



Emergency Numbers

POLICE, FIRE & AMBULANCE

Dial 911

Tell the emergency operator that you are calling from the Village of Nissequoque

When reporting an emergency:

- Give your name and location – address & nearest cross street
- Provide as much information as possible – type of emergency, etc.
- Remain on the line

Alcohol	631-669-1124
Child Abuse Hotline	1-800-342-3720
Drugs	Call the nearest hospital
Gas Leaks	Call your propane provider
Harbormaster at Smithtown Marina	631-360-7643
Poisons	516-542-2323
Power Lines (LIPA)	800-490-0025
Smithtown Animal Shelter	631-360-7575
Suicide and Crisis Hotline	631-751-7500
Wild Animal Removal Services	631-979-2481

Local Medical Services

St. Catherine of Siena Medical Center,

Route 25A, Smithtown 862-3000

University Medical Center at Stony Brook,

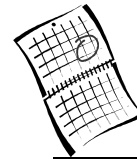
Nichols Road, Stony Brook 689-8333

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Directory

Village Hall / Village Clerk.....	862-7400
Village Justice / Court Clerk	862-8576
Police Department (non-emergency).....	584-5300
Fire Department (non-emergency)	862-7410



Village Calendar

Village Elections	The third Tuesday in June at the Village Hall
Other Government Elections	At the Fire Department
Board of Trustees Meeting	Convenes the third Tuesday of each month at 7 PM at the Village Hall with the following exceptions: April: Second Tuesday June: Fourth Tuesday
Planning Board Meeting	Convenes the first Monday of each month at 8 PM at the Village Hall
Architectural Review Board Meeting	Convenes the last Monday of each month at 8 PM at the Village Hall
Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting	Convenes as needed. Contact Village Hall.
Joint Coastal Management Committee Meeting	Convenes the first Thursday of each month at 8 PM. Location alternates bi-annually between the Village Halls of Head-of-the-Harbor and Nissequoque.
Village Court	Convenes the second Wednesday of each month at 7 PM at the Village Hall
Volunteer Fire Department & Ambulance Corps	Convenes the first Tuesday of each month at 8 PM at the Village Fire Department





Police Department

The Nissequogue Village Police Department is a full service, professional community-oriented police agency that provides twenty-four hour protection to Village residents. Founded in 1926, the Police Department provides a wide range of services. Prompt response to calls for assistance ranging from medical emergencies to suspicious persons/vehicles to residential alarms is a hallmark of the Department. In addition, investigative personnel are available for prompt follow-up of incidents.



Upon request, the Police Department provides patrol checks to areas of concern, including vacant premises inspections if a home is to be left unoccupied for any length of time. In the event that the police are called to a residence while the owner is away, such as in the case of a residential alarms, the responding officer will leave a notification

stating the reason for the response and, if necessary, the action taken.

If a resident plans to entertain guests and anticipates that parking may become an issue, the Department requests that it is notified in advance in order to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience.

The safety and well being of Village residents is the primary mission of the Village Police Department. Traffic laws, particularly speeding and DWI provisions, are vigorously enforced. Likewise, the maintenance of the relatively non-existent crime rate in the Village is of paramount importance. In that regard, the Department requests that any suspicious vehicles, persons, or circumstances be promptly reported.

There is a partnership between the Police Department and the residents in maintaining the quality of life in the Village. Residents are asked to be mindful of their neighbors and adhere to the Village ordinances regarding loose animals, garbage and unreasonable noise.

If residents have any special needs (medical elderly or the young home alone, going on vacation, etc.) please notify the Department at the non-emergency number (584-5300).

The Department is located behind the Village Hall. The mailing address is 633 Moriches Road, St. James, NY 11780.



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Geography

The Village of Nissequogue, incorporated in 1926, is located in Suffolk County on the north shore of Long Island about 50 miles east of New York City. Its geographic area is 3.6 square miles. It is bounded on the west by the Nissequogue River, on the north by the Long Island Sound, on the east by Stony Brook Harbor and on the south by the Village of Head of the Harbor and the Town of Smithtown.

There is a two-acre minimum zoning requirement except for limited one-acre zoning on the beach peninsulas which constitute its east and west extremities. The Village is entirely residential.



