

## TOWN OF NORTH HEMPSTEAD



Judi Bosworth, Supervisor

# OUR Home WINTER 2015 OUR Community



Town Supervisor Judi Bosworth speaks during her 2nd State of the Town Address on January 30<sup>th</sup>.

## LOOKING BACK...AND LOOKING FORWARD AFTER ONE YEAR IN OFFICE

I find it hard to believe that it has been a whole year since I wrote to you for the first time as Supervisor of the Town of North Hempstead. Since I assumed office on January 1, 2014, we weathered 18 snowstorms, including the recent Blizzard of 2015, held numerous public meetings on important issues, completed many critical infrastructure projects, unanimously passed a budget and 5-year capital plan, and I've visited with dozens of community and senior groups... just to mention a few things. After a busy year, my administration remains as energized as ever and will continue to serve you with the very same principles of transparency, openness, and inclusiveness as we work together to make North Hempstead even better. Have a wonderful 2015, and I hope to see you soon at a meeting or Town event.

Warm Regards

*Judi Bosworth*

North Hempstead Town Supervisor Judi Bosworth



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## FIGHTING FOR THE GOOD OF OUR COMMUNITY

A number of important community issues arose in 2014, from the installation of 80-foot utility poles in Port Washington, Manhasset and Great Neck by PSEG-LI to a casino proposed in Westbury by OTB, a plan that was ultimately dropped due to Town and community opposition. Feedback from our residents has been vital as we address these issues to assure that everyone's voice is heard so your best interests can be fought for.

Openness and transparency have been mainstays of the Bosworth administration and have been enhanced this year by creating 311 online, streaming Town Board meetings online, and creating a new portion of our website aimed at promoting open government. The Town's budget and our five-year capital plan are available for review as well on our website. We are an open book!



Supervisor Bosworth and Town Clerk Wayne Wink protest the casino proposal on Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>.

## MAKING OUR BUILDING DEPARTMENT MORE CUSTOMER-FRIENDLY

Last year, Supervisor Bosworth appointed an Applicant Advocate on day one to help residents with their application process in the Building Department. The Supervisor and her Applicant Advocate worked to create a community-based evening hours program last year, which will continue in 2015. New this year, Building Department headquarters will be open for extended evening hours on Wednesday nights for added convenience. An educational series will also be introduced this spring in local communities to give residents better insight into the application process.



Supervisor Bosworth at a recent mobile hours session of the Building Department.

## BUILDING INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE LONG-TERM

Supervisor Bosworth and the Town Board crafted a comprehensive 5-Year Capital Plan in 2014 with an eye toward committing to long-term infrastructure maintenance that addresses roads, parks, and buildings throughout the Town. Just some of the projects that have already been completed include drainage projects in Searingtown, Port Washington and New Hyde Park; street widening on Manhasset



Supervisor Bosworth and Councilman Zuckerman at the road drainage project at Crescent Drive in Searingtown.

Avenue; and a robust road resurfacing program. The Town received \$2M in grants this year to assist in these efforts.

## RECEIVING ACCOLADES FOR STRONG FINANCES



The Town's fiscal outlook is as strong as ever -- as affirmed by two independent agencies last year. Moody's gave the Town its best bond rating in history (Aa1), the highest possible rating on short-term bonds (MIG1), and the Government Finance Officers Association gave the Town an award for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. Debt was reduced by \$22 million and expenditures were cut by \$600,000. The Town's 2015 budget was passed unanimously with bi-partisan support, under the tax cap, and for the first time before Election Day since 1982.

## GIVING SENIORS MORE WAYS TO AGE IN PLACE

The seniors in the Town of North Hempstead helped build the Town into one of the best places to live and retire in America. The Project Independence "aging-in-place" program continues to provide valuable services and now nearly 10,000 seniors are taking advantage of the PI program, including nearly 2,000 new members. This year the Town is working with the North Hempstead



Housing Authority to encourage new affordable senior housing complexes, something that is much needed in our Town. The Town's work with seniors was endorsed in January as it was declared an age-friendly community by AARP.

Supervisor Bosworth and Councilwoman Viviana Russell at a senior Halloween dance at the "Yes We Can" Community Center.

## PUTTING OUR VETERANS FIRST

The Town of North Hempstead has dozens of veterans groups and thousands of veterans who are such incredible community activists and leaders, and have done so much for all of us. Supervisor Bosworth found a way to acknowledge these great patriots this year by reactivating the Town Veterans Advisory Committee to hear

the concerns of veterans and create meaningful programs such as the recent donation drive that benefitted hundreds of veterans at the Northport VA Medical Center. The Town also worked with the Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter 417 in June to declare North Hempstead a Purple Heart Town.



Supervisor Bosworth stands with members of the Vietnam Veterans Association of Suffolk County and the Town Veterans Advisory Committee, along with Councilwoman Lee Seeman and Councilman Peter Zuckerman.



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## KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY GREEN AND ENERGY EFFICIENT

The Town of North Hempstead is known for its environmental programming and recycling initiatives. We are taking that a step further by working with community activists on aquifer protection and engaging in energy efficiency projects. North Hempstead has also taken the lead along with seven other Towns and Suffolk County in creating a



Supervisor Bosworth, along with Councilwoman Anna Kaplan and Town Clerk Wayne Wink at an Earth Day Community clean-up.

corridor of electric vehicle charging stations along the Long Island Expressway, aided by a \$625,000 state grant.

## NORTH HEMPSTEAD POLAR PLUNGE

Saturday, March 7  
North Hempstead Beach Park  
Registration 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.  
Plunge at Noon

Join hundreds of thrill seekers that will be "Freezin' for a Reason" at the 11th Annual North Hempstead Polar Plunge on March 7th! Last year over 600 plungers dipped into the chilly water of Hempstead Harbor and helped raise money for the athletes of Special Olympics New York. You can start a team, join a team, or join as an individual.

To register, log onto [www.polarplungeny.org/northhempstead](http://www.polarplungeny.org/northhempstead) and for more information, please call 311.



## HAVING A VISION FOR OUR BEAUTIFUL WATERFRONT

The Town's beautiful waterfront and shoreline are among the most valued resources in the Town of North Hempstead. Strides have been made toward bringing renewed attention to revitalizing these areas. The Town has already completed a one-mile extension of the Hempstead Harbor Nature Trail, making it one of the longest on Long Island, and is in the process of expanding the Bay Walk in partnership with the Village of Port Washington North. A Request for Expressions of Interest has also been issued for those interested in developing a restaurant at North Hempstead Beach Park.

### WATER CONSERVATION TIP

Make sure all outdoor spigots are winterized; this could prevent pipes from freezing, bursting and losing water. Also, insulate hot water pipes to reduce the amount of water that must be run in order to get hot water to the faucet.



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