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Dear Residents of Port Washington North,

With the arrival of warmer weather, I invite you all to enjoy the natural beauty that our village has to offer. Whether it's taking leisurely walks by the Bay, exploring our scenic parks, or simply enjoying the outdoors with family and friends, Port Washington North is a place where we can all find peace and joy in nature.

I would like to also extend my heartfelt wishes to each and every one of you for this past Memorial Day. This day holds profound significance as we honor and remember the brave men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country. Their courage and dedication have granted us the freedoms we cherish today.

I wish you all a happy, healthy, and safe summer. Let us make the most of this beautiful season by coming together as a community and appreciating the wonderful environment we are privileged to call home.

Best,

Mayor Bob Weitzner
Village of Port Washington North

Upcoming Water Main Replacements and Road Repaving

We would like to inform you that the Water District is scheduled to replace water mains on the following streets, likely starting in July:

- Port Drive
- Bay Drive
- Boat Lane
- Fishermans Lane
- Seaview Lane (from Fishermans Lane to Driftwood Lane)

We understand that this work may cause temporary inconveniences, and we appreciate your patience and cooperation during this important infrastructure upgrade.

Once the water main replacements are completed, the Village plans to repave all affected roads, as well as Dock Lane, in the fall. These improvements are essential to ensuring the safety and quality of our community's infrastructure.

We will keep you updated on the progress and any necessary road closures or detours. Thank you for your understanding and support as we work to enhance our village.

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Manhasset Bay Protection Committee Bay Walk Park Cleanup



We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the Manhasset Bay Protection Committee, Port Washington North Resident Chairperson Bob Keane and its Executive Director, Sarah Deonarine, for their incredible efforts in organizing the recent cleanup event. Manhasset High School National Honor Society students; multiple Girl Scout troops including Troops 633 and 4447 and a troop from Bayside, Queens; and Mineola High School Environmental Club members all gathered together for the effort.

Their dedication, along with the hard work of the volunteers, has played a crucial role in keeping Bay Walk Park and Manhasset Bay clean, pristine, and beautiful for all of us to enjoy.

The Village of Port Washington North, as well as the entire Port Washington community, thanks the Manhasset Bay Protection Committee and its volunteers for organizing the cleanup of the shoreline of the Bay Walk Park. Their efforts go a long way in keeping our precious Manhasset Bay clean and a delight to visit and enjoy.

Their commitment to preserving our natural surroundings not only enhances the beauty of our community but also ensures a healthier environment for future generations. We are truly grateful for their efforts and look forward to continuing our collective mission to maintain and protect our treasured Bay.

Thank you for everyone who participated in making a positive impact for our village!



Baywalk Improvements

We are excited to announce recent improvements to Bay Walk that enhance both its beauty and safety. New bollard lights have been installed along Bay Walk, providing improved lighting for evening strolls and activities. Additionally, a new flagpole with a camera transmitter has been installed, ensuring better security and monitoring of this beloved area. New trash receptacles have also been added to support the cleanliness of the surrounding area. They feature photographs from local artists in Port Washington.

These upgrades are part of our ongoing efforts to maintain and improve the amenities and infrastructure in our community. We invite you to come and enjoy the enhanced Bay Walk, whether it's for a peaceful walk, a scenic view, or simply to appreciate the new additions.

Thank you for your continued support as we strive to make Port Washington North an even better place to live.

Public Hearing Update

On May 30, 2024, The Board of Trustees conducted a public hearing to consider the site plan recommendations of the Port Washington North Planning Board on the New Oasis Development consisting of primarily senior housing of 44 units. The property which consists of 7.45 acres is at Valley Road and Avenue C. The property had been re-zoned by the Village Trustees back in 2005. The 44-unit development was previously approved for final subdivision approval back in 2008 and approved by the Nassau County Planning Commission in 2009. Following the hearing the Board of Trustees closed the hearing and reserved decision on the Planning Board recommendations.



Deepest Condolences

Henry J. Cosenza

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Henry J. Cosenza, P.E., a highly esteemed and active member of the Port Washington North community. Henry lived at 99 Radcliff Avenue with his wife Josephine and daughter Helen since 1972. He passed away on April 29, 2024.

Henry Cosenza began his dedicated service to the Village of Port Washington North in 1975 as Chairman of the Landmark Preservation Commission. In 1977, he continued his commitment as a Consultant to the Planning Board, and in 1978, he became a member of the Planning Board. His exemplary service extended to the Board of Zoning Appeals, where he served as a much-esteemed and respected member for 32 years, beginning in 1984. Henry brought his engineering expertise to the Board of Zoning Appeals and served as its acting chairman when needed.

Henry retired in 2016, leaving behind a legacy of dedication, expertise, and community service that has significantly impacted our village. His contributions and commitment to the betterment of Port Washington North will always be remembered and cherished.

Our thoughts and deepest condolences are with his wife Josephine, daughter Helen, and all who knew and loved Henry. He will be greatly missed.

Peter Dejana

We extend our deepest sympathies to the Dejana family and the Port Washington North Village community on the passing of Peter Dejana. Born in Pattada, Sardinia, Italy, on March 23, 1940, Peter was the eldest of five children of John and Antonina Dejana.

At the young age of 16, Peter emigrated to America with his father, not speaking a word of English. Despite the challenges, he attended and graduated from Schreiber High School while working tirelessly to support his family. Through their dedication and hard work, Peter and his father were able to reunite their family in America, setting roots in the sand miner's housing on West Shore Road.

