



HEMPSTEAD VISIONS

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Message From Mayor Hall



The downtown revitalization project is well on its way to becoming a reality. Working with the Community Benefits Agreement Committee, whose members represent the community, we have crafted an agreement that will bring more jobs and economic opportunities to our village. I aim to ensure that our residents and business owners get the greatest benefits from the development, including an improved quality of life.

We, however, cannot wait until the renovation begins. Recently, there has been an increase in litter on Village streets. Litter is detrimental to our health and environment, and cleanup costs significant taxpayer dollars.

I have begun a Pride in Hempstead Campaign aimed at cleaning up our village. That campaign will work in partnership with residents, business owners and our schools to rid our streets of litter.

So, in addition to asking you to help me keep our village cleaner, starting now, those who litter will be ticketed and fined. Littering is a crime and those who do it will be punished.

To emphasize how serious I am about this, I have begun taking weekly walking tours around our village, accompanied by Code Enforcement Officers, to see where litter is accumulating. I have directed them to hand out summonses when they see folks littering or businesses that are not in compliance.

See the sanitation schedule on the other side of this mailer to learn how you can properly dispose of trash and recyclables. Working together we can make our village cleaner, safer and better.

Sincerely,

Wayne J. Hall, Sr.
Mayor of the Incorporated Village of Hempstead

Providing a Quick Response in a Time of Need



Superstorm Sandy caused much damage to the Village in October. Thanks to our Department of Public Works employees, debris was cleaned up quickly and efficiently:

- More than 150 trees fell in the Village, blocking an estimated 40 roads. **The DPW cleared all trees within one day after the storm ended.**
- An estimated 450 tree limbs were scattered throughout the Village (approximately 150 large and 300 small limbs). **The DPW cleared all limbs within two-and-a-half weeks.**
- Thirty-two houses were damaged by fallen trees, and 35 trees fell into residents' yards. **The DPW removed all trees by November 15.**
- More than 6,000 cubic yards of tree debris was collected from front yards, curbs and sidewalks. **The DPW removed all debris by November 15.**
- A total of 150 tree stumps and trees were uprooted, damaging nearby curbs and roads. **The DPW will have all curbs repaired and uprooted trees removed by mid-January.**

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DPW: Hard at Work

The Hempstead Village Department of Public Works (DPW) is taking critical steps toward improving our infrastructure and has a number of upcoming repairs scheduled. Over the course of the next few months, the Village DPW looks to complete the following projects to ensure safety for all residents and businesses.

Project #1: Road Reconstruction

Road repair is one of the Village's largest capital expenditures, and Mayor Hall and the Board of Trustees have created a long-term capital plan to continue infrastructure projects. In addition to soliciting state aid, the Village administration continually seeks third-party funding to offset costs. A total of five roads will be repaired in the coming months:

- Crowell Street, Bedell Avenue and New Court are currently in progress and, weather-permitting, will be completed by the end of December.
- Martin Avenue and Tennessee Avenue projects will begin at the end of the winter season.

Project #2: Storm Drainage/Catch Basin Improvement Program

To ensure that the sewer systems and water remain clean, the Village is constructing curbs, gutters and sidewalks. The DPW is also installing catch basins, which will prevent heavier sediment and small objects from entering the storm drainage pipes and sewer system. Currently, the Village is installing:

- An estimated 76 new catch basins (35 completed as of December 1, 2012)
- Approximately 700 feet of curb and gutter
- Approximately 1,200 square feet of sidewalk

Project #3: Sanitary Sewer Improvement Program

The primary concern of Mayor Hall and the Village administration remains the safety and wellness of all Hempstead residents and employees. To that end, Hempstead has begun:

- Cleaning and spot repairing 4,000 feet of sewer pipe lines
- Installing 3,000 linear feet of new pipe lines for sewers in need of total rehabilitation
- Improving/replacing manholes Village-wide

Project #4: Water Main Improvement Program

This project has been developed to replace the most deteriorated water mains in the Village system (based upon frequency of water main breaks). To avoid future problems, it is necessary the DPW make the following upgrades:

- Install 4,000 linear feet of water main (2,000 feet completed as of December 1, 2012)
- Connect 110 residencies to the water main

Project #5: Emergency Water Main Program

The Village has been given a budget for 1,000 feet of new water main to install in case of a water main break or emergency. This main will be available to use in the case of any unforeseen challenges. With the main readily available, DPW crews will be able to repair breaks and restore service to your homes and businesses quickly.

Village of Hempstead Sanitation/Recycling Department Schedule

In 2013, The Village paper/cardboard recycling program will remain on the new Wednesday schedule that began in 2012.

Paper/Cardboard Collection Day and Holiday Procedure

- ✓ Paper/cardboard collection day is on Wednesday only. Be sure to bundle and tie paper (not to exceed 2ft. L x 2ft. W) and cardboard (not to exceed 4ft. L x 2ft. W).
- ✓ If a holiday falls on a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday, paper/cardboard collection is the following Wednesday.
- ✓ If there are consecutive weekly holidays on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, paper/cardboard collection day is the Saturday of that week.

2012-2013 Holidays	Paper/Cardboard Collection Day
■ Martin Luther King Day, Monday, January 21, 2013	■ Wednesday, January 30, 2013
■ President's Day, Monday, February 18, 2013	■ Wednesday, February 27, 2013
■ Memorial Day, Monday, May 27, 2013	■ Wednesday, June 5, 2013
■ Independence Day, Thursday, July 4, 2013	■ Wednesday, July 10, 2013
■ Labor Day, Monday, September 2, 2013	■ Wednesday, September 11, 2013
■ Columbus Day, Monday, October 14, 2013	■ Wednesday, October 23, 2013
■ Veterans Day, Monday, November 11, 2013	■ Wednesday, November 20, 2013

Please note that while the holidays remain the same year to year, the dates of the holidays vary, and the modified collection day will be affected accordingly.