# The Incorporated Village of Lattingtown

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*"Village government is the most efficient government because almost no one gets paid. We're all volunteers and we're doing it because we like the community and we're willing to give a lot of time to protect our own backyards.”*

*Clarence F. Michalis*

Dear Fellow Resident:

We will long grieve the loss of Clarence Michalis who died on March 30th. Mayor of Lattingtown for 48 years until his retirement in April, 2017, Clarence served our community wholeheartedly. I and my fellow trustees, zoning and planning board members and Village staff are grateful for his mentorship and will strive to continue to serve the best interests of all of our Village residents.

Last year the trustees passed a resolution to designate the Village Hall as Michalis Hall in Clarence’s honor with a plaque affixed to the building’s entrance. In typical modesty, he said simply, “It’s too much.” How happy we were to show him this small gesture of gratitude while he was still with us.

**Administration**

Taxes

I will continue to strive for the lowest possible tax rates for our residents. Our current budget reflects Governor Cuomo’s property tax freeze, a cap based on the rate of inflation or 2%, whichever is less. Because Lattingtown’s total assessment dropped from $1,910,622 to $1,835,673 the Village tax rate per $100 will increase from $40.31 to $41.95. Tax revenue, however, will remain flat at $770,064 compared to $770,171 last year.

Revenue

Other Than Appropriated

Year Taxes Assessment Tax Rate Expenses Taxes Surplus

2013-14 752,489 2,149,971 35.00 1,068,698 221,832 94,377

2014-15 760,076 2,076,145 36.61 1,184,112 315,532 108,504

2015-16 770,026 2,013,197 37.91 1,251,912 333,153 148,733

2016-17 770,003 1,983,011 38.83 1,252,612 347,732 134,877

2017-18 770,171 1,910,622 40.31 1,269,934 271,332 205,931

2018-19 770,064 1,835,673 41.95 1,409,285 417,400 181,821

If you have any questions about the budget do not hesitate to get in touch with our Clerk/Treasurer Kathy Picoli or our Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Jan Hagner.

Roads

This year we will repave Ludlam Lane. The cost is estimated at $130,000 of which we expect a portion to be covered by grants from New York State. In addition to ongoing maintenance on all Village roads, our near future road rebuilding program includes Factory Pond Road and Old Tappan Road. Funds will be allocated in upcoming budgets for these projects. We are aware that the Nassau County maintained roads in our Village are in disrepair. We are working with the County Department of Public Works and our newly elected Legislator Josh Lafazan to remedy the problem. A note on street lights – if you see one that is out or have a recommendation for a location where a light should be added, please contact Village Hall.

Environmental

As I am sure you are aware, Governor Cuomo has proposed the construction of a tunnel under Long Island Sound linking the north end of the Seaford-Oyster Bay Expressway (135) with Rye in Westchester County. At 18 miles it would be the largest highway tunnel in the world and would cost many tens of billions of dollars. Its impact on the environment on the North Shore would be enormous, with the tunnel piercing our sole source fresh water aquifer and the pollution from a tunnel ventilation system tower proposed for the Bayville/Oyster Bay area. The Village has joined with the Town of Oyster Bay and eleven other North Shore villages to oppose the tunnel. While most public officials in our area oppose the project, our new Nassau County Executive Laura Curran remains uncommitted. I urge you to contact her to express your concern. For more information please read the Village of Bayville’s April 24, 2018 tunnel presentation which we have posted on our website.

We have three major conservation areas in our Village: Frost Creek, from its mouth at Long Island Sound to its upper reaches opposite the Tides Motel, is a Federal Wildlife Preserve monitored by the

U.S. Wildlife Service and patrolled by the Village. In addition, the Village owns a conservation area which includes the Gibson Boat Basin just west of private property at the north end of Sheep Lane. Finally, there is the Kate Trubee Davison Preserve to the south and west of Lattingtown Harbor. All these conservation areas are open to residents of the Village. Bailey Arboretum, our 43-acre horticultural preserve and historic residence on Bayville Road is owned by Nassau County, but is run by the Friends of Bailey Arboretum under contract with the County. “Volunteers for Wildlife,” a privately run but State licensed refuge for injured birds and animals is also in the Arboretum. Learn more about Bailey Arboretum on its vivid website baileyarboretum.org.

The Village is actively involved with the Oyster Bay/ Cold Spring Harbor Protection Committee and our neighboring villages in an effort to protect our watershed. We are taking efforts to control stormwater run-off and ask that you maintain your cesspools and pick up dog waste.

**Miscellaneous**

Email Contacts

In the interest of better communication, we are working to compile our residents’ email addresses. This will enhance our ability to communicate rapidly while saving significant mailing costs. Please visit our website to review Village information and add your email address: villageoflattingtown.org

Filming

Please note that TV or movie filming within the Village, even on private property, requires a permit from the Village.

Noise and Lighting Ordinances

Several residents have voiced their concern on landscaping noise and on outdoor lighting. Please be mindful of the hours of operation for landscapers and the restrictions on outdoor lighting (see attached Things to Note).

Fences

We have instituted a new fence ordinance and permit requirement in the Village. The intent is to prevent issues which arise when fences are not properly installed. The permit fee is relatively modest at $150.

