

KINGS POINT

NEWS & UPDATES



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Fellow residents,

For those of you who I have not had the chance to formally meet, my name is Kouros "Kris" Torkan, and I am the Mayor of the Village of Kings Point. It is hard to express in words how proud and humbled I am to

have been elected by my fellow neighbors to lead our community at such an important time.

Before I outline my vision for our community, I must acknowledge the great work of my predecessor, Mayor Michael Kalnick. I had the pleasure of working with Mayor Kalnick as a member of the Board of Trustees for 3 years. Aside from what he taught me personally, Mayor Kalnick established a standard of excellence in leading our great village and built a strong, reliable foundation to build upon to continue to make Kings Point the best community to live in on Long Island. I would like to thank Mayor Kalnick for his service to our community on behalf of the entire Village Board.

We also extend our gratitude to former Deputy Mayor David Harounian and former Trustee Sheldon Kwiat for their decades of dedicated service to our village. Throughout the years, they selflessly assisted the community on the Architectural and Preliminary Site Review Board and as Trustees. Their work bettered the Village of Kings Point, and their profound impact is deeply appreciated.

As our community now transitions to a new period of leadership, I would like to give you some insight into our administration's vision for our wonderful community. First and foremost, the Trustees and I have been examining village contracts and other items related to our government's fiscal situation. In these difficult post-pandemic economic times, our administration will do everything in its power to maintain a high standard of fiscal responsibility. As you will see later in this newsletter, we have already been able to make headway in these efforts thanks to a number of new agreements for vital village services.

In addition to our cost-saving efforts, I will ensure that the high quality of life standards that our residents have come to expect are only strengthened over time. Later on, you will learn about our new Police Commissioner, Daniel Flanagan, who is dedicated to ensuring the safety of our residents and their property. We will also work to address and complete important infrastructure projects, such as road repaving.

I would like our residents to know that my door is always open, and our administration can be reached at info@villageofkingspoint.org. Please never hesitate to reach out to me or my office with any questions or concerns. I look forward to working with you to continue to make Kings Point the best place to live on Long Island.

Sincerely, Kris Torkan Mayor, Village of Kings Point

Appointment of the Deputy Mayor

Hooshang Nematzadeh has been appointed as the new Deputy Mayor. As a resident of Kings Point for nearly 20 years and Chairman of the Village's Planning Board, as well as a Trustee, Hooshang brings an abundance of experience to his position. He holds a B.S. in Aeronautical Engineering from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Bridgeport.

Hooshang is devoted to serving the village, bringing with him his professional experience as the president of Nemat Homes Inc. and dedicated public service, previously demonstrated in his roles as an active member and former president of the Great Neck Chamber of Commerce and the executive vice president of the Iranian American Jewish Federation of New York and the United Mashadi Jewish Community of America.



New Deputy Mayor
HOOSHANG NEMATZADEH



Remembering 9/11 Victims and First Responders

This year marked the 21st anniversary of the September 11th attacks. Each year, we honor the lives of those lost in the tragedy and commend the bravery and compassion displayed by the heroic first responders. We come together as a village and nation to recognize those courageous souls and ensure they are never forgotten.



New Trustee Tedi Kashinejad, previous Mayor Michael Kalnick, Mayor Kris Torkan and new Trustee Ebi Victory

New and Reappointed Trustees

We are excited to introduce our new Trustees, Shahriar "Ebi" Victory and Tedi Kashinejad, and to announce the reappointment of Ira S. Nesenoff as a Trustee.

Shahriar "Ebi" Victory has been a proud resident of Kings Point since 2001 and is committed to improving and computerizing village services to maximize efficiency while keeping taxes as low as possible. Ebi has previously served the community as a member of the Architectural and Preliminary Site Review Board since 2017 and assisted in the creation of the Village of Kings Point Enhancement Committee. He is also a founder and president of several businesses, including Victory Holding of NY.

Tedi Kashinejad is passionate towards positively impacting the village, already demonstrated in his recent implementation of an alert and communication system for all Kings Point residents. His public service history of over 20 years includes seats on the Village of Kings Point Architectural and Preliminary Site Review Board and the Village of Great Neck Planning Board and Board of Zoning and Appeals. Tedi brings further experience as the vice president of Nemat Development Group and BLDNGS Group, a real estate development and interior design company.

Ira S. Nesenoff returns to continue his long history of service to the village, where he has been a resident for more than 20 years. His valued contributions as a Trustee are backed by his nearly two decades on the Board of Appeals and vast legal, business and real estate expertise as a managing partner of the New York City law firm Nesenoff & Miltenberg.



New Trustee
EBI VICTORY



New Trustee
TEDI
KASHINEJAD



Reappointed Trustee IRA S. NESENOFF

New Board Members and Reappointments

We enthusiastically welcome three new remarkable Board Members.



New Architectural and Preliminary Site Board Member AFSHIN "EFFIE" DILMANIAN

Architectural and Preliminary Site Review Board Member Afshin "Effie" Dilmanian is eager to serve the community in his new role. Born in 1970 in Tehran, Iran, Effie immigrated to Kew Gardens, Queens in 1979. He set off on a path of academic success, graduating from Columbia University School of Engineering and Applied Science in 1992 with a B.S. in Civil Engineering. Effie learned construction management with the Turner Construction Company and proceeded to take his skills to Metropolitan Homes Inc., where he is currently a partner. His

professional experience paired with his time as a Village of Great Neck Architectural Review Board member from 2017–2022 make Effie a valued addition to the Village of Kings Point ARB.



