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# MANORHAVEN Village News

**"The Pearl of Manhasset Bay"**

**Incorporated Village of Manorhaven - 33 Manorhaven Blvd. Port Washington NY 11050**

## Tidings & Squibs

*By: Mayor Nicholas B. Capozzi*

It was a long and hard winter. It seemed that the snow would never melt. As soon as our roads were free of snow it snowed again. Now, the Village is full of flowering trees and the grass is green. Our streets are being swept on schedule. Things are starting to look clean and beautiful again.

### Winter Road Maintenance

Last winter I asked the road crew to pay a little more attention to the streets because we wanted to prevent accidents from happening. The men of our Public Works Department worked through all the snow storms. While most of us were warm in our beds, they were out in the cold, clearing as much snow as possible so that we could get to work and school in the morning. They also kept our pump station clear of ice. We all worked to make sure our that Village residents were safe and that the Village functioned normally. Dan Gallo and his crew, Bill, Duffy and Joe, did an extra fine job clearing our roads of snow and, afterwards, cleaning the salt and sand.

### Snow Removal Expense

This winter's snowstorms cost the village over twice as much as a normal winter. The road crew's union contract dictates time-and-a-half for after normal work-day hours, the salt and sand cost more this year, and the gasoline expense was almost twice the usual amount. Not only were gasoline prices higher this year, but we also used more gas because of the frequent heavy snow storms. The trucks needed to push more snow, and then needed to pick up more salt and sand.

### Winter Parking

Thanks to most of our residents for following the winter parking regulations, which made it possible for our crew to plow our streets. People who didn't obey the law found themselves in court, and some also had their cars towed. A few owners of illegally parked cars were lucky because they did not receive a summons, although their neighbors called to complain. This was because we had only one full-time code enforcer and the Nassau County Police Department only provided one police car for patrolling our roads. We will hire another code enforcer in the near future, and next year we will arrange in advance for part time alternates who will be able to work during snowstorms. They will help to ensure that we have our roads clear of illegally parked cars. The road crew did a great job, but it will be easier for them when everyone obeys the law.

### Higher Traffic and Parking Fines

I believe that illegal parking, speeding, and disobeying traffic signs within the Village are among our most serious problems. Although we installed signs that warn motorists to slow down, some drivers either don't get the message or just don't care about anyone's safety.

To try to get these people under control, I asked the Board Of Trustees to increase the fines for vehicular offenses. The Board increased the fines substantially. Next winter, if you park illegally during a snow emergency, the fine will be \$100. If you don't pay within 30 days, the fine will go up another \$50, and if you fail to pay that on time, it will go up another \$50, and so on. If the no parking signs don't get people's attention, then perhaps a good stiff fine will.

### Careful Driving and Enforcement

Drivers who speed or who run stop signs endanger our residents, especially our children and senior citizens, so we use our traffic fines to try to control the few people who just don't care about anyone else's safety. I know that most of our residents do follow the speed limits and do stop at the stop signs, but it only takes a momentary lapse to cause a serious accident. So even if you consider yourself a careful driver, please remember to slow down to the posted speed limits and to come to a full stop at the stop signs.

During the summer months, traffic almost doubles when people from outside the Village visit the park and the marinas. To help visitors understand that we are serious about safe driving in the Village, I asked the Nassau County Police Department to deploy their mounted police in Manorhaven more often. While their purpose will be to protect us, their beautiful horses are also great to see.

### Rental Housing

As the values of our properties rise and new residents move in, I am bent on seeing that your Village government continues to be aggressive in maintaining property values. One way is to update our Village Code to meet today's challenges. I'm sure you will agree. Here are some of the code changes we have made:

I asked the Board to pass a new Rental Housing Permit Law to control our rental properties. Building Superintendent Len Baron worked hard to write a law that closely complies with what I think the Village needs. The new rental permit forms are available on our web site and at the Village Hall. New York State building and rental codes have changed and have become stricter. Property owners should read the new codes to understand their responsibilities and obligations to the safety and appearance of our Village.

The Village will hold a number of seminars to explain the new law to multi-family homeowners, real-estate salespeople, and brokers, and how to fill out the forms. Ignorance of the law will be no excuse. See Len's article on page 5 for a description of the new rental housing permit law.

We have significantly increased the fines for illegal and unsafe housing, as I explain in the next paragraph, in order to convince landlords to follow our housing codes.

### Higher Fees and Code Violation Fines

While looking over the structure of our traffic violation fines, I noticed that our fees for licenses and permits were also too low. We contacted ten other Villages in Nassau and asked for a schedule of their fees and fines. Not to my surprise, our fees and fines were the lowest in almost every case.

I've noticed that many landlords who were frequently convicted of code violations were happy to pay the small fines that were on the books. They paid the fines and continued to avoid fixing the problems they were fined for. They seemed to consider the fines as just another cost of doing business. I want to our residents to live in a safe and healthy environment, therefore I asked for a new set of fines that would be large enough to convince landlords that it's in their financial interest to fix the problems, especially for repeat offenses.

The BOT approved new fines for code infractions that are substantially higher than the old fines, and they are now applied not just to the home or building where the violation occurred, but to the owner of the property. The first offense carries a higher fine than previously, but the big change that I asked for mandates a doubling of the fine for a second offense and a tripling for the third offense. Since the fines are now levied on the landlord, if we find an infraction in one of a landlord's buildings and also find the same infraction in another building, it will be considered the "second" offense. The new fines should encourage landlords to keep close track of all their properties. Fines will no longer be a minor cost of doing rental business. .

### More Code Enforcement

In the past 15 years many one-family homes were replaced by two-family homes. The Village's building department has a greater workload due to the number of apartments that need to be inspected and brought up to code each time

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S.T.O.P PROGRAM  
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for important information on  
GARBAGE  
LANDSCAPE GARDENERS**

# Board of Trustees Actions

Stan Spielman, Editor

We publish a detailed list of all Board of Trustees actions so that you will know what actions your elected officials have taken or are considering. Your editor tries to explain the resolutions and the proposed Local Laws, but some are too complicated or too long to fully describe, so you might feel that you need more information than we provide here. Every proposed local law, every resolution, every document that this Newsletter mentions or refers to, is available at the Village Hall.

If you want more information:

- Come to one of Mayor Capozzi's monthly "Meet The Mayor" sessions. See page 8 for session dates.
- Call 883-7000 and make an appointment with the Mayor or a Trustee.
- Write to the editor of this Newsletter, care of the Village Hall, if you have questions on any articles that appeared or if you have suggestions for topics that you believe should be covered here.
- Under the Freedom Of Information Law, you have the right to obtain a copy of any document that exists in the Village files (except for documents that pertain to litigation and personal records). To get a copy you must fill out a request, called a FOIL. The Freedom of Information Law specifies how long the Village can take to provide you with a copy of the document you requested, and the law sets the fee that you must pay for each document the Village copies for you.

