



November 2023

Dear Residents of Port Washington North Village,

As we enter the month of November, I want to extend my warmest regards and remind you of the civic duty that lies ahead. Election Day is fast approaching, and it's imperative that we all make our voices heard. Voting is not just a right but a privilege, and it's our opportunity to shape the future of our community and our nation. I encourage each and every one of you to participate in this fundamental aspect of our democracy. Your vote matters, and your choices have a profound impact on our village's future.

In addition to the election, I want to bring to your attention our upcoming leaf pickup schedule. As autumn continues to grace us with its stunning display of colors, the leaves falling from the trees create a picturesque scene. To help keep our village clean and well-maintained, our dedicated Public Works team will be conducting leaf pickup dates which vary by street. Please ensure your leaves are raked to the curb by the mentioned deadline in this newsletter for efficient collection. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

I would like to express my gratitude to all of you for your continuous support, cooperation, and involvement in making Port Washington North a thriving and vibrant community. Together, we have the power to shape our future, and together, we can ensure that our village remains a beautiful and harmonious place to call home.

Don't forget to mark your calendars and cast your vote this month, and let's continue to care for and beautify our community through responsible leaf disposal.

Thank you for being such wonderful residents.

Warmest regards,

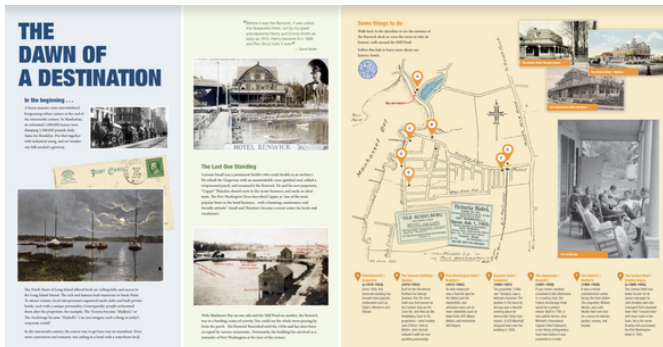
Mayor Bob Weitzner  
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## Historic Panels in Manhasset Bay

We're excited to share that our community is adding a touch of history to the scenic beauty of Manhasset Bay. Look out for new historic signs that will tell the tales of our rich heritage. These signs not only enhance our surroundings but also provide a glimpse into the stories that have shaped our village.

The Town just installed a new informational panel on the Bay Walk opposite Diwan Restaurant where Shore Road meets Mill Pond Road. This has been a joint project between the Town of North Hempstead, the Village of Port Washington North, and the Cow Neck Peninsula Historical Society. The panel faces the Diwan restaurant on the other side of Shore Road. The building was constructed more than 100 years ago as the Hotel Renwick. The panel invites viewers to compare what they see now with a postcard image of the Hotel Renwick from the early 20th century. The distinctive cross gambrel roof has been well preserved.

The panel, headlined "The Dawn of a Destination", is focused on the years surrounding the turn of the century, when Port Washington (and much of Long Island) was a popular vacation spot for city dwellers. It includes a 1911 map of six other hotels, along with old photographs, newspaper clippings, quotations, a QR code for more information, and short descriptive texts.



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## Rings of Raptor

### Raptors of Manhasset Bay

Port Washington and Manhasset Bay are frequented by a group of predatory birds called raptors. Raptors are hunters that have very sharp eyesight to spot prey from a half mile away. These birds are among the world's fastest and most skilled fliers, with falcons able to dive up to 200 mph. They use impact and their sharp talons to kill their prey quickly. Raptors' diets consist mostly of small mammals, birds, reptiles and fish, depending upon the species.

Native to this area are Osprey, Red-tailed Hawks, Cooper's Hawks, Bald Eagles and Sharp-shinned Hawks. In the 1950s and 60s, both osprey and eagle populations suffered a precipitous decline due to use of the insecticide DDT. After DDT was banned in 1972, Ospreys recovered but Bald Eagles only recolonized Long Island in the past decade.

**Bald Eagle** L 32" W 40"  
Bald Eagle's diet is fish and carrion.

**Red-tailed Hawk** L 18" W 48"  
Hunts mammals in open country.

A falconer's thick leather glove prevents the falcon's sharp talons from piercing the falconer's hand.

