

VILLAGE OF PORT WASHINGTON NORTH
October 2011

A Message From the Mayor

Greetings Port Neighbors,

Bob Weitzner

I hope you all had a wonderful and safe summer. What was supposed to be a quiet time for the Village instead turned into a season of heightened activity and anxiety. We began work on the Bay Walk Nautical Art Museum which, when completed, will be the first such museum in Nassau County. After much anticipation, and numerous delays, we have finally started the second phase of the Safer Shore Road project. We've welcomed two new businesses to the area, and adopted a number of new laws intended to improve the quality of life for our residents. We have also completely renovated the Village's website. And of course, there's Tropical Storm Irene.

Speaking of Irene, I cannot thank the Village residents enough for their generosity, patience, and understanding once Irene hit, and in the aftermath which ensued. As I stated to you all, an experience like this really proves we can all work together to communicate and ensure the safety of our residents.

Switching gears for a moment, we are seeking volunteers to assist in creating additional newsletters throughout the year. If anyone is interested please feel free to contact me personally at 233-9581.

Sincerely,

Mayor Bob Weitzner

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**YOU ARE ALL INVITED TO THE DEDICATION OF THE
BAY WALK PARK, PIER AND OUTDOOR NAUTICAL
ART MUSEUM ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9TH AT 11AM**

Tropical Storm Irene Update.

The Village of Port Washington North was faced with unprecedented challenges regarding the effects of Irene, and what was left after it moved out of our vicinity. Not in recent memory can we recall the mandatory evacuation of Village residents from our community. And while we have certainly had our share of power outages, the Village could only wonder if the LIPA estimates of five to seven days to restore power were realistic. I am pleased to report that most if not all power was in fact restored to our affected residents 6:00pm on the Monday after the storm. That amounts to about 36 hours without power. While that certainly was cause for concern, it was considerably less time out than most of Long Island, and it should be noted that many of our residents didn't lose power at all. Much of this can be attributed to what Port North did way before this storm hit. Though the work of our board and especially Trustee Steve Cohen, we pursued LIPA for years until they agreed two years ago to rewire a number of our power grids, and bury a number of wires connecting us to the main power line. The result was saving many of us from losing power, and making it easier to determine what lines were out since LIPA didn't have to worry about the underground connections. With all the above said, we intend to bring LIPA in once things settle down a bit and ask them to examine the remaining vulnerable zones and determine what can be done to improve the efficiency of the power lines.

At the height of the storm



After the Storm



Photos by Steven Kaplan

FEMA has recently distributed information on how to apply for disaster assistance if your home or apartment was damaged by the storm. To apply for assistance, go to www.DisasterAssistance.gov, or call 1-800-621-FEMA (3362). Information is also available on the Village's website under Building Department. To prepare for a future emergency, go to www.ready.gov.

Did you receive email storm alerts?

If not, please visit www.NorthShoreAlert.org and register now to stay informed.

[Bay Walk Park Outdoor Nautical Art Museum Has Arrived](#)



What started as an afterthought once the Bay Walk Park project commenced has become a reality. What is believed to be the first museum of its kind in Nassau County, local artists contributed their time and expertise to assist the Village and the Town of North Hempstead with creating the Bay Walk Nautical Art Museum. While it is still a work in progress, most of the art is in and interpretive signs for all of the art will soon be installed. Surveillance cameras have also been installed thanks to an intermunicipal agreement between the Village and the Town of North

Hempstead. We invite our Village residents to join the artists, the Nautical Art Committee and stakeholders for a dedication honoring the museum, the new Bay Walk Park, the Port North Pier and our late planning board Chairman Thomas Imperatore on Sunday, October 9TH at 11:00am on the Port North Pier.

[Shore Road Traffic Calming Phase II Project Underway](#)

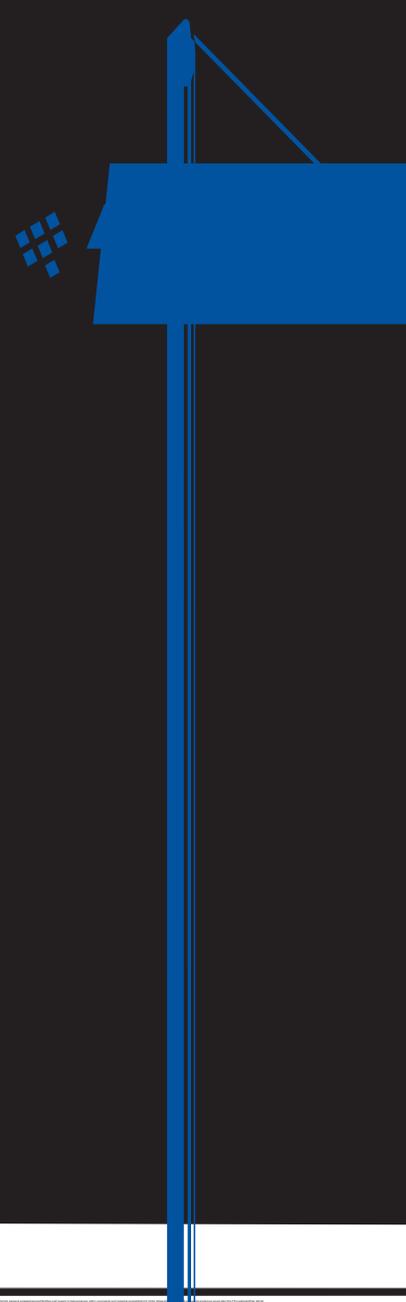
The Village of Port Washington North received \$420,000 in grants to improve the safety of Shore Road. Funding received from the State and Nassau County Legislator Wayne Wink will be used to create decorative yet easy to view crosswalks across and along Shore Road from Mill Pond Road to Cow Neck Road. In addition, we will be installing new handicap ramps and countdown signals at all locations. Stop & Shop has agreed to replace their two crosswalks to match the others being constructed. We are sorry for any traffic delays this may cause, but in the end we feel Shore Road will be a safer road not just for Port North, but for the entire Port Washington community.