Within the Village, there are no industrial or commercial installations or uses permitted except agricultural and horticultural uses. Nonetheless, certain special uses and installations are either permitted under past or existing zoning regulations or by duly granted zoning variances.



Emergency Services

Any request for emergency services should be made by dialing 911. To ensure prompt emergency response, it is critical that the property be clearly marked and the house address visible from the roadside.



Volunteer Fire Department and Ambulance

Fire and Emergency Medical Services are provided through the Nissequogue Fire Department. The department is staffed entirely by dedicated, trained volunteers from the community.

Services provided by the department include fire, emergency medical services (EMS), search and rescue and extrication. The Department owns and maintains its own fleet of equipment including tanker/pumpers, a brush truck and an ambulance.



Village residents can assist by maintaining the fire hydrant adjacent to their property as follows:

- Obstructions like fencing, tree branches, bushes, or weeds may cause a delay as firefighters attempt to gain access to the water supply. Therefore, ensure that the hydrant has a three-foot clearance from debris.
- It is illegal and dangerous to park any vehicle within 15 feet of a fire hydrant.
- All fire hydrants should be kept clear of snow so that they are clearly visible to emergency personnel.
- If a fire hydrant is leaking, broken, missing a cap, or malfunctioning, please report it immediately to the Suffolk County Water Authority at 589-5200.

The Department can always use additional members. If you would like to volunteer, please call 862-7410.

The Village Fire Department meets the first Tuesday of every month at 8 PM at the Fire House. Potential members are welcomed and encouraged to attend.





Regulations - Alterations to Real Property

The origins of the Village are rooted in preservation. The earliest Village ordinances placed importance on the conservation of both the natural environment and the historical attributes of the area. Additionally, Village rules protect and enforce our rights and our neighbors' rights to privacy and serenity. Finally, the character of the Village is an important factor in property valuation.

Therefore, before making any alterations to either property or structure, please contact the Village Hall or consult the Village Code to ensure compliance with Village ordinances. The Village code is available to all residents at the Village Hall and at the Smithtown Library,

Permits are required for all construction and demolition within the Village. The Village Code indicates that:

"No interior or exterior construction or demolition may be carried out within the Village unless a formal permit—issued by the Village Building Inspector—authorizes it."

The following is a partial list of the items for which a permit is required:

- Addition to a structure
- Clearing of any landscape
- Demolition of any kind
- Disturbance of wetland
- Dormers
- Façade Alterations
- Garages & Carports
- Paddocks
- Restorations
- Satellite Dishes/Antennas
- Sheds
- Swimming Pools
- Alteration to a structure
- Decks
- Disturbance of a bluff
- Docks
- Driveway Alterations
- Fences
- New Structures
- Ponds
- Roof Alterations
- Security Signs
- Sports Courts
- Tree Cutting



To All Residents of Nissequogue.....

Greetings!

This handbook is intended to serve as a helpful guide to the geography, history, government, laws and public services of our Village. It is impossible to address every issue in a publication such as this but residents are welcome to visit the Village Hall or to call with specific questions, comments or suggestions. Villagers are encouraged to attend the monthly meeting of the Trustees and to be involved!

Nissequogue is our Village and we urge you to participate fully in the progress and preservation of this historic and beautiful community

The Mayor and Village Trustees

Village Government – Overview

Nissequogue is an incorporated Village within the Town of Smithtown. Village taxes support the maintenance and improvement of local roads, the Fire Department, Police Department, as well as the general operations of the Village.

Nissequogue is governed by a Board of Trustees composed of a Mayor and four Trustees, one of whom is appointed Deputy Mayor. Each is elected for a two-year term and serves without compensation. The terms are staggered so that there are annual elections. Every adult resident of the Village is entitled to vote if properly registered.



The Board of Trustees meets in recorded public sessions at the Village Hall once each month (usually the third Tuesday). The Trustees enact local laws, establish the annual budget, authorize the expenditure of funds and approve the appointment of residents as members of Village boards and committees. Most appointees serve without compensation.

Public notices of hearings before the Board of Trustees, other Village bodies and other matters for which public notice is required by law are published in The Smithtown News and Newsday.

The Village Justices are elected officials and preside at the Village Justice Court in sessions held each month at the Village Hall. The Village Court has jurisdiction over all criminal violations and misdemeanors including but not limited to violations of motor vehicle laws. It adjudicates violations of Village law, State law and small claims of less than \$3,000.

