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SLOW DOWN!! - DRIVE SAFELY - SCHOOL IS OPEN!!

Meetings and Events:

BOARD OF TRUSTEES - 7:30 p.m. Thursday - 2/11; 3/26; 4/23

VILLAGE COURT - 6 p.m. Tuesday - 2/24; 3/24; 4/28

BOARD OF ZONING - 7 p.m. Tuesday - 3/10; 4/14

PLANNING BOARD - 7 p.m.

Tuesday - 3/3; 4/7

ARCHITECTURAL BOARD - 7 p.m. Monday - 2/23; 3/23; 4/27

Food Drive at Village Hall - Food donations being accepted through March 31.

Village Offices Closed on:

February 12 - Lincoln's Birthday February 16 - Washington's Birthday April 3 - Good Friday

Winter Parking Rules begin on MONDAY, December 1st.

Please check street signs carefully!
Please shovel your sidewalks
within 24 hours of snowfall.

PARKING COURTESY:

If you have a driveway, please use it. Make room for other vehicles to park.

DOG WASTE: Please be sure to pick up dog waste and remember... it's too cold for pets to remain outdoors for extended periods of time.

GARBAGE COLLECTION INFORMATION:

Please place **regular garbage**, rubbish and trash in watertight metal or plastic containers **with a lid** no earlier than 5 p.m. on the night before a pick-up day; **loose plastic bags of trash will not be picked up; they attract animals! Recycleables** should be left out in recycle bins on regular garbage days. No hazardous waste or construction materials is permitted. **PLEASE NOTE:** Garbage collection may begin as early as 6:30 a.m. and end as late as 4:00 p.m. on collection days. **Please be patient. All garbage complaints,** please call **516-338-0121. Large bulk items** must be called in to Meadow Carting - **516-338-0121** to arrange a date and time **BEFORE** placing large items at the curb!







VILLAGE OF MANORHAVEN NEWSLETTER

WINTER - 2015

Contact Us

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Mayor

Giovanna Giunta

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Rita DiLucia Kevin Gately, Jr. Priscilla von Roeschlaub

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Code Enforcement Officer
Kareem Buckley

Rentals & Building Consultant Ron Kaslow

Village Attorney
James E. Toner

Village Justice Peter Gallanter

Clerk to Village Justice Nancy Greene

Village Accountant
AVZ Public Accountants

OUR 24-HOUR HOTLINE FOR REAL EMERGENCIES

631-548-8278 To Hear Local Emergency Telephone Numbers: 516-883-7000 x19 Dear Friends & Neighbors,

The winter deep-freeze is upon us, but we are plowing through towards spring. We made it through *Storm Juno* and several snow

and ice events. Our Highway Department worked day and night to clear roads, sidewalks, handicap ramps, storm drains and more. We appreciate and thank them for their hard work in keeping our Village safe.

We are excited by a long awaited improvement slated for Manorhaven. Manorhaven will be the recipients of **new storm drains for our Village**. The Village's antiquated drains have needed replacement for many years. Council woman Dina DiGiorgio will be presenting the details of this project at our February 11th Board of Trustee's meeting. The storm drain project will be funded by the County's 2006 Environmental Bond Act and will be at no cost to the Village of Manorhaven. There is a second important benefit for Manorhaven from this grant. It will extend our Manorhaven Village Nature Trail that we opened two years ago. The Nature Trail will be extended directly to Manorhaven Beach Park. This project will create a walking trail that will serve our residents for years to come. We are all looking forward to Councilwoman DiGiorgio's presentation and we are so happy to have the County's support for Manorhaven.

STREET SWEEPER

It has always been my goal to keep residents informed of all decisions made on their behalf and to make the best and most informed decisions financially for the well-being of our Village. We are currently looking at costs and options for a street sweeper before any decisions will be made Our 14 year-old street sweeper has recently required costly repairs and was occasionally out of service during the course of our sweeping season. It was determined that an alternative needed to be found. A presentation of the latest available street sweeping machinery was given by Leslie Gross for the Board to consider. The following information will be taken into consideration by the Board before a decision will be voted on, whether to purchase a fairly new street sweeper with the latest options, to lease the same without an operator, or to contract sweeping services. Details of each plan will be discussed and compared.

I look forward to seeing you at our next Village Board of Trustees meetings and invite your valuable input and participation.

Sincerely,

Mayor Giovanna Giunta

Important: Please read "Manorhaven Residents Be Advised."





VILLAGE HALL FOOD DRIVE

For the Benefit of
Our Lady of Fatima Food Pantry

Donations accepted at Village Hall through March 31

NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ONLY

Cans of soup, vegetables, tuna, chicken, salmon, boxes of pasta, mac & cheese, cereal, rice, juice cartons, cookies, crackers, and /or GROCERY GIFT CARDS

Call Nancy with any questions, 516.883.7000 x12



Manorhaven Snow Angels

Calling all snow angels...
Manorhaven Seniors need you!
Anyone wanting to help shovel for seniors during snow storms, please contact the Village Hall office at 516-883-7000 x10



A NOTE FROM DEPUTY MAYOR STEELE

SPOTLIGHT ON BUSINESS

Dear Friends & Neighbors,

I would like to report to you this month on an informative Long Island economic conference that Village Clerk Leslie Gross and I attended, **The Economic Update and CEO conference sponsored by Nassau County Executive**, **Edward Mangano and the Nassau County IDA**. It partnered the private and public sectors of Long Island. I had the opportunity to speak with Astoria Bank's Port Washington branch manager

about ways to promote our Port Washington community and business community. The conference also provided updates; Long Island has been awarded \$150 million. This money is slated in large part toward business development and infrastructure, most particularly, the development of small businesses and improvements of Main Streets. That bodes well for us, since it will open up new business grants and programs for Manorhaven that our Business Committee and I will have the opportunity to apply for.

