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Meetings and Events:

ANNUAL MEETING - Wednesday - July 8

BOARD OF TRUSTEES - 7:30 p.m.

Thursday - 5/28, 6/25, 7/23

VILLAGE COURT - 6 p.m.

Tuesday - 6/23, 7/28

BOARD OF ZONING - 7 p.m.

Tuesday - 6/9, 7/14

PLANNING BOARD - 7 p.m.

Tuesday - 6/2, 7/1

ARCHITECTURAL BOARD - 7 p.m.

Monday - 6/22, 7/27

Village Offices Closed on:

May 25 - Memorial Day June 16 - Village Election Day July 3 - Independence Day

Spring Parking Rules

Please check street signs carefully!

PARKING COURTESY:

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

TAX BILLS

Taxes will be mailed out after Memorial Day.

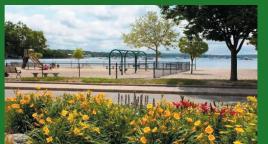
ANNUAL BULK PICK-UP DAY - Saturday, June 6

DOG WASTE: Please be sure to pick up dog waste immmediately and **remember...** no one enjoys hearing a barking dog outdoors for extended periods of time. Consider your neighbors. Thanks!

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! Recyclables 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

LATE SPRING - 2015

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LOOKING AHEAD

Dear Friends & Neighbors,

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to envision a bright future that became a reality? Well, I am excited to tell you that thanks to several initiatives, the process of turning visions into reality for our Village of Manorhaven has begun!

It all began with our Town Hall Meeting. On April 25th, Vision Long Island heeded a call by Deputy Mayor Lucretia Steele and joined us in setting up Manorhaven's first Town Hall Meeting. Vision Long Island will be working with us for the next six months, creating comprehensive short and long range plans and supporting us in transforming issues into solutions for Manorhaven.

In order for Manorhaven to have a smart future it must be sustainable. Several trustees, Deputy Mayor Steele, Trustee Di Lucia, and Village Clerk Leslie Gross met with Beth Fitini of the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority. NYSERDA promotes energy efficiency and the use of renewable energy sources. Manorhaven, in partnership with them, is applying for several grants and setting up a streamlined code for solar panels and electric vehicle charging stations. Our Village is creating a green and efficient future.

In order to meet the future working needs of our Village, we have proposed a Capital Plan. The plan identifies capital projects, provides planning schedules and identifies options for financing the plan. Manorhaven's Capital Plan ensures addresses road and sewer repair throughout our Village, as well as improvements for our Department of Public Works, and Village Office. Through our Capital Plan, we will insure the welfare of Manorhaven for decades to come. So much has been accomplished over the past three years, and we are committed to continuing those accomplishments in the years ahead.

Our Future Is In Our Hands!

IMPORTANT! BE SURE TO VOTE!

JUNE 16th - VILLAGE HALL VOTE FOR TRUSTEES - 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Sincerely,

Mayor Giovanna Giunta





COMMUNITY UPDATES

LOCAL CAMPAIGN OFFERS FREE SMOKE ALARMS & INSTALLATION



The Port Washington Crisis Relief Team and The Red Cross Will launch a huge Home Fire Preparedness Campaign in Port Washington on Saturday, May 30th. You must sign up for your free smoke alarm and installation in advance by calling the Red Cross at 516-747-3500, M-F, 8-4, emailing Vivian Moy or Elise May at pwcrteam@gmail.com or signing up at Village Hall by May 22nd.

If successful, this campaign will reduce fire related deaths and injuries by 25% over the next 5 years by installing free smoke alarms in ANY home that needs one! Not only will you get a free smoke alarm. PWCRT and Red Cross volunteers will correctly install it in your home. **All alarms and installation are FREE!**

Trustee *Rita Di Lucia*, a member of the PW Crisis Relief Team is coordinating distribution and installation for the Village along with her team of volunteers; Mayor *Giovanna Giunta*, Village Clerk *Leslie Gross*, Deputy Mayor *Lucretia Steele* and a member of the Port Washington Fire Department. We thank *Vivian Moy* and *Elise May*, Board members of PWCRT, for their dedication and effort. We also especially thank PWCRT for their important Home Fire Preparedness Life Saving Campaign. (*www.pwcrisisrelief.org*).

THE BENEFITS OF AN ORGANIC LAWN AND GARDEN

by Michelle Roper, Commissioner Environmental Affairs

The use of chemical synthetic fertilizers, insecticides, fungicides and weed controls kill beneficial microbes and mycorrhizal fungi in the soil. Synthetic products can be harmful to our children, our pets, and the Manhasset Bay's marine environment. These products can eventually find their way into the water table as well.

