

Village of Kings Point Bulletin

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Banville Takes the Helm as Police Commissioner

The Village of Kings Point Board of Trustees recently appointed George J. Banville to serve as police commissioner. Since joining the force as an officer in 1984, where he moved up to Sergeant and then Lieutenant, Commissioner Banville has spent his entire law enforcement career serving and protecting the residents of the Village of Kings Point.

The title was previously held by John (Jack) Miller, who retired in June, after serving as commissioner for more than 13 years. His distinguished career with the Kings Point Village Police Department began in 1978.

"Jack Miller and George Banville are dedicated law enforcement professionals who have worked alongside each other for more than 30 years, while being entrusted with the safety of the families living in our beloved community," stated Kings Point Mayor Michael Kalnick. "With Jack's retirement, the board unanimously agreed that George was more than qualified to step in as commissioner."

A native Long Islander, Banville graduated from St. John the Baptist High School in West Islip and holds a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice



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from St. John's University. When he first joined the Kings Point Police Department, he also covered shifts at Jones Beach for the New York State Park Police in the summer months.

"Policing has undergone tremendous changes since I began my career," Commissioner Banville stated in looking back. "Today, we regularly receive training that is far more advanced and are provided with sophisticated state-

of-the-art equipment for our personal safety and the protection of the communities we serve.

"Our ability to collect and access data; utilize high-tech computer and surveillance technology; and communicate with and coordinate efforts with other law enforcement agencies is growing in leaps and bounds," he added. "The information

and resources available to the law enforcement industry becomes more complex with each passing year.

"I am honored to have been chosen to follow in the footsteps of my friend and colleague Jack Miller," Commissioner Banville concluded. "I look forward to providing many more years of dedicated service to the residents of the beautiful Village of Kings Point."



A Message from Mayor Michael C. Kalnick

A Distinguished Career in Law Enforcement

The members of the Board of Trustees extend their heartfelt congratulations to Police Commissioner John (Jack) Miller on his recent retirement and thank him for nearly 38 years of distinguished service to the Village of Kings Point. Along with the village staff and the entire Kings Point Police Department, we wish Jack good health and happiness in the years ahead.

More Safety Accolades Received

Kings Point has once again been recognized as one of the safest places to live. The most recent

report was released by Alarm Systems Review and ranked the village as the 10th safest community in New York State.

These rankings can mainly be attributed to the work of our well-trained police force. They provide protection to our residents and their properties around-the-clock, with an average response time of less than 2 minutes.

In its long-standing commitment to ensuring the safety of residents at all times, the village recently installed a 24-hour surveillance system at the gateways to and from the community. The state-of-the-art equipment has proven to be a valuable investigative tool.

*Season's Greetings
& Happy New Year*

from Mayor Kalnick, the Board of Trustees and the entire Village of Kings Point family.



CROSS WITH
Caution

Those who choose to travel by foot throughout the village are urged to exercise caution at all times. While it may be easy for pedestrians to see any vehicles that may be nearby, drivers cannot always readily spot a person that is in or near the street. This can lead to tragic consequences, especially at night and dusk, when the sun is setting and visibility is compromised. Walkers are reminded to stay far off to the side of the street and wear light-colored or reflective clothing whenever possible.



To further protect residents who are out walking during early morning or evening hours and in the interest of public safety, the Village of Kings Point is making **REFLECTIVE VESTS** (pictured) available to residents, free of charge with a limit of two per household. Residents are encouraged to stop by Village Hall, with proof of residency, to pick theirs up.

Secure Your Home for Winter



VACATION PLANS?

If you are traveling this winter, it's a good idea to have a trusted person check on your property in your absence. Additionally, let the Kings Point Police Department know your plans, so they can keep an eye out as well. Put a few lights on timers, have your mail and newspaper delivery suspended, engage the security system if you have one, keep the heat on low and arrange for snow removal. Enjoy your trip.



KEEP HOUSE # VISIBLE

If your house number cannot be seen, precious time can be wasted if emergency responders are trying to locate your premises. Numbers should be at least 4 inches in height, mounted 4 feet above the ground and in sharp contrast to the background. They should be hung in an area that is well lit or made of reflective material and kept clear of landscaping.

If the house set back from the roadway, the number should be displayed on a post or mailbox, no further than 25 feet from the curb. Be sure not to block it with holiday decorations.

CO DANGERS

With the colder months come heavier use of fuel-burning appliances that produce carbon monoxide. To prevent possible exposure, keep the equipment properly vented and have it inspected by a professional at the beginning of every heating season.



of consciousness and death.

If carbon monoxide poisoning is suspected, evacuate immediately, leaving the door open behind you. The fire department should be called and medical attention sought without delay.

Carbon monoxide is a tasteless, odorless, invisible and toxic gas that can cause irreversible damage to the nervous system, memory loss and death. A carbon monoxide detector in good working order is the most important prevention against exposure. The devices should meet the requirements of the current UL 2034 safety standard, which requires them to sound an alarm when exposure to the gas reaches hazardous levels.

Familiarization with the symptoms of carbon monoxide exposure can also help prevent poisoning. Low levels of exposure can cause mild nausea, shortness of breath and mild headaches. At moderate levels, a victim can experience dizziness, severe headaches, mental confusion, nausea and fatigue. High levels may result in convulsion, loss

Phone Scam ALERT

Kings Point Village officials have been made aware of a recent phone scam in which the caller asked a resident for bank account information to pay a past due village tax bill — which was totally false.

Residents are reminded to NEVER divulge personal or financial information to anyone over the phone, unless you are absolutely sure of their identity. If you receive a suspicious call or believe you are the victim of fraud, please notify the Kings Point Police Department.



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Sign Up to Receive VILLAGE 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.