

VILLAGE OF PORT WASHINGTON NORTH

October, 2003

# Port Washington North Mill Pend Historic District

# A Message From Mayor Thomas Pellegrino

Dear Neighbor,

This newsletter marks the beginning of a new era in our Village government in which volunteers will play an important role. For example, this newsletter was the brainchild of Matt Scott, a Village resident for only nine



**TOMPELLEGRINO** 

months. Matt, along with volunteer Darin Langone, a computer wiz, also created a Village website, which will be an invaluable tool for Village officials, as well as Village residents (an explanation of its use appears in this newsletter). Trustee Noel Ilberg provided guidance in its creation as well as its content.

We're entering an exciting period in the continued development of our Village. I'm very excited about:

- A. The Village Waterfront and Bay Walk, which will be the cornerstone of a project that will beautify the Village waterfront and will provide a vista too beautiful to describe.
- B. The Village Club, an idea put forward by Trustee Noel Ilberg. The club will be an oasis for our residents and provide them with an outdoor swimming pool, a children's playground, tennis courts and some cabanas for changing.
- C. Mill Pond Senior Housing, which will allow those seniors over the age of 62 to stay in the Village close to their children and friends.
- D. The Village Community Garden, a project developed by Trustee Bob Weitzner. The first garden will be at the intersection of Radcliff Avenue and Soundview Drive.
- E. The Stop & Shop Shopping Center, which will replace the ugly oil tanks with a state-of-the-art shopping center.

All in all, these are just a few of the projects which will propel our Village into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. We are currently looking at other projects which will be addressed in the next newsletter. In the meantime, rest assured that our Village will be the envy of the many villages on Long Island and will make you proud to be a part of these endeavors.

**Mayor Thomas Pellegrino** 

# FREE LEAF PICKUP

The Village of Port Washington North will again provide free leaf pickup.

The pickup crew will pass through your street only once.

Keep your cars off the street on leaf days, please. No bagging is necessary.

Please be reminded that it may be hazardous to park your car over piles of leaves. Sweep your leaves into the street the day before your scheduled pickup. Please, do not pile your leaves in the street any sooner. In case of rain, the removal shall be done on a subsequent day during the same week.

#### Tuesday, Nov. 6 & Thurs. Dec. 11

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

#### Thursday, Nov. 13 & Tues. Dec. 16

Cove Lane Radcliffe Ave.
Soundview Drive

#### Tuesday, Nov. 18 & Tues. Dec. 16

Avenue B Avenue C
Channel Drive Durbyan Place
George Street Morgan Place
Old Shore Rd. Orchard Street
Pleasant Ave. Smull Place
Valley Road

#### Thursday, Nov. 20 & Thurs. Dec. 11

Boat Lane Dock Lan
Driftwood Drive Fishermans Drive
Seaview Lane Waterview Drive

**Island Court** 

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# **BIG CONTEST:**

Win Dinner For Two - see page 5

# Planning for the Bay Walk Park along Shore Road is under way!

The Village of Port Washington North has been awarded a \$165,000 grant from the New York State Department of State to prepare a plan for the waterfront. This planning process is now underway. The goal is to implement a mix of uses and improvements for the Bay Walk Park, which extends from Baxter Beach along Shore Road to Manorhaven Blvd.

A Steering Committee has been assembled to oversee the planning process. Planning Board member Dr.

Irwin Kellner, is chairing the committee, other members include Mayor Pellegrino and Trustee Weitzner. The Villages of Manorhaven and Baxter Estates, and the Town of North Hempstead, and Nassau County are on board as well. The committee includes Legislator Craig Johnson, State Assembly Tom DiNapoli, State Senator Michael Balboni, and Congressman Gary Ackerman. Residents for a More Beautiful Port Washington plus other concerned organizations and individuals from around the Port Washington Peninsula. This committee has met twice already, adopting



a mission statement and timeline for the remaining phases of the planning process.

September 24 was the first of two public participation planning workshops; the other wil be held on November 19. These public events serve to bring the entire Port Washington community together to openly air their views and share their vision on how the waterfront should look, what it will consist of, and how it will better serve the community.

Once this plan is completed,

(sometime in mid-2004), it will enable our Village of Port Washington North to seek grants from state and federal sources. This will assist us in our initiative by providing working capital needed to make our plans a reality.