In just five short months,

since we began the Business Revitalization Program, 7 new businesses have opened in Manorhaven!

Sincerely, Deputy Mayor Steele

SHOP LOCAL - SUPPORT MANORHAVEN!

WE ARE PROUD TO WELCOME ANOTHER NEW BUSINESS TO MANORHAVEN!

DOLCE RESTAURANT featuring Continental and authentic Columbian cuisine, will be opening in March. This lovely restaurant across from the Park has a charming open air patio for dining and special events. The restaurant's opening next month will feature not only a special menu, but the gentle sounds of a violin. Dolce Restaurant's owner Martin Tobin said he has chosen to open his restaurant in Manorhaven because "it offers a beautiful seaside location, a sense of community, an excellent local employee base and helpful Village officials and staff who are committed to the business community." Mr. Tobin is generously giving back to the community. He has kindly offered to donate his restaurant to host two charity fund raising events. The first is *Harboring Hearts*, founded to help house out of town families of heart transplant patients at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital. The second planned event is for Sloan Kettering to help children with cancer. With a sense of caring and community, Mr. Tobin and Dolce Restaurant are sure to be a success. We are proud they are part of our Manorhaven family. **Dolce Restaurant is located 95-97 Manorhaven Blvd.**

IMPORTANT: MANORHAVEN RESIDENTS BE ADVISED

Residents have been contacting Village Hall about receiving an inflammatory mailing, the Resident's Party's Manorhaven Monitor newsletter. While simulating our Village newsletter, it contains defamatory, false and misleading claims about our Village. Please be aware that this mailing is attributable to Jim Avena and the Residents Party. It and any future Resident Party mailings are political in nature and not authorized or condoned by our Village or backed by any outside agencies. See False Claims Below:

- CLAIM: Dejana Industries was selectively issued summonses for ongoing alleged illegal trailers on Village land. FACT: Dejana Industries, a multi-million dollar corporation and Avena's employer, was found guilty of these violations by the court on October 21, 2014 and were fined \$69,000. See: Port Washington News "Manorhaven Throws Book at Dejana," Vol. 110, No. 9 10/29 -11/4/14.
- CLAIM: Temporary structures in the Village are in violation of the law and have not been issued summonses. FACT: There were no violations found on any other temporary structures in the Village as documented by Code Enforcement Inspection Reports. See: Code Enforcement Inspection Report /11/24/14 at Village Hall.
- CLAIM: Federal Disaster aid FEMA was double credited to our Village.

FACT: All FEMA revenue has been accurately documented and approved by FEMA and correctly reported to residents in our newsletters and website. There was no FEMA to record in May 2013, because it was not awarded until May 2014 when it became revenue. See: FEMA correspondence 2013-2014.

- CLAIM: Morgan's Dock is a pet project, ill prioritized with a gazebo, with no mention of a bulk head.

 FACT: Morgan's Dock is a vital, historical preservation project of our waterfront and was carefully planned and approved by the DEC, the Army Corp of Engineers, Nassau County Community Block Grant and the Village. Past funding was judiciously used for a "permanent" gazebo. Once completed, additional grant funding was approved for sea wall restoration. The Waterfront Committee and a qualified Marine Engineer reviewed past administration's plans and deemed that riprap would not sustain another Super Storm; bulk-heading was advised. See: Board of Trustee minutes: 12/11/14; Village of Manorhaven Newsletters: Spring 2013 and Winter 2014, and engineer's plans.
- CLAIM: FOIL's (Freedom of Information Law) have not been provided.

FACT: The Village provides all FOILS to residents by law. The Residents Political Party asked for more FOILS than all 7,000 residents combined, requiring substantial time and expense to tax payers, despite this all FOILS have been provided to them. See: Village Hall Records of FOILS.

- **CLAIM:** Business Committee meetings are not open to those with strong business backgrounds.
- FACT: The Business Committee consists of successful local business owners. Liason Deputy Mayor Steele, also partners with and utilizes the expertise of many non-profit and governmental agencies.

 See: Village of Manorhaven Newsletters: Current, Winter 2014, Fall 2014.
- CLAIM: The lack of financial accountability has become a cornerstone of the Giunta administration.

FACT: Financial accountability has been the cornerstone of the Giunta administration!

1) Manorhaven was recently awarded an A+ Standard & Poor's rating. S& P stated our local economy, liquidity, debt, contingent liability profile and budgetary performance are very strong and are expected to remain strong in the next two years. 2) Manorhaven's rating is expected to be raised higher by S&P to one of its next two highest ratings. 3) Manorhaven has a balanced budget. 4) Manorhaven has recently received over \$1 million dollars in grants and reimbursements. 5) Manorhaven saves \$132,000 yearly in new sanitation contracts. 6) Manorhaven has added to and replaced paid Commissioner position with highly qualified volunteers 7) Manorhaven rectified all the prior administrations 32 unethical and negligent financial practices cited in their 2010 State Comptrollers Report.

FACT: Unlike biased political mailings, all Village records are and MUST BE impartial and documented.