Peter began his journey in the landscaping field, a common path for many Italian immigrants. From humble beginnings on Shore Road with a single truck and one Jeep with a plow, he built Dejana Industries, a multi-faceted contracting business. Over half a century, his vision and effort turned the Dejana family of companies into the largest municipal services contractor in North America, employing over 600 people with offices across the country.

Peter's life is a testament to the American dream, and his legacy will continue to inspire many. We offer our heartfelt condolences to his family and all who knew him. His contributions to the community and his exemplary life will always be remembered.



Port Washington North Tree Grant



North Hempstead will use a recently acquired \$540,000 state grant to create and carry out a plan to survey and assess the town's trees, officials said.

The town is partnering with the villages of Thomason and Port Washington North on the initiative, which they said will help maintain biodiversity and improve resilience in the environment. The project was one of seven to receive grants last week that state officials said, "will reduce government cost through consolidation."

"The fact that every single street tree in the Town of North Hempstead can now be assessed and inventoried becomes a powerful tool in our sustainability work," North Hempstead Supervisor Jennifer DeSena said in a statement.

Thomas Devaney, the chair of the tree committee and the town's grant coordinator, said the funding will allow them to create a management plan that identifies the age, condition and type of trees that are in the town.

"We would have an idea which trees we should probably look to replace in the near future before the unfortunate happens - they die and we're forced to replace them on more of an emergency basis," he said.

Devaney said internal details must be worked out before the town can seek bids for the work. He added that by partnering with the two villages, it gives them an opportunity to get a better price for the work. Port Washington North Mayor Robert Weitzner said this program will be a "tremendous asset" for the village and help it keep track of more than 5 miles of roadways with trees.

We would like to extend our sincerest thanks to Supervisor Desena, Councilperson Mariann Dalimonte and the entire Town Board for giving Port North the opportunity to partner with them on this initiative.



Port Washington North Pollinator Garden Started By Local Girl Scout



We are thrilled to announce the creation of the Port Washington Bay Walk Pollinator Garden ignited by Naomi Caplin, an active member of Girl Scout Troop 420 for the past 10 years. Naomi joined the Girl Scouts when she was six years old and has found the experience to be incredibly impactful as she grew up in Port Washington.

This new addition to our community has been designed with a mission to establish a perennial, native, and self-sustainable garden that everyone can enjoy.

The Bay Walk Pollinator Garden aims to promote biodiversity on Long Island by supporting the populations of native bees, butterflies, hummingbirds, and other small pollinators. By catering to their specific needs, we hope to create a thriving environment for these essential creatures. The plants chosen for this project consist of perennial flowering bushes and shrubs, ensuring that the garden will continue to grow and self-maintain, becoming a sustainable and lasting feature of the Bay Walk.

As a rain garden, the Pollinator Garden required minimal irrigation infrastructure—just a few new and updated pipes. This design makes the garden completely self-sufficient, as it will bloom each year without the need for a sprinkler system.

Naomi's most memorable and exciting experience has been creating and executing her Gold Award Project, which led to the establishment of this Pollinator Garden.

We invite you to visit the Bay Walk Pollinator Garden, enjoy its natural beauty, and observe the diverse pollinators it supports. Together, we can celebrate and contribute to the preservation of our local ecosystem.



Smart Irrigation Helps Port Washington Residents Save Water and Money



Irrigation systems across the Port Washington Peninsula are turning on to start the spring, so the Port Washington Water District (PWWD) would like to remind residents of the importance of saving water while irrigating your lawns. Roughly half of all water used during the spring and summer is wasted due to inefficient lawn-watering methods, which results in a waste of money as well. Smart irrigation systems are, by far, the best tools to prevent such drastic water waste during irrigation season.

Smart irrigation controllers use WiFi signals to connect to local weather forecasts and adjust your irrigation system's schedule based on factors such as rain and temperature. This helps to mitigate the risk of overwatering and ensures that your lawn receives exactly the amount of water needed in order to stay healthy.

Hundreds of residents within the PWWD have replaced their standard irrigation controllers with smart controllers in the last few years and the results have been tremendously positive. These residents have saved an average of 20 to 30 percent on their water usage, with some cases reaching as high as 50 percent. The PWWD also has a conservation rate structure in place, which means that, when the number of gallons of water you use decreases, your cost per gallon can go down as well. This technology has proven to be so effective that the PWWD requires all residents with an automatic irrigation system to update their system to include a smart controller by January 1, 2025.



Chalk the Walk



Celebrate Pride Month with us at the Be the Rainbow Pride Chalk the Walk event! We invite all residents to come together and add a splash of color to our sidewalks in honor of Gay Pride. This vibrant event is a wonderful opportunity for community members of all ages to express their support for inclusivity and diversity through art.

Bring your creativity and enthusiasm, and we'll provide the chalk! Whether you're drawing rainbows, heartfelt messages, or colorful designs, your participation will help paint our community in the spirit of love and acceptance.

This is a family-friendly event, and everyone is welcome to join in the fun. Let's make our sidewalks as colorful as our community!

No Garbage Pickup Notice - July 4th

Due to the Independence Day holiday, there will be no garbage collection on July 4th. Please do not leave your garbage out for longer than it needs to be to avoid any violations.

The regular garbage collection schedule will resume on the next designated pickup day.