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Dear Residents,

I hope you and your families are enjoying all that makes Port Washington North such a special place to call home.

This month, I am excited to share news about several initiatives that continue to strengthen our community and enhance our quality of life. Most notably, we are preparing to launch Peel Good, Nassau County's first food scraps recycling program. This innovative initiative will help reduce waste, lower emissions, and transform everyday food scraps into nutrient-rich compost. More information about registration will be available later this summer.

We also continue to make investments in our infrastructure, public spaces, and environmental sustainability efforts. Working alongside our dedicated Village staff, Board of Trustees, and community partners, we remain committed to keeping Port Washington North safe, beautiful, and environmentally responsible.

Summer is a wonderful time to connect with neighbors, enjoy our parks and waterfront, and participate in local events. I encourage everyone to stay engaged, support local organizations, and take advantage of the many opportunities to get involved in our community.

On behalf of the Village Board, thank you for your continued support and commitment to Port Washington North. We wish you a safe, healthy, and enjoyable summer.

Warm regards,

Bob Weitzner
Mayor of Port Washington North

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Thank You Linda Kropacek , For 27 Years of Service

At the end of this month, Linda Kropacek will retire from her position as Deputy Clerk after 27 years of dedicated service to the Village.

Throughout her remarkable tenure, Linda has served the Village with exceptional professionalism, care, and commitment. She has been an invaluable member of the Village office, providing outstanding service and steadfast support to residents, elected officials, and fellow employees. Her knowledge, kindness, and dedication have left a lasting impact on our community.

Although retiring from her role as Deputy Clerk, Linda will continue to serve as Clerk to the Village Justice and will work part-time at Village Hall to assist with the transition.

The Village extends its sincere gratitude and appreciation for Linda's many years of service and countless contributions. We wish her a happy and fulfilling retirement and thank her for the excellence, care, and dedication she has brought to the Village throughout her career.



New Village Deputy Clerk Marissa Cichon

The Village is pleased to announce Marissa Cichon as our new Village Deputy Clerk. For the past three summers, Marissa has served as an intern with the Village, consistently demonstrating dedication, professionalism, and a strong work ethic.

Throughout her time with the Village, Marissa has provided valuable support to several departments, including the Village Office and Building Department. Among her many accomplishments, she successfully led the Village's application for Pro-Housing Community designation, a recognition awarded to municipalities that support affordable and transit-oriented housing initiatives while also helping communities qualify for important state funding opportunities.

Marissa earned her bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Delaware. Outside of work, she enjoys traveling and spending time with her dog, Mason.

We are delighted to officially welcome Marissa to the Port North family and are confident that her talents, enthusiasm, and commitment will continue to make a positive impact on our community for years to come.

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Updates From the July Board Meeting

1. The Board has postponed the Public Hearing for New Oasis Development LLC to August 13, 2026 at 7:30PM.
2. Mayor Weitzner reported the Village was the recipient of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) Municipal Food Scraps Reduction and Recycling Grant. Through a partnership between the Village of Port Washington North and Residents Forward, a food scraps drop-off recycling program will be launched later this year. The program is designed to provide residents with a convenient, clean, and local option for diverting food waste from the regular trash stream. Participants will be able to separate food scraps at home, place them in compostable bags, and deposit them in designated collection bins for collection and recycling.
3. Port Washington North and Transition Town will be promoting an Oyster Gardening Initiative at the Bay Walk Park Dock. Oysters are a crucial component of global ocean health and vital to keeping our waters clean. Get involved in our Oyster Gardening Project! Join us in caring for our oysters and helping restore our bay. Go to <https://www.transitiontownpw.org/volunteer> for more information.



FIRST IN NASSAU COUNTY! Peel Good: Port Washington North Launches Nassau's First Food Scraps Recycling Program

This fall, the Village of Port Washington North will launch Peel Good, Nassau County's first food scraps recycling initiative. Thanks to a \$75,000 New York State DEC grant, residents will be able to recycle food scraps at a secure drop-off site at 11 Channel Drive, where they will be transformed into nutrient-rich compost instead of being sent to landfills or incinerators.

