



BOB WEITZNER

A Message From The Mayor

Dear Neighbors

I hope everyone had a great summer. I am pleased to report that we have made tremendous progress in many initiatives that have been ongoing throughout our Village.

It's been an historic year, and a busy year, in our Village for roadwork. Through the efforts of Trustee Malatino and Superintendent Dan Lomonte, and with the cooperation of

both the Town of North Hempstead and Nassau County, more roads have been repayed in our Village this year than ever before in our history.

We received final approval from Nassau County to begin our Shore Road Traffic Calming project. And through the efforts of State Senator Michael Balboni, we were awarded \$240,000 in multi-model money for repairing Pleasant Avenue.

Pothole repairs, sidewalk replacement, traffic sign replacements, and tree plantings have all taken place in the past six months. And more roadwork and sidewalk repairs are on the way.

A busy time indeed.

We have ordered our new Village street signs. They should start popping up within the next month or two. I can't wait.

The Village has hired a planning firm to examine our residential zones to better understand the potential problem of expanding the livable place of our homes in our Village.

I am pleased to announce that Port North's Village Court is up and running. Judges Greenbaum and Krebs and our Court Clerk Linda Kropecek are doing a great job. Come see for yourself, as guests, of course.

We are moving forward with our Bay Walk Waterfront Park project. In the last two months our Village received a total of \$800,000 in grants and public funding for the park. We expect to break ground next summer.

Trustees Cohen and Schenkler are continuing to striving to purchase the Danaher property and build a Village Hall/ Village Court and Village Club, while preserving open space for a recreational park. Nothing is easy, and sometimes good things take time.

Trustee Schenkler continues to fine tune our business practices and introducing laws affecting the quality of life in our Village.

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SCHEDULE

The Village will provide free leaf pick-up -no bagging necessary. On scheduled days, no cars may be parked on the street. It can be hazardous to have cars parked over piles of dry leaves, wait until the day before your pick-up date to sweep leaves into the street.

Nov. 9, 2006 **Angler Lane Bay Drive** Cow Neck Road Marlin Lane **Port Drive Sandy Court Schooner Lane** Seagull Lane **Steamboat Drive**

Nov. 14, 2006 **Cove Lane** Radcliff Avenue Soundview Drive

Nov. 16, 2006 Avenue B Avenue C **Channel Drive Durbyan Street Harbor Road Morgan Place Old Shore Road Orchard Street** Pleasant Avenue **Smull Place** Valley Road

Nov. 21, 2006 **Boat Lane Dock Lane Driftwood Drive** Fishermans Dr. **Island Court Seaview Lane** Waterview Dr.

Dec. 5, 2006 **Angler Lane Bay Drive Boat Lane** Cow Neck Road **Dock Lane Driftwood Drive Fishermans Drive Island Court Port Drive Sandy Court Schooner Lane** Seagull Lane **Seaview Lane Steamboat Drive Steamboat Drive Waterview Drive**

Dec. 7, 2006 Avenue B Avenue C **Channel Drive Cove Lane Durbyan Street Harbor Road Morgan Place** Old Shore Rd **Orchard Street** Pleasant Ave. Radcliff Ave. **Smull Place** Soundview Dr. Valley Road

At all other times, leaves must be bagged

More Mayor's Message

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Trustee Hoffman is negotiating the sale of two parcels the Village owns, and is working with the Board and the Port Washington Police Department to make our streets safer.

Technology has also played an important part in the progress the Village has made in the past year. Through the efforts of Commissioner Bob Keane our website has been completely reshaped. On it are current items of interest, with meeting dates, minutes of past meetings, and changes in our laws. It has our new tree policy; in it a new law requiring residents to apply for a tree permit when cutting down trees of six inches or more in diameter on their property. We now have many of our permit and application forms available online.

I am delighted that we now have a fully functioning GIS system. The Geographic Information System was created from a grant award, and allows us to view in 3-D our Village's homes, businesses, storm drains, light poles, trees, streets, zoning map, and utilities. Other items to be added are being considered.

