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# A.S.C.A. NEWSLETTER

## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**DATE:** Tuesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 **TIME:** 7:30 PM **PLACE:** Anywhere! Virtual Zoom Event! **PROGRAM:** Guest Speaker

1. Wayne Wink, Town Clerk, Town of North Hempstead

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The upcoming ASCA General Membership Meeting dates for 2021 are: Tuesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 Tuesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 (date to be confirmed) At 7:30 PM on your computer or mobile device via Zoom

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Summer is almost here and with it some clear signs that the challenges we experienced as a country and a community last year will subside. While we must continue to be careful and stay safe, lets hope that we will soon be back again to a much better version of 'normal'. Newsday tracking of Corona-19 positive cases in Albertson since this time in 2020 shows that we were seriously impacted. The ASCA has been made aware of our neighbors who have lost close relatives and friends to the pandemic. Please know that you remain in the thoughts and prayers of our Executive Board and our ASCA members.

While we remain unsure whether, when and how we will be able to resume in person ASCA Member meetings at the Albertson Fire House, the ASCA has subscribed to Zoom. We will be able to conduct large meetings in that new format. Many of you attended our successful virtual "Meet the Candidates" event prior to the November elections. We invited all the candidates from the major parties for the most important offices. It was attended by almost all of them, including our recently re-elected Congressman Tom Suozzi and State Senator Ed Ra, as well as our new Assemblywoman Gina Sillitti.

Our next General Membership Meeting on June 22<sup>nd</sup> will be with Guest Speaker Wayne Wink, Town Clerk and will be a Virtual Zoom Event. In order to attend, please email us at **albertsoncivicassociation@gmail.com** and we will reply with the clickable link. For your reference, the url to attend the event and join the Zoom Meeting is: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81674820408?pwd=TnByWUFveU9HRGhMSDliMTBuRCs0UT09

Although we have been unable to host a live gathering for our members, we have been quite busy. Our Executive Board sent outgoing Town Supervisor Judi Bosworth a list of our most pressing concerns. We also plan to meet with Wayne Wink, who has announced his intention to campaign as the Democrat to succeed Ms. Bosworth. We want to meet with the eventual Republican candidate as well and discuss these same issues. Among the matters that we identified as important to our community are the following, many of which are already familiar to our Members:

1. We continue to work with our neighbors on Branton Place to support them in their efforts to ensure compliance with Town ordinances concerning rental permits and building codes. While the ASCA represented Albertson at several meetings at Town of North Hempstead office, our neighbors report that the situation continues. We will continue to alert the Town about other instances in Albertson where Town requirements are not being addressed sufficiently, matters that significantly impact the quality of life in our community.

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2. The ASCA also submitted to both Town of North Hempstead and Nassau County Zoning Boards arguments opposing a variance application for subdivision and construction on a lot on Netz Place. While our efforts were unsuccessful, we plan to raise this matter with the candidates for the Town Supervisor position and use it as an example to argue for changes to our Town's Zoning Code. We believe that we need favorable changes to the Building Code to address a trend that seems to be leading toward more over development and congestion in Albertson.

3. We are deeply concerned and continue to lobby for better traffic controls and monitoring on IU Willets Road and Willis Avenue. There is a dangerous traffic situation at 800 Willis Avenue (the site of Senior Citizen condos) that we feel demands a new traffic light. Petitions have been collected and submitted to the Town. Although Willis Avenue is a County Road we want the Town to take an interest in supporting this improvement. Also, while the ASCA's efforts successfully led to the Town installing a Speed Monitoring station on IU Willets Road near the LIRR Albertson Station, it currently only monitors traffic traveling West.

4. ASCA also complained to the Town that street cleaning and maintenance on IU Willets Road and on other streets is evidently only being conducted as "over time" work and does not receive expected priority. We want to make sure that the Town does not neglect our streets and we want clearer advance notice when maintenance is scheduled so we can share that with you.

5. We have asked the Town to help us make the Albertson Memorial and Gazebo at the corner of Willis Avenue and IU Willets Road more usable to our purposes, particularly around Christmas, Hanukkah and other holidays. For example, the large tree has proved to be too unwieldy to safely decorate and we are hoping they can work with us to allow for some improvements.

