

# Better Babylon Party

## *Continue the Village tradition!*

### *Vote Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>*



**TRUSTEE**

### **ANTHONY DAVIDA**

Anthony Davida has been a resident of the Village of Babylon for fifty four years and a graduate of Babylon High School Class of 1971.

Anthony has served Babylon Village for 16 ½ years as a Trustee. Some of his primary responsibilities are the operation and maintenance of the Gilbert C. Hanse Municipal Pool, and the very successful S.T.O.P Day Program (Stop Throwing Out Pollutants). As each year passes by, work is always being done at the Village Pool. A facility of this size requires a great deal of upkeep which Anthony supervises well. We are in the process of removing all the marble dust in the 3-foot section of the pool including the tiles on the floor and the walls. Our 2 recirculating pumps have been removed and sent out to be completely overhauled for the 2019 season. The flooring around the kiddie pool will be removed and replaced with new flooring. This is all under Anthony's direction. Over the last 3 years, Molto Vino has been the food service at the Village Pool which has been a great success and we look forward to seeing them back in 2019. Anthony has served as liaison to the Historical Society and is in charge of health and safety issues. He also continues to work closely on our Storm Drainage Program helping to keep our waterways clean.

Anthony has for the past 48 years served the Babylon community in the Babylon Fire Department. He was elected to the positions of Lieutenant and captain and from 1992 to 2000 held the positions of Assistant Chief and eventually Chief of the Department. In November 2014, Anthony received the New York State Liberty Award, the highest award given to a civilian having saved a woman's life performing the Heimlich maneuver while out to dinner with his family. Anthony and Patty have been married for 44 years and have a daughter Tracey, also a graduate of Babylon High School. Tracy is married, has two children and lives in our Village.

Anthony has demonstrated his dedication to Babylon Village and is looking forward to continuing serving his community as Trustee. ■

*"It has been a privilege to serve the community and I am proud of the work I have accomplished with our Village Pool, our environmental services and especially with the Babylon Fire Department. I look forward to continuing that service!"*



**MAYOR**

### **RALPH SCORDINO**

Ralph Scordino has served the people of the Village of Babylon as Mayor for the past 16 ½ years and as Trustee and Deputy Mayor under Don Conroy for 15 ½ years. He brings many years of community service, commitment, accomplishments and experience in village government to the office of Mayor. Ralph has proven his leadership by utilizing the many talents of our residents to continue our Babylon traditions while embracing new concepts and enhancing the quality of life that we all enjoy as well as maintaining an open door policy and availability to residents. During his tenure as Mayor, the village has seen many improvements including road renovations, lighting, new fire equipment, docks, trails from Argyle Lake to Southards Pond, parks and programs for our children, the encouragement of new businesses, rehabilitation of the Main Dock, Lewis Pond Marina, the Village pool and expansion of our storm water drainage program which is currently a model in New York State.

Under Ralph's leadership, this administration has worked hard to maintain a ZERO increase in Village taxes for the past four years. In 2017 and in 2018, Babylon Village received one of the highest bond ratings and stability reports issued by Standard and Poor, another achievement under Ralph's leadership and administration.

Also during Ralph's tenure, Babylon Village was awarded the 2010 Smart Growth Award by Vision Long Island. As Mayor, Ralph was responsible for the installation of a "fish Ladder" at Argyle which, for the first time in 100 years, now allows fish to migrate from salt water to fresh water and for the first time during the next migration will have a live video stream to aid schools and environmentalists. Ralph helped pull our Village together and worked round the clock to help our residents during Hurricane Sandy as he has and continues to do during all our winter storms.

Ralph's leadership abilities have been recognized throughout Long Island. He has served as President of the Suffolk County Village Officials Association and was appointed to the Long Island Planning Commission, the Superstorm Sandy Review Task Force, The Transportation Working Group Task Force, and the Anti Graffiti Task Force.

Ralph is retired after 34 years in education and therefore available to our residents and merchants on a daily basis. Ralph and his wife Linda have been married for 44 years and raised their two children in this Village. They are the proud grandparents of identical 6 year old twin girls. ■

*"As Mayor, I want to continue to preserve and protect the quality of life in our Village as we continue to make a Better Babylon."*



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### **ROBYN SILVESTRI**

Robyn Silvestri was appointed to the Village Board in 2018. In addition to her general Village duties, Robyn chairs the Steering Committee for the historic Nathaniel Conklin House whose mission it is to bring forth culture, education and history for the betterment of our Village. She also oversees all Village street lighting and is responsible for reviewing its insurance policies.

