



# HEMPSTEAD VISIONS

November 2013

## Taking Pride in Our Village

I am immensely proud to be the Mayor of Hempstead. Yes, every mayor feels that way about his or her town. But I consider myself particularly lucky. Hempstead is a village that is on the rise, with a diverse and dynamic population that is committed to creating a better future for our children. The accomplishments our village has made over the last year have put us on track for greater improvements in our overall quality of life.

We've come together to take a stand against gun violence with gun buyback programs and public safety forums; and we are working to implement much stronger and more effective anti-violence and anti-crime initiatives. We've implemented a Village Line (516-478-6333) to give you greater access and to more quickly and effectively address your concerns. We've taken great steps to provide for the future with the Downtown Revitalization Plan, including improving employment opportunities for the hard-to-employ. And because we are a village whose residents are like a family, we've memorialized Tyree Curry, a former Hempstead principal and village photographer, by raising scholarship funds with the 5K Healthy Hempstead Race.

Of course, the upkeep of our Village, the unheralded day-to-day work necessary to keep our streets clean and services functioning at optimal levels, is challenging. But we are committed to improving Village sanitation and are developing a resident-centered Pride in Hempstead initiative that will partner with neighborhood block captains and local civic organizations to create a cleaner village and give the thumbs down to those who litter. The accomplishments of our Department of Public Works, which you can read about on the back of this mailer, have been significant. And perhaps no recent activity better encapsulated the dedication to our youth and spirit of cooperation of our residents, than the recent rebuilding of Mirschel Park.

On Saturday, September 14th, the Village of Hempstead built our very own KaBoom playground. KaBoom is a national non-profit that builds safe, affordable playgrounds to inspire children to lead more active lives. Over 200 volunteers from the Hempstead

Chamber of Commerce, Amneal Pharmaceuticals, organizers from KaBoom, and Village residents, all gathered at Mirschel Park to work toward one goal: providing a safe recreational space for Village children. I was honored to be involved.



By the end of the day we had built a fully functioning playground that provides over 700 Hempstead Village children with a safe place to play right in their own neighborhood. Not only do children get to enjoy this new park, they had a hand in designing it, too. The final layout of the playground was inspired by suggestions from children who participated in a Design Day event in July. This wonderful new playground came at no cost to the Village; the project was generously sponsored by Long Island-based Amneal Pharmaceuticals and the KaBoom Organization.

The KaBoom Build Day displayed the best of the Village of Hempstead: residents working together for no other reason than to help out their community. I urge you to get involved in Village activities, volunteer for community projects, sign on for Hempstead Clean-Up Day when it arrives in the Spring, help mentor a child or provide tutoring to a student in need. If you see something out of place in our Village, call or text our Village Line (516-478-6333) to report it. If it's an emergency, call 911. We are all in this together, and it is only through working together that we will make our Village the best it can be.

Sincerely,

Wayne J. Hall, Sr., Mayor

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# Checking in With Our Department of Public Works

The Hempstead Village Department of Public Works (DPW) is invaluable to the day-to-day functioning of the Village. Since 2012, the DPW has performed renovations and repairs that have significantly improved our Village. Many of these works are behind the scenes or under ground, and as such often go unnoticed. It is due time to highlight the great work of our Village DPW.

## DPW BY THE NUMBERS

**55**

Storm drains repaired

**25,000**

Feet of sewers cleaned\*

**1,500**

Feet of new water main pipes\*

**6,000**

Feet of sewers repaired\*

**25**

Point repairs on existing water mains

**2.25**

Miles of newly constructed roadway

\* (Approximate)



*Don't forget, if you see a problem in the Village....*  
**Call the Village Line! (516) 478-6333**