

VILLAGE OF PORT WASHINGTON NORTH  
Winter 2012-2013



Bob Weitzner

## A Message From the Mayor

*Greetings neighbors,*

Happy New Year to you all. 2012 was a very challenging year for the Village in many ways. We had to deal with a 2% tax cap, Superstorm Sandy and its aftermath, and ongoing litigation preventing the Village from selling our 7.5 acre parcel (proceeds we needed to be able to purchase open space along Shore Road for the community to use as parkland). Fortunately, The Village met those challenges head on. We kept the Village's tax increase under 2%, we learned valuable lessons from Sandy and from the public forum on emergency preparedness held in November, and we have settled all litigation relating to the sale of our property. So 2013 looks like a year where we should see some real positive movement in a number of areas.

If Sandy taught us one thing, it was the importance of communication during times of crisis. I am asking that you please go to [www.NorthShoreAlert.org](http://www.NorthShoreAlert.org) and register to be alerted of important information via cell phone, text and email. If you are not able to receive electronic communication, or cannot register online, please contact Village Hall at 883-5900 and join the new Port Washington North Emergency Contact Registry.

As always, if you need to contact me directly, please email at [mayor@portwashingtongnorth.org](mailto:mayor@portwashingtongnorth.org) or call me on my cell phone at 516-233-9581. And please visit our website at [www.portwashingtongnorth.org](http://www.portwashingtongnorth.org) for information on a number of topics from Board meeting dates to important Emergency Management issues.

Sincerely,

**Bob Weitzner**

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**The Village urges all residents to register at [www.Northshorealert.org](http://www.Northshorealert.org) or with the Village's Emergency Contact Registry by calling 883-5900 to receive timely emergency information and updates from the Village and the PWMOEM.**

For additional information go to the Emergency Management tab on the Village's website at [www.portwashingtongnorth.org](http://www.portwashingtongnorth.org)

## **Emergency Preparedness Update.**

The Village has been addressing concerns and recommendations arising from Superstorm Sandy and the Village Emergency Preparedness Forum held on November 27th 2012. Issues included:

1. **Pressing LIPA for answers on how they will communicate better and manage their crews.**
2. **Looking for better ways for the Village to communicate during emergencies when power is lost.**
3. **How to effectively deal with both Village trees and homeowner trees that pose safety risks to homes, electric lines, utilities, and residents.**
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**How to become self-sufficient through the use of stand-by generators when power is lost.**



*At the height of the storm*



*After the Storm*



*Village Superintendent removing debris from road*



*Line Crew from British Columbia making repairs*

**To address these issues, the Village has implemented the following:**

- **Emergency Alert System Registration** - We will reach out to our residents to make sure all are registered with the NorthShoreAlert.org system. This will ensure that message will be received not just by landline, but by cell phone, email, and text or hand delivery. This is the best way to receive timely information from not only Port Washington North, but from the Port Washington/Manhasset Office of Emergency Management (PWWOEM) as well.
- **Improved Information on Website** - A new Emergency Management section has been added to the Village's Website. There you can get information regarding how to prepare for a pending weather event, find important emergency contact information, look for your property's elevation, how to properly operate standby power generators, and most importantly, how to register on NorthShoreAlert.org. Please visit our website and take a look.

- **Port North Emergency Contact Registry** - We have established an Emergency Contact Registry for those Port North residents who feel they cannot join the NorthShoreAlert.org system, or do not have the electronic means to do so. Once the list is populated, Community Captains assigned to their area will receive their addresses and messages will try to be hand delivered to their homes. Captains can also attempt to check up on these residents to see if they need additional assistance. It is important to note that all residents who have medical conditions that require electricity to operate medical equipment should also register with the Fire Department. Forms are available at Village Hall.



**Village Board and officials conducting  
Emergency Preparedness Forum**

*A copy of the Emergency Preparedness Forum presentation and handouts can be found on the Port North website at [www.portwashingtonnorth.org](http://www.portwashingtonnorth.org) under the Emergency Management tab.*

- **Tree trimming and removal** - The Village Board unanimously agreed that the spirit of our Tree Policy should not only include the protection of trees, but the safety of our residents and their homes as well. To that end, those homeowners with trees on their property, especially those with numerous trees in their backyards with power lines running through them, should know that the Building Department will work with them, recommending pruning or issuing permits for the removal of these trees and offer better alternative plantings. The Village has reached out to numerous tree services in the area, and most have agreed to offer group pricing. So if you and other neighbors want tree work done, get together and call a local tree service for a quote. In addition, we have asked the Village's tree contractor to be more proactive regarding the trimming of Village curb trees. This process will start taking place in the spring.