## NOTES:

- If a Board action described below refers to an Introductory Local Law, or a SEQR determination, see the page 3 for a description of the Introductory Local Law and information about SEQR.
- If a Board action described below is also covered elsewhere in this newsletter in more detail, there is usually a reference to the page containing the information.
- Most proposed resolutions are voted for or against unanimously, so this Newsletter does not record how trustees voted. If a vote was not unanimous the Trustees who voted Nay will be recorded.
- Mayor Capozzi's policy is not to vote unless there is a tie among the Trustees. He believes that since he is chair of the meeting, and does not introduce resolutions (by NY State Law, all resolutions must be introduced by a Trustee), he should keep the appearance of impartiality that a chair should show. However, if the Mayor votes to break a tie, or if he votes because he believes an issue is so important that he wants his position known, his vote will be recorded here.

## November 17, Public Hearing

- Continued hearing on application of Island Estates management, Inc. for site plan review for the development of the Villas on Manhasset Bay.

## November 17, Regular Meeting

- Announced that the SEQRA resolution for a change of zone at 99 Shore Road was withdrawn because the paper forms required were not filed.
- Postponed a decision on the proposed subdivision at 23 Hickory Road because the Nassau County Planning Commission had not acted on the application. Mayor Capozzi noted that he feels the Planning Commission should be disbanded and he intends to send an official letter stating his position.
- Approved suspension of parking restrictions for Thanksgiving Day and the day after, and Christmas and New Year's days; except in the event of snow.
- Approved the refunds of Village taxes, pursuant to Order and Judgements, in the following amounts for five properties located in The Village.
  - For the years 2000/2001 through 2002/2003, in the total amount of \$1420.
  - For the years 2001/2002 and 2002/2003, in the total amount of \$654.46.

- For the years 2000/2001 through 2002/2003 in the total amount of \$10,349.28
- For the years 1998/1999 through 2002/2003 in the total amount of \$13,381.56
- For the years 1997/1998 through 2003/2004 in the total amount of \$8,855.29.

**Editor's note:** Village taxes are based on the property assessments made by Nassau County. The Village establishes a budget based on the funds it needs and levies taxes to fund the budget. Each property owner pays a share of the Village tax in accordance with the assessed valuation of his property. Often, many years after taxes have been collected, the courts find that properties were overassessed by the County and orders a refund. The County does not refund Village tax overpayments, the Village does. So at this meeting, the Village had to return about \$34,660 in taxes.

- Authorized the disposal of a non-working computer monitor.
- Mayor Capozzi discussed a request from residents of Yennicock Avenue regarding parking problems caused by construction on that street. The Village will write to the 6th Precinct so that they understand the problem, and that enforcement of the parking regulations in the area should not be a priority for the next few weeks.

## December 15, 2004 Public Hearing

- Heard application of Capri Cove Condominium Assn. for the replacement of 450 feet of bulkheading at the premises on Orchard Beach Blvd.

## December, 15, 2004 Regular Meeting

- Approved application of Island Estates Management Inc, for subdivision of the property at Yennicock Avenue and Sagamore Hill Drive (Thypin Steel Property). The approval is conditioned on the applicant giving a covenant that no parking be permitted on the interior streets of the development (Villas on Manhasset Bay) and upon obtaining all necessary approvals by the NY State DEC and the Department of Health. Note: Mayor Capozzi cast a vote in favor of this application.
- Approved application for subdivision of property located at 23 Hickory Road.
- BOT declared itself lead agency pursuant to SEQR in connection with application of Capri Cove Condominium Assn for Marine Site Plan Review regarding the property located at Anchor Way and Orchard Beach Blvd; and resolved that the proposed action (replacement of 450 feet of bulkheading) is "unlisted" and will have no significant impact on the environment.
- Approved application of Capri Cove Condominium Association for replacment of 450 feet of bulkheading.
- Authorized removal of a tree at 13 Pequot Avenue and at 13 Linwood Road North.
- Scheduled public hearing on January 26, 2005 for Introductory Local Law A-2005.

## January 26, 2005 Public Hearing

- Considered grant of handicapped parking space at 38 Juniper Road.

## January 26, 2005 Regular Meeting

- BOT declared itself lead agency for SEQR in connection with an application for a change of zone of property at 100 Shore Road; determined that the action is "unlisted" and will not have a significant impact on the environment.
- Approved the applications of Cambridge Homes, Inc. for (1) subdivision and (2) change of zone of property located on Ashwood Road; Section 4, Block 74, Lots 6-10.
- Set the application fee for the Capri Cove Condominium bulkhead replacement at \$1,000, and the deposit to the Trust and Agency Account at \$1,000.
- Scheduled a public hearing on February 23, 2005 on application for subdivision of property located at 79 Edgewood Road.
- Resolved, that in order to participate in the NY State DEC grant that will implement the Nassau County Storm Water Management Program, the Village will furnish an in-kind services match of seventy five hours per year, for two years.
- Approved the fire protection contract with the Port Washington Fire Department for the period January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005.
- Scheduled a public hearing on February 23, 2005, to consider the enactment of Local Law G-2002-D (Establishment of an Enterprise Zone).
- Agreed to invite the applicant for a handicapped parking space at 38 Juniper Road to the next meeting to answer questions about the application.

## February 23, 2005, Public Hearing

- Hearing to consider the enactment of Introductory Local Law G-2002-D, establishing and Enterprise (E-1) zone.

## February 23, 2005 Regular Meeting

- Mayor Capozzi reported that the Village Officials Association (VOA) met with other villages covered by the 6th Precinct (7 villages attended) to discuss poor police coverage. Mayor Capozzi also wrote to Police Commissioner Lawrence about the problem. As a result, the police presence in the Village has increased for the time being.
- Village Attorney Gerard Terry reported that he is negotiating with the Town of North Hempstead for the collection of sewer charges that the Town owes the Village.
- Resolved that Local Law 7-2004, as reenacted by Introductory Local Law K-2004, be extended for the period January 4, 2005 up to March 31, 2005.
- Approved the application of Capri Cove Condominium for bulkhead replacement.
- Resolved that the general election for the Village will be held on Tuesday, June 21, 2005, at 33 Manorhaven Boulevard (Village Hall) between 6 AM and 9 PM.

## The Manorhaven Village News

The Incorporated Village of Manorhaven

<b>Mayor</b>	Nicholas B. Capozzi
<b>Deputy Mayor</b>	Jennifer Wilson-Pines
<b>Trustees</b>	David N. Di Lucia John M. Di Leo Jr. James Tomlinson
<b>Clerk/Dep Treasurer</b>	Ronnie Shatzkamer
<b>Treasurer/Dep Clerk</b>	Kathy Wade
<b>Court Clerk</b>	Linda Clark
<b>Building Supt</b>	Len Baron
<b>Editor</b>	Stan Spielman

terminated the employment of Donald Briggs as part time Code Enforcement Officer.

- Authorized the Superintendent of Buildings to suspend the status of the handicapped parking space at 77 Inwood Road, and resolved that the Superintendent of Buildings shall report to the Mayor and the BOT not later than March 15, 2005 with his recommendation as to whether the BOT should conduct a public hearing for the purpose of permanently eliminating the handicapped parking space.
- Authorized the Village to apply for a grant under the NY State Quality Communities Program. The grant application is the work of Architectural Review Board Chairman Paul Boucher.
- Scheduled a work session of the 2005-2006 budget on March 8 at 7:30 pm.
- Scheduled a work session on the proposed E-1 Zone on March 15, at 7:30 pm.