### About "Rings of Raptor"

Marvin Laber, sculptor of the "Rings of Raptor", is an internationally acclaimed artist whose work can be seen in both public and private collections. The sculpture, a gift from a former resident of Port Washington North, celebrates the ancient sport of falconry. It was installed on the Bay Walk in 2023.

Falconry is a form of hunting that uses trained raptors. Young falcons are removed from their nests and trained to hunt game birds and mammals. Pottery found in the ruins of Sumeria ( ancient Iraq, 3,500 BC ) show images of falcons and their handlers.

Falconry spread throughout the Middle East and reached the steppes of Mongolia and Khazakstan where falconers hunted with Golden Eagles. The much larger eagles that were trained to work in pairs – could kill game as large as a full-grown deer. Later, when falconry was introduced to Europe, it became the sport of princes and kings.

Falconry is still traditional in the Middle East and Central Asia and even has a following in the US with over 4,000 licensed practitioners.

Photo of Cooper's Hawk: Christopher Carl  
Thanks to Marissa Cichon, Port Washington North's  
2023 summer intern, who researched this project.

Nestled in the natural beauty of Port Washington North, we're proud to announce a new sign dedicated to honoring our magnificent birds of prey. These majestic creatures grace our skies and enrich our environment, embodying the spirit of our community's natural harmony. This sign serves as a symbol of our commitment to preserving their habitats and the awe-inspiring beauty they bring to our lives. Let's continue to cherish and protect our local wildlife as they soar high above our village. Thank you to our 2023 summer intern Marissa Cichon who helped to execute the research of this incredible display!



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## Early Voting

**2023**

**NASSAU COUNTY**

**EARLY VOTING**

**Saturday, October 28th through Sunday, November 5th**

**Days and Hours as follows:**

Sat, October 28th - 9am to 6pm	Thurs, November 2nd - 10am to 7pm*
Sun, October 29th - 9am to 6pm	Fri, November 3rd - 10am to 6pm
Mon, October 30th - 6am to 5pm	Sat, November 4th - 9am to 6pm
Tues, October 31st - 10am to 7pm*	Sun, November 5th - 9am to 6pm
Wed, November 1st - 10am to 7pm	

\*All BOE Hours Same As Above EXCEPT Tuesday October 31st and Thursday November 2nd open until 8PM\*

**EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS**

<b>FIRST CHURCH BALDWIN, UNITED METHODIST</b> 881 Merrick Rd, Baldwin, NY 11510	<b>HICKSVILLE LEVITTOWN HALL</b> 201 Levittown Pkwy, Hicksville, NY 11801	<b>PLAINVIEW MID-ISLAND Y. JCC</b> 45 Manetto Hill Rd, Plainview, NY 11803
<b>OYSTER BAY ICE RINK</b> 1001 Stewart Ave, Bethpage, NY 11714	<b>SOUTH SHORE JEWISH CENTER</b> 191 Long Beach Rd, Island Park, NY 11558	<b>PORT WASHINGTON LIBRARY</b> 1 Library Dr, Port Washington, NY 11050

Early voting is a convenient way to cast your ballot and ensure your voice is heard in the upcoming elections. Take advantage of this opportunity to vote at your convenience, making a difference in the direction of our village. Your vote matters – make it count!

Early Voting starts in the Port Washington Public library from October 28 - November 5th. Election Day is Nov. 7th, with most residents voting at Sousa Elementary school. This is a local election that will affect Port North projects and potentially its budget. Make sure your voice is heard. General election times are from 6 am to 9pm.

## Safety Reminders

### Halloween Safety

Halloween can be a fun and creative time for all, but let's remember safety precautions to assure the safety of our children and everyone involved.

1. **Costume Safety:** Encourage the use of well-fitted costumes and masks that provide clear vision. Consider adding reflective tape to costumes and props for better visibility in the dark.
2. **Walking Safety:** If you're trick-or-treating with your little ones, always walk on sidewalks, use crosswalks, and be cautious of traffic. Drivers, please drive slowly and attentively, especially in residential areas.
3. **Candy Inspection:** Parents, inspect the candy your children receive and ensure all packaging is intact and unspoiled before they indulge.
4. **Home Safety:** For those welcoming trick-or-treaters to your homes, ensure clear paths, adequate lighting, and a friendly, welcoming atmosphere.
5. **COVID-19 Considerations:** Please continue to adhere to any relevant health guidelines to ensure a safe and enjoyable Halloween for all.

