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The Mayor and Board of Trustees are proud of the work they have done, with the help of our accountants, Village Clerk and Village Attorney in crafting a sound, and fiscally responsible budget. On April 18th, the Board passed Manorhaven’s budget for the 2013-14 fiscal year. Throughout the process of working on our budget, we discovered over $70,000 in unpaid bills ignored from past administrations, unresolved property tax claims of approximately $100,000 and an allocation of funds of $148,000, which was really a deficit in the 2012-13 budget, but was actually addressed by the previous administration by transferring money from the savings account into the operating account to pay bills, thereby depleting the Village’s reserve account. Finally, unallocated severance pay totaling $9,000 was also made part of our budget. All in all, we inherited $327,000 in unaddressed obligations that were passed on to this administration. An additional finding, the Village’s commercial tax rate - unlike neighboring villages - was woefully low and far below the residential tax rates. To correct this disparity, we opted to raise only those taxes affecting commercial and industrial establishments in order to better balance the budget and help improve our tax revenues. This will bring in much needed additional revenue without hurting our business community and help ensure that Manorhaven’s commercial district continues to grow. We also budgeted, with the help of State grants, for the creation of our Morgan’s Dock and the building of our Dog Park. With our Village finally on the right financial road, Manorhaven’s future is brighter than ever.

In December of 2012, Mayor Giunta, Prof. Robert Brinkmann, Village Environmental Commissioner, Joe Giunta, Special Projects Commissioner and 1 visited the Covanta Energy Company in Hempstead, NY, an Energy-from-Waste Facility. We were looking for environmentally-sound, less-costly ways by which we can reduce the Village’s financial waste burden. We were greeted by several managers of the facility including tour operator and Hofstra Waste Facility. We were looking for environmentally-sound, less-costly ways by which we can reduce the Village’s Special Projects Commissioner and I visited the Covanta Energy Company in Hempstead, NY, an Energy-from-Waste Facility. We were looking for cutting edge technologies, environmental awareness, and cost-cutting possibilities this could offer our Village. similar to what the Town of Hempstead is doing. We were highly impressed with the facility’s top management, service plan that includes an extensive curbside collection system for recyclable materials. We were looking for ideas that are acres in size? In addition, fertilizer runoff, pet wastes, and soapy leftovers from washing cars all contribute to the pollution we have in Manhasset Bay. Did you know? Stormwater pollution is one of the ways that Manhasset Bay receives pollution? A small amount of oil dumped into stormwater drains can produce an oil slick that is acres in size? In addition, fertilizer runoff, pet wastes, and soapy leftovers from washing cars all contribute to the pollution we have in both of these industries, industries that polluted the environment causing serious environmental and public health problems. As a result, a wide array of new environmental laws were implemented at the national, state, and local level such as the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, and the Endangered Species Act.

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Village Officials Visit Covanta Energy - by Trustee Zeevi-Farrington

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A Brief History of Earth Day: The 1960s decade was a time of great change in the United States. There was great resistance to the Vietnam war, a strong youth movement, and a growing concern over the environment in particular to environmental pollution. This was an era before we had national laws protecting our air, water and soil from pollution. Just prior to the 1960s, there was also tremendous growth industry in our country. Long Island was the epicenter of high-tech industrial development at that time. However, many of these emerging industries were polluting the environment causing serious environmental and public health problems. As a result, a wide array of new environmental laws were implemented at the national, state, and local level such as the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, and the Endangered Species Act.

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Town Clerk Presents Village with Incorporation Documents

Are you a new resident of Manorhaven, or has your family been here for generations? Either way you will find the history of Manorhaven, a fascinating one.

One special part of our history was presented to us by North Hempstead’s Town Clerk, Leslie Gross before our March Village Board of Trustees meeting. Leslie Gross has been North Hempstead’s Town Clerk since 2007. Ms. Gross has long been active in North Hempstead’s civic life, and supports numerous community organizations. Recently, the Town of North Hempstead uncovered a treasure trove of original Village Incorporation documents. Leslie Gross presented us with archival copies of these historic records. Additionally, she gave us a brief history of Manorhaven. The Village of Manorhaven was incorporated in the 1930s with a little over 200 residents; today we have over 6,000. The original Incorporation document was signed by only 36 people. It is fascinating to note that these people may have been ancestors of present day residents. The Village is looking forward to displaying these historic documents at Village Hall. We will be rescheduling Heritage Night. During Heritage Night, we will share written and oral histories, and our memories and photos of Manorhaven. We will reminisce about this special place, our home, “The Pearl of the Bay.”

