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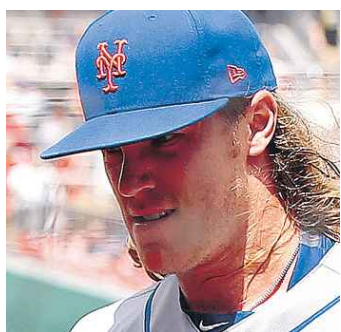
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UPPER BROOKVILLE

Village consolidates waste pickup

BY DAVID OLSON
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A single refuse company will soon begin collecting most trash and recyclables in Upper Brookville, offering an alternative to the hodgepodge of companies privately hired by homeowners.

The change will reduce costs for residents, save money for the village and reduce wear and tear on the roads, officials said.

Village board members in September approved establishing a garbage disposal district to pay for the pickup of trash and recyclables by a company designated by the North Shore village of about 1,500.

The district is a special assessment area, and includes any home in the village that participates in the pickup program. Residents can opt out of the district and continue purchasing solid waste disposal services directly, rather than pay the district assessment.

Mayor Elliot Conway on April 20 signed a five-year contract for garbage and recyclables pickup with Westbury-

based Daniel F. Allen & Co., which he said was the lowest of four bidders for the service.

Residents now contract individually with one of seven companies for solid waste pickup. The average cost is roughly \$90 a month, with some residents paying more than \$300 a month, Conway said.

Allen will charge \$43.95 a month per home for the first year for twice weekly trash and recyclables collection, with the cost rising to \$51.95 by the fifth year. The village will collect the money from participating residents once a year and distribute it to Allen monthly, Conway said. The village will add a \$1.05-a-month administrative fee the first two years, mainly for startup costs, with the fee expected to be much lower in the remaining years. The truck will collect trash from the top of residents' driveways near their homes rather than curbside, if residents prefer.

Allen, one of the seven companies currently providing privately contracted service, can charge a lower rate for village-wide service because it will spend less money per home on

gas, administrative and other costs, said company vice president John Allen.

"It's always easier to serve entire neighborhoods than have to drive five minutes to the next stop," he said.

The first district pickups are scheduled for July 1. Conway said he expects a large majority of homes will be part of the district.

In nearby Roslyn Harbor, about 80 percent of homes are part of a district that the village board voted to create in 2010 after some residents complained about the high cost of private waste pickup service, Mayor Louis Badolato said. Nobody who joined the district later opted out, indicating that "they must be pretty satisfied," he said.

Conway said the Upper Brookville assessment area will reduce the number of heavy trucks on village roads, saving the village an estimated \$750,000 over the next 20 years on road repairs and repaving. Allen bought a smaller truck to use in the village, which has separate compartments for garbage and recyclables.



BARRY SLOAN

Westbury-based Daniel F. Allen & Co. will start trash collection July 1 in Upper Brookville's newly created garbage disposal district.

Appreciated Week," which concluded Friday. Each day was focused on honoring a local serviceman killed in action.

Casale said she raised \$40,000 for veterans last year, which goes to the national nonprofit Hope for the Warriors, a Virginia-based charity that aids post-9/11 service members and their families.

Casale has run 57 full marathons and 38 ultramarathons — races stretching beyond the traditional 26 miles — since 2006.

— DEON HAMPTON

NASSAU COUNTY Officials to discuss storm flood damage

County, state and federal officials are hosting two scoping meetings this week to discuss a study that will investigate ways to reduce coastal storm flood damage along the South Shore of Nassau County.

After superstorm Sandy in 2012, the U.S. Army Corps of

Engineers studied areas along the North Atlantic Coast. That study identified the Back Bays — areas along Hewlett, Middle, Jones and South Oyster bays, as well as surrounding creeks, channels and water bodies — as high risk, necessitating further investigation. The City of Long Beach is also included.

The Army Corps, state Department of Environmental Conservation and Nassau County are partnering to look at ways to reduce flood risk, support coastal resiliency and reduce costs associated with storms. The meetings will include presentations and a session for questions and answers.

They will be held:
■ 6 to 7:30 p.m. tomorrow in the auditorium at Seaford High School, 1575 Seamans Neck Rd.
■ 6 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at Freeport Village Hall, 46 N. Ocean Ave. in Freeport.

For questions, email Army Corps Project Manager Mark Lulka at NassauBack-

Bays@usace.army.mil.
— EMILY C. DOOLEY

NORTH HEMPSTEAD Three reappointed to housing board

Three members of the North Hempstead Housing Authority Board of Commissioners were reappointed last week to their positions.

North Hempstead's Town Council unanimously approved 5-year terms each for Alan H. Cooper of New Hyde Park, Matthew Cuomo of East Williston and Traci Caines of Westbury. Cooper's term will end March 2018, Cuomo's in November 2021 and Caines' in March 2022.

The Woodbury-based housing authority oversees federally funded public housing programs for North Hempstead residents, including the Housing Choice Voucher program, also known as Section 8. The

authority is overseen by a seven-person governing board.

Bette Segal of Port Washington is up for reappointment in May 2018, and Arthur Smith of Manhasset is up for reappointment in May 2019. Edward Grube and Desiree Woodson, both of Manhasset, are up for re-election by the residents of Pond View Homes and Manhasset Valley in January 2019.

— KRISTOPHER J. BROOKS

WYANDANCH Workshops for job hunters to begin

Workshops to help prepare job seekers will begin tomorrow for an upcoming career fair in Wyandanch.

Those seeking employment can get help writing a resume, preparing for interviews and dressing appropriately.

In addition to an interview preparation session titled "Interview 101," attendees will get a free resume prepared.

They can also get help with

proper interview attire through a referral and/or appointment with Career Couture in Hauppauge or the Gerald Ryan Outreach Center in Wyandanch.

The sessions will last two hours and will take place tomorrow at 1 p.m. and May 9 at 11 a.m. Attendees are asked to bring their resumes.

The spring career fair will take place May 12 from noon to 3 p.m. Sponsors include the Wyandanch Resource Center, Wyandanch Leadership Council and the Suffolk County Department of Labor, Licensing and Consumer Affairs.

The free event will feature more than two dozen companies, nonprofits and government agencies.

The preparation sessions will take place at the Wyandanch Resource Center, 1585 Straight Path. The career fair will take place at the Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Gerald Ryan Outreach Center, 1434 Straight Path. For more information, call 631-643-1971.

— DENISE M. BONILLA