Finally, we have a new Commissioner of Emergency Management, Alex Moshos. He and I have been attending meetings regarding the safety and management of our Village in the event of an emergency. Both Alex and I are now FEMA certified regarding procedures and regulations if a disaster should strike. Alex is now looking for volunteers to move this program along.

I thank you for allowing me serve as your Mayor. I enjoy the challenge of making Port Washington North a better place to live and work, and encourage all of you to contact me with any questions or comments you may have.

Regards,

Bob Weitzner



Here Come Da Judge

After celebrating their installation with their wives (I-r): Susan & Village Justice Sheldon Greenbaum, Elaine and Acting Justice Howard Krebs got down to work handling a monthly busy calendar of violations. The two experienced Port North attorneys provide the Village with a fair and locally located court to enforce Village and State Codes. They meet the last Tuesday of each month at 8PM at Village Hall. For Information contact the Court Clerk Linda Kropecek at Village Hall 883-5900.

Slow Down, You Move Too Fast!

By DARIA HOFFMAN

Many of us often find ourselves in a hurry to get somewhere. We rush into our cars to get to work, school, the supermarket, the doctor, even the gym. We are in such a hurry, that we often disregard basic traffic safety rules without even realizing it. For example, stop signs are meant to be stopped at, not rolled through. The speed limit on Port North's streets has been lowered to 25 mph, which means that those of us that are in a hurry are often driving way too fast! Also, parking your car in front of an apron or curb cut is illegal. Likewise, having a car in your driveway protrude into or block the sidewalk causes pedestrians and children on bikes to go into the street.

When we hurry and don't stop at stop signs, when we speed and park our cars where they don't belong, we are sacrificing something very important to us-the safety of our children.

Many parents have expressed their concern about the safety of their children while they are at play on our residential streets. In fact, there are an increasing number of privately purchased cones and brightly colored signs bearing the word

"Slow" being placed at curbs and driveways. While not all of our streets are speedways, a few could possibly be mistaken for the autobahn: Soundview Drive between Sandy Court and Marlin Lane, most of Driftwood Drive and finally, West Soundview Drive — where there is a long stretch without any traffic control devices.

Making our streets safe is a primary concern to all of us. We have investigated various legal means of slowing traffic to the 25 m.p.h. limit. We have explored the placement of both permanent and transient radar devices, increased police presence, educating the public on the dangers of speeding, signage and selective placement of a small number of speed humps. In fact, we have hosted the Port Washington Police Department and the Fire Department to at our Sept. 25 meeting to discuss these very issues.

We are of course also interested in the viewpoint of residents who may email us at news@portwashingtonnorth.org.

As we work toward the best solution, let's try to get where we're going without hurrying. Our children are counting on us.

The Village Club, Village Hall: A Dream Deferred By MIKE SCHENKLER acquisition of the Thompson

Editing a newspaper - I do it professionally - or a newsletter, makes you the bearer of both good and bad news. It also often gives you the task of spinning the bad news into gold – not a simple task.

In addition to serving as Deputy Mayor and a member of the Board of Trustees, I've had the challenge with Trustee Steve Cohen of leading the effort to plan, design and build a new Village Hall and Club for Port North - a challenge which we relish, take seriously and will meet.

After initial presentations, formation of a Village Club Commission and survey of resident, the initial Village Hall/Village Club plan shifted focus from our 8-acre property off of Valley by Glamford to the 11-acre Thompson property owned by Danaher with the large Village Green off of

Shore Rd. across from Manhasset Bay. The Village Board of Trustees all agreed the location and its accessibility to Village residents was far preferable to the 8-acre parcel.

We spent a year working to acquire the Thompson parcel -meeting with developers, negotiating with them

and Danaher to achieve a land swap whereby a developer would build approximately 45 luxury condominium units on the 8 acres and fund our property from Danaher as well as the demolition of the 170,000 sq. ft. factory building.

