



Week of December 10, 2018

From The Desk of Mayor Don Ryan

During the busy holiday season, here at Village Hall there are a number of noteworthy activities on our December calendar that allow us to help recognize this special time of year.

Last week, Rabbi Abe Lebovic of Congregation Beth Israel led us in our annual Hanukkah celebration in front of Village Hall. That event was followed later in the week with our annual tree lighting ceremony. Both of these festive occasions were a lot of fun for everyone who attended and you could sense the spreading of holiday spirit as we celebrated the Festival of Lights and lit our beautiful Christmas tree outside Village Hall.

For those looking to brighten the lives of those less fortunate we are currently collecting unwrapped toys for our annual Toy Drive & Giveaway in partnership with the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program, Brilliance Dental of Long Island and Satkar Mini Mart. Toys can be dropped off at Village Hall (99 James A. Garner Way) during regular business hours between 8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m... The toy giveaway will take place on Friday, December 21 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Kennedy Memorial Park (335 Greenwich St.). All recipients must be pre-registered to receive a toy. Registration begins on December 4th and will end on December 19th and must be done in person by visiting Village Hall Monday through Friday between 9am and 1pm. Donating a toy is a wonderful way to ensure that children experience the wonder of receiving a gift during the holidays.

For more information, please call 516-478-6286 or visit: www.villageofhempstead.org

I'd also like to encourage our residents to support our small businesses in the Village by shopping local, not only during the holiday season but throughout the year. Supporting our local businesses plays an important role in our overall economic well-being. We have many establishments in our Village that can provide the same products and services found elsewhere so please remember to shop local.

This Week's Best of Hempstead



Best of Hempstead honors this week are extended to Kristan Reynolds. Born and raised in Hempstead Village, Kristan attended Hempstead schools through eighth grade before transferring to Kellenberg Memorial High School where she graduated in the early 1990's. For the past 20 years, Kristan has worked for the Town of Hempstead and currently serves as a community research assistant in the office of Supervisor Laura Gillen.

Wanting to give back to the community where she's always lived, Kristan volunteers much of her free time helping the youth in our Village. For the past three years she has served as a Trustee for the Hempstead Police Athletic League, an organization that offers a variety of programs designed to prevent juvenile delinquency, steer children clear from gang activity and to aid in the positive interaction of police officers and youth. Kristan is also a member of the Human Relations Council, where she helps facilitate a number of community events and programs this Village based organization offers throughout the year for residents. Kristan is a former vice president of the Parents Association of Evergreen Charter School as well.

Kristan, the volunteer work you do may often go unnoticed but it plays such an important role in the development of the children in our Village who benefit from your efforts. It gives me great pleasure to recognize you as one of Hempstead's best. Congratulations.

Sincerely,

Don

Don Ryan
Mayor of the Incorporated Village of Hempstead