- **Home Stand-by Generators** - Generators were a big topic during and after Sandy. We amended our laws to make it easier to install permanent home stand-by generators in the rear of homeowner's property. If you have interest in installing a generator, please contact Village Hall and review the new code with our Building Inspector. We are also aware that a number of local plumbers and electricians have been offering group discounts for installation. The Village has also reached out to the owner of our two local gas stations, urging them to have generators on hand to insure gas pumps will operate during power outages.

## Safavieh Home Furnishings Honored



The Village of Port Washington North, at its Emergency Preparedness Forum, presented Michael Yaraghi of Safavieh Home Furnishings with a proclamation from the Village for Safavieh's generosity and kindness in allowing the line and trees crews from Ariel Contractors LLC of British Columbia, Canada to stay in their facility during the cold days where much of Port North had no power. The crews previous accommodations consisted of sleeping in their trucks and staying at a tent city with no heat in Eisenhower Park. By remaining local Ariel was able to stay and mobilize their equipment in the Village,

allowing them to work longer while they went about restoring power to the Village. Thank you Safavieh!

## **Neighborly Advice**

The Village thought it would be prudent to remind our community of a number of rules and regulations. And also offer some suggestions on how to be conscientious neighbors.



1. Please remember to curb your dogs while walking and always pick up after them and dispose of it properly. All dogs must be licensed with the Town of North Hempstead. Licensing forms are available at Village Hall. In addition, all dogs must be on a leash when not on your own property.
2. Trash should only be left out the night before a pickup. Please be mindful that there are holidays where trash is not picked up. Review the Meadow Carting pickup schedule on our website *under Public Works/ Garbage Pickup Information for more information* regarding removal and recycling. And please remember to recycle. Free recycle bins can be picked up at the Town of North Hempstead's Solid Waste Mgmt. Authority office at 802 West Shore Road in Port Wash.
3. The Village offers leaf pickup on two occasions during the end of the fall season for residents only. Please be aware that it is always the responsibility of landscapers to remove all yard waste and leaves. Also, once the Village leaf pickup is over, it is the homeowner's responsibility to bag and discard all leaves and debris.
4. During snow storms it is the homeowner's responsibility to keep their sidewalks clear of snow and ice. Special attention should be given to homeowner properties that include school bus stops. Park cars on your driveway and off the road to ensure proper plowing of roads. And please do not shovel or blow snow into the street after they have been plowed.
5. Commercial vehicles are not permitted to park in residential areas other than while conducting business within the Village. Parking on the curb or in front of driveways are also not permitted.

## **Public Works Department Update**

### **Village Street Lights Switching to LED**



The Village has begun to swap out the high energy bulbs that we have had for decades, replacing them with more efficient and longer life LED. Currently the entire Bay Walk Park, including the path and pier, is LED. And so is Driftwood Drive. Our goal is to go completely LED within the next two years. We are constantly looking for ways to improve cost and efficiency as new bulb technology is available. The Village is expected to save thousands of dollars on its electric bill annually and save on bulb replacement over time as well. The pay back for these conversions is expected to take no more than one to two years.

## **Landscape Registration Reminder**

Now is the time where residents are considering landscaping companies and renewing their contacts. Please be aware that all landscapers must register annually with the Village and no power equipment can be used on the weekends or holidays. Please verify licensing with your landscaper and make sure you are scheduled during permitted days.

## **Building Department Update:** **New Temporary Structure (PODS) Code**



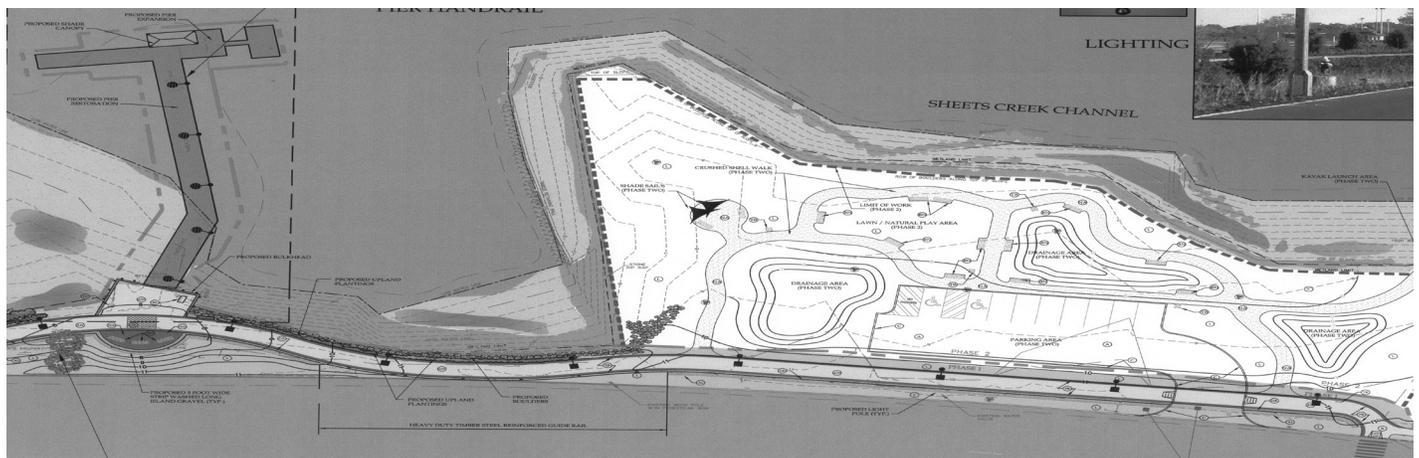
The first new law passed in 2013, Local Law 1, modifies our zoning code to regulate the use and placement of PODS, or similar structures. These are the portable containers that are delivered to your home, and at some point removed. They provide a way to store your stuff; such as when you're having construction work done and need to clear a few rooms of items until it's completed. While there are many beneficial uses for PODS, we have found that in some cases they can be an eyesore and even dangerous. Basically the law requires a permit to deliver and use a POD with a time certain. It also regulates where PODS can be placed on your property. So if you intend to rent one of these, please contact the Building Department and apply for your permit.