Helping with Hope and Heat

During the coldest months of this year, a Manorhaven resident came into Village Hall and mentioned that her family had had no heat or hot water for several months. The resident attempted to contact the landlord to make the needed boiler repairs to no avail. Trustee Lucretia Steele, Village Justice, Nancy Greene, took action. Trustee Steele translated from Spanish into English the necessary information, while Clerk to Village Justice, Nancy Greene contacted Inspector Cathy Romero at the Nassau County Dept. of Health. Together, Trustee Steele and Inspector Romero visited the home to assess the situation. Necessary calls were made, and within less than a week, repairs were made and the family once again had their heat restored. Village Hall is here to help with any concerns or issues that may arise. Feel free to contact us!

Flying Books & Fifth Graders - Trustee Lucretia Steele

Flying books, tragedies that visit comedy, and a most unusual librarian of a most unusual library were the theme of the story which I recently read at Guggenheim Elementary School. The fifth grade class was interested, insightful and inspiring as they listened to and discussed The Fantastic Flying Book of Mr. Morris Lessmore, by William Joyce. The students pointed out how the colors used by the illustrator matched the characters changing moods. They perceptively noted that personification was used to convey the story’s moral, “that everybody’s story matters.” I have been privileged to also read to Kindergarteners at Sousa Elementary School’s Read Out Loud Program, and now to fifth graders at Guggenheim Elementary School’s Everyday Reads Program. These innovative programs demonstrate to students the joy of reading and sharing stories. Readers from the school and our community go into classrooms and read to the students. As a teacher for over 30 years, I believe in the importance of instilling the lifelong joy of reading in children as one of the most important gifts we can give them.

A Community Comes Together: The Main Street Fire - March 2013

Sadly, our hearts went out to all the families left homeless by the devastating fire at the historic building on Main Street. We were also saddened for the businesses affected by the fire. The Red Cross, Manorhaven Senior Center and local restaurants, Pepe Rosso and the Sabor Latino came to the aid of the homeless victims with food and shelter. Our Lady of Fatima and Village Hall collected clothing and hygiene supplies, and the Town of North Hempstead opened the Town Pool to allow the fire victims to take warm showers. Mayor Giunta, and her husband Joe, helped the Red Cross feed the families at dinner time. We live in a wonderful, caring community. Thank you to all who helped these families in their time of need!

Manorhaven’s Working Together!

Preserving A “Peace” of Manorhaven - Deputy Mayor Mark Lazarovic

A rustic trail with vistas along a natural wetland. This is the Manorhaven Preserve, a part of the Port Washington Baywalk with a difference. A wooded trail with views along the estuary out to Manhasset Bay. Walkers, hikers, bikers, bird watchers and nature lovers will all love it. This trail will complete the much awaited Baywalk starting at the Town Dock and ending at the Manorhaven Pool and Beach. When finished, there will be almost a mile of trails, viewing areas to observe the birds, fish, and wildlife and a dog park. We have been working hard to complete the path and dog park, and both will be open soon. Truly a resource and natural paradise for all of Manorhaven and Port Washington to enjoy.

Please note that we are hoping to hold bird watching and seasonal change led walks along the trail in the future.

Morgan’s Dock Vision is Becoming a Reality

Begun in 2007, the renovation of Morgan’s Dock was a true community project, involving many hard-working and dedicated residents, as well as local officials. Unfortunately, until now it remained only in its planning stages. The Village is now committed to make Morgan’s Dock a reality. When completed, Morgan’s Dock will create a viable town dock for Manorhaven with its own mooring fields. It is anticipated that Morgan’s Dock will increase tourism, revitalize businesses and increase our property values. Phase I of the process included: assessments, engineering drawings, consultations and permits from the N.Y.S. Dept. of Environmental Conservation, N.Y.S. Dept. of State, and the Army Corp. of Engineers. The start of site clean-up, removal of debris and the construction of the stone armor will soon begin. We have been meeting with the Nassau County Office of Community Development for funding and our Deputy Village Clerk, Sharon Natalie, has written and submitted our most recent grant proposal. We are fortunate to have Village Clerk, Liz Gaynor and Trustee Di Lucia who was previously involved in overseeing this project. “The Nature Preserve Project, once a dream for Manorhaven, will soon be complete. We are finally moving forward to make Morgan’s Dock a reality for our residents and our Village,” said Mayor Giunta.

Quiet Skies Over Manorhaven

Our skies over Manorhaven and much of Long Island have become noisier. Mayor Giunta, Trustee Steele and Village Clerk, Liz Gaynor attended an NCOA seminar with mayors throughout Nassau County to learn what is being done to investigate, lobby and legislate to reduce air traffic noise levels. The attendants agreed while not opposed to progress, it should not come at the expense of the health and welfare of our area’s residents. Our Village will continue to be part of this ongoing and needed process. If you would like to voice your concerns, you can find a form letter for our Senators on our website. To learn more about Quiet Skies, visit their website at www.quietoverlongisland.com.

