

VILLAGE OF PORT WASHINGTON NORTH
October 2010



Bob Weitzner

A Message From the Mayor

Greetings Port North,

I hope you all had a happy and healthily summer. With the beginning of fall brings some wonderful projects and opportunities for the Village.

We have 2 new employees working in Port North; Village Attorney Stuart Besen and Treasurer Susan Pisano. We are very fortunate, and excited to have them aboard.

Great news! The Village received a \$750,000 Federal appropriation to be used for construction of Phase 2 of the Bay Walk Park. We are getting ready to start the Shore Road traffic calming project that will make Shore Road safer to walk along and across. We are also moving ahead to reconstruct Pleasant Ave.

Our newsletter has tips from the Building Department, information regarding our emergency response system, quality of life issues, and our leaf pickup schedule. We've also updated you on recent issues affecting the Village.

As always, please feel free to contact me anytime at Village Hall, on my cell at 233-9581, or email me at portnorthmayor@optonline.net

Sincerely,

Mayor Bob Weitzner



HALLOWEEN TIME

It's Halloween time. This year it falls on a Sunday, so expect activity throughout the day and evening. Please try to have your children start early (4:00pm) and end at a reasonable hour (8:00pm). This is to insure the safety of your children and the privacy of your neighbors. And please do your best to accompany your child trick-or-treating where possible.



SNOW REMOVAL

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. Please don't blow snow into the middle of the street. And remember, its every property owner's responsibility to keep their sidewalks clean, especially at school bus stops.

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The Village is pleased to announce the addition of Village Attorney Stuart Besen and Treasurer Susan Pisano.



Stuart Besen

The Village of Port Washington is pleased to introduce The Law Firm of Besen and Trop, L.L.P., as its new Village Attorneys. Anthony Sabino, Esq., former Village Attorney has decided to retire and we thank him for his dedicated service and wish him a very happy retirement.

Besen and Trop, L.L.P., is a Garden City Law Firm that has been practicing law since 1993. Stuart P. Besen, Esq., will be the primary attorney handling the legal affairs for the Village. Mr. Besen has a wealth of municipal experience. He represents numerous towns throughout Long Island and is outside counsel to the County of Suffolk. Mr. Besen graduated New York Law School in 1990, and was Executive Editor of the New York Law School Journal of Human Rights. He was admitted to practice Law in 1991, in both New York and New Jersey and in Federal Court in both the Eastern and Southern Districts. Mr. Besen has advocated on behalf of municipalities in the Appellate Division, Second Department and has a wealth of experience on issues involving local governments. Mr. Besen currently writes a periodic column for Nassau Lawyer on a wide variety of issues.

Mr. Besen's experience includes trials, appeals and land use. He is a former Councilman for the Town of Huntington and understands the legislative process. He has worked with many levels of government and will assist us both legally and governmentally making us the best Village on Long Island.



Susan Pisano

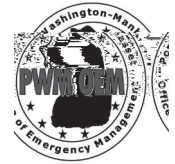
The Village has appointed Susan Pisano Treasurer. After 15 years as a Corporate Controller, Susan wanted to dedicate her time and expertise to helping municipalities run more efficiently and effectively. She was appointed the Treasurer for the Village of Greenport in 2008 and was there until her arrival in Port Washington North.

Additionally, Susan has been the CEO of her own Accounting/Office Management business on the East End of Long Island where she has lived for the past 6 years.

When she's not in front of her computer, she is on her track bike, or horse. She also enjoys the rural farm atmosphere as well as the wineries, water and golfing. She is hard working and dedicated to making our community a fiscally responsible one while putting her unique perspective on handling the current economic decline. Susan has one daughter who works at the Bronx Zoo and who is recently engaged.

****EMERGENCY NOTICE:**

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT



PLEASE HELP US GET READY TO HELP YOU!!!

REGISTER TODAY AT NORTHSHOREALERT.ORG

In an emergency good communications is the key. You can make sure you stay informed.

"I am proud to join Mayor Bob Weitzner, the Board of Trustees, and Commissioner Alex Moshos, in their efforts to assure YOUR safety in times of emergencies, big and small, as part of the Port Washington-Manhasset Office of Emergency Management (PWM OEM). As an extension of the Department of Homeland Security and FEMA we take classes in emergency management, we meet regularly to work on plans which will help in times of emergency and ready ourselves for quick responses when needed. The group comprises representatives of the other Villages in Port and the Town of NH plus representative of the PWFD, the PWPD, SPPD, Nassau County Police, Nassau County, Manhasset fire department and others. Emergency supplies are being gathered and by working up plans we will be prepared when needed. Much has been done and more is being prepared but without your help we are missing the key. **Communications** is the key!!! We need your help to communicate information to you."

