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October 1 - October 31  
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Canned Soups, Canned Vegetables, Tuna, Canned Dinners,  
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Boxed Milk, Cereal, Cookies, Crackers, Formula**



## VILLAGE OF MANORHAVEN NEWSLETTER

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### A Message from Mayor Giunta

Dear Residents,

Manorhaven has seen a lot of activity this past month. It began on 9/11 with a stirring 9/11 Commemorative Ceremony, dedicating our new 9/11 garden walkway and bench. On 9/23, the first Manorhaven Family Fun Festival at the Preserve was a fun-filled revival of community spirit. Our Village Food Drive is also taking place this month. Village Hall has even started a makeover of the Village interior. We are especially proud of our Manorhaven entry rug with the Village Emblem and hope you will stop by to see it! There have been other updates, projects and positive changes to our Village at large that I would like to report to you:

- Work has begun on the #3 pump at the pump station to rectify its improper installation 3 years ago. This repair will dramatically increase the efficiency of our pump station;
- Road equipment sanders have been repaired in anticipation of winter storms;
- The licensing fees for landscapers, electricians & plumbers have been revamped;
- A committee has been formed to review all existing Village Codes;
- We have responded to and repaired 2 emergency sewer blockages, cleaned 14 catch basins, continued regular maintenance of other catch basins within the Village and had 13 street lights replaced;
- Installed a new crosswalk at Orchard Beach Blvd. due to safety hazards;
- Consulted with engineers to advise on the replacement of the force main;
- Continued work on the Rain Garden Project;
- Met with Councilwoman DeGiorgio and the Water Committee to move forward on the Morgan’s Dock Project;
- Installed a new stop sign southbound on Ashwood Rd. where it meets with the cross street of Ford Place;
- Repaired, refinished, and painted some of the interior portions of Village Hall;
- Participated in the clean up of Manorhaven Beach with our local Girl Scouts;

It has only been three months, but our residents, volunteers, staff, Board of Trustees and I have been working hard to revitalize our beautiful Village. I want to thank you all and want you to know that we have more positive changes ahead!

With my regards,

*Giovanna Giunta*

## STATE AUDIT UPDATES

In our last newsletter, we made our residents aware of the unfavorable state audit of our Village from 6/1/09 through 10/31/10. At the Village Hall Board Meeting on August 23, our newly hired forensic Certified Public Accounting Firm of Rosen & Federico gave the Village a detailed report of the former highly mismanaged financial practices they uncovered, and discussed the steps they now have in place to rectify them. We have further put in place, safeguards in the form of two resolutions passed by the Mayor and the Board for new procurement and credit card practices in the spirit of transparency and accountability. Our government is dedicated to being the best financial stewards that we can be.



### FROM THE DESK OF PATRICK ABRAMSKI...

As Superintendent of Buildings, I'd like to report and comment on a few of the projects that are currently in progress within the Building Department of our Village:

#### WATER MAIN PROJECT IN MANHASSET ISLE:

I have been in constant contact with the Superintendent of the Port Washington Water District, Tal Vecchio, with regards to the ongoing water main project. Each week, a new work schedule is being posted online for our residents. Many residents have had questions regarding the steps that are involved in this process: **1.** Initial phase: The roads are dug up and new water main piping is installed **2.** Once initial digging and installation is completed, the digging locations are reopened. At that time, a new water main service line is installed to each home at no cost to the homeowner. Note: Any damage to the homeowner's lawn, curb blocks and/or property will be restored at no cost to the homeowner at the expense of the Water District. Such incidences should be reported to: *The Port Washington Water District* at 516-767-0171. **3.** Once secondary pipes are completed, the water is sterilized, pressure tested and water samples are sent to the lab for testing and final approval by the Department of Health BEFORE the new lines will be used. Up until that point, old water lines will be used, so the water is SAFE to drink. **4.** Estimated completion date is: Spring 2013.

