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# VILLAGE OF KINGS POINT NEWS & UPDATES

# MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Dear neighbors,

I am filled with joy and gratitude as we bid farewell to 2023 and welcome the promise of a New Year.

We have made a lot of progress in the Village during the past year that have and will continue to result in efficiency, cost savings and a high quality of life for our residents. The following are areas that have brought about some of these great results:

- Restructuring the administration and upgrading the operations with integration of digital technology.
- A new ambulance service agreement that will result in approximately 60% savings annually.
- A new Park contract with long-overdue beautification and capital improvement upgrades while protecting the natural charm and its precious and scenic environment.
- Enhanced training and upgrades in surveillance technology and other software for crime analysis in our Police Department. We have reduced crime by approximately 40% compared to the previous year thanks to our outstanding police department and the community's vigilance.
- Five-year roads improvement plan and expanded street LED lighting programs.
- Creation of the Enhancement Committee, which is comprised of 7 appointed members to assist with ideas and initiatives that will benefit our beloved Village through the identification of and application to government grant funding.
- Completely redesigned website for ease of access for our residents and implementation of a resident notification system (sign up by clicking the link on the website homepage or by scanning the QR code below).
- Reduced Village taxes by approximately 3.5% for 2023/2024 while maintaining the highest level of services that our residents expect.

As always, I would like to thank the Great Neck Alert Fire Co. and Vigilant Fire & Ambulance Co. on behalf of the entire Kings Point community for their bravery and commitment to helping our residents in times of emergency and sickness. Additionally, thank you to the Great Neck Park District for their continued partnership and all they do for our residents. Finally, I would like to express my deepest gratitude to my fellow Village officials, staff and employees for their unwavering dedication to our community. Their commitment is truly appreciated and the reason for our accomplishments. I am confident that together, we will build on the successes of the past and make Kings Point an even better place to live and raise our families.

On behalf of all the Village board members, committee members and employees, I extend our warmest wishes for a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year to each and every one of you.

Sincerely,

Kris Torkan Mayor, Village of Kings Point

#### **Sign Up For Village Alerts**

**Be in the know:** visit the Village website to sign up for important weather and public safety alerts, Village news and event reminders.



Scan this QR code or visit www.villageofkingspoint.org.

# **News and Notes from the Department of Public Works**

#### **Be Ready for Winter Weather**

With the winter months upon us, our Department of Public Works fleet is ready to take on inclement weather. However, in snowy or icy conditions, there are some things to help ensure you can stay safe in the event of a severe winter storm:

- Gather supplies, including a battery-operated flashlight and radio, spare batteries, bottled water and foods that don't require refrigeration or cooking.
- Keep cell phones fully charged and limit use if your power goes out to extend battery life.
- · List out emergency phone numbers for loved ones and utilities.
- Have a stockpile of blankets and winter clothes to keep warm in the event your heat goes out.

When it comes time to clean up from a snowstorm, keep these tips in mind:

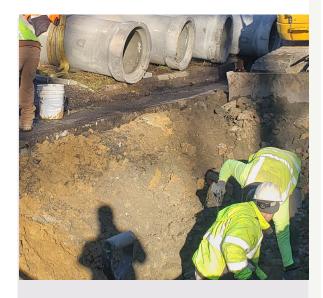
- Remove parked cars from the roadway so Village plows can easily navigate your street.
- Shovel your property with the direction of traffic to avoid excess snow being dumped at the end of your driveway by plows.
- If you have a fire hydrant on your property, clear a two-foot radius around it to ensure emergency services can access it.

As a reminder, the Village of Kings Point must clear primary roads first, followed by secondary and finally tertiary roads. If you live on a tertiary road, such as a cul-de-sac, please allow sufficient time for Village crews to clean up your road.

Residents who live on private roads are responsible for the clearing of snow and other debris. For questions about this or any aspects of winter storm preparedness, please contact our Department of Public Works Superintendent Domenick Stanco at 516-504-1000 or dstanco@villageofkingspoint.org.



DOMENICK STANCO Superintendent, Kings Point Department of Public Works



#### **Work on Station Road**

Thanks to coordination by Village of Kings Point Trustee Ebi Victory, Nassau County Legislator Mazi Melesa Pilip and former North Hempstead Town Council Member Veronica Lurvey secured funding for drainage improvements to Station Road. Crews installed a new drainage system to avoid the road surface becoming wet and freezing in the winter. This will make the road safer for motorists, pedestrians and cyclists.

**EBI VICTORY** Village of Kings Point Trustee



The Village of Kings Point's Department of Public Works fleet is always ready to respond to winter weather events.



# **Kings Point Police Department Updates**

## **Property Crime Down in 2023**

Kings Point Police Commissioner Daniel Flanagan is proud to report a substantial reduction in property crimes across the Village in 2023. With home burglaries down 38% and stolen vehicles down 43%, the Village of Kings Point is making effective strides to combat crime trends across Nassau County.

These reductions have been made possible by several factors, first and foremost the hard work of our Kings Point Police Department officers. The department's close coordination with the Nassau County Police Department investigative units is also a key component for fighting crime, as is the Village's continued investment in upgrading our various security technologies. Finally, the vigilance of our residents has been equally important. The Kings Point Police Department reminds all residents to report suspicious vehicles, persons and activity by calling 516-482-1000, and of course to dial 911 in an emergency.



DANIEL FLANAGAN Kings Point Police Department Commissioner



## **Village Security Technology Expanded**

After securing funding from both New York State and Nassau County Legislator Mazi Melesa Pilip, the Village of Kings Point has increased its security technology throughout our community by adding to and upgrading its current license plate reader (LPR) camera system. LPRs are used to track suspicious vehicles and persons traveling through our community. They allow the Kings Point Police Department to work with other law enforcement agencies to communicate and share information about potential criminal activity should it cross jurisdiction areas. LPR cameras are never used for the enforcement of speeding or other traffic violations.

These continued investments in our public safety technologies gives our police department the tools to combat crime and improve quality of life for our residents.

# **Do Your Part Lock Your Doors**

The Kings Point Police has advised residents of important ways to prevent our community from being a victim of criminal activity:

- 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 oare out, criminals will notice.
- Dial 911 if you witness criminal or suspicious activity.





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# **Garbage Reminder**

All household garbage and recyclables are to be kept on your property for collection by DeJana Industries, the Village's solid waste management firm. Please do not put any items out to your curb. The collection of bulk items requires a special pickup to be scheduled with DeJana. Please remember that DeJana cannot collect construction debris. To schedule a special pickup, or report a concern regarding garbage collection, please contact DeJana at 516-944-7445.



# **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)