

# Village of Kings Point Bulletin

March 2022

## Great Neck Schools Get A+ Rating

Great Neck continues to be recognized as one of the best public school districts in the state and the nation, thanks to academic excellence, dedicated teachers and exceptional programs.

In a newly released report on performance in college-level coursework and exams, recently provided to *Newsday* by the New York State Department of Education, Great Neck ranked fifth among the highest-achieving public school districts. The 38 Advanced Placement courses provided to students by the district include subjects that range from computer science and physics to music theory and art history.

Additionally, the Great Neck School District has been ranked number one in both Nassau County and New York State and number 3 in America on the lists compiled by Niche.com of Best Public Schools in 2022, within a 30 minute commute to New York City.

As reported by the Great Neck School District, rigorous analysis of academic and student life data from the U.S. Department of Education, along with test scores, college data and ratings collected from millions of Niche users, also earned the district top ratings for academics, teachers, co-

curricular activities and safety. The public school district is ranked by Niche.com as the second safest in the state and its educators appear fifth on the list of best teachers in the state.

In addition to the district's overall ratings, the schools serving Village of Kings Point residents received high individual ratings. J.F. Kennedy Elementary School was ranked 23rd among 2,800 schools; Great Neck North Middle School was rated fourth among 1,400 middle schools; and Great Neck North High School was ranked 14th among 1,400 public high schools.

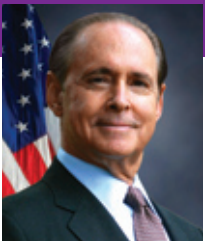


## Public Meeting: Overview of Tentative Budget

In the coming weeks, an overview of the tentative budget for the upcoming fiscal year (June 1, 2022 – May 31, 2023) will be presented at a public hearing by the Village Board of Trustees and Village Clerk. The meeting is conducted annually and provides the community with an opportunity

to be informed about their village government.

Residents are welcome to attend and will be given the chance to ask questions and provide input. The hearing date will soon be determined and posted, along with the proposed budget, on the village website.



## A Message from **Mayor Michael C. Kalnick**

The Long Island Nitrogen Action Plan to help reduce nitrogen in Long Island's surface and groundwaters, the leading cause of water quality deterioration, is an ongoing initiative by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, Long Island Regional Planning Council, local governments, environmental organizations and other groups.

### **Keep Your Pets Safe**

It is not usual to spot a variety of beautiful wild animals in the Village of Kings, including fox, deer, raccoons, hawks, eagles, owls and other birds of prey. Residents should be aware that, although most of these animals are relatively harmless, some can prey on smaller dogs and other pets.



Nitrogen comes primarily from the wastewater produced by sewage treatment plants and discharged from residential cesspools, fertilizer and storm water runoff. It eventually reaches the groundwater and ultimately flows to surface waters such as bays and estuaries. Excess nitrogen stimulates algal (plant) growth and leads to low oxygen conditions, fish kills and degraded marine habitats.

There are many small steps we can take to help reduce nitrogen in our waterways:

- Avoid fertilizing the lawn early or late in the season, when the grass is dormant and not using the nutrients, causing the fertilizer to runoff into surface waters or leach into groundwater.
- Keep grass clippings, leaves, fertilizer and pet waste out of the storm drains by leaving the clippings on the lawn, bagging the leaves, sweeping fertilizer off hard surfaces and picking up pet waste.
- Replace older septic systems with advanced treatment systems.
- Direct downspouts into plant beds or onto the lawn, away from walkways and driveways.
- Leave a wide strip of deep-rooted plants along the shoreline.
- Use native trees and plants in your landscaping.



### **Leave it to the Pros**

For the protection of their personal safety, residents should refrain from approaching or trying to handle any wild animal they may encounter on or near their property. While animals in the wild can appear friendly or non-threatening, they can get aggressive if they are guarding their young, ill or become frightened.

Any unusual situation that involves wildlife should be brought to the attention of the Village of Kings Point Police Department, so the issue can be handled by a trained professional.

Pictured, Sergeant George VonBartheld safely removes an injured bird of prey from a residential property.

# New Building Department Hire

Some residents may have already had the pleasure of meeting Mario G. Melito 3rd, the Village of King Point's newest member of the Building Department. He was recently hired to assist Building Inspector Chris Aiossa and his team to ensure the village continues to provide the community with prompt professional service when it comes to overseeing building permit applications for construction, improvements or repairs to properties and ensuring compliance with New York State building codes and Kings Point Village zoning ordinances.



Mario G. Melito 3rd

With vast experience as a project architect/project manager on behalf a various area firms, Mario is armed with an M.B.A. from New York University and a B.S. in Architectural Technology from New York Institute of Technology. Most recently, he completed the necessary New York State training and examinations and is now a certified Code Enforcement Officer.

Mario is a member of the American Institute of Architects and, in his spare time, an accomplished sculptor, painter and photographer.

**"The environment is where we all meet; where we all have a mutual interest; it is the one thing all of us share."**



— Lady Bird Johnson,  
Former First Lady  
of the United States

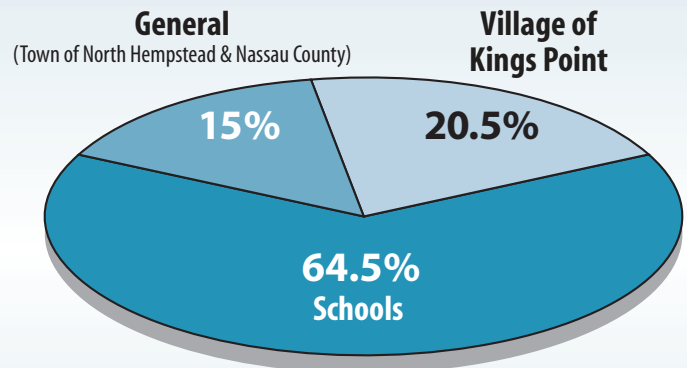
## Dates TO NOTE

- March 4: National Employee Appreciation Day
- March 8: International Women's Day
- March 13: National Good Samaritan Day
- March 13: Daylight Saving Time Begins
- March 20: Spring Begins

## Breakdown of Your Tax Dollars at Work

While a large majority of your residential tax dollars are earmarked for the local school district, approximately 20 percent is appropriated for the Village of Kings Point, where funds are used to maintain an excellent quality of life for more than 5,000 residents.

More than half of the annual village budget is allocated to public health and safety, which includes fire and ambulances services and the Kings Point Police Department, which typically responds to calls for help from the community in less than two minutes. In addition to advanced officer training and other modern equipment, the department is aided by a



state-of-the-art video surveillance system that includes license plate recognition technology and analog day/night cameras at each of the village's 19 entrances.



## Village of Kings Point

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### Mayor

Michael C. Kalnick

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## 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)



## 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.