### March 7, 2005 Work Session

- Reviewed the tentative budget for the 2004/2005 fiscal year.

### March 15, 2005 Work Session

- Reviewed and discussed Introductory Local Law G-2002-D (E-1 Zone). Discussed cluster housing and incentives for large parcel development in the zone.
- Discussed amending Village schedule of fines and summonses to be in line with other Villages in the County.
- Superintendent of Buildings Len Baron presented a new rental registration law for review.
- Superintendent Baron presented a proposal for a Business Overlay District to meet the needs of lower priced housing, as recommended by County Supervisor Suozzi.

### March 23, 2005 Regular Meeting

- Representatives of Verizon made a presentation on Fiber-to-the-Premises Cable Service (FTTP). They gave an explanation for the work Verizon was doing in the village and commented on the Stop Work letter that Mayor Capozzi sent them on March 18, 2005. They responded to questions from the Board. The Mayor requested a copy of Verizon's construction practices and protocol. Verizon agreed to provide the documents and also agreed to tour the village with a village representative to assess the safety and aesthetics of the existing poles and boxes.
- John Figliozzi of the NY State Public Service Commission addressed the Board and answered questions on the waiver requested by Verizon as well as the veracity of Verizon's presentation.
- Scheduled a public hearing on April 27, 2005 at 7 pm, on the tentative budget for the fiscal year beginning June 1, 2005.
- Engaged Salerno Brokerage Corp as principal insurance consultant to the Village.
- Approved refunds of Village taxes, pursuant to Order and Judgements, in the following amounts for five properties located in The Village.
  - For the years 2000/2001 through 2002/2003, in the total amount of \$1,633.23
  - For the years 2003/2004 in the total amount of \$1,091.43.
- Approved Introductory Local Law G-2002-D, a law establishing an Enterprise (E-1) zone. Mayor Capozzi voted **Yes**. Deputy Mayor Wilson-Pines voted **No**.
- Scheduled a public hearings for April 7, 2005, on the following Introductory Local Laws:
  - **B-2005**, establish Prior Notice of Defect statute.
  - **C-2005**, amend Chapter 32 of the Code in connection with streets and sidewalks.
  - **D-2005**, establish Rental Housing Permit Law.
  - **E-2005**, wireless telecommunications facilities.
  - **F-2005**, establish a Business Overlay District
  - **G-2005**, amend Article VI of Chapter 147 of the Code in connections with penalties for offenses.

### April 7 2005, Public Hearings

- Introductory Local Laws B, C, D, F, and G-2005.

### April 7, 2005, Special Meeting

- Approved change of zone of property at 100 Shore Road.
- Heard a presentation on cell tower sites.
- In executive session, discussed sewer agreement with Town of North Hempstead and Village contract with CSEA (union representing road crew).

### APRIL 27, 2005 -PUBLIC HEARING

- Hearing to consider the tentative 2005/2006 budget.
- Continued hearing to consider local law F-2005, "Business Overlay District".
- Hearing to consider local law E-2005, in connection with wireless telecommunications facilities.

### APRIL 27, 2005 -REGULAR MEETING

- Mayor Capozzi discussed the fact that as per the Justice Court report, the Court's income has declined significantly although the number of tickets written increased.
- Set a special meeting for 4/30/05 at 8:45AM to consider the adoption of the tentative 2005/2006 budget.
- BOT declared itself "lead agency" pursuant to SEQR, in connection with Introductory Local Laws C, D, E, F, and G-2005 and declared they are "unlisted actions".
- Adopted Introductory Local Laws B, C, D and G-2005.
- Authorized the Mayor to establish a technical plan and budget for the purpose of terminating access to the Village's sanitary sewer system on the part of Manorhaven Beach Park, a facility owned and operated by the Town of North Hempstead.
- Set a public hearing for Wednesday, May 25, 2005 at 7:30 PM to consider the enactment of Introductory Local Law H-2005.
- Appointed Election Inspectors for the General Village Election on Tuesday, June 21, 2005. Set the compensation for the Chairperson at \$175 and the compensation for all other Election Inspectors at \$150.
- Approved the submission of a grant application to New York State and authorized that other state funds that the Village has been awarded may be used to meet matching requirements as leveraged funds for grant required match and scoring purposes, and should the Main Street Program grant be awarded, the Village will enter into a subcontract with the Greater Port Washington Business Improvement District Assoc., Inc. for the administration of the grant. The Greater Port Washington Business District Assoc., Inc. will be the recipient of the Main Street award and as the LPA will be responsible for the overall conduct of the program.
- Approved removal of a tree at Sands Court.
- Refunded Village taxes for the years 1998 through 2003, in the total amount of \$6,448.87 for Section 4, Block 83, Lots 21-23
- Approved removal of four trees at 33 Kirkwood road on the condition that at least two trees be planted as replacements

### APRIL 30, 2005-SPECIAL MEETING

- Adopted the tentative 2005/2006 budget

### SEQR Determination

SEQR is the NY State Environmental Quality Review law. The SEQR law contains a list of actions that require certain environmental reviews. Before taking any action, such as passing a local law, or authorizing the development of a property, the Village must make a SEQR determination to identify the lead agency responsible for any necessary environmental review. In most cases the Village determines that it is the lead agency. The lead agency then determines whether the action that is going to be taken is listed under the SEQR law, because if the action is listed, certain environmental reviews are required. If the action is not listed, the action is usually considered as not having a significant impact on the environment and no further environmental steps need to be taken.

### Introductory Local Laws

#### G-2002 Enterprise District - Approved 3/23/05

This law replaces the industrial zones (I1 and I2) on Manhasset Isle with an Enterprise zone consisting of a mixture of commercial and residential properties.

### J-2004 Indemnification of Employees

Approved 9/22/04 as Local Law 10-2004 - Added ARB members to the Employees Chapter of the Village Code.

### K-2004 Moratorium - extended 2/23/05.

Extends moratorium on new construction in the industrial zones until March 31, 2005.

### A-2005 Handicapped Parking Withdrawn

### B-2005 Prior Notice of Defect-adopted 4/27/05

Amends Chapter 132 of the code, "Streets and Sidewalks" by adding Article III, Notification of Defects. The existing code makes the owner of property adjoining a sidewalk responsible for the maintenance of the sidewalk. The proposed addition prohibits any civil action from being brought against the Village for damages or injury to persons or property sustained in consequence of any street, sidewalk, or crosswalk being defective, out of repair, unsafe, dangerous or obstructed or in consequence of the existence of or accumulation of snow or ice upon any street, sidewalk, or crosswalk, unless written notice of the existence of such condition, relating to the particular place, has theretofore been given to the BOT through the Village Clerk and there has been a failure or neglect on the part of the Village to cause such condition to be corrected or made reasonably safe within a reasonable time after receipt of such notice.

