Hicksville Gardens News

A Newsletter of the Hicksville Gardens Civic Association (HGCA)

Summer/Fall 2026

Dear Members & Friends, Our community is strongest when neighbors get involved. Please invite a friend or neighbor to an upcoming general meeting to learn about local issues, enjoy refreshments, and see how every voice can help make a difference as we welcome new members to HGCA.

Scam Alert - Beware:

POP officers warn about two on-going scams in our area. More about these scams on last page.

2026 High School Scholarships: Celebrating Student Achievement

At our June meeting, HGCA proudly honored the 2026 high school graduates from our community. The scholarship presentation is a highlight of our year of service, giving us the opportunity to recognize the aspirations and achievements of 11 remarkable students. Four memorial awards celebrating the lives of **Joseph Mund, Mary E. Dubon, John P. Simonello and John C. Moehringer** and two HGCA awards were provided through the generosity of HGCA members. Five awards were provided by our commercial supporters**: Delco Plaza, Perfect Pharmacy, Perillo Oil, Double L Tavern and Grand Prix Subaru**; more about these sponsors on page 4.

Seated scholars': Aaron Firester, Amin Nasari, Tasmiya Rahman, Talib Shah, Anusha Shah; Shelby Fraser, Kapish Pharma, Ian Kim & Lauren Mason.

Adam Firester presents the HGCA scholarship to his son Aaron

Richard Rush presents the Delco Plaza scholarship to Tasmiya Rahman

Steve Monteiro applauds the recipient of the Perillo Oil scholarship to Anusha Shah

Thanks to HHS **Principal Ray Williams** for his thoughtful remarks celebrating the students' success.

Downtown Progress: Construction Everywhere

Construction is finally reshaping Hicksville, moving the downtown from commuter-focused street parking toward a more vibrant town center. After more than 10 years of local advocacy, the Town adopted a plan championed by local civic groups, including HGCA and the Hicksville Chamber, with support from Vision Long Island. Many of us have seen renderings of the planned downtown projects; now construction is underway throughout the area. Do the construction photos below match those renderings? Attend one of our meetings to share your opinion.

Festival Plaza: The plaza is finally beginning to resemble the towns' renderings. The checkerboard pavers now offer a clearer sense of how the space will look when completed. Unfortunately, LIRR has ruled out the planned concessions under the railroad overpass. However, Jim McCaffrey TOB believes the final plan may be stronger overall, with the concessions relocated to an enhanced Kennedy Park but with a one-year delay.

The Lisle: Also known as the Alpine development, The Lisle is expected to begin occupancy in mid-October. It will include 19 affordable apartments, with rents ranging from $2,165 for a studio to $3492 for a 2 bedroom. The remaining apartments will range starting at $3,162 for a studio to $4,723 for a two-bedroom unit and up. Basement parking will be available, with one space included in the rent. A key concept of transit-oriented development is that most households need only one car per unit. School taxes for this property will gradually increase from $75,000 to $1.4 million via the Nassau County IDA tax incentive program. For example, in year five, the payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) to the school district will rise to $400,00; $900,000 in year ten.

Fieldstone: This project is now easier to envision. One notable feature is that the development will have facades on both Broadway and Newbridge, as shown in the photo. To help reduce traffic congestion on Newbridge and Broadway, the apartment entrance will be located on West John Street. The complex will replace the former blighted property at 76 North Broadway and other underutilized parcels. School taxes paid through the PILOT will gradually increase from $90,000 to $700,000, roughly doubling by year five and reaching $375,000 by year ten.

Lincoln Technical Institute: HGCA members (Irene, Nick & Phil) were impressed by the range of technical equipment available to students during their tour of this amazing facility led by Kevin Lumpe of Steel Equities. The institute, a major tenant in the former Sears building, is expected to open within the next couple of months. The Institute offers practical career training across skilled trades, IT, and automotive technology. The overall cost of the project to replace the former Sears now exceeds $100 million. As a result School RE taxes has increased more than $300, 000 to $1.3 million. Although Steel Equities, the property owner did not request a tax incentive from IDA for the current work, Bass Pro Shops has a request under review.

Other Community Updates

Can I park here without a permit?

Downtown Parking – Did You Know? Anyone who shops downtown knows parking on Broadway can be difficult. While street parking for shoppers is limited, commuter lots contain hundreds of spaces, including some designated for short-term parking with two- or four-hour limits. Unfortunately, shoppers often do not use these spaces because the signage is confusing, see photo. Even worse, many spaces are occupied all day by drivers without Town of Oyster Bay permits due to limited enforcement. Two corrective steps by the Town could help: improve signage and increase enforcement, and/or designate Lot H-10 (adjacent to Daltons) as shopper parking with rules that are easier to enforce. For example, no parking before 8 a.m.

Are starter homes disappearing in our community? Pictured are four homes under construction in our community this summer. It appears that many homes sold in recent months have been replaced by "McMansions" priced above $1 million. If nearly every new home costs more than $1 million, will our children or grandchildren be able to afford the American dream? Can a civic association help address this trend? For example, Levittown now has construction limits intended to preserve its iconic architecture. Attend a meeting if you'd like to hear that discussion.

Member Milestones Announcement

The Guarascis': Today's featured member photo showcases **Frank and Irene** as they celebrate their 80th birthdays on a family trip to Costa Rica this summer. Pictured with Frank and Irene are daughters Andrea and Allison, son Stephen, grandchildren Adriana, Katie and Jack, and sons-in-law Ryan and Roger. We look forward to sharing pictures from their 90th birthday trip.

Beaware of on-going scams in the area!

According to Nassau County POP Officers recent scams in or around Hicksville have impacted several unsuspecting homeowners. To learn more attend a regular meeting and ask a question of our POP officers who regularly attend.

- **Traveling Conman Fraud:** This nationwide scam has recently been active in Farmingdale and Bethpage. It is often run by groups posing as legitimate contractors, who point out alleged defects and offer inexpensive repairs. Once work begins, they may sharply increase the price, costing homeowners thousands of dollars.
- **Jewelry Scam.** Two senior citizens recently had jewelry stolen after being approached by someone who appeared to admire what they were wearing. Be cautious if a stranger praises or asks about your jewelry in a public place.

Mark your Calendar!

Meeting Dates & Topics:

Sept 17 TOB Dep. Comm. Zike
Oct 15 Meet the Candidates
Nov 19 Veterans Art Contest
Dec 17 Holiday Party
Location: **Hicksville Community Center**
28 W Carl St, Hicksville

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