

VILLAGE OF PORT WASHINGTON NORTH

Fall 2017

### A Message From the Mayor

Greetings Port North Residents and Businesses,

The Board of Trustees and I hope you all had a wonderful summer and are certainly looking forward to what the fall brings to our Village.

**Bob Weitzner** 

Target is coming! The grand opening date is set for October 22nd, with a ribbon cutting ceremony scheduled for October 17th. We are all very excited about Target's arrival. Along with the clothes, electronics, housewares and appliances, the flexible format Target will include 13 aisles of food items, including fresh produce and meats. Its opening also signals the beginning of a new look for the Soundview Marketplace shopping center, with improvements to the parking lot, lighting, and landscaping. We've been told new stores are also on the way. Stay tuned...

We had a wonderful time officially opening the Bay Walk Park and celebrating the completion of Phase II. For all who attended, thank you for sharing this historic event with us. Our Village should be very proud to have given this park to the Port Washington community. Just when you thought it was completed, we are now exploring a Phase III. More on that in the newsletter.

While Port North is a wonderful place to live and raise our children, we on occasion have to amend our laws and remind our residents to ensure it remains that way. With this in mind, the Board enacted a number of new laws specifically intended to improve the quality of life for our residents and visitors.

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### HALLOWEEN VIME



Halloween will be here soon. As it falls during the week this year, expect activity after school hours during the day and into the evening. Please try to have your children start early and end at a reasonable hour (8:00pm). This is to insure the safety of your children and the privacy of your neighbors. Please do your best to accompany your child trick-or-treating, where possible.

### Port Washington North

The future for our Village is very exciting and we continue to work on projects and initiatives to make Port North a great place to live and work. We are currently in the final stages of a real estate transaction that will result in additional revenue for the village which will be used for the creation of a new park and provide the ability for us to make infrastructure improvements throughout the Village. We hope to close in early 2018. In addition, the Village scored a 3.3% in the State Comptroller's recent evaluation of village financial statesments statewide, one of the highest scores available, an indication that

the Village is in very good financial shape.

As always, please feel free to reach out regarding any concerns or suggestions you may have to me personally. I enjoy the feedback and as always will respond back promptly.

Sincerely,

Mayor Bob

### **Bay Walk Park Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting**

On July 8th, the Village and the Town of North Hempstead held the Grand Opening Event for Phase II of the Bay Walk Park. Attendees enjoyed the presentation of colors, ribbon cutting and remarks by Mayor Weitzner, Trustee Cohen, Trustee Scheff and elected officials from the Town of North Hempstead. Mayor Weitzner dedicated the newly installed flag pole to the Veterans of United States Military. The North Shore Kayak Club joined the celebration, officially opening the kayak ramps and gangway. The festivities then continued with music from The Whiskey Dogs.



Port North Board of Trustees with Town of North Hempstead elected officials. Right to left: PWN Trustee Michael Malatino, PWN Trustee Matt Kepke, PWN Trustee Sherman Scheff, PWN Deputy Mayor Steven Cohen, PWN Mayor Bob Weitzner, Town Supervisor Judi Bosworth, Town Clerk Wayne Wink, Town Councilwoman Dina De Giorgio and Town Receiver of Taxes Charles Berman.



Mayor Bob addresses the attendees at Bay Walk Park Grand Opening Ceremonies.

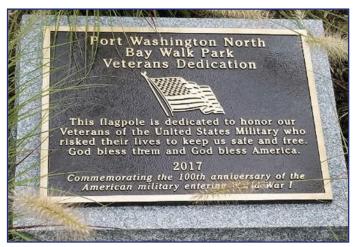
We are very excited by the positive responses from the community and hope that all will continue to enjoy the park and its amenities. The parking lot is filled from morning till night on the weekends. While the park is officially complete, we continue to look for ways to improve it. That includes a new addition of a beautiful water art exhibit. designed by Tumblestone of Hayden, Idaho. The Zen Basalt Fountain offers tranquility through the sight and sound of bubbling water flowing off its carved sides. At night, it is lit to further enhance the park experience. The installation cost has been generously donated by our parks maintenance landscape contractors, Bucky Demelas and Sons.



