



Deputy Mayor Laurence LaPointe

PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATE

The warm weather months are almost upon us bringing a significant increase in outdoor activities both by our residents and by tens of thousands of additional visitors seeking to enjoy our beautiful Village. Keeping both residents and visitors safe is a very high priority for our Mayor and Board of Trustees. Earlier this Spring Mayor Garant and I met with Legislator Kara Hahn and Police Commissioner Sini and conducted a comprehensive review of public safety issues in the Village. Then on April 28 we met with Inspector Murphy, our local police precinct commander and his senior staff to plan for the upcoming season. As a result I am pleased to announce that beginning on Thursday, May 19, there will be two additional SCPD officers assigned to the Village of Port Jefferson. They will be working Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights from 10 pm to 4 am. Then on June 30 the number of officers working this special detail will increase from two to four for the remainder of the summer.

Our Code Enforcement Officers have started foot patrols in Upper Port on Main Street and the surrounding area on both the day and night shifts. The purpose of these patrols is to provide a presence which will deter and disrupt drug deals and other criminal activity in this area. The recently completed blight study commissioned by the Village makes it clear that there are far too many incidents of reported criminal activity in this area. These increased patrols are only our first step in reviving Upper Port. Stay Tuned

As a reminder, if you witness a crime in progress your first call should always be to 911. As good as they are, our Code Enforcement Officers are not police. They can and do help SCPD in many ways, but your first call should always be 911.



We were pleased to join TRITEC on May 17th to demolish the blighted, old Motel at West Broadway across from the Harbor. TRITEC will have a ground breaking ceremony and celebration in mid-June when construction on the project will commence.

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Family Fun in Port Jefferson

Eastern Long Island Mini Maker Faire
Saturday, June 4, 2016, 10 am - 5 pm
Maritime Explorium, Village Center, Harborfront Park
50+ Makers, Performers & Artists
Innovation & Invention for All Ages!

PORT JEFFERSON BOATER'S MARITIME FESTIVAL
June 11 & 12, 2016
11 am - 6 pm
Boat Show • Crossfit Throwdown • Water Demos
Refreshments at the Harbor Bistro • Art/Exhibits • Live Entertainment • Pirate Shows/Treasure Hunts

GREEN FEST 2016
Saturday, June 18, 2016, 1 - 6 pm
THE VILLAGE CENTER AND HARBORFRONT PARK
Green Market Place • Eco-Friendly Cars • Demos
Musical Entertainment • Crafts
www.PortJeffGreenFest.com

PAVING PROJECT

The Village has recently finished paving in the "Poets Sections" on the west end including a section of Old Post Rd West, Emerson, Longfellow, Hawthorne, Owasco and Michigan. The funds to pave come from the annual paving budget plus reserves pulled together from other unused lines in the Department of Public Works budget. We do this to ensure that the DPW money goes back into the streets and public infrastructure instead of into the fund balance where funds can be used for other purposes. We will continue our paving projects for next year, where we will more than likely move to the east side of the Village where roads need improvement.

LIRR/MTA AND VILLAGE WORK TOGETHER

Mayor Garant, Trustee LaPointe and Dept of Public Works Supervisor Steve Gallagher, and Fred Rosenblomm from the Highlands met with Jennifer Uihlein of the LIRR at the train station to review the railroad maintenance punch list which includes restoration of the train station building, fencing, lighting and plantings which are a few of the items on the list. The Village and the LIRR/MTA continue to work together and will meet on June 2nd with LIRR/MTA representatives to review the Governor's budget and plans for the parking lot restoration and reconfiguration, lighting and security pursuant to the Master Plan. The bulk of this work will take place in 2017 but we continue to work together for improving the situation at our railroad station for our residents and public at large.



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A Message from Mayor Margot Garant



"Volunteer Night" on May 12 Mayor Garant gives thanks to the many whose hard work is deeply appreciated.