### C-2005 Streets and Sidewalks-adopted 4/27/05

This law amends Chapter 132 of the code, "Streets and Sidewalks" by adding a sentence to section 132-6, Maintenance and Repair. The existing code makes the owner of the property adjoining a sidewalk responsible for the maintenance of the sidewalk. The proposed addition to the code makes a property owner who is negligent in the maintenance of the sidewalk to be responsible to anyone who is injured thereby.

### D-2005 Rental Housing Permit Law-adopted 4/27/05-

Amends Chapter 120 "Rentals" by deleting the current Chapter 120 and replacing it with a new Chapter 120 "Rental Housing Permit".

The legislative findings that gave rise to this proposed law are "It is hereby declared by the Board of Trustees that a percentage of single family dwellings have been illegally converted into two family or multiple-family dwellings and that some two family dwellings have been illegally converted into three-family or multiple dwellings. These illegal dwelling units have been rented in violation of the Zoning Codes of the Village of Manorhaven and the New York State Building Construction Codes."

The intent of this proposed law is "to provide regulation and enforcement in order to safeguard the interests of property owners and the character of the Village neighborhoods to protect the public health, safety and welfare of the individuals living in the Village of Manorhaven by preventing the rental of illegal dwelling units."

### E-2005 Wireless telecommunications

facilities. This law has not been drafted.

### F-2005 Business Overlay District (BOLD)

Covers new construction, residential apartments, parking spaces and open space in the Commercial and E-1 zones.

### G-2005 Penalties for offenses-adopted 4/27/05

This law amends Chapter 147, to change the fines levied for vehicular code violations, including parking, abandonment of vehicles, expired registrations, and expired inspections. The law also establishes 'no parking' on both sides of Nesaquake Avenue from 8am to 10am except Sundays and legal holidays, from Sinstink Drive East to Manhasset Avenue.

### H-2005 - fees for electrical work

Sets fees for electrical work within the Village

there is a move-in. We will soon need to hire another inspector because the work load will dramatically increase when 96 units on Manhasset Isle are built. There may also be some new units in the new E-1 zoning district.

The rise in property values and the increase in two family dwellings has created greater demands on the Village. The workload of the Building and Code department increases in the spring and summer, when homeowners and real estate people press to have their properties inspected faster so that they can be sold or rented, while stricter State and local laws make inspections and issuing of permits more time consuming. Our new rental property laws and fines will help us better control illegal uses and unsafe conditions.

It's difficult to enforce building and rental codes because we can't enter private property to inspect alleged violations. Therefore, I asked our attorneys to develop a method to allow our Building Department to inspect a property if there appears to be an illegal use or an unsafe condition. As a result, the Board approved a procedure that allows the Village Justice to issue a warrant for entry if the Building Department shows probable cause. No one's civil rights will be violated, since the Village must prove its case in court. We need this new power to keep our residents safe; and the court will make sure that it is used only as the last resort, after all other means were exhausted. Property owners should take this as a sign that we are serious about keeping the health and safety of our residents secure. If you own a building with an illegal or overcrowded apartment, fix it fast, before you find yourself in court.

**School District Cooperation**

I had a very good meeting with Superintendent Jeff Gordon of the Port Washington School District and with Board Member Jean-Marie Posner. One of the many topics we spoke about was cooperation between the District and the Village concerning children who attend our schools but who do not live here. While only certain information can be lawfully shared between the Village and the School District, I pledged to cooperate in every legal way to help correct the situation. Since the parents of these children do not help pay our school taxes, we pay for the education of their children.

Dr. Gordon offered to help us with our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary parade and festival. We spoke of many activities for the children, including marching in the parade, contests, earning citizenship awards for time spent helping with the event, and perhaps an art contest with Manorhaven as the subject.

Dr. Gordon, Mrs. Posner and I spoke about a multitude of things that Manorhaven and the School District could sponsor. We intend to bring back the "Mayor for a Day" program, which shows the children how local government works. We plan to create an intern program for high school students to work at the Village for a week or two in order to earn good citizen awards and recommendations for college. There were too many good ideas to list here, and I have not had a more productive and interesting meeting in some time. I can't remember when three people were on the same train of thought and agreed on so many things. Dr. Gordon and Board Member Posner have positive and proactive ideas for our children. We only discussed positive and inventive ideas. We hope to get started on a long list of events that the Village, the School District, and especially the children can participate in.

**75th Anniversary Celebration**

Big plans are forming for our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. The Chamber of Commerce is also celebrating its 75<sup>th</sup> year and its president, Warren Schein, and I hope to have the Chamber of Commerce and the Village share an event, or to include the Chamber of Commerce in our celebration.

The Port Washington V.F.W. is also celebrating its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary and we hope to also share an event and have them march in our parade.

We asked the Port Washington Fire Department, the Nassau County Mounted Police Division and many other organizations to join our parade and festival. We will be having another steering committee meeting very soon. If you would like to get involved, please call the Village Hall and leave your number so we can let you know the time and date of the meeting.

**Wildlife Preserve and Park**

We sent out a Request For Proposal to help us design and build the Wildlife Preserve. When the bids come in we will choose a company and start our planned walkway. The Village has matching grants and full grants from the State that the former administration applied for but could not use because of lawsuits between the Town, the Village and private parties. We are happy that they got the grants, and in anticipation of settling the lawsuits, we had the grants renewed several times, so that they are still available. We will now be able to build the walkway without tax money.

We are in the process of planning the details of the pocket park on Ashwood Road and Manorhaven Blvd. We should be starting construction soon. Our road crew will do the work, except for electricity and plumbing.

We will be replacing some of the planters that line the streets because they were damaged by rough weather and the salt used to melt the ice on the roads.

**2005/2006 Budget**

The 2005/06 budget was submitted to the Board of Trustees, on time, by budget officer Jim Tomlinson. Village Treasurer Kathy Wade had worked very hard on it. The budget was submitted at \$2.75 million, an increase of \$150,000, or about 5.8%

This is the first increase in Village taxation in ten years. We can't tell you how much it will cost you because we have not received the assessment roll from the County. When we receive the assessment roll, which tells us how much all of the property in the Village is assessed at, we can calculate the tax rate. The tax rate is calculated using the assessed value of all the properties and the amount of taxes needed to balance the budget. Everyone pays taxes based on the assessed value of their property, which seems to change every year.

Since we are not the assessing authority, we cannot publish the tax rate until we receive the assessment roll. We requested a complete set almost a month ago. The County is probably late because of yet another countywide reassessment. I will give you more information as we receive it.

The budget is in the Village Hall for inspection. The tentative budget was available since March for review and comment. Why did we have to raise the budget by \$150,000? Here are the main reasons.

- Increased cost of supplies, gasoline, oil, lighting, sanitation, sewage contract.

- State-mandated contributions to the State pension fund (the past few years has seen triple digit increases).
- Increased cost of health insurance.
- The failure of the Village Justice to levy the full fines for code and traffic violations. The judge's reduction of fines has contributed to the Village's loss of over \$60,000 of its Court income over the past two years.
- Increased costs of clearing our roads during multiple snow storms.
- The failure of the Town to reimburse us for over \$100,000 for their sewage disposal, which we have paid to the Sewer District. The Town Park's sewage is sent through our lines to the Sewer District for processing. The Sewer District bills us for all the sewage it receives from our pump station. I have recently taken some strong steps to ensure that we get some action, and as a result talks have opened up on the issue.
- The requirement to return over \$\$35,000 in Village property taxes to property owners who were overassessed by the County.

