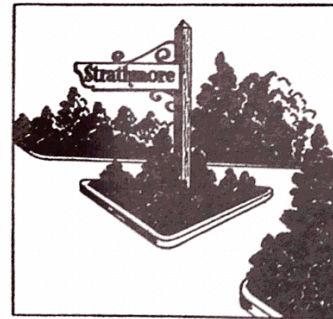


*Strathmore Community*



*of  
Great Neck*

## *Foreword*

**T**HE THANKS OF EVERY RESIDENT OF STRATHMORE GOES TO MR. JOHN BEHRINGER FOR HIS PAINSTAKING EFFORTS AND RESEARCH IN COMPILING THIS BROCHURE.

WILLIAM F. TARLOW, President,  
Board of Directors  
Strathmore — Great Neck

January 1, 1949

## *What You Should Know About Strathmore and Great Neck*

Strathmore is an area of approximately 40 acres which was formerly the Brokaw Estate. Beginning in 1936 it was developed by Levitt and Sons as a high class residential community of 136 houses. It lies wholly within the Incorporated Village of Great Neck.

The following information is set forth in the hope that it will be interesting, informative and helpful to you.

### *I. Strathmore — Your Community*

In order to preserve the character of Strathmore as a high class residential community certain restrictions were imposed by the developers for the mutual benefit, protection and enjoyment of all the property owners and residents in Strathmore. These restrictions appear in your deeds and in separate restrictive covenants which are recorded in the office of the Register of Nassau County in Mineola. They continue in effect until 1960. The more important of these restrictions are:

1. No exterior alteration to any building shall be permitted without consent of the developer, its successors or assigns.
2. No fowl shall be kept outside of any dwelling house.
3. No fences of any kind shall be permitted.

4. No wash poles or wash lines shall be permitted. Only one revolving type dryer, not more than seven feet high, shall be used. No laundry shall be hung for drying on Sundays or legal holidays. No laundry dryer shall be left exposed when not in use.

5. All garbage and debris shall be kept in secure metal receptacles free from the gaze or sight of the public.

6. Lawns must be cut at least once each week between April 1 and November 1 in each year. For failure to do so the developer, its successors or assigns, may do so and charge the expense thereof to the owner of the premises.

7. No building shall be used for any purpose except a one-family dwelling house. No business of any kind or description shall be conducted on the premises.

8. These restrictions may be enforced by the developer, its successors or assigns, or by the owner or owners of any property in Strathmore.

A very real pride in the natural beauty of Strathmore and a desire to preserve its physical attractiveness, as well as to provide some medium through which the residents of Strathmore could act effectively in matters of community interest, early led to the organization of the Strathmore Association. Technically, the name is STRATHMORE COMMUNITY OF GREAT NECK, INC. It is a membership corporation duly incorporated under the laws of the State of New York. Every property owner and resident of Strathmore is eligible to membership, which should be a matter of community pride. Officers and directors are elected annually at a general

meeting, which everyone is encouraged to attend. An annual contribution of \$5.00 from each resident family is solicited to defray the expenses of the Association. These expenses consist principally of gardeners' charges for taking care of the playground and pond areas (which are owned by the Association), the islands and the bank along William Penn Road, taxes on the playground and pond, signs and repainting of signs, printing, postage, charges for meeting room use, and incidentals. The officers and directors of the Association contribute their time and efforts as a matter of civic pride and duty.

The Association acts in all matters of general interest. In the past it has acted on such varied matters as maintenance and upkeep, violation of building and zoning ordinances (both within and outside of Strathmore), traffic, speeding, parking, corners obscured by heavy shrubbery, water drainage, playground equipment, police protection, snow removal, road repairs, U. S. mail service, gas service and charges, water supply rates, the ever with us and probably unsolvable question of dogs running-at-large, signs, conferences with Village, police and school officials, school buses, and many other problems of general interest. A great deal has been done—much more can be done with greater interest, cooperation and assistance from everyone.

For your information and convenience there are set forth on the last pages some suggestions that have been made by the Police and by the Village for our general protection and welfare and the garbage and debris collection rules of the Village.

