



VILLAGE OF PORT WASHINGTON NORTH  
Fall 2015



Bob Weitzner

## A Message From the Mayor

*Greetings Port North Residents,*

I hope that your summer was enjoyable and helped you forget about the difficult winter that we experienced. I wanted to provide an update to you of the events of the past few months and to give an update on some important items that will be considered by the Board of Trustees in the coming months.

First, the move to the new Village Hall is complete and we have finished all of the displays of art and photography throughout the offices and boardroom. We also continue to work to update our website and electronic communication. Our building department has updated its permit forms and it has provided a guide for residents on its building, plumbing and other permit requirements. We will be holding an open house on November 21, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. for all that wish to see the new space. Vintage Port North 75th Anniversary tee shirts of all sizes will be given to all visiting residents.

We continue to finalize the plans for the second phase of Bay Walk Park. The delays in breaking ground have been a result of ongoing discussions with residents and local officials about the design, engineering requirements and the recreational offerings relating to the park. We want the expansion to be an attraction that will provide benefits to the community and its visitors. We currently plan to have the second phase completed by the Summer of 2016. Please see the latest plan on our website.

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## HALLOWEEN TIME



It's Halloween time. This year it falls on a Saturday, so expect activity throughout the day and evening. Please try to have your children start early and end at a reasonable hour (8:00 pm). This is to insure the safety of your children and the privacy of your neighbors. And please do your best to accompany your child trick-or-treating where possible.

We continue to work with our local businesses and property owners to address the need to attract new businesses in the vacant spaces throughout the Village. We have been working with the bank controlling the Soundview Marketplace to ensure that they are compliant with all safety requirements but also that improvements are made to renovate and revive the location whereby it will be attractive to new tenants. We have also tried to assist by reaching out to businesses desired by our residents and attempting to bridge relationships to revitalize the location. The slow progress towards both making physical improvements to the location and in attracting new tenants has frustrated myself and the Board of Trustees. We are doing everything in our power to encourage the bank to make improvements which we believe will help attract desired tenants and make the location safe.

The Board recently enacted a new law restricting local street parking during snow emergencies and we hope that the new rules will enable our plowing contractor to better perform their work

and clear the roads more quickly and effectively. The Board also enacted a new law requiring a permit for all commercial filming and photography being done within the Village. There has been an increase in interest in using our beautiful village and waterfront for movies, commercials and television shows and we felt that it was prudent to have guidelines to protect the land, as well as, provide safety to residents and businesses.

As always, if you need to contact me directly, please email at [mayor@portwashingtonnorth.org](mailto:mayor@portwashingtonnorth.org) or call me on my cell phone at 516-233-9581. And please visit our website at [www.portwashingtonnorth.org](http://www.portwashingtonnorth.org) for information on a number of topics.

Sincerely,



**Bob Weitzner**

## **Around the Village**

### **10th Anniversary of Mill Pond Acres**

**Mill Pond Acres celebrates its tenth year as part of the Port Washington community.**

The Mill Pond Acres Condominium, comprising of 250 house and townhouse units for over age 55 senior citizens just celebrated its 10th year anniversary. They had an anniversary party for its residents on September 7th, where they acknowledged and honored their out-going President of nine years, Stanley Gerard, and introduced their new President to-be Robert Freeland. Congratulations to Stanley and Robert.

The Mill Pond Acres Condominium is a vibrant and vital part of the diverse community that is the Village of Port Washington North and in recognition, the Village of Port North presented the Mill Pond Acres Board with a proclamation recognizing their importance to our community and proclaimed September 7th to be known as Mill Pond Acres Condominium Day.

**Mill Pond Board Members receive proclamation from Mayor Weitzner.**



*Present in the photo (left to right) are FRONT: Port North Trustee Sherman Scheff, Board members Enid Hawthorne and Bill Belinsky. REAR: Board member Tom Ferrara, past President Stanley Gerard, Mayor Bob Weitzner, new President Bob Freeland.*

### **Port North Resident honored at Kiwanis Club Installation Dinner**



***Proclamation dedication with outgoing President Kathy Levinson and Mayor Bob Weitzner.***

Congrats to Dr. Kathy Levinson organization and serving on her being honored at the the past three years as Kiwanis Club of Manhasset its President. Kathy will -Port Washington's Installation be taking on a new role dinner held on October 1st with Kiwanis as Lieutenant for her dedication to the Governor.

### **Village Land Sale**

We are still in negotiations to sell our 7.5 acres of land allowing us to purchase open space for parks. We will keep you posted.

### **Aircraft Noise Concerns**

A number of residents have concerns about aircraft noise and whether it has gotten worse over the past few years. We are working with the Town of North Hempstead in a coordinated effort to address this issue.