6. Our neighbors have brought to our attention that a number of local businesses on Willis Avenue with carting and removal services allow refuse to significantly overflow and accumulate on their property. Pick-ups have occurred at early morning hours that are disruptive to residents of the nearby streets. We have submitted evidence of these unhealthy conditions to the Town and will insist on a response.

These and other concerns remain the focus of the ASCA Executive Board as your advocate. Let us know of any other problems with the Town, the County and the State where we might be of help or influence. We can be your advocates for other matters of concern to our community. Please contact us via USPS mail, on our website **www.albertsoncivic.com**, on Facebook at **AlbertsonSquare Civic**, or via email at **albertsoncivicassociation@gmail.com** with any issues or concerns.

Look for another email in the near future with information on how you can attend our Meet the Candidates Member Meeting. In the meantime, we hope that the warmer months bring us together. Stay safe and see you soon!

Regards, Edward Scott ASCA President

#### **EVENTS**

The Town of North Hempstead is hosting several Drive-In Concerts, Concerts by Candlelight, Drive-In Movies, Drop-in Recreation Programs and FunDay Monday. For more information, visit NorthHempsteadNY/gov or call 311 or 516-869-6311. These are Free to residents and no longer require reserved tickets. They are also hosting a series of Environmental Programs on Sustainable Yard Care, Creating Rain Gardens, Native Plant Gardening and Composting and Rain Barrels. They are also offering Composters and Rain Barrels for purchase at discounted prices available for pick-up at Clark Botanic Garden. For more information, please call 311 or visit northhempsteadny.gov/sustainability.

The S.T.O.P. Program (Stop Throwing Out Pollutants) will be offered to us on Sunday, June 27, 2021 between 9 AM to 3 PM. This event will take place at Westbury High School, 1 Post Road, (cross street is Jericho Turnpike) Old Westbury, NY 11568. This program no longer accepts pharmaceuticals -- drop those at Nassau County Police Department. Residents can bring documents for shredding. Big Brothers Big Sisters will be there to accept gently used clothing, household items, bikes, luggage and toys. This event will also be held on Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup> and November 13<sup>th</sup> at North Hempstead Beach Park, North Lot, 175 West Shore Road, Port Washington. They will also hold a Shed the Meds pharmaceutical drop-off event on Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at Michael J Tully Park, 1801 Evergreen Ave, New Hyde Park from 8 AM to 12 PM. For more information, visit https://northhempsteadny.gov/STOPProgram or call 311 or 516-869-6311.

North Hempstead recently unveiled a monument at Town Hall honoring the heroic efforts of frontline workers during the COVID-19 pandemic. The ASCA Executive Board also thanks our frontline workers for their dedication, commitment and continued support during this pandemic.

### FRIENDLY REMINDERS

*Please don't put your garbage out too early.* Place your trash receptacles either in an accessible place alongside your house or at curbside the **night before your scheduled pick-up day**. *Please continue to recycle!* Recyclable bin/container must be placed at the curb the night before your scheduled pickup. Any questions call 311 or go to the website: www.northhempsteadny.gov/recycable.

ALERT! Do not respond to scam phone calls & never forward money if requested!

Please stay safe & continue to help stop the spread of COVID-19! Nassau County urges everyone to continue to practice social distancing; wash your hands often with soap & water for at least 20 seconds; avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth; clean & disinfect frequently touched objects & surfaces; stay home if you feel sick & call your healthcare provider and get vaccinated. Vaccinations are Free. Please visit: www.nassaucountyny.gov/Vaccine or call the NC Coronavirus Call Center at 516-227-9570 or the Senior Citizen Hotline at 516-227-9590. You can also text COVID19NC to 888777 to get updates on Coronavirus in NC on your mobile device. For more information from NYS, please visit: www.covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov or call the NYS Hotline at 1-833-697-4829.

It's come to our attention many residents have not been receiving recorded phone calls from Supervisor Judi Bosworth of the Town of North Hempstead regarding the activities that had been offered to us during this past year (all under Covid-19 guidelines) plus updates regarding expected storms, etc. In order to receive future calls for upcoming events or steps for staying safe during upcoming storms, please call 311.

**WARNING!** Nassau County Police are urging residents to lock car doors at night due to a rash of incidents. These robberies have happened during nighttime hours and the early morning. There are several tips from the Nassau County Police to help prevent car theft including closing all windows, locking all doors, not leaving your car running unattended and taking the transponder with you when you leave your vehicle if you have a "keyless" car.