The deal was just about done. The contracts were in final form, approved by all.

And just prior to signing, a little more than a month ago, market conditions changed. Residential property decreased in value and the developer significantly dropped his offer to Danaher. The deal fell apart.

Danaher is now off negotiating with buyers who would like to use the factory for an electronic distribution operation. But we have not given up hope.

Nassau County has offered \$700,000 of its Environmental Bond Fund, North

> Hempstead Supervisor Jon Kaiman is putting more than \$1,000,000 on the table. They believe as we do that the preservation of this last large piece of open space across from Manhasset Bay is a dream worth pursuing.

We are seeking another developer. We are exploring other options. We are developing a plan to convince both Danaher and

its prospective buyer that the needs of the Port Washington community must prevail.

But we are realists. Business is business and Danaher is anxious to close a



Mike Schenkler is installed as Deputy Mayor of Port Washington North by Mayor Bob Weitzner.

deal and we do not have the key ingredient in place – a developer to fund most of the acquisition.

We shall pursue the effort but we are fully committed to building a Village Club and Village Hall for the residents of Port North and a park for the entire peninsula.

And although we still have our 8-acre parcel, we still have a dream.

We shall keep you informed.

As the holidays approaches, on behalf of all of us at the Village - the staff, the Mayor and the Board of Trustees, may I be the first to wish you and your family a happy and healthy holiday season. May we all find our dreams.

Mike Schenkler can be reached at: news@portwashingtonnorth.org



From my weekly newspaper column, "Not4Publication"

Cinnamon Club Opens

On the most beautiful corner in Port Washington North, the Cinnamon Club is now open for business.

Overlooking Mill Pond on its south and Manhasset Bay on its west, the classy turn-of-the-century building is serving fine Modern Fusion Indian Cuisine with a creative flair. The newly renovated kitchen, under the direction of chef/owner Bobby Chhikara, former proprietor of Diwan, offers authentic Indian Cuisine specializing in grill and tandori dishes with some interesting Asian fusion twists.

The beautiful bar invites you to stop by and relax. We suggest those of you who like a tasty treat with your Martini, try the Kung Pao Calamari from the bar menu.

The Cinnamon Club is open for lunch and dinner Tues. thru Sun., 11am - 10pm. Catch the sunset over the water as you enjoy a fine meal.



Shore Road Traffic Calming to Begin



Red-brick patterned crosswalks will provide for safer crossing.

As part of our effort to make the Village safer while beautifying it, almost two years ago the Village received a \$280,200 grant to initiate the traffic calming of Shore Road. We raised an additional \$59,000 to bring the project up to \$340,000. Final construction plans are finally approved and the project is currently out to bid. We expect to begin construction this fall.

The project designed to make the area safer for pedestrians will include:

The installation of a center median on Shore Rd;

The installation of two speed monitoring devices;

Two other portable devices for use in Port

AudibleS

As part of our Shore Road Calming project, we will be testing the first audible detection signal in Nassau County -- the nearby Helen Keller Institute is supportive of our effort to accomodate the hearing imparied.

North;

Reconfiguring a potentially dangerous intersection at Shore and Harbor Roads; The installation of countdown crossing signals with audible detection; and

Finally, four red-brick patterned "Imprint" crosswalks are being installed. The Shore Road crosswalks will be 10 feet wide, and the crosswalks

at Mill Pond Road and Harbor Road will be eight feet wide. We believe these enhancements will allow



Crosswalk countdown signals with audible detection.

pedestrians to cross safer, and will alert motorists to crosswalks ahead.

Once our Phase I improvements complete, we feel confident that what we will witness is a safer, calmer, and aesthetically pleasing Shore Road. However, only a small section of Shore Road



Slow down, you move too fast! These new speed monitoring devices will let you know.

could be improved with the funding available. We believe we need to continue the success of Phase 1 and

incorporate those concepts and items that were deemed necessary and successful for calming into a new plan. For that reason, we have written another calming grant that will be Phase II for calming Shore Road. The grant application for the \$430,000 project has been submitted to the NYSDOT.