This plan is extremely diverse and complicated. It involves input from many individuals, civic associations, environmental groups, municipalities, regulatory agencies, and desires of residents throughout the Cow Neck Peninsula. With the expertise and good will of all concerned, everything planned will be realized.



# **Welcome To Port**

We welcome all new residents to our Village and apologize if the list is not complete. If you know of someone who moved to Port North in 2003 and is not included, please send their name and street so that we may welcome them next time.

A Warm Port welcome to the familes of: John & Penelope Moroney, Boat Lane; Tracy & Kevin Reynolds, Driftwood Drive, David Meyrowitz, Cow Neck Road, Craig Kupper, Cove Lane,

Michael & Hillary Morales, Schooner Ln.
Michael Gitman, Cindy Baskin, Seagull Ln.
Adan & Randi Hersh, Soundview Drive,
Seth & Michelle Mondschein, Sndview Dr.
Joseph & Gertrude Hill, Soundview Drive,
Miguel & Sonia Barrera, Valley Road.
Jamie Cahn & Josh Kshonz, Wildwd. Grdns.
And just last week, the Stern family moved into their new home on Driftwood Drive.
WELCOME ALL!!!!

Please Say Thanx To Our Advertisers

### **SOUND HEALTH**

The Long Island Sound has been recognized as an "estuary of national significance"?

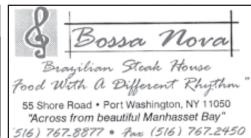
Recently, Trustee Janet Orloff hosted an education program on the water quality of Manhasset Bay. Eileen Keenan, a water quality educator with New York Sea Grant, spoke about nonpoint source pollution coming from stormwater run-off.

Manhasset Bay is home to a wide range of plant and animal life. It is also a living resource shared by all the people that live and work in its watershed. The salt marsh habitat is impacted by development in linked lands. Human activities and practices, from municipal stormwater systems to a private home's fertilizer and pesticide use, affect water quality.

Clean water in Manhasset Bay is a valuable and vital resource that all in our Village can appreciate. To this end, our Village is working both on its own with engineers Sidney B. Bowne & Son and in cooperation with Nassau County and the Manhasset Bay Protection Committee to develop and implement a stormwater management program to reduce and prevent the discharge of pollutants into the bay.

Trustee Orloff urges all interested in more information on how to help protect and restore Manhasset Bay to contact Eileen Keenan at 631-632—8730 or ek72@cornell.edu.





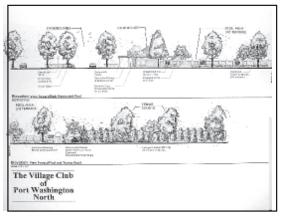
# **The Village Club at Port Washington North**

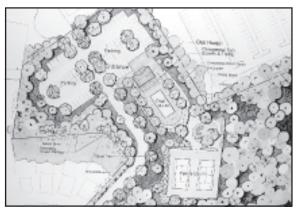
With the development of the 41 acres, commonly referred to as the "Sand Pits", the developers, the Jobco Organization and Dallas Realty, agreed to give the Village eight (8) acres at the northeast end of the property and an \$875,000.00 contribution to the Parks and Recreation Fund.

I asked "what is the Village going to do with the land and the money"? The response was to create walking trails on the 8

acres and spend the money on developing the waterfront on the west side of Shore Road opposite Stop & Shop. I thought that this is hardly repayment for any inconvenience that I <u>may</u> have to endure by this development, so I asked my self what would I do if the decision were solely mine.

The answer is the Village Club at Port North ... a tranquil, simple place where I can go for a swim, play some tennis or meet





some friends and neighbors.

#### THE VISION

Create a modest but fully functional outdoor recreational facility including: swimming pool, playground, 2- tennis courts, a community center or "Club House" with a.) an auditorium/home for Wildlife-Nature Studies Program and many more enrichment programs b.) changing rooms, c.) restrooms

and d.) administrative office.

The initial concept does not include a snack bar but there will be plenty of "open space" lawn areas for family picnicking as the facility will use between 2 and 3 acres and the remaining 5-6 acres will be maintained as "green space."

Financial Summary

The cost of building this modest facility has been estimated at \$818,000. The cost of operating and staffing the swimming pool from Memorial Day through Labor

Day is estimated to be approximately \$95,000. Resident family "membership" fee is estimated to be between \$200 and \$300 per year.



