Dear Friends and Neighbors,

We’ve accomplished a great deal over these past few months. I’m proud to be part of such a hard-working and dedicated team. Here are just a few of our recent accomplishments:

• Our new sewer maintenance company has kept the Village sewer system flowing and clear of backups;
• We’ve reduced alternate side of the street parking by a full month during the winter to ease parking restrictions;
• Phase II of the Morgan’s Dock restoration has been completed;
• The Village’s temporary permit fee waiver helped residents reduce costs of repairing their curbs, sidewalks and aprons;
• The Village and property owners have been working together on code compliance by increasing inspections of rental properties. The Village has also been investigating complaints of illegal residences;
• The Village continues to strictly enforce garbage regulations to keep Manorhaven cleaner;
• Village Hall had a new generator installed and abandoned an unused onsite oil tank;
• A new sprinkler system was installed at the entrance of Manhasset Isle;
• The new online GOV.PILOT program at www.manorhaven.org is up and running for submissions of concerns, complaints and document requests;
• Our new snow removal plan has been going very well. Congratulations to our DPW and the snow team for their hard work.

We look forward to more positive changes in the coming year. On behalf of the Board of Trustees and Staff of the Village of Manorhaven, I’d like to extend our best wishes to you and yours for a happy and healthy 2017!

Sincerely,

Mayor Jim Avena
Waterfront Moratorium Extended

On January 26, 2017, the Board of Trustees accepted a local law to extend the June 22, 2016 Moratorium preventing construction on waterfront property for another six months. On December 15, 2016, a public hearing was held to discuss the matter. During that meeting, the Board agreed to consult the Nassau County Planning Commission before casting a vote. On January 5, 2017, the Nassau County Planning Commission heard the matter at its regular meeting and recommended that Manorhaven take action as it deems appropriate.

The Waterfront Advisory Committee has met several times since the new administration began. Mayor Avena recently appointed Donald Badaczewski as Chairman. Donald also serves as the Village Justice Court Clerk. The Mayor and Board are confident that under Donald’s leadership, the Committee will move forward in an organized and expeditious manner.

Mayor Avena has directed the Waterfront Advisory Committee to provide the Board with broad recommendations on how the Village can best plan for future development of waterfront properties. The Board plans to obtain thorough information and conduct public hearings before making any decisions on behalf of the Village, its residents and property owners.

Manorhaven Boulevard Project Update

The first phase of the Manorhaven Boulevard Revitalization project is underway. Nassau County is preparing an Inter-Municipal Agreement (IMA) between Nassau County and Manorhaven to determine the scope of the $3,000,000 project. Once signed, we will coordinate with the office of County Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton and the County’s Department of Public Works (DPW) to select an engineering firm to draft initial plans.

These plans will be based on existing vehicle and pedestrian traffic, required signage, crosswalks, bus routes and planned uses that we envision for our main street. After preliminary planning, we will have a public meeting with our residents to gather ideas and suggestions.

Thank you for your encouraging and enthusiastic support as we move forward on this exciting project. Any questions or suggestions can be written and sent to the Village Hall to the attention of Deputy Mayor Priscilla. The Committee members are: Deputy Mayor and Committee Chairperson Priscilla von Roeschlaub, Liaison for Legislator DeRiggi-Whitton’s office Debbie Greco Cohen, Dan Renna, Roy Smitheimer and Pat Valente.

From left: Nassau County Traffic Engineer Aryeh Lemberger, County Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton, Town Supervisor Judi Bosworth, Mayor Jim Avena and Deputy Mayor Priscilla von Roeschlaub discuss the Manorhaven Boulevard project.
Deputy Village Clerk Joanna Gonedes was born in Bogotá, Colombia and moved to Graywood Road in Manorhaven when she was 10 years of age. Her career with Avis Rent-A-Car brought her to Miami where she managed Latin American Sales. After returning to New York, she worked for a global insurance company and earned Bachelor’s degrees both in Psychology and Political Science from CUNY Queens College, which is where she also met her husband, James. After their marriage, they moved to Tampa, where both of their children, Matteo and Valentina were born. After Joanna earned her Master’s Degree in Business Administration in May 2016, she and her family moved back to Manorhaven. Soon after returning to Port Washington, Joanna was hired as the Village Deputy Clerk. She is bilingual and has become our liaison with the Hispanic community.