The Village also oversees the maintenance of Village roads.



Noise:

The Village Code includes an ordinance (128-8) which regulate the noise effects of loud music, horns, people, animals, construction and the general disturbance of the peace.

Pets:

All pets should be confined to their owners' property or on a leash when off the premises. Additionally, dogs must be licensed, collared and tagged according to Village code (57-4). There are seasonal limitations regarding dogs on public beaches.

Signs:

There is no posting of unauthorized signs. The size of authorized signs (e.g. "For Sale" or security signs) is regulated by Village law (128-24).

Snow Removal:

Snow removal is provided for Village roads. Private roads are maintained by either the private community or individual owners.

Tree Cutting & Landscaping:

Erosion protection is part of the responsibility of living in a coastal community. No trees or other flora can be damaged or cleared within one hundred feet of the ridge of the line of a barrier bluff. In order to maintain privacy and preserve the natural landscape of the Village, the entire 25-foot border of a parcel is regulated by Village law. Trees are generally protected by Village law since they protect against erosion and provide shade and privacy. Please consult the Village code before cutting, clearing or removing any trees or other flora.

Solicitation:

A permit is required for door-to-door solicitation (regulated by Village Code 90-16).

Village Roads:

Village roads are maintained by the Village Highway Department. Private roads are the responsibility of homeowners associations and individuals.

Village Taxes:

Annual village taxes are due in one payment on June 1. All taxes are payable without penalty until July 1.

Village Vehicle Stickers:

Village stickers signify residence in the Village. They may be obtained at the Village Hall upon presentation of your vehicle registration card. When using stickers, they should be applied to the front and rear driver's side of the vehicle.

Walls & Fences:

Walls and fences—except those that enclose swimming pools—are limited to four feet in height and are regulated by Village law. (regulated by Village Code 128-8).





Regulations: General Information

Address Markers:

In order for Emergency Service Vehicles to be able to quickly locate a house or property in the event of an emergency, it is essential that the property be clearly marked with the street number at the driveway entrance.

Alarms (Security & Fire Systems):

Residents are required to mount a sticker on the front door or on a nearby window that displays the name and number of the central station alarm company servicing the premises. For the first false alarm in a calendar year, there is no charge. Each additional false alarm will result in a \$50 charge.

Boats, Boat Trailers and Boat Storage:

The temporary storage of a boat, boat trailer, horse trailer, auto trailer, mobile home trailer or camper vehicle is permitted provided that they are stored in a building or sheltered from view by evergreen plants.

Door-to-Door Solicitation:

A permit is required for door-to-door solicitation (see Village Code 90-16).

Driving and Parking:

All the roads in the Village are posted at 30 mph or less. The character of the area attracts joggers, bicyclists and hikers. Therefore, additional caution is warranted when driving. Parking is not permitted on any road in the Village. However, if extraordinary circumstances arise, contact the Village Police.

Large trucks, towed vehicles and boats are prohibited on Nissequogue River Road (except for local delivery). When scheduling a delivery, you must inform the delivery service of this limitation.

Exterior Lights:

In support of the right to privacy, there is a Village ordinance regulating the height, placement and intensity of exterior lighting. Please consult the Village Code (80-3)

Horses:

The Village code (128-23) places a limit on the number of horses to two horses per two-acre parcel and an additional animal shall be permitted for every additional acre in the parcel.



Village Hall

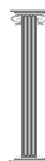
The Nissequogue Village Hall was originally the Nissequogue School House which was built in 1808. It now serves as both the Village office and a meeting place for the Board of Trustees as well as the standing boards and committees. The Village Hall houses all the Village books, records, papers and official reports.

The Village office is located in the Village Hall on Moriches Road just west of the entrance to the Nissequogue Golf Club. The office is open Tuesdays and Thursdays (except holidays) from 10 AM to 4 PM. The mailing address is:

Village of Nissequogue

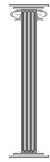
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St. James, NY 11780



Village Government – Elected* and Appointed Officials

- *Mayor
- *Deputy Mayor
- *Trustees (3)
- Village Clerk
- Deputy Clerk
- Village Treasurer
- Building Inspector
- Village Engineer
- Highways Superintendent
- Village Historian
- *Village Justices (2)
- Court Clerk
- Deputy Police Commissioner
- Fire Chief



Village Government - Standing Boards

Planning

The Planning Board oversees all development in the Village. The board, in consultation with the Village Engineer, reviews applications for subdivisions, site plans and undeveloped site plans that are more than five years old. The board also examines street and lot layouts as well as drainage.