## **New Home Stand-by Generator Code**

Local Law 2 for 2013 amends the accessory structure portion of our zoning code by revising the 10 foot setback requirement from our homes that was previously in place. Now generators can be installed in the rear yard of our homes as close to the home as manufacture's specifications allow. This should alleviate many of the problems and issues that have come up, preventing homeowners from installing these generators. While these units can be installed in a side yard, clearance requirements can be problematic for homes with 7 feet or less distance from their home to their property line. Portable generators are not regulated by our zoning code. Please be aware that for any residents purchasing a portable generator, there are safe use instructions for all home stand-by generators on our website.



## **Bay Walk Phase II Underway**



Phase II of the Bay Walk Park is set to begin. This phase will concentrate on the open parcel of land between our pier and Gulfway Marine (in white on the plan). The highlights of the plan include creating a parking lot and drop off area that is coordinated with the traffic light across from Stop & Stop's main entrance. We are also looking into creating a kayak dock in the lagoon between the pier and the project area. We have already met with the Port Washington Kayak Club and once we put together preliminary plans we will share it with the public. Funding for this project is from a \$505,000 grant we obtained from the NYS Dept. of State Coastal Resources.

## **Coming Soon To Port Washington North**

### **Parisi Speed School of Port Washington**

#### **The Fastest Way To Become A Better Athlete**

With 79 locations nationwide and over 20 years of experience, The Parisi Speed School is recognized as the country's premiere athletic performance enhancement organization for youth athletics. Using techniques that have trained over 500,000 athletes and produced 1st round draft picks in every major sport including Olympic gold and silver medalists, our specially trained performance coaches deliver a positive training experience that improves speed of movement and strength in character regardless of ability or economic status. They offer a variety of individual training packages, customized team training, speed camps as well as education clinics for athletes, trainers and coaches.

The Parisi Speed School believes that speed is the fundamental skill required for success in any sport, that athletic performance can be improved by gaining speed, and that speed can be enhanced by improving strength, technique and flexibility. Success in the Parisi program promotes confidence and self-esteem that leads to the development of other core life skills that not only make a better athlete,



but a better person. Their programs include Jump Start for ages 7-11, Total Performance for ages 12-18, P.E.A.K for elite performance high school and college athletes, Team Training for all sports and ages, and Adult Total Conditioning. Their signature training methods focus on speed, strength, agility, acceleration, flexibility, weight loss, nutrition and injury prevention.

The Parisi Speed School of Port Washington is currently conducting classes at the Port Washington Tennis Academy while their new facility is under construction at 2 Channel Drive. Opening in spring of 2013, their facility will provide state-of-the-art training spaces including: 45 yard by 15 yard turf field, 2,500 s.f. multi-sport court, 1,000 s.f. free weight area, and 1,000 s.f. exercise studio. In addition to providing world-class athletic training the facility will be available for parties and after-school programs. For more information call 516-883-7678 or visit them on the web at [www.parisischool.com](http://www.parisischool.com)