NOEL ILBERG

#### **BENEFITS**

- •Quality of life in Port North increases significantly.
- Living in and raising a family here becomes better.
- Residents of Port North get a comprehensive family recreational facility exclusively for residents at a very affordable price.
- •A community center "club house"is created to house many diverse recreational, cultural and educational programs.
- .Port North becomes much more desirable and property values increase.

We as a Village have a unique opportunity to use the land and the funds responsibly and to make the Village Club a reality if you, the Village residents, so desire. We can become one of a select group of communities that have such facilities, like Sands Point, East Hills, Thomaston, Garden City to name a few. We, the Mayor and the Board, recently passed a resolution to study the concept further and the results of that study will be made public in the months ahead.

For more information go to our new website - www.portwashingtonnorth.org.

# **Walkable Community Workshop**

Port North will host a Walkable Community Workshop on Thursday October 9th at 9:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. at Village Hall, to brainstorm ways of improving both pedestrian and biking usability along Shore Road. Charles Gandy an expert with Liviable Communities Consulting, will lead the workshop, which is being sponsored by the New York Metropolitan Transportation Council.

Mr Gandy will address issues such as:

 Are there safe places for adults and children to walk, run and bike in Port Washington North along the waterfront, taking in its natural beauty?

- · How do we bring people to the waterfront safely, other than by car?
- · How do we coordinate walkways that run through various municipalities?
- · Do you think Port North is pedestrian friendly along Shore Road?

Once the workshop is completed, Mr. Gandy will provide the Village, at no cost, a detailed report of his findings. His work at similar workshops in Glen Cove and Port Jefferson led to numerous grants and many of his ideas being implemented.

## Dear Reader: In Case You Find Typos

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## Community Synagogue Brotherhood Revitalizes Mill Pond Area



Mill Pond has been looking better than it's looked in years, thanks to the hard work of the Brotherhood of Community Synagogue who overhauled the entire pond as part of their annual Mitzvah Day project. Bob Weitzner, Trustee of Port North, coordinated the joint effort of the Town of North Hempstead, Port North, the Brotherhood and its friends, and many concerned citizens of the community. Port Seafood and Grill opened its doors at 7:30am for breakfast and use of their facilities, and Shish Kabob restaurant donated lunch.



# www.portwashingtonnorth.org

Our Village's new website is presently under construction but still worth a visit. Kudos to the work of Commissioner Internet Services, our neighbor Darin Langone.

Darin is looking for help and says: "Never created a website before? No problem. We need information, articles, pictures, graphics, suggestions, anything that is relevant to Village life.

You can reach Darin at: webmaster@portwashingtonnorth.org

# Our First Community Garden: A Botanical Bonanza



**BOB WEITZNER** 

The next time your turn the corner of Radcliff Ave. and Soundview Dr., take a look at what's there. What is now a vacant, baron eyesore will soon be 2 signs that will go name of the garder the generous cont the

the home of a Port Washington North

Community Garden. Gone will be the dead trees, large patches of weeds, and unsightly overgrowth. In its place will be a manicured seasonal garden with perennials blooming throughout the spring and summer, shrubs of different shapes and colors, and room for annuals planted in spring and fall.

The project is being spearheaded by Trustee **Bob Weitzner**: "I have lived in Port North for 14 years, and every time I drove by that corner, I recognized it as a gateway to our Village, and always envisioned something special there. The beauty of this project is that we brought private individuals, corporations, and non-profit organizations together to fund this project, with no cost to our taxpayers. Once completed, our Village, in turn, will pay for

2 signs that will go up; one that displays the name of the garden and the other that names the generous contributors."

The major contributor is **Publishers Clearinghouse**, owner most of the property being developed. In addition to a generous monetary contribution going toward planning, materials and labor costs, they will

provide the water for the irrigation system and maintain the garden on a regular basis. They have also agreed to replace the entire stockade fence along Radcliff Ave. Pete Dejana of **Dejana Industries** made a generous monetary c o n t r i b u t i o n

allowing for the purchasing of materials. Residents for a More Beautiful Port Washington funded the plans for the garden, designed by horticulturist Karen Eckart. The irrigation system was provided by Cow Bay Contracting. Tree removal will be done by Frank Heffren. Finally, the much needed labor of preparing the site and planting was

provided by Calabrese and Sons, Maura Brothers, GreenGeans, Bayles Garden Center, and John Nocco Jr. – through a collective effort of the North Hempstead Business Association's Landscaping Committee.

The garden will start to take shape shortly followed by a public bulb planting.