Organic alternatives do the opposite: They reintroduce micronutrients and encourage microbial activity, beneficial insects/mircoarthropods and worms in the soil. Organic lawn fertilization programs naturally increase aeration which promotes deeper root growth in the plant. A Natural-Organic property also requires less watering and nutrients as a result of a balanced Soil Food Web. Many fertilizers are made from recycled hazardous industrial wastes and contain well-known toxic substances such as lead and mercury. Lawn pesticides are classified by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as "probable" cancer causing chemicals and have been documented to greatly increase the risk of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma and leukemia. Growing your tomatoes and other vegetables in an organic garden prevents the ingestion of poisonous fertilizers and insecticides. Many lawn care companies now offer organic alternatives these days, so protect your health and the environment and **go organic**!

Of Special Interest:

Manorhaven may be included in Aircraft Noise Study: *The Port Authority of NY and NJ* is doing a study of aircraft noise in Nassau County. So far, 5 monitoring devices have been set up, the closest to Manorhaven is Roslyn Heights. The Village has requested to be represented in this study and may obtain a monitoring device which will be set up on a quiet piece of Village property to be determined by the Village and the Port Authority. The study will begin in about 2 months.

PERMIT FEES WAIVED FOR SIDEWALK & CURB REPAIRS

As most residents are aware, sidewalks and adjacent curb repairs are the responsibility of the property owner. To encourage repair work, a resolution was passed by the Board of Trustees to waive permit fees for curb and sidewalk repairs from 4/13/15 through 8/31/15. *NOTE*: A permit application must still be filed with the Building Department, at which time, the fee will be waived.

MANORHAVEN CELEBRATES SPRING

PORT'S PRODUCE PLANTERS FEED THE HUNGRY



Manorhaven Village Hall is pleased to join with *Plant-A-Row For The Hungry* to bring much needed fresh produce to help fill Our Lady of Fatima's Food Pantry. The colorfully decorated planters outside of Village Hall have been designed by local artists and filled with organic vegetables. Once the vegetables are ready to be harvested, they will be brought to Bayles Garden Center, 88 South Bayes Avenue. We encourage all our local



planter filled with produce. What better way to support our community than by directly benefiting our neighbors in need. Residents are also encouraged to participate in this fun, caring, and community based program. These beautiful planters with vegetable plants are \$90 and can be requested from *Plant-A-Row For The Hungry's* director Marvin Markofsky at 516-504-6363.

MANORHAVEN'S SPIRIT OF 9-11 GROWS

Manorhaven's Arbor Day Celebration commemorated both Arbor Day and 9-11. Manorhaven's Tree Committee, Trustee Priscilla von Roeschlaub, Henry Young, Dolores Kazanjian and Jennifer Wilson-Pines organized the planting of a *Callery Pear Tree*, a decendent of the last tree standing at Ground Zero. Henry Young, a local arborist and tree committee member, secured the 9-11 Tree for Manorhaven from The Bartlett Tree Experts.



The Bartlett Tree Experts determined that Manorhaven should be awarded the Callery Pear Tree because Manorhaven has demonstrated over the past three years, a commitment to the memory and spirit of 9-11. Mayor Giunta's administration's built a 9-11 Walkway as well as a display cabinet to house an original WTC steel beam. The Tree Ceremony was attended by local officials, Port Washington's Girl Scout Troop 420, Cub Scouts, Mayor Giovanna Guinta, Deputy Mayor Lucretia Steele, Trustee Rita Di Lucia, Trustee Priscilla von Roeschlaub, and members of the public. Girl Scout Troop 420 touchingly recited "Trees" by Joyce Kilmer. Plant-A- Row for the Hungry donated free lettuce plants to attendees. It was a lovely day, and as the Callery Pear Tree flourishes, so will the spirit of perseverance and courage that is such a part of our great community and our great nation!



MANORHAVEN REMEMBERS

HONORING OUR RESIDENTS - JIM FLEMING, A CAPTAIN & HIS SEASIDE VILLAGE



Jim Fleming has been a resident of Manorhaven for most of his 80 years. His memories are a living history. Jim comes from a long line of Nova Scotia seafarers. The Fleming family had three children, Jim being the youngest. For twelve years, he and his family lived on three houseboats, *The Polyanthus*, *The Spark*, and *The Caramar*, surviving the two major hurricanes of 1938 and 1945. Life was difficult during the depression, but Jim's childhood memories are filled with the joy and excitement that this waterfront community offered, and the strong friendships and close family ties that were a part of life in Manorhaven.

