



Week of June 4, 2018

From The Desk of Mayor Don Ryan

With June 21 marking the official start of summer, our Department of Parks and Recreation has put together another fabulous and fun-filled schedule of activities for village residents of all ages to enjoy throughout the 2018 season.

One of my favorite outdoor activities is our summer concert series that will be held at Kennedy Memorial Park (335 Greenwich Street) every Friday evening at 6:30 p.m. during the months of July and August. This year's concert kick-off is on Friday, July 6. For Gospel Music aficionados, our Gospel Concert will take place on Friday, August 17 from 7pm – 9pm at Denton Green (across from Village Hall). Our summer concerts are free so bring a chair or blanket and enjoy an evening of music.

There's also a wide variety of programs for our youth to enjoy, including boxing, swimming, cooking and ceramic classes, special play days, music camp and much more.

On Tuesday, August 7, Hempstead Village will celebrate National Night Out from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. in front of Village Hall (99 Nichols Court). National Night Out is part of a nationwide movement involving over 16,000 communities committed to crime prevention awareness. To increase and ensure the continued safety of the Hempstead community, police officers will offer important neighborhood watch and public safety information. The event will feature a variety of fun activities for children and families.

For our seniors, mark your calendar for the Annual Senior Citizen Picnic that will be held on Friday, August 17 from 12-4 p.m. in the Kennedy Park gym. Village of Hempstead seniors will be treated to a family style lunch, raffles, entertainment, bingo and ice cream. To register call Tina Hodge-Bowles with Operation Get Ahead, Inc. at 516-439-3631 or email operationgetahead@gmail.com.

Whatever your plans are for the summer, I hope you'll take advantage of some of what we have to offer here in Hempstead Village. For a complete list and description of all of our summer programs, our *Parks and Recreation 2018 Summer Programs* is available online. Just go to www.villageofhempstead.org and navigate to the Parks and Recreation page. You can also call 516-478-6246 with questions or to obtain more information.

I'd also like to remind homeowners about our Neighborhood Spring Clean-up that's currently underway. The program is being conducted in conjunction with the Hempstead Coordinating Council of Civic Associations, of which Trustee LaMont Johnson is a board member. The first collection took place on June 2 and there are three more dates on the calendar, June 9, June 16 and June 23. This is a great opportunity to clear out attics, basements, sheds and yards by getting rid of unwanted articles from your homes. For more information or to see if your neighborhood is still on the collection cycle, please visit the village website at: www.villageofhempstead.org or call Hempstead Village DPW at 516-478-6268 or Barbara Borum at the Hempstead Coordinating Council of Civic Associations at 516-743-9941.

This Week's Best of Hempstead



This week's Best of Hempstead honors are extended to Reginal Lucas. A Hempstead Village resident since 1977, Reginal has been an effective and longstanding civic leader in our community for many years, including serving as President of the Duncan Estates Civic Association for 15 years and helping to lead the Hempstead Coordinating Council of Civic Associations (HCCOCA) for more than 10 years where he's currently President. Among the programs hosted by the organization is an annual Community Cookout where everyone from Hempstead is invited to attend free of charge. Good food, music and fun activities are always on the calendar at this community bonding event. This year's festivities will take place on Saturday, June 30 from 12-3 p.m. at Kennedy Memorial Park (335 Greenwich Street).

Reginal was also instrumental in helping to bring the ShotSpotter Program to Hempstead Village several years ago, which aids the Hempstead Police Department by relaying locations of shots fired to officers in a matter of seconds. ShotSpotter is one of several hi-tech advances being utilized by Hempstead Village Police that has helped reduce overall crime in the Village.

A regular attendee of Village Board meetings and other Hempstead events and functions, Reginal also hosts a regular roundtable with the Mayor the second Tuesday of each month where civic leaders from around the village gather at the Hempstead Village Library to discuss important matters of concern to the community.

Reginal, you truly embody the spirit of community activism that makes our Village a better place for all of our residents. Congratulations for being named one of Hempstead's best.

Sincerely,

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Don Ryan
Mayor of the Incorporated Village of Hempstead