These are the main reasons that we have been forced to increase the budget by \$150,000. You might ask why the increased costs describe above are much greater than the \$150,000 budget increase. The reason is that we were able to take care of most of the increases through careful management of our funds and by using a modest surplus that we keep in reserve for emergencies. It was this kind of fiscal care that helped us keep our taxes level for 10 years, while every other taxing authority was getting big tax increases.

The Village has no debt service, and we don't have any monetary obligations except for the equipment we lease instead of buying outright. Very few Municipalities can proudly state that they owe no monies to anyone. Since I became Mayor, I have worked closely with the Board of Trustees to hold down spending while upgrading services. I think we have been very successful. If we settle our dispute with the Town, and if our Justice Court levies the full fines so as to deter violators instead of coddling them, hopefully we won't have to increase taxes for another ten years.

**Grant Applications**

I have frequently written about my vision for the renewal of Manorhaven Boulevard. We have been working on funding the project. We will start with the pocket park on Ashwood Road and hopefully will make other improvements along the entire Boulevard.

I have sat on the Port Washington Business Improvement District Board for the past five years. The BID's Executive Director Roy Smitheimer alerted me to a Main Street Improvement grant for up to \$200,000. Roy felt that our plans for Shore Road and Manorhaven Boulevard would be a strong candidate for the grant.

Because of the short period of time we had to write the Grant, the entire BID Board voted to spend \$6,000 to hire a grant writer for us. Roy, Building Superintendent Len Baron, and Village Clerk Ronnie Shatzkamer spent many hours working with the grant writer to meet the deadline for submission. The grant writer needed history and background of the Village to complete the many forms required. The cooperation between the BID and the Village has created a great opportunity for us.

I enjoy being on the BID Board, but I also felt that my participation over the years would help the Village. The

# NEW LOCAL LAWS

By Len Baron  
Superintendent of Buildings

Mayor Capozzi and the Board of Trustees have approved three new local laws. The laws include a revised Rental Housing Permit, a revision of the traffic ordinance increasing certain fines, and a zoning ordinance regarding live/work housing as an overlay in the business districts.

## TRAFFIC FINE INCREASES

Mayor Capozzi asked me to determine how our Village's traffic fines compare to other villages. I contacted 10 North Shore Villages and found that our Village is at the low end of the fines being assessed for violations of certain traffic ordinances.

Based on this study, the BOT increased alternate side parking fines from \$25 to \$40. Fines will be levied for parking on the sidewalk. Limousine and taxi vehicles will not be permitted to park on Village streets between 10pm and 3am.

The Village reviewed numerous methods to assist the highway department with vehicles that are illegally parked during snow storms. An obvious choice was to tow illegally parked vehicles, but the Board of Trustees decided that towing might cause too much of a hardship and decided to raise the fines to see if that would correct the situation. The higher fines will be imposed for illegal parking during snowfalls in excess of 1 inch. The fines will be \$100 and if not paid in 30 days will rise to \$150, and if still not paid on time, the fine will rise another \$50.

## NEW LIVE/WORK HOUSING

Mayor Capozzi and the Board of Trustees approved a Business Overlay District (BOLD) that will help provide housing for the young and the local work force.

The buzz around Long Island is to promote work force housing. The BOLD allows an existing or proposed new retail business to apply for a permit to construct one-bedroom and studio apartments above their business uses.

These apartments will have a low impact on utilities, traffic, and the school district. The intent is to promote the community, reduce driving, and maintain existing village buildings. The pay back to the community comes from the revitalization of the existing retail uses, because, in order to construct apartments above existing retail, the business owners must update their facades and the building interior must be brought up to code.

## REVISED RENTAL HOUSING PERMIT

The Long Island market for illegal housing seems to be increasing. All over Long Island you hear similar complaints about housing violations. Therefore I proposed modifications to the Building Department's rental registration application in order to help fight rental housing violations.

With the cost of housing going through the roof some landlords found a cheap method to help pay off their mortgages: illegal rentals. For example, if you assume a rental of \$1,200/month, then the owner collects \$14,400 a year, and in ten years the owner earns \$144,000. If you do this legally, you provide safe living conditions and you pay taxes. If you do this illegally you skimp on expenses, create unsafe and unattractive buildings, don't pay your taxes, and you put

almost the entire \$144,000 in your pocket. The logic for illegal housing becomes clear when you realize that enforcement methods have not kept pace with overcrowding and cellar apartments, so many unscrupulous landlords manage to get away with it.

The need for a change in enforcement tactics is clear. The penalties that are currently being assessed against illegal housing are not having any effect on the general attitude. Some individuals, like Nassau County assessor Harvey Levenson, have made an effort to equalize the fines. But enforcement must come on the local level, and the fines have to be large enough to change the attitude of these landlords.

Our Village has its share of illegal occupancies. Even after we investigate all complaints, and follow up on all other leads, and actually find and convict code violators, the fines that were levied often had little effect on correcting the violations. That's why the Village has enacted tougher enforcement standards.

The application for rental registration was changed to a permit. There is a major difference between filing an application and receiving a permit. Every landlord and tenant will have a copy of all the laws that effect housing standards, including the garbage regulations, parking regulations and occupancy standards. In addition they will have other valuable information, such as important telephone numbers, and fire safety information.

The document will no longer be referred to as the rental registration; it will be called Rental Housing Permit. The permit fee will be \$150 and each rented dwelling will be re-inspected every two years.

The new fines for violations are significantly higher. Property owners found guilty of not having a permit, or of allowing an illegal occupancy, are now subject to fines of \$100/\$200 for each day that the violation existed. Repeat offenders can be fined as much as \$1000/day that the violation existed. These fines are intended to discourage owners who were willing to pay low fines because of the large amounts of money they receive from illegal rentals.

The permit requirements are stricter; not everybody will automatically be granted a permit. As in the past, the apartment will be inspected for compliance with the State codes. Preliminary approval may be granted so that the owner can show the unit to potential renters while the permit is being processed and the property is being brought up to code.

Every owner that requests a permit must provide a valid Certificate of Occupancy. If the house does not have a C of O the apartment may not be shown until a C of O is issued.

Many property owners do not allow their tenants to park on their property, that's one reason there is so much on-street parking. The new permit requires the landlord to indicate the number of parking spaces available for tenant parking. If the required parking is not provided, the landlord will have to construct additional spaces, per Village code.

The new rental housing permit will be a more effective tool in the fight against illegal housing. If an owner is found guilty of illegal housing and refuses the Village inspector entrance to the property, a search warrant may be requested to gain entry. The new penalties for offenses should have an impact on over occupancy.

## RESIDENTS CAN ASSIST IN COMBATING ILLEGAL OCCUPANCIES

The Village Building Department investigates every complaint of over occupancy or illegal occupancy.

