Fulfilling Promises

Dear Neighbors,

We’ve accomplished a lot over the summer. Focus on teamwork and mutual respect enables initiatives to keep moving forward. Thanks to Deputy Mayor Priscilla von Roeschlaub, Trustees Rita DiLucia, Ken Kraft and John Popeleski, Clerk Sharon Abramski and DPW Crew Chief Mike Calvanese for their exceptional efforts and working as a unified team.

Some key goals accomplished are:

- Hired a full time Building Superintendent/Chief of Code Enforcement;
- Hired a part time code officer to ensure codes are followed on weekends;
- Initiated comprehensive snow removal plan;
- Started planning with County for $3 million improvements on Manorhaven Boulevard;
- Established a Waterfront Advisory Committee;
- Filled reported potholes, removed loose tree branches and completed cleanups at dead ends;
- Updated emergency procedures, available on manorhaven.org.

I am proud to serve as your mayor and will continue to work very hard to help improve the quality of life in our beautiful village.

Thank you,

Mayor Jim Avena

P.S. Whenever my silver Honda is parked in the “Reserved for Mayor” space near the entrance to the Village Hall parking lot, feel free to stop in to discuss any comments or concerns you may have. You can also call or email me at 516-883-7000 or mayoravena@manorhaven.org.
Manorhaven Boulevard’s $3 Million Facelift

Two million dollars in County funding secured by Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton will pay for improvements like bus shelters, new sidewalks and curbs, attractive lighting, benches, plantings and more. The other $1 million is to pave the Boulevard.

Deputy Mayor Priscilla von Roeschlaub and Delia recently had an initial planning discussion. More meetings and public forums where residents and businesses will have an opportunity to share their ideas will be scheduled over the coming months.

Stay tuned for updates on this incredible makeover!

A Comprehensive Snow Removal Plan

Whether it snows an inch or two feet, the Village will be prepared with a snow removal plan that addresses every storm scenario. Aside from ensuring our vehicles are working properly before storms, we’re securing bids from outside contractors to help our staff during heavy snowstorms.

As the winter will soon be upon us, we are expediting this plan and will share the details with you shortly. Please provide us with your contact information so that we can keep you updated on our progress during storms. (See back page for details.)

Ensuring Our Waterfront is Protected

A Waterfront Advisory Committee consisting of residents, marine-related and other professionals was created and has met several times to discuss initial thoughts about the Village waterfront and future development issues.

The Committee devoted a meeting solely for public comment and encourages continued input from residents. Please submit comments to Donald Badaczewski via email donald@manorhaven.org or in writing at the Incorporated Village of Manorhaven, 33 Manorhaven Blvd, Port Washington.

We will continue to review existing data, work with various government and other agencies and engage public comment. This will result in a comprehensive plan that will be beneficial to the entire community.
Meet People Who Keep Our Village Running Smoothly

**Trustee Ken Kraft** grew up in Manorhaven, returning last year with his family. He has been a volunteer for the Fire Department and is a U.S. Coast Guard certified Captain. Ken’s 37-year career with the Nassau County Police included being a Sergeant in the Bureau of Special Operations. He served in Vietnam with the U.S. Army and has volunteered through his American Legion Post 336 in Glen Head for the past 20 years. He has a B.S. degree in Marketing. Ken is very passionate about improving the quality of life for our residents.

**Trustee John Popeleski** has lived in Manorhaven for 17 years with his partner, their bird and two dogs. Before retiring last year, John spent 30 years as a water plant operator for the Port Washington Water District and maintained sewer mains and home lines for the Village of Mineola. John is excited to be working towards greater safety to protect the residents of Manorhaven.

**Village Clerk-Treasurer Sharon Abramski** has lived in Manorhaven for the past seven years with her husband, Patrick. She has two grown children, one of whom recently made Sharon a first-time grandmother! She was the Deputy Village Clerk-Treasurer for four years before Mayor Avena promoted her to Village Clerk-Treasurer in July. Sharon recently earned her Municipal Clerk designation and is currently working towards her Master Clerk designation. She has over 15 years of office management experience, and was a litigation paralegal for a Manhattan law firm for five years. Sharon holds Bachelor degrees in Digital Communications, Music Performance, and additionally a Graduate diploma in Music from the Vienna Conservatory in Austria.

