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Dear Residents of Port Washington North,

As we welcome the beautiful fall season, I wanted to take a moment to send you all my warmest wishes. The crisp air, changing leaves, and festive atmosphere always bring a special energy to our village, and I hope you're enjoying all that this season has to offer.

With that said, I also want to gently remind everyone to stay alert as we are in the midst of hurricane season. While we're all busy enjoying the pumpkin spice and cozy weather, it's important to stay prepared for any sudden changes in the forecast.

We're always here to support you, so if you need any assistance or have questions about how to stay safe, don't hesitate to reach out to Village Hall. Our team has been hard at work making sure everything is in place to keep our community safe.

Enjoy the fall festivities, stay safe, and know that we're here for you every step of the way!

Best wishes,
Bob Weitzner
Mayor, Village of Port Washington North

Retirement of Palma Torrisi Village Clerk

It is with great admiration and gratitude that we announce the retirement of Palma Torrisi, our esteemed Village Clerk, after 40 years of dedicated service to the Port Washington community. Palma began her incredible journey with us on October 16, 1984, and her retirement on October 16, 2024, marks exactly 40 years of commitment to our village. Over the years, she has assisted generations of Port Washington residents with unwavering professionalism and care.

Throughout her tenure, Palma worked under two mayors: Thomas Pellegrino and our current mayor, Bob Weitzner. A proud resident of Port Washington, she has been an integral part of our community, contributing her time and expertise far beyond her role as Village Clerk.

In addition to her dedication to the village, Palma is a member of the Long Island Village Clerks Association and is also an accomplished attorney. She is a devoted mother to three children and grandmother to four, and a long-time active member of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation at Shelter Rock in Manhasset.

As we bid farewell to Palma, we extend our deepest thanks for her years of exceptional service. Her impact will be felt for generations to come.

We are also excited to welcome our newly appointed Research Assistant, Angelique Melnyk, who will take on the role of Village Clerk following Palma's retirement. We look forward to Angelique continuing the tradition of excellence and service that Palma has so greatly exemplified.

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Actions From the September 10th Board Meeting

- Unlimited Play and Little Tikes Commercial joined us to discuss the Village's Accessible /Inclusive Playground Project design
- Under the advice of the Port Washington Police, the Village Board agreed to remove the stop sign on Soundview Drive at the intersection of Dock Lane. The Board also agreed to consider any other measures that could be implemented to calm traffic in the area.
- Two sign permits approved for the Soundview Marketplace for Just Salad & Woof Gang Bakery & Grooming
- Announced by Soundview Marketplace Management that Verizon is leasing the space next to Woof Gang in the old HSBC building.
- Board of Trustees voted to hold a public hearing on October 8th at 7:30pm for the purposes of amending our code regarding residential outdoor storage of construction equipment and supplies.
- Approved 1 year conditional use permit for Bombay Kitchen located at 85 Channel Drive.
- Appointed a Research Assistant to Board of Trustees, Angelique Melnyk



Accessible Playground Funding Update

We are thrilled to announce that, thanks to the incredible support of NYS Assemblywoman Gina Sillitti, we have received \$125,000 in funding for our Accessible/Inclusive Playground Project!

We are deeply grateful for the continued support we've received from Assemblywoman Sillitti and all those who have rallied behind this important initiative. These contributions have helped to make this vision a reality.

Thank you for being part of this journey with us—we look forward to sharing more updates soon!

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>



Water Main Project Update

We are pleased to inform you that the water main work on Fisherman's Drive, Port Drive, Bay Drive, Seaview Lane, and Boat Lane has been successfully completed. We appreciate your patience during this phase of the project.

As the Water District contractors move forward, they will notify you and our residents in the area when they plan to return for the installation of water services and to perform the final restoration work.

Thank you for your continued cooperation as we work to improve our infrastructure and water services.

Leaf Pick-Up



We are announcing the early November leaf pick-up schedule ahead of our upcoming November newsletter. A more detailed schedule will be provided next month. In the meantime, for the sake of traffic safety, please remember that it is the homeowner's or their contractor's responsibility to pick up all leaves that have been blown into the road.

To ensure the safety of trick-or-treaters, it's important to not place leaves on the street for pick up before Halloween. Wet or dry leaves can be slippery and obscure potential hazards, making it risky for both pedestrians and drivers.

Scheduled Leaf Pick-Up: November 5th to 7th

- Angler Lane
- Bay Drive
- Cow Neck Road
- Dock Lane
- Sandy Court
- Schooler Lane
- Seagull Lane
- Steamboat Drive
- Boat Lane
- Driftwood Drive
- Cove Lane
- Fishermans Drive
- Island Court
- Marlin Lane
- Seaview Lane
- Soundview Drive
- Waterview Drive

We appreciate your cooperation in keeping our streets safe and clean!

Port Washington Water District's 2024 Pharmaceutical Take Back Day

Mark your calendars! The Port Washington Water District will be hosting its 2024 Pharmaceutical Take Back Day on October 26 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the Water District Office (38 Sandy Hollow Road). This is a great opportunity to safely dispose of any unused or expired medications to help protect our water supply and environment. Please bring prescription or over-the-counter medications for disposal—no sharps (needles) or liquids will be accepted. Let's work together to keep our community and waterways safe!

PHARMACEUTICAL TAKE BACK DAY

SAT 26
OCTOBER, 2024
10 AM - 1 PM

Do It For Port!

CONVENIENT.
ANONYMOUS.
SAFE.

Please note that the PWWD cannot collect medical sharps

HELP PROTECT OUR WATER SOURCE & PRESERVE ITS QUALITY

THANK YOU TO OUR PROMOTIONAL PARTNERS

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New Signs For Garbage Removal

Recently, the Village has been inundated with garbage bags and boxes from boaters who have mistakenly used our pier and kayak launches as dumping sites. This has caused our trash cans to overflow, creating an unsightly mess for all to see.

As a reminder and deterrent, we have installed new signs clearly directing those with garbage to use the designated Town Dock dumpsters. We believe this will help reduce the amount of waste left in inappropriate areas.

Additionally, we've placed new trash receptacles at these locations in hopes of preventing further issues. We appreciate your cooperation in keeping our beautiful village clean and enjoyable for everyone.



Halloween Safety Tips

With Halloween just around the corner, I'd also like to share a few safety tips to ensure everyone has a fun and safe experience:

1. **Stay Visible:** Make sure trick-or-treaters are wearing reflective gear or carrying flashlights to stay visible after dark.
2. **Cross Safely:** Always cross streets at designated crosswalks and be mindful of traffic.
3. **Costume Safety:** Ensure costumes are the right length to prevent trips and falls, and avoid masks that limit vision.
4. **Check Treats:** Parents, don't forget to inspect candy and treats before they're enjoyed, just to be safe.
5. **Respect Your Neighbors:** Please only visit homes with their porch lights on and be mindful of others' property.

Retired Pick-up Truck Auctioned Off

We are pleased to announce the successful sale of the Village's retired 2008 Ford F-250 pick-up truck. The vehicle was sold through an agreement with an auction company, and after the auction closed, the village accepted the winning bid of \$9,200.

The proceeds from this sale will be directed to the Highway Maintenance Fund, helping to support the continued upkeep and improvement of our village's infrastructure.

Reminder: No Garbage Collection on Columbus Day

Please note that there will be no garbage collection on Columbus Day, Monday, October 14th. As a friendly reminder, per Village code, please do not put out garbage more than one afternoon before your scheduled collection date. We appreciate your cooperation in keeping our village clean and orderly.

Thank you for your attention!