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Dear Residents of Port Washington North,

I hope this year has been treating you well so far. As we step into Valentines Day, I invite you to continue to extend love and kindness not only to those close to you, but to your neighbors and community. Community is what makes the Village of Part Washington North so special, and I am so grateful for every single one of you being a part of it.

As we step into February, we would like to bring your attention to an essential civic opportunity that awaits us: the Special Election for the 3rd Congressional District. Your voice is a vital part of our community, and your vote can shape the future of our district.

For the rest of 2024, let us remember to keep our streets clean with pride for our bustling neighborhood. Moving into spring, the Village of Port Washington North is continually committed to improving our Village for residents and families. It truly is a special place to live.

With warm regards,

Mayor Bob Weitzner Village of Port Washington North







# **3rd Congressional District Special Election**

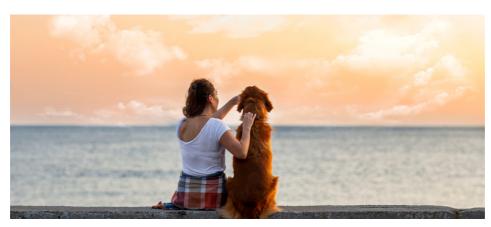
I invite you to do your own research and continue to use your voice to partake in civic engagement and to embrace your opportunity to have your voice be heard in this very important election.

You can see the early voting times and locations above!





## **Public Cleanliness Reminder**



As we cherish the beauty of our community, we would like to send out a friendly reminder to all dog owners regarding a small but significant responsibility – picking up after your furry friends!

Our neighborhood is known for its picturesque streets and welcoming parks, and it's up to each one of us to ensure they remain pristine for everyone to enjoy.

Here are the main reasons to pick up after your dog:

### 1. IT WILL NOT BREAKDOWN ON ITS OWN

If you believe that dog poop will break down or just wash away, you are wrong. Dog waste can take up to 12 months to fully break down. Plus, when rainwater washes over dog poop, it flows into the drainage systems. Then the contaminated water is carried into lakes, streams, and rivers. What this means is the next time you go swimming in your favorite spot, you could be swimming in fecal water. Studies have shown that up to 30% of bacteria found in watersheds come from pet waste! According to livescience.com America's 83 million pet dogs produce about 10.6 million tons of poop every year!

### 2. DISEASE-CAUSING BACTERIA AND PARASITES

The parasites and bacteria in dog waste can spread disease to other dogs and even you, if it is not properly picked up. E. coli and salmonella are some of the bacteria which are carried in dog waste. Even if your dog does not show symptoms of being sick their waste can carry diseases that are harmful to humans and other pets.

#### 3. IT'S COMMON COURTESY TO PICK UP AFTER YOUR DOG

Picking up after your dog is not only common courtesy but your duty as a pet owner. When feces is left lying in yards, grassy areas, parks, and even the sidewalk the smell can quickly become overwhelming! When you take your dog for a walk away from your home, you are entering public property. Because you own your dog, what waste your dog makes is your responsibility to pick up. It is even the law to clean up after your pet in this village. Plus, it's just good manners. While it may be convenient to re-use plastic grocery bags, a more environmentally-friendly option is biodegradable baggies made specifically for the job.

As a reminder, there is a \$250 fine for anyone who does not clean up after their pet. Is our responsibility to continue to beauty and keep our streets clean.