

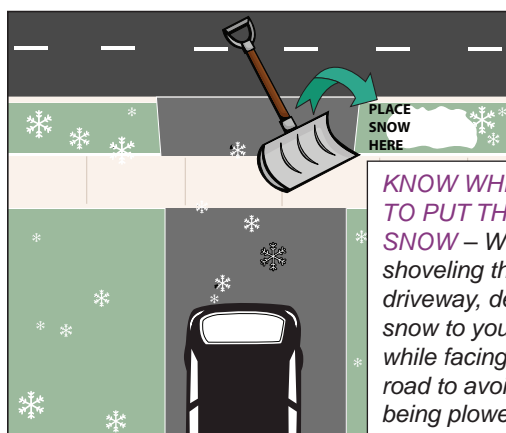


WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW WHEN IT SNOWS

Winter can be a wonderful time of year, but it also can present challenges and hazards. Cold weather and icy conditions can be especially treacherous. The following are some tips to ensure a safe winter season:

PUT SNOW IN ITS PLACE...

- Move cars into driveway when snow is predicted so plows can clear streets effectively and efficiently.
- Residents who shovel driveways should place snow to the right of their driveway when facing the road. By doing so, residents can reduce the effect of having their driveways being “plowed-in” with snow after shoveling.
- Fire departments depend on neighbors to clear snow away from hydrants so they can access them quickly in the event of fire.
- Please shovel your sidewalk as soon as possible after the snow to prevent injuries. If you live on a corner, please also clear a path from the sidewalk to the street at the corner for pedestrians.



KNOW WHERE TO PUT THE SNOW – When shoveling the driveway, deposit snow to your right while facing the road to avoid being plowed-in.

HELP KEEP ROADWAYS SAFE, CONSIDER YOUR NEIGHBORS...

- When using a snowblower or shovel, do NOT place snow in the roadway. Instead, place it on the lawn.
- Blowing/shoveling snow into the streets causes hazardous conditions for motorists.
- Snow that is blown/shoveled into roadways winds up getting plowed back in front of driveways, inconveniencing neighbors.

KEEPING WARM WHEN IT'S COLD...

- HEAP: Home Emergency Assistance Program. Call (516) 565-HEAP. HEAP helps limited-income families pay heating bills.
- Nassau County Department of Health: (516) 227-9715 (heat complaints)

Tenants who have complaints about heat provided by their landlords can contact the Nassau County Department of Health.

- National Grid: 1-800-490-0045 or (631) 755-6500 to report a gas emergency.
- LIPA: 1-800-490-0075 or (631) 755-6900 to report a power outage.

For town event/program cancellations, check out our website www.TOH.LI or call Kate Murray's Helpline at 489-6000.



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TOWN'S TOP CREDIT RATING

December 2010

SAVES TAXPAYERS \$2.4 MILLION — GOVERNMENT RECEIVES BUDGET AWARD

Louis V. Gerstner, the former CEO of IBM, has often remarked, “You don’t get points for predicting rain. You get points for building arks.” In responding to the economic floodwaters of a major recession, Wall Street credit rating agencies have distinguished the governments that are merely watching the economic weather forecast from those that have taken steps to craft watertight budgets. Indeed, Hempstead Town has earned the highest credit ratings available. As a result of these top-notch ratings, taxpayers will save \$2.4 million through reduced interest rate costs on government capital projects and refinancings.

Under the leadership of Hempstead Town Supervisor Kate Murray and Councilman Ed Ambrosino, America’s largest township has bucked a dangerous trend. Specifically, federal, state and several local governments have been cited by budget reviewers for over-reliance on borrowing. Hempstead Town is actually reducing its debt service costs by

4.3% in its 2011 budget. Clearly, this type of fiscal responsibility is among the reasons that the Town of Hempstead is one of only two municipalities out of Long Island’s two counties, 13 towns and two cities to have earned Moody’s Investors Service’s highest rating (Aaa).

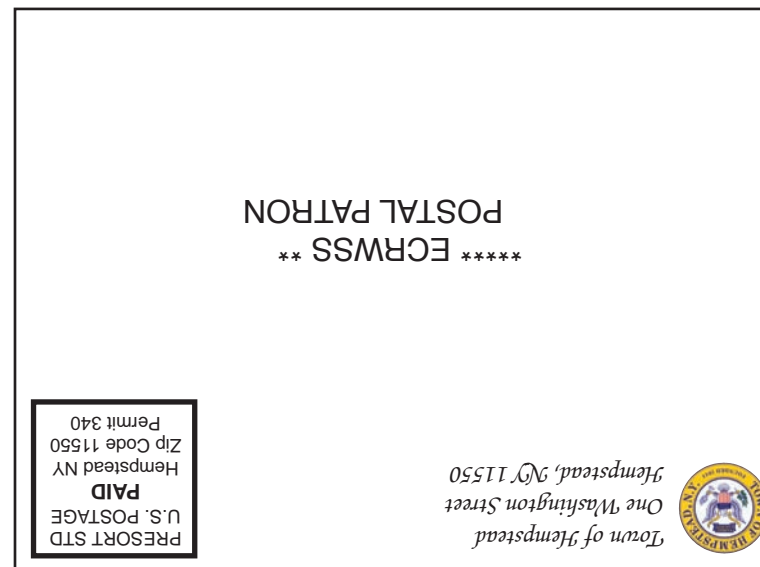
“The increased reliance of some governments on borrowing is simply mortgaging our children’s future,” stated Murray. “I won’t take Hempstead neighbors down that road.”

