



July-August 2020 Newsletter

**OUR JUNE ELECTION
& INSTALLATION OF
OFFICERS MEETING
WAS POSTPONED
& OUR
SEPTEMBER
TESTIMONIAL DINNER
ALSO IS POSTPONED**

**WE HAVE NO
MEETINGS
SCHEDULED FOR
JULY OR AUGUST**

[Click here for our 2020-2021
meeting schedule.](#)

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK:

Dear Colleagues:

The past five months have been a challenge unlike any we have ever experienced. Our lives have changed dramatically as we begin to adjust to what looks like a “new normal.” As community leaders, we have experienced firsthand the aftermath of COVID-19’s impact on our families, friends, neighbors, residents and businesses. As the months have unfolded, I have been impressed with the leadership exhibited by many of our village mayors and trustees during this unprecedented crisis. It has been particularly evident in those villages with business districts, restaurants and bars. Your initiatives to assist your businesses while keeping your residents safe have been creative and impressive. I salute you for your dedication, compassion and ingenuity.

As difficult as the last five months have been, there are promising and positive developments occurring. Our diligence in taking the difficult but necessary steps to curtail the COVID-19 spread has allowed our region to begin the recovery process. While the daily progress is promising, we cannot relax our efforts to strongly encourage our residents to practice the basics - wear face masks, socially distance and wash hands. We must continue to stay concerned and cautious while remaining calm. We know from what is



*President Edward Lieberman
Mayor of the Village of Sea Cliff*

occurring in many other states that conditions can change rapidly and the possibility exists of having restrictions reinstated if we do not remain vigilant.

NCVOA Continues Daily Operations

The restriction of in-person gatherings has not hampered the NCVOA as the Executive Board has incorporated the use of Zoom meetings to ensure the NCVOA's operations remain uninterrupted. The increasing reliance on technology has created a need to evaluate the Association's operations and explore ways to increase efficiencies. Accordingly, I convened a By-laws Committee. Chaired by South Floral Park Mayor Geoffrey Prime, the committee includes North Hills Mayor Marvin Natiss, Plandome Manor Mayor Barbara Donno, Baxter Estates Mayor Nora Haagenson, NCVOA Executive Director Ralph Kreitzman and NCVOA Counsel Gary Fishberg. They will be reviewing the Association's By-Laws and making recommendations for revisions. These recommendations will be reviewed by the Executive Committee prior to a formal vote by the general membership.

As I mentioned in previous messages, please do not hesitate to contact me on my cell phone at 516-359-4691 or via email at elieberman@seacliff-ny.gov if I can provide any assistance. You also can contact Ralph Kreitzman, NCVOA executive director, at exec@ncvoa.org.

We will keep you apprised of any other developments as they occur. In the meantime, please enjoy the rest of your summer. Stay safe and strong!

Sincerely,



Mayor Edward Lieberman

NEW NYS PROGRAM OFFERS ELECTRIC & NATURAL GAS RATE DISCOUNTS FOR RESIDENTS:

The New York State Public Service Commission recently expanded to Long Island a program called Community Choice Aggregation (CCA). Under the program, municipalities individually if large enough and by joining with other municipalities to create energy savings programs for gas and electric for their residents and small businesses.

The NCVOA for years has made available to villages and their residents several gas energy savings programs provided by energy service companies (ESCO). By joining an ESCO, residents saved on the supply charges incorporated in their monthly gas bills. The CCA provides for the first time the ability to save on monthly electric bills as well. The CCA program differs in that the municipality signs up for all of its residents and small businesses who have the option to opt out rather than opt in.

The program requires the selection of a CCA administrator (at no cost to the municipality) to do the required investigation and other leg work and to assist the municipality with the actions required of them, including public outreach, as well as the bidding of the potential supply contract. A municipality would not go forward unless the supply contract would result in substantial savings based on recent past costs.

Good Energy, a Friend of the NCVOA, is one of only three approved CCA energy administrators in New York State. The link to their website home page is [HERE](#), at the end of this newsletter and on our website. If you would like to contact them, please contact Edward Carey at 212-784-6147 or edwardcarey@goodenergy.com.

