

# PORT NORTH NEWS



## FALL 2021



## HIGHLIGHTS...

- Port Washington Receives Funds From American Rescue Plan Act
- New Leaf Blower Restrictions
- Solar Powered Charging Stations at Bay Walk
- Peloton Coming to Port Washington
- “Be the Rainbow” Pride Walk
- New Village Website Coming Soon
- Meet the New Members of the Port North Team
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## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

### Greetings Port North Residents and Businesses,

I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer in spite of the recent uptick in COVID 19 Delta variant cases appearing throughout Long Island. While we can all look forward to getting back to “normal”, please continue to be vigilant in protecting yourselves, your family and friends, and our community. It is not a statistical fluke that Port North continues to remain number 6 or lower out of 133 communities followed in Nassau County for the lowest cases per 1,000 residents since the pandemic began over a year ago, something this Village should be very proud of. Let's all do our part to continue to keep our Village safe.

Speaking of statistics, the NYS Comptroller's Office came out with their Fiscal Stress rating for 2020. State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli created this early warning system for communities and school districts with fiscal problems. Alerting everyone to potential problems gives local officials and taxpayers the opportunity to be more proactive. These fiscal stress scores are based on end-of-year results, and thus provide a measurement of local governments' and school districts' ability to respond to the financial impact of the ongoing public health crisis. Port Washington North scored the lowest (best) stress level awarded, 0.0. The Village Board continues to be fiscally responsible and diligent in keeping the Village financially secure, while at the same time attending to the needs of its residents.

A lot is happening in Port North. We have a new movie studio in the works, a new owner at Soundview Marketplace, park improvements, a new Chinese restaurant opening on Shore Road, and new gas leaf blower regulations. Not to mention, the scheduled and ongoing roadwork and infrastructure improvements for a number of streets throughout the Village. We are encouraged about the Village's future and look forward to sharing it with you.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or comments you may have. I can be reached by email at [mayor@portwashingtonnorth.org](mailto:mayor@portwashingtonnorth.org) and on my cell at 516-233-9581.

Sincerely,  
Mayor Bob



# AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS AWARD

The Village of Port Washington North has been awarded a total of \$328,101 from the United States Department of Treasury as part of the American Rescue Plan Act program. The Village has already received the first installment of \$164,050 and will receive the balance in the summer of 2022.

Congressman Tom Suozzi representing New York's 3rd District presented a check to Mayor Weitzner on August 17th on the steps of North Hempstead Town Hall.

"As a former Mayor and County Executive, I know how important it is to these municipalities that they receive this funding. It is for this reason that I fought so hard to deliver this relief to our state, county, towns, villages, and all of the people within these communities," said Congressman Suozzi.

While the uses of these funds are very narrow, we are awaiting final determination from the U.S. Treasury that we can apply these funds towards improving our storm drain system throughout the Village. We are aware



Sample check presented by Congressman Tom Suozzi to Mayor Bob Weitzner.

of numerous complaints of standing water and inadequate drains to collect water after a storm. This program will address many of these concerns and will go a long way to rectify the problem.

Once the program use is approved, we will be reaching out to our road engineers for a plan that will be put out to bid in late fall. The project should take place in the spring or summer of 2022.

## LEAF PICKUP INFORMATION

### SEE BACK PAGE FOR A COMPLETE PICKUP SCHEDULE.

- The leaf sweeper will pass only once during each set of date (The range is for weather conditions)
- Do not put leaves out after crews pass your address.
- Do not put leaves out early – Before designated dates
- Leaf Pickup is ONLY FOR RESIDENTS. Landscapers must remove their leaves

**Important: Residents must sign up with North Shore Elert to receive emergency notifications and messages sent by the village. You can register by going to: [northshorealert.org](http://northshorealert.org). By doing so, you will receive all village notifications and future newsletters.**

## NEW LEAF BLOWER RESTRICTION LAW AND INFORMATION

The Village has received input and numerous complaints over the past year regarding the noise and pollution created by gas or diesel powered leaf blowers operated by our residential landscaping contractors. After considerable review and deliberation, on December 16, 2020 the Village Board of Trustees passed a law banning all gas or diesel powered leaf blowers from being used from June 15th to September 15th in the Village of Port Washington North. Electric or battery powered leaf blowers are the preferred alternatives. The new law is as follows:

Starting from June 15 until September 15 all landscaping companies cannot use any gas-powered blowers. The law does state that “Operate any power or manual lawn mower or any other power equipment Monday through Friday, before 8:30 a.m. or after 6:00 p.m. The operating of any power tools and equipment are strictly prohibited on Saturday and Sunday and legal holidays. Landscaping activities that do not involve power tools and equipment are permitted Saturday and Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.” and “During the time period that commercial landscapers are permitted to perform landscaping service with a gasoline or diesel leaf blower the operation of said leaf blower shall be only permitted from Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Saturday, Sunday and legal holidays are strictly prohibited.”