The Phase 2 plan will address the area north of Phase 1 and consists of adding

wide, visible, crosswalks at many locations across Shore Road. It will provide for the construction of new handicap ramps at many of these crosswalk locations and the replacement of old crossing signals with the new state of the art countdown signals with audible detection to provide for the hearing impaired. Let's keep our fingers crossed.



Red brick patterned medians will slow the flow of traffic and add to the character of our Village.

Port North Wins Three More Grants

The Village of Port Washington North received \$350,000 grant award from the New York State Dept. of State for the Bay Walk Waterfront Park Project. It was the largest award given in Nassau County. The Village also received an award of \$300,000 from the Nassau County Environmental Bond Fund. In addition, the Town of North Hempstead has agreed to match the County grant up to \$150,000 of construction costs. That brings the total funding received this summer for the Baywalk project to \$800,000! Since the project began, the Village has secured over \$1,500,000 in grant funding for the Baywalk Waterfront Park. We expect construction to begin in the summer of 2007.

Special thanks go to Assemblyman Tom DiNapoli and Senator Michael Balboni for helping us secure the State funding, and to Legislator Craig Johnson for the County award, as well as Town Supervisor Jon Kaiman for the commitment of additional funds for the project. We are well on our way to making a significant improvement along our waterfront for the benefit of the entire Port Washington Peninsula.

The Village also received an award of \$5,350 from the Justice Court Assistance Program to acquire a computer and Village Court software that will assist our Judges and Court Clerk.

Public Works is on the Move

It's been a busy time for our Public Works Department. Perhaps the busiest time in our 74-year history.

REPAVING OUR STREETS TO SMOOTH THE FUTURE

We repayed parts of **Soundview Drive**, and are in the process of repaying **Ave. C**. We entered into an intermunicipal agreement with the Town of North Hempstead resulting in



Our new signs modelled after the prototype which is on Radcliff Ave by the community garden at the intersection of Soundview Dr., will begin appearing this month.

the repaving of **Ave. B**. and **Durbyan Street**. Finally, after many letters and phone calls, Nassau County finally repaved **Mill Pond Road**, **Harbor Road**, and **Cow Neck Road**.

What that all means is more road resurfacing for our Village residents than at any one time in our Village's history. It also means smooth roads with better drainage. On top of that, we are receiving Multi-Modal awards from State Senator Michael Balboni of \$200,000 and \$40,000 from Assemblyman Tom DiNapoli for much needed repairs for **Pleasant Ave**. The Village is now involved in setting up a five year maintenance plan to determine which roads will be resurfaced going forward.

We have also attended to the on-going need for sidewalk and road repairs throughout the Village.

BUILDING ON PORT NORTH'S IDENTITY

The much anticipated new street signs have been ordered. They should start popping as you are reading this, and installation should be completed by the end of the year. The final selection took much time and many versions before we got it right. The most important improvement from the original choice is reflective lettering. We are also using easy to read large letters for better visibility. We believe they will make our signs more readable while helping add a bit of character to our Village.

WELCOME OUR NEW NEIGHBOR, THE ZELKOVA SERRATA

To complement our on-going program of tree trimming, 13 new trees have been planted this year. Please welcome the Japanese Zelkova Serrata to our Village street tree family. It is important to note that not one tree was felled as a result of any roadwork being done throughout our Village. We shall strive to keep the Village green.

LEAVES, TREES, AND FENCES, OH MY!

Please remember to check the leaf pickup schedule on the front page of this newsletter. Blowing of leaves into the street is only permitted the day before the leaf pick-up and creates a dangerous situation and is a violation of the Vilalge Code at any other time.

We have adopted a new tree policy in place that, among other things, requires property owners to obtain a tree removal permit prior to cutting down a tree with at least a six-inch diameter (when measured at four feet above ground). Permits are also required for anyone installing a new fence, or repairing a major part of an existing fence. Permits can be obtained at Village Hall, and permit applications will soon be available on our website.

