



LLOYD HARBOR Village Record

Fall 2025

SUMMER / FALL HIGHLIGHTS



MANY THANKS to Errol & Ginny Kitt for the generous donation of 2 native Thornless Honey Locust trees to our Village Park. These trees are right next to tennis courts 1 & 2, and take the place of the locust tree that fell during a windstorm, crushing the tennis court fence. The **Highway Department** has done an excellent job of watering these new trees, providing a good start during the prolonged drought.



**Mayor
Jean
Thatcher**

COMINGS & GOINGS...

● **Village Hall** welcomes **Sarah Bergmann** to the Staff. Sarah has most recently been assigned to the LHPD, filling in while **Gabrielle Nyburg** was on maternity leave. Sarah brings knowledge of financials, payroll, budgeting & office management from her previous positions with Northwell Health, New York Presbyterian, Novick & Associates & O'Brien Speech & Learning.

● **The Recreation Commission** welcomes new members **Brooke Lupinacci** & **Alex Whelehan**.

● **The Planning Board** welcomes **Erik Snipas**, who has a background in municipal law. Many thanks to **Gary Kalbaugh** for his tenure as Planning Board Chairman, during which time the large and complex sub-division of the Seminary was successfully accomplished; to **Geoff de Lesseps** for his dedicated tenure and for stepping into the position as Chair; and to **Stefanie Smith** for her committed service on the Planning Board.



Sarah Bergmann

POLICE DEPARTMENT

* **Sergeant Nicklas Cortes Promoted to Lieutenant**

Lieutenant Nicklas Cortes with Chief Tom Krumpter at Swearing-in Ceremony, September 22, 2025 (right)



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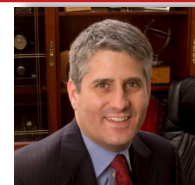
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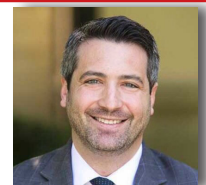
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Police Department con't:

Sergeant Nicklas Cortes received a well deserved promotion to the rank of Lieutenant at the September Board of Trustees meeting. Lt. Cortes has been with the LHPD since 2007. His background includes: 4 years US Marine Corps (Corporal); 4 years NYPD (Officer 101st PCT); Promoted to Sergeant, LHPD - 2018; Promoted to Lieutenant, LHPD - 2025.

In addition to his excellent law enforcement career Lt. Cortes has also been integral to the administration of the LHPD in areas including: assisting with design of station house renovation; implementation of records management system; procurement of LHPD vehicles; liaison to NYS Division of Criminal Justice; Training Coordinator; Supervisor of internal investigation & of daily patrol.

The Board of Trustees thanks Lt. Cortes for his dedicated service to our Village and congratulates him on this highly merited promotion.

*Station House Renovation

Work on the Station House renovation is entering the final phase, with completion expected at the end of 2025. Work was started in late summer 2024. The LHPD had re-located to temporary quarters at the Seminary in late Spring 2024 to avoid the expense and inconvenience of working out of trailers, and to provide a seamless transition for police operations.



HARBOR CONTROL COMMISSION



The presence of Village **Harbormasters** who are able to enforce regulations and order on the water made a noticeable difference this summer. **Harbormaster** presence was remarked upon and most appreciated by the boating public. Thanks to Harbormasters **Barry Davanzo, Mike Humenny, Scott Werner & Harold Rowan** for their expertise on the water and also for their assistance at the Village Park.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

ATTENTION: Private Road Associations - Safety Items

Please help avoid injury to the crew on sanitation trucks! Fill any potholes on your roads and trim back roadsides and overhanging branches. Your prompt attention to these safety items is most appreciated.

NYS DEC MS4 STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM REMINDER RE: PET WASTE

Pet waste should be picked up in sealed bags & disposed of in trash receptacles. Pet waste contains harmful bacteria & pathogens that can leach into waterways and surrounding ecosystems, threatening human & animal health. Please pick up and dispose of pet waste properly.