The township’s sound fiscal policies have been recognized by the independent Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). In fact, the GFOA has conferred its Excellence in Financial Reporting Award upon the town every year since 2003.

“We’ve responded to the floodwaters of an economic recession with responsible budgeting that is accountable to taxpayers,” concluded Ambrosino. “We’ve earned the highest credit ratings and reduced government debt while many other governments are adrift in a sea of fiscal and budgetary uncertainty.”



Supervisor Kate Murray (right) and Councilman Ed Ambrosino discuss Hempstead’s top-notch credit ratings.





LUXURY AFFORDABLE SENIOR CO-OPS AVAILABLE

Supervisor Kate Murray and Councilman Ed Ambrosino are pleased to announce that thanks to a public/private partnership, qualified senior citizens can apply to purchase a luxury co-op home at Elmont's Foster Meadow Gardens for the affordable price of \$150,000.

The beautifully appointed units feature two bedrooms, one and a half bathrooms, washer and dryer, private balconies, attractive kitchens with granite countertops and stainless steel appliances, as well as hardwood floors. What's more, the 30-unit development includes a welcoming foyer and a community patio in addition to a full feature recreation room.

"Senior citizens deserve the best that our government has to offer," concluded Murray. "We're working hard to ensure that these are truly the golden years for our seniors," added Ambrosino.

Applicants must be 62 years or older. Guidelines, qualifications and applications can be obtained by calling 538-7100. Call now to learn about valuable closing cost incentives being offered.



Qualifying seniors can live in affordable luxury at Foster Meadow Gardens. Call 538-7100 to find out the details on these \$150,000 homes, which were built through a public/private partnership.

DOWNTOWN BEAUTIFICATION



Supervisor Kate Murray and Councilman James Darcy are overseeing downtown beautification projects in Elmont, Franklin Square and West Hempstead.

Hempstead Town is in the midst of beautifying downtown communities with streetscape improvements along Hempstead Turnpike in Elmont and Franklin Square and along Dogwood Avenue in West Hempstead, which feature brick paved walkways, new concrete, Victorian street lights, attractive benches, trees and convenient trash receptacles. Supervisor Kate Murray and Councilman Edward Ambrosino are seeking to expand its business district upgrades throughout the town

"Attractive and inviting streetscapes are among the first impressions for visitors shopping in a local downtown," stated Supervisor Murray. "We are thrilled to help communities become even more beautiful."

"Through these beautification projects, storeowners have reported revitalized business and local homeowners note an enhanced sense of pride in their hometown commercial areas," added Councilman Ambrosino.

Work has already begun at 830 Hempstead Turnpike at the corner of Lincoln Road in Franklin Square and on Dogwood Avenue in West Hempstead. Similar work will begin soon on the south side of Hempstead Turnpike between School Street and Elmont Road with an expected completion of early spring. In addition, streetscape work will commence in the spring on the north side of Hempstead Turnpike from Plainfield Road to Makofske Avenue and the south side of Hempstead Turnpike from School Road to Rockmart Avenue.



MURRAY AND AMBROSINO CAP PERMIT FEES FOR SOLAR POWER

Supervisor Kate Murray and Councilman Ed Ambrosino, along with the entire Hempstead Town Board, recently approved a fee cap for permits required to construct solar energy systems on area homes and businesses, allowing residents to go green without the burden of expensive permit fees. The town's new solar energy permit fee cap comes just as LIPA has announced that its solar energy rebate program is back in business, saving residents tens of thousands of dollars on typical solar installations.

"Solar energy is the wave of the future and in Hempstead Town we want to encourage our residents to go green by adding solar technology to their homes without the expense of large permit fees," said Murray.

The Town Board voted to cap the fee for solar installations at \$100, which will save homeowners hundreds of dollars on solar installations. Previously, the permit fee was 1.2 percent of the cost of the installation, with an average installation costing at least \$30,000. Residents can call the town building department at 812-3073 or LIPA at 1-800-692-2626 for more information.

"We are proud to be able to help our residents who are going green to save some green," Ambrosino concluded.



BUILDING HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES TOWN BOARD ADOPTS SMOKE-FREE PARKS LEGISLATION

Hempstead Supervisor Kate Murray and Councilman Ed Ambrosino, along with the entire Town Board, recently adopted legislation designating the township's 100 parks "smoke-free," a step that will protect thousands of children and adults who recreate at the town's facilities from the ill effects of second-hand smoke.

"From swimming and ice skating to basketball, walking and playground activities, Hempstead Town parks are part and parcel of a healthy lifestyle," stated Murray. "Restricting smoking at these facilities makes good common sense and protects children and other neighbors from the harmful effects of second-hand smoke."

The new local law prohibits all smoking at the town's 100 parks, except in designated areas. Officials have indicated that those areas will be away from playing fields and courts, playgrounds, pools and pool decks, concession areas, bleachers, waterfront beach areas and other locations that would subject park patrons to second-hand smoke.

"This new legislation is an important step in protecting the health of our residents," said Councilman Ambrosino. "Smoking is known to cause cancer and has no place in areas where families and children are exercising and enjoying other healthy pursuits."



Hempstead Town's new smoke-free parks legislation provides a smokeless environment for our children and families to enjoy at local parks while accommodating designated areas in which residents can smoke.