

## August 2024

Dear Residents of Port Washington North,

As we approach the end of summer, I hope this message finds you well and that you have had an enjoyable and relaxing season. Summer in our beautiful village is always a special time, filled with warm weather, community events, and the joy of spending time outdoors.

With the new school year just around the corner, it's a perfect time to start preparing for the exciting opportunities and adventures that lie ahead.

Whether you have children gearing up for another school year or you're simply getting ready for the busy fall season, I encourage everyone to make the most of these final summer days.

I'm thrilled to share some exciting updates with you. One of our major projects this year has been the development of a new inclusive, accessible-friendly playground. This playground is designed to ensure that all children, regardless of ability, can play together in a safe and welcoming environment. It features state-of-the-art equipment that caters to a wide range of needs, providing a space where every child can enjoy the outdoors and engage with their peers. We have made progress with securing a grant to support this project.

We believe this new playground will be a wonderful addition to our village, fostering a sense of community and inclusivity. We can't wait for you and your families to experience it!

As always, I want to express my gratitude for your continued support and involvement in our community. Together, we make Port Washington North a vibrant and thriving place to live. Let's make the most of the remaining summer days and look forward to an exciting and productive school year.

Warm regards, Mayor Bob Weitzner Village of Port Washington North

#### **Village Board Meeting**

Our next Village Board meeting will be on August 6th at 7:30pm at Village Hall, 3 Pleasant Avenue. If you have any thing you would like to share with the board or listen in to village happenings, you can stop by. Public commentary is open for part of the meeting.



# Port Washington North gets \$1 million to build park with sensory equipment





Pictured left to right
Nassau County Delia Deriggi Whitton
NYS Assemblyperson Gina Sillitti
Port North Mayor Bob Weitzner
NYS Governor Cathy Kochul
TONH Councilwoman Maryann Dalimonte
Baxter Estates Mayor Nora Haageson

We are grateful for NYS Governor Kathy Hochul for her generous support with a grant for the Inclusive Playground Project. With the \$1,000,000 grant, Phase 1 is complete and we can now officially move forward. This state funding will allow us to build a new accessible playground for children with disabilities and autism. We hope for construction to begin on the park by the middle of next year. The playground will be built on a <u>4.75-acre parcel</u> on Channel Drive and span three of acres of this property.

The total cost of the project is about \$2.4 million, with the rest of the funding coming from the state and village.

The planned playground will include include equipment that is inclusive for neurodiverse children. There will be musical playground equipment, swings and stations — all built with sensory features.

We are excited to keep the community involved in the process and ensure that it's a playground that was so enticing to everyone and children of all backgrounds.



### Bay Walk Park Clean Up



On Sunday, July 28, the volunteers from World Mission Society Church of God partnered with Mayor Weitzner's office to clean up Bay Walk Park. The Mayor joined in the morning of the cleanup and shared the following message with the volunteers: "Always serve your neighbors and your community and it will come back to you." He also prepared a citation to award their efforts and encouraged their future activities to serve the community.

The World Mission Society Church of God is an international church spanning over 7,500 locations in 175 countries. This year marks an extraordinary milestone as the church is celebrating its 60th anniversary. To celebrate, volunteers are rolling up their sleeves and carrying out various community service events around the world.

Their volunteer base is mostly comprised of young working adults and university students. They carry out a wide range of initiatives that fall in line with the United Nation's 17 Sustainable Development Goals, which were designed for global stability and environmental preservation. The volunteers coordinate and participate in cleanups, tree plantings, and park beautifications to name a few.

We are so grateful for all of your help with keeping the Bay Walk clean for everyone!



# **Garbage Collection Reminder**



As part of our ongoing efforts to maintain the cleanliness and aesthetic appeal of our community, we would like to remind everyone of the proper timing for placing your garbage bins out for collection.

Please ensure that garbage bins are placed at the curbside no earlier than sundown the night before collection day. Garbage receptacles should be placed out starting one hour before sunset the night before collection and must be removed by 10:00 p.m. on the day of collection.

Garbage can be placed out on Sunday night for Monday morning collection. Yard waste may be placed out on Sunday nights for Monday morning collection. Recycling may be placed at the curb on Thursday evening for Friday morning collection.

Adhering to this guideline helps us maintain the appearance of our neighborhood, reduces the likelihood of animals disturbing and scattering trash, and keeps our streets and sidewalks clear and safe for pedestrians and vehicles.

We appreciate your cooperation and understanding in adhering to this guideline. By working together, we can keep our Village clean, safe, and beautiful for everyone!

