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RESIDENTS PLEASE NOTE:

Meetings and Events:

ANNUAL BULK PICK UP DAY -

Saturday, May 31 - No tires, batteries, yard waste, paints, chemicals or construction materials.

VILLAGE ELECTION - Tuesday, June 17, 6 a.m. - 9 p.m.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES, 7:30 p.m.

Thursdays, 5/29, 6/26, 7/24

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING - 7/7 at 7:30 p.m.

VILLAGE COURT - 6 p.m.

Tuesdays, 5/27, 6/30, 7/22

BOARD OF ZONING - 7 p.m.

Tuesdays, 6/10, 7/8

ARCHITECTURAL BOARD - 7 p.m.

Mondays, 5/19, 6/23, 7/28

DOG OWNERS: Please pick up after your pets and keep them leashed when out walking!

Please respect your neighbors. Do NOT leave barking dogs outdoors all day! 🌸 🌸 🌸 🌸 🌸

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. **Yard waste pick-up is on Wednesdays.** (**BAG GRASS** - No more than 6 bags; twigs/branches must be tied in manageable bundles.) 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 Offices Closed on:

May 26 - Memorial Day

June 17 - Village Election

July 4 - Independence Day

VILLAGE TAX BILLS will be sent out in 2 weeks
Tax payments are due **June 1 - July 1**

Spring Parking Rules are in effect from
April 1 through November 30.

Please check street signs carefully.

Changes posted on www.manorhaven.org

VILLAGE OF MANORHAVEN NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2014

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OUR 24-HOUR HOTLINE FOR REAL EMERGENCIES

631-548-8278

To Hear Local Emergency

Telephone Numbers:

516-883-7000 x19



REMINDER: Please be sure to vote!

Village Elections, Tuesday, June 17 - 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. - Village Hall

Dear Friends & Neighbors,

It has been just two years since I began informing you about our Village personally, and in our newsletters. As is often said, “the days seem long, but the years fly by.” In these two short years, we have accomplished so much together to *transform and improve* our Village. In this newsletter we will look back at where we came from, and also look ahead to where we are going.

Our Recent Village Updates:

We passed the 2014 - 2015 Village budget. **It is a balanced budget.**

NOTE: Budgets are projected estimates based on past years and future trends. A budget should be done one year at a time because changing trends, repairs and events are impossible to predict. Some important items in our upcoming budget are presented below:

1. We *cut costs* through new vendor contracts, **saving \$132,000 annually**;
2. We instituted two programs this past year, the Amnesty Program and the Utility Reimbursement Program, benefitting residents by producing **added Village revenue**;
3. We paid settlements and judgments **in full**, for lawsuits incurred by the prior Meehan administration;
4. We *applied for* and *received* the majority of reimbursements from FEMA for Storm Sandy expenditures;
5. We anticipated **additional revenue** in building application fees resulting from new projects;
6. We reorganized our administrative offices clearing neglect, inefficiencies and backlogs from past administrations in order to follow NYS local government standards and **to better serve our residents**. This required staff overtime, which will be limited moving forward;
7. We allocated funds for the **replanting of trees** in the Village;
8. We allocated funds for *needed* DPW and Building Department equipment;
9. We *replaced* equipment and *corrected* neglected maintenance, and *made significant repairs* to our pump station and sewer system;
10. **We did not raise residential taxes.**

Looking ahead:

The rehabilitation of Morgan’s Dock at Bowman’s Point will be beginning in just a few weeks. We can look forward to the installation of a new sea wall, and thereafter the installation of the gazebo, benches, plantings and fencing. As always, our DPW will continue to repair potholes (Please be aware that Manorhaven Blvd. potholes are filled by Nassau County) and repairs to the street sweeper should reflect a big improvement in cleaning local streets. **BULK PICK-UP DAY - Saturday, May 31**. Large items at curb **after 5 p.m. on 5/30**. No tires, motor oil, batteries, paint, toxic chemicals, construction debris or yard waste permitted. Yard waste pick-ups are every Wednesday.

Our staff, Board and I thank you for your ongoing support! Stop by Village Hall with any concerns or just to say hello. Wishing you a wonderful spring!