Aircraft noise generally is a growing problem over many areas in the Town of North Hempstead. The increase in helicopter overflights is primarily caused by charter services, flying passengers from Manhattan to the Hamptons. As recently as a few years ago, the cost limited the market and we experienced many fewer overflights than we do today. Over the past few years, helicopter charter companies have begun selling individual seats, allowing up to ten passengers per flight.

The result has been many more helicopter flights over the North Shore.

Airplane routes have also shifted due to the implementation of a new GPS based tracking system called NextGen. This allows planes to safely fly closer together. The result has been a significant increase in the number of planes flying over our Town. The airspace over the Town has been redesigned to accommodate this new technology and this may have exacerbated the problem.

Aircraft flight patterns fall under federal jurisdiction and are controlled by the FAA. Accordingly, the Town of North Hempstead and other municipalities are unable to affect them through legislation or by executive order. But this does not mean we are powerless.

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Thanks to the combined efforts of elected officials and affected citizens, the state has directed the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey to create a roundtable advisory panel to measure aircraft noise in areas around the airports, including North Hempstead.

Port North and the Town will continue its efforts and we hope that you consider joining us. If you'd like to join the Town's Aircraft Noise Public Education and Outreach Committee, please contact the Town's call center at (516) 869-6311.

### **Port North Welcomes New Businesses**

The Board of Trustees and our Building Department have been speaking with a number of businesses who have interest in opening locations in the Village. We are excited to see these businesses open and we continue to welcome all who are interested in occupying commercial space in the Village.

Tropical Smoothie Cafe is in the process of constructing its new shop in the Stop & Shop Center. We are excited for them to open their doors in the coming weeks.

### **New Laws**



#### **Lights, Camera, Action, Permits...**

The Village has created a law requiring permits for any professional filming or photo taking that would potentially interfere with the quality of life for our residents. The concerns, which ultimately led to the new law, include excess noise and lighting and disruption to vehicle and pedestrian traffic. While this legislation

does require permits and modest fees, it's intent is to regulate, not deter filming in our Village.

### **Parking Restrictions During Snow Emergencies...**

New legislation was passed at a public hearing held on September 2, 2015 enacting parking restrictions during snow emergencies. This was done solely in the interests of safety.

The Village received a letter from the Chief of the P.W. Fire Department raising concerns about the passableness of our roads for the past two winters resulting from snow build up around cars parked on the street. One section of the letter from the Fire Chief states, "If a fire truck or an ambulance can't get down a road or cannot make a turn from one road to another, could mean the difference between life and death!". The Fire Department's recommendation was to not allow vehicles to be parked on the road during snow storms, thus allowing the snow plows to go curb to curb and opening the streets. This practice is in place with most other municipalities, resulting in clear roads to allow emergency vehicles to maneuver.

The Village formed a Snow Emergency Parking Restriction Steering Committee to research the matter, and reported their finding to the Board. After much consideration from the Board, they unanimously voted to adopt the law. It requires all vehicles to be removed from the street when 3 or more inches of snow are anticipated. We urge all residents to follow and inform their neighbors of this new law in the interest of safety for our Village. Please see our website for more details.

## Keeping Our Waterfront Clean

The Village has worked to maintain the cleanliness of the waterfront and the dock off the Bay Walk. We have arranged for additional receptacles and additional garbage removal days. Unfortunately, despite these efforts, it appears that visitors, especially by boat, continue to dispose of waste to the point where it causes overflow. We are working to provide additional receptacles and informational signage (*shown below*), and have designed a secondary waste disposal location into the Bay Walk Park Phase II plans. However, we request that you refrain from disposing waste in overflowing receptacles and utilize another receptacle along the Bay Walk Park or at Town Dock. Spread the word!!!



### Leaf Removal

*Leaf removal  
will begin on*

***November 10, 2015.***

***Please remove cars parked  
on the street on these days.***

***Only residents can rake leaves  
to the curb. All landscapers  
must haul away all leaves.***

***A schedule of the pick up days  
is posted on the back page.***

#### **WELCOME TO THE VILLAGE OF PORT WASHINGTON NORTH PIER**

To Preserve The Beauty Of Our Pier:  
Please do not overflow our trash receptables.  
Additional receptacles are located along the Bay Walk.

Do not leave bulk garbage on the pier deck.  
Boat garbage should be disposed  
of at the Town Dock in the dumpsters provided there.

If you have any questions regarding proper  
garbage disposal, call the Town Dock  
at 516-767-4622 or use VHF Channel 9

No shopping carts are permitted  
on the pier or on the Bay Walk

**ENJOY YOUR STAY!**



### **VILLAGE HALL OPEN HOUSE – NOVEMBER 21, 2015 10:00 am - Noon**

On November 21, 2015, the Village will host an open house at the Village Hall located at 3 Pleasant Avenue, off Channel Drive. This will give residents and other guests the opportunity to see the new facilities and resources available to our residents and local businesses. Mayor Weitzner and members of the Board of Trustees will be in attendance. It will also provide an opportunity for visitors to view displays of artwork and photographs by local artists. Photographs which will be on display were provided by Sherah Thomas, Tab Hauser and Sabrina Heapps. Refreshments will be served and giveaways will be provided. We hope to see you there!