Occupancy standards are based on the NY State Building Codes for habitable spaces, which require at least 70 square feet for a one-person bedroom, and 120 square feet for a two-person bedroom. This means that only four people may sleep in a house with two 10 x 10 bedrooms and one 10 x 12 bedroom.

If you believe you are witnessing an illegal occupancy, call the Building department and file a complaint. We will not disclose your name and address. We will log the complaint and will review the property to ensure it complies with the Village Code. We will get back to you with our findings.

Investigating complaints takes a lot of the Building Department's time, so investigating false accusations prevents us from doing other tasks that the Village needs done. For example, a resident recently gave us a list of nineteen properties that he alleged had illegal occupancies. We investigated every property on his list, just as we investigate every complaint that we receive. We found that thirteen of the nineteen properties were previously investigated or were currently under investigation. Of those thirteen, we found that four had occupancy issues. The remaining six properties should not have been placed on the list.

Because it takes a lot of man-hours to establish whether complaints are valid or if the property in question has an illegal occupancy, we ask residents not to make this into a crusade, and to make complaints only when they feel they have very strong justification for them.

We also ask residents to bring their complaints to the Village, not to a private citizen. We can discuss your complaint with you and get all of the information that we need to successfully conduct an investigation, or we might be able to show you that the occupancy is legal. When you submit your complaint through a third party, we only get his laundry list. We can't get your special information, nor can we let you know what we know about the property.

One criteria we use when determining whether an investigation is required, is whether the complaint is based on what people see is currently happening at a property. Just because there was once a problem at a certain house does not necessarily mean that the property is still illegally occupied. Remember, people move out, properties change hands, conditions change. We can tell a complainant whether the property was sold, whether an illegal occupancy ended, whether we determined there are enough bedrooms for the number of people living there, etc.

The Village uses the most up-to-date standards and practices for investigating illegal occupancies; however there are many restrictions that make investigations time-consuming and difficult. It is against the law to peek into windows, walk around properties, or take any other actions that would violate resident's rights.

We have a new method for obtaining a warrant to inspect a property, but it can only be used as a last resort. We must convince a judge that we have a need to enter the premises for an inspection. A laundry list from a private citizen who collects complaints about illegal occupancies can never be used in court to force an inspection.

# Notes From The Office

by Ronnie Shatzkamer  
Village Clerk

## Changes at Village Hall

I have made some changes at the Village Hall since I became Village Clerk. One of my main goals in assuming this position has been to cut costs and expenses wherever possible. To this end I have initiated the following measures.

The Village contacted all of the vendors we use on a regular basis and asked them to give us the most favorable prices they could, since we are a governmental unit. Practically all of the vendors responded favorably, giving us discounts on a wide variety of goods and services we use here such as water cooler refills, hardware and truck parts and supplies.

The Village joined the Long Island Municipal Purchasing Group. This allows us to join together with other municipalities, school districts and governmental units and exercise greater purchasing power. We are now saving over 30% over our former costs for all office supplies, paper, computer peripherals, etc.

We priced the Village's insurance policies out with several agents. We ended up contracting with an agency that provides insurance for most of the towns and villages throughout Long Island. They were able to reduce our insurance costs by over \$46,000 a year!

I have encouraged the Village to apply for grant money from various state and federal sources. Village resident and Architectural Review Board chairman Paul Boucher has graciously volunteered to seek out and apply for this funding. To date we have one grant application in Albany waiting for a reply, we have another application that is in the process of being prepared and a third application that is just in the planning stages.

I welcome your comments and questions, please don't hesitate to call or drop in at the Village Hall.

## Emergency Phone System

While we're on the subject of Public Safety, I'd like to remind all of our residents that we have an emergency phone system that we use whenever everyone in the village needs to be informed about an emergency (hurricane warning, blizzard, etc.). If you haven't given us your telephone number yet so that we can enter it into our emergency phone system database, please do so. Your number will not be used for any other purpose. It will be kept confidential. The database is secure and telephone numbers are not given out to anyone for any other purpose.

We have decided that if you also submit your cell phone number, we will include it in our database so that you can be notified of an emergency even if you are not at home.

## Garbage Disposal Costs

Village garbage disposal is becoming very expensive because people are discarding contractor materials or putting out too many garbage cans. The Village has to pay the "tipping fees" for these items. Our budget for garbage disposal in 2005 is \$480,000, that's over 17% of our total budget. Since the salaries of the garbage collectors and the Town's tipping fees keep going up, the only way we can reduce our garbage disposal bills is to follow the Village garbage regulations. Please remember the following:

**Contractor materials are not allowed.** This includes materials that the homeowner discards when working on his own property, not just materials discarded by contractors.

On any garbage pickup day, you are allowed **no more than three garbage containers.**

You may put out **one** heavy item, such as furniture, refrigerators, etc., **on the second day** of your pickup. These Bulk items should be placed at the curb the night before the day of pick-up. Please call the Village Hall if there are extenuating circumstances in which you cannot put your bulk item out the night before. Call Dejana at 944-7445 to arrange for the pickup of a bulk item before you put it out.

Some people are ignoring the rules that help keep our village clean and sanitary. **Only yard waste may be put out in plastic bags. Garbage must be placed in a container with the lid firmly on.**

If you put garbage out in plastic bags you will face a fine. Plastic bags are unsightly; and rodents, squirrels, and possums can easily tear them open. This not only makes a mess, but encourages undesirable rodents to remain in the area.

## Landscape Gardeners

If you hire a landscaper or a gardener to maintain your property, please make sure that they have obtained a license from the Village and that the Village has issued a permit sticker. They are required to display the permit sticker on their vehicle.

This Village Law was passed for your protection. The Village insists upon having insurance from all licensed contractors in order to protect you from any wrongdoing, and the license and permit is the method that the Village uses to ensure the required insurance is in force.

**Also remember that landscapers are required to remove all yard waste that they produce. They are not allowed to leave the yard waste for you to put out for Village Collection.**

## Mayor Capozzi's Outreach

*by Stan Spielman., Editor*

One can be Mayor of a Village and wait for things to happen, or one can be proactive in the community and make things happen. Mayor Capozzi has taken a very proactive role outside the strict boundaries of the Village. I believe he is a mixture of a desire to make the world a better place for everyone, and a plan to be involved in organizations that can specifically help to improve our Village. Either way, I think he's succeeding and we should all know a little about his efforts, because they seem to be helping the Village.

Mayor Capozzi has been an executive board member of the Port Washington Business Improvement District for many years. As a member he has had opportunities to improve our Village either through donations from the BID or through joint efforts of the Village and the BID.

Mayor Capozzi was recently elected and installed as the Treasurer of the Nassau County Village Officials Association. The NCVOA is an organization of elected officials from all 64 Nassau County Villages. Mayor Capozzi was a member of the NCVOA Executive Committee for five years prior to being installed as Treasurer. I know he is very proud of this honor and responsibility. As a member of the Executive Committee, and now as an officer of the VOA, Mayor Capozzi works with the VOA on issues common to the many County Villages, including police protection, common purchasing, lobbying of State legislators for laws that help our Villages, etc.

