



Week of January 8, 2018

From The Desk of Mayor Don Ryan

With the recent spell of frigid weather and knowing that we still have a couple of more months of winter weather ahead I thought it would be a good idea to review the heating regulations established by the Hempstead Village Building Department which owners and superintendents are required to follow:

From September 15 thru May 31 landlords must maintain buildings at a minimum temperature of 68 degrees to all habitable rooms.

During normal business days, if your heat is not being operated within those guidelines, please call the main switchboard at 516-489-3400 and hit option #5 for the Building Department.

An inspector is also available on the weekends throughout the heating season. Residents can call 516-478-6364 to report no heat. On "extremely" cold days during the week an inspector will be available until 7:00 p.m.

The building department also suggests that your building's tenants' association designate one or two people to make any necessary calls, if possible. This will help speed response time considerably.

Heat is essential in our lives during the winter months and every tenant should be provided with that basic need. The Village of Hempstead will do everything possible to make sure that landlords meet their responsibility and follow guidelines in supplying this service to tenants in the community.

Next Monday, we will celebrate the birthday of civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Here in Hempstead Village we will pay tribute to Dr. King during our annual parade being held in conjunction with the United People's Organization, which will be held on Monday, January 15 at 9:00 a.m. Kennedy Memorial Park (335 Greenwich Street) will serve as the parade starting point and will end at Miracle Christian Center (334 Fulton Avenue) where a brief ceremony will follow and will feature a keynote address by Pastor Charlena Hamlin Crutch from the Refuge Citadel of Hope church in Roosevelt.

We will always cherish Dr. King's accomplishments. Although April of 2018 will mark 50 years since his death, his ideals and examples continue to sustain us as we work towards true freedom. Remembering the man and his ideals not just on his birthday, but every day, is the greatest gift we can ever give to him. And ourselves.

On another note, a few other noteworthy activities I wanted to bring to your attention.

The Village will be hosting several Tax Grievance Workshops in the coming weeks. The seminars will take place on:

- Friday, Jan. 19, at United Methodist Church (40 Washington Street) from 1-2 p.m.
- Monday, Jan. 22, at Hempstead Public Library (115 Nichols Court) from 6-7 p.m.
- Wednesday, Jan. 24, at Kennedy Memorial Park (335 Greenwich Street) from 12-1 p.m.

These seminars offer a great opportunity for any resident interested in learning the steps to file a tax grievance, including the process of property valuation and how to file an appeal on the assessed value of your property. Filing is free and members from the Village's Department of Assessment will be on hand to answer questions and provide useful information, including all the necessary applications should you decide to submit a tax grievance. This year's filing period runs from February 1 through February 20. For more information call 516-478-6208 or visit the Village website at www.villageofhempstead.org

On Monday, January 22, the Village, in conjunction with the National Action Network, Nassau County Chapter, Hope for Change and NAACP Hempstead Branch will be holding Part II of School to Prison Pipeline. This valuable forum will feature a number of local and outside experts who will further explore establishing solutions in addressing this critical issue and follows in the footsteps of Part I, which was held last October and drew rave reviews. The program will be moderated by Ama Kari-Kari Yawson, a noted author and national speaker on a variety of social issues and will take place at 7:00 p.m. at Kennedy Memorial Park (335 Greenwich Street). For more information, please contact Dr. David Gates at 516-478-6436, Marcellus Morris, Sr. at 516-605-5535 or E. Reginald Pope at 516-710-6960.

Sincerely,

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