



Babylon Small Business CONNECTION

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Anthony N. Manetta, Councilman
Chairman, Small Business Committee



A Note from Councilman Manetta

Dear Business Owners
& Residents,

Small businesses
are the backbone

of our local economy. They are job creators, innovators and strongly dedicated to providing top notch service to their local patrons. As an entrepreneur myself I understand the importance of providing small businesses the resources needed to grow. That is why I sponsored a resolution in the Town to create the first Small Business Committee for which I am the Chairman of. This initiative sets out to highlight available resources and strengthen the relationships amongst all businesses within the Town. As always, I am available should any needs arise at 631-957-4482 or via email at amanetta@townofbabylon.com.

Enjoy our inaugural issue!

Anthony Manetta
Chairman, Small Business Committee

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

I am looking to network and make new relationships, how is best to do that?

Joining a local chamber of commerce or business association is a great way to make new business contacts. We have provided a directory in this newsletter for you to use.

I want to start a business but not really sure where to start, what should I do first?

Congratulations on wanting to be an entrepreneur. One good way to start is by contacting the Small Business Development Center at Farmingdale College. They can help with business plans and the like. Reach them at (934) 420-2765, sbdc@farmingdale.edu or at Twitter: @FarmingdaleSBDC

My business needs a new sign for the storefront.

Do I need a permit?

In many cases the answer is yes. It is best to call the Town of Babylon Planning Department or if you are in a Village, that local building department to see if you need to make an application. The Town's number is (631) 957-7414.

**Save
the
Date!**

Town Clerk Gerry Compitello and Councilman Anthony Manetta will be hosting a 'Women in Business' networking and resource development event on February 25.

Call 631-957-3136 for more information.



Stay Connected!
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Small Business Committee Launches in Town.

Effort aims to provide networking resources to promote business opportunities.

Newsday

Babylon forms committee to help bolster town's small businesses

Networking events, forums and presentations will be designed to encourage collaboration with local companies and offer guidance about expansion opportunities, funding sources.



By Jesse Coburn 5/22/18

The Town of Babylon is creating a small-business committee to encourage collaboration between local companies and share information about resources available to them.

The committee, established by a 5-0 town board vote last Wednesday, will seek to support Babylon retail shops, manufacturers and everything in between through presentations, discussion forums and networking events, Babylon Councilman Anthony Manetta said.

"You never know where something can go once you start putting like-minded business individuals in a room together," said Manetta, who will chair the group, which will not receive town funding.

Babylon Councilman Anthony Manetta said the committee could reveal opportunities for local businesses to work together instead of with others outside the community. Photo Credit: Patrick E. McCarthy

Manetta, a former CEO of the Suffolk County Industrial Development Agency, said the committee could reveal opportunities for local businesses to work together instead of with others outside the community.

And presentations by representatives of the Small Business Administration, public utilities and other groups could inform them of programs and funding aimed at helping small businesses save money and grow.

The committee, comprised of Manetta, downtown revitalization director Amy Pfeiffer and Planning Commissioner Tom Young, will hold its first event this fall, Manetta said.

Local business leaders praised the plan.

"It's going to be very productive for small businesses to get together and talk about ways to improve the economic climate here," said Jason Koch D'Ambrosio, Deer Park Chamber of Commerce president.

"When small-business owners isolate themselves, I don't believe they're as strong as when the business community comes together," he said.

Sharon Fattoruso, president of the Copiague Chamber of Commerce, said the committee would be an asset to local shops.

"We need that help," she said.



2019 Town of Babylon Chambers of Commerce Directory

AMITYVILLE:

(631) 598-0695

www.amityvillechamber.org

BABYLON VILLAGE:

(631) 376-0009

www.babylonvillagechamberofcommerce.com

COPIAGUE:

(631) 226-2956

www.copiaguechamber.org

DEER PARK:

(631) 306-4044

www.chamberofdeerpark.org

FARMINGDALE:

(516) 286-7800

www.farmingdalenychamber.org

LINDENHURST:

(631) 226-4641

www.lindenhurstchamber.org

NORTH BABYLON:

(631) 983-4283

www.northbabylonchamber.org

WEST BABYLON:

(631) 377-3333

www.wbchamberofcommerce.org

WYANDANCH:

(631) 374-6882

www.thewyandanchchamber.org

Small Business "Around the Town"

"Pasta and Sauce Food Drive"

Councilman Anthony Manetta recently held successful "Pasta and Sauce" drive to support the Town of Babylon Food Pantry. There were hundreds of items donated that will go a long way to provide meals to those in our Town who utilize the Food Pantry. Thank you to all the residents and shops who participated.



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