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## August 2025 Newsletter

Dear Residents,

August is a time of warmth, connection, and appreciation for the simple joys of our coastal community. Whether it's sunset walks along the Bay Walk, ice cream with neighbors, or weekend gatherings at the park, these are the moments that remind us how special Port Washington North truly is.

As we soak in these final weeks of summer, many families are also beginning to prepare for the return to school in September. The back-to-school season brings a mix of excitement and adjustment for students, parents, and teachers alike. I want to take a moment to recognize our hardworking families and educators who are already gearing up for a smooth transition into the new academic year.

Our village is proud to support the success of our local schools and the wellbeing of our students. Please keep an eye out for school buses and increased pedestrian traffic as the school year begins—we all play a role in keeping our community safe.

Let's continue to show up for each other in the ways that matter most—whether it's offering a helping hand to a neighbor or simply sharing a kind word. The strength of Port Washington North has always been in its people, and your continued involvement and support are what drive our village forward.

Thank you for your commitment to making Port Washington North a wonderful place to call home. I wish you a joyful, peaceful remainder of the summer—and a smooth, successful start to the school year ahead.

With gratitude,

Mayor Bob Weitzner

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### Updates From the July Board Meeting

- The Board Approved Bill No 1, Local Law No, 1 of 2025 – a local law to amend Chapter 116 – “Noise”, a local law amending § 116-2 ("Definitions"), and §116-3 ("Certain Noises prohibited; standards for determining Violations"), of Chapter 116, "Noise," of the Code of the Village of Port Washington North, to prohibit use of power equipment used or able to be used for construction work in residential districts in the Village on weekends and federal/state holidays except by owners and occupants. This law takes effect January 1, 2026.
- Extended our road repair and snow removal contracts with our existing contractors for one year.
- Villages Taxes were due July 1, 2025 without penalty. If you have not paid your tax bill, kindly contact the Village Office at 516-883-5900 and speak to a Village Staff member.
- Representatives from the U.S. Geological Survey presented an opportunity to collaborate with the Village of Port Washington North and install water gages that will monitor elevation and water quality. The Board tabled approval of this partnership to the August 14, 2025 Board meeting.
- The Board will hold a Public Hearing on August 14, 2025 for public comment on the request to renew the conditional use permit for 85 Channel Drive



*Mayor Bob Weitzner, Councilperson Mariann Dalimonte, Christina LoBuglio- Community Aquaculture Educator with Cornell Cooperative Extension of Nassau County, Amelia Amon from Transition Town, and numerous volunteers.*


Our exciting oyster restoration program at Bay Walk Park is officially underway! The first oyster gardening session took place on July 11th, and it was a great success, with residents of all ages coming together to support the health of our beautiful bay. Thank you to Councilperson Mariann Dalimonte, The Cornell Cooperative Extension, and Transition Town and the numerous volunteers who helped with this project.


It's not too late to join us! We're continuing the program every other Friday through early fall—and you're invited.

As part of this hands-on environmental effort, participants will raise oysters starting as tiny spat-on-shell, watching them grow into fully developed oysters capable of filtering up to 50 gallons of water per day. Through active learning, you'll get to clean, inspect, and measure the oysters while discovering their fascinating life cycle, their vital role in the ecosystem, and the challenges they face.

#### Upcoming Dates:

 July 25th, August 8th, August 22nd, September 5th, September 19th, October 3rd


 Time: 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM

 Location: The Port North Pier at Bay Walk Park

#### What to Bring:

Dress for a mess! Please wear clothes you don't mind getting dirty and bring:

- Waterproof gloves
- A reusable water bottle
- Hat and sunscreen

 Note: Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

Come be a part of this fun, educational, and impactful community initiative. Together, we're helping Manhasset Bay thrive—one oyster at a time!

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## Shoreline Restoration Partnership Between Rothmann's Restaurant Group and Port Washington North



*(Left to Right: Gianni Sbarro, Marvin Castillo, Mayor Bob Weitzner)*

The Village of Port Washington North is proud to highlight a meaningful shoreline restoration project that recently took place along Manhasset Bay, thanks to a unique public-private partnership with Rothmann's Restaurant Group.

