



Week of January 15, 2018

From The Desk of Mayor Don Ryan

The New Year is less than a month old but there's already a steady stream of activity and good news happening in and around Hempstead Village. For starters, to kick-off the celebration of our 375th anniversary in 2018, we recently launched a new website (www.hempstead375.com) that's specifically dedicated to this important milestone. There, residents will find a wealth of information including upcoming events, historical overviews and timeline, ways to get involved and additional news about the 375th anniversary. The website will be updated throughout the year so residents are encouraged to check back periodically to stay apprised of scheduled events and activities. I hope you'll take some time to visit the website and more importantly, join the celebration by becoming an active participant in some of the upcoming events that will take place in the coming months.

I am also pleased to report that overall crime for the year-end 2017 was down significantly in Hempstead Village and dropped by double digits in almost every major category. Based on year-end figures that compared 2016 to 2017, total crime was down 19 percent and has fallen by 29 percent over a five year average since 2012.

Among the year-end figures, violent crime, including homicide, rape, robbery and felony assault was down 15 percent, with robbery dropping 30 percent. Property crime, which includes burglary, grand larceny and automobile theft dropped by 22 percent. In addition, shooting victims decreased by 43 percent.

When compared to the five-year average (2012-2016), violent crime Hempstead Village was down 26 percent, while property crime was down 31 percent. The most notable statistically significant decrease in crime over the five-year average include robbery and burglary, down 48 percent and 45 percent respectively.

The major drop in crime further validates the outstanding work performed by the men and women in our Police Department each and every day in protecting and serving our residents. Across the board we are seeing numbers that clearly show the programs, procedures and technologies we have in place are effective. And while we are always looking at ways to improve, it's certainly encouraging knowing that our law enforcement efforts are making a positive difference.

Other important information I wanted to bring to your attention involves potential job opportunities being offered through two local unions. The first involves the Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee for Plumbers, Local Union #200, which is conducting a recruitment through March 28 seeking 20 plumber apprentices. Applications must be completed, in person only, at Local Union #200, located at 375 Central Avenue, Bohemia, between the hours of 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. every Wednesday during the recruitment period. All applications must be received by March 28, 2018. For more information, interested applicants can call Local Union #200 at 631-567-3083 or the New York State Department of Labor's Long Island office at 516-934-8521.

In addition, the Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee for Road and Heavy Construction Laborers, Local #1298 is conducting recruitment through February 8 for 25 skilled construction laborers. Applications can be obtained in person at Local Union #1298, located at 1611 Locust Avenue, Bohemia, Tuesday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. during the recruitment period. Applications will be capped at 350 submissions and must be received no later than February 16, 2108. For more information, interested applicants can call Local Union #1298 at 631-218-1376 or the New York State Department of Labor's Long Island office at 516-934-8521.

Both of these are great opportunities to get in on the ground floor and learn a trade that can become a steady, long-term career. I encourage our eligible residents to take advantage by going through the application process. And for anyone who knows someone who might be interested, please pass this information along.

This Week's Best of Hempstead



This week's Best Hempstead honors are extended to Margaret P. Nealy-Bean. Born in Mineola, Margaret was raised in Hempstead Village and as the child of parents who were both preachers received the call of God early on in life. Despite that, Margaret struggled as a teen and young adult but eventually turned her life completely around and has strung together a list of accomplishments that is nothing short of amazing.

Besides becoming an ordained minister and pastor, Margaret is the author of three books. Last December, Margaret brought her newly written play "*The Game Changer*" to Hempstead Village as part of a tour that is still in production. The play, about relationships and the perils of the dating game in today's society, was such a hit Margaret might be bringing it back to Hempstead at some point in the future. She's also looking at several other projects with hopes of eventually cracking the big screen and television as well.

In addition, Margaret serves as a motivational speaker, sharing her spiritual beauty and other life experiences with various audiences. Margaret the proud mother of four daughters and four beautiful grandchildren as well.

Even though Maryland has been her home for the past 26 years, Margaret still visits Hempstead Village often to visit with family and friends. She attributes her time growing up there as the inspiration that has led her on her journey through life so far and spurs her desire to continue giving back through her multiple God-given talents. For those interested in learning more about Margaret you can visit her website at www.msmargaretpbean.com

Congratulations, Margaret on being named one of Hempstead's best. We wish you continued success in all of your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

Don

Don Ryan
Mayor of the Incorporated Village of Hempstead