



From The Desk of Mayor Don Ryan

Week of June 12, 2017

With June 21 marking the official start of summer, our Department of Parks and recreation has put together a fabulous and fun-filled schedule of activities for village residents of all ages to enjoy throughout the season.

One of my favorite outdoor activities is our summer concert series that will be held at Denton Green across from Hempstead Village Hall (99 Nichols Court) every Friday evening at 7 p.m. during the months of July and August.

There's also a wide variety of programs for our youth to enjoy, including boxing, swimming, cooking and ceramic classes, volleyball, tennis lessons, music camp and much more. Our highly popular Summer Camp Program for children ages 7-12 offers all kinds of exciting activities during the five week program that starts on July 5. For those interested, there's still time to sign up for Summer Camp, but hurry because registration ends on June 23.

For our seniors, mark your calendar for the First Annual Mayor Don Ryan Senior Citizen Picnic that will be held on Friday, August 18 from 12-4 p.m. in the Kennedy Park gym.

Whatever your plans are for the summer, I hope you'll take advantage of some of what we have to offer here in Hempstead Village. For a complete list and description of all of our summer programs, our *Parks and Recreation 2017 Summer Program Guide* is available online. Just go to www.villageofhempstead.org and navigate to the Parks and Recreation page.

This Week's Best of Hempstead



This week's Best of Hempstead award goes to Kailah Williams, a Hempstead High School senior who plans to study nursing this fall at Lincoln University in Pennsylvania. Kailah recently received the inaugural Barbara V. Powell Sr. Leadership Award from the Hempstead NAACP during the organization's 35th annual Freedom Fund luncheon.

This prestigious award was created by Hempstead NAACP vice president Barbara Powell in memory of her mother, Barbara V. Powell Sr., who served as the chapter's president for more than 25 years and passed away in 2014. Kailah was chosen for her commitment in furthering her education and her involvement in the community where she regularly tutors elementary school students, is part of the Hempstead High School student government, serving as second vice president of the senior class, and recently won an essay contest sponsored by the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration Committee of Nassau County for a piece she wrote on Dr. King's impact on her life.

Kailah also enjoys sports and played on the high school volleyball team, ran track and was a cheerleader. She is a shining example of one of Hempstead's youth finding success and headed toward a bright future. Congratulations, Kailah. We are honored to recognize your achievements and proud to name you this week's Best of Hempstead.

Sincerely,

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Don Ryan
Mayor of the Incorporated Village of Hempstead