



Village of Amityville

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Information Packet

**Village of Amityville
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The Friendly Bay Village

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A Profile of the Incorporated Village of Amityville

Welcome! Amityville means “friendly village” and it is a great place in which to live and raise a family or to establish and grow a business. Amityville is known for its charming Victorian houses, picturesque downtown and waterfront amenities. It was first settled in the 1600’s but it was not until March 3rd 1894 that it became the Incorporated Village of Amityville. Located on Long Island's south shore, bordered by the Great South Bay, it has come to be known as the “friendly bay village”. Amityville is one of three villages located within the Town of Babylon. It is about 3.5 square miles in area and the latest U.S. Census (2002) has estimated Amityville’s population at 9,411.

Local businesses and residents alike work together and take pride in the fact that Amityville (an early settlement) is one of the few remaining villages to boast a healthy downtown Central Business District with its own police, fire, and public works departments as well as an independent court and justice system.

The Village is home to many quaint shops and merchants most of which line Broadway and Merrick Road. Being ideally located at the southern tip of Route 110, a major north/south corridor across Long Island, and on the border of Nassau and Suffolk Counties, Amityville is equally attractive to larger retail, service and hi-tech industries. More than 200 retail and service businesses, along with three major banks, a large industrial district and several nearby shopping malls and the only bona fide sail boat builder on Long Island—The Dinghy Shop— provide Amityville and neighboring community residents with myriad goods and services. The Village offers businesses, through the Town of Babylon Community Development program, a 50/50 matching materials grant for refurbishing storefronts.

There are many marine-oriented businesses and recreational activities related to the water which infuse the life of the community. Boat building has been an important part of Amityville's history. Amityville native Wilbur Ketcham designed and built the Narrasketuck sailboat in the Village, and Paul Ketcham, member of one of Amityville's oldest families, refined the Seaford skiff.

Throughout the year the community enjoys many events such as the July 3rd Family Celebration Day, the Mayor’s Spring Social, the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony, the Junior League’s Tour of Homes, the Rotary’s Apple Festival and the Historical Society’s Heritage Fair. Most of these activities are located at the center of Amityville, within walking distance to the L.I.R.R. train station. During the summer months, the Village Beach hosts a multitude of activities for children at the Caples Beach Complex.

Come explore the friendly bay village and experience the pleasures and opportunities that abound.

VILLAGE GOVERNMENT DIRECTORY

VILLAGE HALL

21 Ireland Place, 631/264-6000

Monday through Friday, 8 am to 4 pm

Village Hall is located within the heart of the Village and houses the offices of village government including the mayor and board of trustees, the administrative offices, and the offices of the building inspector, tax assessor and registrar of vital statistics. Village Hall is where the day to day operations of the Village takes place including all permit and license applications and birth and death certificates. Visit our website for more information and lovely pictures: www.amityville.com.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Peter T. Imbert, Mayor

Peter M. Casserly, Deputy Mayor

Edward C. Johnson, Trustee

Dennis M. Siry, Trustee

Richard M. Ubert, Trustee

The Village Board of Trustees meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month excepting the months of July and August, the second Monday of October, and the last Monday of December. The Village's Organizational Meeting is held each year on the first Monday of April. These meetings, open to the public, are held in the Court Room of Village Hall, 21 Ireland Place.

ADMINISTRATION

Administrator/Clerk:	Diane C. Sheridan
Deputy Clerk:	Carol Lagano
Treasurer:	Donna M. Barnett
Tax Collection Clerk:	Joyce Munkert
Attorney:	Bruce Kennedy
Assessor:	Thomas Donato
Vital Statistics Registrar:	Judith O'Neill

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

631/691-1909

Building Inspector: John Lauria

The building department assures compliance with all village codes as well as adherence to local, county, state and federal laws that fall within its jurisdiction. These codes and laws were created to protect the safety, health and welfare of Village residents and the general public. Permits are necessary for all construction alterations, fences, pools, decks, auxiliary buildings, etc. Applications are available at Village Hall or on the website at www.amityville.com.

TAX DEPARTMENT
631/264-6000

Tax Assessor: Thomas Donato

The tax department collects the village taxes on all properties, updates property assessments and the tax roll, and processes senior citizen and veterans exemption applications. The Village's fiscal year runs June 1 through May 31st. Taxes are due the first day of June. Having adopted a split payment method, property owners may pay the first half of their village taxes within the month of June and the second half within the month of December. Applications for veterans exemption and senior citizens exemption are available at Village Administration or on our website at www.amityville.com. To qualify for the senior citizen exemption you must be at least 65 years old and your income cannot exceed \$26,900. All applications for exemption must be received by December 31st. Annual Grievance Day is the 3rd Tuesday in February.

AMITYVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
21 Ireland Place, 631/264-0400 911 for Emergency
24 hours a day, 7 days a week

Chief of Police: Donald J. Dobby, Jr.

Amityville is one of the few villages on Long Island that has its own police department. The philosophy under which the department was formed - to serve and protect the people of Amityville—is as much a strength within Amityville today as it was more than a century ago when the department was first formed. Residents are strongly urged to place their house numbers in a visible location where police and emergency services can locate their homes quickly.

AMITYVILLE JUSTICE COURT
21 Ireland Place, 631/691-3303
Justice: Debra Ann Urbano-DiSalvo
Justice: Elizabeth M. Niemi
Sr. Court Clerk: Sandy Schweit
Village Prosecutor: Glenn T. Nugent

The village has its own justice court with an elected village justice. Court convenes on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Tuesdays at 9 am and on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 6 pm. Misdemeanors, traffic violations and building code violations are processed through the village justice court.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

80 Sterling Place, 631/789-2200

Monday through Thursday, 7 am to 4 pm; Friday 7 am to 2:45 pm

Superintendent of Public Works : Bruce S. Hopper

The Department of Public Works maintains all Village-owned buildings, land parcels, parks, entranceways, roads, canal ends, and the beach complex. During the spring and summer months, the department beautifies the Village with numerous plantings. The department keeps the Village roads clear of snow, removes fallen trees, maintains the streetlights and facilitates the Village's holiday events such as the July 3rd Family Celebration and the Annual Tree Lighting.

AMITYVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

55 W. Oak Street, 631/691-9081 911 for Emergency

A 24-hour a day, all volunteer membership made up of Village leaders, business owners and merchants. The fire department touches nearly every aspect of life in Amityville. Over the years it has been involved in fire prevention education, baby sitter courses, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) education, as well as other non-emergency activities including parades and fundraising activities.

Fire Chief: Russell Sawyer
1st Assistant Fire Chief: Charles Scudlo
2nd Assistant Fire Chief: Robert Waegerle
3rd Assistant Fire Chief: Jeffrey T. Erath

SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

Park Avenue and Ireland Place at the Old Park Avenue School

Entrance and parking is in the rear with parking also on Ireland Pl.

631/264-5353

Monday—Friday 9:30 am to 1:30 pm

Director: Patrice O'Neill

Seniors enjoy the various activities held in the senior center including socials, scrabble tournaments, bridge, canasta , guest topic speakers, occasional out-of-town trips and day outings and other recreational activities.

Other programs available to our seniors include: Suffolk County for Aging, Legal Aide for Seniors, and H.E.A.P.

VILLAGE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Roger Smith, Chair
Edward Batz
Scott Erath
Christopher Drutjons

PLANNING BOARD

Jerry Pollock, Chair
Hal Schad
Peter Keller
Kevin Smith
John Nolan
Mary D'Andrea

FIRE MARSHALS

George Lang III, Chief
Donald Wunderlich

MAYORAL ASSISTANTS

Disabilities Coordinator: Lore Waegerle
Recreation Coordinator: Jerry Pollock

PARK COMMISSION

In addition to the lovely plantings and community work the Park Commission performs, they are also the group to contact for Memorial Benches and Trees. Applications are available at Village Hall. Email: parkcommission@amityville.com

Corrine Budde, Chairperson
Jane Margeson
Ernie Caramanico
Geri Fallot
Marion Johnson
Jennifer Auperin
Patricia Durnin

SENIOR CITIZENS COMMISSION

Sal Pericone
Terry Cardinale
Theresa Smith
Fran Prudente
Christine Schulze

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

FESTIVALS/PARADES/CELEBRATIONS

Mayor's Spring Social - 1st Sunday of March 3-7 PM
Arbor Day Celebration
Memorial Day Parade
July 3rd Family Celebration
July 4th Parade
Heritage Festival
Ragamuffin Parade, the Saturday before Halloween
Rotary Club's Apple Festival
Veteran's Day Parade
Junior League's Tour of Homes, 1st Saturday in December
Holiday Tree Lighting, 1st Saturday in December

LIBRARY—264-0567

The Amityville Public Library is located at the corner of Oak and John Street. It is a member of the Suffolk County Library System which offers members inter-library loans and direct access to other member public libraries all over the county. The Library owns more than 100,000 volumes including videotapes and compact disks. A community room, with a capacity for 100 persons, is available to organizations or groups within the school district, upon approved application.

