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



**Meetings and Events:**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**, 7:30 p.m.  
Thursdays, 12/12, 1/23, 2/27

**VILLAGE COURT**, 6 p.m.  
Tuesdays, 12/17, 1/21, 2/25

**BOARD OF ZONING**, 7 p.m.  
Tuesdays, 12/10, 1/14, 2/11

**ARCHITECTURAL BOARD**, 7 p.m.  
Mondays, 12/16, 1/27, 2/24

**VILLAGE HOLIDAY PARTY - December 14**  
from 4 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

**Menorah will be lit from 11/27 - 12/5**

*Changes posted on: [www.manorhaven.org](http://www.manorhaven.org)*

**DOG OWNERS:** Please pick up after your pets and keep them leashed when walking! Please respect your neighbors. Do not leave barking dogs outdoors all day!

**GARBAGE COLLECTION INFORMATION:**

Please place **regular garbage**, rubbish and trash in watertight metal or plastic containers with a lid no earlier than 5 p.m. on the night before a pick-up day; **loose plastic bags of trash will not be picked up; they attract animals!** Recycleables should be left out in recycle bins on regular garbage days. **Yard waste** pick-up is every Wednesday until 11/27. (No more than 6 bags; twigs/branches must be tied in manageable bundles.) No hazardous waste or construction materials are permitted. PLEASE NOTE: Garbage collection may begin as early as 6:30 a.m. and end as late as 4:00 p.m. on collection days. **Please be patient. All garbage complaints**, please call **516-338-0121**. **Large bulk items** must be called in to Meadow Carting - **516-338-0121** to arrange a date and time **BEFORE** placing large items at the curb!

**RESIDENTS PLEASE NOTE:**

**Village Offices Closed on:**

**November 28 & 29 - Thanksgiving**

**December 24 (closing at noon) & 25 - Christmas**

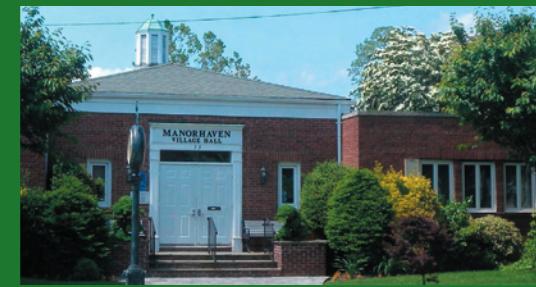
**December 31 (closing at noon) & January 1 - New Year**

**January 20 - Martin Luther King's Day**

**February 17 - President's Day**

**Winter Parking Rules are in effect from December 1 through March 30.**

**Please check street signs every day and evening.**



## VILLAGE OF MANORHAVEN NEWSLETTER

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Mark Lazarovic  
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**Village Clerk-Treasurer**  
Liz Gaynor

**Deputy Village Clerk-Treasurer**  
Sharon Natalie

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



### A Message from Mayor Giunta

Dear Residents:

It has been a heartwarming few months as our Village joined together for the completion of important projects and wonderful events. Beginning with our memorable 9-11 Ceremony in which we were awarded a piece of 9-11 history, to the opening of our long-awaited Dog Park, and of course, our fun filled Manorhaven Family Street Festival. Along with these wonderful community events and projects, the business of taking care of our Village continued – the much needed upgrading of our pump station with a new macerator grinder, the installation of safety doors at Village Hall, the placement of additional solar stop signs where needed for our resident's safety, and the replacement of handicap ramps. Repairs to the Village drainage system continue: we recently replaced the collapsed drain pipe from Sagamore Hill Drive to Tom's Point; replaced the iron catch basin grate on Sintsink Drive East; and also vacuumed and cleaned 4 feet of debris and sludge that was lodged between Linwood North and Kirkwood Roads. These long neglected repairs should alleviate future flooding in these areas. Several grants have also been applied for by our Deputy Clerk-Treasurer, Sharon Natalie and Environmental Commissioner, Bob Brinkman to help subsidize the Morgan's Dock Project. Environmentally, thanks to the efforts of concerned residents and environmental experts, two osprey platforms have also gone up in Manorhaven to encourage nesting.

Our State case with AG Towers is still pending and once a decision is reached, we will inform you. Also, importantly, we have had numerous residents call us and speak out at Village Hall meetings requesting us to consider some form of Senior Housing be built in our Village. In response to our senior resident concerns, we will be undertaking a study to determine the feasibility of this addition to our Village for our seniors.