### **Moolala Yogurt and Smoothies**



We are pleased to welcome MOOLALA, Long Island's first self-serve frozen yogurt and toppings café, to the neighborhood. Located in the Stop & Shop Shopping Center and voted #1 Frozen Yogurt for 2012 & 2013 by the Long Island Press, Moolala offers 14 flavors of frozen yogurt daily, and over 60 toppings and sauces from its mega toppings bar. The yogurt assortments include non-fat, low-fat, gluten free, no sugar added, and non-dairy too! The yogurt is also kosher certified. Owners Danielle and Bob Rosenberg, residents of Great Neck, are delighted to expand upon the success of their Merrick location to the Port Washington Community. When asked what sets Moolala apart from the competition, Bob stated, "the fact that Moolala is owner operated allows us to be close to our customers and the community, and react to their feedback immediately. We are different from our competition in providing optimal customer service and a broader menu offering. This includes fruit smoothies, milk shakes, and a full coffee bar serving espresso, cappuccino, latte and hot chocolate! We also offer healthy snacks, some of which are gluten free and low-carb". Moolala is also known for their frozen yogurt cakes, which are custom made for all occasions. They expect to be open in March. For more information go to [www.moolalayogurt.com](http://www.moolalayogurt.com), or their new Port Washington facebook page [www.facebook.com/moolalafrozenyogurt/portwashington](http://www.facebook.com/moolalafrozenyogurt/portwashington)

## ***AROUND THE VILLAGE***

### **Land Swap Update**

The Village is pleased to announce that all litigation detaining the sale of our 7.5 acres of property for the purposes of using the proceeds to purchase land for open space recreational use has been resolved. The Village advertised a RFP (Request for Proposal) for the past two months and we are now reviewing the submissions. Our hope is that we strike the right balance between price and density that will allow us to move forward and fulfill our objective of moving into a new Village Hall and provide open space to the public that can be developed for recreational use.

### **Soundview Marketplace Update**

Many residents have asked what is happening to the movie theatre negotiations that were taking place between a private operator and the receiver of the Soundview Market Place. We have been told that the matter has been held up in court and that at this time there is nothing expected to happen in the near future. We have been told at some point Soundview Shopping Center will be put on the market and hopefully the new owners will understand the importance of a theatre in this location. We are aware of the overwhelming desire by the community to bring a theatre to Soundview as well as other vital tenants, and improving the shopping center's infrastructure and appearance. We continue to address these issues with the current management of the center and will keep you informed on any new information we receive.

### **Village of Sands Point Special Membership Offer to Join Village Club**

The Mayors of Port North and Sands Point met to discuss offering Port North a special rate to join the Sands Point Village Club. So for only Port North residents, you can join at reduced rates. The Club is extending the deadline of January 31st for early season fee schedule until March 31st. In addition, they will offer discounts for first time Port North members ranging from \$100 to \$1,000 depending on the type of membership. For more information, call Sue Lichtenstein at the Sands Point Village Club at 944-4318 or email her at [suel@villageclub.org](mailto:suel@villageclub.org).

### **Village Tree Replacement Plan**

The Village removed all debris from Superstorm Sandy, including the stumps left behind after 42 toppled trees were chain sawed and loaded away. We also repaired all sidewalks damaged by the downed trees. At \$500-\$600 replacement cost per tree, that amounts to a \$20,000-\$30,000 unexpected expense that is not FEMA reimbursable. So what is the Village's Plan? We intend to replant, with trees better suited for these locations, over a three year period. In addition, we will be applying for grants under the NYSDEC Urban and Community Forestry Department. Hopefully, this will provide the Village needed funds to speed up the process and return our streets to the tree-lined shape we enjoyed before the storm.

### **The Spivack Family Makes Contribution To Village Park Fund**

The Spivack Family, owners of Wildwood and Soundview Gardens Apartments, donated \$1,000 to the Village's Park Fund in recognition of the Village's quick response and communication during Superstorm Sandy. Their gift will help the Village replace trees that were lost during the storm. On behalf of the entire Village, we thank the Spivacks for their generous donation.

### **Contacting Village Hall to Report Power Outages**

Please be aware that you must first report any outages directly to LIPA at 800-490-0075. If you wish to contact Village Hall to report a power outage, you must give the Village your address and either your LIPA account number or the phone number associated with the account. This will ensure that the proper information is received by LIPA so they may follow up on your complaint.

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**IMPORTANT: Village Elections will be held on Tuesday, March 19, 2013. Polling is at Port Washington North Village Hall located at 71 Old Shore Road (next to Home Goods in Stop & Shop Plaza) from the hours of 12 noon to 9:00pm.**

## Volunteers Needed!

The Village is looking to fill the following Commissioner positions:

### Commissioner of Parks & Beautification-

Duties include working with parks maintenance contractor on maintaining the Bay Walk and other Village locations; coordinating annual plantings throughout the Village, and offering ideas to improve the beauty of the Village.

### Commissioner of Environmental Affairs-

Duties include helping Village comply with NYSDEC storm water regulations, and create community environmental awareness programs and initiatives.

Anyone interested should contact Village Hall at  
**516-883-5900** or Mayor Weitzner directly at **516-233-9581**