

# Village of Kings Point Bulletin

June 2022

## Fiscal Prudence in Era of Inflation

Following an unprecedented six consecutive years of reducing village taxes, the Village of Kings Point mayor, board of trustees and village clerk have worked together meticulously to deliver a budget for the upcoming fiscal year with a minimal upward adjustment of less than 2 percent. This achievement comes during a time when fiscal challenges are being felt across the nation, as inflation soars at its fastest pace in 40 years with prices expected to rise.



According to the Labor Department, the consumer price index jumped 8.5 percent in the month of March, compared to the same time last year. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics puts that number at 6.1 percent in the 25-county metropolitan region that includes Long Island, the largest year-over-year increase since 1991.

More than half the budget is dedicated to public health and safety, which includes fire and ambulance services and a village police force that typically responds to calls for help in less than two minutes. Other expenses include costs associated with a sophisticated video surveillance system with cameras at village entranceways, conversion to energy-efficient LED street lighting, improvements to

village roadways, tree plantings and a highway crew that maintains 26 miles of village roadways.

In view of accelerated cost-of-living increases, persistent supply shortages and the rising price of fuel, electricity, insurances, professional services and other necessary expenditures, village officials are pleased with the final result. The board emphasized that those who choose to live and raise their families on the tip of the Great Neck Peninsula will continue to benefit from the excellent services and quality of life available to residents.

The Village of Kings Point's fiscal year runs from June 1, 2022 to May 31, 2023. The adopted budget is available for review on the village website at [villageofkingspoint.org](http://villageofkingspoint.org).

### VILLAGE Elections



The annual village election in the Village of Kings Point will be held at:

**Kings Point Village Hall**  
32 Steppingstone Lane  
Kings Point, New York 11024

**Tuesday, June 21, 2022**

12 noon to 9:00 p.m.

The names of those who have been duly nominated and the offices for which they have been nominated are as follows:

OFFICE	TERM	NOMINEE
Mayor	2 Years	Kouros Torkan
Trustee	2 Years	Tedi Kashinejad
Trustee	2 Years	Shahriar Victory



# A Message from Mayor Michael C. Kalnick

## Saying Goodbye

It is a humbling experience to be elected to public office. By their vote, residents put their trust in you to protect public health and safety, be responsive to their concerns and questions, resolve local issues and make legally sound decisions in the best interest of the citizens. It is a responsibility not to be taken lightly.

To have been given that opportunity by the people of the Village of Kings Point for the past 40 years has been an unimaginable honor. And, to say goodbye is bittersweet.

I have been fortunate to work with dedicated village employees who have given their all every day in service to the community. Additionally, it has been a privilege to collaborate with dozens of residents who have given selflessly of their free time and talent to fill positions on various government boards and provide invaluable support in many other official capacities.

Collectively, their hard work and dedication to our beloved Village of Kings Point exemplifies the potential that can be reached when individuals come together toward a shared goal—making

Kings Point a village every resident can be proud of. I am grateful to all who have served, for their influence and the important roles they played these past 40 years.

My love for the beautiful Village of Kings Point will never end. It has been a great place for my wife Lonnie and I to live and raise our family and will surely remain an excellent community to call home for those who come after us.

## Did You Know?

The Kings Point Community Benefit Fund was established by the board of trustees to raise capital for the benefit of village enhancement. An appointed committee is currently focusing on initiatives such as tree plantings and other beautification projects; technological advancements; street lighting; maintenance and safety of village property and similar projects which may be paid for by the fund. Capital is raised through subdivision fees required from developers when a subdivision is granted. Fees are computed at a percentage of the fair market value of lots within the subdivision.

## Dear Residents:

After serving our beloved village for nearly 30 years, my time has come to step aside and pass the baton to the next generation of capable residents to carry on the very difficult and demanding duties of governing. I am humbled and very grateful for your constant support and by showing your trust in me with your vote, so I could continue to be of service.

The board of trustees has worked hard to keep taxes to a minimum, maintained village roadways, keep trees flourishing, our parks, improve street lights and above all else, protect public health and safety as well as numerous other issues and projects which are too many to point out.



I am thankful for Mayor Michael Kalnick and all who served our village before me and along side of me by spending an unlimited time and efforts without any expectations or rewards.

I am grateful for our chief adviser and counselor, who has remained available to us in many ways. Mostly, I am appreciative of each individual member of the village staff, police force, a team of true professionals who have provided exemplary service and the utmost care in looking after our residents.

With that, once again I thank you for all of the support that was allowed to me.

