

VILLAGE OF PORT WASHINGTON NORTH
November 2009



Bob Weitzner

A Message From the Mayor

Greetings everyone,

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer and that the school year is going well. There are a number of things happening in the Village we wish to report on.

We have the completion of the first phase of our Bay Walk Waterfront Park, the repaving and traffic calming of Shore Road and Pleasant Ave., the never ending negotiations revolving around the sale and acquisition of land to create a new Village Hall, Village Court, and Village Club, and numerous other issues.

I understand that there have been some Village related emails and conversations circulating on numerous issues. I hope this newsletter answers most of your questions. Regardless, I encourage all of you to reach out to the Village Board for the most up to date and accurate information available. Contact any Village Trustee or myself regarding any matters of interest. I can be reached by cell phone at 233-9581 or by email at portnorthmayor@optonline.net. You can also visit our website at www.portnorth.com. Or come to one of our regularly scheduled board meetings. We usually meet on the 4th Monday of the month at 7:30pm at Village Hall in Stop & Shop Plaza.

Sincerely,

Mayor Bob Weitzner

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Take a stroll along our new trail and
visit our new Port North pier

LAND ACQUISITION AND SALE NEGOTIATIONS CONTINUE

We continue to work towards the creation of a new
Village Hall/Court and a Village Club for our residents

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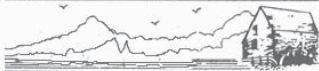
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**VISIT THE NEW BAY WALK
WATERFRONT PARK ACROSS FROM
STOP & SHOP**

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PORT WASHINGTON NORTH 2009 LEAF PICKUP SCHEDULE

November 2 to 6, 2009

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

November 9 to 13, 2009

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

November 30 to December 4, 2009

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Village Board Meetings

The Board of Trustees
will meet at 7:30 pm at
Village Hall, 71 Old Shore Rd.
(Stop & Shop Plaza)
on the following dates:

2009: November 23, December 21
2010: January 25, February 3,
February 22, March 22, April 26

You're invited to attend!

Port North Newsletter

The Port North Newsletter is published by
the Village of Port Washington North to keep
our residents informed.

If you have suggestions, contests,
submissions, or ideas, you can reach us at:
news@portwashingtonnorth.org

-Mike Schenkler, editor

PLANNING BOARD ADDITIONS

We welcome 2 new members to our Planning Board. Jerry Stern and Keith Kindler were appointed to help guide the Village in planning matters that appear before their boards. We are thrilled to have them aboard.

Keith Kindler Gerry Stern

PORT WASHINGTON NORTH EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The Village has been working closely with the newly created Port Washington Office of Emergency Management. The Village's Commissioner of Emergency Management, Alex Moschos, has been attending weekly meetings to insure that our Village is prepared in case any emergency arises and that we can coordinate our efforts with all local, police and fire, and County agencies. Through the efforts of the PWOEM, the Village expects to sign an agreement shortly with a reverse 311 company that will allow the Village to inform its residents of any emergencies or important information by phone, email, or text within minutes. This can be used for weather information, leaf pickup reminders, road closings, etc. We expect to see this online sometime in Spring 2010. To make this project work effectively, we will ask that each Village resident tell us in writing/email how they wish to be contacted. We will be sending a questionnaire in the coming months to accomplish this and would ask that each resident respond.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT TIPS

There has been a lot of activity throughout the Village involving the construction or remodeling of homes. Some issues have arisen from these activities that are worth mentioning:

- Anyone replacing their fence must get a permit and have the proper utility markouts completed before beginning installation. This covers every fence project other than the possible repair of a single section of fence. There are new ordinances adopted by the Village, and we have been experiencing wire damage caused by the installation of fences without permits. The cost of these damages is around \$1,500 per incident and will be passed on to the homeowner/contractor. So please get a permit.
- Anyone replacing their home's roofing or siding needs a permit. This is to make certain that the contractor has the proper insurance in place and that the work is being done to the specifications mandated by law.
- Any tree being over 6 inches in diameter considered for removal by a resident requires a permit. This is to insure the safety of the resident and their neighbors and to verify that the trees in question are within the property lines of the resident wishing to dispose of it. The Building Dept. will also insist that a tree replacement plan be provided.
- We have worked with the owner of Delco Plaza, which is where Burger King and Home Goods are located, to repair their drainage system, restripe their parking spaces, and improve the sidewalks leading to the shopping center. As a result we have not seen any flooding in the parking lot, and we now have safer handicap and stroller accessibility into the shopping center. Thank you Delco.
- We are working with the new owners of the Soundview Marketplace shopping center to address various issues and help them improve their center to attract new tenants and improve the shopping experience for the community.

PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE

You may have noticed heavy amounts of construction activity in and around the Village. There have been a number of public works projects going on simultaneously. These include:

- Repairing of sidewalks throughout the Village caused by root intrusion. These repairs have removed the gaps created by the lifting of the sidewalks. With that said, please be aware that it is the legal responsibility of the resident to repair any damaged sidewalks adjacent to their property.
- Trees have been trimmed. These measures improve the health of the trees and help prevent trees from becoming top-heavy in rain or snow storms, a leading cause of trees falling. Sick trees have been removed and replaced with sidewalk friendly species.
- Our streets have been patched to repair potholes and damaged areas.
- LIPA has added a new underground electric feed into Port North along Shore Road. They have also been testing and repairing damaged electric wires throughout the Village. The results of this work should give us greatly improved transmission of electric and avoid many of the outages we have experienced over the years.
- Our street storm drains have been cleaned, reducing the chances of flooding by blockages.
- We are finishing our final design for the reconstruction of Pleasant Ave, which will create new sidewalks for its residents, create curbing for better drainage, and overlay the entire street. We are pleased to report that Senator Craig Johnson, has provided us with \$150,000 for the project.
- We are finishing designs for the NYS Safe Streets and Traffic Calming project for Shore Road. We received a grant of \$340,000 for the project and expect work to begin sometime next year. We will be adding over a dozen brick crosswalks on and along Shore Road, as well as numerous countdown crossing signals, making the road look great and safer for all who use it. The 20% match required for the project (\$70,000) has been provided to us by Nassau County Legislature Wayne Wink. We also wish to thank Legislator Wink for his support in having Nassau County repave all of Shore Road, scheduled to begin within the next four weeks. So please understand if there are lane closings and delays.
- Soon it will be snow season. Just a quick reminder to please move your vehicles onto your driveways upon learning of pending snowfall. This will allow the plows to do their jobs and make our roads safer and easier to travel.

BAY WALK WATERFRONT PARK



Pictured Left to Right: Trustee Michael Malatino, Leg. Wayne Wink, Town Clerk Leslie Gross, Port North Mayor Bob Weitzner, Town Supervisor Jon Kalman, Assemblywoman Michele Schimel, Chief of Staff for Cong. Gary Ackerman Dr. Jerry Scharfman, Residents' President Dan Donatelli and E.D. Mindy Germain, Carole Friedman of NYS Office of Parks.

Phase 1 of the project is almost complete. All that is left is installing a gangway and floating dock to create access for boaters to visit our Village. I hope you all have witnessed the transformation of our waterfront across from Stop & Shop over the past year. You will now be able to stroll and actually see Manhasset Bay. It's a great accomplishment for the Village of Port North to develop this park for the entire Port Washington community. No more will Port Washington North be the "Port without a Port". This completes the \$3,000,000 Phase 1 funded by grant monies received from the State, County, and Town. We wish to thank Supervisor Jon Kalman and the Town of North Hempstead for their cooperation input and financial support, and giving the Village the opportunity to be the lead on this project. State Senator Craig Johnson, Assemblywoman Michele Schimel, County Executive Tom Souzzi, Rep. Gary Ackerman, and Residents for a More Beautiful Port Washington should also be recognized for their continued support for the project.

Next year the Village will hold a grand opening and dedication ceremony to unveil the amenities of the new park; the new Port North Pier, the newly renovated Barbara Johnson Park, and various nautical themed artwork that has been created by very talented local artists. The entire community will be invited and we will pay tribute to all those that have made this project become a reality. So keep on the lookout in the spring for an invitation.

We will be starting Phase 2 next year with another \$500,000 we received from NYS Dept. of State and hope to have plans in place to begin construction in 2011 with the help of another \$500,000 grant we received from the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation & Historical Preservation. Phase 2 will include the actual creation of the Bay Walk Waterfront Park in the open area next to the pier. It will have a small parking lot and drop off area, tables with sun shades, a children's play area, and a kayak launch. Once completed, we will finally have an active waterfront park that has been desired by so many in our community.

VILLAGE HALL/VILLAGE CLUB PROJECT

There have been many developments regarding our desire to move our Village Hall from a strip mall to a standalone building. This move also involves the creation of a Village Court, and a Village Club, complete with a swimming pool, tennis and basketball courts, and locker and recreation room facilities. To date we are still committed to attempting to purchase the Shore Road front lawn and the 10,000 sq/ft building adjacent to it, as well as the roughly 5 acre field owned by Publishers Clearing House. We will then donate the 7.5 acres of open space to the community. In order to accomplish this we are in contract to sell 7.5 acres of land we own to a development group who will build 44 senior condo units and a club house. The proceeds from this sale will provide us with the funding for our land acquisitions, the development of the Village Hall and Court, and the construction of a Village Club once the budgeting process is completed and circulated to the community. While we are excited and optimistic about this project, there have been numerous delays involving financing and legal maneuvering. We have been addressing these issues for the past 6 months on a daily basis.

There have been preliminary discussions involving a change of plans from our original Village Hall/Club concept. That involves the thought of purchasing the now defunct Knickerbocker Yacht Club facility. This property is located along lower Main Street directly on Manhasset Bay. For the past few months, the Village has merely been looking at this opportunity and determining whether this can be a worthwhile acquisition for the Village given our existing needs. At this point, the Village is no longer inquiring about the property and remains intent on carrying out our initial concept. Once we have enough data, we will distribute it to the Village with our analysis and position on this issue. We will not move forward without a public meeting to receive input in order to render a decision. And again, this acquisition cannot take place until the financing is in place from the sale of our 7.5 acre parcel.

LEAF PICKUP SCHEDULE

On the back page of this Newsletter is the leaf pickup schedule for 2009. We urge residents to move their cars into their driveways where possible to insure a complete leaf pickup on the days scheduled. Also note that due to scheduling and possible weather issues, leaf pickup can occur over a 5 day period in your area as scheduled.