

Inc. Village of Head of the Harbor



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2018/2019 Village Property Tax Rate is Under the Tax Cap

Dear Friends,

The Village Trustees presented a 2018/2019 budget at a public hearing on December 20th, and following the hearing the Board unanimously adopted the budget as presented. The budget includes a tax rate of \$24.43 per \$100 of assessed valuation after exemptions. The coming year's tax rate represents an increase of 2.86% over the prior year and is within the amount prescribed under the State Tax Cap. Total revenues and expenses budgeted for the fiscal year ending February 28, 2019 are \$2,052,101. A budget summary is on the reverse side. The Village financial position is sound as noted by the NY State Comptroller's fiscal stress test and the independent CPA's who audit the Village annually.

During the year Hitherbrook Road, Pinoak Lane, Farmer's Lane and Deepwells Lane were brought to better than new condition by adding and cleaning drainage systems, repairing and/or replacing curbing, milling and repaving. The cost of the work was roughly \$370,000.00.

As many residents know the Village contracts with the St. James Fire District for fire protection and ambulance service. The cost of this coverage is included in your Village tax bill, and not in your Town tax bill. The current contract with St. James FD runs to December 31, 2018. You may also have read that the Fire District said that the firehouse on 25A will close, and all operations will consolidate to the Jefferson Avenue location. The District intended to build a new facility at Jefferson Avenue but the bond proposal did not pass. The failure of the bond issue did not change the district's intentions to close the 25A firehouse. The district will keep the 25A station open until the end of our current contract. The move of all the Fire District's operations to a mile south of 25A, down busy Lake Avenue and across the Long Island Rail Road tracks is worrisome and the Board is looking at all options. The potential loss of the 25A firehouse to the St. James landscape is also troubling as the structure is a historic and well known feature of our community.

Harbor Country Day School on Three Sisters Road and Thompson Hill has started improvements to its athletic fields. The enhancements will be visible to travelers on 25A and we congratulate the school on making this investment.

The permits for the Village Deer Program have been filed with the DEC and if approved the field work will commence this coming February. The program details are on the Village website.

The calendar says winter and our plows and sanding trucks were in action battling snowstorms. Please give our Highway crews the courtesy of the road during a storm.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of our team of volunteers and employees,

Doug

Douglas A. Dahlgard
Mayor

Head of the Harbor Village Budget 2018/2019

Below is a summary of the current (2017/2018) budget and next year's budget (2018/2019). Complete copies are on file at the Village Hall, Village Clerk's Office and may be viewed during regular business hours, or on our website at www.HeadoftheHarborNY.gov.

	2017-2018	2018-2019
REVENUES		
REAL PROPERTY TAXES	\$1,388,640.65	\$1,422,682.52
OTHER REVENUES	475,096.52	524,418.00
APPROPRIATED SURPLUS	<u>99,226.59</u>	<u>105,000.00</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>\$1,962,963.76</u>	<u>\$2,052,100.52</u>
EXPENSES		
GENERAL	\$478,514.90	\$502,123.81
POLICE, FIRE & SAFETY	866,380.80	916,956.93
HIGHWAY	483,153.76	448,917.84
COMMUNITY SERVICE	31,990.30	28,263.74
DEBT SERVICE	12,924.00	65,838.20
RETIREMENT	<u>90,000.00</u>	<u>90,000.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$1,962,963.76</u>	<u>\$2,052,100.52</u>
TAX RATE	<u>\$23.75</u>	<u>\$24.43</u>

Residents who do not use an escrow account will receive tax bills in mid-February. Taxes are due March 1st and can be paid without penalty by April 2. Please have all tax payments postmarked by April 2, 2018 as penalties cannot be excused. Tax bill questions can be asked of the Village Treasurer, at 631-584-5596.

Village Election Day
Village Hall
Tuesday, March 20, 2018
12 noon – 9 pm

Election Law §15-118(2), residents must be registered with Suffolk County Board of Elections prior to March 9, 2018. The offices that are vacant at the end of the current official year are:

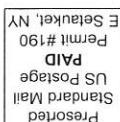
- (1) one Mayor 2-year term and**
- (2) two Trustees 2-year terms**

Police emergency and time sensitive calls please call dispatch "911"

Police Station 631-584-7891

Village Hall 631-584-5550

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