[The Pleasant Avenue Project Slated to Begin Spring 2012](#)

What was once a cut through road for sand miners to get to Shore Road has now become a vibrant residential road within our community. That, along with the Montessori School sitting atop of the road, has called for a change. The \$150,000 member item that was originally secured, and then lost, has been restored by State Senator Jack Martins. We are looking forward to moving ahead with the Pleasant Ave Restoration Project. It will include improving drainage, creating sidewalks and installing guardrails at certain locations, and resurfacing much of the road. We hope to finish the planning this year and have the project out to bid early next year with construction in spring 2012.

**Public Works Update: Landscaper
Law and Registration**

**Building Department Update
New Cell Tower Code**



Village Website Gets a Brand New Look!

The Village Website (www.portwashingtonnorth.org), which came on line in 2004, was due for an overhaul. The Village Board is pleased to announce the creation of a new and improved Port North Website. It has been completely updated with easy to read pages, easy to find topics through tabs and drop down menus, and a crisp interface. More importantly, it will now be easier to add and update content. We could not have completed this major renovation without the help of our long time Port North Chiropractor and webmaster Ronny Bergman.

Please take a look and share your comments on the new Contact Us link. We are always looking to improve the communication of the Village staff and officials and would appreciate your input.

Sample of Home Page from our new website:

The Village of Port Washington North



HOME

The Village of Port Washington North was incorporated in 1932. However, the Village, part of the Cow Neck peninsula, dates back to the mid-1600's and is one of the early settlements on Long Island. The creation of the Village of Port Washington North and its land use relationship to the peninsula is directly related to its natural resources.

Examples of this include the grist mills, which were built where there was water to power them and sand mining which occurred where there was sand and a means to transport it away. The process of land use evolving from natural resources must be reflected upon. In the process, history and the progression of land uses must be examined along with the current conditions in order to plan for the future. Simply put, it is necessary to know who we were, so we can decide what we want to become.



Photo by Rachel Weitzner

Next Trustees Meeting

- October Trustees Meeting
Tuesday, October 4th at
Village Hall

Village News & Information

- Important FEMA Preparedness and Recovery Assistance Information
- Planning Board Meeting 9/13
- Waterfront Moratorium Extended
- 2011 Landscaper/Registration Law
- New Cell Tower Law
- October 2010 Newsletter
- 2011 Leaf Pickup Schedule
- Port Washington North Baywalk Park Update
- 2011 Street Sweeping Schedule
- The Picturesque Village of Port Washington North

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M-F 9:00 to 3:00 PM

Local Weather
Port Washington, NY

Port Washington Bicycles Moves to Port North



We are pleased to announce that Port Washington Bicycles has relocated from Port Washington Blvd. to the Soundview Marketplace next to King Kullen. Owner Ralph, along with John and Mike welcome all to come and pay them a visit. They offer a full line of bicycles and accessories catering from the very young to the professional cyclist. They are also experts at repairs.

The Happy Montessori School Celebrates 40 years in Port Washington North

The Happy Montessori School recently celebrated its 40th year educating and nurturing children in the Port Washington Community, and throughout Long Island. It was founded in 1970 by Mrs. Amrit Sethi to provide quality education for young children. The school immediately developed a reputation for preparing children to succeed socially, emotionally, and academically. Within one year of opening, Mrs. Sethi needed to find larger facilities, and she found a historic old inn overlooking Manhasset Bay on Pleasant Avenue. The lovely old building with a wide front porch, tall windows, and a carriage house had been abandoned and was in a state of advanced disrepair. Mrs. Sethi and her husband restored and renovated the building in 1971 and expanded it in 1997. Each year, Mrs. Sethi is fortunate and proud to see more and more graduates return each year to enroll their own children in the School. A reunion is held on Montessori Day, and it is gratifying to see generations

Tuesday Morning Arrives

Tuesday Morning is a retailer specializing in upscale closeout merchandise, with more than 800 stores across the United States. Their successful concept was founded on a unique philosophy: sell first-quality, famous designer and name-brand merchandise at extraordinarily discounted prices on an event basis. Their 10 major events usually kick off on the first Tuesday of the month. New merchandise shipments are received daily, and customers can return often to find the shelves replenished with new items.



of families returning to remember and celebrate their years at the Happy Montessori School. In honor of the Happy Montessori School and the achievements of Mrs. Sethi, Port North has proclaimed March 17 to be Happy Montessori School Day in Port Washington North. (Yes, it's also St. Patrick's Day, we know!)