Thank you – Steve Kaplan PWM-OEM

Please visit NorthShoreAlert.org and register NOW

Registering is critical. You can decide what phone numbers to use and the priorities, but we suggest you give at least one cell number and a land line. Also please give an email address since many lower type emergencies may be only transmitted via email. In addition more detailed information can be given via email when needed.

THIS IS A LOCAL ALERT SYSTEM to enhance Federal and State communications. PW Police alerts and PW Fire alerts (PWPD & PWFD will send alerts when necessary), Villages and the Town can keep you alerted to Local problems and actions. Hurricane alert and status, flooding, other weather related alerts, road closings, LIRR closings, water main breaks, electric power outages, medical emergencies, terrorist alerts and emergencies. Know what to do and where to go with your family if OUR area is affected.

As our new Commissioner of Public Safety, and a member of the Emergency Management team, the Village thanks you Steve.



BUILDING DEPARTMENT TIPS

The Building Department is here to assist all homeowners and businesses in the Village of Port Washington North. We are here to make sure that construction activities conform to the Village Zoning Code, the New York State Building Code and that the work is performed in a safe manner, by insured contractors. We are also here to assist with tree removal and replacement. Building permit application forms may be obtained at Village Hall or online at www.portwashingtonnorth.org. We are available to answer your questions Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings, and Thursday afternoons. A few frequently asked questions are:

Q: Do I need a permit to replace a roof?

A: Yes, you need a permit to replace a roof. The village is considered to be in a coastal area and is subject to high winds. Accordingly, the type of roofing used and methods of installation must conform to NYS requirements.

Q: Can I have a bathroom in my basement?

A: Yes, you can have a bathroom in your basement, but a permit must be obtained to construct or renovate a bathroom anywhere in the house. Additionally, each bathroom must have a GFI receptacle, and if the bathroom does not have a window, an exhaust fan must be provided.

Q: What do I do if my house does not have a certificate of occupancy?

A: You may apply for a Certificate of Existing Use. This will require a current survey, drawings depicting the existing conditions of the house and an inspection by the building department.

Q: Do I need a permit to add or replace a fence?

A: Yes, you need a permit for the installation of a fence. Prior to issuance of the permit, the subject area must be investigated for the presence of underground utilities. Information as to how to arrange for this investigation is available at Village Hall.

Q: How tall can the fence be?

A: In general, a fence can be 6 feet high in the rear yard and 5 feet high along the side yards.

PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE

SHORE ROAD TRAFFIC CALMING PROJECT GETS THE OK

The Village of Port North is moving forward to help make Shore Road safer. The \$420,000 project, approved by the Village Board, is fully funded with a \$340,000 grant from the Department of Transportation and \$80,000 from Nassau County through Legislator Wayne Wink. The project includes creating decorative brick-lined crosswalks across and along Shore Road from Mill Pond Road to Cow Neck Road. In addition, each crosswalk will have new countdown crossing signals, and improved handicap curbs. The project is planned to be completed by spring, 2011.

PLEASANT AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT MOVING FORWARD

The Port North Board of Trustees has agreed in scope for the reconstruction of Pleasant Avenue. The project, slated to begin sometime next year, will repave most of the road, improve drainage, and create sidewalks for its residents. The project was finally approved with the confirmation of a \$150,000 member item from NYS Senator Craig Johnson.



BAY WALK PARK PHASE 1 COMPLETE

The Village is pleased to announce the completion of Phase 1 of our Bay Walk Waterfront Park project with the installation of our new gangway and float. Now Port North can be a true nautical destination, and also be part of the Town of North Hempstead's proposed "Blue Trail".

VILLAGE TO RECEIVE \$750,000 FOR PHASE 2 OF THE BAY WALK PARK PROJECT

U.S. Rep. Gary Ackerman (D-L.I./Queens) recently announced that the \$750,000 he requested for the Bay Walk Park project in the Village of Port Washington North has been passed by a key appropriations subcommittee. The money, included in the Transportation Appropriations Bill for fiscal year 2011, was approved by the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development. It is expected to be passed by the full House in the fall.

The funds would enable the village to complete phase II of the Bay Walk Park project, which consists of creating the new Bay Walk Waterfront Park along Manhasset Bay and reconstructing the existing Pellegrino Park. Plans for Bay Walk Park consist of benches, sun shades, a play area for children, a kayak ramp and parking with both handicap accessibility and a drop-off area.

Phase II will also help finalize the creation of the Bay Walk Historical Nautical Museum. The facility, slated to be the first of its kind on Long Island, will feature artwork from local artists that depict the history of Manhasset Bay. Along with the art are plans to erect signage explaining the design methods and historical significance of the artwork.