Mayor Giovanna Giunta

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HONORING OUR RESIDENTS - RAY RYAN - A LEGACY OF SERVICE & PRIDE



In this issue, we honor Ray Ryan, Chief of the Port Washington Fire Department, and a police detective with the Port Washington Police Department. Both of these positions are filled with enormous responsibility and require extraordinary skills and stamina. When asked how he manages to do both so competently, Ray said, “I wear one hat at a time!” Ray is responsible for all the fire companies and their 313 members. Port Washington’s Fire Department is one of the busiest volunteer fire departments, averaging more than eight calls per day with approximately 3,200 total calls per year. Being Fire Chief and a Port Washington Police Detective requires long hours and brings stressful situations, but Ray is well qualified to fill both sets of shoes! Ray, a lifelong resident of Port Washington, as were his parents, has lived in Manorhaven since 1990. He said, “I love Manorhaven - all my friends and family are here - it’s our old neighborhood.” Ray comes from a large family, generations of whom have served Port Washington selflessly. Before the Port Washington Fire Department was incorporated in 1907, it was comprised of a number of fire companies. Ray’s great-great-grandfather, Eugene E. Carpenter was Chief of all the fire companies. This legacy of service continued with Ray’s grandmother’s brother Wilbur “Nitty” Carpenter, who was also a Fire Chief. Amazingly at one time, twenty-one of Ray’s relatives served in the Fire Department. Currently, Ray’s nephew is a Port Washington Fire Captain. All fire calls are personal to firemen, but sometimes some hit home. Ray recalls two such calls, one in Manorhaven on Kirkwood Road in which a friend’s father died, and another in November of 1988 on Main Street where Bobby Dayton, a fellow fireman died.

Ray credits his success and abilities not only to his legacy of family service. Ray emphatically said, “I couldn’t handle this alone. I come from great teams in both departments with many great men and women!” Ray does have one other very special helper though - Peco, who is a very friendly, inquisitive four-year-old pit bull rescued by Ray from the North Hempstead Animal Shelter. Paula Kellner, a volunteer at the shelter knew Ray lost his Maltese and told him about an adorable three-month-old pit bull that needed a forever home. Peco (given his name from Protection Engine Company) gets to ride with the Chief on fire calls. On Peco’s first call, he was so excited that he managed to set off every siren in the Fire Chief’s car! Peco especially loves children, elderly and even the mailman. Ray feels pit bulls are unfairly labeled. “It depends on the owners of the dog, not the breed.” Peco is in many ways the Fire Department’s mascot.

When asked about fire safety, Ray emphasized that everyone should have smoke detectors and he went one step further. He is an advocate for sprinkler systems in private residents’ homes and feels they would save countless lives every year. Ray mentioned education and spoke about the wonderful Junior Fire Department program for High School students. This program is so popular that 40 of the 50 spots are already filled. The Department also sponsors career days and applies for grants for regional recruiting of volunteers. As Fire Chief, Ray gave special kudos to the Port Washington Water District for replacing Manorhaven’s water mains over the past two years.“ I’m happy to see Manorhaven upgrade its water mains. All villages should follow suit. It allows firefighters to have full resources needed in a community to fight fires and save lives. Manorhaven should be made the role model,” Ray said. We are all grateful for the incredible efforts and caring of the Port Washington Police Department and Port Washington Fire Department. Ray Ryan’s dedication and service to both is extraordinary and inspiring.

CELEBRATING EARTH DAY

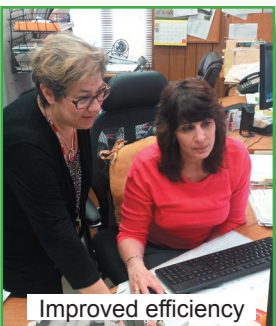
Once again, our Village participated in Earth Day celebrations by cleaning up a portion of the trail through the Manorhaven Preserve. Members of Scout Troop 7 and their leaders, as well as volunteers from Schrieber High School’s Treehugger Club joined Manorhaven residents in removing tires, bikes, and a considerable amount of trash from the Preserve. Earth Day started in 1970 as a way to promote informal education about the environment. Manorhaven residents have worked hard in recent years to encourage enjoyment and protection of our beautiful trails, parks, and coastline.



LOOK WHAT WE’VE ACCOMPLISHED IN JUST TWO YEARS!
TOGETHER WE...



