



Week of April 2, 2018

From The Desk of Mayor Don Ryan

This week I wanted to share with residents several worthwhile programs taking place in our Village. For starters, on Wednesday, April 11, Hempstead's Community Development Agency (CDA), in conjunction with TD Bank's Community Outreach Services, will be hosting a Financial Literacy Workshop designed to offer strategies to those challenged with planning a budget, managing money or struggling with living paycheck to paycheck. The workshop will be held at Union Baptist Church located at 24 Clinton C. Boone Place, starting at 6 p.m.

On Monday, April 16 Hempstead's CDA and Long Island Housing Services, Inc. will present a Foreclosure Prevention Workshop, a valuable program for those having trouble making mortgage payments, have already fallen behind or are in default or facing foreclosure. Topics that will be addressed include foreclosure prevention counseling, loan modifications and legal services assistance. The Workshop will be held at Kennedy Memorial Park, located at 335 Greenwich Street, beginning at 6 p.m.

Both workshops are made possible through a grant by the Local Initiatives Support Coalition. Those interested in attending either event should register in advance by calling 516-485-5737 ext. 221.

I also wanted to remind residents that the Village of Hempstead's 2018 Parking Ticket Amnesty Program, is currently underway and will run through April 20.

The program allows individuals to reduce late fees on unpaid parking tickets by 50 percent. Individuals with current parking tickets (no late fees) will receive a 20 percent discount on the listed fines if they settle them during the amnesty period.

According to Village Justice Paul R. Delle, Village Court staff will calculate the discounted tickets and fines for your convenience and post them at <https://hempstead.surecourt.com> where you can pay them on-line. This is great opportunity for anyone who has accumulated late fees to resolve their outstanding parking tickets at a substantially reduced rate.

Please note that the Parking Ticket Amnesty Program does not apply to traffic tickets, however the Village is encouraging anyone with existing citations to come in and address all outstanding matters pending before the Hempstead Justice Court.

It's also important to remember that unpaid or excessive parking tickets can result in the suspension of your driver's license. This program is designed to help hardworking Hempstead residents keep their licenses and maintain their driving records.

Additional information about the Village of Hempstead 2018 Parking Ticket Amnesty Program can be found on the Hempstead Village website at www.villageofhempstead.org or by calling 516-478-6500.

This Week's Best of Hempstead



Best of Hempstead honors this week go to Vera "Betha" Fludd. Vera was recently chosen as Nassau County Sheriff by County Executive Laura Curran and was confirmed by the Nassau County Legislature on March 26. Vera becomes first female county sheriff in Nassau's history, quite an accomplishment.

A native of North Carolina, Vera spent her formative years growing up in the Hempstead Heights area of Hempstead Village and is product of Hempstead's public schools, graduating high school tenth in her class out of more than 300 students in 1980. Vera comes from a family with strong ties to the law enforcement community. In fact, five out of her six siblings have served as Nassau County corrections officers and her brother-in-law is a Nassau County police officer. After graduating from Nassau Community College in 1984, Vera started as a corrections officer at the Nassau County Jail more than 30 years ago and over time rose through the ranks to achieve the highest title as sheriff.

According to County Executive Curran, Vera has already improved morale among the 900 employees at the East Meadow facility since becoming acting sheriff on January 1. Vera succeeds former Sheriffs Michael Sposato and Edward Reilly who Vera served under as undersheriff for nearly a decade prior to her new appointment. Vera has identified as her top priorities: modernizing the system that tracks inmates, instituting video conferencing with attorneys, better tracking of overtime and hiring more uniformed officers to help keep down overtime costs.

Vera, you make us proud of all that you have accomplished and we know you'll do a great job as Nassau County Sheriff. Best of luck in your new endeavor and congratulations for being recognized as one of Hempstead's best.

Sincerely,

Don

Don Ryan
Mayor of the Incorporated Village of Hempstead