We would like to welcome to our staff, new Village Attorney, James E. Toner. Toner's impressive background and bio can be found in our newsletter. We look forward to his council, dedication and hard work for our Village. I would like to thank all of our residents for their continued support and community spirit demonstrated throughout all of the events, projects, meetings, and committees that they are a part of. Your support and involvement is an intrinsic part of Manorhaven moving forward!

Wishing you all blessed holidays.

Sincerely, *Mayor Giovanna Giunta*

**REMINDER:** Alternate street parking will change again during the early hours of **Sunday, December 1st**. Please be attentive to street parking signs and be kind to your neighbors by pulling up to the end so there is enough parking room for everyone.

## AROUND THE VILLAGE

### MEET THE STAFF - JAMES E. TONER, VILLAGE ATTORNEY



We are pleased to have Jim join our staff as Village Attorney. Jim was born, raised and educated on Long Island. He attended Chaminade High School and graduated from the Hofstra University School of Law. For almost twenty years, his firm in Mineola has concentrated on complex litigation issues. He has tried, defended and litigated well over a thousand cases. He is admitted to the New York State Bar and the Northern and Southern Districts of New York. He is also a member of the Nassau County Bar Association and the Nassau County Criminal Court's Bar Association. Mr. Toner sits on the Board of Zoning Appeals for the Incorporated Village of Sea Cliff, where he resides with his wife and three children.

### MANORHAVEN'S VILLAGE CLERK EARNS CERTIFICATION



The professional competency of Liz Gaynor, our Village Clerk-Treasurer, is demonstrated daily as she goes above and beyond for our residents, staff, visitors and all who rely on her expertise, knowledge and concern. Recently, Liz was awarded her New York State Association of City and Village Clerks (NYSACVC) certification as a registered Municipal Clerk. Liz received her plaque and pin at the New York Conference of Mayors (NYCOM) this fall. This certification demonstrates proficiency in meeting the highest standards established by NYSACVC. Not only did Liz achieve this accomplishment, but she received a *full scholarship* to attend Cornell's Municipal Clerks Institute as she works towards earning her Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC) designation. We strongly support and acknowledge the importance of on-going employee training. Prior to Manorhaven, Liz was the Village Clerk-Treasurer for one year at the Village of Roslyn Estates and was their Deputy Clerk-Treasurer for twelve years, while serving simultaneously as their Justice Court Clerk for five years. We are extremely fortunate to have her as our Village Clerk-Treasurer, where her incredible hard work, dedication, efficiency and kindness is an intrinsic part of the successful and smooth running of our Village.

### NEW MUFFIN MONSTER ARRIVES

What is a Muffin Monster, also known as a macerator grinder? It turns out that it's a very important piece of equipment that is part Manorhaven's sewer system. The Muffin Monster is a 1200 lb. machine used at our pump station to grind up large pieces of waste and debris to reduce it in size so it can be transported through our pump system. Sand and debris from Superstorm Sandy took its toll on Manorhaven's macerator grinder causing it to stop working properly, bringing about the need to replace it. Lifting a 1200 lb. piece of old machinery up several flights of stairs and lowering another in its place was a daunting and difficult task. Recently, our DPW crew along with Bruno D'Aversa and Port Plumbing & Heating's crew did just that. While a difficult job, the new Muffin Monster significantly upgrades our pump station. The cost of the macerator grinder and all its labor costs have been submitted to FEMA for reimbursement.

### SENIORS THROW HALLOWEEN BASH

Senior citizens held their costume party at the Knights of Columbus Hall. In attendance was the Lone Ranger, a shaggy dog, a cowgirl, a witch and many more. Helping to judge the original costumes were Deputy Mayor Lucretia Steele, Village Clerk-Treasurer Liz Gaynor and Deputy Village Clerk-Treasurer Sharon Natalie. A spooktacular time was had by all!



### MANORHAVEN ELEMENTARY READS OUT LOUD



The Giving Tree is a children's story by Sol Silverstein. Deputy Mayor Steele recently read to Mr. Leven's second grade class at Manorhaven Elementary School. This story about gratitude sparked all kinds of insightful questions and discussions from the children, who were perceptive, curious and engaged.

