



The Muttontown Wire

The Incorporated Village of Muttontown
One 'Raz' Tafuro Way, Muttontown, NY 11791



Summer 2023

A Message from Mayor James Liguori

Dear Neighbors,

I hope you have all had a wonderful Summer. It is one of my favorite times of year for many reasons, not the least of which is it's the perfect time for golf and of course spending time with my two favorite people- my granddaughters.



It has been a busy few months at Village Hall. We completed a road repaving project in the late Spring and early Summer that provided much needed improvements to many of our Village roadways. We began a beautification program and installed signs at the entrances to the village with plantings. Using grant funding some of the Village Hall offices got a facelift with new lighting and ceilings, a new roof and additional seating in the meeting room.

We have all seen and heard about the disturbing increase in crime. Chief Irizarry and the dedicated officers of the Department have been diligent and proactive in ensuring our safety and well-being. I think I speak for the entire Board when I

offer my sincere gratitude for all they have done and continue to do. I am happy to report that compared to last year there has been a significant reduction in break-ins and car thefts in the Village

To address the crime wave issues we held several community meetings and brought in experts to share information with residents. We have deployed License Plate readers at stationary locations throughout the Village, with several more set to be installed, as well as mobile readers in vehicles. These are an important tool for our Officers and provides information we can share with neighboring Departments to continue to combat these crimes and enhance public safety. In addition, we welcomed three new Police Officers to the Department over the last year and a half, we are happy to have them join the Department and are grateful for their commitment to serve.

As always, I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as Mayor of this Village. I look forward to continuing to work with you all.

Mayor James Liguori



How To Reach the Police Department



The Police Department can be reached at, 516-364-3476 option 2. This is only for non-emergency issues. Messages will be retrieved from this voicemail system throughout the day.

For any issue requiring an immediate response by police officers, please call 9-1-1.

Meet the Muttontown Upper Brookville Police Department



Front Row: Chief Irizarry, Officer Lodico, Officer Ingargiola, Officer Lambert, Officer Dervin, Officer Scholl
Middle Row: Officer Wolland, Officer Kozlowski, Officer Young, Officer Vita, Officer Amante
Top Row: Officer Pidoto, Commissioner Trustee Economou, Sergeant Wallace, Lieutenant Ernst
Not Pictured: Officer Dutes and Sergeant Lavin

At the July 2023 Board of Trustees meeting we officially swore in three new Police Officers who joined the ranks over the last year and a half. We are pleased to have Officer Pidoto, Officer Lambert and Officer Young join the Muttontown Upper Brookville Police Department, we have no doubt they will be valuable additions to the Department.



Chief Irizarry, Mayor Liguori, Officer Lambert, Officer Pidoto, Officer Young and Police Commissioner Trustee Economou



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- if you are going on vacation let the Police Department know by filling out a vacant premise form found on our website or in person.
- Stay up to date by joining our e-mail list, check the village website, and sign up for our emergency alert system.
- This is a friendly reminder to please curb your dog. The Village has received numerous communications from residents about dog waste not being properly disposed of, and left on private and public property.

Honoring Former Mayor Murcott



For nearly 40 years Richard Murcott has served on various Village Boards and committees in many different capacities. He has served as the Zoning Board Chairman, Zoning Board member, Planning Board Chairman and member, and Mayor from July 1998 through June 2006. In addition to his public service for the Village he has an impressive resume that includes service to several community organizations, hospital boards, and businesses.

In recognition of his unparalleled commitment and dedication to serving the Village, the Mayor and Board of Trustees was honored to establish the "Mayor Murcott Meeting Hall" at Village Hall in his honor.

Police Department Announcements

- Since the start of COVID, traffic fatalities on Long Island have increased by 24%. There are many theories as to why this is, but there is no arguing the fact that our roadways could always be safer. There have been numerous heartbreaking traffic related fatalities in and around our area. In most of these cases, typical contributing factors are alcohol, speed and aggressive driving. We will be adding extra patrols, using newly acquired police vehicles with the latest traffic enforcement equipment, on a regular basis. The sole purpose of these patrols will be to aggressively enforce vehicle and traffic laws in our jurisdiction.
- The Village in conjunction with surrounding Village's has developed a plan to install License Plate Readers throughout the area that will provide comprehensive protection and monitoring of the entire area. The Village of Muttontown has applied for a \$100,000 grant to Legislator Lafazan that is currently being reviewed by Nassau County. This grant would provide funding for ten License Plate readers to be installed in the Muttontown Upper Brookville Police Department coverage area. In coordination with the surrounding 7 Village's we have begun the process of submitting for additional grant funding to install 36 License Plate Readers throughout all of the municipalities.
- A high percentage of stolen vehicles are caused by leaving the vehicle's FOB/key in the car. Always lock your vehicle, park in the garage when possible, lock your garage, park in well-lit areas and keep the exterior of your home and driveway illuminated, secure your garage door opener to prevent access to your home.
- Important tips for securing your home:



- Have adequate exterior lighting. A motion-sensitive light is recommended for backyards.
- Trim trees and shrubs so that they cannot be used as hiding places for intruders.
- Leave lights on when you go out. If you are going to be away for a length of time, connect some lamps to automatic timers to turn them on in the evening and off during the day.