Justice Court Clerk Donald Badaczewski grew up outside Detroit, Michigan. He earned a Bachelor’s degree from the University of Virginia in 2004 and a J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School in 2007. Don moved to New York City after graduating law school and worked for large Manhattan law firms until 2014, including a year in his firm’s Seoul, South Korea office from 2013 to 2014. Don has lived in Port Washington since 2015. In addition to serving as Clerk to the Village Justice and running his part-time legal practice, Don serves as Chair of the Manorhaven Waterfront Committee.

Highway Department Crew Chief Michael Calvanese, a lifetime resident of Manorhaven grew up in and attended local Port Washington Schools. He studied Business Management at St. John’s University and C.W. Post. Mike owned his own carpet cleaning company, has experience in the print press industry and sales, and worked for a contracting firm. Mike has an eye for detail and is already well known for his outstanding organizational skills in running the DPW. He feels fulfilled and very proud to be working for and improving his own hometown. All who know Mike know of his love for motorcycles and classic cars. His parents still reside in Manorhaven.
GovPilot Offers Easy Access to Village

In the few short months that the GovPilot software has been up and running on the website, manorhaven.org, the Village has enjoyed a more streamlined and efficient process for FOIL requests, code enforcement and building information. We highly encourage all residents to visit the website to utilize the available options.

On the homepage, scroll down to the GovPilot icons and click on the tabs to:

- Request a FOIL/FOIA for Village information;
- Report a concern about a home, individual, business or contractor if you wish to file a complaint or comment about something “going on” in the Village (submissions can be anonymous); or
- View property information.

GovPilot makes it easy for residents to provide the Village with the information we need to respond to concerns. We greatly appreciate your assistance by reporting concerns that help us continue to improve the quality of life in Manorhaven.

EXPANDED MAINTENANCE PROGRAM FOR SEWER CLEANING

As part of the Village’s effort to “cease the grease” and reduce sewer backups, we devised a new sewer maintenance program that began in December.

Orchid Sewer Contracting Corporation was recently hired to perform the annual jetting of the entire sewer system, as well as jetting of our problem areas an additional five times per year. They are on call for emergencies during the day, in the evening and on weekends. As part of the plan to cut down on backups, the DPW treats several manhole locations with an environmentally safe liquid that helps break down stubborn grease in the lines. The DPW monitors the Pump Station and records flow levels each and every morning to catch problems early.

With the Pump Station being such an integral part of our Village, maintenance and repairs to the Pump Station are critical and are taken very seriously.

This year, the Village has already begun to rebuild pump #3, which has to be done every five to six years.

Maintaining the Pump Station may be costly, but it is the heartbeat of our Village. This is why it is important for every resident to do their part by not pouring grease, fats, feminine products, baby wipes or cat litter down sinks and drains.

Together, we can keep things flowing smoothly.
Village garbage regulations have been in effect for years, but in an effort to keep Manorhaven neighborhoods cleaner, rules are being strictly enforced by our Code Enforcement officers. To avoid a fine, please follow all garbage regulations posted on the accompanying insert, the tips below, and those listed on the Village website.

- All trash must be in a bag within a receptacle (no loose kitchen garbage bags);
- Containers should have tightly fitted lids;
- Containers should be placed at the curb, not in the street;
- Trash cannot be placed on curbs before 5:00 p.m. the day before a pickup;
- Bulk pickup must be called in and assigned a pick-up time by Meadow Carting (516-338-0121) before placing it at the curb.

For your convenience, refer to the enclosed Garbage Information Sheet throughout the year. The Village will continue to issue violations and court appearance tickets for garbage violations.

**Our Own Village Hero**

Code Enforcement Official Lori Vlahos works part time on weekends and early mornings when our full time code enforcers are off.

