

Newsletter



Continuing the Positive Momentum



The warm weather is finally here and everything in our village is in full bloom. I'm pleased to report on several items that have moved forward over the past months:

- Although it seems like a long time ago, we were very **pleased with the results of our first winter and new snow removal emergency plan.** We will update the plan next fall based on lessons learned and welcome any suggestions you may have for improvements;
- Last fall, we initiated a program to **improve the neatness of our village** by strictly enforcing existing garbage, curb and sidewalk regulations. We found that this has resulted in a much more pleasant, attractive village;
- Members of the Waterfront Advisory Committee heard comments from many residents during a recent public meeting held in March. Comments and ideas will be presented to the Board of Trustees in the near future. Know that the Board **will not allow the Waterfront Building Moratorium to lapse** until we are completely satisfied with future plans for the waterfront;
- As you know, parking in our village can be difficult, especially during the winter months. We will continue discussions with the Fire Department and will revisit this topic again. Please be sure to fill out and return the questionnaire on page 7 on this important topic;
- Through a New York State grant, the Village Hall **administrative offices were completely renovated** this past winter. The new space has a bright, clean look and the changes have greatly improved working conditions and efficiency;
- Mark your calendars for **Saturday, June 24** from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for the **Manorhaven Street Festival** (see page 5 for details)

Just a reminder that Village Elections will be held at Village Hall from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 20. Don't forget to vote! Every vote counts!

Have a wonderful summer!

Sincerely,



Jim Avena, Mayor

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631-548-8278

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516-883-7000, x119

NASSAU COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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Manorhaven's Waterfront Past, Present and Future

Manorhaven has played an important role in Port Washington's 370-year history. From sand mining to oyster farming, hosting a ferry dock for City "day trippers" and a pier for seaplanes in the 1930s, Manorhaven has always been important to the greater Port Washington community because of its waterfront.

Naturally, we all want to protect our maritime heritage and the beauty of our village and provide access to our waterfront.

Mayor Avena established a Waterfront Advisory Committee last fall. The group of maritime businesspeople and residents who are devoted to and knowledgeable about the waterfront have met many times to discuss options for the future of undeveloped and unsightly waterfront areas.

The Board of Trustees intends to protect and preserve our waterfront and maritime heritage, while turning eyesores into attractive attributes in our community.

Thypin Steel Property

This 11-acre parcel has great potential. Density concerns, infrastructure investment and ensuring public access will all be addressed by the Board of Trustees.



Our ultimate goal is to preserve the charm of our waterfront community.

Matinecock Avenue and Adjacent Marinas

The Board will work in conjunction with professionals to revitalize the area with a plan that is best suited for the community.



Morgan's Dock Area

The ramp and dock were installed last fall. Once grant funding for the Phase III is confirmed, we will put in pathways, gardens, benches and more.



The old Bill's Harbor Inn Restaurant and White's Marine have been eyesores for years. The Village has and will continue to work with the current property owners to return these properties to the attractive and successful businesses they once were.

Earth Day Cleanup

Mayor Avena, the Village Board of Trustees and staff joined volunteers for an Earth Day cleanup of Manorhaven Boulevard, Cambridge Avenue and the Nature Preserve.

It was heartwarming to see local scouts and other children working side by side with parents and other volunteers to clean up trash. Let's work together to keep our village clean all year round!



Girl Scout Cookie Sale

Several young girl scouts braved a cold weekend afternoon in March to sell Girl Scout cookies to passersby as they drove down Manorhaven Boulevard. The Village was more than happy to accommodate these outstanding salespeople's request to set up a table near Village Hall. Of course, the Village staff couldn't resist buying some childhood favorite flavors to help the young ladies raise more money.



Lori Vlahos Honored by Senator Phillips

The great story about how Manorhaven Code Official Lori Vlahos saved an elderly woman who had been outdoors for hours in January spread through the Village quickly. After New York State Senator Elaine Phillips read about Lori's selfless act, she wanted to acknowledge her compassion in a special way. So, on May 5 at Manorhaven Village Hall, the Senator presented Lori with the NYS Senate's Liberty Medal. This is the highest civilian honor a state senator can award. Not only is Lori an outstanding code enforcement official, but her kind, caring nature makes her an even greater asset to our village.



Resident Spotlight: Bruno D'Aversa



A long-time resident and consultant for the Village of Manorhaven, Bruno D'Aversa has assisted our Village and DPW in managing all sewer-related work, and managing extensive upgrades to the pump station in Manorhaven for many, many years. For 22 years, he served as foreman for the pump stations managed by the Port Washington Water Pollution Control District. He works on an hourly

basis for the Village, which more recently included working with Trustee Popeleski and Village Clerk Abramski to update sewer emergency and storm emergency plans. Bruno has played an important role in overseeing a new sewer jetting company with Trustee Popeleski to ensure the sewers on every street were being jetted properly. He will continue to focus on problem areas with DPW Crew Chief Mike Calvanese and the DPW staff.