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Albertson Auto Body	Albertson Electric Inc	<b>Basil &amp; Prime Fine Foods</b>	Benjamin Motors, Inc
852 Willis Avenue	901 Willis Avenue	960 Willis Avenue	1172 Willis Avenue
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Next to Albertson Post Office	516-621-3999	516-493-9966	516-625-1772
516-746-0435		basilandprime.com	
<b>Bill's Friendly Auto Service</b>	<b>BP Willis Avenue Repair</b>	<b>Custom MetalCrafters</b>	Da-Angelo Pizzeria
1175 Willis Avenue	944 Willis Avenue	16 McKinley Avenue	815 Willis Avenue
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516-484-4155	516-746-3330	516-747-2020	516-741-8694
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Dina M DeGiorgio	Dr. Michael Moskowitz	Enviro Exterminating	Food Court Korea
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Port Washington, NY 11051	1041 Willis Avenue	10% Discount to ASCA	Albertson, New York 11507
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dina@dinadegiorgio.com	516-484-2676		www.foodcourtkorea.com
Ivy Rehab Physical Therapy	Milk 'N Things	Nina Jean Harris	Oliveira Contracting Inc
1063 Willis Avenue	1181 Willis Avenue	Lic Real Estate Sales	15 Albertson Avenue
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516-656-7776	516-626-6751	516-824-2474	516-333-6343
		Nharris@SignaturePremier.com	
Parkway Delicatessen	Perfection Barber Shop	Raeder's Wines & Liquors	Richard J Nicolello
1045 Willis Avenue	174 I.U. Willets Road	1029 Willis Avenue	Attorney At Law
Albertson, New York 11507	Albertson, New York 11507	Albertson, New York 11507	516-571-6209
516-747-5540	516-495-0009	516-741-0004	rnicolello@nassaucountyny.gov
		www.raederswine.com	
Sakaya Japanese Restaurant	Shamrock Auto Repair	Silhouette Window	Taecole Tae Kwan Do &
1162 Willis Avenue	821 Willis Avenue	Treatments	Fitness Inc.
Albertson, NY 11507	Albertson, New York 11507	170 IU Willets Road	900 Willis Avenue
516-621-1887	516-746-5060	516-742-0180	516-626-7890
	516-746-9036	silhouettewindowtreatment.com	www.taecolekd.com
Total Health Chiropractic	Willis Ave. Collision	Willis Avenue Sunoco	Zdenko Beg, PT
Dr. Valiante Dia	933 Willis Avenue	993 Willis Avenue	Physical Therapy Services
1176 Willis Avenue	Albertson, New York 11507	Albertson, New York 11507	146 Bethel Road
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#### **MEMBERSHIP DRIVE**

Dues are now payable for 2021! Please complete the application below and mail your check made payable to the Albertson Square Civic Association at your earliest convenience. Dues are still just \$10 per household. All dues collected are used exclusively and directly to benefit Albertson. Some of these initiatives include various beautification projects in our community, several annual events which we hope to be able to continue, and sharing information via our newsletter. Please take a moment and mail in your check.

We thank our membership, our community sponsors, the Fire Department and all the residents, past and current officers who have done so much and continue to do in order to benefit the Albertson Square Civic Association. We love our community and want it to be a safe and stable environment in which to raise our families. We as a community have stood together to let our voices be heard.

Please join us for our upcoming Zoom meeting on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Our guest speaker will be Wayne Wink, our Town Clerk of the Town of North Hempstead. Please email us at albertsoncivicassociation@gmail.com and we will reply with the clickable link. Our next newsletter will be for the October General Membership Meeting, which is our "Meet the Candidate's Night". The actual date will be confirmed as it gets closer. We will also confirm if we will be able to have an actual in-person meeting or, like last year, if we will hold a virtual Zoom Meeting. Regardless, it is a great opportunity to meet the candidates running for local offices, hear their views, let them know what is important to you and ask them questions. We look forward to seeing you there!

#### The Albertson Square Civic Association Making our voices heard

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	2021 Membership Dues Application For the period of Jan 1-Dec 31, 2021
NEW RENEWAL	Dues \$10 per household
Last Name:	First Name(s):
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Phone:	Email:
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