



## April 2021 Newsletter

**UNTIL FURTHER  
NOTICE, OUR  
GENERAL  
MEMBERSHIP  
MEETINGS WILL BE  
ZOOM MEETINGS  
STARTING AT 6 PM**  
(Zoom links will be sent by email)

**Tuesday, April 13  
6 pm**

**Nassau County Presiding  
Officer Richard Nicoletto  
and Legislator Ellen  
Birnbaum will be  
speaking**

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



*President Daniel Serota  
Mayor of the Village of Brookville*

### FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK:

Dear Colleagues:

As you know, NCVOA President Ed Lieberman recently announced his decision not to seek re-election as mayor of the Village of Sea Cliff. As per NCVOA by-laws, Mayor Lieberman stepped down as president March 31. Accordingly, the Executive Committee officers moved up one position so I am serving as president, Nora Haagenon is first vice president, Elliot Conway is second vice president, and I have appointed South Floral Park Mayor Geoffrey Prime treasurer. We will continue in these roles until our annual June election.

I would like to personally thank Mayor Lieberman for his dedication and leadership for the past two years. When COVID-19 hit, Ed volunteered to help the NCVOA maintain operational consistency by agreeing to continue as president for another term. That speaks volumes about his unselfish devotion to our organization. I cannot replace Ed – only succeed him. The NCVOA remains strong and viable thanks to individuals such as Ed Lieberman. On behalf of the Executive Committee, I thank Ed and wish him many years of continued good health. I look forward to seeing him at future meetings and events.

I also would like to thank Charles Renfroe, deputy mayor of the Village of Hempstead, and Hilary Becker, trustee of the

Village of Lynbrook, for their service on the NCVOA Executive Board. I will be working with the Executive Committee to fill these two vacancies in the near future.

### **March Village Elections**

Congratulations to the mayors and trustees re-elected to office in March as well as those elected to serve for the first time. To those newly elected village officials, I encourage you to become involved in the NCVOA and take advantage of all the available resources. I know firsthand the benefits provided by the NCVOA. The networking, alone, has been invaluable in helping me develop as a village mayor. Please do not hesitate to contact me or Executive Director Ralph Kreitzman at any time if you need information or have any questions.

### **Moving Forward**

As we celebrate the Passover and Easter holidays, I always think of this time as a rebirth – when we emerge from the winter doldrums and anxiously welcome the spring renaissance. It is especially significant this year as we begin recovering from what has been one of the most trying times we have faced as individuals and as a nation. I am encouraged by the resilience I have witnessed and determination by so many to return to some semblance of normalcy in our lives. I especially look forward to the NCVOA resuming in-person meetings so we can reconnect and continue our advocacy efforts on behalf of Nassau County's 450,000 village residents. In the meantime, I ask for your continued participation in our Zoom meetings. The strength of our organization is directly related to the passion and involvement of our members.

Thank you for your patience this past year. I look forward to better days ahead.

Sincerely,



Mayor Daniel Serota

### **CONGRATULATIONS NEW MAYORS:**

Kevin Fitzgerald – Village of Floral Park

Cosmo Veneziale – Village of Garden City

Waylyn Hobbs, Jr. – Village of Hempstead

Christopher Devane – Village of New Hyde Park

Elena Villafane – Village of Sea Cliff

If you are a new mayor and not named above, please inform Ralph Kreitzman at [exec@ncvoa.org](mailto:exec@ncvoa.org).

## **AND CONGRATULATIONS**

To all reelected mayors and trustees.

## **NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS SOUGHT:**

At our Thursday, June 24 annual meeting, we will elect and install our officers for the year starting that day. In accordance with our By-Laws, our officers – President, First Vice President, Second Vice President and Treasurer – must be a mayor of a member village in good standing.

A Nominating Committee, which is charged with nominating officers for election, has been appointed. It is comprised of Mayor Peter Cavallaro as chair, Mayor Barbara Donno, Mayor Ralph Ekstrand, Deputy Mayor Dennis Sgambati and Trustee Thomas Cohen.

If you are interested in serving in one of those positions, please send your resume and any other relevant information to our Executive Director, Ralph Kreitzman at [exec@ncvoa.org](mailto:exec@ncvoa.org) by May 28. Nominations also may be made by a writing signed by at least 25 elected officials representing at least five member villages and filed with our Executive Director no later than June 14.

Please note that the annual meeting will be on Thursday, June 24, not on the usual second Tuesday of the month.

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

### **Your emails are subject to disclosure**

Under New York's Freedom of Information Law most of your village's records, including written and electronic communications, are public records subject to public review and copy. That includes many of your village related emails, even if they are to or from personal or business email addresses. For that reason, it often is recommended that you send and receive those emails in a separate email address. It will save you a lot of time not having to go through your personal or business emails when a FOIL request is made. It also will avoid mistaken disclosure of unrelated emails. While less frequent, the above also applies to village litigation.

## **VISIT OUR WEBSITE, AND CLERKS PLEASE UPDATE YOUR VILLAGE'S WEBPAGE:**

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### The Last Word:

“The only thing worse than being blind is having sight but no vision.”

-- Helen Keller

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