



From The Desk of Mayor Don Ryan

Week of September 4, 2017

As we say goodbye to summer and another school year begins our thoughts also turn to the fall season that lies ahead. Here in Hempstead Village, this time of year brings a steady stream of meaningful activities. Below are several taking place in September that you might be interested in. Future columns will reveal other events being held in the Village as the fall season progresses.

For starters, we will be hosting a We Will Never Forget ceremony as part of a National Day of Remembrance for the victims, fallen heroes and families of those touched by the 9/11 tragedies. It's sometimes hard to imagine this horrible event took place almost 16 years ago and how much the world has changed since then. This somber tribute will take place on Monday, September 11, at 12:30 p.m. at Denton Green Park, across from Village Hall (99 Nichols Court).

On Saturday, September 16, get ready for an action packed afternoon when Hempstead joins Nickelodeon for the 7th consecutive year of Get Up, Get Out and Play. This family-fun event encourages children and parents to put down their electronic devices, get active, stay healthy and play outdoors. Among the activities on tap include double-dutch rope skipping, hula-hoop, dancing, tennis, basketball, football, a kickball contest and more. The fun starts at 12 noon and runs until 3 p.m. at Kennedy Memorial Park (335 Greenwich Street)

Monday, September 18, Hempstead recognizes National Recovery Month with an event that focuses on the effects and benefits of recovery from mental illness and substance abuse. Sadly, one in five Americans will suffer some type of anxiety disorder at some point in their lives. This sobering fact shows how important both education and treatment is to combat this growing problem. Experts will be on hand that evening from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Kennedy Memorial Park to help those seeking help on a wide range of mental health topics.

For more details about any of these events and other's on our calendar, please visit the village website at: www.villageofhempstead.org or call Juanita Hargwood at 516-478-6286.

This Week's Best of Hempstead



This week's honors for Best of Hempstead go to Marion Terry, an incredible woman who dedicated her life to advance her community and sought social justice for so many worthwhile causes. Sadly, Marion passed away recently but her countless contributions will continue to live on and be remembered.

Marion was born in Harlem but eventually made her way to Hempstead Village, a place she called home for more than 50 years. Before and after her retirement from the Nassau County Department of Probation, Marion was involved in numerous endeavors. She was an officer of the Nassau Chapter of the National Organization for Women (NOW) where she helped launch a series of initiatives to procure management level positions for women in Nassau County Government. These efforts resulted in the first female commissioners ever to serve in Nassau County.

Marion had a familial connection to sickle cell disease and saw a need for people with sickle cell anemia to have an advocate in hospital emergency departments who were not being treated properly. Her advocacy helped lead to better treatment and thanks to a partnership she forged with the NYS Department of Health she was able to bring conferences and workshops to Nassau to help educate medical professionals as well as the public more about this terrible disease.

Marion also founded the African American Health Education and Development Foundation, known as A.H.E.A.D., an organization concerned with improving the health and economic status of the African heritage community. She was the leading voice behind the Nassau County Minority Task Force during the tenure of former Nassau County Executive Tom Suozzi, providing many policy recommendations to his administration.

Marion was also active in many other important causes such as breast health, HIV/AIDS, Boys and Girls Club of Hempstead, the NAACP and more. She was clearly a woman who gave so much of herself to advance the lives of so many others.

Marion, we posthumously honor you as one of Hempstead's best and know you are in a better place smiling down on all of us.

Sincerely,

Don

Don Ryan
Mayor of the Incorporated Village of Hempstead