



# THE VILLAGE OF EAST NASSAU

# Newsletter

Spring/Summer 2017

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## Review of Recent and Upcoming Road Work



Last summer, we continued our long term project of improving our road surfaces with the application of a double chip seal

coating on Town Garage Road. Our DPW crew coordinated our effort with the work of the town's highway department (which applied the same coating to their portion of Town Garage Road) to minimize trucking expenses and impact on the neighborhood and make the project as efficient as possible. This effort proved to be a great success as it provided a much improved surface through the winter and Spring. The neighborhood will also benefit this summer from the reduction in dust from the new surface compared to the dust from the previous gravel surface. Another recent effort completed the work begun on Hayes Road several years ago. The eastern half of Hayes Road now has a gravel-on-fabric surface that matches the western half which should help reduce the occurrence of potholes and improve drainage throughout the year. Looking forward, we are planning for the expansion of our double chip seal surface upgrades. Next up are Woodard Road and Bath Township Road. These are still in the planning stages, but hopefully we will be able to bring this improvement to these neighborhoods soon.

Please visit the official Village of East Nassau website:  
**[villageofeastnassau.org](http://villageofeastnassau.org)**

## Senior Advocacy Committee Notes



Our Senior Advocacy Committee (SAC) continues to expand its operations as it pursues its mission of improving the livability of our village for our senior citizens. The service provided to our community is a model for others in the county and throughout the state. The SAC is truly making a difference in their effort to make our village easier for our residents to age in place. They have had success in bringing available services to those that are eligible but have been unable to avail themselves of those services. The SAC has also helped lower the cost of home

ownership by assisting with tax exemption applications and by making donated durable medical equipment available to those that need it. Most recently, they have introduced a snow shoveling service to help seniors cope with difficult winter weather conditions. They will again host a community yard sale on July 15th, with clothing, furniture, antiques, and other items they have been collecting since last summer's sale. Proceeds of the sale support future efforts of the committee. If you or someone you know could benefit from the efforts of the SAC, feel free to call them at the SAC hotline (518.712.9836) for more information.

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## A Few Words About Budget and Village Property Taxes

For the second year in a row, the village tax rate and the whole tax levy (the total amount to be raised by property taxes) is lower than the previous year. The modest decrease in the tax rate this year (from \$1.7872/\$1,000 to \$1.7700/\$1,000) reflects continued very careful use of our funds by our departments and committees. We have continued to improve village road infrastructure and expand the efforts of our various committees while maintaining our very strong fiscal position. Remember that village residents are not subject to the property tax associated with the town's highway

budget (the DB fund). This year, the tax rate for the town's DB fund is about \$3.28/\$1,000. That means village residents save about \$1.51/\$1,000 in property taxes over the rate paid by residents in the town outside of our village or about \$225 per year on a home assessed at \$150,000. Of course many things could adversely impact village finances such as a very harsh winter or a dramatic drop in sales tax revenue, but we are well-positioned to continue providing responsive and efficient local government services while saving our residents money.

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## A Remembrance of Candy Shannon

It is with deep sadness that we share news of the passing of Candy Shannon, our former treasurer and clerk. Candy passed away peacefully on April 13 2017, surrounded by her loving family. Candy's dedication and expertise insured our young village was run efficiently as she guided us through the complexities of state regulations and county processes to keep our treasury in compliance with rules many of us didn't even know existed. Candy's wit and humor were as sharp as her accounting expertise and she is already sorely missed by our community. May her memory be for a blessing.

## A Spring View of the New Surface on Town Garage Road



### Important Contacts

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East Nassau Post Office..794 9741

Brainard Post Office.....794 7282

Nassau Library.....766 2715

New York State Police.....732 4777  
Non-Emergency

## Village Election Results

This past March, Adam Acquario and Tom Kernan were reelected to two year terms as trustees. Next year, the mayor and two trustees will be up for election.

If you are interested in any of these positions, contact the mayor for more information. The next Village Election is March 20, 2018

## VENSAC Presentation



**ICAN**  
Independent  
Consumer Advocacy  
Network

The SAC will host a presentation by Murial Miller

from the Independent Consumer Advocacy Network (ICAN) entitled: "Introduction to Long Term Care Services Through Medicaid Managed Care". Available programs and guides for how to use them will be presented. The event will be at 3PM on August 12th at the monthly meeting of the SAC. For more information, contact the committee.

## Warm Up Your Ovens and Tweak Your Recipes

We will hold the fourth annual Cookie Contest this Fall on November 12th. Last year's contest was well attended and very competitive with 21 entrants in the contest. The winning cookie: Chocolate Turtle Cookies by Ashley Germand was named the Official Cookie of the Village of East Nassau for 2017. Boy were they good! This year, proceeds from the contest and auction will benefit our newest initiative: the Village Youth Committee. The new Youth Committee will be looking into programs and projects that can engage and support our community's younger residents.

## Village Website

Don't forget that the village website ([www.villageofeastnassau.org](http://www.villageofeastnassau.org)) has lots of information about our village including contact information for all village officials, all our local laws, minutes from all village board meetings (and audio recordings of those meetings), and much more. Feel free to contact our village webmaster if you have comments or suggestions about content for the site.  
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