In 1947, the Fleming family purchased one of the original Copp cottages that Jim lives in today. There are only four Copp cottages remaining in Orchard Beach

lives in today. It was built in 1935, the same year Jim was born. From as early as Jim can remember, he wanted to follow in his Dad's footsteps. At 8, he learned how to row a boat and sail and at 15, he became a skipper for the Borud family. After graduation from the newly opened Schrieiber High School in 1955, Jim joined the U.S. Navy and became a third class petty-officer. Upon returning to Port Washington, Jim Jr. became the Dock Master at The Riviera Marina, formerly The North Hempstead Yacht Club. Jim was a skipper on private yachts until 1976, when he became the Manhasset Bay Constable until 2000, along with his fellow Bay Constables, Frank Hudock and Billy Cocks. His 23 years as Bay Constable were filled with stories, memories and adventures.



But to say Jim is retired would not be entirely true. In the summer, Jim is a part-time skipper for Matt Meyran's marine's water taxi and as soon as the weather permits, he will be seen cruising the water in his 36 year old, 17 foot Grady White, *The Claribel*, named after Jim's mom. Jim looks and acts many years younger than his age; his brilliant smile, friendly demeanor, active lifestyle, and wonderful stories have kept him young. Jim's family includes a daughter Cheryl, her husband Tim Dolan, and three beautiful grandchildren. He has a large extended family a well. Jim's story is the story of our Village. The ethic of hard work, close family and community spirit, an indomitable spirit and the blessings of living by the sea.

Loss Of A Wonderful Lady & Community Leader, Christine Cutting



Christine J. Cutting, President of the Board of Directors of Tom's Point Lane Corporation, passed on April, 21, 2015. Christine served on the Tom's Point Board for over 30 years in many capacities, including President. Her hard work and dedication over the years to her community was remarkable. Christine retired in 1998 as Principal of Valley Stream High School. She was a very active member of St. Stephen's Church in Port Washington, NY, and a beloved member of the congregation. Christine held a number of leadership roles on the vestry. The Reverend Kurt and Priscilla von Roeschlaub, life-long friends of Christine, recall, "We have known and loved

Chris since she was an avid skier and President of the Garden City Ski Club. She was always ready and able to take on the challenge of the toughest slopes. That same brave spirit and enthusiasm was present when she was helping with the youth in the parish, running an African micro-loan program for Ugandan women, or acting as Warden of St. Stephen's Church." Notably, Christine was the first woman admitted into the Valley Stream Rotary, and their very first woman President. Christine's nephew Ramon spent summers with her attending camp and learning to swim at Tom's Point. She is lovingly remembered by her brother Richard Cutting and her sister-in-law Elizabeth Cutting, and will be dearly missed by all.

On June 7, at 3:00 p.m., Mayor Giovanna Giunta and the Board of Trustees will be honoring Christine Cutting by planting a memorial tree and plaque at Tom's Point in her memory. We ask all members of the Tom's Point Community and Manorhaven to join us in this tribute.



A NOTE FROM DEPUTY MAYOR STEELE

It was standing room only for Manorhaven's First Town Hall meeting! On April 25th, a long awaited Town Hall Meeting took place!

Residents of all ages, business owners, renters, home owners, and local officials all attended. Life long residents like *Gary Maynard*, and *Danny Gallo*, told us why they have

chosen Manorhaven to call home. Younger residents told us what they hope for in Manorhaven. While long time business owners, like *Guy LaMotta* told us what they foresee for Manorhaven. The room was filled with a lively exchange of ideas and an enthusiasm for what was truly a Democratic process in action. When I first spoke with *Eric Alexander*, Director of *Vision Long Island* over 4 months ago about how *Vision Long Island* might be of help to our community, I was excited about the possibilities. I envisioned a Town Hall Meeting just like the one that took place!

Vision Long Island, a non-profit agency, has been leading Long Island's Smart Growth movement by promoting more livable, economically sustainable, and environmentally responsible growth on Long Island. Eric Alexander and Elissa Kyle, Director of Sustainability, led the Town Hall meeting. Eric's format and questions sparked both issues and ideas from the audience, and achieved its purpose, allowing everyone's voice to be heard so that together we may find solutions. Most topics were covered and remaining topics saved for our next Town Hall. I am hoping to schedule the second Town Hall Meeting for sometime in June.