This law is in addition to a previous law passed banning any motorized tools or equipment from being used in the Village by landscapers year round on Saturday, Sunday and legal holidays. We have informed all licensed landscapers of these laws in writing and with a phone call. We also encourage all homeowners to remind your landscaping companies of both laws to ensure a quieter Port North. Please remember that all landscaping companies must obtain a Port North landscaper license and display their Port North Sticker on all vehicles operating in the Village.

Please be aware these laws do not pertain to residents caring for their own properties. These laws only pertain to contractors performing landscaping work in our Village.

We hope with these laws in place we will all enjoy a more peaceful summer in the Village for years to come.

## NEW SOLAR-POWERED CHARGING STATION LOCKERS AT THE BAY WALK PARK

We decided to retire our electric powered charging table at the Bay Walk and replace it with a new, state-of-the-art solar powered charging station. This innovative solar powered design eliminates the need for an electric power supply, thus making it energy efficient and environmentally friendly. It is specifically engineered to resist the elements—withstands rain, wind, heat, and cold and will be available 12 months of the year.

The locker system uses a four digit code you preselect (we suggest the last 4 digits of your phone number so you don't forget!) when opening a locker. The locker comes with multiple charging cords for all devices and also includes a UV-C light to sanitize your cell phones while also charging its batteries. UV-V has been proven to kill 99% of all bacteria and germs and can disinfect a cell phone in 5 minutes.



## CURB, SIDEWALK, AND TREE REPLACEMENT THROUGHOUT THE VILLAGE

The Village's road resurfacing project exposed a number of very serious safety, health, and economic issues that needed to be addressed. Specifically the condition of our sidewalks, curbs and aprons and immense damage caused by the overgrown trees and its roots that lie within the utility strips between our sidewalks and roads. Engineer inspections pointed to blown and damaged curbs, uneven and potentially non-ADA compliant sidewalks and aprons, and on occasion, sewer lines damaged and blocked by tree roots. It was also determined that repairs could not be made while

the existing trees were in place. After careful review and consideration, it was the decision of the Village Board of Trustees that some trees had to be removed in order to completely replace and repair all damaged curbs, sidewalks and aprons caused by its trunks and root systems. The end result will be a completely restored road, with better drainage and aesthetics.

Please be aware that before any trees were removed the adjacent homeowners were notified and have given us approvals. Furthermore all trees that have been taken down will be replaced with more suitable and

street friendly trees. These include the Zelkova Serrata which we have been planting for a number of years, and a new addition to the Village, the Acer Armstrong Maple. Not only are these better trees for the locations they are being planted, but they also provide biodiversity throughout the Village. Replanting has already commenced and will continue throughout the year depending on weather and tree availability. For those who have new trees planted in front of your homes, please do your best to keep it watered until it matures.



*Zelkova Serrata*



*Acer Armstrong Maple*



*Acer Armstrong in fall*

## PELOTON CHOOSES PORT NORTH FOR NEW DISTRIBUTION CENTER

Peloton has announced that they have entered into an agreement with Port North business Shake-N-Go to convert some of their warehouse space located at their headquarters at 85 Harbor R. for the purposes of establishing an assembly and distribution center for their bikes and other exercise equipment.

With this move, Peloton will be able to serve the needs of the Port Washington community as well as the north shore of Long Island.



## TRY PORT FIRST: THE APP TO DISCOVER “EVERYTHING PORT WASHINGTON”

Which restaurant delivers? Try Port First! Need a Mother’s Day gift? Health care service? Governmental agency? Try Port First! Want to know who’s offering discounts on goods or services, or simply where to find parking? Try Port First! All these searches and much more can be found on the new and FREE Try Port First mobile phone app!

In the midst of the economic downturn, with an added weight of a global pandemic, the Port Washington Business Improvement District and the Port Washington Chamber of Commerce spent the year uniting to pro-actively develop a strategy to help Port Washington reemerge from these difficult times. The result? A forward thinking, technologically advanced digital community platform

designed to encompass everything Port Washington—right in the palm of your hand!

“We seek to make it easy to connect those shopping for services, goods or information to our Port providers” says Bill Gordon, both a board member of the Chamber of Commerce and President of the Port Washington BID. “We see the Try Port First platform as one that will be refined and improved to help grow the Port business community.”

In the few short months since it’s launch, Try Port First reaches over 2,000 individuals, both local and across state lines. Upcoming events and notifications are posted for the community as well as special offers and hot deals for local shopping and services. All Port Washington

businesses, local government agencies, non-profits and organizations are included.

“The new Try Port First app is a one-stop app for everything about Port Washington, whether events and fun things to do, shopping, dining or local government information,” Chamber of Commerce President Debbie Greco Cohen said. “We are so excited to be launching it and know it will become a favorite app among Port’s residents and visitors alike!”

FREE to download, the Try Port First App is available for customers and business owners alike. To access the app, simply visit your app store and search “Try Port First,” download and begin exploring Port Washington at your fingertips.

