously donated by the Brightwaters Village Deli. My thanks to Pat for his many years of providing refreshments to all.

My many thanks to the countless volunteers, both upfront and those behind the scenes, who make these events possible. Without all of you, the village festivities would not be the same. As we enter into a new year, my hope is that we all continue to work together and help each other. This is what makes our community “The Crown Jewel on the Great South Bay.”

Along with the festivities and good times, the village has been busy at work. We continue to plan for the upcoming months including some road improvement projects.

Despite the economic hardships, we continue to maintain the village to the standards of which we all have been accustomed to while maintaining a stringent budget. Since our last newsletter, we have planted new trees around the village. Unfortunately we did lose some with Hurricane Irene and tried to plant replacements when possible. If you did not receive a replacement, you should be on the list for next year’s planting. Speaking of the hurricane, we have been working very closely with FEMA in getting reimbursement for the damages incurred by the village. We were very fortunate, however, there was still quite a bit of damage to be assessed. We are hopeful that FEMA funding will cover most of the costs we sustained.

In closing, I once again want to wish everyone a happy new year and may 2012 be filled with many blessings for all.



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REMINDERS FROM THE VILLAGE OFFICE STAFF

Please hold on to the enclosed

2012 Sanitation Schedule

for the year.

*This shows unlimited pick up
dates for spring and winter
clean up as well as other
important information.*

Boat Applications

Boat Applications are now being mailed out and are due back to the village office by March 1st to insure a spot for the 2012 season. If you have not received an application by mid January, please call the village office at 665-1280 to request one.

E-Mail Notification

We are continually updating our e-mail list. If you currently do not receive e-mail notifications from us, sign up by visiting the village’s website at www.villageofbrightwaters.com and adding your email address to the link. This will enable us to inform you of upcoming events and special advisories via email. Please be aware that we **DO NOT** share this information.

We encourage you to visit our newly designed village website www.villageofbrightwaters.com for all information and to download forms and permits.

Be sure to have sand or rock salt on hand for your steps and walkways, but please make sure your rock salt is environmentally safe. Have sufficient heating oil, or firewood available. Have flashlights and extra batteries. If you have a gas grill, make sure you have a full tank of propane and remember never bring a gas grill into your home for cooking or heating. Keep extra blankets nearby in the event you lose heat. If you have a pet, keep them inside and only let them out for short periods of time. Keep their water dishes in the house so they can't freeze. Keep your car's gas tank filled but try to minimize any travel if possible.

And one very last thing, please do not park your cars in the street when it is snowing, this makes it more difficult and less safe for our workers and snowplows to do their jobs. Also, please clear any snow around any fire hydrants located on your property.

Safety Reminder:

*Do not leave valuables in your car.
Ladies, take your pocketbooks with you.*

*Lock your car at all times.
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A word from our Board of Trustees

Trustee Robert Fischer **SAFETY & SECURITY**

In November the village held a special meeting dealing with the subject of home security. We invited members of the SCPD COPE team (Community Oriented Police Enforcement) as well as a home security system specialist and one of our own code enforcement officers. We continue to experience occasional thefts within the village, and the advice given by these professionals was reassuring. We can all work to make our village safe and secure by following the basic rules: lock your cars and homes, light your premises well, safeguard your valuables. Remember that all door to door vendors must have a license from the village.

Crimes of opportunity are discouraged by staying vigilant. Our code enforcement team provides coverage for about 18 hours of each day, but the best crime deterrent comes from the eyes and ears of the 3300 residents of our great village. Neighborhood Watch is a program sponsored by COPE that assists anyone who wants to organize a group of homes in keeping an eye on their area. The COPE officers said that anyone interested in organizing a Neighborhood Watch should call their office at 854-8308.

The Mayor is in the process of instituting a committee of professionals in the field to advise the village and any neighborhood watch group that may be formed.

Trustee Tim Cox **LAKES AND PARKS**

The holidays are here and our late Summer and Fall season was again very busy. We continued the successful outdoor Movie Night at Wohseepee Park, a wonderful event for all our kids (young and old) that attended. The annual Ice Cream Social was held on a beautiful night with awesome music provided by the band

directed by Ted Scalzo. The garage sale was again sold out. The beautiful weather and large crowds of shoppers made this a huge success for all. The Pumpkin Run faced some adverse weather but the brave runners made this annual event a success once again. Thank you to Alicia O'Connor and all the volunteers that made it through that rainy day.

Halloween brought our annual Rag-A-Muffin parade down Windsor to the Park. This is another yearly event that helps to make our Village so special. Our pictures with Santa and tree lighting at the head of the canal saw a large crowd both young and old waiting for Santa's arrival on the fire truck. Many thanks to the Bay Shore Fire Dept., the Choir and all the volunteers who handed out cookies and hot chocolate.

I would like to take this time to wish all of you a wonderful holiday season and a happy and healthy New Year. What a great time of year to pause and give thanks for all the blessings in our lives.

Trustee Charles Fischer **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

With the fall season clearly in our rear view mirror, its time to complete our preparations for the upcoming winter. The public works department has already prepared our equipment to handle any early snow falls. Plows are ready, sand and salt are ready, and so are the public works department employees. They stand ready to do whatever is necessary to keep our roads safe and passable throughout this winter.

But are you ready? In the past couple of years, we have experienced some very nasty Nor'easters, with dangerously low temperatures, severe icing, heavy snowfall and freezing rain, all conditions that can immobilize an entire region. While we may have been fortunate, not to lose power, heat or communication, we still need to be ready for that winter storm that can disrupt our lives.

Here are some simple guidelines to prepare you for the perils of winter. Have your shovel, snow blower and gasoline readily accessible.

New Residents

Stop in at the Village Office with a copy of your deed so that we can update our village records from the previous owner and provide you with a welcome package.

Street Lights

If you notice a street light out or on during the daytime, please contact the D.P.W. at 665-4646 to report it.



Winter Weather Safety

- ❄ *Keep fire hydrants clear of all snow and debris.*
- ❄ *Remove all vehicles from the roadway whenever there is snow. This will allow the plows to get through and clean up more thoroughly.*
- ❄ *Shovel a path to your mailbox and garbage pails to insure delivery of mail and garbage pick up.*
- ❄ *Make sure your house number is visible from the street and visible in the dark.*

Permits

Prior to starting any work, call the building inspector to insure you have the proper permits in place. All permits are available at the village office or on our village website. This includes driveway, building, fence, outdoor storage (ie: PODS), dumpsters, etc.

Christmas Trees

Christmas trees will be picked up curbside on your regularly scheduled landscape day during the month of January.

Public Notices

All public notices are printed in the Islip Bulletin as well as posted at the Village Office, Post Office, Library, Peter Pan Diner, Ackerson Agency and Wohseepee Park Cabin.



At its regular November meeting the Board of Trustees voted unanimously to rescind a long standing policy that offered health insurance at no cost to elected officials who needed it. This policy was never a substantial part of the village budget, but the current economic downturn coupled with uncertainty concerning future insurance costs made this subject worth a serious discussion. We thank everyone who expressed their opinions publicly and in private. Brightwaters continues to be one of the most soundly financed villages in the state, and we believe this action will help ensure its continued vigor.



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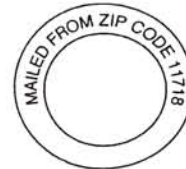
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