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RESIDENTS PLEASE NOTE:

Meetings and Events:

BOARD OF TRUSTEES, 7:30 p.m.
8/22, 9/26, 10/24, 11/21

VILLAGE COURT, 6 p.m.
8/27, 9/24, 10/22, 11/19

BOARD OF ZONING, 7 p.m.
9/10, 10/8, 11/12

ARCHITECTURAL BOARD, 7 p.m.
8/26, 9/23, 10/28, 11/25

SEPTEMBER 11 CEREMONY - Village Hall - 5 p.m.

DOG PARK OPENING - September 28 at 11 a.m.

OCTOBER STREET FESTIVAL -
October 5 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Changes posted on: www.manorhaven.org

DOG OWNERS: Please pick up after your pet and keep them on a leash!

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 every Wednesday until 11/27. (No more than 6 bags; twigs/branches must be tied in manageable bundles.) No hazardous waste or construction materials are 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 any item at the curb!

Village Offices Closed on:

September 2 - Labor Day

October 14 - Columbus Day

November 5 - Election Day
(Polls open at 6 a.m. and close at 9 p.m.)

November 11 - Veteran's Day

November 28 & 29 - Thanksgiving

Spring Parking Rules remain in effect for street sweeping through November 30 and will change on December 1. Check street signs.



VILLAGE OF MANORHAVEN NEWSLETTER LATE SUMMER 2013

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



A Message from Mayor Giunta

Dear Residents:

Summer has been a time of ongoing projects for our Village. We are currently finishing up safety and quality of life issues that needed addressing, but of special concern to us has been the filing of a number of grants that will help provide our Village with much needed services and projects which are listed below. In addition, We would like to thank our new carting company, *Meadow Carting* who has provided excellent service to date at a substantial savings to our Village. Many of our residents have voiced their satisfaction with the new carting company.

IMPORTANT FINANCIAL UPDATE:

We are extremely happy to report that to date, we have received a reimbursement of \$547,936 from FEMA and are awaiting additional reimbursements from New York State. The monies, in their entirety, have been allocated by our accountants to pay back the bonds on their maturity date of February 27, 2014. Despite the severity of the storm, we can report that it did not result in a financially detrimental situation for our Village. We are very grateful to the competence of our Village Clerk, Liz Gaynor and our forensic accountants whose diligence and hard work helped make this a successful financial outcome for the Village.

ADDITIONAL UPDATES:

- The new Pump Station alarm system has been installed and is providing needed safety for our system, the wet well has been thoroughly cleaned in order to keep it running smoothly, the yard was cleaned, and Pump #1 has been rebuilt at the Pump Station;
- Two solar stop signs were installed on Manorhaven Blvd. in response to resident concerns;
- A new crosswalk on Manhasset Isle will be added at the corner of Manhasset Ave and Pequot for improved visability, and two additional streetlights were installed in Manhasset Isle;
- Join us for our new Dog Park ribbon cutting on September 28 at 11 a.m., the 9-11 Ceremony at Village Hall at 5 p.m. and our October Street Festival on October 5 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Fourteen replacement trees were planted and our arborist suggests that any additional trees be planted in the fall;
- Our Highway Department has been diligently addressing potholes throughout the Village;
- We are completing handicap ramps, which have been reimbursed in their entirety by the CHIPS Capital Reimbursement Program;
- The Superintendent of Buildings has been reviewing and working on updating Village Codes;
- We were recently awarded a \$75,000 grant for Morgan's Dock from the Community Development Block Grant and are currently applying for additional funding from other sources. We expect work to begin this fall;
- Through a reinstatement of a \$50,000 Community Capital Assistance Grant, we have been approved for the renovation of our administrative offices updating wiring, flooring and insulation;
- Our new Planning Board has been very active in formulating a comprehensive vision plan and pro-active implementation of it for Manorhaven. We will keep residents informed.

I hope the end of Summer brings you and your families relaxing and happy times.