PORT WASHINGTON NORTH WELCOMES BELLISIMO PIZZERIA



We are delighted to announce the opening of Bellissimo Pizzeria in the Soundview Marketplace. Sal and his son Matt prepare wonderful Italian cuisine for all times and occasions. Come by and pay them a visit.

We would also like to extend a very happy 3 year anniversary to Harbor Q, located on Shore Road. They specialize in authentic Bar-B-Q that's truly mouth watering. Congrats owner Keith.

ATTENTION DOG OWNERS



Dog owners please take note. There are a number of dog owners, many from outside the Village of Port North who may not be aware of some local laws to protect both dogs and other residents. These include the provision that all dogs owners must clean up after their dogs and dispose of in accordance with Nassau County health department regulations. This is for the health and safety of all residents but especially children who play in the yard, and sidewalks of the village. Also note that the requirement is that such droppings must be in the street BETWEEN THE CURB lines and then cleaned up. Thus droppings will not go down drains into the swimming areas of Manhasset Bay. Also this assures no droppings or residue on the "devil" strip where young children might play and adults walk towards their homes. This will also protect dogs from chemicals commonly applied to lawns that could be detrimental to animals. Please also note that for the protection of especially our children, all dogs must be leashed at all times off ones immediate property with leashes not exceeding 6' long. Note that if a dog does cause any disturbance legal action can be brought against a pet owner for not following such ordinances. Please see other ordinances on the Village of Port Washington North web site.

Around The Village

T-MOBILE CELL TOWER APPLICATION

T-Mobile Cell Tower Application- We have received an application to place a 105 foot monopole cell tower behind the building at 26 Valley Road. The Village has instructed our attorney to review the application and provide us with all information that will help better understand it and its ramifications. The application is available for viewing on our website.

CLEARVIEW CINIMAS CLOSING

After many years of entertaining our community, the owners of Clearview Cinimas, Cablevision, have decided to leave Soundview. We were told it was a decision based on economics and not being able to come to an agreement with the shopping center owner. The Village Board is deeply concerned at the theatre closing, the existing vacant stores, and other businesses who have left including Little Gym and Wachovia Bank. We will continue to monitor the situation and offer any assistance we can to help.

LAND SALE/ACQUISITION UPDATE

The Village is in the process of renegotiating the contract with the purchasers of our 7 plus acres of land. Once we have an agreement, it will effectively extend the length of the contract to acquire our property. While we are still in litigation over the sale of this property, once that is resolved we should be able to continue in our efforts to plan for a Village Hall/Court/Club and bring the project before the community.

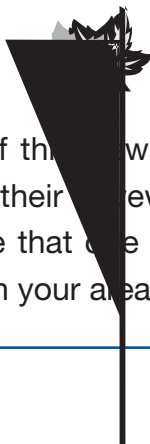
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MILL POND PROJECT ALMOST COMPLETE

The Town of North Hempstead is almost finished with the renovation of the Mill Pond. Recently they completed the "Slade Garden", made possible from a grant from Ed and Dot Slade to Residents for a More Beautiful Port Washington. The garden is located towards the back of the pond adjacent to Harbor Road. What's left of the project is road renovation on Mill Pond Road, which will see curbs put in place and parking spots created. Work is scheduled to begin next year.

LEAF PICKUP SCHEDULE

On the back page of this newsletter is the leaf pickup schedule for 2010. 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.



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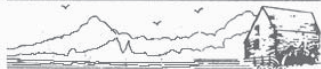
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**VISIT THE NEW BAY WALK
WATERFRONT PARK ACROSS FROM
STOP & SHOP**

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Village of Port Washington North



PORT WASHINGTON NORTH 2010 LEAF PICKUP SCHEDULE

November 2 to 5, 2010

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 12, 2010

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 2, 2010

Angler Lane	Boat Lane	Avenue B	Orchard Street
Bay Drive	Dock Lane	Avenue C	Pleasant Ave.
Cow Neck Road	Driftwood Drive	Channel Drive	Pulaski Place
Marlin Lane	Fishermans Drive	Cove Lane	Radcliff Ave.
Port Drive	Island Court	Durbyan Street	Smull Place
Sandy Court	Seaview Lane	Harbor Road	Soundview Dr.
Schooner Lane	Steamboat Drive	Morgan Place	Valley Road
Seagull Lane	Waterview Drive	Old Shore Road	

Village Board Meetings

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

2010: November 9, December 7

2011: January 4, February 1,
March 1, March 17, April 5

You're invited to attend!

Port North Newsletter

The Port North Newsletter is published by
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If you have suggestions, contests,
submissions, or ideas, you can reach us at:

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-Mike Schenkler, editor

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