

THE VILLAGE PRESERVATION SOCIETY OF EAST HAMPTON

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The Village Preservation Society - 30 Years of Service to East Hampton!

Save the date cards have gone out, so please mark your calendars if you haven't already! The Village Preservation Society has served the East Hampton community through our continuing efforts to preserve and protect our heritage and quality of life for 30 years. Celebrate with us! Join us for a cocktail party on May 27, 2012 from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m., at the Tennis House on Maidstone Lane, East Hampton. More information to follow.



North End Cemetery Headstone Repair Project

In keeping with our mission to preserve, protect and restore historic structures, the Society's Grants Committee voted to give our annual donation in 2011 toward the repair of broken and fallen tombstones in the North End Cemetery. Alan Fricke Memorials, an experienced Long Island company, has been working since the fall and has repaired and righted almost all of the stones. A time consuming process, the stones, once righted must be clamped for a period of time. Unfortunately some additional stones were broken over the winter that now must be repaired. The management of the cemetery has enlisted the services of a groundsperson who will use a small mower this season thus alleviating the problems of breakage caused by larger machines.



Please enroll me as a member of The Village Preservation Society of East Hampton for the Membership Year from January 1, 2012 - December 31, 2012.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

E-mail address: _____

Number of Members in this Membership (please circle one) 1 2 3

Other _____

For year round Newsletters and information, please print winter address

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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Contributors of \$1000.00 will be listed as **Benefactor**
 \$ 500.00 will be listed as **Patron**
 \$ 250.00 will be listed as **Supporting Member**
 \$ 100.00 will be listed as **Friend**
 Regular Membership (\$50) _____

I would like to be active. My special interests are: _____

I (We) support VPS principles but do not wish to be listed as a member.

Enclosed is a contribution of \$ _____

VILLAGE ISSUES

Village Sign Law

On March 16, 2012, the VPS submitted comments on the Village Board's proposed Code amendment to reduce the size of real estate and contractor signs in all Village zoning districts to 3 square feet in area. While we supported the law in general, we suggested that homeowners might need flexibility in placement of the sign on their property to allow either perpendicular or parallel placement, whichever seemed more appropriate for that site. The Board passed the legislation as written.

Parking Discussion

On March 22, 2012, the VPS participated in a public information meeting hosted by the Village Board to solicit comment on parking issues in the Village. Several suggestions were discussed including paid parking, extending the 2-hour limit in the metered lots to 3 hours and eliminating parking restrictions on Main Street mid-week in winter. No action was taken at the time.

Village Store Windows

The VPS has recently learned that in its effort to deal with the problem of empty store windows in the commercial core, the Village board will introduce a law in the very near future that will require installation of some kind of window treatment in storefronts of buildings vacant for more than two weeks. This will be provided by the owner or tenant and will be in keeping with Design Review Board requirements. The Society is wholly supportive of this effort.

Helicopter Noise

Beginning this summer, the FAA is set to mandate two routes: a "northern" route over Northwest Creek and "southern" route, over Georgica Pond. Helicopters will be obliged to

follow these routes, instead of incorporating, as in past practice, a west-bound route over Jessups Neck, thereby increasing the number of helicopters traversing the Village.

The VPS continues to support the efforts of the Quiet Skies Coalition to insist the Town Board withdraw its application to the FAA for more grant money. When the Town takes FAA subsidy, by contract it surrenders the ability to limit access to the airport for another 20 years. Limiting access is the only true noise mitigation tool and that opportunity will become available to the Town on December 31, 2014, if it makes no further contract for funding (grants) from the FAA.

Deer Management Program

After our successful Deer Management Forum last August, the Society continues to explore a variety of controls better suited to the more clustered home lots which define most residential districts in the Village. Toward this end we are planning, in concert with another civic organization, a program that will explore and educate our community and interested veterinarians in a deer sterilization program. We expect to be holding this informational meeting in June. Stay tuned.



Thomas J. Rawinski of the Northeastern Area State and Private Forestry Service presided over a deer control forum sponsored by the Village Preservation Society of East Hampton.

Please join our team!
Keep your membership up to date!
Stay current with all the news from the VPS
via our newsletter and website!
We look forward to seeing you on May 27th.

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