

PRESS RELEASE

HEMPSTEAD VILLAGE MAYOR HALL SWORN-IN FOR SECOND TERM HEMPSTEAD VILLAGE TRUSTEES HENRY CONYERS, LIVIO ROSARIO AND VILLAGE JUSTICE TANYA HOBSON-WILLIAMS SWORN-IN



Hempstead, NY –Village of Hempstead Mayor Wayne J. Hall, Sr. was sworn in for his second term in office by Nassau County Executive Thomas R. Suozzi on April 6, 2009 at Hempstead on the Green. Re-elected Trustee Henry Conyers, newly-elected Trustee Livio A. Rosario and Village Justice Tanya Hobson-Williams were also sworn-in during the ceremony before the Board of Trustees, community leaders and residents.

“We have seen great progress over the past four years and look forward to continuing to bring our Village back,” declared Mayor Hall. “I am proud to announce that we have turned around the deficit, the Village is experiencing its second straight surplus, we’ve received an A rating from Standard and Poor’s and we have repaired our roads.”

“We are moving towards a better quality of life in Hempstead,” added Deputy Mayor Henry Conyers. “We have been successful in our commitment to strong and prudent fiscal policies, and will continue to do so.”

Most recently, the Village announced a second-consecutive surplus year, with a general fund recording a net surplus of \$7.2 million. The administration also secured \$15 million in grants, added new Department of Public Works equipment and road rehabilitation vehicles while repairing more than 60 roads since taking office in 2005.

“There have been numerous improvements under the leadership of Mayor Hall,” stated Trustee Livio A. Rosario. “I look forward to working with the administration, community leaders and residents to continue to improve our area.”

The Terrace Avenue initiative is just one example of the administration’s push to increase public safety in the Village. The Village of Hempstead has seen its drug crime rate fall by 87%. The Village has benefited from increased police patrols, job training education assistance, and alcohol and drug counseling programs.

Village Justice Tanya Hobson-Williams plans to continue new Village Court programs that were implemented after her appointment in November 2008. “Our new mentoring programs enable our youth to work in our courtroom and have the experience of sitting behind the bench instead of appearing before me in front of the bench,” she explained.

The ceremony featured the presentation of the colors by the Hempstead Police Department Ceremonial Unit, interfaith reflections by community reverends and pastors, and musical performances by the Hempstead High School Choir and other groups.