



LLOYD HARBOR *Village Record*

Spring 2023

EBB & FLOW...

Trustee Hilary Rolih Retires



Hilary has a long history of service to the Village. Originally appointed to the Recreation Commission in 1996, he served on the Planning Board from 1999-2003. At that time the Planning Board handled all building applications & sub-division matters, which now are apportioned between the Permit Review & Planning Boards. In 2003 he was appointed to the Board of Trustees.

During his tenure as Trustee Hilary was involved in the extensive review, re-drafting and final adoption of the Village's Master Plan, a 3 year process. Among his many contributions were the implementation of a deer management program and the successful negotiation with Crown Castle in its telecom installation efforts. One of his most significant involvements was creation of a Village Building Department, and bringing all of the Village building files in-house. This was a multi-year project that required focus and perseverance. The end result is both extremely helpful to residents and a great advantage to the Village.

Hilary states ***"Our Administration has always had a vision for the future of our Village. We strongly believe in maintaining its volunteer tradition, natural beauty, and our own Police Force. We are committed to making needed infrastructure improvements and maintaining a sound fiscal position...I am very proud of my service and our many accomplishments. Serving with Mayors Lee Hairr and Jean Thatcher and my fellow Trustees has been a pleasure. Everyone has always had the best interests of the Village at heart."***

The Mayor & Trustees thank Hilary for his long and excellent service and send all good wishes to him and his wife, Anne, who also served for many years on the Recreation Commission.

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**Mayor
Jean
Thatcher**

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**Trustee/
Deputy Mayor
William Burdo**



**Trustee
Leland Deane**



**Trustee
Joe Gitto**



**Trustee
Jennifer Hubbell**



**Trustee
George Patsis**



**Trustee
Matthew Strunk**

Trustee Joe Gitto Appointed Trustee



Joe and his wife, Tala Washton, and 2 sons have lived in the Village since 2004. In 2014 he applied for a position on the Permit Review Board and eventually became Chair of the PRB. His 9 year tenure with the PRB was marked by competence, even-handed approach, transparency and a deep appreciation for the character of the Village. In December 2022 Mayor Jean Thatcher appointed Joe to the Board of Trustees, with the enthusiastic concurrence of the Trustees.

Joe states *“ Upon joining the Board of Trustees I have found an Administration that seeks to protect the residents, aesthetic nature and sense of community in the Village of Lloyd Harbor... the Board tackles the real issues facing the Village head-on, at length, at every meeting. From renovations of Village buildings, infrastructure issues, deer management to technology upgrades, recreation programs and our Police force, to name a few, the Trustees regularly work to maximize residents’ quality of life, and ensure a smooth- running and efficient Village government.”*

The Mayor & Trustees extend a warm welcome to Joe and very much look forward to working with him.

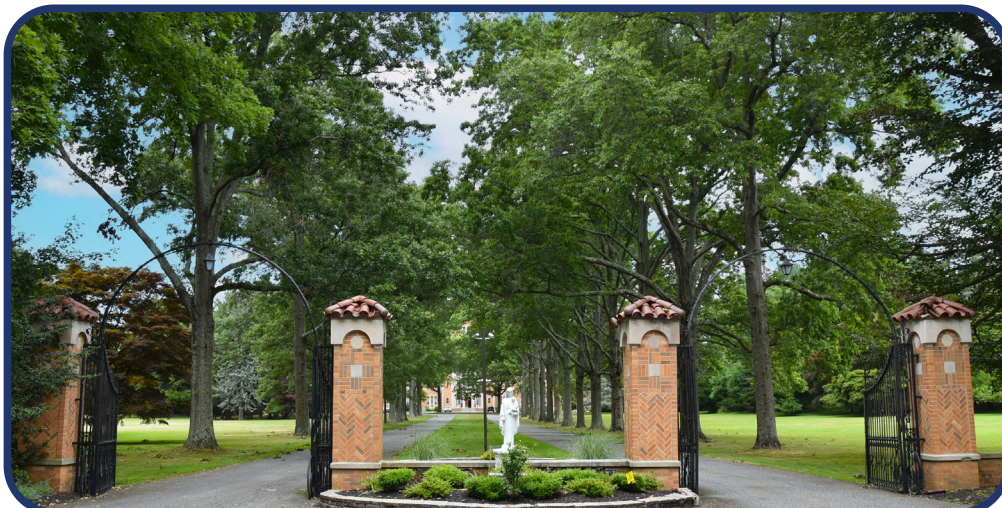
IN MEMORIAM

We note with sadness the recent passing of former Village Counsel, John Ritter of Humes & Wagner, LLP. John served as Counsel to long-time Mayors Jerry Pratt & Lee Hairr. During his tenure the Village studied and adopted several measures of great significance, including the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP), and the re-draft & updating of the Village’s Master Plan. The Mayor & Board of Trustees extend deepest sympathies to the Ritter family on their great loss.



