



Week of April 30, 2018

From The Desk of Mayor Don Ryan

As part of its Sewage Treatment Master Plan, the Nassau County Department of Public Works (NCDPW) is in the process of making a series of improvements that will ultimately divert a portion of existing sewage flow in the Village of Hempstead from the Bay Park Sewage Treatment Plant, where it is currently routed, to the Cedar Creek Water Pollution Control Plant. This is one of a number of initiatives that are either planned or currently in the works throughout Nassau concerning its master plan project.

Funding for the project is being provided by the Clean Water State Revolving Fund Storm Mitigation Loan Program (SMLP) with support from the HUD Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) program for storm recovery activities in New York State. Other government agencies involved include the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and NY State Homes and Community Renewal.

The NCDPW project involves construction, renovation, and other modifications to the sewer system in the Village of Hempstead necessary to improve the capacity of the wastewater collection system and eliminate sanitary sewer overflows in the Barnes Avenue area of Baldwin, located downstream.

More specifically, the project includes construction of a new flow diversion pump station adjacent to the existing Weekes Park Pumping Station, renovation of the Newmans Court Pumping Station, with a new force main that will transfer flow to the new flow diversion pump station. Additionally, installation of new force main piping under Front Street/Route 102, Ingraham Boulevard, Jerusalem Avenue, Meadowbrook State Parkway, and South Franklin Street will allow conveyance and transfer of sewage from the Village of Hempstead to the Cedar Creek Water Pollution Control Plant. In total, 17,890 linear feet of force main piping will be installed through a combination of open cut excavation and pipe jacking.

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This Week's Best of Hempstead



Best of Hempstead honors this week are extended to Michael Higgins. A native of Hempstead Village, Michael has served as a guidance counselor at Hempstead High School for almost 20 years. Michael believes that working with students is one of the most honorable professions to have and he's proud of every one of the kids he interacts with. He's especially gratified to be able to help the youth he counsels achieve their potential no matter what that may be. This year, one of his students, Stephanie Chevez was named Valedictorian of Hempstead High School's Class of 2018 and is currently entertaining scholarship offers from several Ivy League schools.

Besides his guidance counseling duties, Michael is in his ninth year of coaching boys track at the high school. Under his tutelage a number of young men have become county or state champions, which has resulted in college scholarships for some. Michael is also a co-founder of the LI Elite Track and Field Club, a not-for-profit summer program that invites kids from all over Nassau-Suffolk to compete in events coordinated by the U.S. Track & Field Association's Long Island Chapter. Now in its fifth year, the program runs from the end of May until the first week of August and includes youngsters between the ages of eight through college. The one caveat to participating is there's a community service component that's required. Anyone interested in learning more should send an email to: Llelitetf@gmail.com

Mike thanks for all you've done and continue to do in helping shape the future leaders of our Village and beyond. I am pleased to recognize you as one of Hempstead's best. Congratulations.

Sincerely,

Don

Don Ryan
Mayor of the Incorporated Village of Hempstead