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## MARIJUANA LEGISLATION TO BE DISCUSSED

On November 9, 2021 at 7:30 pm the Village of Port Washington North, like Villages and Towns throughout New York State, will be holding a public hearing on the new Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act (a/k/a the Cannabis Law). The purpose of the public hearing will be to consider whether the Village of Port Washington North shall “opt out” of permitting retail sale of cannabis and/or permit on site use of cannabis consumption establishments in the Village of Port Washington North. It is important to understand that the role of the local municipality is simply to decide on whether or not to permit retail dispensaries and/or permitting consumption in specifically designated commercial establishments in the Village. New York State law governs the legalization of Cannabis, we can only control the sale and consumption in commercial dispensaries in our Village.

The public hearing will give each of our residents an opportunity to be heard on this important issue and our attorney will be available to answer any questions that you may have on the New York State Cannabis Law. In the event that you cannot attend please feel free to contact us at 883-5900.

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## NEXT VOICE OF PORT WASHINGTON NORTH!

Calling all Port North residents. Would you like to be the next voice of the Village?

We have just migrated over to a new state-of-the-art telecommunications system and need volunteers to create voiceovers for our telephone prompts. Currently, we are using a temporary computer generated voice but we certainly want that to change as soon as possible!

Anyone who wishes to submit a voice sample can do so by calling us at 516-883-5900 and choosing the prompt for the Mayor (press 3). When leaving a message with you name and phone number please state the following to be used as your “voice audition.” *“Hello, you have reached the Village of Port Washington North. For the Village office, please press 1, for the Building Department please press 2, for the Mayor’s office please press 3.”*

Once we have a sufficient number of voice samples, we will review all submissions and chose a winning voice. If selected, you will be asked to either use your existing phone or come into Village Hall to record the various prompts needed. It should not take more than 1 hour.

We looking forward to hearing from you!

## MANHASSET BAY BEACH CLEAN UP

Every year the Manhasset Bay Protection Committee hosts a beach clean-up in accordance with the International Coastal Cleanup. This year's annual beach clean-up was held on Saturday, September 25th and included two sites: Manorhaven Beach Town Park and, for the first time, Baywalk Park in Port North. Participants collected garbage along the walkway and shoreline tallied the trash collected, which was then sent to the Northeast Chapter of the American Littoral Society who tracks and monitors changes in the trash collected each year. This event included members of Port Washington Girl Scout Troops 440, 443 and 647. Port North wishes that thank Executive Director Sarah Deonaire and the MBP Committee for including the Bay Walk in this year's cleanup."



*Girl Scout Troop with Mayor Bob and State Senator Anna Kaplan, Town Councilperson Veronica Survey, and Manhasset Bay Protection Committee Executive Director Sarah Deonaire.*



*Some of the garbage collected during the cleanup.*

## NEW RESTAURANT JIA COMING TO THE VILLAGE

A new Chinese restaurant, JIA is coming to Shore Road at the old Harbor Q location. The new owner, Rivers and Hills Hospitality Group, is a boutique restaurant group founded by peers who first began with their shared vision of shaping a new era of Chinese food in America, and have now expanded to include their experiences in broader Asian cuisines. Beginning in 2015, RHHG has quietly built a noteworthy portfolio of restaurants starting with the Lower East Side's critically acclaimed Yunnan Kitchen, followed by Northern Tiger, Wayla, Little Wayla, Kodawari, Kimika, and most recently Lotus + Cleaver.

Their projects have received 4 Stars from New York Magazine, a glowing 1 Star from The New York Times, 2 stars from The New Yorker, Michelin Plate and Bib Gourmand, and recognition by the James Beard Foundation. One of their greatest distinctions was being named "vanguards of Chinese cuisine" in a front page feature by The New York Times. The group has truly been a pioneer in the changing landscape of Asian food in America and continue to create and evolve in their industry.

### **JIA (jee-ah)**

Jia, meaning home or family in Mandarin, is a Chinese restaurant centered around the idea of home away from home and highlights the mainstays of our favorite Chinese menus. A special focus is on dim sum and its elaborate handiwork, which, at its heart, is about sharing and creating community over a meal.

The root of Jia's design inspiration is a modern, minimalist chalet with a nordic touch. Bleached wood and pale hues reflect its seaside surroundings with an eye-catching blackened exterior. An overall monochromatic scheme contrasted against a pitched, plank ceiling sets a thoughtfully curated stage-complementing the elevated flavors of the dim sum inspired menu.

They expect to open this year.

## NEW MEMBERS OF THE PORT NORTH TEAM

During the past year we have had a few changes in personnel and board members. We wish to thank our departing members of our team the best of luck and welcome our new members to Port North:

The Village is pleased to announce we have added three new members to the Village of Port Washington North team:

### **Michael Mandarino, Plans Examiner/ Building Inspector**

Michael has spent the majority of his career in civil service in the Federal and local government levels. He's held positions of Superintendent, Director, Senior Inspector, Senior Analyst and Specialist. He is currently the building inspector/building plan examiner/code enforcement officer/fire marshal/floods plan manager for the Village of Ocean Beach. He works on Wednesdays and Fridays in the Building Dept. office from 9am-3pm.

