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RESIDENTS PLEASE NOTE:

Meetings and Events:

BOARD OF TRUSTEES, 7:30 p.m.
Thursdays, 3/20, 4/24, 5/29, 6/26

VILLAGE COURT, 6 p.m.
Tuesdays, 3/25, 4/29, 5/27, 6/24

BOARD OF ZONING, 7 p.m.
Tuesdays, 3/26, No April, 5/13, 6/10

ARCHITECTURAL BOARD, 7 p.m.
Mondays, 3/24, 4/28, 5/19, 6/23

 **VILLAGE BLOOD DRIVE - Saturday, March 22**
9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call 883-7000 x10 for an appt.

Changes posted on: www.manorhaven.org

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 will resume on **April 2**. (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 large items at the curb!

Village Offices Closed on:

April 18 - Good Friday

May 26 - Memorial Day

June 17 - Village Election

**Spring Rules are in effect from
April 1 through November 30.
Please check street signs carefully.**



VILLAGE FOOD DRIVE
will continue through March

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VILLAGE OF MANORHAVEN NEWSLETTER

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Lucretia Steele

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Mark Lazarovic
Dorit Zeevi-Farrington

Village Clerk-Treasurer
Liz Gaynor

Deputy Village Clerk-Treasurer
Sharon Natalie

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

Code Enforcement Officer
Kareem Buckley

Rentals & Building Consultant
Ron Kaslow

Village Attorney
James E. Toner

Village Justice
Peter Gallanter

Clerk to Village Justice
Nancy Greene

Village Accountant
Ryan J. Jablonski
Robert N. Rosen

**OUR 24-HOUR HOTLINE
FOR REAL EMERGENCIES**
631-548-8278
**To Hear Local Emergency
Telephone Numbers:**
516-883-7000 x19



Important Message from Mayor Giunta

Dear Residents:

Recently a report was published by Senator DiNapoli's office ("Early Warning System Finds 15 Villages in Fiscal Stress"), which listed Manorhaven as one of the villages under fiscal stress. According to the report, Manorhaven only fell into the category of significant fiscal stress by .8 of 1% above the moderate stress rating.

What is important for you to know is the State Report was based on a three-year look back of 2011, 2012 and 2013. Eighteen months of which were under the watch of Mayor Meehan, and eighteen months under the current administration.

The Board and I took office in 2012. Our accountants have very carefully reviewed the report for us and their findings are clear. The rating of fiscal stress is primarily dependent upon two lawsuits which we were required to settle originating in 2010 and 2011 under Mayor Meehan's administration. One suit began in 2009 involving Mr. Soldano. At that time, Mayor Meehan's administration breached the settlement of that suit and failed to settle it for \$27,000 thereby creating a case for triple damages which we were obligated to pay upon taking office to settle in the amount of \$80,000.

The second suit began in February 2011. Mr. Meehan's administration initiated a federal case involving the cell tower. The Village finally received a judgment on this case in 2013 for \$424,342 with accrued legal fees of \$207,117 which our administration was able to pay in full. According to our accountants, once these one-time occurring lawsuit expenditures are removed from the report, we will no longer be under any fiscal stress.

Reiterating - this negative fiscal rating was not the result of any actions by our current administration, but these matters were settled by our administration. MOST importantly, this rating in no way reflects any mismanagement or irresponsibility by this Board. If anything, it shows responsibility in the settlement of all of these outstanding claims.

In actuality to prove the strength of our Village finances you simply have to know the facts:

FACT ONE - Village credit allowed a loan of over \$700,000 at excellent rates to cover Super Storm Sandy expenses - 80 to 90% of which were reimbursed by FEMA;

FACT TWO - Financial strength permitted the Village to fully pay a \$423,000 lawsuit incurred by Meehan's administration;

And most importantly for our future is **FACT THREE** - we are working on the 2014 to 2015 budget very carefully to continue to keep Manorhaven financially sound and strong!

Sincerely,

Mayor Giovanna Giunta

REMINDER: Alternate street parking will change again on Tuesday, April 1st. Please be attentive to street parking signs and be kind to your neighbors by pulling up to the end so there is enough parking room for everyone.

MEET THE STAFF - KAREEM BUCKLEY, CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER



We are so fortunate to have Kareem Buckley, our new Code Enforcement Officer, join our staff. His duties include enforcing parking rules and ticketing, responding to FOIL requests, and other administrative assignments within the Building Department.

Kareem served from 1999 - 2006 in both the active Army and the Reserves. He previously worked in commercial plumbing, is the proud Dad of two little girls and is a long time resident of Long Island. His caring manner with residents and his conscientious professional attitude is an asset to our Village. Kareem feels the same way about Manorhaven, "I am happy to be a part of the working staff here at the Village of Manorhaven. It's a beautiful community to work in."

CELEBRATING EARTH DAY

On Saturday, April 19th at 9 a.m., our Commissioner of Environmental Affairs, Bob Brinkmann along with members of the Environmental Committee will meet at the entrance of Manorhaven's Nature Preserve on Manhasset Ave. They will be taking part in a spring clean-up to prepare the Preserve for the springtime walks. Please feel free to join them. Be sure to bring gloves and wear appropriate clothing. Scout troops and local organizations are welcome to participate. Contact the Village office if you are a group interested in participating.



Spring will also be bringing a resurgence of our tree planting program. Registered landscape architect, Richard W. Gibney, RLA ISA will be accessing Village trees to advise us on new plantings. We will be planting trees from the approved PSE&G tree list.