Mayor Capozzi was recently elected to the Executive Board of the Italian Americans in Government of Nassau & Suffolk Counties. This organization raises money and distributes it to many children in the form of scholarships, and it supports a number of charities. The Mayor has been a member of the organization for the past five years.

Mayor Capozzi works with the School District to help our children. For example, for several years he has read to the children at the Manorhaven School's annual reading program, and he has sponsored the Mayor For A Day program at the Village, to introduce children to local government. See this issue's TIDINGS AND SQUIBBS for his write up on a meeting he had with School District Superintendent Gordon.

## Mayor Capozzi to be on "Meet the Leaders" on Cablevision channel 18

This is the second time the Mayor has been invited to be on the program.

Wednesday May 4	9:00AM, 1:00PM, 4:00PM, 8:00PM
Friday, May 6	7:30PM
Sunday, May 8	6:00PM
Thursday, May 12	9:00AM, 1:00PM, 4:00PM, 8:00PM
Monday, May 16	9:00AM, 1:00PM, 4:00PM, 8:00PM
Friday, May 20	9:00AM, 1:00PM, 4:00PM, 7:00PM, 8:00PM
Tuesday, May 24	9:00AM, 1:00PM, 4:00PM, 8:00PM
Saturday, May 28	6:00PM

BID has already given the Village the clock in front of the Village Hall, a new trash pail for each one that we bought, and two benches for the pocket park.

The Village has also applied for two other grants to help us pay for some other improvements. Paul Boucher, Chairman of our Architectural Review Board, spent a lot of his time researching and writing a grant proposal for a non-matching State grant. If we receive the grant, the Village will get money towards establishing a master plan for the improvement of our business areas, primarily along Shore Road and Manorhaven Boulevard. Paul worked with area commercial property owners to develop a plan for revamping the storefronts along Shore Road. There is already one strip of stores that is ready to be updated with plans in the works, thanks to Mr. Boucher.

Paul is also working with Roy Smitheimer on the Main Street Improvement Grant, and is also seeking out funding opportunities to update the sewer system. We are grateful for Mr. Boucher's hard work and diligence.

**Commissioners**

We are very fortunate to have some fine people as commissioners. This time I want to highlight Commissioner Of Health and Safety Daniel DiLucia. Dan has donated many hours of his time these past months. He has taken on the responsibility and has done a great job concerning Emergency Management, Police affairs and other items, including arranging various meetings with both the Port Police and the Nassau County Police. Dan has represented the Village at no less than ten County and Town meetings these past few months, relieving me from some, as I have attended over twenty meetings in the past few weeks myself. Last Sunday Dan attended an Emergency Management WMD Drill given by the County. He was there for the entire drill, from the start, at 8am, until the conclusion at 1pm.

During the past year Dan attended joint County and Village meetings on police matters, with and without me, and did a stellar job. The State has required the Village to have an Emergency Management Plan. Dan wrote one for us, and Manorhaven was the first in the area to submit a plan to the County. Dan was born and bred in Manorhaven and is a shining example of a real concerned and dedicated citizen. Bravo Dan! The Village owes you a debt of gratitude as well as your wife Vincenza and your three children for allowing you to spend so much time away from them investing in your family's future in Manorhaven.

**Verizon & Manorhaven Village**

A larger than normal amount of Verizon workmen have been climbing poles and blocking traffic with their large trucks. We tried to find out why, but Verizon's explanation depended on whom you spoke to at Verizon or on what day you spoke to them. We did some investigation and discovered that Verizon is installing digital cables to offer an expanded service, and that the way Verizon is doing it is against the law. Verizon was working under the guise of up-grading their telephone lines, a right granted by the State in a 100 year old agreement with the old New York Telephone Company. The agreement allows them to use our streets to access their wires and poles without notifying us.

I placed a Stop Work Order instructing Verizon to stop work on lines that include the new fiber optic system. The reason for my order is that is the State Public Service Commission has set rules for companies that do business in the State, and the law prevents any work on a cable television system from beginning without

first obtaining a cable franchise from the Village and approval from the NYSPSC. Verizon has not requested a cable franchise and it has not been given the right to start work on a cable television system. Early this winter, Verizon asked us to waive the formal process that would allow them to start work without a franchise agreement. We replied that although the Village was interested in seeing competition for cable access, we were not going to give up our right to negotiate a franchise. We informed Verizon that they may not start work until they enter into a contract with the Village.

Verizon ignored our instructions and within a week they started placing new boxes and wire throughout the Village. When we questioned the workers we were told that they were up-grading the telephone system. We found that this was not true and that the cables being installed were fiber optic digital cable lines.

Verizon trucks have intererfered with traffic due to their large size. They jumped devil strips and by doing so, they created tire marks on many grassy areas, preventing new growth. They left pounds of wire and other electrical items on our streets and near junction boxes. Not only have they replaced many boxes on poles (some of which seem unsafe and leaning) they placed without permission two large junction boxes almost directly in front of a day care school on Manhasset Isle without regard to the location and the visual effect. They installed large metal poles on Manhasset Avenue to protect their boxes from being hit by traffic. The pole caps are already unsightly from rust, and they have been out only a few weeks. They used Village land without permission. I have ordered Verizon to remove the boxes. If they ignore us again I will order our Department of Public Works to remove the boxes and hold the equipment until we are paid for the removal costs. Verizon continues to disregard our property and the wishes of the Village. When the Board spoke to Verizon representatives this winter we explained that we liked the idea of competition among cable services, but we were not waiving our rights, nor do we expect that any other work would be done concerning this matter. Their representatives assured us that they would try and remedy our objections to any of the work they had already done.

We are not in this alone. I spoke to at least ten other mayors concerning this problem and we are working together to make this multibillion dollar giant understand that they must respect the residents, property, and government of our villages.

The franchise agreement is important to us. When we have a contract, fees will be paid to the Village on a yearly basis. Right now, we receive a check from Cablevision four times a year based on the amount of homes Cablevision services. The agreement has been in place for years and it works well both for the Village and the cable company. The agreement allows the Village to control what goes on in the Village.

Verizon tried to sell us the idea that we should let them complete their work because when they finish, higher fees would come into the Village because they would create more customers within the village. Verizon has not once asked us to sit with them to work out a contract; they just invaded our village and did what they wanted to do under the guise of an old telephone agreement that has nothing to do with television lines. While they are sweet-talking the villages and the State PSC, telling them they are going to be good neighbors and care about their customers, they are lobbying our Congress people and Senators to overturn the franchise laws that require them to have contracts and pay fees.

I urge you to write our Congressmen and both U.S. Senators and tell them that we do not want to lose our rights and our fees. We live in villages in order to have closer control of what happens around us.

I will continue to inform you of what is going on with Verizon. We are very much in favor of cable competition; we only ask that the Village be treated with respect. As I write this, Verizon has just reported their profits for the past year at 1.9 billion dollars. I promise you that I will not allow Verizon to interfere with our village without the proper contract nor will I allow them to continue to disregard rights given to us by the State and the New York Public Service Commission. Please write to our representatives in Washington and let them know we want the franchise fees to remain. If you don't know the addresses or representatives, call the Village Hall and we will give you the information you need. If you notice a large number of Verizon trucks on your block please call the Hall to alert us, Verizon has the right to install and repair telephone phone lines; they usually send out their white vans to do local repairs.

