

Village of Kings Point Bulletin

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Change for the Better

New Laws Added to the Books

The Village of Kings Point Board of Trustees recently adopted two new local laws to better serve village residents. The first amends the village zoning code with regard to buildings and other structures. It was designed to clarify some of the code's existing language and help address designs and plans requested by village residents.

The new law enables residents to add to their existing homes or to construct new homes with certain customary amenities that do not add to the visible bulk of their homes, such as certain balconies, patios and gazebos, without having those amenities result in a reduction in the floor area allowable for the living space within their homes.

The second provides the village with additional means of obtaining compliance with village code requirements when contractors fail to adhere to construction and other requirements of the build-



ing department. Under the new law, applications made to Village of Kings Point departments, boards or committees can now be withheld when violations exist or an applicant owes money to the village, until the violation is cured or the monies paid.

Copies of the new local laws are on file with the Kings Point Village Clerk.

Practice Safety First

While there have been no reported serious injuries to pedestrians, village officials have been working with the community to prevent any incidents and keep the roadways safe for all who pass.

To further protect those who choose to run or walk along the streets during early morning and evening hours, the Village of Kings Point has made reflective vests available, free of charge, with a limit of two per household. Residents can stop by Village Hall, with proof of residency, to pick them up.

As daylight hours get shorter, pedestrians are reminded of these safety guidelines:

- Always face oncoming traffic and stay far to the side of the road.
- Walk single-file at all times.
- Wear light-colored or reflective clothing at night to increase visibility for drivers.





A Message from Mayor Michael C. Kalnick

A+ Ranking for School District

Thanks to dedicated teachers and administrations and the outstanding academic accomplishments achieved by students, the Great Neck School District continues to hold its ranking as one of the best in the state and the country. Most recently, the district was recognized by niche.com as second best in New York and 13th in the United States. The study evaluated more than 11,000 districts, using data that included test results, ACT and SAT scores and graduation rates. Weight was also given to academic excellence as well as reviews from students, parents and local citizens.

Exercise Vigilance

While village officials and the Kings Point Police Department take every step possible to ensure the safety of our residents and their properties, unfortunately, there are individuals who prey on innocent victims. We all need to occasionally be reminded to exercise vigilance

as we go about our daily activities.

Most importantly, if you see something that raises your suspicion, it is best to report it to our local law enforcement professionals, so they can investigate and make an assessment. It is always best to err on the side of caution.

Beware of Phone Scams – Never divulge financial or personal information to anyone over the phone, unless you are absolutely sure of their identity. If you receive a suspicious call from someone asking for money or banking information, please notify the Kings Point Police Department.

Secure Your Property – Residents planning on leaving town for any extended period may want to ask a trusted person to periodically check on their property. Remember to put a hold on mail and newspaper delivery and provide the Kings Point Police Department with your travel dates. In the winter months, be sure to arrange for snow removal services before your departure.



The Village of Kings Point's fall 2017 leaf collection schedule will soon be mailed to homeowners and posted on the village website at www.villageofkingspoint.org. The service, which is typically provided on the same day of the week for six consecutive weeks, is expected to begin in November.

Leaves are to be enclosed in no more than six plastic bags and placed approximately 15 feet from the curb line by 7 a.m. on the designated

collection day, but not more than 12 hours prior to this time.

Homeowners are reminded of their responsibility to maintain the grassy area between the property lines and any public street, referred to as the shoulder of the roadway, in accordance with Kings Point Village Code Section 60-2. This year-round requirement includes clearing the area of accumulated leaves, as well as tree limbs and clippings from landscaping.

Motorists Urged to Use Caution

The Village of Kings Point's highway department works throughout the year to ensure the 26 miles of village roadways accessed by residents remain safe and passable.

Those operating motor vehicles are reminded of a few important safety precautions they can exercise as well, for their own benefit as well as the safety of their passengers and other individuals using the roadways. Most importantly, keep your hands on the wheel and your eyes on the road at all times.



NEVER TEXT & DRIVE

The U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports that 25 percent of the car accidents in

America are caused by distracted driving, which includes texting and driving. Sending or reading a text message takes your eyes off the road for about 5 seconds – enough time to cover the length of a football field at 55 mph.

Texting and driving is against the law and can result in catastrophic consequences.

BACK TO SCHOOL

With school back in session, drivers should slow down and exercise caution when approaching and passing bus stops where students are gathering. Watch out for youngsters who may be walking nearby, running for the bus or suddenly dart out into the street.

Be sure to stop fully for school buses dropping off and picking up passengers. Begin moving only when the red flashing lights are turned off, the stop arm is withdrawn and the bus begins to move.

BE AWARE OF ROAD CREWS

As the temperatures get colder and darkness begins to fall earlier, motorists are cautioned to be mindful of work crews that may be operating in or near the roadways. In addition to snow plows and salt trucks, crews may be removing downed trees or limbs or repairing water main breaks.

Interesting TO NOTE

The Farmer's Almanac is in its 200th year of publication. It predicts a snowy winter season from Maryland to Maine, including five coastal storms that will hit the northeast region.





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Sign Up

to Receive
Village Messages



Village officials occasionally determine it necessary to communicate timely or important information to residents. Automated phone calls and email communication have proven to be the quickest, most effective ways to disseminate messages.

Residents who have not already done so are encouraged to sign up to receive emails and automated phone messages from the village for updates about current issues. Please stop by Village Hall, call the village at (516) 504-1000 or send an email to info@villageofkingspoint.org with your name, address and preferred contact information.