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Spring is Back! We are partnering with the Three Harbors Garden Club to present an evening with prominent Landscape Designer Edwina von Gal. She is also the founder of the Perfect Earth Project. **Please join us on April 26th @ 6:30 pm at the Seminary Retreat & Conference Center.** An invitation is included in this Record. RSVP to ldeguzma2@gmail.com.

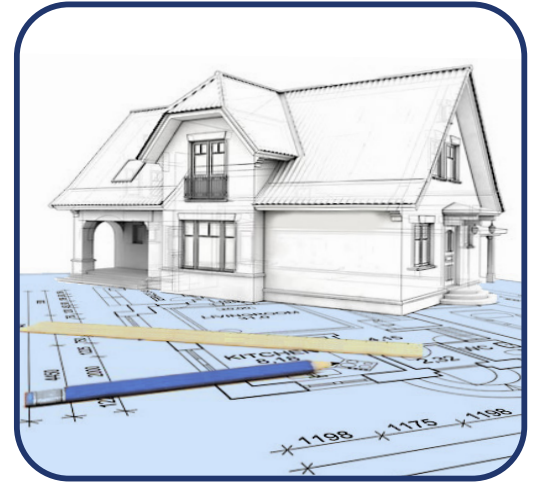


VOLUNTEER OFFICIAL APPOINTMENTS

We welcome the following:

PERMIT REVIEW BOARD

Joe Bonventre has been elevated to Chair of the PRB, on which he has served since 2018. He was originally interested in joining the PRB because of his professional experience with development & construction as COO & General Counsel of LXP Industrial Trust, a publicly-traded real estate investment trust focused on single tenant investments in the Sunbelt & Midwest. Joe, his wife & 2 sons have been residents of the Village since 2011. He shares the Board's desire to preserve the nature-focused aspects of the Village, including the natural buffers between houses.



PLANNING BOARD

Matt Donoghue grew up in the Village of Plandome which also has a local government devoted to protecting the natural beauty, privacy and quality of life that its residents cherish. His Father devoted many years of service at Plandome Village Hall, setting an excellent example as to the requirements and demands of community service. Matt and his family moved to Lloyd Harbor four years ago. He is an attorney with Greenberg Traurig, LLP, representing a wide range of clients in connection with the financing, acquiring, leasing and selling of commercial real estate investments.

RECREATION COMMISSION

Stefanie Smith has served on the Planning Board since 2021. She has offered to assist, as well, on the Recreation Commission. Since being appointed she has been involved with Camp Registration and preparations for the summer season. Her children have attended Camp, so she is familiar with all the effort behind a successful Summer Camp season. Stefanie has a design, marketing & merchandising background, having held positions at J.Crew, West Elm, American Eagle & Calypso St. Barth.





Incorporated Village of **LLOYD HARBOR**

March 28, 2023

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

I write to confirm that your overwhelming response in opposition to the Governor's NY Housing Compact, with its assault on local government via mandates & penalties, has been transmitted (over). **Below is the joint statement of the Suffolk County & Nassau County Village Officials Associations (SCVOA & NCVOA.)**



MAYOR
JEAN M. THATCHER

I am the current President of SCVOA and, in this position, am particularly focused on the Housing Compact issue. SCVOA & NCVOA jointly represent 96 Villages (32 in Suffolk & 64 in Nassau), and some 650,000 residents. Long Island is an enormous source of tax revenue to NY State. The Governor's NY Housing Compact with its focus on mandated density is an assault on local government & zoning control. It is an affront to all residents who choose to live on Long Island, and who understand its particular conditions and specific issues. Included among these are environmental impacts, ground & drinking water issues, sewer & sanitation systems, utilities, emergency services, traffic, parking, school system capacity... the list is endless.

SCVOA & NCVOA work to inform, support and advocate on behalf of Long Island villages. These efforts enable Village governments in Suffolk & Nassau Counties to best serve the interests of Village residents.