Having lived and worked in Europe for over a decade, Robyn speaks multiple languages and holds a degree in International Relations from Webster University (Vienna). She brings to the Village 20+ years of sales, marketing and communication experience at both international companies and startups. Robyn is married with four school-aged children, and has been a Babylon resident and active community member since 2001.

Her service and commitment to the Village of Babylon includes:

- Babylon Village Volunteer Corps Steering Committee member helping connect residents in need with volunteers
- President of the Babylon K-6 PTA (2015-2017) where she organized multiple successful fundraisers; increased both adult & student volunteerism through introduction of website, online volunteer registration & creation of Student Volunteer program; and collaborated extensively with numerous Village & community organizations to leverage resources for cultural and educational programs
- Save the Great South Bay Foundation student volunteer coordinator for the Community Creek Clean Up
- Babylon Beautification Society volunteer at the Country Fair and as a Lamp Post Captain
- Babylon Friends of the Public Library Book Fair volunteer
- Former member of the Whaler's Cove Board where she created and distributed a community newsletter

She is also an active supporter of Wounded Warriors, the Babylon Village Women's Club and Long Island Women in Tech. ■

*"I was thrilled and honored to be appointed to the Village Board in 2018 and hope to continue to work hard to serve the people of Babylon Village."*

**Babylon, which was incorporated in 1893, is a village of approximately 13,000 people and 4,000 homes. The Village Board consists of an elected Mayor and four Trustees. Three appointed Boards assist the Mayor and four Trustees - the Planning Board, the Board of Appeals and the Architectural Review Board, as well as many committees serving our community.**

### **THERE ARE MANY MUNICIPAL SERVICES, FACILITIES, AND EVENTS IN BABYLON VILLAGE:**

- Babylon is a waterfront community with Village docks and over 400 boat berths
- An Olympic sized Village swimming pool where hundreds of children enroll in swimming programs and many families utilize the pool complex for recreational activities
- Summer recreation programs for Village children - gymnastics, basketball, tennis, golf and “Science Fridays.”
- Summer concerts at the Gazebo in Argyle Park/ Family Movie Nights at the Gazebo
- Nine hole par 3 golf course offering junior clinics, men’s and women’s leagues
- Eight children’s playgrounds, 3 little league baseball and softball fields, 6 tennis courts and 2 basketball courts throughout the village
- 2 dog parks
- Business district WiFi
- The opening of the Argyle Theatre in downtown Babylon Village as a cultural and performance center for arts, theatre and entertainment.
- Village of Babylon Maintenance and Highway Department working closely together with the Babylon Chamber of Commerce, Beautification Society and other organizations to ensure successful, safe and enjoyable events throughout the year in Babylon Village.
- Village volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad
- Village Highway Department maintains 45 miles of roads daily
- Village Sanitation Department provides back door garbage pick up and weekly trash collection
- Village Parks Department and Greenhouse Department in conjunction with the Babylon Beautification Society (BBS) plants and maintains seasonal gardens throughout the Village
- The Village and BBS purchased over 600 old fashioned lamp posts which the Village has installed and maintains
- Village tree planting program on residential and business streets
- The Village Historical Society showcases programs and exhibits at the Livingston Center
- Babylon Village Founders House - The Nathaniel Conklin 1803 House has been restored and is open to the public for many seasonal and cultural events
- Voted one of the top six downtown villages on Long Island by Newsday
- Awarded the 2010 Smart Growth Award by Vision Long Island
- Preserving the trails of “the Greenbelt” from Argyle Lake to Belmont Park, known as Southards Pond where horseback riding and stables can be enjoyed.
- Village of Babylon Facebook Page and Instagram for information and happenings around Babylon Village
- Awarded in 2017 and 2018 one of Standard and Poor’s highest bond rating of AA and with a forecast of a strong and stable outlook
- In the last 4 years... No Village tax increase for Babylon Village residents

**The Village Board, along with so many residents within our community, work together daily to preserve, protect and improve the quality of life in Babylon Village for all residents.**

**LET US CONTINUE TO SERVE YOU**