RECREATION COMMISSION

LHVP Summer Camp Highlights 2025

The summer of 2025 was a fun-filled season for all of our camp attendees. The typical camp day was filled with joyful laughter and banter amongst the campers and the Staff. Summer Club Program campers (Grades 1-5) were engaged in a wide variety of activities including Recreational Swim, Arts & Crafts, Tennis & Field games. Each Friday campers actively participated in an ecology-inspired program brought to us by the excellent staff of the Waterfront Center. Meanwhile our Junior Recreation Program participants (Grades 6-8) spent the majority of their camp day bouncing from one water-based activity after another! Camp favorites include: Wake Boarding, Kayaking & Stand Up Paddle-boarding. Additionally, our Jr. Rec. campers received basic pickleball instruction on Friday mornings. Our summer would not have been complete without our annual “Heroes Day” visit from the Lloyd Harbor Police Department and Cold Spring Harbor & Huntington Fire Departments, teaching our campers about the vital roles they play in our community. The 2025 camp season was another exceptional success, with lots of great memories and good times!



CONSERVATION CORNER

Spotted Lanternflies (*Lycorma delicatula*) are the latest scourge on natural ecosystems. Feeding on over 70 plant and tree species, they consume sap that contains water and nutrients vital for tree development. They excrete a substance called “honeydew” which promotes growth of sooty molds. These molds both hinder a tree’s ability to photosynthesize, and attract other insects that can further damage the health of the tree. Rather than kill the tree they weaken it, leaving it susceptible to other stressors such as drought and disease which may ultimately result in its demise.

First recorded on Long Island in 2020, Spotted Lanternflies have spread rapidly often via accidental human transport of the eggs from activities such as moving firewood, stone, outdoor furniture, etc.. While there is no perfect prevention method, removal of egg masses is recommended, and for heavy infestations horticultural oil spray will cause suffocation.





Incorporated Village of LLOYD HARBOR

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE **FROM THE MAYOR & TRUSTEES** **DEER MANAGEMENT**

We have recently had extensive discussions with the NYS DEC and Professional Wildlife Managers *APHIS (non-regulatory unit of the USDA)* and *White Buffalo (international wildlife management operation.)* **The hard truth is that there can be no seriously effective deer management until Professional Wildlife Managers are differentiated from the ordinary hunter, and allowed to use the equipment and methodology needed to significantly reduce the exploding deer population. The NYS Legislature controls how Professional Wildlife Managers are categorized, and how they are allowed to operate. Our legislators, NYS Senator Mario Mattera & Assemblyman Keith Brown have worked tirelessly on this issue. Unfortunately, effective resolution is repeatedly de-railed by downstate and other legislators who refuse to acknowledge the severity of the problem.**



MAYOR
JEAN M. THATCHER

New York State collects every statistic needed to demonstrate a growing crisis of public safety, health and environmental degradation. There are in excess of 70,000 deer-vehicle collisions reported annually; roughly \$60 million in estimated crop damage; and a significant increase in tick-borne illnesses including Lyme, Babesiosis, Anaplasmosis; Ehrlichiosis; Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever and most recently Powassan virus. Further, the NYS DEC admits to having been concerned for a long time about deer over-population.

Professional Wildlife Managers have long known what the prestigious NYS Wildlife Society (NYTWS) recently stated : *"Wildlife damage management is not only a legitimate but essential component of modern wildlife stewardship, distinct from regulated hunting and trapping. NYTWS supports the need to maintain and improve the operations of professional wildlife damage management in NY State, including permitting activities not allowed during regulated hunting and trapping."*

From 2014-2017 the Village, using APHIS, ran a very successful Deer Management Program (despite restricted dates & severe weather conditions) removing some 1,200 deer and donating all meat to the Long Island Cares (Harry Chapin Food Bank.) In 2017 this program came to a complete halt when NYS DEC attorneys re-evaluated their interpretation of existing legislation. *The result was that Professional Wildlife Managers had to operate under the same restrictions as the ordinary licensed hunter. Predictably, the Professionals could not efficiently and effectively complete the task of deer management and were unable to support a full complement of highly trained staff.*

The Village is in contact with the NYSDEC, Professional Wildlife Managers and our Legislators. We continue to explore all legally allowed options to effectively handle this severe problem. The unfortunate fact is that the situation continues to be exacerbated by NYS, and the encumbrances and hurdles that limit any meaningful deer management.



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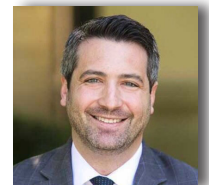
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