### **Marybeth Malloy, Esq., Village Prosecutor**

Longtime resident of Port North, Alan Nelson, was the Village's prosecutor for 15 years. Recently he was offered a position in Federal government as the Case Budgeting Attorney for the Second Circuit Court of Appeals that did not allow him to continue to serve in the position. We are grateful for his years of dedication and service to the Village and wish him well in his new role.

Marybeth comes to the Village with over eighteen years of experience as a prosecutor. She currently serves as prosecutor for the Villages of South Floral Park, Garden City, and Baxter Estates.

The Village is fortunate to have found two highly qualified individuals with vast experience in their respective

fields of expertise. We wish Michael and Marybeth well in their new roles.

### **Planning Board Appointments**

The Village of Port Washington North's Board and residents wishes to thank its former Planning Board Chairman **Alex Moshos** the very best on his move to Huntington. He has served as Chairman for 15 years and we wish to thank him for his leadership and guidance while serving on the board and wish him the best of luck.

We wish to announce that long standing Planning Board member **Scott Baxter** has been appointed as Chairman of the Planning Board, and **Keith Kindler** will serve as the Deputy Chairman.

In addition we wish to introduce a new member of the Planning Board, **Scott Bromberg**. Scott has lived in Port North for 8 years. Scott grew up in Cherry Hill, NJ in a neighborhood very similar to Port North and went to Binghamton University (class of 2008). His wife, Amanda (Schiff) Bromberg, was raised in Port Washington and has lived here her whole life. Scott is a Vice President at The Blackstone Group (CPA).

### **Board of Zoning and Appeals Appointments**

The Village of Port Washington North's Board and residents wishes to thank its Board of Zoning and Appeals Chairman **Steven Hazelcorn** the very best on his retirement to Florida. He served on the Board for over thirty years and as Chairman for over twenty years. We thank him for his years of public service and dedication to the Village.

We are pleased to announce that our previous Deputy Chairman, **Paul Joseph**, has been appointed as the new Chairman of the BZA. In addition, we have appointed **Richard Gallucci** as Deputy Chairman, and added longtime resident **Jerold Liss** to the Board.

We congratulate you all and appreciate your willingness to devote your time to serve the community.

### **Summer Intern Sam Cacioppo**

Thank you to our 2021 summer Intern, Sam Cacioppo. Sam is a lifelong Port North resident who is starting his junior year at Oneonta University as a Political Science major. Sam has been working on the Village's tax bills, online tree inventory, leaf blower restriction notifications, the pending marijuana legislation and this newsletter.



## FILM STUDIO UPDATE

The Village of Port Washington North officially approved the site plan for the new film studio on April 14th. The Board of Trustees previously approved the zoning change allow for the film studio on Channel Drive and increased its allowable building height to 50 feet. As part of the site plan approval, the applicant agreed to provide a buffering landscaping plan that included the planting of trees along the border of Mill Pond Acres and Radcliff Avenue to provide further screening of the pending building. The planting has been completed to the satisfaction of the Building Dept and Board of Trustees. The Building Department also issued demolition permits and the old Publishers Clearinghouse building is now only a memory. Construction of the new building is scheduled to take place later this year.



*Artist's rendering of new film studio located on Channel Drive*



*Publishers Clearinghouse building demolished*

## NEW WATER CONSERVATION REQUIREMENTS FOR PORT NORTH

In order to meet the water needs of our community during the hotter, dryer months—while simultaneously taking wells offline and constructing the treatment systems necessary to address emerging contaminants—the Port Washington community will be required to reduce irrigation usage by 20 percent.

The below requirements impact the time of day that watering is permitted and the number of minutes sprinklers can operate in addition to some other simple ways to maximize water savings. All residents should prepare themselves, as well as advise their irrigation contractors, of the following:

- Turn back watering times for each irrigation zone by four minutes – will help save approximately 20 percent.
- Addresses within Port Washington North are required to follow the dedicated watering time schedule of 1am to 3am.
- Consider installing a smart irrigation controller. The District has \$150 rebates available to residents who make the switch. Reach out to the PWWD at 516-767-0171.
- Check for leaks or broken sprinkler heads that waste water unnecessarily.
- Adhere to Nassau County's Odd/Even Lawn Watering Ordinance
- Even-numbered homes are permitted to water on even-numbered days
- Odd-numbered homes are permitted to water on odd-numbered days
- All watering is prohibited between the hours of 10am and 4pm.
- Ensure automatic rain and soil moisture sensors are working properly.
- Make good landscaping choices, such as integration of native/drought resistant plans and xeriscaping, as this will lead to lower water usage.
- If you manually irrigate, restrict water to 15 minutes per area with a maximum water of two hours.

### Important Note About Sprinkler Lines in the Utility Strip Area

Please be aware that sprinkler lines should not be placed in the utility strips between the sidewalks and roadways. This space is reserved for utilities such as water, electric, gas, and cable. In addition, anything placed in the utility strips are subject to damage caused by tree roots and utility repairs. Point your lawn sprinklers to this area to ensure proper watering. The Village is not responsible for any damage to sprinklers installed in the utility strip caused by street or sidewalk maintenance.

