

VILLAGE OF PORT WASHINGTON NORTH December, 2013



A Message From the Mayor

Greetings neighbors,

I hope you are having a wonderful holiday season. The Village is abuzz with a number of new announcements and exciting projects as we head into 2014.

Bob Weitzner

Let's start with some very exciting news. Village Hall/ Village Court is moving! After many years in a shopping center, between a nail salon and Petland Discounts, we will be doubling our space at our new location at 1 Pleasant Avenue. We can't wait to move in.

The Bay Walk Park Phase II Plan is complete and should go out to bid shortly. Included are plans for a parking lot, drop off zone, kayak launch, benches/tables/chairs with sunshades, a rain garden and a children's play area.

We have important news for Port North Seniors age 62 and older; Mill Pond Acres' Clubhouse facility is an opportunity for you to join and take advantage of the amenities they have to offer.

A number of new businesses are moving into the area to provide us with even more shopping, eating, and fitness opportunities for the community.

As always, if you need to contact me directly, please email me at mayor@portwashingtonnorth.org or call me on my cell phone at 516-233-9581. And please visit our website at www.portwashingtonnorth.org for information on a number of topics from Board meeting dates to important Emergency Management issues.

Sincerely,

Bob Weitzner

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The Village urges all residents to register at www.Northshorealert.org or with the Village's Emergency Contact Registry by calling 883-5900 to receive timely emergency information and updates from the Village and the PWMOEM.

For additional information go to the Emergency Management tab on the Village's website at <u>www.portwashingtonnorth.org</u>

What's New in Port North

New Restaurants Opened:

Tramonto on the Bay, located at 45 Shore Road, is a family-run restaurant where staff members place a premium on tradition and quality. To that end, much of the menu is made in-house, starting with the marinara sauce served alongside rings of crisp calamari and poured over house-made fettuccine and ravioli bolognese. The space recalls a homey trattoria, with soft pendant lighting and mottled walls decorated with oil paintings and frescoes of canoodling cannoli. You will be warmly welcomed by owners Jeanette and German Rodriguez.

Groppelo's Ristorante, located at 51 Shore Road, serves a variety of Italian fare, including pizzas and pastas. Also serving sandwiches and salads, it has outside seating and is open for lunch and dinner. Additional information, including their menus, can be found at the restaurant's website (<u>http://www.groppelos.com</u>).

New Businesses:

Sherman Williams Paint and Elite Martial Arts will soon be moving into Stop & Shop Plaza in the space formally occupied by Hollywood Video.

Superstorm Sandy... One Year Later



Downed Trees Following Sandy



Photo of tree plantings this fall

A year later, we have made substantial progress in making repairs and replanting all felled trees throughout the Village. All Village property, sidewalks and streets damaged during the storms have been repaired. If there are any trees or sidewalks that appear to have not been fixed, please notify the Village.

Over the past year, the Village has worked to expand its use of communications tools, including enhancements to our website, use of email notifications and social media. We hope that these multiple means by which we can share information will assist residents and businesses in the Village during emergency situations. We welcome any feedback on ways that we can better communicate as we want to strive to ensure that no resident or business owner is unsure of what the Village is doing to help during preparation, response and recovery periods.

Following the storm, the Village worked to quickly enact new regulations governing the installation and use of permanent generators. As we witnessed during the storm, ensuring the safe use and installation of generators is extremely important to the safety of homeowners and neighbors. Our Building Department is available to respond to any questions about installing generators.

Expansion of Bay Walk Park

Planning is finally leading to action on the expansion of Bay Walk Park. Phase II has been designed and we are working through the final process of the layout of the second phase to the Bay Walk. This will include a kayak launch, small park, parking spaces and seating. We hope that this will provide our Village and all of Port Washington with an enhanced opportunity to enjoy all that our waterfront has to offer. We are very proud of how the Bay Walk has beautified the waterfront and how many residents and visitors use and enjoy the facilities every day. We hope that the expansion will further enhance the experience.



Sands Point resident Jerry Shore recently donated "Red Sails" to the Bay Walk Park.



This is Mr. Shore's second work of art on the Bay Walk, joining "Snow Birds". Thank you Jerry, from the entire Port Washington community.

Friendly Reminders:

- Garbage pick-up/recycling Remove receptacles from street on pick up days. Do not put on curb more than a day prior to pick up.
- <u>Snow removal procedures</u> Please remember to remove snow from your sidewalks and keep school bus stops clear.
- <u>Curb you dogs</u> Please remember to curb your dogs while walking, and always pick up after them and dispose of it properly. All dogs must be licensed with the Town of North Hempstead. Licensing forms are available at Village Hall.

Mill Pond Acres for Village Senior Residents

The Community Center at Mill Pond Acres is accessible during regular operating hours to all residents of the Village of Port Washington North who are 62 years of age or older, and the spouses of such person irrespective of age on the same terms and conditions as are applicable to the residents of Mill Pond Acres. The Community Center includes two outdoor tennis courts, a recreation room, lounge, indoor pool, locker room, meeting and card rooms, and a library. The recreation facilities are open to Village Seniors, who are 62 and over, for a fee that is established annually. The fee is based on 1/3 of the cost of the lowest maintenance fee charged by Mill Pond Acres. That fee for 2013 currently stands at \$130.67 per month. The fee will be recalculated each year as maintenance charges for the residents of Mill Pond Acres are adjusted. For more information, please contact Mark Liebenthal at (516) 472-7004 between 9:30 AM to 6:00 PM.

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The Village of Port Washington North supports the Port Washington Police's "Be S.M.A.R.T. – Drive Safe" campaign. This initiative is intended to make drivers more aware and cautious when travelling in and around Port Washington.

New Village Hall to Open in 2014

We are very proud to announce that Village Hall will be relocated to our new location at 1 Pleasant Avenue, off Channel Drive. Since 2003, the Village has occupied its current location in Stop & Shop Plaza. The current location was planned to be only be temporary and the Village has far outgrown the small, 950 square foot space. Doubling the Village Hall's size, the 2000 square-foot location will include a larger office, waiting area with a computer kiosk, separate Building Department office, a private conference room and a Boardroom that can accommodate up to 60 people. Finalization of the terms of the lease for the space and the interior plan should be completed shortly. We expect to move in by February, 2014. Details of the lease and layout will be posted on our website as they become available.

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