OHNO, NOT THE SNOW!

Finally, as snow season approaches, it is important to get the cars off the road to allow plows to do their job when a snow storm is pending. Once the trucks make their initial runs, only then should homeowners consider shoveling out their aprons. This policy will improve the snow removal process, put less strain on your backs, and in some cases, on your wallets.



Stop&Shop Shares

After completing its redesigned red-brick imprinted sidewalk, Stop & Shop works both sides of the street with Port North by presenting a check for \$34,000 as part of the red-brick crosswalk installation of the Shore Rd. Traffic Calming project. Clockwise from rear left: Frank Maglio, Senior Real Estate Development Manager, New York Metro Division, Mayor Bob Weitzner, representing Residents For A More Beautiful Port Washington which assisted in the projects is Eric Pick, Executive Vice President and Dan Donatelli, Co-President.



Wachovia Welcome

There's a new bank in town, located in Soundview Marketplace. Wachovia Bank has opened its doors next to Hallmark. They also will have a drive-through operation across the street along Manhasset Ave. We welcome them to Port North.



Bob Keane

Freecycle!

Currently everything that you throw out in the garbage that is non-recyclable, gets trucked off Long Island to a landfill in Pennsylvania. So before you throw out a perfectly

good bicycle, piece of furniture or other previous treasure, please consider using Freecycle. Freecycle is an internet based program where you can list items to give away to someone who needs it or can benefit from its use. The site lets you post your offerings and people contact you for pickup. I have personally used the site to get rid of 15 computer monitors, 3 old printers, 2 desks, 2 fax machines and other smaller items. The people who received the items I gave away were all greatly appreciative.

Log onto http://groups.yahoo.com/ group/nassaufreecycle/ and give your treasure to someone that can use it again. No fees are charged and no fees can be accepted — those are the rules.

In other news, please note that the Town of North Hempstead recently added E-Waste collections to their STOP program. Now you can recycle your old PCs, monitors and other electronics gadgets. Sunday, Nov. 5, is the next STOP collection date at the Solid Waste Management Authority Building 802 West Shore Road (next to Harbor Links golf course).

-Robert S. Keane, PE, PWN, Environmental Commissioner

Lots For Sale

The Village is offering two legal single family building lots in Soundview, one behind the other. One is on Soundview Drive and that lot size is 8,300 square feet and the other is on Cow Neck Road and its lot size is 6,765 square feet. Both are zoned residential and priced at 450K and 400K respectively if purchased separately. As a package, we are asking 825K. Located in prime area convenient to shops, worship, pool, tennis counts, beach and parks. Survey is available. If you are interested, call Trustee Hoffman at the Village Hall.



Port North Weaves Its Web

Our Village's websitehas taken giant stwps forward. Although it is still being perfected, it is certainly worth a visit. Credit for its creation goes to Darin Langone. while the latest updates are the handiwork of Bob Keane.

In addition to Village meeting agendas and minutes, the new fee schedule, and a link to the complete Village Code, the site now includes many project updates, most Village forms and lots more.

Check it out at: www.portwashingtonnorth.org or www.portnorth.com

Port North at Manorhaven Park



In what is quickly becoming a Soundview neighborhood tradition, families greeted each other at the end of summer at the Soundview Picnic at Manorhaven Park. Organizer Lou Bordonaro informs us that more than 60 families attended the festivities on a beautiful sunny day. The picnic was jam packed with inflatables, water balloons and a DJ. Kids participated in activities like potato sack races and mummy wrapping contests. Everyone enjoyed a great Italian feast followed by desserts provided by each family. And the best part is planning is already underway for next year!



Alex Moshes

Emergency Management in Port North

In the aftermath of Katrina, governments at all levels began cooperating in the development of

emergency management procedures to provide for the safety of communities.