I am pleased to announce that we were able to pass a budget with no increase in your taxes! WOOHOO! We have worked hard over the years to increase and create new revenue lines that allow us to absorb the rising costs associated with Health Care, Pension and Union contract pay increases. We also remain committed to paving our roads and upgrading our equipment at the Dept. of Public Works with no increases in tax. Using parking meter funds, we were able to procure a second sweeper for use in our downtown parking lots and streets, freeing up our original sweeper for our neighborhood roads. We have poured a permanent concrete ramp at East Beach for easy access to the sand and welcome a second summer at our newly restored East Beach.

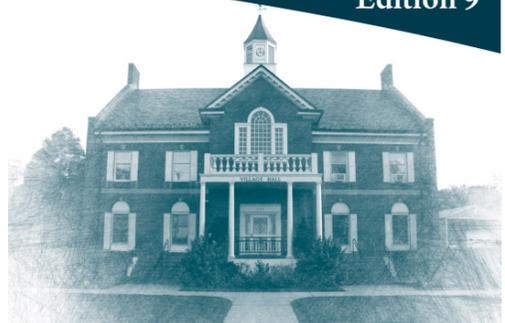
In these pages you will read updates for Upper Port and Rocket Ship Park, review dates for upcoming events and recreational programs, concerts and special events. Summer time is a time for family fun and recreation - and there is certainly something for everyone here in our beautiful village. This year, all fourth of July activities will take place on Monday the 4th, with our parade sponsored by the Fire Department in the morning on Main Street at 10 am - to the fireworks at East and West Beach setting off at dusk. Whether I run into you at the Farmer's Market every Sunday from 9am-2pm or at the children's show at Kip Lee Park ...or on the golf or tennis courts, or simply at Village hall paying your tax bill - I thank you all for supporting us in making Port Jefferson a destination for a day - or in our case - a lifetime!

Mayor Margot J. Garant

GRANT CORNER

by Nicole Christian

- Baker's Alley Project is successfully 90% complete! NYS Grant for \$106,000.
- Port Jeff Jitney grant from Suffolk County for \$12,420 will be used to purchase and install Jitney shelters and markers for use this summer!
- The Treasure Your Park project will submit an application for \$375,000 matching funds from NYS to complete a full upgrade of our park to be ADA inclusive.
- The Village of Port Jefferson and The PJ Conservancy submitted a grant application for \$16,000 to the Gardiner Foundation to support our 2016 Heritage Festival and Drowned Meadow Cottage Museum summer programming.
- Upper Port project will be considered this year for over \$300,000 in SC grant funding to support capital improvements for parking, housing and a commercial district upgrades and reconfiguration.
- Drowned Meadow Cottage Museum funding of \$7500 received from Legislator Hahn and in-use for 2016 programming.
- The PJ Conservancy and Village of Port Jefferson will collaborate on a \$50,000 grant application to Suffolk County to upgrade the Village Center to include ADA accessible entrance and exits and ADA upgrades to all bathrooms.



CALENDAR

EVENTS

OUTDOOR FARMER'S MARKET - May-Oct EVERY SUNDAY 9am-2pm

"ROLLER SKATING ON THE HARBOR" The RINX - Apr - Aug 14

JUNE

June 4 - EASTERN LONG ISLAND MINI MAKER FAIRE, 10am - 5pm

June 11 & 12 - 5TH ANNUAL PJ BOATER'S MARITIME FESTIVAL

June 18 - PJ CHAMBER GREENFEST, 1-5pm

JULY

July 4 - FIRE DEPARTMENT PARADE, 10am

July 9 - GARDENS & LANDSCAPES OF PORT JEFFERSON, 10am-4pm (rain date 10th)

AUGUST

Aug 4 - PJ RESIDENTS GOLF OUTING

Aug 6 - PJ VILLAGE/ROTARY BIATHLON

Aug 13 & 14 - LISEC SIKAFLEX BOAT BUILD

Aug 20 & 21 - 2ND ANNUAL HERITAGE WEEKEND

Aug 28 - ANNUAL MUSTANG SHOW

PORTJEFF.COM GETS A WHOLE NEW LOOK

We are pleased to announce the June launch of the newly redesigned website. www.PortJeff.com