#### MANORHAVEN BLVD. RAIN GARDEN PROJECT:

At the time of this publication, there are still some minor punch list items that need to be completed with regard to the brick pavers, as well as additional mulching and plantings. The project as it stands is approximately 99.5% complete.

#### ACTIVE BUILDING PERMITS:

There are currently 66 active building permits within the Village which are at various stages of construction. They are as follows: 17 large building permits, including new one and two-family houses and commercial properties; 22 small building permits, which consist of fences, new and refurbished driveways, sheds and paver projects; 8 sign permits; 3 solar panel projects; 3 sidewalk permits; 2 covered porches; 10 interior renovations and 1 soil boring permit. Due to code violations, one project recently received a stop work order.

#### GREASE TRAP PROGRAM:

In an effort to maintain the integrity of our sewers, the Building Department will do monthly inspections of food establishments in our Village in an attempt to monitor the excessive amounts of liquid wastes containing grease, oil and sand that have been causing damage to our already fragile sewer system. We will be checking the maintenance records of all grease interceptors in the Village and will also be checking all food establishments to determine if they have been operating without a grease interceptor device, which is required by Code.

## HONORING OUR RESIDENTS

This month we would like to honor one of our youngest residents, ten year old, Courtney Burke. If there were an award for "Sister of the Year," Courtney would win, hands down. Courtney is the oldest of three girls. Abigail is eight, and Jessica is five. Abigail was diagnosed as an infant with pediatric neurotransmitter disease, a disease leaving her permanently disabled, unable to walk or talk. Abigail (Abby) recently underwent hip surgery as well. Abby is a happy little girl, whose joy is conveyed by her angelic smile. Abby's smile truly lights up a room, as her sisters Courtney and Jessica interact with and entertain her. Our featured resident, Courtney, has played a big part in keeping her sister Abby comfortable and happy. Before school each day, Courtney helps prepare Abby's breakfast and gets her ready for school. She also helps her mother, Louise Burke push her assistive chair to the waiting school bus. Abby attends Carmen Road School on Long Island; an amazing school where Abby has recently learned how to move a switch to indicate if she is hungry. On weekends, Courtney makes a comfortable place for Abby to watch her favorite interactive T.V. shows. Although Abby is unable to speak, Courtney seems to always know what she needs. Courtney sings 'Mona Lisa,' Abby's favorite song, to make her smile. Louise Burke described her oldest daughter as "an old soul," and Courtney's patience, kindness and caring are beyond her ten years. When asked about school, Courtney volunteers and is asked by her teacher to sit next to new students to help them get acclimated – Another testament to her competent, caring nature! Courtney's hobby is art. Louise said she fills every spare paper with her drawings, among those are portraits of Abby. While Abby has dedicated and supportive therapists, teachers, and nurses, her loving family has given her a special spark in her eyes. For a ten year old little girl, Courtney plays a big part in keeping her sister Abby smiling. Courtney put a smile in all our hearts as well!



## WE NEED YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

We are approaching storm season and need a way to contact residents in the event of an emergency! Please share your phone contact information, address and email with us, so that we may contact you should such an event occur! Should you have special needs, let us know. Either email your information to: [info@manorhaven.org](mailto:info@manorhaven.org), or call the Village and leave a message: 516.883.7000 x10. Thank you in advance for your reply.

## MANORHAVEN VILLAGE CALENDAR

### Upcoming Meetings:

BOARD OF TRUSTEES at 8 pm  
10/25, 11/15, 12/13

VILLAGE COURT at 6 pm  
10/23, 11/20, 12/18

BOARD OF ZONING at 7 pm  
11/13, 12/11

ARCHITECTURAL at 7 pm  
10/22, 11/19, 12/17

Meeting changes will be posted  
to the website:  
[www.manorhaven.org](http://www.manorhaven.org)



### VILLAGE NOTICES

#### We are closed on:

November 6,  
*Election Day*

November 12,  
*Veteran's Day*

November 22 & 23,  
*Thanksgiving*

December 25,  
*Christmas*

January 1,  
*New Year*



### FRIENDLY REMINDERS

**Autumn leaves** will be falling very soon. We'd like to remind our residents to please refrain from raking leaves into the street. Please bag leaves appropriately for Wednesday pick-ups.

