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Dear Resident:

Effective January 1, 2012, the Village of Lawrence's sewer treatment plant has been consolidated into Nassau's County's system and is currently being operated under Nassau County's auspices. This consolidation was necessary due to certain regulations promulgated by the Department of Environmental Conservation which require a series of extensive upgrades and overhauls to the existing system. The cost of such upgrades was estimated to initially exceed \$6 million dollars and involve extraordinary manpower resources. The Village of Cedarhurst has also transferred its sewer treatment facility to the County due to similar considerations.

The Village's agreement with the County provides for a complex funding mechanism through which parts of the existing facility will be transformed into a pumping station. When completed, the sewage will be pumped to the County's Bay Park Sewage Treatment Plant.

The agreement also provides that:

- The Village will continue to bill and collect the sewer rents.
- Village sewer rents will remain fixed for the next five years at the lower of Nassau County's sewer rates or the rates the Village would have charged had it continued to operate the facilities on its own.
- During the subsequent five year period, if the County's sewer rates exceed the Village rates, the difference will be phased in but limited to an increase of 5% per year.

To date, we have had a seamless transition of the sewer operations (including employees) from the Village to the County. I remain hopeful that the County will continue to be responsive to the Village's needs.

The County maintains a 24/7 manned telephone line to receive calls and will initiate an immediate response to any issues that might arise. **The 24-hour telephone number for all collection system/sewer related problems is 516-571-6900.**

Should you have any questions or encounter any difficulty in dealing with the County please contact me.

Warmest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Martin Oliner  
Mayor