DON'T FORGET THE 2020 CENSUS:

We refer you to the attached that recently was sent by the Village of Baxter Estates to its residents. It is an excellent reminder and explanation. Feel free to modify and use it. [Click here to read it.](#)

CONGRATULATIONS WESTBURY, LYNBROOK & SEA CLIFF:

Vision Long Island's, a Friend of the NCVOA, Smart Growth Awards program this year will be a virtual program on September 2 from noon until 3 pm. A number of our villages will be receiving rewards. They are:

TOD Rezoning Project by the Village of Westbury – Transit Oriented Development
Cornerstone at Yorkshire by the Village of Lynbrook – Revitalizing Communities
Sea Cliff Village Traffic & Safety Committee -- Walkability

To attend the program click on the following -- [Vision LI Smart Growth Awards](#)

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND TESTIMONIAL DINNER POSTPONED:

Our Executive Board has decided to postpone our election and installation of officers until June 24, 2021. Our current officers will continue to serve in their current positions until that time.

Our September Testimonial Dinner to honor our outgoing president has been postponed until September 9, 2021.

DID YOU KNOW?

When you are sworn in—

When a mayor, trustee, officer of the NCVOA or other New York public officer takes his or her oath of office, he or she swears or affirms support of the US and NYS Constitutions. If you would like to read them, here are links:

US CONSTITUTION -- <https://constitution.congress.gov/constitution/>

NYS CONSTITUTION -- <https://www.dos.ny.gov/info/constitution/>

You might be interested in the following constitutional related facts:

About the US Constitution--

It became effective in 1788 when New Hampshire, the ninth state, ratified it.

It contains 4,543 words. 7,591 with its 27 amendments.

It is the oldest and shortest written constitution of any major government in the world. Imagine creating a document that governs your grandchildren's grandchildren's grandchildren.

The word "democracy" and "God" do not appear.

Of all of its spelling errors, "Pensylvania" at the signatures probably is most glaring. It is similarly misspelled on the Liberty Bell.

When signed, the population of the US was 4,000,000 and Philadelphia, its largest city, had 40,000 inhabitants

Originally it was proposed that the president be elected by popular vote. But, after 60 ballots, it was changed to provide for the Electoral College which was the subject of a June 2020 Supreme Court decision.

In 1789 Congress sent to the states 12 proposed amendments. Numbers three through 12 were adopted as the Bill of Rights in 1791. So proposed amendment three is the first amendment. Normally there is a seven-year limit (which can be extended) for a proposed amendment to be adopted. That was not in effect for the first 12 proposed. The second proposed amendment, dealing with Congressional pay raises, was ratified by the 38th state (Michigan) and became the 27th and last amendment in 1992. That was 203 years after its introduction.

There have been approximately 11,000 proposed amendments.

Vermont ratified the Constitution in 1791 before becoming a state.

Alexander Hamilton signed it for New York.

The first Congressional session was convened in April 1789 in New York City, the nation's capital.

George Washington was inaugurated as the first president later that month on the second floor balcony of Federal Hall, 26 Wall Street. It was the first NYC City Hall.

About the NYS Constitution--

New York has adopted four constitutions (1777, 1821, 1846, and 1894) and held eight constitutional conventions (1801, 1821, 1846, 1867, 1894, 1915, 1938, and 1967). The Constitution of 1894, revised in 1938 and amended over 200 times, remains in place today.

It contains 56,326 words.

We dare you to read it and to try to understand it. There are passages about bonuses for World War II veterans. Clauses that govern how public debt shall be used to eliminate railroad crossings. And when tiny communities in the Adirondacks want to improve their water systems or electric grids, they have to get a constitutional amendment passed.

MEET THE FRIENDS OF THE NCVOA:

The logos of our Friends of the NCVOA appear at the end of this newsletter and on our website – ncvoa.org. If you click on a Friends' logo, you will be taken to their website home page.

	<p>The Last Word:</p> <p>John Adams referred to the US Constitution as “the greatest single effort of national deliberation that the world has ever seen” and George Washington wrote that it “appears to me, ... little short of a miracle.”</p>
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