
Village of Elmsford, Westchester County, New York

2008 Year In Review

Village Plans For New Main Street

Planning for a new look Main Street in the Village of Elmsford was undertaken throughout 2008. The Project, anticipated to begin construction in 2009, will create a more pedestrian-friendly environment in the Village's downtown and promote

the revitalization of the downtown area through streetscape improvements. There are several elements to the project, all of which will contribute to the creation of a safer and more pleasant downtown area. Concrete sidewalks will be replaced and a two-foot paver amenity strip will be added along the street edge of the



sidewalk. New light fixtures, which will provide lighting at a pedestrian scale, will be placed on the amenity strip. Planters and street trees, as well as new parking meters, will be installed. At most intersections, new stamped asphalt crosswalks will be installed to enhance their visual recognition. In addition, new trash receptacles will be placed at the interior corner of most blocks, with new benches and new bus shelters installed in strategic locations throughout the project area.

In conjunction with the Streetscape Project, the Village is also planning the creation of Centennial Park as a tribute to the Village's 100th Year in 2010. Located at the intersection of Routes 9A and 119, Centennial Park will be outfitted with the Village of Elmsford Centennial Clock, decorative light fixtures, benches, parking meters, tree grates, trash containers, perennial flower beds, shrubs, planters, sidewalks, pavers, amenity strip, and improved walkways and area crosswalks.

The undertaking and completion of the Streetscape and Centennial Park Projects are integral components of the Village's overall strategy to continue revitalizing Elmsford.

2008 Fast Facts

- Commissioner of Police Established
- Begin Planning for Village's 100th Anniversary in 2010
- Spray Park Construction Underway at Nichols Park with Planned Opening Summer 2009
- Elmsford Farmers Market Opened



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Elmsford Day Camp Expands

Elmsford Day Camp had another very successful season in 2008, exceeding prior summers' enrollment with a total of 225 campers. Highlights included weekly visits from the FUN BUS for our youngest campers, and the return of Israel's Friendship Caravan show and Camp Carnival!

Campers enjoyed several great trips. Favorites for the older campers included a NY Liberty Game at Madison Square Garden, Madame Tussaud's Wax Museum, and the perennial favorite, Splashdown Beach. The primary campers particularly enjoyed their trip to the NJ Children's Museum, among others.

The house was full, for the evening's camp show, where the theme was "Top Hits Through the Years".

The Camper Graduate Program was at capacity with a total of 20 participants. A new offering introduced in 2008 was the successful additional week of camp, Camp Extraordinary, where 35 participants enjoyed an extra week of events, trips, programs, and overall camp fun!

2009 Camp Registration - Begins March 21st

More Information is available on the Village website www.elmsfordny.org.



Recreation Program Highlights

Seasonal Events

Easter Egg Hunt, Halloween Party, Christmas Party & Celebration of Lights, Santa Letters, Radio City Spectacular, Toys for Tots Drive, Movies Under the Stars, Pumpkin Glow, Breakfast with Santa, Senior Afternoon Teas.

Ongoing Activities & Events

Adult Exercise Classes, Memorial Day Parade & Events, Elmsford Day, Fall Soccer, Winter Basketball, Spring Baseball/Softball, Safety Fair, Next Level Clinics & Events. Coordinated Summer Emergency Cooling Center at the Community Senior Center.

Building Department 2008

In 2008, the Building Department followed the new NYS Uniform Building & Fire Code and changes in State Law that came into effect in 2007. These include requirements for increased annual fire inspections and revisions to the Village Building and Fire Code. The new Building Code requires the Village to perform fire inspections of all buildings except one and two family homes at least once every three years.

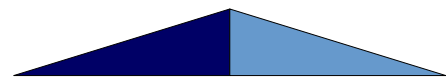
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The Building Department processed over 350 applications in 2008, performed over 100 Fire Inspections, which included all hotels, assembly spaces (restaurants, bars, meeting rooms), gasoline service stations and repair garages, as well as other commercial establishments and apartment buildings.

