#### October 2023



Dear Residents of Port Washington North,

As we step into the enchanting season of autumn, I extend my warmest greetings to each and every one of you. The vibrant hues of changing leaves, the crispness in the air, and the scent of pumpkin spice - autumn truly brings a sense of wonder and nostalgia.

With the arrival of October, we're also looking forward to one of the most exciting times of the year - Halloween. This beloved holiday is a time of joy, creativity, and community. It's a chance for our children to dress up, have fun, and create cherished memories with friends and family.

We have exciting updates below. Please remember that I am always here to assist with any of your needs in the village. Do not hesitate to reach out if you ever have any concerns or questions.

Warmest regards,

Mayor Bob Weitzner mayor@portwashingtonnorth.org

#### NYS Comptroller's 2022 Fiscal Stress Report Released



The NYS Comptroller's Office came out with their Fiscal Stress rating for 2022 in September. State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli created this early warning system for communities and school districts with fiscal problems. Alerting everyone to potential problems gives local officials and taxpayers the opportunity to be more proactive. These fiscal stress scores are based on end-of-year results, and thus provide a measurement of local governments and school districts' ability to respond to the financial impact of the ongoing public health crisis. Port Washington North scored the lowest (best) stress level awarded, 0.0. The Village Board continues to be fiscally responsible and diligent in keeping the Village financially secure, while at the same time attending to the needs of its residents.



### **Passing of Ronald Novinski**



I would like to extend my deepest condolences to the Novinski family for the passing of our former Superintendent of Public Works, Ronald Novinski. He previously worked for the Town of North Hempstead Highway Department and Campbell's Carpet. He was also a member of the local American Legion post.

Ron was a real gentleman and performed hard work in service to the Village with true dedication. He will be greatly missed. Ronald was an individual that cared so deeply about this town and committed his life to service and helping others. Ronald Novinski, the Village of Port Washington North's long-serving Superintendent of Public Works, retired in spring of this year. Ron came to work for the Village in October 2006 and quickly became a well-known and well-beloved figure around the Village. Ron was out on the roads in the Village's blue Ford pick-up truck come rain or shine, sleet and especially snow. He always took the extra steps with his plow to help residents, clearing snow from the base of driveways, fire hydrants and storm drains. After hurricanes and heavy storms, he could be seen out and about the Village removing fallen limbs and debris, and directing clean-up crews.

We are grateful for his service and wish his family and friends peace during this difficult time. We have planted a tree in honor of him at the Radcliff Community Garden.



## **Road Resurfacing Project 2023**

The Village Board is pleased to announce the resurfacing schedule for 2023. We will be milling and resurfacing several Village roads starting at 8:00am on Monday, October 9th. We will deliver notices to all homeowner directly affected by the construction, but also wanted the Village to know of these work zones to avoid them while work is being done. The roads affected are:

- 1. Waterview Drive
- 2. Marlin Lane
- 3. Angler Lane
- 4. Seagull Lane
- 5. Schooner Lane
- 6. Sandy Court intersection of Sandy and Angler Lane
- 7. Eastern part of Smull Place
- 8. Channel Drive

All cars must be removed from the streets scheduled for resurfacing. Please park cars in your driveways or on streets not scheduled for resurfacing. We expect this work to take approximately one week. There will be temporary disruption to access of roads and driveways so please leave extra time for driving. We apologize for any inconvenience but look forward to beautiful new roads once the project is completed.

For any questions, please call Village Hall at 516-883-5900.

### FREE Catalytic Converter Serial Number Installation Event

The Port Washington Police Department and Council Member Mariann Dalimonte are once again teaming up with Craig Bott's Service Station to host a free catalytic converter serial number installation event for residents living in the unincorporated areas of Port Washington, Village of the Baxter Estates, and the Village of Port Washington North.

The event will take place on Sunday, October 22, 2023, and will be an opportunity for eligible residents to receive a serial number etched onto their catalytic converter. Vehicles eligible for the etching include: Honda, Acura, or Hyundai.

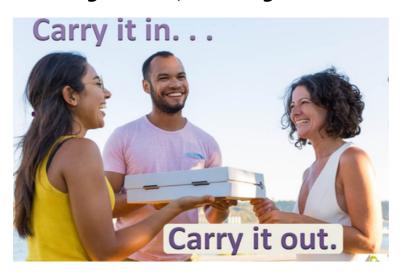
The catalytic converter serial numbers will be entered into a national database which tracks the sale and recycling of catalytic converters at scrap yards. The installations will make it more difficult for thieves to steal and sell catalytic converters for profit. Additionally, the goal of the program is to reduce catalytic converter theft.

Registration is required to participate in this event, and priority will be given to those who have been previous victims of catalytic converter theft and vehicles that are eligible for this initiative. Upon confirmation of registration, residents must also bring their license and registration to their appointment.

There will be a limited number of appointments, and eligible residents are encouraged to sign up as soon as possible. To sign up for the event, please visit https://northhempsteadny.gov/CatalyticConverterEtchingEvent



### Carry it in, Carry it out



A large portion of what is picked up at our volunteer beach clean-up events is light-weight items associated with food: wrappers, chip bags, plastic bottles, etc.

As anti-litter campaigns have been around for decades, it is unlikely that these items are haphazardly thrown out of car windows, but instead not properly secured when thrown away. It is important that your trash is secure from being blown away or knocked over (whether on land or on sea).

Additionally, if a public trash can is overflowing, please don't put your trash in there, because we can guarantee it won't make it into the trash truck, but into Manhasset Bay. And, as always, storm drains are not a trash receptacle. Adopting the policy of "Carry it in, Carry it out" encourages residents to take all garbage with them to preserve the beauty of our town.

### **Halloween Safety**

Halloween can be a fun and creative time for all, but let's remembers 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.



# **Pharmaceutical Take Back Day**



PWWD Pharmaceutical Take Back Day Saturday, October 28, 2023 10AM - 1PM Port Washington Water District HQ 38 Sandy Hollow Road Port Washington, NY



### **Safety Reminders**

#### **Stranger Danger Reminder**

In the spirit of safeguarding our beloved community, it's essential to remain vigilant and informed about "stranger danger." While our village is a close-knit and friendly place, it's crucial to teach our children, and even ourselves, about the potential risks associated with interacting with unknown individuals. Remind children never to accept rides, gifts, or invitations from strangers and to report any uncomfortable encounters to a trusted adult. For all residents, whether young or old, awareness and caution are our strongest allies in maintaining a secure and thriving community. Let's look out for one another and prioritize safety at all times. Together, we can ensure a safe haven for all within our beautiful Port Washington North Village.

#### **Drive Carefully: Adhere to Stop Signs**

Unfortunately, there is a report of 2 vehicle accidents due to not adhering to stop signs. As we traverse the roads of our picturesque village, let's remember the significance of safe driving and strict adherence to traffic laws. Every turn of the wheel holds the potential to safeguard lives and preserve the tranquility of our community. Obey speed limits, stop at stop signs, yield the right of way, and never drive under the influence. By upholding these rules and exercising caution, we contribute to the well-being of our neighbors, friends, and family. Let's pledge to keep our streets safe, promoting a culture of responsible driving that reflects the spirit of care and consideration we hold dear in Port Washington North.

#### 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 thus a violation if more than 1 day prior to pick-up.