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Dear Residents of Port Washington North Village,

As we approach the season of gratitude and togetherness, I extend my warmest wishes to each and every one of you for a joyous and fulfilling As December arrives, ushering in the joyous holiday season, I wanted to take a moment to extend my warmest wishes to you and your family. It's a time filled with love, laughter, and cherished moments spent with those who mean the most to us.

This year, as we gather together to celebrate, let us remember the preciousness of each moment and the joy of being surrounded by our loved ones. May your holiday season be filled with warmth, happiness, and the beauty of treasured traditions.

As we come together to share in the spirit of the season, let us also prioritize safety and well-being. Please take some time to ensure that your celebrations are not only joyous but also safe for everyone involved. Whether it's traveling cautiously, taking necessary precautions, or simply being mindful of each other's health, let's make this a holiday season filled with both joy and safety.

At Port Washington North, we greatly appreciate each and every one of you. Your presence and contribution make our community a wonderful place to be. Thank you for being a part of our family, and we look forward to continuing to serve you in the coming year.

May this holiday season bring you an abundance of happiness, peace, and goodwill. Here's to a safe, joyous, and memorable time with your loved ones.

Warmest Regards,

Mayor Bob Weitzner Port Washington North Village



### Conditional Use Permit Public Hearing Scheduled for New Building at Soundview Marketplace

There was a Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Port Washington North on Friday, December 1, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. at the Village Hall, 3 Pleasant Avenue, Port Washington, NY 11050, for the purpose of setting the date, time and place for a public hearing to consider the conditional use permit application regarding the new building be constructed at the Soundview Marketplace shopping center. A hearing will take place on December 20th at 6pm to discussing a conditional use permit for allowing outdoor seating and eating at the location. In addition, we are going to review the proposal of having three storefronts vs. the two that was originally approved. This change will allow the proposed plan to lease one of the storefronts to Just Salad in addition to the drive-thru Starbucks. The remaining storefront is not leased at this time.





#### NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historical Preservation \$500,000 Grant Award for Port Washington North Inclusive Playground and Walking Trail Project

The Village of Port Washington North recently unveiled an exciting recreational project to improve our quality of life and bring residents of Port Washington together. The Port Washington North Inclusive Playground and Walking Trail Project seeks to create opportunities for children with disabilities and on the Autism spectrum to have access to a playground designed specifically for them while at the same time making the playground enticing for general use for the public. In addition to the playground, we are proposing an ADA accessible 1/3 mile ten-foot wide walking trail suitable for age groups young and old.

The Village is committed to obtaining significant outside funding to support this project. We have already received generous funding pledges of \$125,000 from both NYS Assemblywoman Gina Sillitti and Nassau County Legislator Delia Deriggi-Whitton.

A grant was written by Mayor Bob in July of this year under the NYS OPRHP under the Environmental Protection Fund and was submitted to the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation for consideration. We are pleased to announce that we have been awarded \$500,000 for the Inclusive Playground and Walking Trail Project.

The Village is continuing to seek out additional funding sources to finance this important project. In the meantime, with this funding in place, we will begin to start the planning process and engage our Village engineers and our residents in the hopes of creating a formal plan and construction documents in 2025. We will keep our residents informed of any other developments regarding the project as they materialize.



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## **Preparing for Winter Safety**



Embrace the beauty of winter while prioritizing safety! As the snow falls and temperatures drop, it's essential to take proactive measures for a secure and enjoyable season. From dressing warmly and watching out for icy surfaces to maintaining safe heating systems and driving cautiously, our winter safety tips aim to keep you and your loved ones protected. Let's create lasting memories of this magical season by staying vigilant, prepared, and mindful of each other's well-being. Together, let's make this winter a time of joy, warmth, and safety.

- 1. Watch for ice: Be cautious of icy patches on sidewalks, driveways, and roads. Walk slowly and deliberately, use handrails where available, and consider using traction devices on shoes or boots for extra grip.
- 2. Shovel snow carefully: When shoveling snow, take breaks to avoid overexertion, which can lead to heart attacks or other health issues. Use proper lifting techniques and try pushing the snow instead of lifting it whenever possible. If the snow is heavy, consider asking for help or using a snowblower.
- 3. Drive cautiously: Clear snow and ice from your car before driving. Drive slowly, keep a safe distance from other vehicles, and brake gently to avoid skidding. Use winter tires if you live in an area with heavy snowfall.
- 4. Check heating systems: Ensure your heating systems, such as furnaces, fireplaces, and space heaters, are functioning properly and are well-maintained. Keep flammable materials away from heat sources and use space heaters with caution.
- 5. Prevent frozen pipes: Insulate exposed pipes and allow faucets to drip during extremely cold weather to prevent freezing. If pipes do freeze, use a hairdryer or towels soaked in warm water to thaw them slowly.
- 6. Prepare an emergency kit: Keep an emergency kit in your home and car that includes essentials like blankets, flashlights, non-perishable food, water, medications, and a first aid kit in case you're stranded or experience a power outage.
- 7. Stay informed: Monitor weather forecasts and stay updated on any advisories or warnings in your area. Be aware of changing weather conditions and plan your activities accordingly.
- 8. Check on neighbors: Keep an eye out for elderly neighbors or those who may need assistance during winter weather. Offer to help shovel snow, run errands, or check on their well-being during severe weather conditions.
- 9. Pet safety: Bring pets indoors during cold weather and provide them with warm shelter. Wipe their paws after walks to remove salt and chemicals used to melt ice, which can be harmful if ingested.





# Happy Holidays



As the festive spirit blankets our community, I extend my warmest wishes to each and every one of you. The holiday season is a time to come together, to embrace the spirit of unity and celebrate the blessings that surround us.

May this season bring forth a chorus of laughter, moments of cherished togetherness, and an abundance of warmth in your homes. Let's reflect on the joy of giving, the beauty of diversity, and the strength found in our collective spirit.

During this special time, let's also remember to extend our care and compassion to those in need, ensuring that the light of the holidays shines upon every doorstep.

As we turn the page towards a new year, let's carry the joyous memories of this season and embrace the promise of new beginnings and opportunities ahead.

Wishing you and your loved ones a holiday season filled with love, peace, and endless moments of happiness.