



# NORTH HAVEN NEWS

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Welcome to the December edition of *North Haven News*. This month's edition will recap the highlights from the November Village of North Haven Board of Trustee meeting and previews agenda items of interest for the December Village Board meeting.

As we close out 2021, the North Haven Board of Trustees and the Village Staff would like to wish everyone Happy Holidays and best wishes for a Happy and Healthy 2022!

Going forward, if you have any questions or if there are any other topics you would like to read about, please contact Terie Diat (Village Trustee) at [tdiat@northhavenvillage.org](mailto:tdiat@northhavenvillage.org).

## **Upcoming Board of Trustees Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 15th at 5 p.m. **via zoom**. All residents are welcome and encouraged to attend. Links to the meeting can be obtained from Village Hall by calling 631-725-1378 or emailing [clerk@northhavenvillage.org](mailto:clerk@northhavenvillage.org). The agenda for this meeting will be posted on our website ([northhavenny.us](http://northhavenny.us)) the Friday before the meeting date.

## **Public Hearings Scheduled for December 15th at 5 p.m.**

Amend Village Code #55 – Fines for False Fire Alarms. See proposed amendment [HERE](#).

## **Updates from the November 16th Board of Trustee's Meeting: Board of Trustees Voted to Amend Village Code 112-2 related to Noise**

Following four public hearings, the most recent held on November 16<sup>th</sup>

where six residents spoke regarding the proposed partial-year ban on gas powered leaf blowers, the board voted to approve the amendment which is summarized below.

As the Village puts in place the amendment to the noise code, the Board of Trustees would like to remind residents that our Village Code serves as a formal, documented set of rules to guide the behavior of residents, however, we are a small Village, and part of what makes North Haven special for all of us living here, are the friendly and quiet neighborhoods. Please be mindful and respectful of your neighbors when pursuing activities that generate noise, and try to minimize the volume and length of time of the noise disturbance. Please also remind your guests and contractors of the same (especially when you personally, are not here) so that we can all continue to enjoy the peaceful aspects of North Haven. Thank You!

Please read the full code amendment [HERE](#) to understand all of the provisions of the code.

Attached [HERE](#) is a recent article from the Express News Group on gas-powered leaf blowers to help homeowners prepare for the transition.

Summary:

- Permits the use of landscaping equipment between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. weekdays, and Saturdays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. The use of landscaping equipment by homeowners is permitted on Sundays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Commercial use of landscaping equipment by contractors is prohibited on Sundays and state and federal holidays. **Residents are asked to inform their landscapers about these changes and ensure they comply.**
- Effective May 1, 2022 the use of gas-powered leaf blowers by residents, contractors, professional landscapers, gardeners and/or care takers will be prohibited between May 1 and October 31. Use of gas-powered leaf blowers will be allowed between November 1 through April 30. They will also be allowed for clean up after major storms. **Residents are asked to inform their landscapers now about this upcoming change so that they may prepare accordingly.**
- The construction, renovation, repair or alteration of any building other than between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on weekdays shall be prohibited. Construction, renovation, alteration and repair by contractors shall be prohibited on weekends and state and federal holidays. Homeowners are permitted to perform repair work, which does not require a building permit, on Saturdays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Any person committing an offense against this provision shall first be given a warning by the Building Inspector; upon a second violation the Building Inspector shall issue a stop work order for 7 days, upon a third violation the Building Inspector shall issue a stop work order for a period of 14 days; upon a fourth violation the building permit shall be revoked and a summons issued which shall be punishable by a fine of up to \$1,500. **Residents are asked to inform their contractors about these changes and ensure they comply.**

### **Update on Speed Study Conducted by Department of Transportation**

Mayor Sander and Trustee Fiore provided an update on the Speed Study that was conducted by the Department of Transportation (DOT) on Route 114 earlier in the summer. The electronic study revealed that the average measured speed in the 40-mph zone was 47-mph. The DOT study concluded that the speed limits on Route 114 in North Haven are appropriate and did not recommend changing the speed limits.

Mayor Sander and Trustee Fiore attended a conference call with Assemblyman Fred Thiele and a representative from the DOT to discuss the study. Route 114 is scheduled for repaving in the spring of 2022. At that time, certain traffic calming measures can be implemented to further slow traffic. The DOT will:

- Paint a wider stripe between the bike lane and the automobile lane
- Install additional signage
- Reduce the width of the traffic lane by one foot, which will add one foot to the pedestrian/bike lane

Additionally, Mayor Sander and Trustee Fiore requested the DOT to provide a proposal for speed bumps for the Village to evaluate, as well as to conduct another speed check after the paving has been completed and the above measures have been implemented to determine if they have been effective at reducing speeding motorists.