## MANORHAVEN STREET FESTIVAL - OCTOBER 5



### FALL + FESTIVAL = FUN

There are few things as heartwarming as neighbors, friends and families coming together as a community to have fun and enjoy the day and each other on a beautiful fall day. On October 5, a portion of Manorhaven Blvd. was closed to traffic for Manorhaven's festivities. The festival was filled with music, vendors, tents, clowns, food carts, entertainment and laughter. Vendors sold exquisite hand-painted glass items, handcrafted silver and stone jewelry, educational baby and children toys, fall decor and much more. Many of our local stores were also in attendance. An entire children's area was set up in the Preserve parking lot with clowns creating balloon art, a face painter and a bouncy castle. The Spectrum School helped children create their own craft projects and student entrepreneurs sold their goods and wares. Food carts sold everything from spanakopita to cotton candy. A special hotdog stand was run by the Boy Scouts. Outside the Preserve, children delighted in the petting zoo. Nonprofit groups and elected officials also had booths at the Festival. It was a great success judging not only by the crowds, but by the smiles and laughter seen and heard throughout the day.

## MANORHAVEN DOG PARK RIBBON CUTTING - SEPTEMBER 28



### BARKING ALLOWED

On September 28th, Manorhaven cut the ribbon that officially opened our long-awaited Dog Park. Opening day was the fulfillment of a promise made by Mayor Giunta and the Board, and was marked by dogs of all sizes and breeds happily bounding into the park to play that morning. Located at the beginning of the path to the newly opened Nature Preserve Trail, Manorhaven's Dog Park is nestled in a quiet, beautiful natural setting. Paw prints lead into two separate areas for small and large dogs. Recycled wood chips from Superstorm Sandy were used in its construction. The attractive stockade and link fencing was generously donated by Frank Ottaviani, long-time resident and one of our commissioners of special events. Frank oversaw most of the dog park's construction, done primarily by our own DPW. Four commemorative memorial park benches were lovingly donated by residents. North Hempstead's Town Clerk, Leslie Gross and Councilwoman Dina DeGiorgio were also present for the grand opening, and a special citation was awarded to Mayor Giunta, the Board and our Village. The Manorhaven Dog Park provides a serene place for our canine friends and their owners to socialize and enjoy. It provides the preservation and addition of a green community based Park for the future of our Village. We welcome all to enjoy. In the future, we would like to add canine play equipment. We would also like to establish a volunteer resident committee to help with the park's upkeep and maintenance. The Village of Manorhaven has undertaken these projects and others in order to create a viable community for future generations to enjoy. A few adult-sized dog park t-shirts are still available for sale. First come, first served!

## MANORHAVEN ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS

### OSPREY PLATFORM BUILT IN MANORHAVEN - BOB BRINKMANN

One of the devastating impacts of Superstorm Sandy was the loss of habitat for raptors on Long Island. Many constructed platforms were destroyed and many old tall trees on which raptors built nests were lost. One Manorhaven resident, Barbara Mallon, decided to do something about it. She contacted Long Island bird expert and activist, Jim Jones, who worked with us on a project to build and install two platforms in the Village of Manorhaven. We installed them with the help of the Environmental Club at Schreiber High School in Port Washington and Manorhaven's Mayor Giunta and Deputy Mayor Steele. The day before the installation, our Highway Department delivered the platforms to the installation site. Barbara raised \$500 from Manorhaven residents to build the platforms and Jim Jones volunteered his experience in building and installing the platforms.



### PROJECT BAYWALK CLEAN-UP

Recently, a group of Hofstra intern students supervised by Environmental Commissioner Bob Brinkmann, did a major fall cleanup of our nature trail. Local Scout Troops also helped to maintain the trail. In late July the Village opened its nature trail in the Preserve, linking Manorhaven Blvd. to Manhasset Isle by way of a beautiful, rustic one mile walkway bordering Manhasset Bay. The trail is home to waterfowl and many species of birds. Our trail was constructed with recycled woodchips from Superstorm Sandy. We are in the process of planning educational signage for the trail and have contacted local schools to begin a project of artwork that will line the walkway. The Village of Manorhaven has been committed to the revitalization and preservation of both green spaces and to the Bay Walk Project.



### RIBBON CUTTING OF NEW RESTAURANT IN PORT WASHINGTON



Manorhaven's Mayor Giunta and the Village of Port Washington North's Mayor Bob Weitzner were invited to attend the Grand Opening of Port Washington's newest restaurant, *Tramonto's Restaurant* on Shore Road. Our best wishes to the new business owners. If you know of a grand opening, please let us know! We love our business owners and all they contribute to our community.

