



October 2021 Newsletter

**OUR NEXT MEETING
WILL BE ON
WEDNESDAY,
OCTOBER 13**

[NOT THE USUAL SECOND TUESDAY]

**STARTING AT
6:30 PM**

**AT WESTBURY
MANOR**

1100 Jericho Tpk., Westbury
[NOT OPUS STEAKHOUSE]

**IT WILL INCLUDE A
DEBATE BETWEEN
THE COUNTY
EXECUTIVE
CANDIDATES**

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meeting schedule.](#)

OCTOBER 13 MEETING & DEBATE INFORMATION:

In addition to the information at the left: A buffet dinner will be served from 6:30 until 7:15 pm. Everyone is to be seated before the debate starts promptly at 7:30 pm.

This debate continues an every four year NCVOA tradition started in 2009.

As with all of our regular monthly meetings, mayors, trustees, 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.

All attendees must be fully vaccinated. 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:

After an unexpected 18-month COVID-19 hiatus, it was great seeing so many of you in-person at our September 9 General Membership meeting. I am optimistic the in-person meetings will continue without interruption. I hope you enjoyed the new venue. For those unable to attend the September meeting,



*President Daniel Serota
Mayor of the Village of Brookville*

we look forward to seeing you at Opus Steakhouse in November.

We Will Never Forget!

A few weeks ago, we marked a very somber occasion for all Americans - the 20th anniversary of the September 11, 2001 terrorists attacks on America. Like Pearl Harbor, it is a day of profound sorrow for all Americans. We will never forget where we were or what we were doing when we first learned of the horrific attack on the Twin Towers and the Pentagon. We watched those gruesome images, frozen in disbelief and wondering, "Is this really happening?" Many of us were personally impacted as we lost relatives, friends, and residents.

I especially recall with great sadness the personal tragedy of the late Westbury Mayor Ernie Strada, whose son Tommy, a father of three, perished when the North Tower collapsed.

Twenty years later, our hearts remain heavy and we forever recognize and honor the sacrifices of thousands of innocent Americans, first responders, and so many other unselfish individuals whose lives were lost or forever changed. Please remember them in your thoughts and prayers. And we must keep the sacred vow we Americans made to our fallen heroes and their families: We will never forget!

County Executive Debate Set for October 13

In last month's message, I shared with you some statistical excerpts from the U.S. Census Bureau's 2020 census report. During the 2010-2020 reporting period, Nassau County villages added 26,022 new residents, accounting for nearly half the county's growth. Nassau County villages now have a combined population of 474,157, which is 34% of the county's population.

This trend validates what we have been saying for years - that villages are highly desirable for new residents seeking effective, efficient and responsive government and an overall higher quality of life.

That is why the upcoming November 2021 election is one of great interest to villages as residents will be heading to the voting booths to choose a county executive who will lead us for the next four years. It is particularly critical for village officials that the next county executive understands village government's integral role and demonstrates an ardent interest in working closely with villages. This includes supporting local and state legislation favorable to village government.

On Wednesday, October 13, at the Westbury Manor, we will have the opportunity to learn the positions of the two candidates for county executive - current Nassau County Executive Laura Curran and Hempstead Town Board Member Bruce Blakeman. They have agreed to appear

before the NCVOA membership to answer questions and present their stances on critical issues impacting Nassau County residents, including reassessment and property taxes, COVID relief, police protection, and sales tax revenue sharing among others.

This is our opportunity to have the candidates come to us to articulate their visions and hopefully make realistic commitments to the NCVOA. This promises to be an interesting and lively debate and it is imperative we have a large turnout. I urge each mayor to make sure his/her village is represented. The evening begins with a buffet dinner from 6 –7:15pm, followed by the debate at 7:30pm. Please contact Executive Director Ralph Kreitzman if you need further information.

I look forward to seeing you October 13. Please continue to stay safe.

Sincerely,



Mayor Daniel Serota

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 Westbury 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 has been provided to our villages and Friends of the NCVOA.

HOWARD WEITZMAN PASSED AWAY:

Former mayor of Great Neck Estates and, while a village official, an active NCVOA member, Howard Weitzman passed away on September 27. He also served two terms as Nassau County Comptroller and was a current member of the Nassau County Interim Financial Authority.

DID YOU KNOW YOUR VILLAGE'S CENSUS DETAILS?:

Our last newsletter related county and total village census numbers and related information. If you go to our website – ncvoa.org – the October “Did You Know?” is a spreadsheet detailing the 2010 and 2020 census resident populations of each of our villages as well as the increase or decrease in number and percentage. Links to that article appear on the left side of our website homepage and under ABOUT US that appears under our homepage banner.

THIS MIGHT MAKE YOU SMILE – AND THESE DAYS WE NEED THAT:



Does this mean it's okay to run down adults?

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.

FROM OUR SEPTEMBER 9 MEETING AT OPUS STEAKHOUSE:



Anne Donnelly, a Nassau County prosecuting attorney for 32 years, addresses the membership regarding her experience and vision as a candidate for Nassau County District Attorney.



Farmingdale Mayor and Past President Ralph Ekstrand, Brookville Mayor and President Dan Serota, and North Hills Deputy Mayor Dennis Sgambati.



Past President David Tanner, East Williston Mayor Bonnie Parente, and Westbury Mayor and Past President Peter Cavallaro.



Friends of the NCVOA: Bencor/S.J. Edwards Sales Director Michael Going and Munistat Services President Michael Loguercio.



Friends of the NCVOA: New York Municipal Energy Program Managing Director Edward Cary, Flushing Bank Assistant Vice President Danielle Bradle, and Corporate Synergies Benefits Consultant Bryan McManaway.



Rockville Centre Mayor and First Vice President Fran Murray with Plandome Manor Mayor and Past President Barbara Donno.



Hempstead Trustees Kevin Boone and Clariona Griffith.



Massapequa Park Trustee Christine Wiss and NCVOA Executive Director Emeritus Warren Tackenberg.



Mineola Village Administrator Joe Scalero, Lake Success Mayor Adam Hoffman and Village Administrator Patrick Farrell.



Upper Brookville Mayor and 2nd Vice President Elliot Conway and Metropolitan Commercial Bank First Vice President Denney Teets (Friend of the NCVOA).



Westbury Mayor and Past President Peter Cavallaro, Saddle Rock Mayor Dr. Dan Levy, Metropolitan Commercial Bank Vice President Thomas Mazzini, and Saddle Rock Village Clerk Carmela Speciale.



Past Presidents: Farmingdale Mayor Ralph Ekstrand, Freeport Mayor Bob Kennedy, and North Hills Mayor Marvin Natiss.



The Last Word:

“Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new.”

-- Albert Einstein

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