

UPTOWN UPDATE

The Diner is gone, and the Mayor and Board of Trustees are preparing to dedicate the 6 acre parcel as parkland. Violations continue to be written to the property owners for violations including signage, unsafe living conditions, Illegal rentals and More. Rail Realty is nearing completion of their permitting process looking to break ground this spring.



THE JITNEY IS COMING!



Beginning on the Memorial Day weekend and continuing through Labor Day, the Port Jefferson Jitney will be running on Saturdays and Sundays from 10 am until 10 pm. The Jitney makes a loop through the Village

approximately once an hour, meeting each train, and stopping at locations including St. Charles Hospital, the Village Center, Village Hall, and other convenient locations. Leave your car behind and enjoy all that our Village has to offer! Look for the little Red Bus and the Red Jitney stop signs coming later this Spring! This service is supported by Managed Parking revenues.

THE TREASURE YOUR PARKS capital campaign continues with the renovation of the Rocketship Park project. A private reception was held on January 29th in the Village Center and once again, we received a great deal of support, especially from our young families and business community. A special thank you to Fifth Season Restaurant, Port Jeff Brewing Company and Waverly Liquors for the wonderful refreshments that evening.

Our hardworking committee and our residents have already raised nearly \$200,000 in private donations and "in-kind" services. We intend to pursue the project with heart and determination as we feel it is an important asset for our young families and especially those with physical challenges, not only in Port Jefferson but in our local communities as well.

Please join our fellow residents and business leaders with the renovation of our beloved Rocketship Park. Your contribution could give us that boost of enthusiasm and make this community aware of your commitment and dedication to our local families. Together we can create a beautiful, safe, fun, educational and handicap accessible environment for our children to play.

DONATE - gofund.me/Pjtyp
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SAVE THE DATE

Treasure Your Parks Golf Outing to be held on June 4th

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GET LOCAL! EVERY SUNDAY!

WINTER FARMERS MARKET

Sundays through April 19, 10:30 am to 2:00pm, at The Village Center.

Please note: No Farmers Market Easter, April 5.

SUMMER FARMERS MARKET

Begins Sunday, May 3rd in the parking lot between The Frigate and Tommy's Place from 9:00 - 2:00 p.m. every Sunday through November.

Purchase local produce, honey, bread and baked goods, seafood, international specialties, plants and flower bouquets.
 Live music.

CONGRATULATIONS RAY DIBIASE

Ray DiBiase, chair of the Village of Port Jefferson Planning Board, was recently honored by the Metropolitan section of the Institute of Transportation Engineers receiving the Ivor Wisepart Award.

Ray's outstanding service as a traffic engineer in his profession and his community service in the Village's Planning Department is well recognized and his award is well deserved.

Congratulations Ray!!

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PORT REPORT

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A Message from Mayor Margot Garant



Spring I think is finally here! This means time to clean off the ice, snow, and dirt and get your hands ready to plant, trim, cut and play!

We had a busy and pretty treacherous winter. Although our roads took a beating, our crew was strong, persistent and put in many hours in the early morning and late nights to keep us from harm's way and our streets open and passable. My thanks to the DPW and Code Enforcement Departments for their tireless work, and also to the residents for following the emergency directives. The crew will be working hard now to repair potholes, and remove the sand and debris, so please be patient when calling and registering your requests.

At Village Hall we are now in budget season, working on fine tuning our various departments' needs and Village wide projects for 2015/16. When I first took office, we had a \$300,000 DEFICIT and I am proud to say we are currently working with an unencumbered surplus of \$700,000 + to continue to invest in our infrastructure and the future stability of our tax base. Surplus dollars are used to do large capital improvements, such as paving, drainage, beach repair, and upgrades to our various recreational facilities so these costs do not become part of the annual operating budget. Every time we save a nickel it goes back into our infrastructure or towards special needs such as the costs incurred by our continued efforts towards RePowering our plant

This edition talks about the Mill Creek restoration project, continued repairs to East Beach and our Fifth Season and Bakers Alley projects. These projects have been fully funded by metered parking dollars and prior budgets. Mill Creek is one of the most important environmental natural resources of this Village as all the storm water drainage systems empty into the Mill Creek first before discharging into the Harbor. The strength of this waterway will be improved when we remove all the invasive plantings currently choking the creek and reinforce the embankments, walkways and lighting.

Updates and events for spring will be found within the next few pages, but please visit www.portjeff.com for timely news updates, more information, phone number and more. Parking stickers need to be updated now folks - meters are back on as of the 16th of March. Come down to Village Hall and renew your sticker today! See you there

Mayor Margot J. Garant

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

The Suffolk County Planning Commission approved the Villages Comprehensive Plan subject to the Village accepting 7 recommendations for further studies. The Mayor and members of the Board will be meeting with Suffolk County planning staff to review these recommendations and prepare for next steps towards adoption and further study.

Meanwhile progress continues in Upper Port with Rail Realty looking to break ground this spring.



CALENDAR

EVENTS

- April 5 - Easter Parade & Egg Hunt
- April 10 to July 26 - The RINX Roller Skating on the Harbor
- April 25 & 26 - 7th Annual Antiques and Garden Weekend
- May 2 - 21st Annual Mather Walk for Hope
- May 3 - Farmer's Market Opens, 9am - 2pm
Every Sunday through November
- May 9 - 2nd Annual Royal Educational Foundation Family Fun Run
- May 9 - 6th Annual Health & Wellness Expo
- June 6 & 7 - 4th Annual PJ Boater's Maritime Festival
- June 13 - PJ Chamber Greenfest
- June 14 - Long Island Maker Festival
- July 4 - Annual Parade
- July 11 - Garden and Landscapes of Port Jefferson

**SUMMER EVENT SERIES
 July & August**

PICNIC SUPPER CONCERTS
 Wednesday evenings, 6:30pm
 July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, August 5, 12, 19, 26

MOVIES ON THE HARBOR
 Tuesday evenings outdoors
 July 14, 21, 28, August 4, 11, 18

CHILDREN'S SHOWS
 Thursdays evenings, 6:30pm
 July 16, 23, August 13

HARBORSIDE CONCERT SERIES
 Thursday evenings, 8pm
 July 16, 30, August 6, 13