Attached is a list of items of importance for quick reference entitled Things to Note along with an updated contact list of Village officials for your quick reference. Do not hesitate to call if you have a question.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Fagiola

Mayor

**THINGS TO NOTE**

**Fire Department**: Emergency number 671-2600

General information: 676-0560

**Police Department**: For emergencies, call 911 and be sure to give your street address and house number which should be clearly visible from the street. For other matters not involving an emergency, the number of the Second Precinct is 573-6200. We are primarily protected by Nassau County car 202, but also have cars 201 and 203 from Locust Valley and Bayville available for backup. Car 202 is manned by Nassau County police officers permanently assigned to our Village. If you do not have a “VL” (Village of Lattingtown) sticker for the rear bumper of your car, please obtain one from our Village Clerk. It helps the police identify our residents.

**Garage, Tag Sales and Auctions** require Village approval, which can be obtained by contacting the Village Clerk. The refundable deposit is $100.00 for residents and $150.00 for professionals, in addition to a daily fee of $100.00.

**Signs**: The posting of any signs in the Village is subject to Village regulation. Permission must be obtained through the Village Clerk and the fee is $50.00. Please be aware that the Village has a real estate sign ordinance whereby we will only approve generic signs. Call the Village Office for more information.

**Landscape Service**: Anyone servicing your property must dispose of any debris outside of the Village. The fine for indiscriminate dumping is $500.00 for each infraction, and the homeowner is liable as well as the landscape service. It is important to note that it is a violation for the landscape service to blow leaves off a resident’s property onto a highway. Leaves should be picked up and bagged or placed in a mulch pile. Please note the hours of operation of power equipment under the Noise Ordinance section below.

**Cutting of Trees**: There are stringent limitations on tree cutting on private property. If you are planning any tree cutting, please contact the Village Clerk, for a copy of the ordinance. Please note the penalty for violating this ordinance is now $1,000 a tree.

**Dead Trees:** It has come to our attention that there are many dead or compromised trees on private properties overhanging roadways in the Village. We would like to remind residents that if you do have such a tree on your property, you are advised to remove that tree as it creates a liability for the property owner. Please contact the Village for a tree removal permit. In addition, if your tree does fall onto a Village roadway, the Village will move the debris to the side to clear the road, but it is the property owner’s obligation to remove the debris.

**Village Roads**: Fall: Leaf pickup in the fall - October 15th through December 1st. There will be no pickup after December 1st. All leaves must be bagged for pickup. Branches will also be picked up but must be tied in bundles no larger than 4 ft. long and 18 in. in diameter. Leaves and branches that are mixed with debris will not be picked up.

Spring: Leaves must also be bagged for spring pickup. Branches must be bundled as above. The following roads are maintained by the Village of Lattingtown:

Bear Lane Ludlam Lane Overlook Road

Birch Hill Road Matinecock Lane Park Avenue

Egypt Lane Midway Avenue Ryefield Road

Factory Pond Road Millford Drive Valley Avenue

Fox Lane Old Tappan Road Wood Lane

**County Roads**: As many of you know, the County in past years has cleaned up County maintained roads in springtime for leaves, branches and other garden debris. However, because of manpower shortages that service will no longer be available. Despite the foregoing policy, the County does from time to time in the fall pick up leaves that are blocking storm sewers. However, residents on County roads should not count on that service but find other means of disposing of this material. It cannot be left by the side of the road or residents will be subject to fines under the Village ordinances.

**Parking**: A reminder—There is no parking permitted on any Village road except by special permission of the Board. Call the Village Clerk (676-6920) if you are planning a function requiring on-street parking. Note: boats and RVs can only be parked on residential property if visible to the street for not more than 30 days in any calendar year.

**Noise Ordinance**: There are limitations on the use of construction and landscaping equipment concerning the hours when this equipment can be used. Heavy construction equipment: 8:00 am to 6:00 pm Monday through Friday; no use permitted on Saturday and Sunday. Landscapers using power equipment: 8:00 am to 6:00 pm on Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm on Saturday. No use permitted on Sundays. Homeowners must adhere to the same schedule with the exception that they can use landscaping equipment from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm on Sundays and legal holidays. Please contact our Village Clerk for a copy of the ordinance.

**Lighting Ordinance** The Village has an ordinance severely limiting the use of floodlights and decorative lighting around houses. All lights need to be shielded down and cannot cast onto your neighbors’ properties. View the ordinance online or call the Village for a copy.

**Dog Ordinance**: We have an ordinance in the Village to protect residents from dangerous dogs or those annoying neighbors by continuous barking. Complaints in this regard should be directed to our Village Clerk, or in her absence our Village attorneys—and in an emergency, our police.

**Lattingtown Village Beach**: Available for our residents’ use for a fee of $125.00. Nonresidents may also belong to our Village Beach for $200.00 if sponsored by a resident. Please visit our website, village of Lattingtown.org, for an application.

**Glen Cove Golf Course**: Available to residents of our Village who must be approved by the Glen Cove Golf Commission. In this latter connection, the golf course is only available at a reduced rate to bona fide residents of the Village. Residents are defined as property owners and their immediate families residing with them, or people legally renting in the Village on a year-round basis. It is only reasonable to expect the Manager of the Glen Cove Golf Course to seek confirmation of an applicant’s residential status. Our Village Clerk can confirm property owners, whereas those people renting must obtain a letter from their landlords confirming that they are renting in the Village on a year-round basis.

**Village Office**: Phone - 676-6920 - Kathleen Picoli, Jan Hagner, or Dawn Gresalfi - if you have any questions about these items or the Village ordinances.

**Website:** The Village has a website (Village of Lattingtown.org) which provides information

regarding Village matters.