* Manorhaven’s Commemorative Tree and Bench Program

Dedicate a tree or bench to restore, improve and be part of Manorhaven’s future. Contact Village Hall for more information. Decorative planter barrels have been placed throughout the Village, as part of Manorhaven’s ongoing beautification program.
Sewer Repair on Firwood

We are happy to report that a major sewer repair was successfully completed on Firwood Rd. Unfortunately, sewer back-ups have been a concern in our neighborhood. Approximately 20 feet of sewer line affecting Firwood Rd., Manorhaven Blvd., Graywood Rd., and Edgewood Rd. was replaced with heavy duty PVC and the lines were water-jetted to correct the problem. PLEASE NOTE: Residents and business owners should NOT throw household grease, kitty litter, paint or chemicals down toilets, drains and work sinks. Doing so has a devastating impact on our sewer system. Call the Town of North Hempstead - 516-869-6311 for proper disposal sites.

MEET THE STAFF - NANCY GREENE - CLERK TO VILLAGE JUSTICE

Many of you may have already met Nancy; she is the smiling face that greets everyone at the front entry window. A Manorhaven resident for over 15 years, Nancy was a legal assistant/paralegal for various law firms in both NYC and Long Island. We are fortunate to have her expertise, caring and patience each day in Village Hall. She has been Clerk to the Village Justice for the past two and a half years. Last year, Nancy co-organized the very successful kick-off event for the month-long food drive to help fill Our Lady of Fatima’s Outreach Pantry. “Helping people is a priority for me and in my position as Court Clerk, I am able to do just that – it’s even more special because it’s my “hometown.”

Town of North Hempstead Hosts Women’s History Month Breakfast

The 20th Annual North Hempstead Women’s History Month Breakfast was recently held on March 21 at the Harbor Links Golf Course to honor illustrious women in our community. This year women from all walks of life, teachers, attorneys, social workers, and concerned citizens were honored just to name a few. Mary W. Newburger was remembered in several moving speeches which honored her work and commitment to government. Mayor Giovanna Giunta, Trustee Lucretia Steele, Village Clerk, Liz Gaynor, Deputy Village Clerk, Sharon Natalie, and Clerk to Justice Court, Nancy Greene attended as representatives of the Village of Manorhaven.

HONORING OUR RESIDENTS - LINDA LADISLAW, A HEART OF GOLD

What does it mean “to have a heart of gold?” Anyone who knows Linda Ladislaw, knows the answer. Linda, a resident of Manorhaven since she was five, has devoted her life to helping others. As a 25-year volunteer of the Port Washington Fire Medic Company #1, she has assisted in every imaginable emergency situation: fires, medical emergencies, boating accidents, automobile accidents and more. Linda has assisted the crew in the delivery of six babies and lovingly wears six storks on her uniform. One of those “babies” is now a firefighter in the Port Washington Fire Department and is carrying on the work of service to others.

In Linda’s words, “The Port Washington Fire Department is my other family.” She describes herself as “just an example of who they are; it’s all about commitment. They reach out to everyone in need.” And as we all know, it takes very special people to do every day what the men and women of the Fire Department do, to selflessly put oneself in harm’s way for the welfare and safety of others. They are the best of the human spirit. Even after an emergency call, Linda continues to respond; making dinner for an elderly neighbor who has broken her leg, finding them safer housing, driving injured and infirm neighbors to doctor’s appointments, and collecting money for funeral expenses. Anyone would agree, Linda does more than her share to help others. But it doesn’t stop there. Linda has been a foster mom for over 15 years, caring for children who need her most, special needs children. Some children are as young as two weeks old, sent to her directly from Foster Services. Children addicted to drugs at birth, children with cerebral palsy, all children who need her love, her care, her healing.

Linda endeavors to maintain contact with her foster children. Most recently, through social media, Linda located her very first foster child who is now 22 years old. They met and had a memorable dinner together. Linda never forgets any of them. She has photos and cards from them displayed around her home and in her family bible, and they will certainly never forget her! Children have always been a focus of her life. She has cared for friends and neighbors children, and their children, sometimes through two or three generations. Linda has been, and continues to be a nurturant presence in so many children’s lives. How and why does one person choose to help so many? For Linda, the calling came early. She attributes it to the influence of the family values given to her by her mom, dad and grandparents. As Linda says “They taught us to love, respect and take care of each other despite race or religion.” Linda currently resides in Manorhaven, with her husband Danny, an Ex Fire Chief with the Manhasset - Lakeville Fire Department and her loving son, Joseph. Linda recalls opening day of Manorhaven Pool, and her brother Greg being photographed at its opening. She recalls her grandmother swimming and finding mussels and clams on Manorhaven Beach. Her fond memories of Manorhaven are priceless, but her selfless dedication, loving impact and supportive presence in our community is beyond measure. We would award Linda a “Heart of Gold,” but she already has one.