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Dear Residents,

As September unfolds, I am reminded of what a privilege it is to serve such a vibrant and compassionate community.

This season brings both reflection and momentum. While summer offered us the chance to gather in joy, connect at local events, and enjoy the beauty of our waterfront, the fall invites us to refocus on growth and renewal. September marks new beginnings – from our children returning to school to the many initiatives our village continues to champion, such as maintaining safe and welcoming public spaces, supporting local businesses, and ensuring that Port Washington North remains a place we are proud to call home.

I also want to take this moment to recognize the spirit of service that thrives here. Whether through volunteer work, small acts of kindness, or community projects, it is the dedication of our residents that gives Port Washington North its heart. Together, we are building not only a stronger village today but also a legacy for future generations.

As your Mayor, I remain committed to leading with transparency, collaboration, and care. I invite you to stay engaged, attend upcoming village meetings, and share your ideas as we continue shaping the future of Port Washington North together.

Thank you for your trust, your resilience, and your unwavering community spirit. Let us embrace this new season with gratitude and a renewed commitment to each other.

With gratitude,

Mayor Bob Weitzner



Updates From the August Board Meeting

1. The Board of Trustees held a public hearing to consider a requested extension of a conditional use permit for 85 Channel Drive that expires on September 15. The Board voted to adjourn the hearing until October 15th and granted a one month extension of the expiration of the existing conditional use permit until October 15th, to allow the Board to evaluate the effectiveness of new odor-removal equipment that the owner expects to have installed by early October.
2. Scheduled two public hearings for September relating to a change in the Village Code in connection with the requirements for prior written notice of defects and to revise the permitted times for commercial garbage pick-up
3. Requests for Proposals for new street lighting and leaf-pickup contracts are being posted to solicit bids.
4. Approved contract for USGS to install water monitoring gauges at the Bay Walk.

Public Hearing for 85 Channel Drive

At the meeting of the Board of Trustees on August 14th, a public hearing took place for the purpose of reviewing an application to extend a conditional use permit submitted by the owner of 85 Channel Drive.

During the hearing, the applicant's representatives acknowledged the concerns repeatedly raised by the Village and its residents for over a year relating to the discharge of odors from the Applicant's food processing business. The Applicant described the steps that it has taken to date, which the Board advised had been insufficient, and advised that it also had made a significant expenditure on odor-containment equipment to be installed in the coming weeks. The Applicant's representatives expressed confidence that the equipment purchased but yet to be installed will entirely resolve the odor issues. The Applicant requested a six-month extension of its permit. The Board concluded that, with concerns relating to odors not yet adequately addressed, and the new equipment not yet installed, a 6 month extension would not be in the best interest of our residents. Therefore, in order to provide the Applicant with a reasonable opportunity to demonstrate that the equipment to be installed will resolve the odor concerns, the Board approved a one-month extension of the existing permit scheduled to expire on September 15 — through October 15th. That extension allows for the installation and implementation of the new equipment on the schedule stated by the Applicant, and the opportunity for the Village to evaluate whether the applicant's new odor-removal equipment effectively eliminates the odors. The public hearing on the application for conditional use was adjourned until October 15th as well.

The Village Board considers this matter a top priority that must be effectively resolved in order to protect Village residents. This decision to grant the extension was made after careful deliberation and not all Board members voted to extend.

In addition, we wish to avoid potential confusion arising from inaccuracies regarding the hearing that were reported in the Port Washington News/ L.I. Press: First, the Applicant's operation at 85 Channel was reported to be a restaurant. The applicant does not operate a restaurant - it is a packaged food processing facility.

Secondly, it was inaccurately reported that the Board approved the 6 month extension of the conditional use permit. —As described above, a majority of the Board in a split decision approved a one-month - not a six-month - extension of the expiration date of the existing permit to October 15th, to coincide with the adjournment of the public hearing.

The Port Washington News/Long Island Press is aware of the errors and will issue a correction in their next edition.

We will continue to monitor this situation closely and provide updates as new information becomes available.



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New Traffic Signals Installed

After a long wait, the traffic signals along Shore Road at Mill Pond Road and Harbor Road are now fully operational. Please be aware that the traffic patterns in this area have changed.

We ask all drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians to exercise caution as you adjust to the new traffic signal configuration. Taking extra care during this transition will help keep everyone safe as our community adapts to these improvements.

The Port Washington School District has informed the community that as a result of the new traffic lights being activated this week, the Port Washington Police Dept. has advised that travel times have increased in both directions on Shore Road.



Emergency Alerts During Hurricane Season

As we move through hurricane season, it's important for all Port Washington North residents to stay prepared and informed. While we hope for calm weather, readiness ensures safety for ourselves, our families, and our neighbors.

Emergency alerts can provide vital, time-sensitive information that allows residents to make informed decisions during urgent situations. Port Washington North strongly encourages all residents to sign up for alerts through NorthShoreAlert.org. This service is sponsored by the Port Washington-Manhasset Office of Emergency Management and delivers alerts related to severe weather, evacuations, and other critical events.



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Car Safety Reminder: Lock It or Lose It

LOCK IT OR LOSE IT

- Do not leave spare keys or valet keys, inside the vehicle
- Do not leave your vehicle running and unattended
- Do not leave valuables visible



Did you know?

Auto thefts are on the rise across Nassau County — and most could have been prevented. Since 2022, more than 75% of stolen vehicles were left unlocked with the key fob inside or left running unattended.

The Port Washington Police Department have assured us that they are aware of this issue, and have increased their evening patrols within our community.

To protect your vehicle and belongings:

- Always lock your vehicle — even in your own driveway.
- Never leave key fobs, spare keys, or valet keys inside the car.
- Avoid leaving your vehicle running and unattended.
- Remove or hide valuables from plain sight.
- Remember: many vehicles' side mirrors fold in when locked. If left out, it signals to thieves that the car may be unlocked.

Let's work together to keep Port Washington North safe. Lock it or lose it!
For emergencies or crimes in progress, call 911.

For non-emergencies, call the Port Washington Police Department at 516-883-0500.



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!