## *II. Great Neck — Your Village*

The Incorporated Village of Great Neck is our local municipality. The office of the Village is at 573 Middle Neck Road. It is open

each weekday from 9 A.M. to 4 P.M., except Saturdays, when it is open 9 A.M. to 12 noon.

The Village of Great Neck is governed by an elected Mayor and an elected four-member Board of Trustees. The Mayor and the Trustees must be residents and taxpayers in the Village. They are not full-time employees of the Village but receive small salaries, and are engaged in business in the Village or in New York. The Board meets regularly on second Tuesday of each month and you may attend any regular meeting of the Board.

We receive many services from our Village. The principal ones being police, sanitary (such as sewers and garbage and debris removal), street lighting, fire hydrants, road and highway services, including street repairs and snow removal, fire protection (this is by a volunteer fire company, the cost of which is included in your Village taxes), parking facilities and generally, the proper administration of the Village Law which covers a multitude of matters such as planning, zoning and building ordinances, building inspections, etc., etc.

For our purpose we can merely mention in passing the governments of the Town of North Hempstead and the County of Nassau. You pay a substantial tax to the Town of North Hempstead, which passes some of that tax along to the County of Nassau. This money is largely used for Town and County administration expenses and in addition for Town and County roads, police protection, courts, institutions, etc.

However, you should be very much interested in two other administrative bodies which are on the local level and provide you with schools and with parks and recreational facilities.

### *III. Union Free School District No. 7 — Your Schools*

The School District in which you live is designated as Union Free School District No. 7. Roughly, it comprises the area, north and south, from New Hyde Park to Long Island Sound, and east and west, from the New York City line to Manhasset. It has a total population of approximately 30,000, and a school population of approximately 3,800. There are three grade schools, Arrandale, Kensington and Lakeville, and one high school with a junior high school annex. Three additional sites have been acquired by the School District for a new junior high school, and two additional grade schools.

The School District is administered by an elected, five-member Board of Education. The members of this Board serve three-year terms, must be residents of the School District, devote only part of their time to school business, and receive no pay or salary for their work.

The chief full time, salaried administrative officer of the School District is the Superintendent of Schools. While the Superintendent of Schools has certain duties and responsibilities imposed by the Education Law of the State of New York, in general, he reports to, and is generally responsible to the Board of Education of the School District.

Annually, the Board of Education prepares a proposed school budget for the following school year. In our School District this budget runs more than \$2,000,000 per year, with every prospect that it will continue to increase in each coming year. Copies of the proposed budget are made available for study and discussion at a public school budget hearing held in April. This is the time to express your views on items included in or left out of the budget.

Shortly thereafter, and also in each year, the proposed budget is voted upon by the qualified voters of the School District at its Annual Meeting. It can be approved as submitted, amended by eliminating or adding items, or rejected.

The day following the Annual Meeting of the School District is election day for electing one or more members of the Board of Education.

Public education is everyone's responsibility, and everyone who bears that responsibility should take an active interest in all matters that affect your school district in particular, and public education generally.

#### *IV. Great Neck Park District — Your Parks*

The Great Neck Park District is also run by elected Trustees. It would seem that we have unexcelled parks and recreational facilities in Great Neck. These facilities are free to you and your family. All you need is a card of identification which can be had free of charge at the Park District Office in back of the American Legion Hall on Beach Road. There is a splendid beach and good bath house facilities, picnic woods, baseball and football fields, tennis courts, children's wading pool and playgrounds. You should know where these facilities are and visit them — they are yours to use and enjoy.

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The Strathmore Association has learned a great deal by experience. Frequently, complaints to the Village or to the police have resulted in conferences and suggestions that were designed to provide greater safety, better protection, better living. Practically all these

suggestions are nothing more than a polite way of telling us that either the Village or the police can always find a law or an ordinance that can be enforced to remedy almost any condition. But we live in a friendly community — a high class, friendly community — and there is a minimum of officious meddling in our local problems, only suggestions that we have it within our own power to correct all dangerous and bothersome conditions and nuisances. So here are the "suggestions":

Drive as though your own child may run out of the next driveway or come rushing around the next corner. (The police may say you were driving recklessly).