Mayor Giovanna Giunta

Inc. Village of Manorhaven
33 Manorhaven Blvd.
Port Washington, NY 11050



EQUALIZING VILLAGE TAXES

Manorhaven recently raised commercial property taxes in order to right a seven year tax inequity on its residents. Throughout not only Long Island, but throughout most of our states, residential tax rates are lower than commercial tax rates. Mineola resident taxes are 60% lower than commercial rates. Russell Gardens resident taxes are 55% lower than commercial taxes. However in Manorhaven, residential taxes were actually 93% higher than commercial tax rates. Between 2005 – 2012, Manorhaven residential tax rates rose from 20.3% to 134.1%, a whopping **560% increase**, while commercial rates increased only 9%. Between 2006 – 2010, Manorhaven’s commercial tax rates actually went **down** for five years - **in fact** – commercial rates were decreased by **24.8%**. In 39 states, residential taxes are lower than commercial taxes, in 9 states they are equal. Only in 4 states were residential rates slightly higher than the commercial tax rates. Manorhaven’s tax rates were clearly the opposite of other Long Island communities and most of the country’s.

This inequity placed the overwhelming tax burden squarely on the shoulders of our residents. In response to this inequity, and after extensive deliberation with our accountants, we held a public hearing and passed a resolution allowing us to raise only commercial taxes above the 2% constitutional tax limit. We support and are concerned about our commercial property owners, but believe the increased revenue will benefit them as well. On average, our commercial property owners have seen an increase of \$1,790 a year in their tax bill based on the assessment. This equalizing of property tax rates is justified because of years of inordinately low commercial tax rates, and is especially justified for our large commercial properties that utilize a larger percentage of our Village resources, and benefited most from significantly lower taxes over the last ten years. Furthermore, by not collecting these taxes before, the Village gave up much needed and significant revenue that could have been used all along to improve our roads and increase Village services for both residential and commercial property owners. This increased revenue will rebuild our Village cash reserve to safeguard us from future financial hardship, and hopefully lower residential taxes in the future. Below you will find charts that includes the above-noted information.

| Tax Year | TA1 - Residential Rate | TA2 - Coops/Condo Rate | TA3 - Utility Rate | TA4 - Commercial Rate |
|-------------|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 2003 - 2004 | 19.819 | 66.57 | 78 | 65.26 |
| 2004 - 2005 | 20.316 | 66.153 | 71.78 | 63.899 |
| 2005 - 2006 | 41.975 | 70.83 | 70.83 | 69.23 |
| 2006 - 2007 | 85.876 | 79.95 | 80.02 | 76.58 |
| 2007 - 2008 | 84.05 | 74.76 | 74.49 | 63.45 |
| 2008 - 2009 | 85.68 | 65.47 | 75.53 | 60.27 |
| 2009 - 2010 | 92.05 | 63.163 | 74.381 | 57.816 |
| 2010 - 2011 | 109.25 | 61.45 | 75.8 | 57.61 |
| 2011 - 2012 | 125.46 | 64.801 | 82.44 | 65.143 |
| 2012 - 2013 | 134.144 | 78.0901 | 92.7408 | 69.446 |
| 2013 - 2014 | 134.144 | 78.0901 | 92.7408 | 105 |

| Village Taxes | Residential | Commercial |
|-----------------|-------------|------------|
| Great Neck | 28.6% | 44.7% |
| Lake Success | 51.9% | 143.0% |
| Manorhaven | 134.1% | * 105.0% |
| Mineola | 36.8% | 92.8% |
| Russell Gardens | 35.5% | 78.7% |

* Before this change, Manorhaven’s commercial rate was 69.4%.



HONORING OUR RESIDENTS - MIKEY DINAPOLI

Mikey DiNapoli is an inquisitive, polite, and sociable eleven year old about to enter 6th grade. He has won two gold medals for rowing as part of Port Rowing’s Adaptive Program. Mikey had been sponsored for the program a year ago, by *Poppy’s Special Friends, Inc.* founded by Edward Kulich. This summer, he is attending rowing camp at Bar Beach.