**Building Superintendent/Chief of Code Enforcement Bill Rogel** recently joined the Village staff. He lives in Suffolk County with his wife and twin 13-year-old girls. Bill is a NYS Certified Code Enforcement Official with nearly 10 years of code compliance experience. Bill was also a remodeling contractor for 25 years. His building/construction experience will be invaluable for our village residents. Bill earned his B.S. in Economics. Please welcome him if you stop by Village Hall or see him driving around in his code truck.
9/11 Memorial Ceremony

The Village conducted a beautiful ceremony to commemorate the 15th anniversary of the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001.

Village, Town and County officials were there with veterans, fire and police officers, residents and staff to participate in this moving event.

The Village Board and staff thanks everyone who made this event so special.

Residents Help Clean Up Preserve

Resident Pat Valente initiated a recent cleanup of the Village Preserve and Nature Trail as part of the State’s participation in the Annual Inter-Coastal Clean-Up.

Several residents and Deputy Mayor Priscilla von Roeschlaub were on hand on to assist her by collecting over 500 pieces of trash, including plastic debris, bottles and cans and old clothing.

Thank you to all who worked that day to help make Manorhaven a better place to live!

Over a dozen uniformed Port Washington Fire Department volunteers attended the ceremony. They also led the veterans’ salute protocol, which included members of the American Legion, U.S. Marines and Veterans of Foreign War.

Mayor Avena’s 8-year-old granddaughter, Ella Rowe, sang “The Star-Spangled Banner” a cappella.

Kyle DiLeo and his grandfather and Fire department volunteer, Joe Fico. Kyle earned an Eagle Scout merit badge by building a stone monument in the Village’s 9/11 Memorial. The Memorial’s plaque honors Port Washington residents who lost their lives that fateful day.

(Left to right) Victoria von Roeschlaub, Barbara Ruemenapp, Deputy Mayor Priscilla von Roeschlaub, Caroline Du Bois, Pat Valente, Marie Suchen and Nick Valente helped with the cleanup.
Recently Updated Garbage Resolution – The DOs and DON’Ts

As a resident of Manorhaven, it is important to understand the “DOs” and “DON’Ts” when disposing of household trash and bulk items. Violations will result in a fine.

**DO:** Use up to three (3) trash receptacles with tight fitting lids per household.

**DO:** Place recyclables in a separate blue recycle or similar bin on the same day as your regular pickups.

**DO:** Tie twigs and branches in small bundles; bag grass and leaves. Garden debris pickups are every Wednesday from early spring to late fall.

**DO:** Take trash receptacles back to their designated area in your yard once a pickup has been completed.

**DON’T:** Leave loose kitchen bags on the ground outside of a receptacle.

**DON’T:** Leave large pieces of furniture at the curb unless you have called the garbage company to schedule a pickup time. Meadow Carting: 516-337-0121. If you are moving out of an apartment, let your landlord know that you need help coordinating multiple bulk pickups before your departure.

**DON’T:** Leave garbage at the curb before 5 p.m. the night before the scheduled pickup.

**DON’T:** Leave electronic items, such as TVs or refrigerators, or renovation trash such as old toilet bowls, sinks, wood, concrete or wallboard. The garbage company will not pick these items up. These must be dropped off at the dump.

**DON’T:** Leave tires or car parts, full cans of paint or chemicals at the curb. These must also go to a special waste facility.

**DON’T:** Leave dog waste on the street or on other people’s property. It’s just not nice.

As per this new resolution, the Village Code Enforcement Department shall issue fines and penalties as follows: $25 for a first offense, $50 for a second offense and $75 for a third offense committed within a period of one year. Any subsequent offense shall be guilty of a violation punishable by a fine of not less than $250. Each week’s continued violation shall constitute a separate additional violation.

Cease the Grease

Please do not throw cooking grease or fats down the toilet or drains. It solidifies in the sewers, slowing or preventing waste from flowing through the system. Instead, pour cooled cooking oil and grease into a disposable container, then seal and discard with your regular garbage.

Examples of some other offenders are feminine products, heavy baby wipes and cat litter.

Help us keep our sewer systems flowing and backup free!

Visit manorhaven.org for details.
**Tax Increase Only Averages $30 per Household**

During Mayor Giunta’s administration, the Village Board approved a small village tax increase that resulted in an average additional annual cost of about $30 per household. Although a nominal increase, it will keep the budget balanced without cutting services.

**Like Us on facebook**

We just launched a Facebook page. It’s called the Village of Manorhaven, of course! Please “Like” the page and suggest your friends and neighbors do as well.