New Architectural and Preliminary Site Board Member SANDY KAMALI

Fellow Architectural and Preliminary Site Review Board Member Sandy Kamali is dedicated to using her new position to benefit the village. A resident of Kings Point since 1992, Sandy brings experience from the Architectural School renowned at Instituto Politecnico of Milano in Italy and a history of running a family business with her husband. She is active in all phases of design. development, construction and management and the development of investment properties in New York City and Long Island. Sandy also

served on the board of the Kennilworth Homeowner's Association for the past 14 years and has officially resigned to accept the village nomination.



New Planning Board Member MICHAEL LAMORETTI

New Planning Board Member Michael Lamoretti is looking forward to using his experience and skills to benefit to the Village of Kings Point, where he has lived since 1990. After graduating with a B.S. in Finance from Franklin Pierce University, Michael began working for United Capital Corporation, where he has held the position of Vice President Real Estate Operations for over twenty-five years. Michael's leadership experience includes serving as a board member of the Great Neck Plaza Business

Improvement District and Gold Coast Arts Center and as former president of the Great Neck Soccer Club and Fresh Meadow Country Club. He has cultivated skills he will put to use on the Planning Board.



New Police Commissioner

DANIEL FLANAGAN



Former Police Commissioner GEORGE BANVILLE

New Police Commissioner

We would like to acknowledge former Commissioner George Banville, who retired as of May 31, 2022 after 38 years of service to the village. Daniel Flanagan will continue Commissioner Banville's commitment to the community as the new Police Commissioner. As a 35-year law enforcement veteran, Commissioner Flanagan's prestigious experience as an accomplished police executive will be a great addition to the department.

After receiving his B.A. in Computer Science from SUNY Oswego, he worked for the New York City Transit Police Department and later joined the Nassau County Police Department, performing various command and leadership roles over 30 years. In 2017, Commissioner Flanagan was selected to attend the prestigious FBI National Academy session #270 in Quantico, Virginia—an opportunity offered to less than one percent of police executives from around the world. He is also a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the Nassau County Municipal Police Chiefs Association and the FBI National Academy Associates.

New Code Enforcement Officer

We are pleased to introduce our new Code Enforcement Officer, Leslie Carroll. She will be serving part time to help uphold the high quality of life standards our residents expect here in Kings Point. Our Department of Code Enforcement helps ensure that our residents are good neighbors to one another and our village rules and regulations are always followed.



New Code Enforcement Officer LESLIE CARROLL

Updates on Village Initiatives and Programs

New Money-Saving LED Street Lights

The village completed its installation of new cost-effective LED street lights. These bulbs are not only money-saving and energyefficient but provide a brighter light than traditional bulbs as well. The conversion cuts streetlight bills in half and requires far less replacements. The old street lights were replaced on average every five years, whereas LED lights endure for 20 years. These new streetlights will make our streets brighter and safer and help the environment and our pockets along the way.

Village Signs Contract with New Waste Management Firm

We welcome Dejana Industries, the new waste management firm the village has employed, which will reduce costs while maintaining the same level of quality service. Regular pickup remains Monday, Wednesday, and Friday for the east side of the village and Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday for the west side of the village.

Dejana will also handle leaf collection. The 2022 leaf collection schedule will soon be mailed by the village and posted to its website. The service will be provided the same day each week for six consecutive weeks, beginning on November 17 for the Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday route and on November 23 for the Monday, Wednesday and Friday route. 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, no more than 12 hours prior to this time. Please be reminded that the grassy area between the property line and the street should be kept clear of accumulating leaves and landscaping debris.

Please contact 516-944-7445 to reach Dejana Industries with any questions about or special requests for your garbage pickup.

Another Successful Summer Concert Season

We had an incredibly successful season of concerts at Steppingstone Park. The community was able to enjoy a wide range of music genres—including pop, jazz, rock, and Broadway—as well as a wonderful performance by Plaza Productions of Camelot. This year's concert series was made particularly exceptional due to performances by three-time Grammy Award-winning artist Wyclef Jean and Grammynominated singer Gavin DeGraw.

The success of these events is the result of flawless planning and execution by Superintendent Jason Marra, the Park Commissioners—Frank Cilluffo, Tina Stellato and Vanessa Tamari—and their entire team. We look forward to many more successful events in the future thanks to our capable parks department.



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Public Safety Tips

The safety of village residents and their property is the numberone priority for the Village Board. Please remember the following tips to keep you and your family safe:



Always lock your home and set your security system if you have one.



Keep lights on around your home even when you are out.



Lock car doors and don't leave key fobs in your vehicle.



Remember that many luxury vehicles' mirrors fold in when the car is locked. If your mirrors are out, criminals will notice.

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.

Recurring 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



Numbers to Note

Kings Point Village Hall:

516-504-1000

Kings Point Police Department:

516-482-1000

Fire

Alert Fire Co.:

516-487-7000

Ambulance

Vigilant Fire Co.:

516-482-5000

Electricity

PSEG Long Island:

1-800-490-0075

(www.psegliny.com)

Natural Gas

National Grid:

1-800-490-0045

Water Authority of Great Neck North:

516-487-7973

(after hours emergency: 516-482-0210)