

# Newsletter



## Continuing to Improve the Quality of Life



Dear Residents,

Aside from the day-to-day operations of running a village, we are focused on keeping Manorhaven a safe and pleasant place to live. Here are just a few things we've been working on:

- Residents were very pleased with last year's snow removal performance and were relieved that winter alternate side parking was reduced by a full month.

To further ease winter parking, **the Board recently approved a winter parking PILOT program, eliminating alternate side parking from December 15 – January 15 and enforcing parking rules shown on signs during that timeframe when a snow emergency is called.** See inside for more details;

- Our Village recently passed a law to help **eliminate illegal over-occupancy**, which will help **keep everyone safe**, ensure **Village resources are not unfairly overused**, and **help the parking shortage**;
- The Board also extended the **moratorium on waterfront construction** for another six months. Our work to improve the Village's waterfront will continue with an upcoming **comprehensive waterfront analysis**;
- **Code Enforcement** continues to work diligently to keep our Village clean and safe, resolving both everyday issues and other problems;
- In October, the Board **raised the age for tobacco sales to 21** and prohibited e-cigarette and vape product sales within the Village;
- A vehicle and pedestrian traffic study on Manorhaven Blvd. was recently completed by Nassau County, ending their first phase of work for the **\$3 million renovation to Manorhaven Blvd.**;
- **A bid for one of the final phases of construction for Morgan's Dock** was accepted and is now underway. Once all phases are completed, it will be a fun destination for pedestrians, fishermen and boaters;
- **We are staying on top of sewers and roads too.** Last month, a Village-

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## Winter Parking Pilot Program

Last winter, the Village reduced the duration of alternate side street parking by a full month to help ease parking related inconveniences. To further reduce parking problems this winter, the Board recently approved a **winter parking pilot program**.

**Alternate side of the street parking will be suspended from 12/15 through 1/15 UNLESS a snow emergency is declared. If the Mayor declares a snow emergency, all cars must immediately REVERT BACK to alternate side parking rules and follow the posted signs. Residents are responsible for keeping themselves informed. Non-compliant vehicles will be towed at the owner's expense.**



To accomplish the task of notifying residents of a snow emergency, we ask that every head of every household **register with northshorealert.org**. If you hate robo-calls, you can receive an email or text message instead. We ask that this be done **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**. The Village will make every effort to determine whether a snow emergency exists before 8 p.m. the night before a storm is forecasted.

Snow emergencies will be announced via robo-messages, on the doors of Village Hall, and on our website and outdoor sign whenever possible. If you plan to be out of town, make arrangements for someone to move your vehicle, or find off street parking while you are away. Feel free to contact Village Hall at 883-7000 with questions about this program.

## Village Works to Reduce Illegal Over-Occupancy

The Mayor and Board of Trustees recently enacted a law to reduce illegal over-occupancy in the Village. It was modeled after successful over-occupancy laws enacted by other municipalities on Long Island.

Reducing illegal over-occupancy is important because overcrowded housing causes dangerous situations and reduces the quality of life for everyone in our Village. Too many people living in an overcrowded space contributes to unsafe conditions for residents. It also puts an unfair strain on our Village resources, such as police services and garbage collection, and makes Village parking even worse.

The new law will make it easier for the Village to prosecute cases of dangerous overcrowding. If you know of an illegally overcrowded housing situation in Manorhaven, please contact Village Code Enforcement at 516-883-7000 x113.



## Code Enforcement Update

Manorhaven's Code Enforcement officers continue to work hard to improve our residents' quality of life. Our Village Staff diligently monitors potential issues in the Village and tries to intervene at an early stage, when a warning is sufficient and problems are more readily and inexpensively corrected.

At the same time, Code Enforcement has recently been working to resolve complex, long-standing problems, such as securing an abandoned house and continuing a multi-year effort to ensure that all sidewalks and curbs in the Village are safe and code-compliant.

All of this hard work ensures that Manorhaven is a safe, clean Village that we can be proud to call home.

## Sewer, Force Main and Street Repairs Planned



The Village has been working hand in hand with Cameron Engineering and Earth Repair to diagnose existing sewer problems and blockages along some of its main lines. The project began this fall with a road condition analysis to diagnose poor quality roadways. This analysis

will be helpful in completing sewer line and paving work to take place over the next four years.

Last month, Earth Repair began closed-circuit video and camera (CCTV) work inside sewer lines along Manorhaven Blvd. They

found major grease blockages built up over the decades despite regular maintenance. Camera work on connecting junctions between Manorhaven Blvd. and Cambridge Ave, and Pequot Ave, are next on the list for analysis.

Manorhaven received news that the Village was awarded a \$30,000 grant by New York State Regional Economic Development funding. This grant will be used to begin architectural drawings for a new sewer force main.

Please do not pour grease, flush baby wipes or feminine products down toilets and drains as it goes directly into the sewer lines and causes backups.

## Manorhaven's Waterfront is a Priority

Soon after taking office last year, Mayor Avena re-established a Waterfront Advisory Committee. This group of maritime businessmen and residents met regularly to discuss the protection and development of our precious waterfront.