Weathered Storm Sandy



Improved efficiency



Created a 9-11 Memorial



Improved inspection process



Built our Dog Park



Repaired Roads



Repaired the Pump Station



Completed DPW projects



Researched Energy



Helped our Environment



Celebrated Holidays



Improved Landscaping



Improved Safety Signs and Crosswalks



Upgraded equipment



Built our 9-11 Walkway



Opened our Nature Trail



Held Festivals & Events

RECIPES FOR A HAPPY NEIGHBORHOOD

- Now that spring is here and summer is just around the corner, we would like to share a few reminders:
- Be sure to have children REMOVE bicycles, toys and portable basketball hoops from curb areas every night;
 - Loud voices and music travel and can be disturbing to others. Many residents enjoy open windows during the evening hours, so please be considerate to those who live around you;
 - When doing yard work, keep neighbors in mind when deciding when to mow or blow on the weekends. Contractors may not begin until 8 a.m on weekdays, and may not begin until 9:30 a.m. on weekends. NO outdoor contractor work is permitted on Sundays.
 - Barking dogs should not be left out all day and should be leashed when being walked. Be sure to curb your dog and pick up waste and dispose of it properly. We appreciate and thank you for your cooperation and so does your neighbor.
 - Please note that about a dozen Dog Park shirts are still available. Please contact Village Hall if you are interested.



IMPORTANT VILLAGE UPDATES

ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARD FOUND ON MANHASSET ISLE

A suspected environmental hazard to our wetlands has been confirmed by Land Use Ecological Services, Inc. When the Mayor and Board first learned of the oil spill hazard in Manhasset Isle, they immediately called in the DEC. They recently requested that an additional independent inspection be done to insure that this was not an ongoing problem. Land Use Ecological Services was brought in to inspect Village property and the adjacent wetlands bordering the Dejana facility on Shore Road. The onsite visit and inspection was completed by Charles Bowman of Land Use. Mr. Bowman's findings are as follows:

“Based on this inspection, it is evident that contaminant runoff from the Dejana site is still entering the Village property and the adjacent wetland area. Additionally, it was noted that there is no storm water containment system located within the rear of the commercial property, and it appears that road sweeping generated in their operation is being disposed of on the site.”

As you know, we are committed to the environmental protection and preservation of our Village, and take any violation of it very seriously. We have taken all necessary steps and are continuing to do so until this environmental hazard to our Village is totally rectified and remediated. We will continue as we always do, to keep our residents informed.

VILLAGE ACCOUNTING INFORMATION

IMPORTANT - PLEASE NOTE: In order to dispel the recent misinformation sent to residents, we are providing this information to ensure that all residents receive an actual and true accounting of Village finances which are as follows: The amount of \$733,036 reflects the actual deficit at the time of the Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year ending on 5/31/2013. This amount of \$733,036 did not include funds received from FEMA on July 17 and July 22 in the amount of \$547,036.58. With this amount, the deficit equaled **\$185,099.42**. ***NOTE: This amount was not due to the Board's mismanagement of funds, it was due to FEMA's governmental regulations regarding notation and reporting of funds awarded, versus those funds that were physically received by the Village from FEMA.*** These two July dates fell within the next fiscal year and could not be included in the report ending May 31, 2013.

FACTS ABOUT FRAUD AGAINST THE VILLAGE

UPDATE ON SUPERSTORM SANDY FRAUD AND ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING STATEMENTS OF JOHN STRANGOLAGALLI

On December 3, 2013 two residents were indicted by a Nassau County Grand Jury for alleged crimes against the Village of Manorhaven. The indictments charged the defendants with Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument in the Second Degree, a violation of Penal Law § 170.25 a class “D” Felony, Attempted Grand Larceny in the Second Degree, a violation of Penal Law § 110-155.40.01 a class “D” Felony, Offer for Filing a False Instrument in the First Degree – Penal Law Section § 175.35 – a class “E” Felony, and Conspiracy in the Fifth Degree – Penal Law section § 105.05.01, a class “A” misdemeanor. It is alleged that these individuals produced fraudulent documents to the Village, claiming ownership of John's Construction, the company the Village hired to clean up after Super Storm Sandy, in an attempt to collect the proceeds of the contract due John's Construction. The alleged fraud amounted to almost a quarter of a million dollars. In recent days, certain individuals have been intentionally circulating false information around the Village that these accused residents were the rightful owners of John's Construction and that they worked on the clean up after the storm. Both statements are patently false and contrary to the evidence in the Village file. The statements are also in direct contrast to the written statements given by John Stangolagalli, the owner of John's Construction to the Village concerning the alleged Fraud. All actions the Village took on this matter were first brought before the Board of Trustees and after receiving the advice of the then Village Attorney, Charles Casolaro. All actions were also predicated on the statements of John Strangogalli, the owner of John's Construction. **His statements may be obtained via a FOIL request at Village Hall.**