Just in Time for the Growing Season

As you drive past Village Hall, please stop in front to see our new beautifully painted planter for the **Plant a Row For the Hungry** program. Created especially for Manorhaven, the nautical scene on the planter is very fitting since much of the Village is surrounded by Manhasset Bay.

Barbara Silbert, a talented artist and instructor at both The Art Guild and the Port Washington Senior Citizens Center, hand painted the planter. The Village Board and staff thank Barbara for her beautiful work of art that now adorns the front of Manorhaven Village Hall.

Thanks also go to Marvin Makofsky, Chief Vegetable Garden Executive for Plant A Row For the Hungry, for his dedication to this important outreach program that grows vegetables in the large painted planters and donates the harvests to local food pantries. Visit their Facebook page for details.



Manorhaven Village Clerk Sharon Natalie Abramski and Mayor Jim Avena with the new Plant a Row planter.

A Few Reminders From Code Enforcement

All homes must **display a house number** in plain sight or be subject to a code violation fine. Thanks for checking to be sure your house number is visible.

We have received complaints about **cars parked in front of other people's driveways**. Not only is it illegal to park in front of someone else's driveway, it is **also illegal to park in front of your own driveway**. Avoid fines and be courteous to your neighbors by not parking in front of their driveways. Thank you!



It's that time of year again where dog waste seems to be everywhere. **PLEASE pick up after your pet and take it with you.** Dogs must also be on leashes, as they are not permitted to roam free.



Firwood Road Retaining Wall Replaced

The retaining wall at the end of Firwood Road was failing and desperately needed to be replaced for safety reasons. Deputy Mayor von Roeschlaub took the project on, determined to find a contractor who could provide quality at a lower price than the estimates secured prior to her involvement. Not only was the retaining wall built better and stronger than the previous railroad tie wall, but it was completed quickly and for 1/3 of the price of the previous estimates. This saved the owners of the properties that abut the wall and the Village a good deal of money. Congrats to Deputy Mayor von Roeschlaub on a job well done!



Don't Miss Our Street Festival on June 24

Join us for a day of family fun, food, vendors and entertainment at the Village's Street Festival on Saturday, June 24 on Manorhaven Boulevard from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Free balloon sculptures with Annabelle the Clown, a face painter and petting zoo are all free to the children who attend. A Classic Car Show will take place in the Preserve.

Local streets off Manorhaven Boulevard will be closed from Dunwood through Firwood Roads. Buses will be re-routed for most of that day.

Be sure to stop by for this wonderful community event!



Parking Sticker Program Shelved

The Village of Manorhaven held a Town Hall meeting on May 3 to present a parking sticker program concept and obtain feedback from residents. The intent of the program was to help ease parking throughout the Village. The program was only a consideration for resident comment with nothing set in stone, including whether or not a nominal fee would have been charged for the stickers. Because the great majority of the attendees opposed the concept of a sticker program, it has been shelved for the foreseeable future. Please be sure to fill out the questionnaire on page 7 and return it to the Village office. This will help the Board better understand resident desires should this topic be raised in the future. Thank you in advance for assisting us with this survey.

Manorhaven Boulevard Study to Begin

The County Legislature approved spending for a study by the County's Department of Public Works to assess motor vehicle and pedestrian traffic patterns on Manorhaven Boulevard.

The study will determine whether additional or alternately located crosswalks, signs, bus stops, turning lanes and parking should be addressed. County officials are meeting with the Village in June to discuss details about the upcoming study.

Once the study is completed, we will schedule a public meeting to share the findings and get input from residents and businesses before moving forward with the planning phase of this \$3,000,000 Manorhaven Boulevard Revitalization project.



Legislator DeRiggi-Whitton and Deputy Mayor von Roeschlaub discuss poor sidewalk conditions.

Important Information About Rentals

DOs and DON'Ts of Manorhaven Rentals

The purpose of Manorhaven's Rental Registration Program (RRP) is to protect tenants from unsafe and/or illegal conditions created by tenants, and/or created by or tolerated by landlords. The RRP collects information about several items such as, who is responsible for lawn and snow maintenance, parking spots available to tenants, the number of units within the dwelling, and whether the property has a legally-compliant basement or third floor apartment that can be rented.

To rent a newly vacant unit, an **owner/landlord must agree to an inspection** by the RPP to obtain a rental license, renewable every two years. This license number and a completed inspection is needed by real estate agents in order to rent out the space on behalf of the owner. However, once a unit is rented, if the tenant remains in that unit for a longer term, the tenant has the right to deny an inspection while they reside there. While the RRP routinely requests permission to conduct bi-annual inspections of such apartments, requests are usually denied or ignored. This contributes to a problem that is becoming more and more prevalent, namely illegal rentals within a dwelling. Although tenants have a constitutional right to deny entry, the Village also has a right to obtain a warrant to do an inspection from the Court. Warrants can only be obtained when sufficient evidence is presented regarding the party that is suspected of illegally renting a space within the dwelling, whether it be a single room, or a basement apartment not registered within the Village. As you can imagine, illegal rentals create a health safety issue as well as overcrowding issues in the community, leading to our number one complaint – **parking issues**. It is ultimately the responsibility of the owner to make sure that the dwelling remains in compliance between inspections.