Cameron Engineering is currently preparing a **comprehensive Waterfront Analysis that details current zoning and other factors.** Once the Board reviews a final analysis, **a public presentation will be scheduled.** Be advised that **no decisions will be made without public opportunity to comment.** In the meantime, **to ensure that no**



**work on waterfront properties begins,** the Board of Trustees voted unanimously to extend the existing

waterfront building moratorium for another six months through June 30, 2018.

## Native Garden Goes Back to Our Roots

The Long Island Native Plant Garden at the Manorhaven Nature Preserve started as a class project by Pat Valente, a local **Cornell Cooperative Extension** Master Gardener. Although still a work in progress, the help of Master Gardeners, members of the community and businesses made the first phase of this project possible.

The goal for the garden is to show the beauty of these plants, provide wildlife habitats, and encourage residents to plant them in their own yards. Native plants are important to the local environment just as they were before settlers arrived from other continents. They have deep root systems that conserve water and are important to local birds, insects and mammals. The Village encourages everyone to visit the Native Plant Garden at the Nature Preserve on Manorhaven Boulevard.



Long Island Native Plant garden organizers and volunteers beautify the Manorhaven Nature Preserve over the summer.

## Morgan's Dock in Final Phases Good Things Come to Those Who Wait

The Village Board recently accepted a bid from *PSL Industries, Inc.* to continue work on the Morgan's Dock restoration project. Phase III-A of construction will include underground plumbing and electrical work, historical signage, moving the gazebo to a more suitable location, as well as preparation for land development, fencing and planting which will occur during Phase III-B late next year.

This extensive project has taken time because grant applications for each phase of work need approval before progressing to new phases. We are happy to report that Manorhaven has received \$950,000 from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program through grant applications over the past four years. Another grant application will take place in the spring. The completed park will offer residents a place to fish, boat or relax with a good book while overlooking Manhasset Bay.

*Pictured below: Concept ideas for the final phases of Morgan's Dock.*



## Tax Lien Sale: April 2018

The Village Board will soon decide whether to use a tax lien sale to aid in the collection of over \$80,500 in back taxes from residential and business property owners. It is recommended that property owners owing back taxes use the next four months as an opportunity to get judgments and liens paid up. A discussion about tax lien sales is planned for the January 11, 2018 work session.

## Helping Those in Need

After Hurricane Harvey devastated the Houston area in September, the Village joined others in a community-wide effort to collect personal care items for the victims of this terrible disaster. In November, we worked with the Town of North Hempstead for a Hospitalized Veterans drive, and gathered personal care items for them. This month, we participated in the U.S. Marine Corps *Toys for Tots* drive. The Village thanks its residents and businesses for their generous participation in all three of these collections!



Fifth grader Jacob Apat and his dad, Richard Apat recently stopped at Village Hall to bring a toy donation from the law firm of Rosado, Apat & Dudley, LLP.

## Fall Events at Senior Center



Mayor Avena, Deputy Mayor von Roeschlaub and Village Clerk Abramski enjoyed celebrating Halloween and Thanksgiving parties with the members of the Port Washington Senior Citizens Center on Manorhaven Boulevard. They helped serve lunch and spoke with many of the Center members about holiday plans while enjoying the festivities.

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wide road condition analysis was completed and video/camera work on sewer lines is still underway;

- The Village can be excited about two new additions to the Preserve: the **native plant gardens**, put in place by Pat Valente, the Cornell Cooperative Extension and area volunteers, and the new **Growing Love Community Gardens**, an initiative by Erika Stehl.

On behalf of the Village Board, staff and myself, 'Best Wishes' for a wonderful Christmas, Hanukkah and a very Happy New Year. We look forward to another productive year in 2018!

Sincerely,

Mayor Jim Avena

P.S. – **IT IS CRITICAL** that a household member contact **northshorealert.org** to leave information for either a phone call, text message or email for the **Snow Emergency Parking Pilot program Dec. 15 – Jan. 15**. Residents are responsible for keeping themselves informed.

## Traffic Study Completed

The first phase of Nassau County's **\$3 million Manorhaven Blvd. Project** is nearly completed. Cameras were placed along Manorhaven Blvd. late this summer and data was collected on vehicle and pedestrian traffic. Engineers will use this data to recommend changes to crosswalks, signage, bus routes and other planned uses for our main street.



Nassau County Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton confirmed that a report detailing the findings of this study will be available in early winter for review by the Village. After preliminary planning, a public meeting will be scheduled where ideas and suggestions will be discussed for this exciting project.

## Community Garden Takes Root

The Growing Love Community Garden will feature a beautiful community garden with forty 4' x 8' raised beds, wheelchair accessibility, paved walkways and seating areas. Groundbreaking has already begun on a cleared piece of land adjacent to the Dog Park and Long Island Native Plant Garden in the Manorhaven Nature Preserve.

