



Week of January 22, 2018

From The Desk of Mayor Don Ryan

By now you should have received a 2018 Sanitation-Recycling Guide that was mailed to residents earlier this month. This brochure provides monthly calendars for both trash pickup and recycling along with a holiday schedule indicating any changes from the normal collections cycle. There are also sections in both English and Spanish that offer guidelines to follow for both trash collection and recycling that should prove useful as well as phone numbers to call should there ever be any questions. Sanitation collection and recycling are an important part of maintaining a pleasurable quality of life here in Hempstead Village so I hope you keep the guide in a place for easy future reference. A digital version of the brochure can also be found on the Village's website at www.villageofhempstead.org. Following the guidelines will help ensure that our sanitation and recycling efforts run smoothly and make a positive contribution to our environment.

I also wanted to extend a warm welcome and congratulations to Charlene Thompson who was recently appointed Commissioner of the Hempstead Village Community Development Agency. Charlene's extensive background will be a major plus as she leads the CDA and helps further advance the ongoing economic revitalization of our Village. As Chairman of the Hempstead Village CDA I look forward to working with Charlene and the great contributions she will bring to her new assignment.

On another note, I thought it was worthwhile in bringing attention again to 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, lucrative, 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 so they can apply.

This Week's Best of Hempstead



Hempstead High School senior Frank Palma receives this week's Best of Hempstead honors. Born in Honduras, Frank came to the U.S. about eight years ago and has been living in Hempstead Village ever since. Last summer while attending the Summer Stem Program at Cooper Union's Albert Nerken School of Engineering he was challenged to create a new invention. The result: the *Ultrasonic Ranging Device*, a product that attaches to a hat and helps visually impaired people by emitting different sounds to warn them of obstacles at certain distances. Frank received a temporary patent but is not sure if he will be able to take his invention full circle into production due to the costs involved. Still, the experience has inspired Frank to look at other possible inventions, though his true interest is studying computer science in college this fall. Schools on his dream list include Northeastern and Stony Brook University. Frank is currently taking advanced calculus courses at Nassau Community College to better prepare him for college.

Besides his academic interests, Frank played varsity soccer for three years at Hempstead High School and has been playing the alto saxophone since fifth grade. He also serves as President of the Hempstead Economic Opportunity Commission's Youth Council and is an active member of the Hempstead Youth Advisory Council as well. Quite a young man.

Frank is another example of a Hempstead youth who is on the right path toward future success. Congratulations, Frank, for being named one of Hempstead's best. Best of luck in all of your boundless pursuits.

Sincerely,

Don

Don Ryan
Mayor of the Incorporated Village of Hempstead