I would like to recap for you some issues and ideas presented:

- More police presence, more than one police car
- Summer Parking around the Park
- Community involvement & spirit
- Business recycling program
- Moratorium on multi-family building
- Traffic on Manhassett Isle truck route
- TNH garbage in front of pool area
- Waiving permits for businesses improvement
- Changing the name of Manorhaven to Port West
- Adding additional story on stores as incentive to lower rents
- Village garbage pails used for personal garbage
- Development of Typhin Steel property on Manhasset Isle

- Improving business facades
- Homeless issue in Nature Preserve
- Code enforcement issues
- Absentee landlord responsibilities
- Alternate side of the street parking
- Diagonal Parking on Manorhaven Blvd
- Two family homes and parking spaces
- Coffee shop with Wi-Fi
- Dealing with aggressive geese
- TNH planting shrubs in front of park fence
- Parking on lawns by residents
- Creating bike lanes



The two hours were not enough, and what began as just a conversation between Eric and I at a NCVOA meeting has thanks to Vision Long Island and our Residents turned into a transformational opportunity for Manorhaven. We are all looking forward to our second Town Hall Meeting and to us all taking this meaningful journey for Manorhaven together.

(Elissa Kyle, Vision L.I., Eric Alexander, Vision L.I., Leslie Gross, Village Clerk, Mayor Giovanna Giunta, Deputy Mayor Steele, Trustee Rita Di Lucia.)

PSEG WIRE FRIENDLY TREE PROGRAM

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Sharon Natalie has been diligent in applying for and receiving rebates of almost \$1000 from the PSEG Wire Friendly Tree Program. PSEG replaces a small portion of the costs that municipalities incur, as Manorhaven has, when trees are replaced with shorter, slower growing trees needing less trimming for wire-clearance.



CAPITAL PLAN ASSET INVENTORY

INFRASTRUCTURE - ROADS AND SEWERS

The Village of Manorhaven will benefit greatly from road improvements. There are three reasons that make this an essential project to undertake. First, the sewers underneath the road were built scores ago and are riddled with asbestos. This creates an environmental and health issue that must be addressed immediately or risk putting the residents of Manorhaven at risk. For this reason, the renovation of our roads with an upgraded sewer system is of the utmost priority for the Village. Second, some Village roads, in particular Cambridge Road, are used by school buses. We must improve the daily commutes of our children by ensuring safer roads. And finally, in the interest of Manorhaven's great business revival, we want to enhance the experience of residents and business owners with safe, smooth roads as an essential part of enriching the business community. The benefits of these improvements will be seen for generations to come. According to the American Road and Transportation Builders Association ('ARTBA') and "TRIP" (A National Transportation Research Group), the cost to repair the surface and undersurface of one mile of Manorhaven Roads will cost \$1,625,000. Our Capital Plan proposal for roads is to improve .125 miles of Manorhaven roads every year, starting with Cambridge Road, until we completely revitalize the damaged infrastructure.

EQUIPMENT, VEHICLES, FURNISHINGS

The Village of Manorhaven, its DPW, and Code Enforcement Agency would benefit greatly from a couple improvements in the equipment and vehicle department. Our research shows that vital enhancements include: (1) a Skid Steer and necessary attachments for handling various tasks; and (2) an electric vehicle and charging station for maximizing the potential of the recent NYSERDA grant our administration secured to bring Manorhaven's energy costs down through solar panels and electric vehicle charging stations.

SKID STEER, AND ATTACHMENTS

For those who may not be familiar, a Skid Steer is a rigid-frame, engine-powered machine with lift arms used to attach a wide variety of cost-effective, labor-saving tools and attachments. Popular brands that make the Skid Steer are 'Bobcat' and 'John Deere.' The estimated cost of the Skid Steer is \$45,000. Our research and consultation with the Manorhaven DPW shows that the necessary attachments (and their estimated costs) to effectively perform a wide list of duties are: (1) Backhoe (\$4,500); (2) Snow Plow (\$2,300); (3) Street Sweeper (\$4,000); and (4) Bucket (\$1,300.)

ELECTRIC VEHICLE AND CHARGING STATION

Consistent with the efforts of the Giunta administration, Manorhaven has received a NYSERDA grant to streamline our Village Code to encourage the use of solar energy and electric vehicles. We believe this opportunity is prime for the Village to fully enter the 21st century and begin to leave a cleaner carbon footprint on the environment. This will be effectuated by the implementation of an electric vehicle charging station and the purchase of an electric vehicle. The electric vehicle shall be used for code enforcing purposes and in the long run will save the Village thousands on gas prices. According to the United States Department of Energy, the move to electric vehicles will help reduce reliance on foreign petroleum and increase energy security. We are but one Village, however, we should lead by example. Our research shows that the estimated cost for an electric vehicle charging station and an electric vehicle is \$22,000.