MEDICAL FACILITIES

South Oaks Hospital: psychiatric and substance abuse
Broadlawn Manor
Broadway Diagnostic & Rehabilitation
Amityville Heart Center
South Shore Cardiovascular Medicine, P.C.
ER Dox

ORGANIZATIONS AND SERVICE GROUPS

The Friendly Bay Village has many community organizations in which to become involved:

American Legion 1218
Amityville Woman's Club
Amityville Club
Bay Village Civic Association
Board of Education
Boy/Cub Scouts
Chamber of Commerce
Daughters of the American Revolution
Eastern Star
Girl Scouts
St. Martin of Tours Outreach Emergency Food Pantry
Amityville Historical Society
Amityville Historical Society Garden Club
Junior League of the Amityville Woman's Club
Kiwanis Club
Knights of Columbus
Lauder Museum
Amityville-LeBourget Alliance
Lions Club
Little League, Soccer League
Mens and Womens Softball Leagues
Amityville Masonic Lodge
Rotary Club of Amityville
St. Martin of Tours Employment Service
Suffolk County Employment Center
U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary
Veterans of Foreign Wars

OUTDOOR PARTIES

Written request to the Board of Trustees is required if you are planning an outdoor party or block party or other such get together that will have outdoor amplified music or need to block off the street. Block parties need to keep one lane of traffic open in case an emergency vehicle needs egress, and all affairs must limit the noise in the evening.

PARKS AND PUBLIC AREAS

Village Triangle

Center of Business District on Broadway (Route 110). Gazebo, memorial clock tower, benches, plantings. It serves as the grandstand for parades, celebrations, and memorial services; the background of numerous photographs, weddings and drawings. It is the image depicted on the cover of this packet.

Avon Lake

Landscaped rest area at East and West Lake Drives

Delano Nature Trail

Union Avenue east of Broadway

Edward W. Pearsall Park

Natural respite on Bayview Avenue

James A. Caples Memorial Park

Southern end of Bayview Avenue; encompasses the Little Park—a playground designed for small children; village boat launching ramp; softball fields, soccer fields

Peterkin Park

Oak Street; playground, pond and footpath

Ruth T. Stern Memorial Park

Oak Street; sidewalk rest area

Village Beach

Located at the southern tip of Bayview Avenue; open June - Labor Day; lifeguards, playground, summer recreation program, concession stand, first aid station, staff CPR Certified; beach passes are required and are available at Village Hall; Kiwanis Club Pavilion is available for rental (see village Permits for details)

Village Fishing Pier

Foot of Ocean Avenue

9/11 Memorial Park

Center of the Village on Broadway between Cameta Camera and train trestle; park developed and commemorated to the lost lives of Village residents and all victims of that horrific day

Nautical Park

Southeast corner of Merrick Road and Ocean Avenue; beautifully landscaped waterside park with meandering paths and band shell

Maxine Postal Memorial Park

Unqua Place on the Great South Bay; dedicated to Legislator Maxine Postal, 15th Legislative District

Village Entranceways

Landscaped “pocket parks” adorn each entrance into the Incorporated Village

POST OFFICE—264-0889

The Amityville Post Office is located at Ireland Place and Ketcham Avenue

PUBLICATIONS

The official newspaper of the Village is The Amityville Record, a weekly paper with an office located at 85 Broadway.

The Amityville Village Reporter is the official newsletter of the Village. Carol Lagano, Deputy Clerk for the Village, serves as the Editor and can be reached at (631) 264-6000, ext. 402.

VILLAGE WEBSITE

The official website for the Village of Amityville is www.amityville.com. The site is brimming with information, news and articles. Forms can be downloaded and there is a community calendar to keep you apprised of upcoming events and meetings. Carol Lagano, Deputy Clerk for the Village, serves as the Website Coordinator and can be reached at (631) 264-6000, ext. 402.

RECYCLING

Materials such as pesticides, anti-freeze, lead-based paint and waste oil are considered hazardous waste and must be disposed of properly. Paper, can and bottle recycling have specific pick-up dates. If you have any questions, call the Sanitation Hotline at (631) 249-9346. This service is provided through the Town of Babylon which also furnishes residents with a free “recycle” calendar.

REFUSE PICK-UP

Trash removal is provided by BSSI through the Town of Babylon; for questions call (631) 491-3200. Village Local Law prohibits debris/waste placed out by the street for collection more than 24 hours prior to the scheduled pickup.

SCHOOLS -598-6500

Amityville Union Free School District includes a larger area than the Incorporated Village boundaries. The administrative offices are located at Park Avenue and Ireland Place. There are three elementary schools -Northeast Elementary School, Northwest Elementary School and Park Avenue Elementary School. There is one middle school, Edward W. Miles Middle School and one high school, Amityville Memorial High School.

