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**ALL RESIDENTS: Please keep sidewalks free of snow & ice**

**Manorhaven  
 Upcoming Meetings:**

BOARD OF TRUSTEES, 7:30 p.m.  
 2/28, 3/21, 4/25

VILLAGE COURT, 6 p.m.  
 2/26, March date moved to 4/2, 4/23

BOARD OF ZONING, 7 p.m.  
 No Feb. meeting, 3/12, 4/9

ARCHITECTURAL, 7 p.m.  
 2/25, 3/25, 4/22

*Changes posted on: [www.manorhaven.org](http://www.manorhaven.org)*

**Village Notices:**

**Village Offices Closed on:**

Tuesday, 2/12 - *Lincoln's Birthday*

Monday, 2/18 - *President's Day*

Friday, 3/29 - *Good Friday*

**NOTE: Winter Parking Rules  
 remain in effect  
 for snow removal  
 through March 31**

**SAVE THE DATE: Heritage Night - April 18**

We welcome all residents to submit stories, copies of old photos and memorabilia that we may display on Heritage Night at Village Hall. We ask that long-time residents volunteer to speak and share some of their Manorhaven memories with us that evening. It will be a night to remember! Please be sure join us at 7 p.m. for refreshments!



**VILLAGE OF MANORHAVEN NEWSLETTER**

**WINTER 2013**

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 Giovanna Giunta

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 Rita DiLucia  
 Lucretia Steele  
 Dorit Zeevi-Farrington

**Village Clerk - Treasurer**  
 Liz Gaynor

**Deputy Village Clerk**  
 Sharon Natalie

**Superintendent of Buildings/  
 Chief of Code Enforcement**  
 Patrick M. Abramski

**Code Enforcement**  
 John Babaian

**Building Consultant**  
 Ron Kaslow

**Village Attorney**  
 Charles J. Casolaro

**Village Justice**  
 Peter Gallanter

**Acting Village Justice**  
 Judith Paulding

**Clerk to Village Justice**  
 Nancy Greene

**Village Accountant**  
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**OUR 24-HOUR HOTLINE  
 FOR REAL EMERGENCIES**  
 631-548-8278



*A Message from Mayor Giunta*

Dear Residents,

We all wish you and your families a happy and healthy 2013! It has been a great start to the New Year. We have all worked together to make so many positive changes and improvements to our wonderful Village of Manorhaven! We begin this New Year with some excellent news for Manorhaven. The unfavorable state audit from the previous administration, dating from 6/1/09 through 10/31/10, left our village with a "negative" status. In just six brief months, as a result of new measures, safeguards, and practices we have put in place, the State has now declared our Village as "stable" and Standard & Poor's awarded us an "A+" financial rating. We are very pleased to be able to report this to you. We are still dealing with a few issues resulting from Hurricane Sandy as are most Long Island villages. In this newsletter, a detailed report from Trustee Zeevi-Farrington will inform you of these matters. Some additional projects and updates I would like to report to you are as follows:

- Our Village sustained considerable tree damage and expenses as a result of Hurricane Sandy partly due to the lack of a proper tree maintenance or removal program being in place by the previous administration. We now, in conjunction with LIPA, have identified dangerous trees to be removed and will begin the process of removal soon in order to minimize future storm related damage;
- The Village has to date removed 5000+ yards of debris resulting from Sandy;
- We have expanded the BZA by two new members who will be appointed in February;
- We have had ongoing communication with FEMA regarding reimbursements to our Village for expenses related to Hurricane Sandy. Our Village Clerk, Liz Gaynor, has been tirelessly attending work sessions, filing necessary forms and documentations, as well as keeping abreast of all current information to ensure all possible reimbursements for Manorhaven;
- I have also met a second time with Senator Martins regarding a State grant for our Village;
- We have renewed the Port Washington Fire Department contract;
- Village Hall hosted a wonderful holiday party with coverage and photos in this newsletter.

Looking forward to working together throughout this new year!

With my regards,

*Giovanna Giunta*

Mayor Giovanna Giunta

**FROM THE DESK OF TRUSTEE ZEEVI-FARRINGTON, MBA**  
STERN SCHOOL OF BUSINESS, NEW YORK UNIVERSITY, 1993



Super Storm Sandy was neither expected nor planned. Since the safety of the residents was a top priority for the Mayor, Board and Staff, our Village instituted a State of Emergency and passed a Local Emergency Order in order to take immediate action to clear all debris and ensure the Village was up and running as quickly as possible. As a result of our efforts, our Village was one of the first to clear roadways and restore power. Financially, however, like all Long Island villages, it took a heavy toll on our budget – albeit temporary. While we anticipate reimbursement from FEMA, they have notified us and other villages that payment may take up to a year. The Mayor and the Board, in accordance with advice from our financial consultants, accountants, and our Village Attorney, have decided that the issuance of a short-term bond anticipation note for \$225,000 and a budget note for \$485,000 will be the best way to meet our current obligations. The amount of this bond and note is for our debt incurred from Sandy plus interest and issuance fees. As a result of our recent upgraded credit rating by Standard & Poors to “A+,” as well as the low-interest environment, our interest on the loan is expected to be low. We will seek to repay these loans as soon as it is feasible and upon payment from FEMA.