Department revenues for 2008 exceeded \$186,000 from permit and inspection fees and violations. 574 inspections were performed, including Building, Fire, Code Enforcement, Plumbing, and File Search Inspections, and over 150 violation notices were issued.

The Department continued its enforcement of unsafe, overcrowded and illegal dwelling units. The safety of all Village residents is the Department’s primary concern.

The Department also addressed quality of life code enforcement issues, regularly inspecting all neighborhoods for unregistered/junk vehicles, garbage and rubbish at the curb on the wrong days, and property maintenance issues. These included Saturday enforcement tours.



Beautification Summary

Trustee Anne Povella and the Beautification Committee helped to achieve the following during 2008:

Village Cleanup Day, Business Area Planters professionally planted, Expanded Street Christmas Decorations, Plantings at the Village’s Gateway Welcoming Signs and Central Business District Locations. Seasonal Plantings, Planning Underway For Future Improvements



Police Department 2008 Summary

Personnel: The Department maintained full staffing status throughout most of 2008, with one retirement during the fall. Successfully Implemented Commissioner of Police Department Structure.

Calls for Service: Over 3,800 total calls for service during 2008.

Detective Division: Handled 164 cases. Assisted other departments in various investigations and arrests.

Juvenile Matters: The Department was involved in 11 juvenile cases, as well as participation in DARE, Kidcare, Juvenile Law Education Project, Lectures and demonstrations, and Investigations with the Greenburgh Alcohol & Drug Taskforce.

Taxi Licensing Program: 3 Dispatch Licenses, 44 Taxicab permits, and 59 Taxi driver permits issued.

Training: All Department training was fully maintained during 2008 in the areas of: Firearms, Article #35, PR-24 & ASP baton, O.C. Spray, Radar/Laser, First Aid, AED, and Intoxilizer. Additionally the Department maintained fully ICS (NIMS) compliance including personnel trained in ICS 300 & 400.

Constables: The Elmsford Constables added two new constables to reach a total of 12 during 2008. 1,408 volunteer hours were worked, providing valuable service and assistance to the Department and Village.

Highway/Sanitation

Accomplishment Highlights 2008

- All catch basins throughout the Village were cleaned and repaired as necessary, with 17 basins rebuilt.
- Averaged 72 tons of Household garbage per week.
- General road repairs: 164 tons of blacktop.
- Traffic sign and Streetlight maintenance throughout the village.
- Assisted with the preparations and cleanup for Elmsford Day, Memorial Day, and Rec. Department Events.
- Averaged 920 yards of rubbish collection and disposal weekly.
- 4,269 pounds of tires collected and disposed of.
- Maintained and hung Street Holiday Lights.
- Maintained Street Flower Plantings and other Village Flower Beds Throughout the Village.
- Assisted Water Dept with line repairs and fire hydrant replacements and hydrant flushing.
- Maintained the Village's entire equipment and vehicle fleet including Highway, Sanitation, Police, Water, Fire and Building Departments.
- Continued sanitation and recycling regulations education.
- Plowed, salted and sanded, and cleaned Village Streets throughout winter months.
- Implemented new multipurpose vehicle for sidewalk snow removal and utility uses during special events.
- Maintained all Village Parks and Fields. Built and added six new picnic tables to Nichols Park.

Planning & Investing In The Future

The Village's Engineering Department was instrumental with the following projects and tasks in 2008

New Village Hall Roof: A new roof design and bid documents were completed in house to replace the leaking roof over Village Hall. The project included removal and replacement of the roof, flashing, and gutters.

2008 Paving Contract: Village paving work was combined in a cost-saving measure with the Town of Greenburgh and other Villages in the Town. The Village Engineering Department assisted with contract bidding and construction oversight within the Village. The Project included resurfacing of portions of Winthrop Avenue, Barney Street, East Vincent Street, Undercliff Avenue, and Parkway Plaza.