SCVOA

SCVOA & NCVOA ALERT: NYS Housing Compact

TO ALL VILLAGES:

Re: Governor's "NY Housing Compact"

Suffolk County Village Officials Association (SCVOA) & Nassau County Village Officials Association (NCVOA) jointly represent 96 Villages and roughly 650,000 Long Island residents. These constituents are appalled that Governor Hochul would introduce ANY measure that assaults "Home Rule" and attempts to over-ride local control. They are tremendously upset that the Governor would try to "backdoor" this measure by including it as a budget item tied to other funding, thus attempting to shield it from constituent scrutiny.

SCVOA & NCVOA stand united in our vigorous opposition to the Governor's "NY Housing Compact". This is a targeted assault which is based on mandates, penalties and elimination of critical environmental reviews. We are most appreciative of the excellent response to and support for our position provided by your State Senate and Assembly representatives. The proposals of both the Senate and Assembly removed language which included mandates; overrides of local control; minimum density around train stations and removal of critical environmental reviews. In both versions \$500 million was made available to incentivize development of new housing utilizing underdeveloped land.

Contrary to earlier reports, it appears that this matter is not yet on the way to negotiated resolution with the Governor. We ask that our Senate and Assembly representatives continue to stand firm in supporting the overwhelming sentiment of constituents. The NY Housing Compact and any similar measure needs to be removed from the 2023/24 and/or any future NYS budgets.

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The Honorable Kathy Hochul, Governor
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March 8, 2023

NYS Senator Mario Mattera – 2nd District
NYS Assemblyman Keith Brown – 12th District
NYS Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins
NYS Senate Minority Leader Robert G. Ort
NYS Assembly Majority Leader Crystal D. People-Stokes
NYS Assembly Minority Leader William Barclay
Dear Governor Hochul:

The enclosed letters contain roughly 1,000 signatures from Village and Huntington, LI area residents **extremely opposed to the NY Housing Compact. These 1,000 signatures were received within a single week, which gives a clear indication of the level of opposition to this item.**

Constituents are appalled that you would introduce any measure that assaults and attempts to over-ride local control and “Home Rule.” These are items guaranteed to local governments in the NY State Constitution. Local Governments understand critical items including, but not limited to, environmental impacts, sanitation, sewer systems, utilities, traffic, parking, emergency services, school system capacity, etc., etc... and are in the best position to respond to the needs and desires of their residents.

Voters are tremendously upset that you would try to “backdoor” such a measure by including it as a budget item, thus attempting to shield it from your constituents. The emails being sent out in your name are both misleading and deceptive as to the real details of the NY Housing Compact. They are designed to prey on uninformed constituents in an effort to garner “popular” support.

Attempts to govern by adversarial position, mandates and penalties only simply breed resentment, resistance and distrust of NY State government. This is no way to address any matter, and certainly no way to address the “out-migration” problem facing New York State.

We ask that you respect the overwhelming sentiment of your constituents and remove the NY Housing Compact or any similar measure from the 2023-24 and/or any future budgets.

Very Truly Yours,

Jean M. Thatcher
Mayor

CC: Board of Trustees, Village of Lloyd Harbor
SCVOA (Suffolk County Village Official Association)
NCVOA (Nassau County Village Official Association)
Bruce Blakeman (Nassau County Executive)
Peter Bee (Bee Ready Fishbein Hatter & Donovan, LLP)

Edward Romaine (Town of Brookhaven Supervisor)
Joseph Saladino (Town of Oyster Bay Supervisor)
Edmund Smyth (Town of Huntington Supervisor)
Christopher Wagner (Humes & Wagner, LLP)



Village of Lloyd Harbor
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
&
THREE HARBORS GARDEN CLUB

cordially invite you to an evening with

EDWINA von GAL

Prominent Landscape Designer & Founder of the

perfectearthproject.org

“Messy or Magic?
Biodiversity and Perception of Beauty”

**LEARN ABOUT
MEADOW MAKING, NATIVE PLANTS & PLANNING
YOUR PERFECT LANDSCAPE.**

Wednesday, April 26, 2023

6:30 p.m. Wine & Cheese Reception

7:30 p.m. Lecture



Seminary of the Immaculate Conception
Retreat & Conference Center

440 West Neck Road Lloyd Harbor

RSVP by Tuesday, April 18th ldeguzma2@gmail.com

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