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Dear Residents of Port Washington North,

It is with great joy that I extend warm wishes to each and every one of you as we welcome the refreshing season of spring. This time of year brings renewal and hope, marked by longer days, blooming flowers, and the cheerful chatter of returning wildlife. It's a time when the beauty of Port Washington North is in full display, inviting us to step outside and reconnect with our community and local Bay Walk to enjoy the nature that surrounds us.

As we embrace the spirit of spring, we also find ourselves at the convergence of significant observances and celebrations that reflect the rich tapestry of cultures and faiths in our village. To those observing Easter, Ramadan, and Passover I wish you a season filled with peace, joy, reflection and the hopeful promise of new beginnings. May your homes be filled with love and your hearts with the light of these auspicious occasions.

Our village is a tapestry woven from diverse threads, and your traditions and values add a beautiful color to our shared community. Let us all take a moment during this season to appreciate our shared humanity and the bonds that connect us, regardless of our background or beliefs.

May we all move forward with optimism, embracing the opportunities for growth and renewal that lie ahead. Let's continue to support one another, celebrate our community's diversity, and work together towards a brighter, more inclusive future for all residents of Port Washington North.

Wishing you a beautiful spring filled with happiness, health, and harmony.

## Village Election Results



The Village of Port Washington North extends our deepest gratitude to all the residents who participated in the recent village election. Your active involvement is appreciated.

The Trustee election results are as follows:

Steven Cohen-72  
Michael Malatino-80  
Write-in Steven Kaplan-1

Congratulations to Steven Cohen and Michael Malatino on your re-election!

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## Mayor Meeting with Congressman Tom Suozzi



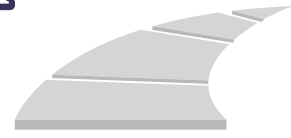
More than 30 mayors convened with Congressman Tom Suozzi to discuss our priorities and the key issues he should prioritize in Washington, DC. Representing the Village of Port Washington North, the Mayor advocated for the reinstating the full SALT (State And Local Tax) deduction and increased funding for the inclusive playground project. There is currently a federal cap of \$10,000 on deducting state and local taxes. So, any taxpayer with more than \$10,000 of NY State income tax and property taxes are not able to take the full amount as an itemized deduction on their federal income tax calculation. The cap disproportionately impacts states like New York that charge state income taxes and have property taxes exceeding \$10,000. The Mayor has advocated to remove the cap or significantly increase it to benefit those residents who deduct it from their federal tax liabilities.

## Village of Port Washington North's Fiscal Stress Score

The Office of the State Comptroller uses the Fiscal Stress Monitoring System to examine the annual financial information reported by our Village. This analysis provides an objective assessment of the fiscal challenges facing individual local governments and school districts, identifying situations where corrective action may be needed. These 2023 scores are based on fiscal year-end results.

Our evaluation represents the lowest stress level, of which the Village should be proud. We are always working hard behind the scenes to balance and maintain our Village budget. The zero score represents the highest ranking we could receive.

Fiscal Stress		
FYE	Score	Designation
2021	0.0	No Designation
2022	0.0	No Designation
2023	0.0	No Designation



## Sidewalk Repairs

The Public Works Department will soon be addressing residents' concerns regarding sidewalks and aprons throughout the Village.

The first step in the process is to examine every sidewalk and determine sidewalks or aprons need replacing. Once a decision is made to replace various flags (individual 4x4 sections of sidewalk) of sidewalk or an apron, it will be marked out with white spray paint, often with arrows pointing to each other.

Before sidewalks can be removed, mark-outs need to be completed in order to alert the sidewalk contractor exactly where the various utility lines are located. This includes water, gas, electric, and cable.

Many residents may wonder what the colors mean. Here is a quick guide:

**Dark red – ELECTRIC**

**Yellow – GAS-OIL-STEAM**

**Blue – WATER**

**Orange- CABLE or COMMUNICATIONS**

**Green – SEWER Pink – TEMPORARY SURVEY**

**White – PROPOSED EXCAVATION** (including sidewalk, curb and driveways)

Once mark-outs are completed, the removal will begin, likely in mid to late May. Homeowners will be contacted directly if any construction interferes with their driveway.

If any residents have complaints or concerns regarding their sidewalks or aprons, please call Village Hall at 516-883-5900 or email our Deputy Clerk at [deputyclerk@portwashingtonnorth.org](mailto:deputyclerk@portwashingtonnorth.org) and we will put it on the list for inspection.



## Tree Planting

Is anyone missing a street tree in front of their house? Starting in May, the Village will be accepting requests for new tree planting and will be examining our existing trees for health and safety. If there is an open spot in front of your house that had a tree there in the past, let us know and we will inspect to see if a new tree can be planted in close proximity to the old one. Please contact Public Works and Village Hall at 516-883-5900 or email Public Works at [Publicworks@portwashingtonnorth.org](mailto:Publicworks@portwashingtonnorth.org) and please cc our Deputy Clerk at [deputyclerk@portwashingtonnorth.org](mailto:deputyclerk@portwashingtonnorth.org) and we will come by and assess if a tree is needed or can be planted.



## Volunteer for the Spring 2024 Coastal Clean-up of Manhasset Bay

As the flowers bloom and the weather warms, it's time to roll up our sleeves and show our love for the beautiful shores of Manhasset Bay. This spring, the Village of Port Washington North is proud that there will be a Coastal Clean-Up event to support our Village, and we need your help to make it a success!

Saturday, May 18

9:30am

Meet at: Bay Walk Park, 64 Shore Road,  
Port Washington (parking is in the shopping center across the street)

\*\*\* They will have FUN PATCHES for Scouts who participate \*\*\*

Bring: Waiver, water & water bottle, old clothes, protective shoes that can get wet, hat, sunscreen, and bug repellent/tick spray. Latex gloves, trash bags, and snacks will be provided.

Suitable for all ages and abilities! Scout Troops and community service welcomed!

Register by emailing- [mbpcExec@gmail.com](mailto:mbpcExec@gmail.com)

## Stay Safe, Stay Alert: Stop Sign reminder

At the heart of our vibrant community, the safety and well-being of every resident, especially our youngest ones, is a shared responsibility that we hold dear. It's in the simple moments of daily life, like stopping at a stop sign, where we can make a significant difference.

We urge all drivers within our community to take a moment to reflect on the importance of adhering strictly to stop signs. These aren't just markers; they're safeguards for our children, pedestrians, and every member of our community making their way through our streets.

Stopping completely at every stop sign isn't just about following the rules; it's about protecting lives, ensuring the safety of children at play, families on walks, and every pedestrian stepping out onto the street. It's a commitment to each other, a pledge to uphold the safety and harmony of the place we call home.

Let's all do our part to maintain a safe environment. A complete stop at every stop sign is a simple yet powerful way to show we care. Together, we can ensure our community remains a safe, welcoming haven for all. Thank you for your attention, cooperation, and for looking out for each other.

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