**The Shared Visioning Process & Your Village**

Through mailings and press releases Town of North Hempstead's Supervisor John Kaiman launched a Shared Visioning Process. A Steering Committee was setup with representatives from groups within the area, including each of the special districts; water, sewer, police, and many civic associations. Village mayors were also asked to sit on the Steering Committee.

Manorhaven has two representatives seated on the Steering Committee. I represented the residents and Board of the Village, and Deputy Mayor Jennifer Wilson-Pines represented the Manhasset Bay Protection Committee.

Three Open Forums have taken place so far. The first forum, facilitated by Deputy Mayor Pines, concentrated on recreation and open space. I facilitated the second forum, which concentrated on infrastructure, parking, and other related matters. The time and effort put in by the steering committee and the residents shows that those of us who live and work in Port Washington feel the future of our peninsula is very important. Our elected officials and the steering committee members believe we can improve Port Washington in an organized way and at a smart pace. The input from our residents will help guide the Supervisor, the Mayors, and other elected and non-elected entities, when planning for the future of Port Washington.

Jennifer and I also participated as leaders of one of the walking tours of Port Washington, held on April 16 and 17. There was a round table discussion on Monday April 18. Some local civic groups are taking credit for some of these activities. Please remember that your Village was well represented. We hope that the results of the Shared Visioning forums seed an improvement process for both the Village and Port Washington.

Until next time, I hope you enjoy the rest of the spring and are happy that our Village continues to improve. Need proof? Look for the new and refurbished buildings and businesses that are investing in the Village and look at the improvement in the condition and design of the new homes being built, a product of the dedicated people that sit on our Boards. Why don't you call and volunteer your time, it's just as easy as complaining and doing nothing. Take pride in your Village that is becoming more than just the "Pearl of Manhasset Bay."

# HEAVY TRASH PICKUP ON MAY 25

You may put out as much trash as you want subject to the following:

- Tie up loose items. Carpet cut into maximum length of 4 feet
- Only one household appliance (stove, refrigerator, etc.)
- Items (chairs, tables, etc.) must be placed in a neat pile.
- Empty cardboard must be flattened and tied.
- Newspapers and paper must be tied. Full boxes closed and tied.
- No limit to garden waste in plastic bags
- Items must be placed out after 5PM the night before pickup.
- All cans must have cover on, with no bags hanging out of the cans.
- Place all items near the curb. Do not place anything in the roadway.

**DO NOT PUT OUT  
HAZARDOUS  
WASTES OR  
CONSTRUCTION  
MATERIALS!**

**When walking your family pet, remember to keep it on a leash and curb it. It's the law and we will enforce it.**

**Using your neighbor's lawn or other property is not curbing.**

Please pick up after your pet. Bacteria from your pet's waste pollutes the Bay and our drinking water.

## YARD WASTE and GARBAGE COLLECTION

Yard Waste will be collected every Wednesday

You may leave out up to 10 bags per house.

**Yard waste must be put in BLACK BAGS**

**Do not put out yard waste or garbage before sundown**

It is against the Village Code to place garbage at the curb before 5 P.M.

*Keep our Village looking beautiful*

*If you need a copy of our garbage regulations, contact the Village Hall*

### TOWN S.T.O.P. PROGRAM DROP OFF DATE - June 11 9:30am to 3:00 pm

**SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY BUILDING  
802 WEST SHORE ROAD (Next to Harbor Links)**

The Town of North Hempstead's Stop Throwing Out Pollutants (STOP) program allows residents to dispose of hazardous household pollutants safely and conveniently. You may bring in your waste from 9:30 am to 3 pm. You only need to drive up and drop off the waste. It is recommended that you bring in materials in their original containers if possible, to help identify and sort the materials on site. STOP personnel will be on hand to assist you.

You may drop off aerosols, drain cleaners, fertilizers, furniture polishes, non-latex paint, oven cleaners, paint thinners, pesticides and upholstery cleaners.

You may not drop off ammunition, bio-medical wastes, explosives or fireworks, radioactive materials and propane canisters. **If you have any questions, call the STOP hotline at 767-4600.**

### Village Hot Line

**This number is not a replacement for 911 or fire and police matters!**

**Do not use this number for complaints. Call the appropriate Village department.**

Between Village Hall closing and 6pm, call Building Superintendent, Len Baron, at 852-8321

**For emergencies after 6pm or on weekends/holidays, call 883-7000, extension 19.**

You must leave your name, address, and phone number for verification.

A Village Official will return your call within the hour.

If you do not get a return call, phone 523-1333.

**For sewer emergencies at any time the Village Hall is closed, call Len Baron at 852-8321**

### Pay Your Parking Tickets Promptly to Avoid Increased Fines!

If you fail to answer a parking ticket within 30 days of the date of the violation, the fine will be doubled.

If you fail to answer a parking ticket within 60 days of the date of the violation, the fine will be three times the original fine.

### Village of Manorhaven Web Page

The Village has a web page.

You can get copies of forms, view parts of the Village Code, look at Village schedules, contact Village staff via email, and more.

**Go to the following web address:  
<http://manorhaven.org/>**

## VILLAGE SCHEDULES

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Fourth Wednesday of month  
8:00 P.M.  
May 28, June 22

### PLANNING BOARD

As Required

### ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

Third Monday of month, 8:00 P.M.  
May 16, June 20

### BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

Second Tuesday of month, 8:00 P.M.  
May 10, June 22

### TRAFFIC & ZONING COURT

Court convenes at 7:00 P.M.  
May 24, June 28  
For Zoning Court matters  
call the Court Clerk  
883-7000, ext 12

### Village Hall Hours

Open Monday through Friday,  
from 8:30 am to 4pm.

### Evening Hours

First Monday of each month\*  
8:30am to 7pm

\*If the first Monday is a holiday the office will be open on the second Monday.

Call the Village Clerk if you have any concerns or plan to come in during the evening so that she will be able to prepare an answer for you, or assemble any papers that you may need to see.

Call any time the office is open. After closing you can leave a voice mail message.

**883-7000 ext. 11**

### Meet the Mayor

Discuss any subject with  
Mayor Capozzi

*No Appointment Needed*  
**Saturday from 10am-12pm**  
Canceled for Summer Months

**Monday from 5pm-8pm**  
**By Appointment**  
**on nights Village Hall is open**

Please call for an appointment. The Mayor will do the necessary research so that he can answer your questions.

You may also make an appointment to speak to the Deputy Mayor or any other Trustee who can meet with you at a mutually convenient time.

## Village Elections

**Village Elections will be held on 21 June  
at the Village Hall  
6am to 9 pm**

Terms expiring

**David N. DiLucia - Trustee**

**John M. DiLeo Lr - Trustee**

**Robert A. Carpentier - Village Justice**

### No Parking Regulations

**April 1 through December 1  
Thursday & Friday  
No Parking Allowed for One Hour**

**Check the sign at the end of your street. The sign tells you the side of the street that you cannot park on, and the hour during which you cannot park.**

**The fine for violating this regulation is \$50**