**Winter Parking Regulations** are in effect starting **Saturday, December 1.** Please note as designated street signs, how parking changes will affect you.



## FESTIVAL THANK YOUS FROM THE COMMISSIONER OF SPECIAL EVENTS... PAT DEBARI

- Mayor Giovanna Giunta and the Board of Trustees for sponsoring the Manorhaven Family Fun Festival
- Port Washington Calendar, Port Washington News, Port Washington Patch, Life on Long Island and Newsday
- Business store fronts that allowed our flyers to be displayed
- The Town of North Hempstead, Jennifer Fava and John Darcy for granting us permission to park at the Senior Center & Manorhaven Park and granting permission to turn on the Preserve electric at the Manorhaven Park source
- Jennifer Oliva, Aid to Councilwoman Dina DeGiorgio, for her assistance
- Frank at Manorhaven Park for coordinating the electricity
- Village Clerk, Liz Gaynor and Deputy Clerk, Sharon Natalie who took care of insurance, made flyers, took daily vendor donation receipts, made copies, did accounting, deposits & exchanged numerous e-mails, and vendor payments
- Justice Clerk, Nancy Greene, who was there to kick off our “Drive By-Drop Off” food drive at the Festival
- Village Attorney Charles Casolaro for taking care of the legal vendor applications and agreements
- Gary Maynard for help in assisting with sponsorships requests
- Luis Garcia for translating our English flyer into Spanish
- Our Lady of Fatima Church for announcing our Festival at the Spanish Mass
- Superintendent of Schools, Kathleen Mooney for allowing flyers to be distributed at area schools
- The Village Highway Department, Lou, Joe and Bill for the clean up at the Preserve and for posting signs
- Danny Gallo for electric service information and Bruno Diversa for checking the electric service
- Donald DeBari for prep & map out for vendors;

### DONATIONS:

Port Empire Auto Body - Carnival Bouncer; Manhasset Bay Marina - Carnival Bouncer; Port Plumbing & Heating - DJ Entertainment; Walter Stern, Inc - Artist/Face painter; Friends Together Nursery School - Balloon Creations & Clown; My Spectrum School for Gifted and Talented - education class room set up and take home science project; the DeBari Family - foam crafts, gone fishing fun and bubbles welcome; Jennifer from My Spectrum School; Patti from the Dolphin Book Store and Debbie Klein - origami and paper crafts;

Manhasset Bay Sportsman Club; Lessner Pools; Toms Point Marina; Trustee Rita & David DiLucia; Ellen & Ex-Mayor Jim Tomlinson; Pauline & Danny Gallo; Marie & Anthony Carpinelli; Elizabeth McCabe; Port Empire Auto Body - \$200.00 gift card for a car detail; LaMotta’s Waterside Restaurant - \$100.00 gift certificate; Marino’s on The Bay - \$100.00 gift certificate; Massage Envy - one hour facial & one hour massage; Mitch & Toni’s American Bistro; - \$50.00 gift card; Sunny Nail Spa - Mommy & Me manicure & pedicure; Philips Edge tutoring - 2 one hour free tutoring sessions; Ayhan’s Shish Kebab - \$25.00 gift card; Edible Arrangements - \$25.00 gift card; Rosemarie & Company - hair cut and blow dry; Carvel - small sheet cake; 16 Handles, 3 - \$5.00 gift cards; Black Tie Liquors - bottle of wine; Clearview Cinemas – 2 movie tickets; Time & Again - \$20.00 cash; Computer Port - \$99.00 value virus removal; Mike & Santa Ragusa for “I Love Manorhaven” pins and sharing, “Manorhaven - It’s History and Development”; Port Farms for a delicious fresh fruit tray and Kiss Products Nail Art; The Port Washington Fire Department and Fire-Medics for their message of fire safety to the children; Dolores Holiday and the Port Washington Senior Citizens for their Craft Table; Poppies Special Friends Foundation - “Helping the Handicapped”; Food Vendor Chris from Harbor Deli & Caterers; Frankie’s Carnival Time; Aparo’s Little John; Lady Adria - DJ; Kareena Face Painter; Annabel the Clown - Balloon Art; Citi Bank - advertising services;