The program aims to enroll 250 households in its first year and will provide participants with collection kits, compostable liners, educational materials, and future Compost Give Back Days.

A partnership between the Village, Residents Forward, and Eco Leap, Peel Good builds on years of local sustainability efforts and offers a simple way for residents to reduce waste, lower emissions, and help create healthier soil. Registration information will be available this summer. Be among the first 250 households to join this exciting new environmental initiative.

We encourage interested residents to register early and be among the first 250 households to participate in this exciting environmental initiative.



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Street Striping Safety Update

The Village has added new street striping next to stop signs to help clearly show drivers where to stop. These markings are intended to encourage proper stopping, improve visibility at intersections, and support safer streets for pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers throughout Port North. We ask all motorists to please come to a complete stop at each stop sign and remain mindful of neighbors traveling through our community.

Extreme Heat Warning

Port Washington North and Northern Nassau are under an Extreme Heat Warning through Friday, July 3, with dangerous heat expected to continue into Saturday, July 4. Heat index values may reach unsafe levels, especially for seniors, children, outdoor workers, pets, and anyone without reliable air conditioning.

Residents are encouraged to stay hydrated, avoid strenuous outdoor activity during the hottest parts of the day, wear lightweight clothing, and check in on elderly neighbors and vulnerable loved ones. Please also remember to water newly planted trees in front of your homes, as extreme heat can quickly dry out young trees and landscaping.

If you need relief from the heat, nearby cooling locations include:

Town of North Hempstead Indoor Cooling Centers

Open July 1–July 5, 10 AM–6 PM

- Clinton G. Martin Park
- “Yes We Can” Community Center

Local Cooling Relief Locations

- Manorhaven Beach Park Pool
- North Hempstead Beach Park
- Blumenfeld Family Park Spray Pad
- Harbor Hills Pool
- Whitney Pond Park Pool
- Mary Jane Davies Green Spray Pad

If you or someone around you experiences dizziness, confusion, fainting, or signs of heat stroke, call 911 immediately.

Please stay safe, stay cool, and look out for one another.

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Nassau County Shoreline Stabilization Project

Beginning the week of July 6, the Nassau County Department of Public Works will begin a shoreline stabilization project north of Robert Dayton Park in the Village of Port Washington North. This work is being coordinated with the Village of Baxter Estates' Shoreline Stabilization Project, made possible through a \$7.7 million New York State grant awarded by Governor Kathy Hochul to help protect our vulnerable shoreline from coastal erosion and flooding.

This grant-funded project is a critical investment in the future of our waterfront. The disappearing shoreline at Baxter Beach has contributed to habitat loss, erosion, and frequent flooding along Shore Road, which can leave thousands of residents stranded during severe weather events. These improvements will help stabilize the shoreline, reduce flooding, enhance natural habitats, and create a raised pedestrian walkway connecting Baxter Estates to the Baywalk, making the area safer and more accessible for all.

Construction north of Robert Dayton Park is expected to take approximately two months. During this time, the right travel lane on Shore Road between Mill Pond Road and Harbor Road will be closed, and motorists should expect delays. Residents are encouraged to use alternate routes whenever possible, leave extra travel time, and exercise patience while these important improvements are completed.

The Village thanks Governor Hochul and New York State for their partnership, as well as Nassau County Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton for her support of the Robert Dayton Shoreline Restoration Project.

We appreciate our residents' understanding and cooperation as we work together to protect and strengthen our shoreline for generations to come.

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Happy Independence Day

As we celebrate Independence Day, we pause to reflect on the freedoms, opportunities, and shared values that unite us as Americans. The Fourth of July is a time to gather with family, friends, and neighbors, honor those who have served our country, and appreciate the strong sense of community we enjoy here in Port Washington North. This Independence day is extra special as we celebrate America's 250th anniversary.

Our office will be closed on July 3rd in observance of Independence Day.

On behalf of the Village Board, I wish all residents a safe, happy, and enjoyable Independence Day. May your holiday be filled with celebration, gratitude, and time spent with those you cherish most.

Happy Fourth of July!