Keep shrubbery at corners cut low enough and trimmed out sufficiently so as not to obstruct automobile drivers vision. (The Village has an ordinance that says shrubbery at corners must be less than four feet high to a distance of twenty feet each way from the corner).

Don't burn leaves or trash in the roadways. It ruins them. (The Village has an ordinance).

Don't let your gardeners sweep leaves or grass clippings into the roadways. (The Village has another ordinance).

Park in a driveway whenever possible. It makes driving safer and besides, a fire truck may have to get through.

Dogs — (Oh, brother!) — frighten some people, annoy others, and are hard on gardens. (There are all kinds of laws that say they can't run at large).

Don't just lock up your house and go away for an extended period of time. Tell the police. They'll keep an extra eye on your property.

Don't cover fire hydrants with snow, or plant heavy shrubbery around them. If there is a fire that hydrant may be the one that counts.

Pay your \$5.00 to the Association. You get more than your money's worth. Where else can you get a whole Board of Directors, a President, a flock of V. P.'s., a Secretary and a Treasurer to work for you a whole year for \$5.00?

The Village of Great Neck collects our garbage, waste paper, garden debris and other refuse. In order to provide an efficient collection service certain rules have been adopted as to time of collection, separation of various types of refuse, etc. These rules are set forth on the next page for your guidance and information.

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY  
Regulations Will Be  
Strictly Enforced.  
Keep This Card For  
Future Reference.

VILLAGE OF GREAT NECK  
REFUSE COLLECTION  
REGULATIONS

DEPARTMENT OF  
SANITATION  
Phone—Great Neck 19  
Effective June 1st, 1946

EACH MUST BE IN SEPARATE CONTAINER		TYPE OF REFUSE	INCLUDES	LIMIT	METHOD OF PREPARATION	CONTAINERS	POINT OF COLLECTION
		GARBAGE	Food Wastes, Paper, Cartons, Bottles, Tin Cans, Rags, Etc.	Any Normal Quantity *	Drain kitchen food waste and wrap in paper.  Tie paper and magazines in bundles	Metal, water-tight, with covers, and with handles or bail.	Rear of Building
		ASHES	Residue from heating and cooking fires only.	Any Normal Quantity *	Ashes must be dry and free from embers.	Metal with adequate handles.	Rear of Building
		RUBBISH	Tree branches, leaves, grass, hedge clippings, garden refuse, wood, boxes, etc.  Furniture, bedding, Metals, Crocery, Small Steaks, Dirt, etc.	300 pounds of material or not to exceed 4 bundles weigh- ing 75 pounds each.	Tree trimmings and hedge clippings must be tied in bundles not larger than 5 feet in length and 18 inches in diameter.	Preferably of wood or metal, but baskets, burlap or cloth bags, and substantial cartons may be used for light rubbish such as leaves. — Rubbish that cannot be placed in containers shall be reduced in volume and tied to facilitate hand- ling.	At driveway side of building, so as to be visible from street.
<p>* Normal amounts of all classes of refuse will be collected, but where abnormal amounts are placed for collection, the Village reserves the right to refuse the material, to defer the collection, to collect only part thereof, or to make a special collection and charge therefor.</p> <p>Rubbish in excess of the quantity or weight limit, and trees, tree branches, logs, etc., not reduced to size and banded, will be taken by special collection at charges provided.</p> <p>Rubbish from building construction, alteration or repair, or from contract operations on the premises, will not be collected.</p>					<p>The combined weight of any container and its contents must not exceed 100 pounds.</p> <p>— Containers must be kept clean and in good condition.</p> <p>— Provide ample number of containers for each class of material.</p>		<p>Do not place any refuse containers in street or in sidewalk area.</p>

FOR SAFETY!

DO NOT place in any material for collection, gasoline, benzine, kerosene, turpentine, paint, or similar explosive or highly volatile liquids, nor any cylinders, shells, ammunition, explosives, etc.  
DO NOT place in garbage or rubbish any broken glass, sharp metal or other material liable to injure the collector, unless properly packaged.