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## Preparing for Winter Safety

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As winter approaches, it's time to get your home and family ready for the colder months. Here are some essential tips to ensure a cozy and safe winter season:

1. **Inspect Heating Systems:** Have your furnace or heating system professionally serviced to ensure it's in good working condition. Replace air filters and consider installing a programmable thermostat for energy efficiency.
2. **Seal Leaks:** Check doors and windows for drafts. Seal gaps with weatherstripping or caulk to prevent heat loss and save on energy bills.
3. **Clean Chimney and Fireplaces:** If you have a fireplace, have your chimney cleaned and inspected. Stock up on firewood if you use it for heating.
4. **Winterize Pipes:** Insulate exposed pipes to prevent freezing and potential burst pipes. Drain and store garden hoses, and shut off exterior faucets.
5. **Prepare an Emergency Kit:** Be ready for power outages and winter storms with an emergency kit that includes flashlights, blankets, non-perishable food, and a battery-powered radio.
6. **Clear Gutters:** Remove leaves and debris from gutters to prevent ice dams that can cause roof damage. Trim overhanging branches to avoid falling limbs in heavy snow.
7. **Winterize Your Vehicle:** Ensure your vehicle is equipped with snow tires or chains, and check the battery, antifreeze, and brakes. Keep an emergency kit in your car as well.
8. **Stock Up on Winter Supplies:** Purchase essentials like salt or sand for de-icing, snow shovels, and windshield de-icer. Don't forget warm winter clothing, including hats, gloves, and scarves.
9. **Stay Informed:** Sign up for weather alerts and pay attention to local news for updates on winter storms. Be prepared to adjust your plans as needed.
10. **Winterize Your Garden:** Protect outdoor plants by mulching and covering them, and bring potted plants indoors. Make sure your snow removal equipment is in good working order.
11. **Holiday Decorations:** Safely install holiday decorations, keeping electrical cords clear of walkways and using LED lights for energy efficiency.

## Leaf Pick-Up Schedule

November 7 to 9, 2023	November 14 to 16, 2023
Angler Lane, Boat Lane,	Avenue B, Radcliff Avenue,
Bay Drive, Cove Lane,	Avenue C, Smull Place,
Cow Neck Road, Driftwood Drive,	Channel Drive, Old Shore Road ,
Dock Lane, Fishermans Drive,	Durbyan Place, Mill Pond Road
Port Drive, Island Court	Morgan Place, Valley Road,
Sandy Court, Marlin Lane,	Harbor Road, Orchard Street,
Schooner Lane, Seaview Lane,	Pleasant Avenue,
Seagull Lane, Waterview Drive,	Pulaski Place,
Steamboat Drive, Soundview Drive	

November 28 to 30- All Village Streets			
Angler Lane	Avenue B	Avenue C	Pleasant Ave.
Boat Lane	Orchard Street	Channel Drive	Pulaski Place
Bay Drive	Dock Lane	Driftwood Drive	Cow Neck Road
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	Old Shore Road	Morgan Place	Valley Road
Steamboat Dr.	Mill Pond Rd.	Seagull Lane	Waterview Drive

Leaf pickups crews will pass through your street only once - **DO NOT PUT LEAVES IN THE STREET AFTER CREW HAS PASSED YOUR ADDRESS. DO NOT PARK ON LEAF PILES - FIRES CAN OCCUR FROM HOT EXHAUST SYSTEMS.**

Leaf Pick-up is a village service for Residents only. Landscapers are never permitted to put anything into the village streets at any time. Bagging isn't necessary. Please sweep leaves into the street adjacent to the curb on Pick-up day

Please do not park on the streets during the scheduled pickup dates to facilitate cleanup efforts.

Please note it is a **SAFETY** issue and which will result in a monetary violation if the leaves are put out more than 1 day prior to pick-up.

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