We thank every resident for their attention to this important matter as well as their understanding and cooperation.



## PUP WASHINGTON NORTH

The Village is teeming with puppies! It seems that the increase of residents staying home due to the pandemic has given way to increased dog ownership in the Village. With the increase of dog walkers, we have witnessed greater than normal dog waste that has not been picked up, and in some cases left on the sidewalks. 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. Dog waste should always be picked up and placed in a receptacle for proper disposal. Please do not leave bags in front of your homes as it is unsightly and presents a public health hazard. Also, please make sure all pets have

identification tags when they are outside of your homes and are properly licensed with the Town of North Hempstead.



## SOUNDVIEW MARKETPLACE HAS A NEW OWNER



PEBB Enterprises, an entrepreneurial private real estate investment firm, is making its first foray into the New York market with the acquisition of a Long Island shopping center. The firm, in partnership with New York-based Sagamore Hill Partners, purchased Soundview Marketplace,

PEBB and Sagamore acquired the 188,109-square-foot shopping center

at 10 Shore Road for an undisclosed price. The transaction closed on Dec. 18, 2020. Built in 1962 and 1977, Soundview Marketplace is comprised of four buildings on nearly 11 acres. Notable tenants include Target, TJ Maxx, Walgreens, West Marine and Ace Hardware. Target and TJ Maxx recently signed long-term leases at the center.

Soundview Marketplace presents

an exceptional value-add opportunity for PEBB and Sagamore. It was 75% leased at closing, leaving substantial room to backfill remaining space at present-day rents.

“Expanding into New York with this acquisition is an incredible way to close out the year,” PEBB Enterprises President and CEO Ian Weiner said. “This is a particularly exciting asset due to its location, strong anchor tenants and future lease-up potential. PEBB continues to pursue investment opportunities in New York and the broader Northeast market.”

The Village is excited to work with the new owners and we have already been exchanging concepts and ideas regarding the future of the shopping center that will benefit our residents and all of Port Washington. One concept being discussed is the removal of the out parcel (old Boston Market building) and replace it with a similar sized building along Shore Road. We will share more information as it becomes available.

# SIGN UP FOR NORTH SHORE ALERT EMERGENCY RESPONSE SYSTEM

## Message from PWNOEM Commissioner Steve Kaplan:

It is vital that all residents, especially those who have recently moved into the Village, sign up to our emergency response system, North Shore Alert. This system allows for us to communicate with you when pending snow storms are forecasted, updates on power outages and restoration, and any other important information that needs to be relayed to our residents. Please tell your neighbors and friends to sign up for NorthShoreAlert.org so we can communicate, alert and get more complete Intel to and from all our neighbors in Port North. Simply go to [www.northshorealert.org](http://www.northshorealert.org) and register for Port North.

**IMPORTANT:** Residents must sign up for emergency notifications and messages sent by the Village. You must register by going to: [northshorealert.org](http://northshorealert.org). By doing so, you will receive all village notifications and future newsletters.

## TRAFFIC SAFETY TIPS TO KEEP OUR VILLAGE SAFE

- Park and drive on the right side of the road, not facing oncoming traffic. Oncoming traffic and pedestrians do not anticipate cars pulling out in their lane and visibility is hindered.
- Parking in front of stop signs blocks views of stop signs and blocks intersections. This can cause accidents due to blocked sight lines. 30 feet in front of ALL Stop signs is the safe, legal and required buffer.
- Speed limits must be adhered to. Speeding motorists risk the lives and safety of children, pedestrians, and other vehicles on our streets. All vehicles must STOP at all stop signs. Look both ways and then proceed. Just slowing down does not allow for safe intersections and street crossing.
- Leave 15 feet clear of any Fire Hydrant. Hose hook-up space is required to safeguard our homes.
- Safety Alert: We have been made aware of a number close encounters with small motorized bikes and scooters. We do not want anyone injured due to an accident with a larger vehicle. Please be especially aware of these motorized vehicles weaving our from between parked cars, and on and off the sidewalks and driveways as well as not obeying any traffic signs. Anyone operating these vehicles should be aware of these dangers and instructed to operate them in a safe manner.



## REMEMBERING LONG TIME RESIDENT JOSEPH KELLER

We are sad to announce that Port Washington North longtime resident Joseph Keller passed away on May 26 this year. The Village honored Joe on his 95th birthday on April 25th by participating in a parade in his honor. The following proclamation was given to Joe at the conclusion of the parade:

“Joseph J. Keller, now living at 5 Boat Lane in the Village of Port Washington North, is one of the original homeowners in the Soundview neighborhood, having resided there for 57 years since 1964; & Joseph Keller has been married to his wife Bernice since May 18, 1958 & raised his daughter Gail in the Village of Port Washington North; & Joseph Keller, in World War II, enlisted in the U.S. Navy in April 1944 and served with pride until his honorable discharge in June 1946; & Joseph Keller, attending to the exemptions to which he was entitled, was a frequent visitor to Village Hall; now, therefore, be it that on the occasion of Joseph Keller’s ninety-fifth birthday, April 25th, 2021 shall be Joseph J. Keller Day in the Village of Port Washington North.”



## THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND

- **Trustee meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of every month beginning at 7:30 p.m.** The meetings at Village Hall located at 3 Pleasant Avenue. Access and parking located off of Channel Drive. A schedule of all scheduled upcoming meeting dates can be found on the Village website.
- **Keep sidewalks clear for children and pedestrians to safely walk and use their bicycles.** This includes pruning tree limbs away from the sidewalk to allow for safe passage. Park automobiles completely in the driveway or on the street not on the

apron or sidewalk to ensure a clear passage on sidewalks.

- **Please be aware that it is the homeowners responsibility to maintain and care for their sidewalks.** This includes repairing your sidewalk. While the Village does on occasion repair sidewalks due to lifting by tree roots, we cannot replace old and worn sidewalks. The Village has worked out an arrangement with our concrete contractor to offer the same pricing the Village pays for sidewalk restoration. You may contact them through Village Hall.

- **Garbage pick-up/recycling – Garbage pick-up is Monday (also lawn waste pickup), Wednesday, and Friday (also recycling day).**

Remove receptacles from street once your cans are empty. Do not put cans and garbage on curb more than a evening prior to pick up. 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. The holiday garbage pick-up schedule can be found on our website.

## CELEBRATING 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE PORT WASHINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Village of Port Washington North joined the greater Port Washington community in celebrating the 100 year anniversary of the Port Washington Police Department on August 28th. In doing so, Mayor Bob Weitzner presented the department with a proclamation acknowledging their exemplary service. The proclamation read:

*“in 1921, when Port Washington had a population of about 6,000 & 1 sole law enforcement constable, the NYS Legislature created the Port Washington Police District with its own independently elected commissioners; & the PWPd, 1st headquartered at 325 Main Street and later at 500 Port Washington Boulevard, had its unique Special District status confirmed by NYS in 1934; &*

*the PWPd’s tiny force, call boxes and Model T Fords have given way to sixty-three Police Officers and numerous specialized units; &*

*the PWPd addressed community needs establishing the Police Athletic League for youth in 1945 and the School Resource Program in 1981; now, therefore, be it*

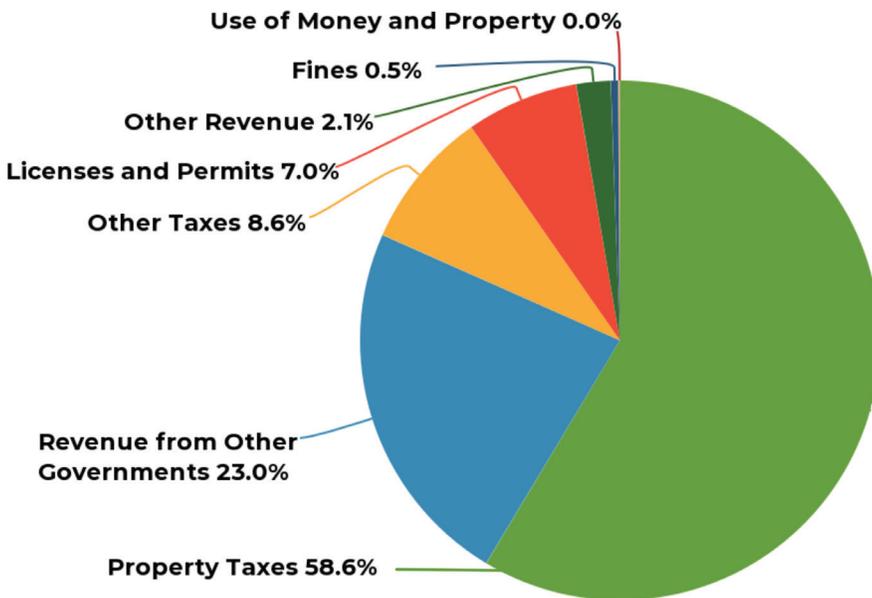
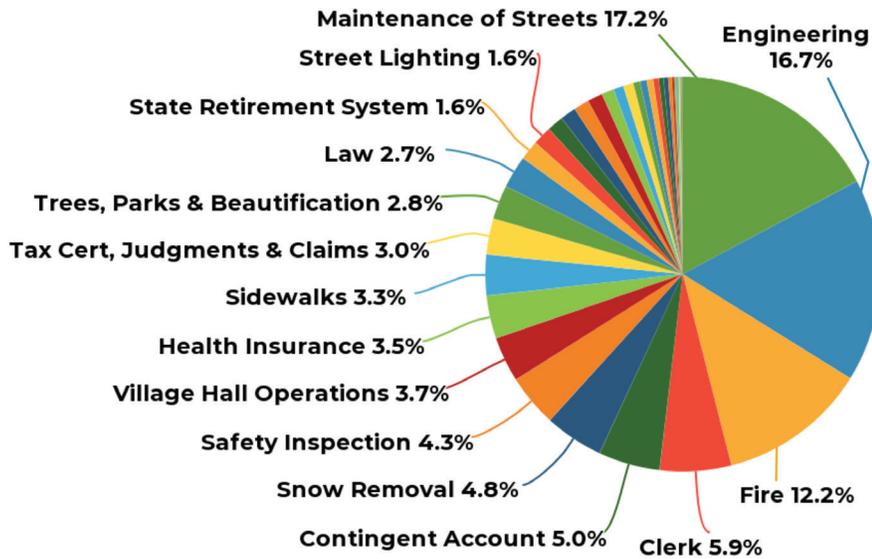
*that, over its one-hundred year history, as Chief Del Muro stated, “the Port Washington Police District has always been at the forefront of policing and ahead of the curve.”*