Mikey excels not only in his rowing abilities, but also as part of a soccer league and in unlimited sports. His favorite subjects include Math and History, and he has a special interest in our nation’s history of WWII. Currently, Mikey is reading Lost Star, the story of Amelia Earhart, and is looking forward to beginning new classes in the fall.

In his spare time, he enjoys video games and creates his own videos of lego characters, which he happily shares with friends. Mikey derives great joy from the world around him and returns that joy to all who know him!

SWEARING IN CEREMONY

On July 1st, newly elected Trustees were sworn in for their new terms. From left to right, Leslie Gross, *North Hempstead Town Clerk*, Charles Casolaro, *Village Attorney*, Dorit Zeevi-Farrington, *Trustee*, Mark Lazarovic, *Trustee*, Lucretia Steele, *Deputy Mayor*, Giovanna Giunta, *Mayor*, Rita DiLucia, *Trustee*, Peter Gallanter, *Village Justice* and Councilwoman Dina DeGiorgio.



RESIDENT QUESTIONS...VILLAGE ANSWERS

Q. SHOULD THERE BE A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER?

A. A quarterly newsletter is mailed out to every resident in Manorhaven and is posted online under “Village News.” The expense of a monthly newsletter would be an unnecessary cost to the Village. However, in lieu of that, our Village website is continually updated as needed on a daily, weekly, or monthly basis with all current events and information. Additionally, all past issues of the Quarterly newsletter can be found online under “Village News.”

Q. WHAT IS HAPPENING WITH POTHOLES & SIDEWALKS?

A. We have been assessing all potholes and sidewalks. We appreciate your calls to Village Hall to report those of concern to you. As much as we would like to repave all roads immediately, it is an extensive project with many budgetary concerns that we are addressing. However, residents may have noticed that the Highway Department has repaired many of the potholes on the Manorhaven Blvd. side of the Village and in Manhasset Isle. It is important to note that the maintenance of Manorhaven Blvd. is the sole responsibility of Nassau County and sidewalks along Manorhaven Blvd. next to the Town Pool are maintained by the Town of North Hempstead. Storefront sidewalks are the responsibility of the business owner and sidewalks in front of residential property are the responsibility of the home owner. We thank you for your patience as we continue to move forward.

Q. WHAT CAN BE DONE ABOUT TRAFFIC NEAR THE POOL?

A. In addition to requesting increased police monitoring, we have recently installed two solar stop signs near the pool to increase safety for adults and children in this high traffic area. In order to do so, we had to pass a resolution since this road is not under our Village jurisdiction. You may have also noticed new stop lines to increase night time and poor weather visibility and we are planning a new crosswalk on Manhasset Ave. Our resident’s safety is our prime concern.

Q. WHAT IS BEING DONE ABOUT STRAY SHOPPING CARTS?

A. Whenever we notice carts, or they are brought to our attention, we immediately send out the Highway Department to remove them. We do ask that all residents **please refrain** from bringing home shopping carts. They pose a real walking and potential traffic hazard to all our neighbors, and are unsightly in our beautiful neighborhood. Be informed that this is illegal, and violators that are caught will be subject to a fine by our Village Code Enforcer. We thank you for your cooperation.

Q. WHO NEEDS A RENTAL REGISTRATION?

A. Any homeowner who rents out an apartment within the Village of Manorhaven must fill out a rental registration. Any questions, call Ron Kaslow, 516-883-7000 x14.

Q WILL THE VILLAGE BE ACCEPT ING DONATIONS FOR THE UPCOMING STREET FESTIVAL?