Mayor with members of stained glass artist Aaron Morgan's family.



Ribbon Cutting with Village and Town Officials.



Veterans' Flag Pole Dedication Plaque.



New Zen Basalt Fountain installed by Bucky Demelas & Sons.



The 2017 Gold Coast International Film Festival has announced an exciting slate of more than 80 feature-length and short films and once again many great films will premiere at Soundview Cinemas! For a complete list of all films visit: <a href="http://bit.ly/gciff2017full">http://bit.ly/gciff2017full</a>
Port Washington North residents save \$2 on tickets with the promo code: FRIENDS 17

Some of the Soundview highlights include:

- Darkest Hour starring Academy Award nominee Gary Oldman and Kristin Scott Thomas.
- Dare to Be Different, the story of WLIR, the small suburban Long Island radio station that changed the sound of radio forever.
- Yellow Birds, starring Jennifer Aniston, Toni Collette, Alden Ehrenreich and Tye Sheridan.
- French movie-star Isabelle Huppert's new film Souvenir.
- **Pal Joey**, starring Frank Sinatra & Rita Hayworth. Sinatra's granddaughter will join us for a Q&A following the screening.
- Permanent starring Patricia Arquette and Rainn Wilson.
- Straight/Curve a girl power event on female body image for teens and adults of all ages.
- A film on famous shoe designer Manolo Blahnik.

### NEW BUSINESSES IN AND AROUND PORT NORTH



### **Grand Opening on October 22nd**

After many months of planning and construction, Target is planning to open on October 22nd in the Soundview Marketplace shopping center. There will be a ribbon-cutting event on October 17th, followed by a soft opening on October 18th and a grand opening ceremony on October 22nd. As many have seen, the transformation has been wonderful and we look forward to the new location being a shopping destination for residents and visitors.

As part of the work to improve its aesthetics, and ready the shopping center for Target's arrival, the Soundview Marketplace has experienced significant improvements. The owners have repaved the entire parking lot, added new lighting and signage and have improved the landscaping of the entire center. The Village hopes that these changes will encourage more businesses to arrive and fill the existing vacancies.

### Port North Welcomes Northwell Health-Go Health Urgent Care



In early September, the new Northwell Health-Go Health Urgent Care Center opened in the Stop & Shop shopping center. It will be open 365 days a year from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. This is the No. 36 Northwell Health-GoHealth Urgent Care neighborhood center to open in the greater New York City area. The center welcomes walk-in patients and allows patients to "save your spot" by checking-in online.

## Port North Residents Open New Business in Port Washington

We want to congratulate Port North residents Paul and Leslie Joseph on the opening of their new business in Port Washington. Kitchen & Baths by Precision is located at 1A Manorhaven Boulevard.

### Get to know the NEW NXT GEN Fitness located at 2 Channel Drive!



Many of you may know them as Parisi Speed School training our students to improve their sports and academic performance. They are now NxtGen Fitness offering Adult and Youth Fitness Training and Performance Programs serving our community. NxtGen Fitness is the largest training facility in Port Washington with certified and degree coaches. They have affiliations with three leading performance fitness programs in the United States - Parisi Speed School, Training For Warriors and CrossFit. They focus on providing fitness programs that evolve with you at every stage of your life. They have just launched Fall Promotions with 25% discount off adult fitness programs annual memberships and discounted youth fitness & performance training packages. More information at www.nxtgenfitness.com or call 516 883-7678.

### "No Dumping, Drains to Bay" Medallions



As you drove around the Village this summer, you may have noticed the medallions that have been placed on our storm drains by our summer intern, Justin Cenname. The purpose of these storm drains is to remove stormwater quickly from the streets and the surrounding areas. These drains are not trash receptacles and are meant only for snow melt and rain water. Located on the newly placed

medallions are the words "No Dumping, Drains to Bay". Anything that gets put into these storm drains will end up in Manhasset Bay or into our groundwater. If you have any pet waste, leftover lawn fertilizer, used oil, food scraps, trash, or anything else please do not put these into the storm drains. Pet waste can be disposed of in your trash; lawn fertilizer can be swept up and kept to be applied later. Used oil can often be returned to stores that sell motor oil. Certain food scraps can be composted and the rest can be thrown out with your regular garbage.