Architectural Review Board

The Architectural Review Board reviews applications for the development or modification of buildings and property. It is responsible for providing recommendations regarding exterior design or size or location of buildings or structures in relation to both the topography and neighboring buildings.

Zoning Board of Appeals

The Zoning Board of Appeals hears appeals for variances from Village zoning, code, lot size and setback ordinances. Appeals of the decisions of this board may be made directly to the Board of Trustees.

Joint Coastal Management Commission

The Joint Coastal Management Commission is a joint commission with the Village of Head of the Harbor. The Local Waterfront Revitalization Programs (LWRP) articulates objectives for the preservation, protection and proactive development of the coastal environment. This commission is charged with making recommendations regarding the LWRP to the Village Boards. It is also concerned with water flow and drainage as impacted by development or construction.



Parks & Nature

Preserves:

The David Sanctuary is located on Short Beach Road and parking is restricted to the limited parking area. The Nissequoque Preserve is located at the eastern end of Long Beach Road. A parking permit is required and can be obtained at the Village Hall.



Postal Service:

Mail service is provided through the US Postal Service Office in St. James. The 5-digit zip code is 11780. The Post Office is located on Lake Avenue in St. James and can be reached at 584-5375.

Railroad Station Parking:

Resident parking stickers are required for parking at both the Smithtown and St. James Railroad Stations. Permit may be obtained by presenting an automobile registration at the Smithtown Town Hall during business hours.

Satellite Dishes and Antennas:

Please consult the Village Hall before installing any antennas or satellite dishes.

Senior Citizens:

For information about local services, please call the Smithtown Senior Citizens Center at 360-7676.

Schools:

The Village of Nissequoque is part of the Smithtown Central School District. Information about registration is available by calling 361-2200. Information on transportation can be obtained at 361-2672.

Telephone Service:

Local land lines are owned and maintained by Verizon. Verizon is obligated to inform residents of their options in terms of local, regional and long-distance service. Wireless access within the Village is spotty and unreliable because of the distance from the nearest tower.

Water:

The Village has access to public water provided through the Suffolk County Water Authority (582-2211). Many residences in the Village maintain private wells which should be periodically checked for water quality. The Suffolk County Health Department provides testing through the Bureau of Drinking Water by calling 853-2250. Several private companies also provide this service.





Services

Beaches:

All public beaches within the Village are maintained by the Town of Smithtown. Resident parking stickers are required and may be obtained by presenting an automobile registration at either the Town office or at the beach during summer operating hours. Dogs are permitted at the Town beaches only during the winter months.

Cable Television:

Local cable services are provided and maintained locally by Cablevision of Hauppauge at 348-6700.

Disposal Services:

The Village has contracted with the Town of Smithtown for disposal services. Garbage pickup is scheduled for Mondays and Thursdays. Paper and plastic recyclables are alternately collected on Wednesdays. Refuse must be placed neatly at the curb in covered containers to discourage animals. The empty containers should be removed within 12 hours of collection. There is no collection of discarded Christmas trees. Additional information and a collection schedule is available from the Town of Smithtown or Waste Management at 360-7514.

Electricity:

The Long Island Power Authority (LIPA) provides electrical service in the Village and owns and maintains the power lines. LIPA will trim branches that threaten electrical lines both occasionally and upon request. To report or obtain information on an outage, call the automated service at 755-6000.

Gas Service

There is no natural gas service in the Village. Residents who wish to use gas appliances contract with a local service for liquid propane gas delivery. Installation should be done by the gas company and a licensed plumber.

Libraries:

There are four branches of the Smithtown library. The Main Building is located at 1 North Country Road and can be reached at 265-2072.

Oil Service and Oil Tanks:

There are many local companies that provide oil service. For instructions on removing and disposing of an oil tank safely, call Chemical Pollution Control at 586-0333. They will also dispose of oil tanks. Their address is 120 South Fourth, Bayshore.