Mayor Weitzner presented Port North Proclamation to P.W Police Dept. (Left to right- Commissioner Frank Scobbo, Commissioner Brian Staley Sr., Mayor Bob Weitzner, Chief Robert DelMuro, Former Chief William Kilfiol, Commissioner Angela Lawlor Mullins

## 2021-2022 BUDGET

The Board of Trustees voted to approve the 2021-2022 annual budget. The total budget is based on \$2.3 million of anticipated revenue for the fiscal year and approximately \$2.7 million in expenses, inclusive of contingency. The Village has also been awarded grants which will offset expenses once funds are received. Below are pie charts showing the allocation of the sources of revenue and the categories of expenses underlying the budget.



## NEW LOOK AT THE RADCLIFF COMMUNITY GARDEN

So what does one do with a Village clock that doesn't work and gets replaced through a Nassau County Grant (thanks to Legislature Delia Deriggi-Witten) at the Bay Walk? The answer... Have someone donate their time to repair it and find another location. Thanks to our parks contractor Anthony Demelas of Bucky Demelas and Sons, we were able to restore the old clock and find a perfect home for it in the Community Garden at the corner of Radcliff Avenue and Soundview Drive. In addition to installing the clock, we relocated the street sign, and removed the asphalt path and gate that existed to enter into the old Publishers Clearinghouse property. We think it is a wonderful addition to the garden and the community and hope our residents and visitors feel the same way.



# POWER OUTAGES AND PSEG RESPONSE

The Village Board is keenly aware of the recent power outages experienced by a large number of our residents. These outages keep occurring despite the findings and recommendations of the LIPA taskforce that researched how 646,000 could lose power during the Tropical Storm Isaias event that occurred on August 4, 2020. Those findings concluded that:

- Mismanagement was the root cause of the outages,
- Voice communication failed outright,
- Outage management systems failed even before the storm hit,
- Interconnected systems dragged each other down,
- Faulty estimated times of restoration mislead the public,
- Without the outage management system, PSEGLI inefficiently managed the recovery,
- Drills and training were inadequate, and
- PSEG lacked transparency.

LIPA has two options to fix the problems: Terminate the PSEGLI contract, which expires in 2025, or renegotiate it. Regardless of their decision we are taking matters into our own hands and doing everything possible to address these outages locally. These include:

- Requesting that PSEGLI crews come out and harden our transmission lines. This means going through the Village, in some cases in residents' back yards, and removing trees and vines that might cause interruptions and damage to the transmission lines. We do have a close working relationship with our PSEGLI Govt. representative and have an open line of communication. Our Emergency Manager, Steve Kaplan has already been meeting and accompanying

PSEG while they go through the Village, in some cases in residents' back yards, and identifying trees and vines that might cause interruptions and damage to the transmission lines. Before any trees, marked with red ribbons are removed the homeowner will be notified for permission. Trees taken down will be cleared away at no expense however PSEG cannot grind the stumps due to issues of equipment size.

- Have PSEGLI replace old or faulty equipment along our transmission lines



- Continue to promote smart metering. To determine if you have a smart meter, a smart meter will have Digital number readings flashing vs the old dials. If you do not have a smart meter, call PSEGLI and get one. By converting to a smart meter, PSEGLI will immediately be notified when there is a power outage. Theoretically, as long as one resident on the circuit has a meter, PSEGLI will be alerted even if it affects numerous homes.
- Continue to emphasize the importance of 2 way communication, first with properly receiving the outage information, identifying the outage, and then relaying accurate information back to our residents with realistic restoration times.
- PSEG electric grid maps secured and

overlaid in GIS system. Numerous times during both Sandy and Isaias, it was left up to the Village and its residents to provide meaningful information to the crews on the ground. We now have a copy of our grid and circuits so we can assist crews and direct them to common trouble spots and make sure they know exactly which home are affected by a given outage.

- Encouraging the use of alternate power sources. The Village has extended our zero cost permit applications for home generators,

solar panels and backup batteries. A solution to these outages is to prepare for them and be somewhat self-sufficient in the even a power outage occurs.

## If you lose power, please report it to PSE&G using any of the following methods:

- Phone: 1-800-490-0075
- Mobile devices: Text "OUT" to PSEGLI (773454). You'll receive ongoing updates as the status of your outage changes. If you're not registered, text REG to PSEGLI (773454) or visit My Account.
- Online: [www.psegliny.com/stormcenter](http://www.psegliny.com/stormcenter)

Do not assume PSEGLI knows of your outage. By notifying them, you raise our response priority.