A. Absolutely! All sponsorships from residents or local businesses will be gratefully accepted and acknowledged.

MANORHAVEN’S FUTURE IS IN OUR HANDS

At a recent environmental meeting, our Environmental Commissioner, Bob Brinkmann, and a group of concerned residents met to discuss ways to create an ongoing Nature Preserve Maintenance Program, the status of our Tree Replanting Program, Rebuilding an Osprey nest at Tom Point, and environmental hazards facing our Village. The feasibility and application for various grants to help achieve our goals were also considered. A common concern was the present and future environmental impact our actions as a community would have on Manorhaven. The members of the committee brought various insights and expertise to the discussion. A consensus was reached on several of these topics utilizing local groups as well as State and Federal Agency resources. Monthly meetings will be held at Village Hall. If you would like to be part of this dynamic group please contact Bob Brinkmann at *environmental@manorhaven.org*.

A PIECE OF 9-11 HISTORY DISPLAYED IN VILLAGE HALL

Manorhaven is honored to be the recipient of a steel beam (*Port Authority Artifact I005z*) from the World Trade Center. The beam was secured for the Village by the concern and diligence of Mayor Giovanna Giunta and our Deputy Clerk, Sharon Natalie, through a program offered by the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. The beam, weighing approximately 200 lbs., will be unveiled by Charles Acker, a NYC 9-11 first responder. We are honored that Senator Jack Martins and other officials will be speaking and participating at our ceremony this year.

OUR SPECIAL THANKS

We extend our special thanks to Steve Blasucci, owner of Port Plumbing & Heating. Steve has built and donated a beautiful archival cabinet to permanently house Manorhaven's historic artifact, a beam from the World Trade Center. This gesture is a testimony to Steve's kindness, skill and community spirit.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please join us in our upcoming community events during the months of September and October! Please note that Manorhaven Blvd. will be closed between Dunwood Rd. and Firwood Rd. on Saturday, October 5 from 9 a.m. to 5:30 pm. for the Street Festival. The NICE Bus routes will be running on schedule but will be picking up and dropping off at the blocks above and below Dunwood and Firwood Roads. We look forward to seeing you and your family!

Remembering 9/11...

Please join us
as we
commemorate

Wednesday, 9/11
5 - 6 p.m.
Village Hall

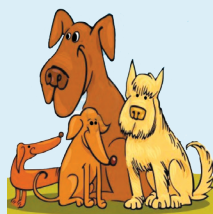
with a Veteran's
Gun Salute,
Patriotic Songs,
Village Officials
and friends to
unveil an artifact
from the
World Trade Center

**Refreshments
will follow!**

Please join us
with your
canine friend
as we have the
ribbon cutting
ceremony

Manorhaven Dog Park

Manorhaven Blvd.
at the
Nature Preserve
Saturday, 11 a.m.
September 28



**Dog Biscuits
will follow!**

Manorhaven Street Festival

*Come One,
Come All
and Join in the Fun*

**Saturday,
October 5**
11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Manorhaven Blvd.
(Rain date October 19)



**Vendors, Games,
Food, Music, Clowns,
Inflatable Bouncy,
and more!**

Recordando 9/11...

**Acompáñenos en
nuestra
conmemoración**

**Miércoles, 9/11
5 - 6 p.m.
Village Hall**

**Tendremos saludo de
armas por veteranos,
canciones patrióticas,
oficiales y amigos
revelando una pieza
remanente del
World Trade Center**

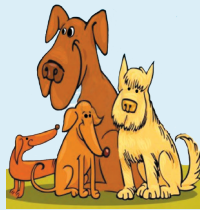
***¡Habrá merienda
al final!***

**Acompáñenos con
su amigo canino
al corte de cinta
e inauguración de
nuestro**

Manorhaven parque para Perros

**Reserva Natural
en el boulevard de
Manorhaven**

**Sábado, a las 11
Septiembre 28**



***Tendremos galletas
para los perros***

Manorhaven Festival en la Calle

***Vengan todos y
únanse a
la diversión***

**Sábado,
Octubre 5**

11 a.m. a 4 p.m.

Manorhaven Blvd.
(Octubre 19 fecha en
caso de lluvia)



***Vendedores, juegos,
comida, música,
payasos, castillo
inflable y mucho mas!***