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As we step into February, I want to take a moment to express my gratitude for this wonderful community we share. While winter is still with us, the days are slowly getting longer, and we look forward to the opportunities ahead.

This month, I encourage everyone to stay safe during the colder weather, support our local businesses, and take time to appreciate the vibrant community we continue to build together. Our team is working on several projects and initiatives to enhance our village, and we look forward to sharing more updates with you soon.

Stay tuned for upcoming announcements, community events, and important updates in our village newsletter. As always, your input and engagement are invaluable, and we appreciate your continued involvement in making Port Washington North a great place to live.

Wishing you all a wonderful February!

Bob Weitzner
Mayor Village of Port Washington North

Updates From the January Board Meeting

- Tax Grievance Day will be February 18, 2025 at Village Hall from 10AM-2PM.
- Village Election will be held on March 18, 2025 at Village Hall from 12PM-9PM.
- Village will be accepting BID Proposals for Park Maintenance on February 6, 2025
- PWN in partnership with Residents Forward will be submitting a grant proposal to the DEC for a food scrap composting program.
- Honoring of Ronald Novinski with a plaque at Radcliff & Soundview Dr.



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Port Washington North Thanks Governor Hochul for Grant to Fund Phase 2 of Accessible Inclusive Playground Project



We are thrilled to announce that Port Washington North has been designated as a certified Pro-Housing Community. We were awarded a \$675,000 grant thanks to Governor Kathy Hochul's Pro-Housing Communities Initiative to support our Playground Project. This funding will help create a more inclusive and accessible recreational space for all families in our community.

On the heels of the very successful Port Washington North Accessible Playground and Recreational Facility Project Phase 1, fully funded in large part by the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historical Preservation, and Governor Kathy Hochul's \$1,000,000 grant, the Village of Port Washington North is now able to expand Phase 1 for the benefit of the entire Port Washington community; the Port Washington North Accessible Playground and Recreational Facility Project Phase 2 Splash Pad Water Play and Outdoor Fitness Equipment project. Phase 1 provided the funding for an all inclusive/accessible playground.

With this generous grant, we will be able to enhance our public spaces with:

- A splash pad for children to enjoy
- Creation of quarter mile ADA accessible walking trail with outdoor exercise equipment
- Lighting for walking trail
- Expanded recreational areas
- Construction of a parking lot for the facility

The splash pad will include numerous pieces of water play that will be geared to various age groups. It will have a nautical theme to tie the area into our waterfront community. It will have numerous features that are both handicap accessible and inclusive for our children. The eight-foot wide walking trail will be handicap accessible and suitable for all ages with outdoor fitness equipment stations and sensory stations for children. The path will be lit at night through the installation of bollard lighting.

The accessible parking lot will allow for easy egress to and from the various park areas. In sum, this project truly falls under the heading of "all inclusive" Once the initial plans are finalized we will present them to the Village.

We wish to thank Governor Hochul for the \$675,000 award for Phase 2 and her continued support of our Village's vision for this playground project and our plans for the Village's future. Governor Hochul's Pro-Housing Communities Initiative provided up to \$650 million in discretionary funding annually to support local infrastructure, housing, and community projects across New York State. To date, 273 municipalities have been certified as Pro-Housing Communities, making them eligible for critical funding to improve public spaces and services.

We are deeply grateful for this investment in Port Washington North and look forward to bringing this inclusive, family-friendly recreational space to life.

Stay tuned for updates as the project progresses!

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New Businesses Coming to Soundview Marketplace!



Exciting updates for Soundview Marketplace! We're thrilled to welcome new businesses to our community, bringing fresh services and opportunities for residents.

Verizon Wireless – A new Verizon store is set to open next to Woof Gang Grooming and Bakery, providing residents with convenient access to wireless services, phones, and accessories.

Moxie Salon & Beauty Bar – Coming soon to the former Angel Nail Salon location, Moxie will offer a range of beauty and salon services to keep you looking and feeling your best.

Bank of America will be installing an ATM with a 10 foot by 15 foot vestibule in the same building currently occupied by Starbucks and Just Salad.

These new additions will further enhance Soundview Marketplace as a go-to destination for shopping, beauty, and everyday essentials.

Stay tuned for more updates as these businesses prepare to open their doors!

Port Washington Water District Water Main Replacement Project Update

The Port Washington Water District has committed funds to replace a number of water mains throughout our village. Phase 1 of the project (installing the water mains) has been completed.

The next phase will support direct connections to each home impacted by the water main replacement. As you may be aware, the Water District's contractor Bancker Construction is in the process of starting this phase. As such, homeowners may be disrupted by construction to both roads and sidewalks. In addition, equipment may be temporarily stored along the roadway.

Once all of the work is completed the Village will be repaving all roads impacted by the water main replacement.

We wish to thank those residents who were impacted by this for their patience and understanding. The end results of this project will be a new water main with reliable service for those affected.



Residents Forward Supports Port Washington North's Food Scraps Recycling Initiative

Residents Forward is proud to support the Village of Port Washington North in their application for the NYS DEC Municipal Food Scraps Recycling Grant. If awarded, this grant will help VPWN become the first municipality in Nassau County to offer a food scraps recycling program, setting a new standard for sustainability in our region.

As a committed partner in this initiative, Residents Forward will collaborate with Port Washington North to promote education and outreach on food waste reduction, donation, composting, and recycling. Their program, Food Scraps are the Soilution, is designed to transform community perspectives—shifting the mindset from viewing food waste as garbage to recognizing its potential as a valuable resource for creating healthy soils.

Through this program, we aim to empower households with the knowledge and tools to recycle not only food waste but also plastics, paper, yard trimmings, and other reusable materials. Together, we can build a more sustainable future for Port Washington North and beyond.

Stay tuned for updates on this exciting initiative!



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Join Port Washington Police Department for Coffee with a Cop

The Port Washington Police Department and Sargent Peter Griffith invites residents to Coffee with a Cop, a special opportunity to connect with local officers, voice concerns, and ask questions in a relaxed and friendly setting.

Date: Tuesday, February 13

Time: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Location: Crazy Cakes Cafe, 52 Main Street, Port Washington

Refreshments will be served!

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