As was reported in the November North Haven News, the Village has also requested the Town of Southampton Police to increase presence and speed limit enforcement.

### **Santa Claus is Coming to Town**

The weather outside is frightful, and the snow is just delightful, it can only mean that Santa is on his way, and the Village Improvement Society has dedicated itself to helping himself along on his journey for 66-years.

Santa will make his annual visit to the children of North Haven on Saturday, December 18<sup>th</sup> on a shiny red Sag Harbor Fire Truck beginning at 12 noon.

To request a visit, please email [NorthhavenLVIS@gmail.com](mailto:NorthhavenLVIS@gmail.com).

### **Streamlining Permitting Processes**

The Board of Trustees have been working with the Village Staff, the Planning Board and the Architectural Review Board, to review the application and review processes to identify opportunities to streamline. Certain procedural changes are being made to allow certain small projects to be reviewed and approved by the Building Inspector and the Village Attorney and bypass the Planning Board approval. A change is also being made to allow applicants to request a preliminary review with the ARB in the same timeframe, as the applicant's site plan review with the Planning Board. These changes generally should streamline the timeframe to complete Board reviews for many applicants.

### **Move of the Old Schoolhouse**

The move of the old schoolhouse took place from the corner of Payne Avenue and Ferry Road to its new home adjacent to Village Hall on the morning of October 12<sup>th</sup>. The masonry work on the foundation has now been completed. Four new red maple trees have been planted to replace trees that were removed on Village Hall property to accommodate the move. A resident kindly donated an antique school desk to be displayed in the schoolhouse.

### **Shoreline Management Code**

Trustee Diat reported that she is continuing to work with Race Coastal Engineering on the drafting of the code for Shoreline Management. The first public hearing is tentatively planned for the Board of Trustee's meeting in January.

### **North Haven Community Survey**

The Village Board of Trustees fielded an anonymous Community Survey in September/ October to gather input from the residents of North Haven. We were seeking opinions on the issues, opportunities and priorities that you feel are important to our future. Over 400 residents responded to the survey.

***Thank You very much to everyone who took the time to share your input, it is enormously valuable to us!***

The Board has compiled the results and plans to share a summary of the feedback at the December Board of Trustee meeting. The summary will also be posted on the Village website.

### **Village Website**

Work continues on the development of the new Village of North Haven website with the assistance of CivicPlus. The next phase of the project in December will include testing the new website by the Village staff and several volunteers from the Village. Go-live is planned for early 2022.

### **Preparing Village Hall for Hybrid Zoom/In-Person Meetings**

Advanced Technology has ordered the equipment and visited Village Hall to prep the building for the wiring. Installation is tentatively planned for January.

**In Memorium - Linda Reiser -  
Planning Board Member and  
Past Chairwoman**

Linda Jean Reiser died Tuesday, November 30 at her home in Sag Harbor of cancer. She was 67.



The wife of John "Jack" Reiser, she grew up in Massachusetts, graduating from Lincoln-Sudbury High School, and earning both her bachelor's and master's degrees from Boston College.

Reiser began her career as a sales representative for Xerox in 1978. Then, she and her husband moved the family to Sag Harbor and were proprietors of the Main Street Tavern and Main Sail Restaurant until 1994. She went on to become a real estate broker with Alan Schneider and enjoyed her time as a substitute and teaching assistant for the Sag Harbor school system. After earning a second master's degree from Stony Brook University in 2001, she taught at the East Hampton School District until her retirement in 2019.

Survivors said, Reiser loved her community and was a committed public servant. She was a member of the North Haven Planning Board for 20 years, serving as chairwoman since 2017. She was secretary of the Breakwater Yacht Club for four years, and an active member of the Sag Harbor Volunteer Firemen's Ladies Auxiliary. She was a Girl Scout leader, Scout Den Mother, and was active in the Sag Harbor Ladies Village Improvement Society. She served as a deacon, elder, and, most recently, treasurer of the Sag Harbor Presbyterian Church. She also taught Sunday School for many years and enjoyed singing and ringing bells in the choir.

Reiser will be remembered as an avid gardener and accomplished cook, survivors said. She was a dogged defender of her beautiful flowers and vegetables from the scourge of Sag Harbor deer. During COVID shutdowns, she prepared and delivered meals to

homebound seniors three times a week. She also generously supplied her delicious quiches to every church fundraiser.

In addition to her husband of 40 years, she is survived by a daughter, Erin; two sons, Timothy and wife Jordan, and Dan and wife Annie; two grandsons, Harrison and Henry; and her sister Barbara. She was predeceased by her parents, Ernest and Frances Schlichter.

Memorial donations may be made to Cormaria Retreat House, East End Hospice, or the Old Whalers' Church.

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