A HISTORIC LOOK BACK AT OUR HAVEN BY THE SEA

Manorhaven was once the site of an Indian Village and history recounts that our area's earliest known inhabitants were believed to be the Matinecock Indians. This large and important tribe was known to be excellent hunters and fishermen. They were a tall, agile and peaceful people. Sand excavating in 1899 and 1900 unearthed skeletons and artifacts from this tribe. The abundance of fresh water, fish, fertile land and natural beauty provided a safe haven for them.

In 1683, Manorhaven became part of a land grant to John Cornwell. The Cornwell Family farmed and built ships on Manhasset Isle. It was a beautiful rural area of farms and livestock. Once again, its plethora of natural resources and beauty made it a haven for its country inhabitants. In the early 1900s with sand excavating already underway, Manhattanites came for weekends on excursion boats to what is now called the Orchard Beach area. Around 1925, the Copp Brother's Lumber Company of Flushing bought large areas of Manorhaven for sand mining. The Copp Family developed Orchard Beach as a bungalow colony, advertising it extensively, making Manorhaven the perfect "get away" haven. In 1930, a family member led a drive to incorporate the area known as Manorhaven to fend off zoning restrictions on small lot housing that was adopted by the Town of North Hempstead. During the 1930s, the Canterbury Realty Corporation sold lots in sand excavated areas of what is now known as the Manorhaven section, for \$100 each. Immigrants from Italy and their children were prominent among buyers, giving the Village at that time an Italian-American heritage. The promise of the new land for so many became a reality and a haven!

The area of Manhasset Isle included a former industrial area where Pan-American World Airlines tested sea planes. In June 1939, the fledgling company flew the first amphibious sea plane from Manhasset Isle to Europe. Typin Steel later occupied this site employing many local residents. The area prospered and grew. In the 1950s, single family ranch homes were built and many of the original cottages were knocked down to be followed by the addition of multi-family dwellings. It became an affordable haven in which to raise families. Now in the 21st century, while much has changed, much remains the same. This seaside Village is still filled with friendly neighbors and beautiful green spaces - the nature preserve and walking trail, our dog park, Manorhaven Park, and the upcoming renovation of Morgan's Dock - with amazing waterside sunrises and sunsets, making it still a true haven for over 6500 residents.

MANORHAVEN IS SPRINGING AHEAD

Our Newest Greenspace - Morgan's Dock

Keep an eye out for a special flyer announcing our **GRAND OPENING** in early summer of **Morgan's Dock** located at Bowman's Point. The festivities will include a ribbon cutting ceremony and Village barbeque. We look forward to seeing you there! A beautiful nautical gazebo will soon be placed at Morgan's Dock along with waterside benches and plantings - a wonderful addition to our "Pearl of the Bay."

Village Trees Replanting Program

Beginning in June, we will resume our Village tree replanting program. The trees are to be planted curbside and all selected trees will be PSEG/LIPA approved trees. Residents may request that a tree be planted in front of their home. However, please be aware that the trees upkeep is the resident's responsibility. We already have a waiting list for trees, so if you are interested please call or email Village Hall, info@manorhaven.org to be added to the list. This is an ongoing project and each year more and more trees will be planted.

Memorial Trees & Benches

We have begun a very successful and meaningful memorial tree and bench program. Around our Village and in our newly opened Dog Park, Nature Trail and soon to be renovated Morgan's Dock, you will see lovely benches and trees with beautifully inscribed commemorative plaques donated by our residents. These benches and trees are permanent personal tributes and are a special addition to our Village. If you are interested in a tree or donating a bench, please call Village Hall for more information.

Village Planters

Mother's Day is the official frost-free time to plant, and we will be filling our Village planters around Manorhaven with beautiful and fragrant plantings for our residents to enjoy. Some of the plantings we planted last year are already coming up on Village greens that were planted last year, and we will be adding to those as well. So, enjoy your walks around our beautiful Village this spring and summer, and remember take some time to enjoy the flowers.