### PEOPLE DONATING THEIR TIME AND SUPPORT THE DAY OF THE EVENT:

Mayor, Giovanna Giunta & Joe Giunta; Michela & Joseph Giunta Jr.; Felicia & Carmine Bicchetti; Pasquale Bicchetti & Kelly; Trustee Lucretia Steele, Trustee Rita DiLucia & Mary Di Lucia; Vickie Spielman; Gary Maynard; Pauline & Danny Gallo; Rose & Dominick Massiello; Santa & Mike Ragusa; “Chickie” Maura; Deputy Mayor Mark Lazarovic, Dorti Zeevi Farrington – Trustee; Liz Gaynor – Village Clerk; Sharon Natalie - Deputy Clerk; Justice Court Clerk - Nancy Greene; Luis Garcia – Maintenance; Patrick M. Abramski - Superintendent of Buildings; Judi Cummings, Donna, Peter & Olivia Deriu; Dena DeBari and Donald DeBari and all that attended and made it a family fun day! Apologies to anyone inadvertently left out!

Sincerely, *Pat DeBari*

## ADDRESSING VILLAGE HALL’S STATE OF DISREPAIR AND NEGLECT

The Village Hall is the symbolic home of all our residents. Sadly, for a number of years, it has been allowed to fall into dangerous and unsightly disrepair through neglect. This has caused hazardous conditions in some cases. The main office area has unhealthy mold behind many of its walls resulting from leaks in our roofing, the building has loose bricks and mortar needing repair, eight window lintels and the chimney are in need of repair, the leaders and gutters need replacement, the office lighting is inadequate, and carpentry work was begun but left unfinished. We have begun much of the work that is necessary to address the upkeep, repair, and maintenance of these issues and concerns at Village Hall. Mayor Giunta has requested that Senator Martins redirect unused grant money by the previous administration to apply to new repairs. Multiple bids were received for the following completed renovations: painting the entrance hall, bathrooms and board room; replacement of stained and damaged ceiling tiles in the main entrance; painting and repair of the front entry door and glass; painting and re-sanding of the outdoor handrails; replacement of damaged flooring with new flooring in the entrance and kitchen, the stripping, re-staining and varnishing of the judicial bench, and the addition of a new entrance mat with our corporate seal. While additional items still need to be addressed, we will be sure to keep residents informed of all upcoming projects. The Village Hall represents and serves Manorhaven and belongs to all our residents. We are proud of our Village and its Village Hall and will make sure it is once again the “Pearl of Manhasset Bay.”

## MEET OUR HIGHWAY STAFF



This month we would like to highlight the dedicated staff of our Village Highway Department. They are out there everyday, on the go, maintaining our Village streets and grounds. It is with great pride that we show our appreciation by honoring them in this issue of the newsletter! Many residents are probably familiar with Joe (Joseph Nittolo), Louie (Luis Garcia), and Billy (William Aronsohn.) Joe is a lifelong resident of Manorhaven and has been serving our Village as part of the Highway Department for over forty years! Billy, also a long time employee of our Highway Department, has over thirty years of

experience with the Village, and Louie has been a strong member of the Highway Department for the past seven years. Their dedication and expertise has kept Manorhaven roads safe and operating over the many years they have been a part of our Village staff. They are responsible for everything from stop signs to snow removal. When a tree is blocking a sign or the road, we call our road crew. When a winter storm is approaching, we call our road crew. When crosswalks need refinishing, we call our road crew. These three stellar employees love their jobs, care about our residents and are dedicated to our Village. We are so lucky to have such an amazing Highway Department to keep us up and running!

## NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION WEEK - OCTOBER 7 - 13

National Fire Prevention Week was recently acknowledged during the week of 10/7 – 10/13. Our brave firefighters and fire medics put themselves in harm’s way to protect and save us every day. It is with great appreciation, that we honor and remember their valiant efforts and dedication during Fire Prevention Week. Letters of appreciation were sent by Mayor Giunta to the firefighters and fire medics of the following fire departments: Port Washington Fire Department; Flower Hill Hose Company #1; Atlantic Hook & Ladder Company; Protection Engine Company #1, and Fire Medic Company #1.

**Fire Tips:** keep & know how to use fire extinguishers; practice fire escape routes and designate a family meeting place; sleep with bedroom doors closed; test smoke detectors; use care with candles and space heaters; smoke outdoors; keep matches & lighters out of reach, inspect electrical cords and stay with cooking food.



## 9/11 DEDICATION CEREMONY

### MANORHAVEN RESIDENTS REMEMBER & WILL NEVER FORGET



You may have heard shots ring out at Village Hall on 9/11 as Port Washington Post 1819 VFW members fired a gun salute followed by a stirring rendition of the National Anthem and God Bless America, sung by Richard Hart. The lawn of Village Hall was filled with residents. The new 9/11 garden was lined by brave members of surrounding Port Washington Fire Departments in full dress uniform, and members of the Nassau County Mounted Police standing guard on horseback. It was a memorable, commemorative ceremony to dedicate our new 9/11 garden walkway and bench. This peaceful and contemplative spot is now a permanent place in our Village to remember and reflect. Speakers included: former Fire Chief Donald DeBari, who led the Pledge of Allegiance, VFW Commander John Chalker, who spoke first hand of his experiences at Ground Zero on 9/11, and a very moving poem was read by Trustee Steele. Of special note, the Village was recognized and honored with a

beautiful Citation presented by Eric Zausner on behalf of County Executive Edward Mangano; this Citation will be proudly displayed in our Village Hall. A final declaration and closing remarks were shared by Mayor Giunta. It certainly was a day to remember!



## CLEAN UP DAY AT MANORHAVEN BEACH

Our local Girl Scouts and their families recently helped with the Manorhaven Beach clean up!



## MANORHAVEN FAMILY FUN FESTIVAL

SEPTEMBER 23, 2012

They came 'one and all' to the First Manorhaven Family Fun Festival, held on September 23 at the Manorhaven Preserve. Our first Festival was organized by our amazing Commissioner of Special Events, Pat DeBari! It was a great success as attested to by the laughter of children and the friendly, happy voices of friends and neighbors on a beautiful Autumn day! The Preserve was lined with busy vendors whose hand-made jewelry, clothing, exquisite artwork, Halloween goodies, retail items and little girls' dresses made it a fun shopping experience for all.

The Port Washington Fire Department gave the children tours of the EMS truck, free firehats and smoke detector batteries. Citibank gave out free water bottles, the Village booth gave free highlighter pens and nail art, the Ragusa family gave free "I Love Manorhaven" buttons, and Poppy's Friends (featured in last month's newsletter) gave out free yo-yos and water bottles and had special video display. There was even a special fun-packed children's area near the Gazebo with two bouncies, Annabelle the Clown who drew crowds with her balloon animals, hats and swords, Kareema the face painter transformed the children into butterflies, animals, superheroes and more! The New School, to be located at Sintsink Drive East, presented their school's innovative program.

This fun packed, informative, and spirit-filled event was due to the creative, tireless and dedicated efforts of Pat and Donald DeBari, and that volunteers who came out early and left late to make sure it was a perfect day! Mayor Giunta honored Pat and Donald at our September Board meeting with flowers and a Commemorative Plate expressing appreciation for their extraordinary efforts and dedication to our Village.