Applications will be offered to Port Washington residents only. Applications for a plot will be accepted from January 1–March 31, 2018 on **growinglovepw.com** and a lottery will take place April 1, 2018. Winners will be notified soon after the drawing, but all residents are encouraged to enjoy the Preserve. The tentative opening date of the garden is May 6. For information on how to become involved please contact Erika Stehl at **erika@growinglovepw.com** or visit the website at **growinglovepw.com**.



*Growing Love creators Michele Rowe, Erika Stehl and Nicole Asselta with Dan Murray of James Peter Associates and Mayor Avena with the garden plans.*

## Tobacco Sale Age Increased to 21 All E-Cigarette Product Sales Banned

In October, Manorhaven joined neighboring villages by increasing the minimum age to purchase cigarettes and other tobacco products to 21. The new law also prohibits the sale of e-cigarettes, vape oils, vape sticks and other related products anywhere in the Village.

## Manorhaven Tree and Menorah Lighting

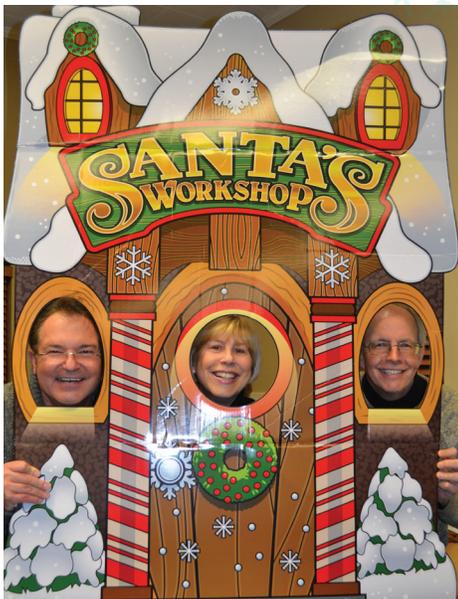
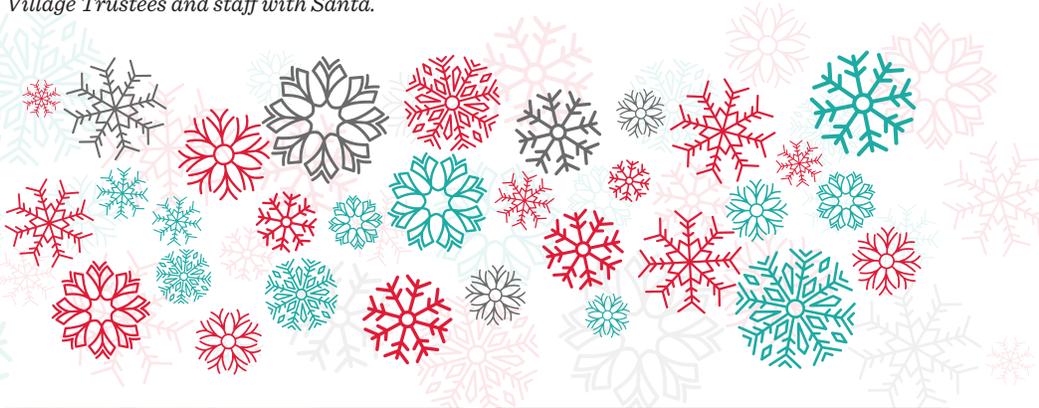
The Village of Manorhaven held its annual tree and menorah lighting event on December 6. Mayor Avena began the ceremony by welcoming guests, introducing Town Supervisor Judi Bosworth and thanking her for supporting the Village and the Port Washington Senior Citizens Center. Supervisor Bosworth shared a story about how Hanukkah became the Festival of Lights. Our Lady of Fatima's Sister Kathy spoke about the true meaning of Christmas and Sister Gerri said a prayer by the nativity.

After Mayor Avena officially lit the menorah, wreath and nativity lights, everyone went into Village Hall for cookies, hot beverages, holiday music, and photos with Santa in Santa's Workshop. Young guests left with holiday mugs, pencils and cocoa.

Happy Holidays from Mayor Avena, the Board of Trustees and staff of the Village of Manorhaven!



*Village Trustees and staff with Santa.*



*Staff and friends become elves for a while in Santa's Workshop*



*Left: After telling Santa what she wanted for Christmas, Luccia made friends with a snowman cookie before biting his head off! Right: Mayor Jim Avena and Town Supervisor Judi Bosworth celebrate the season by the newly lit menorah and wreath.*



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## *Read Aloud at Manorhaven School*

A beloved tradition at Manorhaven School is their Community Read-Aloud program. Principal Cohen invites elected officials and other community leaders to read a book of their choice to one of the elementary school classes. Deputy Mayor von Roeschlaub had a wonderful time reading *Temple Grandin* to Mrs. Singh's 4<sup>th</sup> grade class.



## *Snow Angels*

A few years ago, the Village started a program called *Snow Angels*. This group of generous residents offered their time and muscle by assisting seniors or those with disabilities by helping them shovel walkways during extreme weather conditions. Anyone wishing to help this winter can email [villageclerksharon@manorhaven.org](mailto:villageclerksharon@manorhaven.org).



## *Village Info*

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