Most sincerely,  
*David Harounian*  
Deputy Mayor

# Road Improvements Ongoing in KP

As the weather warms up, residents should expect to come across the adjacent list of projects underway to restore and improve some of the 26 miles of two-lane village roadways that meander through beautiful Kings Point. With funding from a \$4 million bond issue, each of the reconstruction and beautification initiatives includes removing old asphalt from the surface, street repaving and the addition of Belgian block curbing. Drainage modifications and improvements will also be made where needed, including upgrades to some catch basin systems.

- Eagle Point Drive: entire length
- Gatsby Lane: entire length
- Kenneth Court: Steven Lane to end
- Steven Lane: Remsen Road to East Shore Road



Two of the projects will also include widening the roadways to add pedestrian pathways.

- Wildwood Road: from Cherry Lane to Middle Neck Road
- Redbrook Road: from Kings Point Road to Lighthouse Road

## More Accolades for School District

The Great Neck School District and its students continue to receive national and state recognition as leaders in academic excellence. Most recently, *U.S. News & World Report's* "Best High Schools" annual edition listed Great Neck North High School in the 503 slot among the 1,000 best high schools in the nation.



Six indicators were used to determine the ranking for each of nearly 18,000 public high schools: college readiness, which specifically measured participation and performance on Ad-

vanced Placement and International Baccalaureate exams; reading and math proficiency; reading and math performance; underserved student performance; college curriculum comprehensiveness and graduation rates.

*U.S. News & World Report* also ranked Great Neck North High School number 119 among the best STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) schools in the country and 58th best among more than 1,200 public high schools in New York State.

## 2022 Village Tax

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The 2022 Village Tax is due **June 1** and payable without a penalty by July 1 **NO LATER THAN 4:30 p.m.** in the Village Hall. If you have not received your tax bill, please call Kings Point Village Hall immediately.

- Internet payments are accepted until 10:00 p.m. on July 1, online at [www.villageofkingspoint.org](http://www.villageofkingspoint.org) at which time the internet payment option will be turned off for website maintenance until further notice.

- Payments can be made by cash, check, money order or online only by credit card or debit card. Fees will be charged, based on the amount paid.
- Payments received after **July 1 will be charged a 5% penalty for the first month and an additional 1% per month thereafter** (New York State Real Property Tax Law 1433). **THE VILLAGE IS PROHIBITED BY STATE LAW FROM WAIVING THAT PENALTY.**

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## Village of Kings Point

32 Steppingstone Lane  
Kings Point, New York 11024  
(516) 504-1000

### Mayor

Michael C. Kalnick

### Board of Trustees

David Harounian, Deputy Mayor  
Hooshang Nematzadeh  
Kouros Torkan  
Ira S. Nesenoff

### Village Clerk

Gomie Persaud

### Police Commissioner

George J. Banville

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## Expired Building Permits?

**The homeowner bears the responsibility** of closing out a building permit before the expiration date—**NOT THE CONTRACTOR!**

When permits are issued for construction, improvements or repairs to a property and work is finished, it is the homeowner's responsibility to obtain a **PHYSICAL** certificate of completion or occupancy from the building department to ensure that the work is completed and the permits are closed.

**Reoccurring annual fees** will accrue when a permit is not closed out, potentially becoming costly and causing difficulties when selling the property.

### Uncertain about open permits?

Call the Village of Kings Point Building Department without delay.

## How Can We Reach You?

Emails and automated phone calls have proven to be the most effective way to communicate timely information about matters of importance to the community. Residents wishing to be added to the email contact list can complete a Preferred Contact Information form, found on the village website at [villageofkingspoint.org](http://villageofkingspoint.org), and email it to [info@villageofkingspoint.org](mailto:info@villageofkingspoint.org). Or an email request with your name, address and preferred contact information can be sent to the address above.



## NUMBERS TO NOTE:

**Kings Point Village Hall:** (516) 504-1000

**Kings Point Police Dept:** (516) 482-1000

**Fire / Alert Fire Co.:** (516) 487-7000

**Ambulance / Vigilant Fire Co.:** (516) 482-5000

**PSEG Long Island:** 1-(800) 490-0075  
[www.psegliny.com](http://www.psegliny.com)

**Gas / National Grid:** 1-(800) 490-0045

**Water Authority of Great Neck North:**

(516) 487-7973

(516) 482-0210 – Water Emergency / After Hours

[www.waterauthorityofgreatnecknorth.com](http://www.waterauthorityofgreatnecknorth.com)