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Dear Residents of Port Washington North,

I hope this letter finds you well and that you had a wonderful summer filled with relaxation, adventure, and quality time with loved ones. As we bid farewell to the warm days of summer and welcome the crisp air of fall, I wanted to take a moment to connect with you all and share some thoughts as we move into this new season.

Summer in Port Washington North is always a special time. Whether you spent it enjoying our beautiful parks, participating in local events, or simply savoring the slower pace, I hope it was a season of joy and rejuvenation. Our community is at its best when we come together, and it was heartening to see so many of you out and about, enjoying all that our village has to offer.

As we transition into fall, I want to extend my best wishes to all the students, parents, teachers, and school staff as the new academic year begins. This time of year brings with it a renewed sense of purpose and opportunity. To our students, I encourage you to embrace the challenges and opportunities ahead, and to our parents and educators, thank you for the invaluable support and guidance you provide.

As always, the village is here to support you. We are committed to ensuring that our community remains a safe, welcoming, and vibrant place for all. Whether you are returning to school, work, or other activities, know that we are working diligently to maintain and enhance the quality of life in Port Washington North.

Please remember that my office is always open to your thoughts, questions, and suggestions. Your input is vital as we continue to make our village the best it can be. I look forward to seeing you around the village and hearing from you as we move through this exciting time of year.

Thank you for being an essential part of what makes Port Washington North such a wonderful place to live. Wishing you all a successful and fulfilling fall season!

Warm regards,

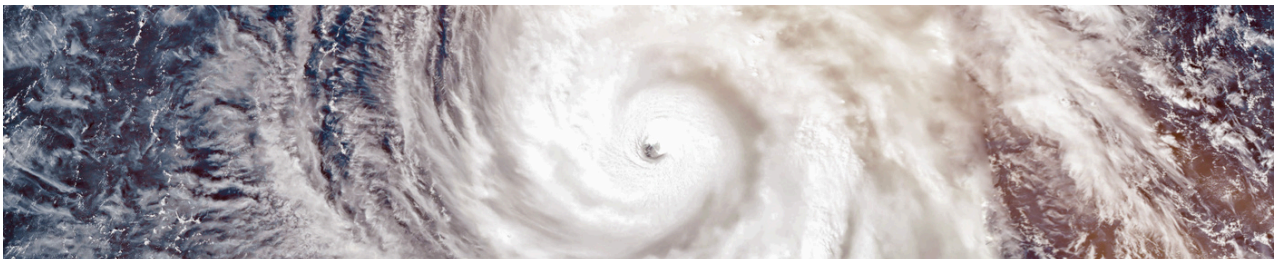
Bob Weitzner  
Mayor of Port Washington North

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## Actions from August 6th Board Meeting

- Awarded lightning maintenance contract to NY Trenchless, our current provider.
- Contracted with Absolute Auctions and Realty Inc. to auction off our 2008 F-250 which was replaced with a new F-250.
- Re-opened new Oasis Site Plan Review hearing to allow for possible information to be put into the record. The hearing is scheduled for November 19th, 2024
- Updated the board on the accessible include playground project. Holding our first Playground Advisory Committee meeting scheduled for August 27th. At that time, an updated playground plan design was being unveiled.
- Unlimited Play and Little Tikes Commercial will be joining us at our September 10th meeting to discuss updates to the playground and solicit input from the board.



## Stormwater Protection During Fall Season

Residents should be aware of specific sources of stormwater pollution unique to the fall season. Leaf litter and yard waste dumped into stormwater drains can cause dangerous pollutants to enter the waterways.

Similarly, excess yard fertilizer, not absorbed by the soil, washes away with the rain and can add harsh chemicals to the waterways. Residents should dispose of leaf litter and yard waste properly, never in the street or drain, and should avoid using fertilizer before a rainstorm or in excess.

Sources:

<https://www.epa.gov/trash-free-waters/what-you-can-do-about-trash-pollution> and  
<https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2023-01/bmp-litter-management.pdf>

## Angler Lane Flooding Concerns

We have been made aware by a number of residents on Angler lane that they experienced significant flooding up their street during the past two significant rainstorm events. The Village did implement improvements to the drainage system two years ago. Given that it may not be sufficient enough, we are in the process of engaging our village engineers to draft a proposal to examine the drainage system as a whole in the efforts to improve the flooding. We expect to have this proposal for the board to approve at the next meeting.

## Baywalk Improvements



We've enhanced the look and functionality of Bay Walk Park by installing artificial turf. The pea gravel near the pavilion has been removed, along with the unsightly mess it created. Now, in its place, is a lush green lawn perfect for placing Adirondack rocking chairs, cleaning a kayak, or simply sitting down to enjoy the view.



## Water Main Project Update

We anticipate completing the water main portion of the work on Cow Neck Road & Bay Drive on Wednesday August 28th. On Thursday August 29th we anticipate starting to perform connections on Woodlawn Road, and then starting work on Fishermans Drive, Boat Lane, and Seaview Lane which will take approximately three weeks.

We are notifying the residents accordingly.

## Playground Advisory Committee Meeting



*This is a draft rendering of the project.*

I'm excited to share that we recently held our first Playground Advisory Board Meeting, where we gathered valuable input and suggestions from community members about the design and features of our upcoming accessible playground. This playground will be a key addition to Mill Place Park, a project made possible through a generous grant we received.