AROUND THE VILLAGE

Land Swap Update

The Land Swap -- the sale of the 7-plus acres acquired when Mill Pond Acres was constructed and the purchase of the Thomson/Danaher front lawn and the rear Publisher's Clearinghouse parcel -- has been held up in litigation. We have won the case in the Federal Court and the builder of Mill Pond Acres, Sandy Hollow Associated has appealed. Our attorneys are confident but the process is long. We are involved in discussions in an attempt to bring closure to the case.

Soundview Marketplace Update

We have been told there are a number of parties interested in bringing back a movie theatre to the shopping center. Let's keep our fingers crossed. In addition, other businesses have arrived such as Tuesday Morning and Port Washington Bicycle. There has also been interest in the old Blockbuster location. We have been working with the management agent to repair potholes and lights throughout the facility, as well as fixing and painting the façade.

AROUND THE TOWN

Project Independence

The Town of North Hempstead's Project Independence was represented at the recent "Aging In Place In Suburbia" Conference hosted by Hofstra University in August. Town Supervisor Jon Kaiman was a guest speaker and spoke to a standing room only audience about the program, designed to help residents, 60 and older "age in place", in part by helping them access basic services and information on health care, social worker assistance and community care, among other things. Project Independence became a lifeline for many seniors who were asked to evacuate their homes during Tropical Storm Irene; offering free taxi service to any safe location within the Town of North Hempstead. Project Independence also provides free transportation for grocery shopping on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10am till 2pm. Please call 311 for more information about the program or to sign up for services. You may also find them on the web at www.tonhprojectindependence.net

Town Installs Bus Shelter on Shore Road

The Town of North Hempstead and the Village worked together to receive and install a new bus shelter along Shore Road across from the Mill Pond. The shelter was donated by the Village of Great Neck Plaza to replace an old county shelter that was damaged and graffiti ridden. A bench was also provided for the comfort of those who use the bus at this location. Many thanks to Great Neck Plaza Mayor Jean Celender for donating the shelter, and Councilman Fred Pollack and the Town for their delivering and installing it. Shortly we will provide power for the light via a solar panel, and give the shelter a fresh coat of paint.



Mayor Bob Weitzner and Town Councilman Fred Pollack reviewing installation of Bus Depot by Town of N.H. Highway Department crew .

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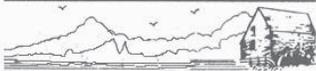
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Bob Weitzner



With the end of the summer brings fall, and the new school year. Please obey all stop signs and speed limits, look out for children playing, and don't text while driving. Our children's lives depend on it.

Port North Bulletin Board

Village of Port Washington North



PORT WASHINGTON NORTH 2011 LEAF PICKUP SCHEDULE

November 1 to 4, 2011

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

November 8 to 11, 2011

Avenue B	Pleasant Avenue
Avenue C	Pulaski Place
Channel Drive	Radcliff Avenue
Durbyan Place	Smull Place
Morgan Place	Old Shore Road
Harbor Road	Soundview Drive
Orchard Street	Valley Road

November 29 to December 2, 2011

Angler Lane	Boat Lane	Avenue B	Orchard Street
Bay Drive	Dock Lane	Avenue C	Pleasant Ave.
Cow Neck Road	Driftwood Drive	Channel Drive	Pulaski Place
Marlin Lane	Fishermans Drive	Cove Lane	Radcliff Ave.
Port Drive	Island Court	Durbyan Street	Smull Place
Sandy Court	Seaview Lane	Harbor Road	Soundview Dr.
Schooner Lane	Steamboat Drive	Morgan Place	Valley Road
Seagull Lane	Waterview Drive	Old Shore Road	

Village Board Meetings

The Board of Trustees will meet at 7:30 pm at The Village Hall, 71 Old Shore Rd. (Stop & Shop Plaza) on the following dates:

2011: Oct. 4, Nov. 1, Dec. 6
2012: Jan. 3, Feb. 7, Mar. 6
Mar. 20, April 3

You're invited to attend!

Port North Newsletter

The Port North Newsletter is published by the Village of Port Washington North to keep our residents informed.

If you have suggestions, contests, submissions, or ideas, you can reach us at:
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-Mike Schenkler, editor

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