



Week of August 9, 2018

From The Desk of Mayor Don Ryan

With the summer season now in full swing, I hope you'll take advantage of some of what we have to offer here in Hempstead Village. Each year our Department of Parks and Recreation puts together a fabulous and fun-filled schedule of activities for village residents of all ages to enjoy and this summer's calendar is no exception.

One of my favorite outdoor pastimes is our summer concert series. These live musical performances are held at Kennedy Memorial Park (335 Greenwich Street) every Friday evening at 6:30 p.m. during the months of July and August with the exception of August 10 when there will be no concert. And for Gospel Music fans, our Gospel Concert will take place on Friday, August 17 from 7pm – 9pm at Denton Green (across from Village Hall). All of our summer concerts are free so bring a chair or blanket and enjoy an evening of music.

For youngsters, there are a wide variety of programs awaiting them, 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.

And on those hot, sweltering days, nothing can be more refreshing than taking a dip in the pool. For a nominal fee, residents of all ages can enjoy the swimming complex at Kennedy Park at 335 Greenwich Street, which is open to the public from 10 am to 8 pm seven days a week.

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. My best wishes to you and your family for a safe and enjoyable summer.

This Week's Best of Hempstead



Best of Hempstead honors this week go to 11 year old Joden Plaskett. I first met Joden back in February during the ceremony that renamed Franklin Elementary School to Joseph A. McNeil Elementary School. I was immediately impressed with the confidence and composure he displayed as one of the presenters that day as we paid tribute one of America's true heroes. For Joden, he said it was an honor to play a role in recognizing General McNeil and for the opportunity to meet him in person.

Recently, Joden served as Master of Ceremonies during his school's graduation program and handled those duties like a seasoned pro. Joden claims to be shy but his engaging personality reveals itself once he begins to speak. In September, Joden will begin attending A.B.G.S. Middle School. His favorite subject is math and he has already received awards for the high grades he has received in that subject. Joden also enjoys playing basketball and hopes to make the school team next season. His favorite player is Steph Curry, one of the greatest shooters in NBA history and a fine role model for today's youth.

Congratulations Joden for being recognized as one of Hempstead's Best. I look forward to hearing continued great things about you in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

Don

Don Ryan
Mayor of the Incorporated Village of Hempstead