

Mayor's Report March 3rd 2026

During the month, as part of our continued efforts to secure seawall funding from Governor Hochul, Catherine Fee, the Village lobbyist, and I met with Huntington Supervisor Ed Smyth, Suffolk County Executive Ed Romaine's Chief Deputy, Assemblyman Steve Stern, Assemblywoman and Local Government Committee Chair Michaelle Solages, Assemblyman Phil Ramos, Assemblyman Kwani O'Pharrow, a representative from the office of Senator Monica Martinez, a representative from the office of Senator Kirsten Gilibrand, and a representative from Assemblywoman Rebecca Kassay's office. The Village has also received numerous letters of support. Everyone has been super supportive of the project and has offered their help.

The Village spent some time working with Congressman Nick LaLota's and Senator Gilibrand's office to explore the possibility of securing a federal grant to support the seawall reconstruction.

The Board of Assessment Review met on February 17th. Twenty-six requests for assessment reduction were reviewed, and all twenty-six were denied due to insufficient supporting documentation.

The Village has made substantial progress on the fiscal year 2026-27 budget. The budget will be reviewed by the Trustees at a work session on March 24th at 4 PM and will be available for public review after that meeting. A public hearing will be held during the April regular BOT meeting.

I thank Officer Brian O'Connor for once again securing a JCAP grant for the Village. The \$8570 grant is to add additional shades to the meeting room windows. As many of you know, sitting in the audience during a summer meeting is like staring into the sun. These new blinds will eliminate that problem.

Big thanks to Huntington Highway Superintendent Andre Sorrentino, his dedicated staff and the Asharoken PD, led by Officer Ray Mahdesian, for their great work during one of the worst snowstorms in LI history.

Just a reminder that the Asharoken Save the Fireworks Dinner/Dance on Saturday, March 21st at the Northport Yacht Club is selling out quickly. This fun event supports our annual Fourth of July fireworks and offers a great opportunity to meet neighbors, bid on wonderful raffle baskets, enjoy a delicious meal, and dance the night away.

If you would like to donate an item for a raffle basket, please contact the organizer, Carole Casamassima, at 631-261-1895. The invitation is attached for your reference. Please RSVP soon to reserve your seat. I look forward to seeing you there!

Thank you to all residents who have returned their signed requests to Governor Hochul for seawall financial assistance. If you have not yet done so, please submit your form this week. Forms may be placed in the black mailbox to the left of the steps at Village Hall. For additional copies, contact Village Clerk Michelle Glennon at 631-261-7098 or email at mglennon@asharokenny.org.

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