## 9-11 CEREMONY AT VILLAGE HALL



## A PIECE OF 9-11 HISTORY

9-11 marks a time of tears and pride. Last 9-11 we built and dedicated our 9-11 Walkway at Village Hall. This year Manorhaven's 9-11 Ceremony was especially memorable as we were honored to receive an artifact from the World Trade Center - a 100 lb. steel beam. This beam was awarded to us through a special New York & New Jersey Transit Authority program that we applied for. This special artifact has been placed in a lighted archival cabinet at Village Hall. It was built and generously donated by Steven Blasucci, owner of Port Plumbing & Heating. Alongside the beam is an American flag. The displayed police hat still covered in ash from the Trade Center was worn by and donated by Ron Kaslow, our Building Department Consultant, a first responder at the time. On top of the cabinet is a fireman's helmet, worn by Corey Ryan, also a first responder and member of our DPW. Inside the cabinet is a framed photo of images taken at the site. On the walls of Village Hall are *Citations* issued to our Village by County Executive Edward Mangano and County Comptroller, George Maragos. The stirring ceremony was attended by County Executive Edward Mangano, Fire Chief Raymond Ryan, Senator Jack Martins, Town Clerk Leslie Gross, Council woman Dina DeGiorgio, former Supervisor Jon Kaiman, County Legislator Judi Bosworth, County Legislator Wayne Wink, County Clerk Maureen O'Connell, Assemblywoman Michelle Schimel and County Legislator Delia Deriggi-Whitton. We were honored to have a number of Port Washington Firefighters, Police Officers, Nassau County Mounted Police and EMTs. Veterans from Manorhaven VFW Post 1819 provided a gun salute. Patriotic songs were sung by Patrick Abramski and Sharon Natalie. We were especially honored by the many Manorhaven residents in attendance. We look forward to residents visiting Village Hall to view this special piece of 9-11 history.

## HONORING OUR RESIDENTS - STEVEN BLASUCCI - GIVING BACK TO MANORHAVEN



Steven Blasucci, owner operator of Port Plumbing & Heating, has been a trusted Manorhaven business leader of our Village since 1980. He began training as a plumber with N & J Plumbing while still a young boy. Steven recently bought N & J Plumbing where he first got his start. Steven and his family have been residents of Manorhaven for over 55 years. Since 1958, he has been an eye-witness to all the varied changes Manorhaven has undergone. *"I remember when it was dirt roads and bungalows."* His commitment to our community runs deep. Manorhaven residents are not just his customers, but his friends, neighbors and family. Manorhaven is not just his business location; it is his home. It was not only the years spent here, but Steven's genuine ongoing caring and concern for Manorhaven that motivated him to build and generously donate the beautiful and permanent archival cabinet to our Village for Village Hall. The cabinet houses the special World Trade Center steel beam given to our Village by The Port Authority. Steven further explained, *"I wanted to give back to Manorhaven, and since the new mayor, Giovanna Giunta and this administration took office a little over a year ago, I finally see big improvements in Manorhaven. Seeing is believing - her great handling of Superstorm Sandy - she was out there working every day, no other mayor was ever in the trenches - the pump station upgrades, the dog park, stop signs, the list goes on and on. All these things that were neglected for so many years are getting done. It's good to know Manorhaven is finally moving forward, and I wanted to build the cabinet because I'm proud of Manorhaven's future."* We honor and thank Steven Blasucci for his years of service, dedication and caring.

## THANK YOU TO OUR VETERANS AND TO THOSE WHO SERVE OUR COUNTRY!



# **Mayor Giunta & the Board of Trustees invite you to The Manorhaven Village Holiday Party**

**Saturday, December 14th - 4 to 5:30 p.m. - Village Hall - 33 Manorhaven Blvd.**

*Hot Chocolate*

*Carols*

*Refreshments*

*Tree Lighting*

*A Holiday Visit  
with Santa*



## **La Alcaldesa y la Junta Sindical le invitan a la Fiesta Navideña de la Villa de Manorhaven**

**Sabado 14 de Diciembre de 4 a 5:30 PM - Village Hall, 33 Manorhaven Blvd.**

*Chocolate caliente*

*Villancicos*

*Refrigerios*

*Alumbrado del  
Arbol de Navidad*

*Una visita de santa*