The genesis of this project began when Rothmann's, as part of a New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) permit requirement, needed to implement shoreline planting to support their ongoing renovations. However, the restaurant property itself did not have sufficient waterfront space to accommodate the necessary restoration work.

In a collaborative spirit, the Village of Port Washington North offered a solution—utilizing available shoreline just to the left of the Port North Pier at Bay Walk Park. This generous gesture not only enabled Rothmann's to fulfill their permitting obligations but also directly contributed to the environmental well-being of the local community. The shoreline plantings now help stabilize the coast and improve the water quality of Manhasset Bay.

The project was brought to life through the expertise of Castillo Tree & Landscape, led by owner Marvin Castillo, who managed the planting and landscape design using a variety of native species.

Mayor Bob Weitzner shared his appreciation, stating:

"Port North was thrilled to work with Rothmann's to help secure their permits and for their generosity in helping preserve and beautify our Bay Walk shoreline. We wish to congratulate Rothmann's on their renovation and creating a must-experience waterfront dining venue."

Representing Rothmann's Restaurant Group, General Counsel Gianni Sbarro offered the following:

"We are so pleased that we were able to provide these plantings to the Village of Port Washington North as part of our permitting process. We are grateful to Mayor Bob and his team for working with us to achieve our vision." This partnership is a shining example of how thoughtful collaboration between the public and private sectors can result in positive environmental outcomes that benefit the entire community.

The Village extends its heartfelt thanks to Rothmann's Restaurant Group and Castillo Tree & Landscape for their commitment to preserving the beauty and integrity of our beloved shoreline.

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## Back to School Tips



As September approaches, families across Port Washington North are preparing for the start of a new school year. Whether you're a parent getting ready for the early morning routines or a grandparent helping out with after-school care, here are some practical and heart-centered tips to support the children in your life:

### 1. Ease Back into Routine

Start adjusting bedtime and wake-up times gradually during the last weeks of August. A consistent sleep schedule helps children feel energized and focused for learning.

### 2. Organize School Supplies Early

Check supply lists, backpacks, and lunchboxes ahead of time to avoid last-minute stress. Involving kids in the process also helps build excitement and responsibility.

### 3. Create a Homework-Friendly Space

Designate a quiet, clutter-free area in your home for reading and homework. Stock it with pencils, paper, and any tools your child may need.

### 4. Talk About the Transition

Whether it's a new grade, teacher, or school, talk openly about what to expect. Listen to their concerns and celebrate their excitement—your reassurance matters.

### 5. Prioritize Healthy Habits

Plan balanced meals, encourage physical activity, and limit screen time before bed. Good nutrition and movement help boost focus and mood.

### 6. Stay Involved & Communicate

Attend school meetings when possible, check in with teachers, and encourage kids to talk about their day. Grandparents can help too by asking thoughtful questions and sharing stories from their school days!





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## Happy Labor Day



As we welcome Labor Day, we take a moment to honor the hard work, dedication, and contributions of all those who help keep our community and country thriving. From teachers and first responders to healthcare workers, tradespeople, public servants, small business owners, and beyond your efforts are the backbone of our society.

Labor Day is also a time to rest, reflect, and enjoy the final days of summer with family and friends. Whether you're barbecuing in the backyard, walking along Bay Walk Park, or simply taking a well-earned break, we hope this holiday brings you peace and joy.

On behalf of the Village Board and our entire team, thank you for all that you do. Your commitment makes Port Washington North the wonderful place that it is.

Wishing you a safe, relaxing, and meaningful Labor Day weekend!

### **Reminder: No Garbage Pickup on September 1st**

In observance of Labor Day, there will be no garbage pickup on Monday, September 1 in the Village of Port Washington North.

Please do not place bins at the curb on this day. Regular service will resume on your next scheduled pickup.

We thank you for your cooperation and wish you a safe and Happy Labor Day Weekend!

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