This event will also springboard another Port North initiative, the Port Washington Garden Committee. Those residents that are interested in planting bulbs and annuals the new garden, as well as others around the community, are encouraged to join.



Industries made a Keep watching Soundview & Radcliffe: The generous monetary site of our first community garden

We are looking for a site for another community garden next year, as well as feedback on the existing gardens we maintain, and the overall appearance of our community.

Those wishing to enquire or join should contact our village at 516-883-9066 or email us at portwashingtonnorth@verizon.net.

#### **ByMICHAELSCHENKLER**

Blame it on Gary Ackerman — the Congressman.

Blame it on Tom Pellegrino, Noel Ilberg, and the other trustees of Port North.

Blame it on Matt Scott.

They're all at fault and they are the reason I'm spending this beautiful weekend at the keyboard doing the same thing I do all week long — publishing a newspaper.

Let me make it short and simple.

They, those trustee folks and the Mayor declared, as the Mayor explains on page one of this newsletter: a new era in our Village government — an era with an emphasis on communications — in which volunteers will play an important role.

Trustee Noel Ilberg conned Matt Scott, a retired Schreiber teacher to spearhead that





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# SENIOR Stuff

Your rights as a hospital patient

- You have the right as a hospital patient to receive the necessary hospital services covered by Medicare, or covered by your Medicare Health Plan if you are a Plan enrollee.
  - You have the right to

know about any decisions that the hospital, your doctor, your plan, or anyone else makes about your hospital stay and who will pay for it

- Your doctor, your plan, or the hospital should arrange for services you will need after you leave the hospital. Medicare or your Plan may cover some care in your home and other kinds of care, if ordered by your doctor or by your plan. You have the right to know about these services, who will pay for them, and where can you obtain these services. If you have any questions, talk to your doctor or plan, or talk to any other hospital personnel.
- You have the right to immediate appeal without financial risk Use this appeal if you feel that you are being asked to leave

the hospital too soon.

• Channels of communication are readily available to puzzled patients. Medicare beneficiaries (or their designated family members) have the right to inquire about the quality of care they received in Medicare covered health settings. Consumers may call the National Medicare Helpline (1-800-Medicare) or the Quality Improvement Organization in their state (IPRO in New York State at 1-800-331-7767) when dissatisfied with the quality of health care provided by their health care practitioners or any other health care provider.

The Medicare Act, passed During Lyndon Johnson's administration, designated a peer review organization (ombudsman) to be created in every state of the Union. In New York State it is IPRO. Island Peer Review Organization, is located at 1979 Marcus Avenue, in Lake Success (Nassau County.) They will assist callers in filing their complaint, make any appropriate referrals, assess the issues in the complaint, and/or implement a medical record review process as indicated. Case managers are available throughout the review process to answer questions about the review. A written response is sent to the beneficiary or his/her designated representative at the end of the review process.

— MATTHEW W. SCOTT

# FLU SHOTS

The Nassau County Department of Senior Affairs has set days and locations for seniors to receive flu shots. You must be 60 years of age and a resident Port Washington and its surrounding communities. There is No fee for this service.

<u>Port Washington Senior</u> <u>Center</u>, 80 Manorhaven Blvd., Port Washington: Friday, 10/24, 10am-12noon and 1-3pm. Mon.-Fri. from 9am-4:45pm.

St. Francis Hospital, DeMatteis Center, Northern Blvd. (25A), Old Brookville, Wednesday 10/29, 10am-2pm. Call 629-2038, select option 4.

All flu sites will accept reservations until they have reached their maximum enrollment-don't delay. For further information call the Flu Hotline at 571-1627. Let's all have a healthy and happy winter!

# Volunteers Wanted Contact us at: news@portwashingtonnorth.org or call: 883-5900

# **EXCERPTS FROM VILLAGE ORDINANCE ON ANIMALS CHAPTER 57**

# 57-1 RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANIMAL WASTE.

A person who owns, possesses or controls a dog, cat or other animal shall not permit the animal to soil defecate or commit a nuisance on any public highway street or walk, or on places used by the public, or on private property without the use of the owner. Not withstanding the foregoing restriction, a person may permit any such animal to defecate in that portion of the street lying between the curblines, provided such person shall immediately thereafter remove all feces deposited by the animal and dispose of same in any sanitary method approved by the Nassau County Health Department.