2008 Curb Contract: A contract for installation/replacement of damaged or missing curbs was bid and overseen by the Department. The project involved replacement of curbs on streets that were slated for resurfacing under the Paving Contract. New curbs were installed on portions of Barney Street and East Vincent Street.

White Plains Avenue Spray Park: Construction began on the spray park at Nichols Park. The project, designed by the County Planning Department and partially funded with a Federal Community Development Block Grant, consists of automatic spray heads that spray in an alternating pattern when activated and includes a protective ground surface, benches, and fencing. Construction started during the Fall of 2008 and is anticipated to be completed in May 2009, and open during the summer of 2009.

Elmwood Avenue Reconstruction: The 2007 roadway reconstruction project was completed in early spring 2008. The project included new water, sewer and drainage piping, grading, new curbs, and new pavement. The Engineering Department was responsible for design, Health Department permitting, bidding, and construction oversight.

Water System Reporting and Assistance: Prepared the annual Water Report, compiled lead and copper test reports, coordinated review and testing of backflow prevention devices and provided assistance to the Water Department.

DPW Support: Provided support to the Public Works Department in the areas of drainage, roads, curbs, and sidewalks. Also coordinated curb cut and street opening permitting.

Site Plan Reviews: Reviewed all site plans for compliance with Village code and State Storm Water compliance.

Other Support: The Department provided other Engineering Support to the Village Board with respect to day-to-day operations.

Fire Department 2008 Summary

The Department addressed 1055 total calls for service during 2008. Calls included serious fires at the Red Fox Diner and 112 North Lawn Avenue, a number of serious motor vehicle accidents with several requiring extrication, and numerous other Fire and EMS responses. Calls for services were down by over 100 calls from the previous year, due in large part by aggressive follow-up on faulty fire alarm systems by the Department Chiefs, Village Fire Inspectors and Town Fire Marshall.

During February 2008, the Department hosted the regionally recognized annual Lt. Andy Fredericks Seminar at the Westchester Marriott Hotel, attracting approximately 400 firefighters from the metropolitan area, as well as Connecticut, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Virginia.

The Department purchased and received its new Fire Rescue Utility Truck 86, with the new truck expected to be placed in service during early 2009. When fully operational, Utility Truck 86 will provide much needed support services to the Department, including water rescue capacities during flooding situations.

On May 1, 2008, Chief Michael Eanazzo, following two years of dedicated service as Chief, turned the Department's operation over to Chief Sydney Henry Jr., 1st Assistant Chief Richard Hoke, Sr., and 2nd Assistant Chief Peter DeLuca

Fire Prevention Week during October 2008 saw members of the Department visiting the local schools, instructing the students on fire safety and distributing educational materials to them.

In November, federally mandated high-visibility traffic vests, for increased Firefighter and EMT safety at highway incidents, were purchased and placed into service. Also in November, the Department participated in the first annual Career Day at Alexander Hamilton High School.

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Water Department/Village Facilities 2008

- Produced over 254,000,000 gallons of water through the Village System.
- Continued water line conditions review.
- Replaced 5 and repaired 3 fire hydrants.
- Completed annual fire hydrant flushing program.
- Responded to 41 water emergency calls.
- Addressed 8 system leaks.
- Repaired 41 valve and curb boxes.
- Undertook numerous meter repairs, reading re-checks and leak checks.
- Completed 160 water tests above mandated daily testing.
- Completed 40 Lead & Copper tests.
- Completed over 48 hours of staff training.

* Successfully maintained Village water system in compliance with New York State Sanitary Code Part 5.

Village Facilities:

- Installed energy saving light sensors and thermostats at Village Hall, Water Dept. and Highway Dept Facilities.
- Installed Outside Notice Board at Village Hall.
- Maintained Village Hall, Senior Center, and Park buildings on a daily basis.
- Setup, prepared, for and cleaned up after Dedications, Openings, Holidays, and Special Events.
- Assisted with setup and cleanup of Village Summer Camp.

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