During her regular patrol on January 21, Ms. Vlahos found an elderly woman lying on the ground in her pajamas. She was wet, disoriented and shaking from spending hours outside in the cold. Lori wrapped the woman in a blanket she had in her car. It took 20 minutes for the woman to confirm her name and address. An ambulance took her to the hospital, where her family later confirmed she was recovering well. Lori also learned that the woman has Alzheimer’s. Her monitor showed she was outdoors for about six hours. Thankfully, it was a relatively mild night.

If you see Lori Vlahos, please thank her for ensuring the safety of this elderly resident and possibly saving her life.
The first two snowstorms of the winter season proved that our new snow removal plan is working well. With maintenance of each truck prior to the winter season, reorganization of the plowing assignments before winter began, and the purchase of a new plow, performance was greatly improved!

Landscaping by Cow Bay Contracting is assisting the Village throughout the winter season by plowing Ashwood through Juniper Roads. The Village Staff and/or Trustees are picking up voice messages and fielding calls during off hours from residents needing updates and information. A few residents called in to request more salt distribution on their streets during the last snowfall, but overall, most residents seem pleased with our plowing team’s efforts as they strive to plow curb to curb this season. By working together, we will keep the roads safer. Please don’t hesitate to contact the Village to report concerns. Note that alternate side winter parking remains in effective through March 15. Please check street signs carefully before you park your vehicle for the evening. To avoid tickets, please know that:

- Illegally parked cars will be ticketed, and illegally parked cars during snow emergencies may be ticketed at a higher rate and could be towed;
- Parking on sidewalks or parking in front of any driveway is illegal, including your own driveway;
- Sidewalks must be cleared of snow within 24 hours after snowfall;
- Plowing and/or shoveling snow into the street is illegal and may result in a court appearance ticket and/or fine.

Greatly Improved Snow Removal

A Code of Ethics ensures that the staff and elected officials of a municipality act solely in the best interest of the Village and its residents. One key purpose of the Code is to prohibit financial gain or other benefits from being secured based on certain positions in the Village government.

While a Code of Ethics existed in the Village of Manorhaven for decades, it was basic. The new Code, which was unanimously adopted by the Village Board of Trustees in November, is far more comprehensive and up-to-date, even as compared to those that most other villages have adopted.

The complete Village Code, including Ethics (Chapter 7), is available on manorhaven.org.
With the purchase of a new generator, Village Hall will be able to continue to operate during an emergency or simple power outage. Having power and heat in Village Hall is a necessity for our day to day operation of course, but also serves the dual purpose of creating a center where residents can stop by, warm up, charge their phones and get hot drinks in the event of an extreme storm emergency, such as Super Storm Sandy.

**Office Renovation**

As many of you have heard, Village Hall has been undergoing a facelift in its Administrative Office and Building Department. First and foremost, we’d like to say “Thank You” to our residents for their patience and understanding while the entire staff was relocated to the courtroom for the past month.

Many may wonder, “Who is paying for all of this?” Well, we are proud to report that the Village was awarded a $50,000 grant by the New York State Community Capital Assistance Program back in 2009. Unfortunately, that grant was taken away from the Village and became dormant. In 2012, Village Clerk Sharon Natalie Abramski (Deputy Clerk at the time) reached out to the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY) and asked how the Village could get the grant reinstated. They asked that she write a new grant proposal, requesting DASNY to consider redirecting the funds for a new Village Hall improvement project. The paperwork went back to Albany and after two long years of letters and phone calls, the $50,000 grant was finally reinstated to the Village for the renovation that was completed this month.

**Mayor Avena and staff welcome visitors to the newly renovated offices.**
Holiday Event at Village Hall

The Village Hall tree and menorah lighting ceremony this past December was a perfect end to 2016. Village, Town, County officials and religious leaders in the Community joined residents for light refreshments, songs and a visit with Santa.

Upcoming Village Event

HAVE A HEART VALENTINE’S FOOD DRIVE

Please stop by Village Hall February 14 through 24 to donate unexpired canned goods, boxed and bagged foods, or grocery gift cards to benefit Our Lady of Fatima’s Food Pantry. Have a Heart – Help those in need!