#### 57-3 DOG LEASH REQUIREMENTS.

Any person owning, possessing, harboring, or having custody of a dog (male or female) whether it is tagged or not tagged or licensed, shall be guilty of a violation of this chapter if such dog is not restrained by a leash not exceeding six feet in length while such dog is off the owner's premises.

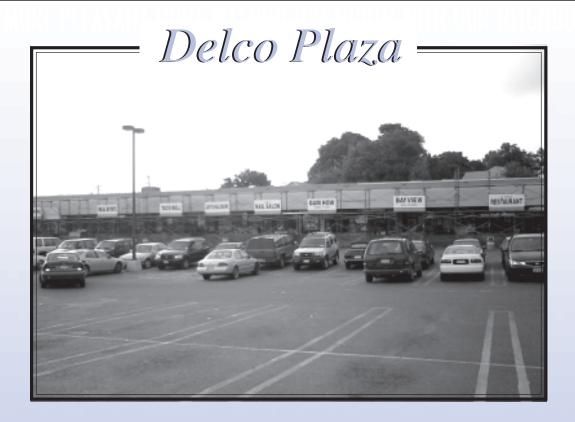
# 57-7 ENFORCEMENT; REPORTING OF SUCH VIOLATIONS.

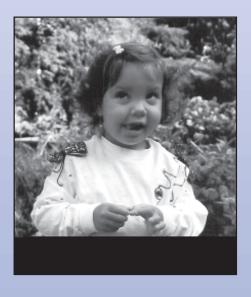
Any duly appointed Animal Warden or peace officer or any duly authorized officer or representative of the Village or the Town of North Hempstead observing a violation of this chapter may issue and serve an appearance ticket for such violation. Any person observing a violation of this chapter may personally appear at the Village Office and report such violation. Said person may also verify an appropriate accusatory instrument as required by law and thereby commence prosecution of the alleged violator.

#### **57-9 PENALTIES FOR OFFENSES**

Any person violating 57-1, 57-2, 57-3, or 57-8 of this chapter, or any part of said sections, shall be subject to a fine not exceeding \$250 for each offense. Each day a violation occurs shall constitute a separate offense. Such fine shall be in addition to any redemption fee. Each violation thereof shall constitute a violation pursuant to the penal law.

# THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND UNDERSTANDING DURING OUR CONSTRUCTION. WE LOOK FORWARD TO LOOKING GOOD IN PORT NORTH.





Hi! I'm excited about the new Stop&Shop Plaza. I can't wait to have burgers, pizza and frozen yogurt while daddy drops the clothes at the cleaners and then takes me to buy a Hallmark birthday card and watch the fish while mommy gets her nails done.

Then we can all go to the new Stop & Shop so we can have some food in the house. But I'll bet they'll bring in Chinese or some of Bayview's cooking anyway. And then we can all go to the new stores that are being built. Oh well!

See you at Stop&Shop Plaza!

Love, *Mindy* 

WATCH FOR OUR GRAND RE-OPENING AS THE STOP & SHOP PLAZA THIS WINTER

# **Important**

**Bd.** of Trustees Meetings Tuesday, Oct. 14, 7:30pm Monday, Nov. 10, 7:30pm **Monday, Dec. 8, 7:30pm** Village Hall

BOT meetings are usually the 2nd Monday of the month at 7:30 pm.

# **Give A Little**

Please save baby items such as cribs, bassinets, car seats, children's clothes, strollers, or any items needed by babies. There are so may needy parents who would be thrilled to receive some help and to know that people care. Contact Trustee Janet Orloff at 571-1757. Janet will arrange to pick up and distribute your donation

We reach 1,100 homes in Port Washington North news@portwashingtonnorth.org

In order to ensure that Halloween is a pleasant experience for everyone, this Village has, for many years imposed a curfew on all those under 19 years of age. The rules are as follows:

> 7:00 pm, Oct. 30 thru 6:00 am Oct. 31 7:00 pm, Oct. 31 thru 6:00 am Nov. 1

Youngsters may only be on the Village streets during those times if accompanied by an adult. The police will patrol regularly to enforce the law.

> **ARE YOUR CHILDREN UNDER 19?** PLEASE READ AND FOLLOW

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Ad copy can be emailed to news@portwashingtonnorth.org Port Washington, NY 11050

# Share **The News**

Please send your birth, wedding & engagement announcements to us!

Please inform us if a new family moves to Port North!

Let us know about your awards, kids, charitable endeavors or good news!

#### You can reach us at:

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news@portwashingtonnorth.org mail:

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