A recent report by Moody’s Investors Services, titled ‘Hurricane Sandy Unlikely To Threaten Public Finance Issuers Credit’ states “Near-term liquidity demands appear to be manageable for most issuers, although some may need to borrow money to supplement cash flow,” and “Many issuers experienced flooding, fires, power outages, water damage, and heavy debris removal cost that could lead to temporarily lower cash balances or increased debt burdens, but do not fundamentally threaten long-term credit quality.”

We are in a position similar to numerous municipalities across the tri-state area and we are confident this short-term borrowing will have no long-term effect on the Village’s finances. So in that light, at the Board of Trustees emergency meeting held on Thursday, January 17 the Board voted unanimously to approve the pursuance of the above bond and note and initiate the steps required to explore it’s issuance. We will update the residents as this comes to fruition and when FEMA reimburses the Village.

*In a recent review by Standard & Poor’s, the Village of Manorhaven received a new financial rating of “A+.” A status of the Village outlook condition was also updated from a “Negative” status, which was the status under the former administration, to a “Stable” outlook condition determined after six months under the Giunta administration and Board. This rating is based upon the Village’s most current accounting reports and financial information.*

**HONORING OUR RESIDENTS - MICHAEL RAGUSA, “THE WAY IT WAS”**



One of the most fascinating things about Manorhaven are the many people whose families go back generations as Manorhaven residents. Their stories and memories come together to weave a rich and beautiful tapestry of life in our Village. The preservation of these oral histories, of old photos and memorabilia are invaluable today. One of our caring and concerned residents, Michael Ragusa, has made sure that these memories will not be forgotten. In 1991, Mr. Ragusa formed the “Concerned Citizens of Manorhaven.” At a time when safety in the area was an issue, this organization set up block monitors to help with Village safety. Later as things improved with more stringent Village Enforcement and the establishment of the Village Court, “Concerned Citizens” took on a new roll. They began dinner dances honoring special service by residents. Mr. Ragusa then researched articles in Long Island publications and put together a comprehensive pamphlet, The History of Manorhaven. During our summer festival, Mr. Ragusa made copies available to our residents. It is through selfless dedication and a sense of community that Mr. Ragusa, and so many of our residents share that makes Manorhaven special. We thank our resident of the month, Michael Ragusa, for his special service to our community.

**MANORHAVEN MAKES MERRY - HOLIDAY GATHERING AT VILLAGE HALL**

Manorhaven’s Village Hall was decked out for the holidays! We are grateful to: Rabbi Paltiel of Chabad for their kind donation of the outdoor menorah at Village Hall; to our local fire department for picking out the perfect Christmas tree and assisting in putting up lights; Our Lady of Fatima Church for graciously storing our beautiful nativity; and our very own road crew members for building a manger stable. It was truly a community effort. Inside Village Hall, a special holiday party took place. It was arranged by wonderful Commissioner of Special Events, Pat DeBari, with special help from her family and the Village Hall Staff. Pat’s hard work and creativity transformed Village Hall into a holiday wonderland. There were Hanukkah, Kwanzaa and Christmas craft tables for the children, each with their own special holiday treats. A refreshment table was set up with cookies, candies and cakes, many of which were donated by King Kullen, and a hot chocolate truck outside kept Manorhaven residents warm as Mayor Giunta and Trustee Steele lit the Christmas tree, and Trustee Zeevi-Farrington and Jamie Lewis gave a traditional blessing and lit the Menorah. Of course, no holiday celebration would be complete without Mr. and Mrs. Claus to greet and take photos with. There was storytime, dances and sing-alongs and more. Deputy Clerk Sharon Natalie and long-time resident Dominick Masiello delighted us with a traditional Italian Christmas Carol, *Tu Scende dalle Stelle*. It made our holidays all the more special to share them together. We would like to give a special thanks to the Port Washington firemen who donated their truck and time to put up and take down the holiday lights on our tree at the entrance to Manhasset Isle. Thank you! The pictures say it all.



**MANORHAVEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - ANNUAL READ OUT LOUD DAY**

On January 17th, Trustee Lucretia Steele represented our Village as part of Manorhaven Elementary School’s Annual *Read Out Loud Day*. One of the kindergarten classes enjoyed listening to a story entitled, Wolf! The children and Trustee Steele delighted in finding out how the big bad wolf became a good wolf once he learned how to read. Manorhaven’s Reading Program is one part of the wonderful and innovative programs taking place in Manorhaven Elementary School. Trustee Steele has been a teacher for over 25 years, and currently teaches part time in Port Washington.