History

The Village of Nissequogue is the site of the original settlement of the Town of Smithtown. Richard Smith, the Patentee, founded the town in 1665 on land deeded to him by Lyon Gardiner and Wyandance who was Sachem of the Montauks. Being a prudent and educated man, Smith confirmed his ownership with two patents. The English Governor, Richard Nicolls, granted the first patent in 1665, although it did not settle a dispute with the Town of Huntington regarding the western portion of the town. A later patent by Governor Andros confirmed prior conveyances of the disputed lands to Smithtown.

Richard Smith and his wife, Sarah, with their nine children, settled in what would become the incorporated Village of Nissequogue. The location was ideal because of the proximity to sources of food and water. During his lifetime, the Patentee gave each of his sons a homestead and farm. Of these, only one son settled on the eastern side of Stony Brook Harbor while the other six established their holdings close by. In the following years, other lots were apportioned and arbiters were appointed to settle disputes, especially those regarding the thatch beds in the adjoining waters.



By 1926, many descendants of the Patentee still lived on the original lands, but the Town was growing and lots were being sold and developed. In order to preserve the rural character of the area, its historic significance and its unique environment, the Village was legally incorporated by area residents, many of whom were Smiths. It was deemed advisable to limit development to two-acre minimum lot size and we continue to enjoy the wisdom of this early protection.

In recent times, many historic houses which edge the Harbor have been listed in the National Register of Historic Places as part of the Stony Brook Harbor National Register District. There are several houses on the Nissequogue River which are eligible for the same protection. Under a New York State Law passed in the 1970's, all communities were required to list their historic properties. In the Village, there are 50 houses and sites for which inventories have been completed and registered in Albany. The applications, complete with pictures, can be seen at the Village Hall, the Smithtown Historical Society, and the Smithtown Library.



Map of Nissequogue

Major Non-Residential Land Uses

- Yacht Club (private) on Stony Brook Harbor
- Nissequogue Golf Club (private)
- Nissequogue Beach Club (private)
- The Knox School, a private boarding/day school
- Waterford and Majestic Horse Farms

Points of Interest

Town Beaches

- Long Beach
- Otto Schubert
- Short Beach

Sanctuaries

- David Weld Sanctuary
- Nissequogue Preserve

Artesian Way A1
 Bareback Court B2
 Beach Plum Lane A1
 Bluff Road D5
 Boney Lane B2
 Branglebrink Road C3-4
 Breezy Hollow C4
 Bridle Path C3
 Cardinal Lane C3
 Cordwood Path D3
 Delafield Woods B-C2
 Driftwood Lane E1
 E. Long Beach Rd E1
 Equine Lane B2
 Fox Point Drive D1
 Fox Run C3
 Friends Way D4
 Frog Hollow C-D3
 Golf Club Road C2
 Harbor Lane B4
 Hawks Nest B1
 Hillcrest Road B4
 Holly Lane B2
 Horse Race Lane B1-2
 Hunters Way D1
 James Neck Rd. B1
 Laurel Hill Path B4
 Long Beach Road ... B2-D1

Martingale Gate CD-1
 Moriches Road B2-D4
 Niss. River Road B2-4
 North Path C1
 Northfield Lane B1
 Old Mill Path C4
 Old Mill Road B4-C3
 Old Post Lane C4
 Parsons Lane B2
 Partridge Lane C3
 Penny Lane E1
 Pheasant Run A1
 Pine Point A1
 Quail Hollow Court B3
 Quail Path B3
 Reinhart Court E1
 Richard Path C1
 River Hollow Lane A1
 River Road B2-4
 Saddle Lane C2
 Short Beach Rd A-B2
 Short Path D1
 Smith Lane C2
 Somerset Place C1
 Sound View B3

South Path C1
 Spring Hill D3
 Spring Hollow Road .. C-D3
 Steep Bank Road B-C4
 Stillwater Lane D2
 Stillwater Road C-D1
 Stonegate B-C4
 Summit Trail B3
 Swan Place D3
 Sweet Hollow Court C3
 Teal Way C3
 Tide Mill Lane B4
 Tracklot Road C2-3
 Triple Oak C1-2
 Turtle Crossing C1-2
 Valley Path C1
 Wallis Lane C1
 Whisper Hill B2
 Wilderness Road C1-2
 Windsor Hill B2
 Woodcrest Drive C-D3
 Woodcutters Path C3
 Woodhill Path D1-2
 Yens Way D1