## A Note on Storm Drains

As you walk around the Village you may notice storm drains cut into the curb and meant to remove stormwater quickly from streets and surrounding areas. These drains are meant only for rain water and snow melt (cumulatively stormwater) to move through and are not trash receptacles. Anything that is poured down or placed into these drains leads to our beautiful Manhasset Bay or into groundwater. Do not place pet waste, leftover lawn fertilizer, used oil, food scraps, trash, or anything else into these storm drains. Pet waste can be disposed of in your trash; lawn fertilizer can be swept up and kept to be applied later. Used oil can often be returned to stores that sell motor oil. You can also call the Town of North Hempstead's 311 number to inquire about hazardous material collections going on throughout the year. There is one coming up on November 8th at North Hempstead beach north lot. Certain food scraps can be composted and the rest can be thrown out in your regular garbage. Some of our storm drains are marked with a stainless steel medallion (*like the one pictured here*)



that says “no dumping, drains to bay” to serve as a reminder that only rain should go down the drain. The Village of Port Washington North is a member of the Manhasset Bay Protection Committee, which was formed in the 1990s to restore and protect Manhasset Bay. Committee membership is open to all local governments located in the watershed of Manhasset Bay. For more information on Manhasset Bay and how you can help protect and preserve it, visit the Committee's website at:

[www.manhassetbayprotectioncommittee.org](http://www.manhassetbayprotectioncommittee.org)



**Manhasset Bay**  
Protection Committee

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If you have suggestions, submissions, or ideas, you can reach us at:

[pwnorthcommunications@gmail.com](mailto:pwnorthcommunications@gmail.com)

## Things to keep in mind:

- Please drive with caution throughout the Village. Obey all speed limit signs and stop signs. There has been an increase in the number of incidents of speeding vehicles and failure to obey stop signs. We have asked the Port Washington Police Department to increase enforcement in the area. We ask that all residents, businesses and visitors be extra vigilant to be safe while driving.
- Trustee meetings are held on the first Wednesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. The next meeting will be held on November 4, 2015 at the Village Hall located at 3 Pleasant Ave. Access and parking located off of Channel Drive. A schedule of all scheduled upcoming meeting dates can be found on the Village website.
- Please be aware that all landscapers need to be registered with the Village. In addition, no gas-powered equipment can be used by landscapers on weekends and holidays. Homeowners are exempt from this provision.
- Please leash and curb your dogs and properly dispose of waste. This time of year typically sees an increase in complaints resulting from improper disposal and we ask that you be respectful of your neighbors and of public property when walking your dogs.
- 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.
- Please sign up to receive emails of our newsletters, Mayor's Update and to be notified about important information about the village by providing your contact information to [clerk@portwashingtonnorth.org](mailto:clerk@portwashingtonnorth.org) or [pwnorthcommunications@gmail.com](mailto:pwnorthcommunications@gmail.com)
- As the Fall and Winter storm seasons are approaching, please remember to register at [www.northshorealert.org](http://www.northshorealert.org) for important emergency information and updates. By registering with [NorthShoreAlert.org](http://NorthShoreAlert.org), time-sensitive voice messages from the Villages, Town, or Police, Fire, and Water special districts where you live or work may be sent to your home, cell or business phone. Text messages may also be sent to cell phones, e-mail accounts and hearing impaired receiving devices. In addition, the village website contains some tips and recommendations for storm preparation and emergency management. Also please view the emergency management section on our website.

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## **PORT WASHINGTON NORTH 2015 LEAF PICKUP SCHEDULE**

### **November 10 to 12**

Angler Lane  
Bay Drive  
Cow Neck Road  
Dock Lane  
Port Drive  
Sandy Court  
Schooner Lane  
Seagull Lane  
Steamboat Drive

Boat Lane  
Cove Lane  
Driftwood Drive  
Fishermans Drive  
Island Court  
Marlin Lane  
Seaview Lane  
Waterview Drive

Avenue B  
Avenue C  
Channel Drive  
Durbyan Place  
Morgan Place  
Harbor Road  
Mill Pond Road  
Orchard Street

### **November 17 to 19**

Pleasant Avenue  
Pulaski Place  
Radcliff Avenue  
Smull Place  
Old Shore Road  
Soundview Drive  
Valley Road

### **December 1 to December 3**

Angler Lane  
Bay Drive  
Cow Neck Road  
Marlin Lane  
Port Drive  
Sandy Court  
Schooner Lane  
Seagull Lane

Boat Lane  
Dock Lane  
Driftwood Drive  
Fishermans Drive  
Island Court  
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