There will no garbage pick-up on Labor Day, Monday, September 2nd. Regularly scheduled pick-up will resume on Wednesday September 4th.





#### Update to the Construction on Shore Road and Temporary Southern Lane Closure

During the construction to add a traffic signal at the intersection of Harbor Road and Shore Road, the Nassau County Department of Public Works discovered a damaged seawall, sidewalk and section of the southbound lane.

Because of the undermining caused by the damaged seawall, Nassau County has closed the western southbound travel lane until repairs can be made. In the meantime, various options are being explored to restore the pavement's structural integrity in hopes of normal traffic resuming as soon as possible. The temporary repairs are expected to be completed within 3-4 weeks.

The Village of Port Washington North is thankful that Nassau County discovered the damage within the road and prevented what could've been a catastrophe. The safety and well-being of all of our residents will always be our top priority. We hope that normal traffic can resume on Shore Road as soon as it is safe to do so.

#### **Water Main Construction**



Bancker Construction, on behalf of the Port Washington Water District, will begin the installation of approximately 20,000 feet of new water main in various parts of Port Washington, impacting about 400 homes. The construction will begin on Monday, August 5th.

The job will also involve replacing dozens of old fire hydrants with 41 new hydrants and the retirement of 10 existing water mains. This new infrastructure will improve the delivery of water to the community.

The project will be performed in sections. The first phase will impact Cow Neck Road from Shore Road (just south of Manorhaven Boulevard) to Barker's Point Road, including Port Drive and Bay Drive. The following roads will also be impacted: Fishermans Dr., Boat Ln., Seaview Ln., and Dock Ln.

They will begin their work on Soundview Drive and Port Drive on Wednesday, August 7th. They will then continue on to Cow Neck Road and Bay Drive and can provide more precise schedule as the work commences if required. They anticipate that the water main work in this area will take approximately 3 weeks, and once finished we anticipate that we will move on to install the water main on Fishermans Drive, Boat Lane, and Seaview Lane.

Their crews will work at 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM day. Bancker will coordinate with all municipal services and any buses during the duration of the project to all access to the area. One lane will be open for traffic. Emergency vehicles will ALWAYS have accessibility to the community during normal work hours.

All residents will have access. Temporary asphalt will be installed after portions of the water main installation have been completed. Bancker Construction will be making a full permanent repaving restoration after the project has been completed each evening to the full street and any impacted sidewalks and driveways.

This is the first of several communications we will do throughout the project. We know that infrastructure improvements, like any construction, are not comfortable, but they are necessary and add value to the community.

Thank you for your help as we will do our best to make this project as smooth as possible.

If you have any questions during this work period, please do not hesitate to call or email Bancker. Their office is 631-582-8880 x-403, their email is <a href="mailto:tburgesslevy@bancker.com">tburgesslevy@bancker.com</a>.



### **Back To School Tips**

As the new school year approaches, it's essential to ensure a smooth transition for both parents and children. Here are some practical tips to help your family get ready for the upcoming academic season:

- Establish a Routine: Start a consistent bedtime and wake-up schedule a few weeks before school begins to help children adjust gradually.
- Create a Homework Station: Set up a dedicated, quiet space stocked with necessary supplies like pencils, paper, and a calendar for tracking assignments.
- Organize School Supplies: Ensure your child has all the necessary supplies, labeled with their name to avoid mix-ups.
- Plan Healthy Meals: Create a meal plan for nutritious breakfasts, lunches, and snacks, involving your child in packing their lunch.
- Update Medical Records: Make sure vaccinations are up to date and inform the school of any medical conditions or special requirements.
- Set Goals Together: Discuss academic and extracurricular goals with your child to motivate them for the school year.



## **Scam & Fraud Prevention Presentation**

Port Washington Police Sergeant Peter Griffith will share essential information and answer questions about safety.

#### Topics Include:

- How to recognize danger and avoid scams.
- Simple steps to avoid car thefts.
- Safety precautions when traveling, banking, driving and more!

Thursday, August 15th at 7PM at Village Hall.

Light refreshments will be served.

Please RSVP to communications@portwashingtonnorth.org.



#### F-250 Ford Auction



We wanted to let you know that our 2008 F-250 has been replaced and will be auctioned off in the near future. This reliable vehicle has served us well, and we're excited for the opportunity to pass it on to a new owner. Keep an eye out for more details on the auction, including dates and bidding information. Stay tuned for updates and don't miss your chance to bid. Proceeds will go back to the Village.