We’ll be posting regularly about all kinds of news, happenings, meetings, weather updates and other information about our village. We hope you’ll “Like” staying on top of your community!

**Manorhaven.org**

**A Wealth of Village Info!**

Did you know that you can access every Village code on our website? And pay your village property taxes online? And learn most everything else about our village, including parking rules and updates, meeting dates and upcoming events?

Aside from general information, alerts and emergency notifications will also be posted on our website’s homepage or search Village of Manorhaven.

**Meeting Notices**

Board of Trustee meetings usually begin at 7:00 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of the month. If a Public Hearing is called, it starts at 7:00 p.m., immediately followed by the Board of Trustee meeting.

Work sessions are scheduled for the second Thursday of each month beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Visit Manorhaven.org for all schedule meetings and other information.

**Pointless Parking Signs Removed**

For the past several years, “No Parking Any Time” signs lined both sides of Sagamore Hill Road, creating an inconvenience for nearby businesses, residents and organizations. Since a resolution was never passed to install the signs and there was no need for parking restrictions on this street, all of the signs were removed.

**Trimming Tree Permit Turnaround**

To expedite requests for residents seeking tree removal permits the Village enacted a new law creating “Tree Wardens.” Deputy Mayor Priscilla von Roeschlaub and Trustee Rita DiLucia will review requests and approve or deny them quickly, rather than waiting for monthly meetings.

Property owners can aggrieve Wardens’ decisions before the full Board, if desired.

**A Note from the Village’s Building and Code Enforcement Department**

Many homes in Manorhaven are missing house numbers. Even if you are a renter, please be sure that your residence shows some type of house number. This will, not only ensure that emergency responders, delivery services, visitors and the Village know the location of your home, but it is also a Village Code.
Help Us Keep Manorhaven Safe and Beautiful!

- Be a community watchdog! If you see something unusual, please say something. Call the Nassau County Police at 573-6300 to report a crime or suspicious behavior.

- If you feel a home has more residents than Village Code allows, please file an anonymous report either by stopping by Village Hall or by clicking the “File a Concern” button on our website (manorhaven.org).

- Contact Village Hall to report potholes, tree branches, unswept streets and/or any other issues or repot it online at “File a Concern.”

- Please report concerns with us on property maintenance issues, parking problems, building questions, overcrowding and more with the click of a mouse. If you prefer to fill out a paper form, download a form online or stop by Village Hall.

Our website offers comprehensive information about our village. For example, the entire Village Code can be accessed from your computer at home. Reviewing these codes provides everything you need to know about proper code procedure or lack thereof, whether by your neighbors or even yourself. Also, every type of form, whether for permits, licenses or otherwise can be printed. Check out manorhaven.org for details.

Let’s work together to make a difference!

WANTED: Community Volunteers

Help us to help our village become even more special. Committee meetings only take place about once a month so it’s not a huge time commitment.

Here are the committees we’ve established:
- Business Roundtable – Priscilla von Roeschlaub
- Code Revision/Enforcement – Rita DiLucia
- Finance – Jim Avena
- Manorhaven Blvd Improvements – Priscilla von Roeschlaub
- Parking – Ken Kraft
- Police – Ken Kraft
- Quality of Life – Priscilla von Roeschlaub
- Safety & Emergency Management – John Popeleski
- Snow Removal and Notification – John Popeleski
- Trees – Rita DiLucia & Priscilla von Roeschlaub

Please contact Priscilla if you’d like to learn about our committees, either via email at trusteepriscilla@manorhaven.org or by calling Village Hall at 516-883-7000.
Sign Up for Emergency Contacts and News

Being able to immediately communicate with our residents during snow emergencies, natural disasters and other news is very important. By providing your contact information, we’ll be able to notify you about emergencies and updates right away. Your information will not be shared with any outside parties.

Please call Village Hall weekdays at 883-7000, x11 or email deputyclerkjoanna@manorhaven.org with the following:
- First and last name of household members
- Street and apartment number
- Phone numbers
- Email address

Upcoming Village Events

- October 27, 1:30 p.m. – Village Clerk Sharon will read *Widget* by Lyn & Jim McFarland to 1st graders at Manorhaven School for their annual “Community Read-Aloud” event.
- October 27, 7:00 p.m. – Village Board of Trustee Public Hearing followed by the regular monthly meeting
- December 7, 5:30 p.m. – Village Tree and Menorah Lighting