



Nassau County Village Officials Association

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NOTICE, OUR
GENERAL
MEMBERSHIP
MEETINGS WILL BE
ZOOM MEETINGS
STARTING AT 6 PM**

(Zoom links will be sent by email)

**TUESDAY
JANUARY 12, 2021**

**NC Police Commissioner
Patrick Ryder
and**

**Executive Director & CEO
of the Solid Waste Association
of North America
David Biderman**

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meeting schedule.](#)

January 2021 Newsletter

**We wish you a happy, healthy and
MUCH BETTER New Year!**

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK:

Dear Colleagues:

In these trying times, I often think back to those individuals who have inspired me during my almost 70 years of life for their comforting words of optimism and encouragement. I find this a good practice in normal times but, indeed, even more so over this last year.

We can all agree that these past many weeks and months have challenged us each day during this unparalleled year. We have witnessed many critical issues this year and each of us seeks to find that welcomed encouragement. We do this as individuals, families, friends, and as neighbors with the common link being inhabitants of a dedicated and devoted community.

My welcomed encouragement comes from many sources. My father is one. A child of the Great Depression and a foot soldier in the World War, always expressing his optimism for life and the strong belief in continued forwardness. The glass, according to my father's repeated mantra, was always "Half Full", never "Half Empty". And when I bemoaned the fact that I had a school exam the next day, he would calmly declare,



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

“Every day is a test.” Simple tenets of life which mean more to me now than when he taught me these lessons in my younger years.

During my youth I was also inspired by a young president who was struck down one fateful November day. His words, which I can now hear and enjoy on podcasts, have once again inspired me these past many months. His earnest and resounding calls for the democratic ideals of patriotism, honored duty of public service, shared benevolence of volunteerism, the individual and collective quest for vibrancy and demonstrated vigor continue to reverberate in me. I have tried to bring these fundamental principles into my existence, especially during these difficult days.

Today, during the darkest hours, I look to my 3 young grandchildren as my vehicle to gain inspiration and the optimism of my youth. For it is their stories, hopes, and dreams that bring me to a place of solace. A place where I can regroup and spring forward.

And indeed the future must remain bright. Not only for our individual well-being but, more important, for the well-being of our children. With this as our guide, I feel confident and optimistic we will ensure our own health and happiness. And that their youthfulness and inspiration will encourage all of us for a brighter tomorrow.

Let's continue to stay safe and strong!

Sincerely,



Mayor Edward Lieberman

DID YOU KNOW?

State Aid Continues to Fall Short

A December 2014 report presented by Cornell University's Department of City and Regional Planning, the Community and Regional Development Institute, and the Fiscal Policy Institute entitled State Austerity Policy & Creative Local Response, stated:

“Currently, most government functions in New York State are handled by municipalities and school districts rather than the state. Local governments (except NYC) can only raise property taxes and fees, and have been keeping their expenditures steady over the past 10 years when adjusted for inflation.”

“State aid for counties and towns has dropped dramatically over the past 10 years, while aid to villages is flat. School districts have also seen drops in state aid.”

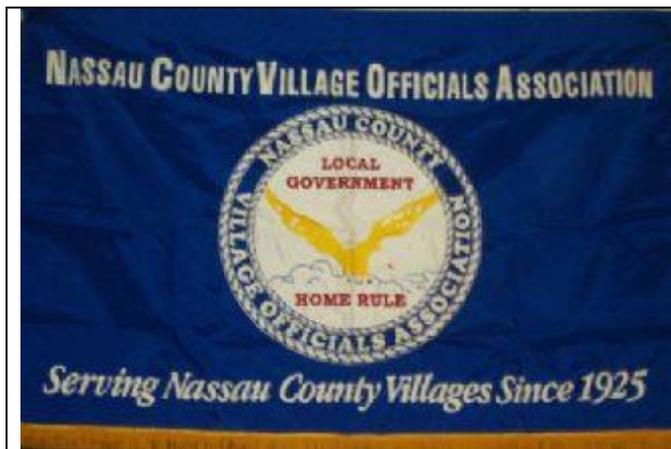
“To control property taxes, the state promised three policy changes. However, a lack of mandate relief meant localities had to make ends meet with cuts and higher taxes, hurting economic prospects.”

Long Island and the downstate region are particularly impacted by revenue sharing inequity as we continue to receive a disproportionate amount. According to the Nelson A. Rockefeller Institute of Government at SUNY Albany, “New York City and the downstate suburbs give far more to Albany in revenues that they get in state-funded expenditures. Downstate communities account for 27 % of the state’s total tax dollars, yet only 17 % is returned in state aid.”

For every dollar we generate in taxes for New York State, only 72 cents of state aid is returned.

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The Last Word:

“The leaders who work most effectively, it seems to me, never say 'I'. And that's not because they have trained themselves not to say 'I'. They don't think 'I'. They think 'we'; they think 'team'. They understand their job to be to make the team function. They accept responsibility and don't sidestep it, but 'we' gets the credit.... This is what creates trust, what enables you to get the task done.”

-- Peter F. Drucker

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