



September 2021 Newsletter

**WE HOPE YOU
ENJOYED THE
SUMMER**

**OUR NEXT MEETING
WILL BE ON
THURSDAY,
SEPTEMBER 9**

[NOT THE USUAL SECOND TUESDAY]

STARTING AT

6:30 PM

AT OPUS

STEAKHOUSE

4 Old Jericho Tpke.

Jericho

[NOT WESTBURY MANOR]

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meeting schedule.](#)

SEPTEMBER 9 MEETING INFORMATION:

In addition to the information to the left, our speaker will be one of the two candidates for Nassau County District Attorney, Anne Donnelly. The other candidate, Todd Kaminsky, has an unavoidable conflict and is not able to participate.

While we will not require proof of vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test, unvaccinated individuals are strongly urged to wear a mask, socially distance themselves and follow CDC guidelines. These plans may change in accordance with the most current information we receive from New York State and the CDC.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK:

Dear Colleagues:

Welcome back! As always, the summer months seem to fly by so quickly. I hope you were able to spend some quality time with your families and enjoyed a well-deserved break from your hectic routines.

Census Shows Jump in Village Population

As village officials, we have long endured what seems like never-ending criticism of village government from outsiders unfamiliar with our operations: Villages are an additional and



*President Daniel Serota
Mayor of the Village of Brookville*

unnecessary layer of government; They are expensive to run; Residents pay higher taxes; Villages have too many rules; Village zoning powers are outdated. We have heard it all. To add insult to injury, we have been battling anti-village sentiment from some of our fellow elected officials - particularly former governor Andrew Cuomo - who championed numerous anti-village measures during his nearly three terms in office.

Not surprising to us, newly released census information confirms the anti-village crusade has no traction in Nassau County. The U.S. Census Bureau's 2020 census report is making village naysayers cover and run for cover. According to U.S. Census data compiled by The Empire Center, an Albany think tank, Nassau County villages realized a substantial increase in population, accounting for nearly half the county's growth from 2010-2020. Here are the facts:

- Nassau County's population increased by 56,242 residents or 4.2%.
- Of the 56,242 new residents, 26,022 (46%) moved to villages;
- Population in 53 Nassau County villages increased by 26,022, while population declined in 11 villages by only 1,457;
- Nassau County village population increased by 5.5% - from 449,592 in 2010 to 474,157 in 2020
- Nassau County's 64 incorporated villages account for 34% of the county's total population

This is great news! The facts clearly affirm Nassau County villages as the first choice for residents looking for effective, efficient and responsive government and an overall higher quality of life.

As we enter a new political climate in New York State, I am optimistic Governor Kathy Hochul will bring with her a positive perspective concerning villages. A former town board member and county clerk, she understands the integral role of local government. The Executive Board and I will be working with NYCOM to open lines of communication with the governor and her staff and, hopefully, begin establishing a more collaborative and inclusive working relationship.

County Executive Candidate Debate

Plans are underway for the upcoming October Nassau County Executive Candidate Debate. Nassau County Executive Laura Curran and Hempstead Town Board Member Bruce Blakeman agreed to appear before the NCVOA membership to present their positions regarding the critical issues impacting Nassau County residents. This promises to be an interesting and lively debate between the candidates and I urge each mayor to make sure his/her village is represented. We will be providing event details, in addition to those below, in the coming weeks.

New General Membership Meeting Site

We are excited to debut a new location for our General Membership meetings, beginning Thursday, September 9 (please note the date change). **Opus Steakhouse**, located at 4 Old Jericho Tpke. in Jericho, has received raves reviews since its opening. I am confident you will enjoy the ambience and cuisine. I encourage you to attend our September 9 General Membership meeting and let me know your thoughts about this venue. In the meantime, please continue to stay safe.

Sincerely,



Mayor Daniel Serota

NEW EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER:

Bonnie Parente, mayor of the Village of East Williston, has been appointed by President Serota to our Executive Board.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE DEBATE:

NOTE: WE PLAN TO HAVE THE DEBATE AT A DINNER MEETING IN OCTOBER IN LIEU OF THE SCHEDULED OCTOBER 12 MEETING.

We will notify of the date and details of the Laura Curran -- Bruce Blakeman debate as soon as we are able to confirm a date with the candidates.. This will continue an every four year tradition started in 2009.

As with all of our regular monthly meetings, mayors, administrators, clerks and treasurers of, and counsel to, our member villages in good standing and Friends of the NCVOA are invited to attend. Also, if none of those individuals attend, the mayor may appoint another individual to represent the village at that meeting.

TESTIMONIAL DINNER – December 14:

Our annual testimonial dinner to honor our immediate past president will be held on Tuesday, December 14 at Westbury Manor in Jericho this year. Ed Lieberman served as our dedicated and excellent president through our most troubling times for almost two years. Information on attendance and the journal will follow.

RESULTS OF AUGUST MARIJUANA SURVEY:

Thank you to the 29 of our 64 villages that responded to our August survey request. Here are the results:

Nine have opted out of both sale and consumption within their village. Fourteen are planning to do so. One village opted out of just sales. In addition, five villages that responded have no retail property; some opted out but not all.

Five villages have enacted no smoking laws on some or all of village property. Seven are planning to do so. Two have stated they will not. Again, villages without retail property are not included in those numbers. A number of villages are still considering the issue.

COUNTY-WIDE SHARED SERVICES INITIATIVE:

This law, which saves our taxpayers money, recently was extended and amended. Many of our villages participated in the excellent County led effort over the past few years. In addition to exploring ways to share services and save money, the law pays the County and villages a portion of the amount saved. The amendment permits some multi-year savings to be included. Our Second Vice President Elliot Conway, mayor of Upperr Brookville, spearheaded this effort on behalf of the NCVOA.

DID YOU KNOW:

Kings Point Village Hall Named

After serving as mayor of the Village of Kings Point for 39 years, the Kings Point village hall was named the Michael C. Kalnick Village Hall. And Mayor Kalnick continues to serve as the village's mayor.

MEET THE FRIENDS OF THE NCVOA:

Welcome to our newest Friend of the NCVOA – Northwell Health Center for Emergency Medical Services.

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.



The Last Word:

“The pain of parting is nothing to the joy of meeting again.”

-- Charles Dickens

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