In addition, with the warmer weather just around the corner, our Highway Department will continue to fill potholes, do a general clean-up of the Village, and start new plantings. If any potholes are of concern, please contact the Village office.

MANORHAVEN HOSTS BLOOD DRIVE



The American Red Cross will be collecting blood on **Saturday, March 22** from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Village Hall in Manorhaven. Come in to donate and receive a limited edition decal to show your Red Cross support! Appointments are preferred, but walk-ins are welcome! Please contact Superintendent of

Buildings, Patrick Abramski, Blood Drive Chairman, or Deputy Clerk, Sharon Natalie by phone: 516-883-7000 x10, x13 or email: deputyclerk@manorhaven.org to schedule an appointment.

KEEPING MANORHAVEN IN THE FLOW

We have made sure that our aging sewer system has been kept up and running. Over the past several months, the Village has addressed several issues including the installation of a new fan at the pump station, the repair of several breaks on Graywood Rd. and Manorhaven Blvd., the repair of broken catch basins, and water-jetting of lines. In the areas between Cottonwood through Kirkwood Roads, we seem to be experiencing an unusually high number of clogs with large amounts of grease, cat litter and disposable diapers are three of the main culprits causing back-ups in these areas.

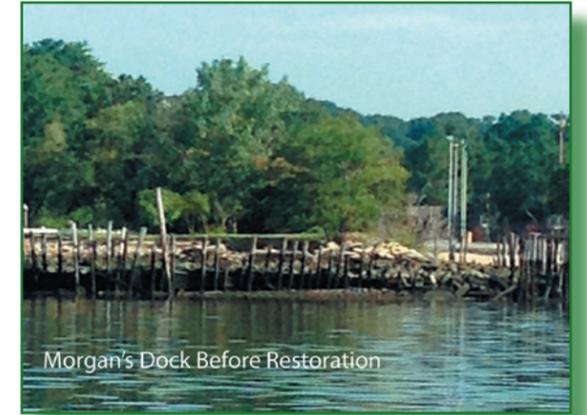
By adhering to the following, residents can help to prevent excessive clogs:

- NEVER pour grease down sinks, garbage disposals, or toilets;
- ALWAYS dispose of heavy paper products, diapers and feminine products in trash receptacles;
- NEVER throw cat litter down sinks, garbage disposals, or toilets;
- NEVER put anything down a manhole cover.

Thank you in advance for your efforts to help us keep your sewer system running smoothly!

MORGAN'S DOCK RESTORATION IS UNDERWAY

Located at the end of Bowman's Point in the Orchard Beach section of Manorhaven, lies a beautifully scenic waterfront area known as Morgan's Dock. While it has remained unused for years, Morgan's Dock is an important piece of Manorhaven's nautical history. Once known as Ben Morgan's Old Ferry Dock, it was highly used when ferry services existed on Long Island Sound. However, once the Triborough Bridge opened in 1936, and the Whitestone Bridge opened in 1939, ferry service ceased. Morgan's Dock was also used as a boat mooring area, but after many years, it fell into disrepair. Historically, it was once a lively, well utilized area for water travel and will now be again.



Morgan's Dock Before Restoration

Thanks to grants received by the Nassau County Office of Housing and Community Development, restoration will soon be underway. We will publicly open a portion of Morgan's Dock this spring with a gazebo, benches and plantings with upcoming plans for lighting and plaques describing its history. It is our hope to have Morgan's Dock serve as a place for events and concerts. Most of all, this picturesque site will give our residents a unique green space to enjoy for generations.

Importantly, these grants will allow for the ongoing restoration of the dock area itself. Phase I-A and Phase I-B will include clearing, reinforcing and building the retaining wall. The Village is moving forward with the next phases which will include building the dock and moorings. This working dock will once again permit boats to moor here! A prime reason for opening Morgan's Dock has been to revitalize our local business community as well as restore Morgan's Dock's to its former glory. We are so happy and proud that like all the other green spaces that we have opened in Manorhaven - such as the Manorhaven Dog Park and the Manorhaven Nature Preserve, Morgan's Dock will bring a great deal of enjoyment to our residents, increase property values, help local businesses, and secure Manorhaven's quality of life as the PEARL OF THE BAY!

IMPORTANT VILLAGE MONEY SAVINGS PROGRAMS \$\$

Our Village Staff and Board have joined together in implementing two innovative money saving programs for Manorhaven. The "Justice Court Amnesty and Compliance Project" provides an opportunity to dispose of delinquent fines from overdue parking tickets from 1/1/2005 through 12/13/2013. This program not only benefits residents, but also the entire Court System by clearing its dockets. This increase in revenue will of course help our Village to better serve our residents.

FINES REDUCED

2/1/14 - 3/31/14 - 40% off
4/1/14 - 4/30/13 - 30% off
5/1/14 - 5/31/14 - 20% off
+ \$10 administration fee

The second money saving program is called the "Municipal Gross Receipts Tax Audit." This program allows the Village to reclaim 1% of unrealized gross receipts for services provided to Manorhaven from Cable, Verizon, Verizon FIOS, National Grid and PSE&G. We are constantly looking for ways to increase revenue for our Village.

FOOD DRIVE IN FULL SWING

The Village Food Drive will be collecting food items through the end of March. We are collecting non-perishable food items (please check the expiration dates) such as canned soups, tuna, chicken, salmon, boxed meals, boxed milk, juice boxes, pasta, rice, cereal, cookies, crackers and grocery gift cards. Help us to help those in need! Thank you to Nancy Greene for helping to organize this event.