Contact the Town of North Hempstead at 869-6311 to inquire about hazardous material collections going on throughout the year.

The Village of Port Washington North is a member of the Manhasset Bay Protection Committee, which was formed in the 1990's to restore and protect Manhasset Bay. For more information on how you can help protect and preserve it, visit the Committee's website at www.manhassetbayprotectioncommittee.org.

### **New Laws in the Village**

In August, the Village approved a new law relating to the sale and use of tobacco products within the Village. The Village has joined with many other municipalities in Nassau County to raise the minimum age for purchasing tobacco products and paraphernalia to the age of 21. In addition, the Village passed a law restricting the use of tobacco and alcohol on Village property and in Village parks, including Baywalk Park. Details of the new laws are available on the Village website.

# Port North Recognizes Newest Eagle Scouts

The Village presented Andrew Russotto, Kyle Harding, Jonathan Kobrinsky and Kevin Dans, each with a Proclamation on June 17, 2017 declaring the day "Eagle Scout Day" in the Village in celebration of of their promotion to Eagle Scout. Eagle Scout is the highest achievement of rank attainable in the Boy Scouting program of the Boy Scouts of America.



Left to right: Andrew Russotto, Kyle Harding, Jonathan Kobrinsky, Kevin Dans. Photo courtesy of Jeff Kobrinsky.

### **Port Washington North Traffic Safety Announcement**

The Port Washington Police Department announced that two of its officers have graduated the NYS Motorcycle Police requirements and will be additions to the Traffic Safety Unit. We congratulate them and welcome them to keeping our streets safe.

### TRAFFIC SAFETY TIPS AND NEW YORK STATE TRAFFIC LAWS

- Keep sidewalks clear for children and pedestrians to safely walk. Park automobiles completely in the driveway or on the street not on the apron or sidewalk to ensure a clear passage on sidewalks.
- 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 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.

As hurricane season continues and with winter approaching, please remember to register at <a href="https://www.northshorealert.org">www.northshorealert.org</a> for important emergency information and updates. By registering with NorthShoreAlert.org, time-sensitive voice messages from the Village, Town, Police, Fire and special districts where you live or work may be sent to your home, cell or business phone. Text messages may also be sent to cell phones, e-mail accounts and hearing impaired receiving devices.

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: pwnorthcommunications@gmail.com.

### Things to keep in mind:

- Trustee meetings are held on the first
   Wednesday of every month beginning at
   7:30 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled to be held on November 1st at Village Hall located at 3 Pleasant Ave. Access and parking located off of Channel Drive. A schedule of all upcoming meeting dates
   can be found on the Village website.
- Please be aware that all landscapers need to be registered with the Village. In addition, no gas powered equipment can be used by landscapers on weekends and holidays. Homeowners are exempt from this provision.
- Please leash and curb your dogs and properly dispose of waste in a garbage receptacle. We ask that you be respectful of your neighbors and of public property when walking your dogs. Please pick up after your dogs and do not leave pet waste bags out in the open and on the utility strips in front of our homes. It is unsightly and also poses a 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.

- Receptacles should be removed from the street promptly after garbage pickup. Please do not put your receptacles out prior to 5 pm, the night before your scheduled pickup.
- Please be aware that is it the homeowners' responsibility to maintain and care for their sidewalks. This includes repairing your sidewalk and shoveling them to keep them clear of snow. 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 concrete our contractor Cook Industries, to offer the same pricing the Village pays for sidewalk restoration. Call Village Hall to obtain their telephone number.
- Please sign up to receive emails of our newsletters, Mayor's Update and to be notified about important information village about the by providing your contact information clerk@portwashingtonnorth.org or pwnorthcommunications@gmail.com.

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### PORT WASHINGTON NORTH 2017 LEAF PICKUP SCHEDULE

#### **November 7 to 9, 2017**

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

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

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

November 14 to 16, 2017

#### November 28 to 30, 2017

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