Port North has acted quickly to be come part of the initial planning and development phase of an Emergency Management program. I was appointed Commissioner of Emergency Management to serve as our point person focusing on Port North emergency preparedness.

Nassau County has established an Office of Emergency Management, or O.E.M, which is overseen by the State and National offices. As the representative of our Village, I have attended numerous meetings run by County officials highlighting how we can prepare our village for any type of disaster. Both the Mayor and I are now FEMA certified in the area of emergency management and preparedness.

We have developed an emergency plan for Port North following the guidelines set forth by the O.E.M. Having this action plan in effect and filed with the State puts Port North in a network that allows us to use resources of other municipalities in case we ever need them and access emergency funding in case of a disaster. We have focused on having a coordinated and effective plan for communications, evacuation and sheltering of our residents in the face of a hurricane or other disasters. All our efforts will be coordinated with County and local emergency officials. The Nassau County Village Officials Association has also been assisting us in this effort.

Another vital program is the coordination of the Point of Dispensing (P.O.D.) program, which focuses on getting emergency services and supplies to the Village in a time of need. We have teamed up with the Village of Sands Point and Village of Baxter Estates for this effort. Our three-

village P.O.D. will have access to resources otherwise not available. The P.O.D. will be located within or bordering our Village and serve as the distribution point for medicine, vaccines and other necessities needed incase of an emergency situation.

Due to the possibility of administering vaccines and or distributing medication, we will be looking for volunteers from within the Village of Port Washington North who have past experience doing so. The recommendation by Nassau County is to try and get retired doctors and nurses. So if you want to help in a time of need please contact the Village Hall at 883-5900 to sign up as an emergency management volunteer. *-Alex Moshes*,

Commissioner of Emergency Management

Volunteer Health Care Professionals Needed

Port North is recruiting residents to assist with the distribution of preventive medications or vaccines in the event of a disease outbreak or similar health crisis. We are particularly interested in recruiting physicians and nurses; however, residents with experience in public health,

mental health, and other allied health professions, as well as those interested in providing administrative support are encouraged to volunteer.

Volunteers will receive training. For info or to apply, contact Alex Moshes at Village Hall 883-5900.

Residential Planning Study

Before recent residential building activity becomes a trend in Port North, where houses that seem to fit comfortably on our lots are knocked down or undergo major renovations yielding rather large homes, in some cases doubling the livable space that existed before – you know, that word "McMansions -- Port North has commissioned a study.

There are those who say that this growth is a good thing, while others question what these large homes will do to the fabric of our quaint community. Privacy and shading issues also surface, as homes grow taller than ever, and move closer to their neighbors.

Rather than just pass judgment, the Board of Trustees felt it necessary to bring in experts to examine our current residential zoning code, along with what new building is occurring in our Village. We have hired the civil planning firm of Sacardi & Schiff to study the growth and size of homes in our community.

Once the Board has all of the facts, we will discuss them with the Planning Board and the Board of Zoning and Appeals. We will then hold a public hearing for our residents to voice their opinions and concerns. What we hope to get out of this study are recommendations on how we can alter our code to address the issues which arise from the study, and continue to protect and improve the quality of life for our residents.



A Vision Shared

The Village of Port Washington North and Residents For A More Beautiful Port Washington each received a 2006 Vision Long Island Smart Growth Award for the Baywalk Waterfront Park Project. The awards were presented in the category of Preserving Open Space and the Environment.

(From left): Executive Director Vision LI Eric Alexander, Mayor Bob Weitzner, Executive Director, Residents, Jennifer Rimmer and President of Vision LI Ron Stein.

The project has currently received more than \$1,500,000 in grant awards, written and submitted by Port Washington North. Construction of the Baywalk Park is expected to begin in Summer of 2007.

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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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Halloween Curfew

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

Streets if accompanied by an adult.
7:00 pm October 30 to 6:00 am October 31
7:00 pm October 31 to 6:00 am November 1
Police will patrol to enforce the law.

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