To avoid the embarrassing situation of having the Village seek Court intervention, please **DO NOT** rent out spaces in your home unless they are legally registered with the Village. **If anyone suspects an illegal activity in a rental unit, please DO file a complaint with all of your personal contact information, so we may begin an investigation.** www.manorhaven.org.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

NORMAS de Alquiler en Manorhaven

El propósito del Programa de Registro de Viviendas (RRP) en Manorhaven protege a los inquilinos de condiciones inseguras y/o ilegales creadas ya sea por el inquilino las cuales son toleradas por los propietarios. Este programa recopila información sobre varios elementos, tales como: quién es responsable del mantenimiento del césped y de la nieve, lugares de estacionamiento disponibles para los inquilinos, el número de unidades dentro de la vivienda y si la propiedad tiene un sótano o tercer piso legalmente compatible como apartamento el cual se puede alquilar.

Para alquilar una unidad vacante, el propietario debe acordar una inspección por el RPP para obtener una licencia de alquiler, renovable cada dos años. El número de licencia y completa inspección son requeridas por los agentes de bienes raíces con el fin de alquilar el espacio en nombre del propietario. Sin embargo, una vez que se la unidad sea alquilada, el inquilino tiene el derecho de negar una inspección mientras resida allí. Aunque el RRP rutinariamente solicita permiso para llevar a cabo inspecciones semestrales de dichos apartamentos, las solicitudes generalmente son rechazadas o ignoradas. Esto contribuye a un problema cada vez más frecuente, de alquileres ilegales de vivienda. Aunque los inquilinos tienen un derecho constitucional de negar la entrada, la Villa también tiene el derecho de obtener una orden judicial por medio de la corte para hacer inspecciones.

Las órdenes se pueden obtener cuando se presenta suficiente evidencia sobre la sospecha de un alquilar ilegal dentro de la vivienda, ya sea una habitación individual, o un apartamento en el sótano no registrado dentro de la Villa. Como usted puede imaginarse, los alquileres ilegales crean problemas de seguridad, de salud e higiene, así como problemas de hacinamiento en la comunidad. Estos nos llevan a nuestra queja número uno - el problema de estacionamiento. Para evitar una situación vergonzosa de que la villa busque la intervención de la Corte, **NO ALQUILE** espacios en su casa a menos que estén legalmente registrados en la Villa. Si alguien sospecha una actividad ilegal en una unidad de alquiler, **por favor, presente una queja con toda su información de contacto personal, para que podamos comenzar una investigación en www.manorhaven.org.** En última instancia, es responsabilidad del propietario asegurarse de que la vivienda permanezca en conformidad entre cada inspección. Gracias de antemano por su cooperación.

Working on Improving Our Roads and Sewers

The Board is dedicated to taking care of infrastructure issues with an initial focus on roads and sewers. Trustee John Popeleski has overseen Orchid Sewer's work to ensure our sewers are clean and properly maintained. He is also working on two projects with Cameron Engineering, grant writers and the Village Clerk to have the Village roads repaved and our force main replaced.

The force main is very old and could be a huge disaster if it breaks. Force mains move wastewater to sewage treatment plants via pump pressure. If the force main isn't working, wastewater backs up into homes.

A grant could fund 80% of the cost to replace the force main.

Everyone knows that many of our roads need replacing. The Village has contracted Cameron Engineering to complete a road analysis. Understanding that road repaving is a huge expense, the study will map the entire village and grade the roads from worst to best to prioritize which roads should be repaved first. Grants are being sought for a portion of this expense as well.

We'll keep you posted on the progress of these two very important projects.



Trustee Popeleski worked with Orchid Sewer while the Village's sewer lines were cleared.

Please Share Your Opinion About Alternate Side of the Street Parking & Parking Stickers

Answering these three simple questions will help as we readdress a few important topics:

1. Do you favor keeping our current Alternate Side of the Street Parking restrictions where your car must be moved each night to the other side of the street between December and March?
 YES NO
2. Would you favor a pilot program that would restrict parking to one side of the street during "Snow Emergencies" only when declared by the Mayor, while allowing parking on both sides of most of our streets when there is no snow emergency?
 YES NO
3. Would you like to see further research on the idea of a parking sticker program?
 YES NO

Please provide us with your email address and/or phone number:

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Please return this survey to the Village Clerk at Manorhaven Village Hall, either by mail (33 Manorhaven Blvd) or in person.

We appreciate your assistance!

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If you are not receiving a Village phone message, a text or email from the Mayor during emergencies and would like to, please sign up online at **northshorealert.org**. To remove your name or information, please follow the same guidelines.



Village Info

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33 Manorhaven Boulevard

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Upcoming Village Events

- **Village Election**
Tuesday, June 20,
6 a.m.–9 p.m.
Manorhaven Village Hall
- **Village Street Festival & Classic Car Show**
Saturday, June 24,
11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Manorhaven Boulevard
- **Village Offices Closed:**
Tuesday, June 20
(Village Elections)
Tuesday, July 4
(Legal Holiday)