



Week of November 5, 2018

From The Desk of Mayor Don Ryan

November is here, which means colder weather is just around the corner. Soon, everyone will start to bundle up and layer winter clothing in search of warmth.

Homeowners will, of course, be adjusting thermostats to their own tolerance level for heat, as well as the cost of the energy they use to heat their homes. However, tenants in multiple family dwellings and apartments may not have the option of turning to their own thermostats to seek relief from the elements. Therefore, I would like to review the heating regulations established by the Hempstead Village Building Department which owners and superintendents are required to follow:

From September 15 thru May 31 landlords must maintain buildings at a minimum temperature of 68 degrees to all habitable rooms.

During normal business days, if your heat is not being operated within those guidelines, please call the main switchboard at 516-489-3400 and hit option #5 for the Building Department.

An inspector is available on weekends throughout the heating season and residents may call 516-478-6333. Also, on those extreme frigid days (normal business days) use the same number (516-478-6333) after 4:15 p.m. to report heating issues.

Heat is essential in our lives during the winter months and every tenant should be provided with that basic need. The Village of Hempstead will do everything possible to make sure that landlords meet their responsibility and follow guidelines in supplying this service to tenants in the community.

This Week's Best of Hempstead



Best of Hempstead honors this week are extended to Harry Ransom. A native of Pinehurst, North Carolina, Harry moved to Hempstead Village in 1970 and has resided here ever since. During his long and rewarding career, Harry worked in sales for 3M Company covering a wide territory from New York to Delaware selling electronic components and satellite transmission systems to firms such as Grumman and ADT. From 2001-2005, Harry served as Executive Director of the Human Rights Council during the last four years of the Garner administration.

A military veteran, Harry served as a Staff Sargent with the U.S. Air Force from 1966-1970. Harry currently holds the position as Commander of the American Legion, Post 390 in Hempstead and is a past Commander for both the Nassau County American Legion and the Department of NY's American Legion 10th District.

For the past 14 years Harry has been actively involved in Hempstead for Hofstra/Hofstra for Hempstead, a not-for-profit organization formed in 1974 that raises funds to help Hempstead students go to college there. Since 2004 the annual fundraiser held by the organization has raised over \$500,000 and has enabled more than 20 Hempstead Village youth to attend Hofstra University. Recent honorees at the annual fundraiser have included basketball hall of famer Julius "Dr. J" Erving, former NBA official Lee Jones and Major General Joseph A. McNeil, one of Hempstead's own who we dedicated a street and renamed a school in his name earlier this year for his distinguished military career and as founder of "The Greensboro Four." Harry actually attended the same school one year apart from Gen. McNeil, North Carolina A&T State University, where he earned a college degree.

For more than 40 years, Harry has been an active member of the Union Baptist Church under the leadership of Reverend Dr. Sedgwick Easley. Harry and his wife Carol have been married for 50 years and have one adult son.

Harry, you've led an exemplary life and we offer you our sincerest appreciation and thanks for your past and ongoing contributions that have helped make and continue to make Hempstead Village a better place for all of us. I am delighted to recognize you as one of Hempstead's best. Congratulations.

Sincerely,

Don

Don Ryan
Mayor of the Incorporated Village of Hempstead