DIGITAL AND TECH IMPROVEMENTS

We believe the Village of Manorhaven is behind on the digital evolution. To help bring Manorhaven into the Digital Century we have highlighted two areas of improvement: (1) software; and (2) Wi-Fi. **First**, the operations of the Village may be streamlined and performed at greater rates if we purchase record keeping and tax software programs. Furthermore, the Village of Manorhaven sporadically purchases a new slate of Microsoft Office software; this yields several concerns. At times, the Village operates with greatly outdated software, and the cost of upgrading every few years can be a burden on budgeting. To solve this, our research reveals that it will be cost-effective and essential to initiate a Microsoft Office monthly subscription. The benefits of such a move are: (1) the Village will always have the latest version of Microsoft Office in order to better perform its duties for Manorhaven residents; and (2) the price per month (\$8 per month, per computer) will save the Village thousands of dollars over a 10 year span compared to the current system of purchasing a new slate of software for every computer every few years. **Second**, Village Hall currently subscribes to a Wi-Fi option of 50Mbps for the entire staff to use for numerous purposes. As more operation tools migrate to the Internet, it is essential that we enhance the Wi-Fi speed of Village Hall to ensure fully functioning departments at all times of the day.

OFFICE RENOVATION

Village Hall itself would benefit from a couple office improvements. First, a building generator is essential to ensure the safety of Manorhaven residents. After Hurricane Sandy, our building generator was crucial in providing electricity and warmth to our residents. Our research shows a new generator for the future will cost \$20,000. Finally, with the purchase of record keeping software, the Village may move key documents to computers for easy access. But there are many historical and important documents that must remain safe-kept at Village Hall. The current vault that holds these documents is overcrowded making it difficult to effectively locate and file documents. Our research shows that a new space-saving shelf with mobile carriages and tracks will solve these issues. And at a cost of just under \$9,500, it will be an asset to the Village for years to come.

MANORHAVEN SOARS

SPOTLIGHT ON BUSINESS

Good News! Proof That The Manorhaven Business Revival Is Succeeding!

Since our Business Revival Program began 8 months ago, 8 new businesses have opened:

Bosporus Restaurant, Country Cleaners, Renga Brothers, River Fish Restaurant, Fitness RX, Little Freckles, Dolce Restaurant and newly owned and renovated Port Beer and Soda. Two existing businesses are expanding. Manorhaven Market is adding a pharmacy, and Olivia's Grocery and Deli, a new facade, proving that our Business District is being revitalized.



In fact, two stores cited in a recent flyer stating that nothing has improved or changed in our Business District were wrong. These very businesses are actually under construction or planning construction and will be re-opening. 101 Manorhaven Blvd. is undergoing extensive

renovations and is soon to be an exciting new addition to Manorhaven Boulevard thanks to the efforts of its proud owner, Henry Gimenez. **There is also exciting news** for longtime residents who recall *Bill's Harbor Inn* at Bowman's Point. Plans are before our Building Department for a new restaurant to reopen there once again.

"With Morgan's Dock getting a new stone armor sea wall this month, 8 and soon to be 9 new businesses opening, and the return of a new restaurant at the site of the former *Bill's Harbor Inn* it is clear our Business District's revitalization is truly underway." said Deputy Mayor Steele.

MANORHAVEN BANKS ON SUNNY SKIES

Imagine saving thousands of dollars each year and helping the environment while you do.

That's just what Deputy Mayor Lucretia Steele, Trustee Rita Di Lucia and Village Clerk Leslie Gross discussed doing for Manorhaven and it's residents along with Beth Fitini from New York State Energy Research and Development Authority.

Ms. Fitini informed them that Manorhaven is eligible to immediately receive a \$5,000 grant for simply adopting a unified and streamlined solar and green vehicle code. This code would benefit our residents and our Village Hall by allowing them to easily, and without a fee, install solar panels and electric charging stations. Plans were discussed to install a solar panel and electric charging station at Village Hall, saving the Village thousands of dollars a year and receiving a \$3,000 rebate to do so. Importantly, our Village would



Please Note: We already have a number of homes in Manorhaven using solar energy. But not only would solar panels save thousands of dollars a year, each year they would increase the homes value, improve health with cleaner air, water and soil, improve economic growth through the creation of green jobs, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions which are the main cause of catastrophic climate change.

The benefits for Manorhaven don't stop there. We are applying for the following grants as well:

- 1) NYSERDA'S Sustainability Program for towns and Villages offers up to \$250,000 to communities that add sustainability to their long range plan, which we have done with *Vision Long Island*. This grant is being worked on and applied for by *Deputy Mayor Lucretia Steele*;
- **2) NYSERDA Community Program** applicable for our waterfront and Morgan's Dock. This grant is being worked on and applied for by Trustee *Rita Di Lucia*.