During the meeting, we discussed our vision for the playground, focusing on inclusivity and ensuring that it will be a space where children of all abilities can play together. We are committed to keeping you informed as the project progresses and will provide regular updates to ensure the community is involved every step of the way.

Big thanks to Nathalie Mackay from Unlimited Play for your presentation about the accessible playground plans, and what this would mean for inclusion in our communities.

Thank you to PWN Trustee Andrea Scheff, Assemblywoman Gina Sillitti, Councilwoman Mariann Dalimonte, County Legislator Delia Deriggi Whitton, H2M Village Engineers, residents from the community, Mill Pond Acres, Nicholas Center, Residents Forward, Brookville Center for Children's Services and Unlimited Play for participating in the meeting and your feedback.

Natalie Mackay from Unlimited Play will be coming to our Sept. 10th Board Meeting to present the latest playground plan to the Board of Trustees.



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## New Gateway Signs For Port Washington North

We are thrilled to announce the installation of new welcome signs around the perimeter of Port Washington North! These beautifully redesigned signs reflect the unique charm and heritage of our village, incorporating modern elements and nods to our rich history. Crafted with sustainable materials and featuring elegant, easy-to-read fonts, the signs warmly greet residents and visitors alike as they enter our community. We invite you to take a moment to enjoy these new additions that symbolize the welcoming spirit and natural beauty of Port Washington North.

## Back To School Tips

As the new school year begins, it's important to ensure that our children stay safe on their way to and from school. Here are some key safety tips to keep in mind:

### Road Crossing Safety

1. **Use Crosswalks:** Always cross the street at designated crosswalks or intersections. Make sure to look both ways before crossing and continue to stay alert while crossing.
2. **Obey Traffic Signals:** Pay attention to traffic signals and crossing guards. Only cross when you have the green light or when directed by a crossing guard.
3. **Walk, Don't Run:** When crossing the street, walk briskly but don't run. Running increases the risk of tripping and falling.
4. **Make Eye Contact:** If you're crossing in front of a vehicle, make sure to make eye contact with the driver to ensure they see you before you step off the curb.
5. **Stay Alert:** Avoid distractions such as using a phone or wearing headphones while crossing the street. Staying alert helps you react quickly to any potential dangers.

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## Back To School Tips

### Stranger Danger Tips

- **Don't Talk to Strangers:** Remind your children not to talk to, accept gifts from, or go anywhere with someone they don't know, even if the person seems friendly.
- **Safe Distance:** Teach your children to maintain a safe distance from strangers and to run away if someone they don't know approaches them in a way that makes them uncomfortable.
- **Know Safe Places:** Encourage children to identify safe places they can go if they feel threatened, such as a friend's house, a school, or a public place with lots of people.
- **Use a Buddy System:** Whenever possible, children should walk to and from school with a friend or in a group. There's safety in numbers.
- **Trust Their Instincts:** Remind your children that it's okay to say "no" and to trust their instincts. If something doesn't feel right, they should get away and tell a trusted adult immediately.

By following these simple safety tips, we can help ensure that all of our children have a safe and successful school year. Please take a few minutes to review these tips with your family and encourage them to stay vigilant as they navigate the school day.



## Movie Studio Update and Port North Filming

Port North was chosen for filming on Channel Drive, for FBI: Most Wanted, which will feature an exciting action sequence. The car will crash through a prop gate on Channel Drive, alongside a guard booth and utility pole props built on Village property, including the future Village Hall site (currently the dog walking park).

The movie studio is scheduled to officially open by October 1, but we will provide further updates. The scene filmed there involves an armored car crashing out of the new studio building, which is being used as a "depository," while being pursued by an FBI Tahoe.



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## Senior Scam Presentation

The meeting, held at 7 PM by Police Sergeant Peter Griffith, focused on scam prevention and provided residents with valuable information to help protect themselves from potential fraud. Sergeant Griffith also updated the community on recent police activity in our area and reassured everyone that the police force will continue regular patrols to keep our village safe and informed. Several residents were in attendance to benefit from this important presentation.

Here is some information he provided during the meeting, that will be also available on our website: Do not volunteer any information such as name, address, social security number to unknown people over the telephone or internet. Remember "If it seems too good to be true, it usually is."

Stop and think before you hand money over to anybody. Whenever you are contacted by someone asking for money you should consult a trusted friend, relative or neighbor for advice.

Many times the con artist will instruct the victim not to tell anyone or "something bad" will happen. And many times after being conned, the victim will be reluctant to tell anyone, because they fear that they will be thought of as senile or no longer capable of making good decisions. Anyone can be conned.

### IF IT'S AN EMERGENCY:

- Dial 9-1-1.
- Stay calm, speak slowly.
- Senior Citizens are often targeted by criminals as easy victims.

Explain the problem to the 9-1-1 operator and stay on the phone.

### IF IT ISN'T AN EMERGENCY:

- Call your local police precinct for advice.
- Help is only a few minutes away.

We extend our sincere thanks to Police Sergeant Peter Griffith and the entire police department for sharing such valuable information and for their ongoing dedication to our community.

## Village Board Meeting

Our next Village Board meeting will be on September 10th 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.

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