Road Work and Beautification Projects

The Village has completed a large scale road work project that the Board of Trustees allocated \$900,000 towards. Superintendent Tony Toscano did an outstanding job coordinating the project and ensuring it was done with minimal disturbance to our residents.

The Beautification Committee along with Superintendent Tony Toscano began implementation of a beautification plan at locations throughout the Village. Signs have been installed with plantings at six locations, plants and shrubs were planted along Muttontown Eastwoods Road and at Village Hall and all street signs and stop signs in the village have been cleaned and repaired if needed. We look forward to continuing this work next Spring. Any resident who would like to get involved and participate on the Beautification Committee please reach out to Deputy Mayor Sudha Prasad at, sprasad@muttontownny.gov.



When to Seek a Building Permit



The Building Department should be used as a resource for all residents when embarking on a project. It is essential that we all play our part in maintaining the beauty and character of our Village by ensuring that any changes or improvements we make align with Village regulations and guidelines.

In recent years, we have witnessed a growing interest in sustainable energy solutions, such as solar panels, which not only benefit homeowners by reducing energy bills but also contribute to the overall well-being of our environment. We encourage these initiatives but wish to remind all residents

of the importance of obtaining the necessary permits before embarking on such projects. In addition a permit may be required for exterior renovations, landscaping changes, erecting accessory structures like sheds, gazebos or pergolas for example, or installing a fence. This is not a comprehensive list of items which would require a permit but represent some of the more common projects.

Before starting any project that could impact your property's external appearance, we encourage you to reach out to the Building Department at, 516-364-3476 option 3. They will be more than happy to guide you through the permitting process and answer any questions you may have. By working together, we can ensure that Muttontown remains a place of beauty, community, and sustainable growth.

Do you Want to Get Involved?



The Village has three Boards whose membership is made up of volunteers from the Village and are appointed by the Mayor. These Boards include the Site and Architectural Review Board, Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals. The Mayor makes the appointments annually in July. If you are interested in volunteering for a position on these boards, please send a resume and interest letter to Joe Russo at jrusso@muttontownny.gov.

Stormwater Management Plan

The Village is continuing in its efforts to reduce the impact on our tidal and freshwater wetlands from storm water runoff. A major component of this program is the prevention of pollutants, such as pathogen containing pet wastes, trash, petroleum products, and nutrients and toxics found in lawn care and gardening products from running into the Village's drainage systems.

To meet the program's goals, the Village is asking residents to get involved and help. Detailed information can be found on the Village website. Here are some ways you can help:

You can help keep our environment clean by following the steps below:

- 1. REPORT ILLEGAL PUMPING, DUMPING** or direct connection to a drain or waterway to the Nassau County Illicit Discharge Hotline (516) 571-6863.
- 2. REFRAIN FROM FEEDING GEESE AND DUCKS** While we all love our "feathered friends", feeding them interrupts the natural migratory cycle. Birds that would normally migrate south in the winter to find food, take up residence if food is "artificially" provided.
- 3. KEEP YOUR SEPTIC SYSTEM WELL MAINTAINED** Generally, you should have your septic system inspected at least every 3 years by a professional and your tank pumped as recommended by the inspector (generally every 3-5 years). Household chemicals, gasoline, oil, pesticides, antifreeze, paint, etc. should be taken to the Town S.T.O.P collection sites and not flushed.
- 4. PROPER USE OF FERTILIZERS and PESTICIDES ON YOUR LAWN AND GARDEN** If you think you must use heavy amounts of pesticides to grow a beautiful lawn, think again. A bright green, weed-free lawn can be yours by mowing your lawn only as needed, watering wisely, and using slow-release organic fertilizers.
- 5. DISPOSE OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTES AT A TOWN SITE** the Town of Oyster Bay hosts its S.T.O.P. ("Stop Throwing Out Pollutants") program throughout the year, for more information call the Town at (516) 677-5748.

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Tax Payments Due July 1

Annual Village tax payments were due by
July 1, 2023

If you did not receive a copy of your bill please call
Village Hall at 516-364-3476 option 1. Tax receipts
will be mailed out in late Fall.

Payments can be made in person, via mail, or online.
For detailed instruction please visit
www.muttontownny.gov.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

In Case of Emergency Call 911

Local Emergency Services can be reached at:

Muttontown Police Department
911 or 516-364-3476 option 2

East Norwich Fire Department
516-742-3300

Jericho Volunteer Fire Department
516-931-0898

Syosset Volunteer Fire Department
516-921-0000

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