TRANSPORTATION

Bus Service- Operated by Suffolk County 852-5200

Long Island Railroad Train Station, operated by the MTA, is located just north of Oak Street, off John Street (516) 231-LIRR (5477).

Taxi service —Several taxi cab companies, licensed by the Village, operate in Amityville.

WATER SUPPLY

Suffolk County Water Authority operates the water supply system. General number (631) 582-2211. For emergencies, 24 hours of the day call 631-665-0663.

WORSHIP

First United Methodist Church 264-0152
25 Broadway
Reverend Dr. Louise Stowe-Johns

St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church 264-0124
Union Avenue
Fr. Richard T. Stelter

St. Mary's Episcopal Church 264-0004
175 Broadway
Fr. Randolph Jon Geminder

St. Paul's Lutheran Church 264-0763
147 Park Avenue
Rev. David W. Anglin, Pastor

Simpson United Methodist Church 789-2569
30 Locust Ave
Rev. Jack E. Polin, Pastor

VILLAGE BUSINESS LICENSES

<u>License Type</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Auctioneer	1/1-12/31	\$50 per day/auctioneer \$50 per day/premise \$175 per year/auctioneer \$250 per year/premise
Automotive	9/1 - 8/31	\$175, new and renewal
Cabaret	2/1 - 1/31	Based on Occupancy 1 - 100= \$350 101- 300= \$650 301 - 600= \$900 over 600= \$1,500
Christmas Tree Sales		\$200 -Fee \$375 - Refundable deposit
Coin-operated Amusement Devices	10/1 - 9/30	\$150 first device \$50 per add'l device
Hazardous Material	1/1 - 12/31	\$125
Landscaper	1/1 - 12/31	\$150 - new \$100 - renewal \$20 - per truck/trailer
Peddler (except Ice Cream)	1/1 - 12/31	\$250 -with vehicle \$50 - without vehicle
Peddler (Ice Cream only)	1/1-12/31	\$150 - with vehicle \$50 - without vehicle \$10 - fingerprint (new app only) \$75- background ck (new only)
Sanitation	9/1 - 8/31	\$300 per truck
Taxi Company	2/1 - 1/31	\$200 -per taxicab
Taxi Driver	2/1 - 1/31	\$75 -new and renewal; if new \$10 fingerprint and \$75 background check
Tow	1/1 - 12/31	\$250, plus \$100 for accident roster, new and renewal
Trailer	6/1 - 5/31	\$1.00 per sq ft per annum
Container (PODS)	90 day max.	.50 per sq. ft, \$100 minimum

Fees are subject to change.

VILLAGE PERMITS

BALLFIELD & PAVILION

Under 100 people -\$150.00 user fee and \$100.00 refundable deposit

Over 100 people - \$200.00 user fee and \$150.00 refundable deposit

Village residents may rent the Kiwanis Pavilion. Applications for rental may be obtained at Village Hall. Dates are reserved on a first come/first served basis beginning first Monday in April.

BOAT LAUNCHING RAMP \$20.00 Residents
 \$100.00 Non-residents

To use the boat-launching ramp, located in the northwest corner of the Park, you must obtain a permit issued by Village Hall. Permit is valid January to December of each year. Trailer registration required. No charge for Senior Citizens, 65 and over.

FISHING AND CRABBING

\$10.00 Residents

\$25.00 Non-residents

Residents and non-residents age 16 and over are required to have a permit to fish, crab or cast for fish or crabs from any of the lands, piers, docks or bulkheads of property owned or under the control of the Village. Permit is valid May 1—April 30.

COMMERCIAL VEHICLE PARKING \$100.00 per vehicle

To park or store a commercial vehicle between the hours of 10:00 PM and 6:00 AM on residential property a permit is required if the vehicle is in excess of 6,000 pounds; is a heavy construction equipment or an equipment trailer. Permit is valid January to December of each year. Vehicle registration required

STORAGE CONTAINER \$.50 per sq. ft. , \$100 minimum

To store a temporary container on your property, you must get approval by the Board of Trustees. Application available at Village Hall. 90 day maximum.

GARAGE SALE \$10.00

The seller must obtain a permit. Applications are available at Village Hall. There is a maximum of two consecutive days and a limit of two per year.

RAILROAD PARKING \$ 30.00 Residents
Valid from February to January \$ 15.00 (after August 1st of each year)
Vehicle Registration Required \$250.00 Non-Residents
 \$150.00 (after August 1st of each year)

WEDDING PHOTOGRAPHS

Residents and non-residents may request permission to use the Gazebo or Pearsall Park to take wedding photographs. Send the request to the Board of Trustees at Village Hall.

No Fee for Residents

\$100 for Non-Residents

Fees are subject to change