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Dear Residents of Port Washington North,

I hope you've been enjoying the summer!

I'm sure many residents have seen the construction fence constructed around a part of the Soundview Marketplace parking lot. So what's going on? The answer is a lot. The protected area involves two construction projects that are happening at the same time.

First, the drive-thru bays at the old HSBC bank are coming down. Once completed, construction will begin on the new 5,000 sq/ft building that will be erected in the parking lot along Shore Road to the north of the shopping center entrance. This building will be the home for the new Starbucks coffee shop and drive-thru everyone is talking about. It will take up 2,000 sq/ft, leaving approximately 3,000 square feet for another potential eating establishment, which has not yet been determined. The shopping center ownership believes the building will be completed by the end of the year. Starbucks will then work on the interior with an estimated opening in Spring 2024.

Also, GNC is returning to the shopping center, and the old HSBC building (without the drive throughs) will still be another viable retail location for other business.

Warmest regards,

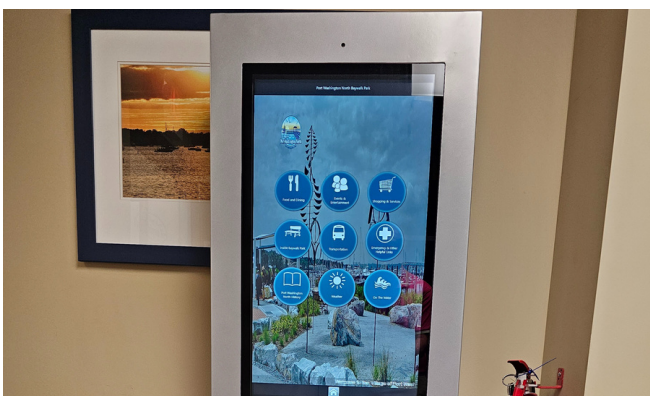
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A NEW ADDITION TO OUR NAUTICAL ART COLLECTION AT THE BAY WALK



The Village is gratified to have just received a donation of a wonderful piece of art from a former Port North resident. This steel sculpture, standing seven feet tall, is named "Rings of Raptor" will be placed at the Pellegrino Park. A person holding what is likely a hawk, the piece will explore the Birds of Prey that find Manhasset Bay and the Port Washington community their home. In due time, an informational plaque will be installed detailing the vast array of hawk, eagles, and owls that exist here and recognizing the artist who created the piece in 1993, Marvin Laber. So keep on the lookout.

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Be on the lookout for a really cool addition to the Bay Walk Park. Soon we will be installing an updated informational kiosk under our sun shades. With the installation brings a tremendous amount of information to visitors; whether it be to kayak, have a bite, walk or bike along the trail. It will provide useful information such as weather forecasts, sunrise/sunset information, tide schedule, and what's around the area such as stores and restaurants. One click and you can pull up your favorite local eating establishments menu. Or click another tab and find out what's happening in Port Washington.

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Safety Reminders

Street Parking

As a reminder, please make sure that you park your cars on the correct side of the street. Cars that are parked in the opposite direction can pose a threat to oncoming traffic. There are traffic laws in place that can cause you to receive a ticket. Please face your car in the direction of the normal flow of traffic when you park.

Public Sanitation

Public safety and sanitation is our priority. In an effort to assure that we keep our communities clean, please refrain from graffiti and etching anything into newly poured concrete. This will be enforced especially during the summer time as more people are out on the streets.



New York State Consumer Protection

Did you know New York consumers reported losing \$398 million to scams and fraud in 2022? The New York Department of State is home to the Division of Consumer Protection, which works to prevent you from being included in this statistic. The Division of Consumer Protection (DCP) Protects, Educates and Advocates for New York residents. The DCP is here to help you.

Their goal is to:

- Protect New Yorkers by providing direct assistance and mediation to resolve marketplace complaints.
- Educate and empower residents with live presentations, consumer alerts, product recall highlights and valuable tools and resources.
- Advocate for new laws and regulatory changes to keep you safe and protect your wallet.



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New Playground Proposal



As many of you know, Port Washington North currently lacks a dedicated playground, leaving our children without a safe and fun space to play and explore. We recognize the need for an accessible space where all children, especially those with handicaps and those on the Autism spectrum, can enjoy and engage freely. We are proud to announce the "Port North Accessible Playground and Recreational Facility Project."

As of now, no such playground exists in Port Washington or even in the larger North Hempstead area. Our goal is to create a place where all children can play together, fostering a sense of community and understanding. The proposed project will lie on our newly acquired 4.5 acres of open space along Channel Drive. In addition to the playground, a $\frac{1}{4}$ mile walking trail will also be created, surrounding entire open space.

To ensure that we address the unique needs of Port Washington, we have formed a steering committee. This committee will comprised of Village residents, elected officials, non-profit representatives, and playground experts and will play a vital role in shaping the project's vision and development. If you have an interest in being on the steering committee, please let us know by sending us an email to mayor@portwashingtonnorth.org. Seats on the committee will be limited to 2 at-large residents of Port North.

Together, we will carefully consider the amenities and features to be included in the playground and walking trail, making it a cherished and well-utilized space for years to come.

In terms of financing, we understand that this is a significant undertaking. As such, the committee will explore both government and private funding opportunities to secure the necessary resources. Rest assured that transparency will be maintained throughout the funding process, and we will diligently work to ensure that the project aligns with the needs and wishes of the community. Currently we have submitted grants for a total of \$1,000,000 from Federal and State agencies.

Thank you all for your continued support and enthusiasm. Let us unite as a community to create a safe, inclusive, and vibrant playground for our children. I am confident that with our collective efforts, we can turn this proposal into a reality that generations to come will cherish.

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