# ROAD RESURFACING PROJECTS FOR 2021 AND 2022



I'm sure many residents have seen considerable road, curb, and sidewalk replacement activity around the Village. This work is part of a planned road resurfacing project budgeted for this year. The project started last year with the Port Washington Water District replacing water mains along a few streets as part of their first of two phases within our Village. We are pleased to announce that the following roads have been repaved curb to curb:

- Soundview Drive from Shore Road to Steamboat Lane
- Driftwood Drive from Soundview Drive to Island Court
- Steamboat Drive
- Radcliff Avenue
- Sandy Court
- Soundview Drive from Sandy Court to Dock Lane

We wish to thank the community for their input cooperation and patience

during the construction. Having to coordinate a number of contractors and the weather was no easy task, and we could not have completed the project without the support of our residents.

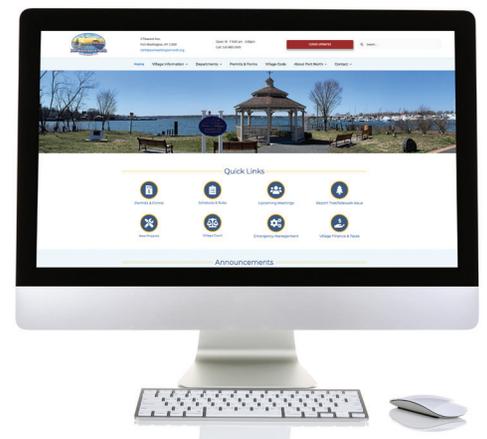
Much of the funding for the road restoration project was secured by grants from State Senator Anna Kaplan and previous State and Assembly commitments, and reimbursement from the Port Washington Water District as per our water main replacement agreement.

The Port Washington Water District has also just announced a water main replacement Phase 2 plan for Port Washington North that include parts of Cow Neck Road, Pleasant Avenue, Seaview Lane, Boat Lane, Fishermans Drive, Port Drive and Bay Drive. We expect this project to take place in 2022. Once we are informed it is funded and its scope is confirmed, we will be budgeting and planning for additional road resurfacing. The funding for the 2nd phase will be paid for by fund balance, additional state grants and additions funds from the Port Washington Water District.

## NEW VILLAGE WEBSITE AND INSTAGRAM COMING SOON

Port North has partnered with local resident Nancy Verdi of Hummingbird Designs to completely redesign the Village's website. The result will be an easy to navigate interface with options for answers to commonly asked questions and quick links to obtain forms, permit applications, and communicate with our staff. You will also be able easily find schedules for leaf pickup, garbage pickup and street sweeping.

The Village continues to expand its use of social media and is now beginning to post on Instagram. Instagram will be used to directly communicate with residents through photos and videos, capturing current events and the beauty that lies within the Village of Port Washington North.



# “BE THE RAINBOW” PRIDE WALK AT THE BAY WALK PARK

Celebrating Pride Month in June, Port Washington planned their first Pride Walk on June 12 and an estimated 150 people attended. The walk started at the Bay Walk Park and ended at the Sunset Park band shell. Children from the Port Washington community showed their artistic creativity by decorating the Bay Walk with chalk art. Mayor Bob Weitzner was there to kick start the walk and show off his creative pride socks for the special occasion. The walk was a proud moment for the Village of Port Washington North and made everyone come together for the LGBTQ+ community to enjoy the special moment. Be The Rainbow, a new LGBTQ+ advocacy group based in Port Washington, was the group who oversaw organizing the Pride Walk in Port Washington.



Front of the line of the Be the Rainbow Pride Walk on the way to the band shell.



Mayor Bob shows off his Pride socks



Chalk art created by Port Washington residents



L to R- Councilwoman Mariann Dalimonte, Town Clerk Wayne Wink, Mayor Bob, Senator Anna Kaplan, Assemblywoman Gina Sillitti, Christine Pusateri.



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## LEAF SWEEP 2021 SCHEDULE

The leaf sweeper will pass once on the listed streets during each set of dates.

**SEE PAGE 2 FOR IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT LEAF PICKUP.**

### November 9-11, 2021

Angler Lane	Dock Lane	Port Drive	Soundview Drive
Bay Drive	Driftwood Drive	Sandy Court	Steamboat Drive
Boat Lane	Fishermans Drive	Schooner Lane	Waterview Drive
Cove Lane	Island Court	Seagull Lane	
Cow Neck Road	Marlin Lane	Seaview Lane	

### November 16-18, 2021

Avenue B	Harbor Road	Orchard Street	Smull Place
Avenue C	Mill Point Road	Pleasant Avenue	Valley Road
Channel Drive	Morgan Place	Pulaski Place	
Durbyan Place	Old Shore Road	Radcliff Avenue	

### November 30-December 2, 2021

Angler Lane	Dock Lane	Morgan Place	Schooner Lane
Avenue B	Driftwood Drive	Old Shore Road	Seagull Lane
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