



Deputy Mayor
Laurence LaPointe

PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATE

The Village continues to work actively to address issues relating to public safety in our neighborhoods, our commercial districts and in our parks, beaches and recreational areas. On a daily basis our Code Enforcement Officers and Appearance Ticket Officers patrol all of these areas acting as our eyes and ears to protect our quality of life. Code Officers are empowered by law to issue appearance tickets to violators of the Village Code requiring them to appear in the Village Court, which has the power to impose fines of up to \$2,000 per offense, and in some cases jail sentences of up to 15 days. Our Village Court is extremely busy, meeting weekly to handle a large volume of cases. Attendance in our Court on Tuesday nights is "standing room only." To avoid the rush, persons wishing to plead guilty and pay a reduced fine can in most cases appear without appointment at the Court Office located on the second floor at Village Hall during normal business hours to pay their tickets.

During the course of their patrols, Code Officers assist the public in a number of other ways. Often they are the first ones at the scene of car accidents in the village and are able to assist with traffic control until the arrival of the police. Their presence in the commercial districts helps to keep the peace, especially at night, when patrons of our night spots occasionally become disorderly. Our Officers deal with minor instances of disorderly conduct by issuing appearance tickets, which often is enough to defuse a situation before it escalates out of control. In more serious situations involving actual violence, they radio for immediate police assistance, and provide backup for Suffolk County police officers when requested to do so. Code officers also patrol our residential neighborhoods on both the day and night shifts. If you are going away on a vacation or business trip and will be leaving your house unattended, Code will perform daily house checks at your request.

Due to their familiarity with the various areas of our Village and the people who frequent them, our Code Officers frequently provide useful intelligence to the police concerning potential criminal activity. Our Officers meet arriving Long Island Railroad trains, and they interact with homeless persons to provide them with assistance.

As Commissioner of Public Safety I work with Mayor Garant on ways to address the challenges which our Village faces as a result of the nationwide explosion in the use of heroin and other drugs. We meet regularly with the Suffolk County police to advocate for increased police presence and activity. To that end we also solicit and receive the support of other elected officials. Senator Ken LaValle and Legislator Kara Hahn have been strong advocates in this effort.

There is much more to do, and residents are stepping up to educate themselves and their neighbors about the impacts of crime and addiction in our Village. The recent formation of the Port Jefferson Community Alliance is a very promising sign that Port Jefferson residents want and expect more police presence and activity to address the problems we face. They have also partnered with our School District to educate the wider public about drug addiction among the student population. With the assistance of this group, the Village has instituted a Public Safety Committee to work with us on these concerns. The Committee held its first meeting on November 10 and will be holding its second meeting on Tuesday, December 1 at Village Hall. Meetings are open to the public. If you would like to participate please leave your contact information with Barbara Sakovich at 473-4724 or email her at mayorsoffice@portjeff.com.

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WELCOME CHRIS RYON AS PORT JEFFERSON'S NEWLY APPOINTED HISTORIAN

October 19, 2015 the Board of Trustees appointed Chris Ryon as Port Jefferson's Village Historian.

Chris is looking forward to contributing to our robust written and pictorial history of the Village as information becomes available.

Please drop by the Village Center 2nd floor office to meet Chris and bring him photos or stories that need to be documented.

HOURS: SATURDAY & MONDAY
9 AM - 12 NOON



CONGRATULATIONS to GOURMET BURGER BISTRO for winning the Harvest Festival Chowder Crawl

The 6th annual Harvest Festival Chowder Crawl was held Sunday October 25th. Thank you to all of the wonderful restaurants who participated.

Peter Graham

It is with deep regret that we announce the passing of our Village Justice Peter Graham. Peter served this Village for over 32 years as our longest standing elected official.

He will be missed greatly by us all and we wish to extend our heartfelt condolences again to his family and friends.

WINTER FARMERS MARKET



Every Sunday
November 29 - April 2016
10:30 am - 2 pm
at The Village Center.

GET LOCAL! EVERY SUNDAY!

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

Live Music



PORT REPORT

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A Message from Mayor Margot Garant



It's that time of year again to be thankful, share time with family and friends and to also remember our neighbors less fortunate and in need. When making room in your closets or cleaning out your pantry, gather your

unwanted items and canned goods and bring them to the Pantry at Infant Jesus Church on Hawkins Ave 631-331-6145. We also want to make sure no one in our community goes without a hot meal so please also support the Welcome Inn soup kitchen by either volunteering your time or making a donation - we are feeding more families every week, every year!! Call 516-486-6243.

The Board of Trustees and I just completed an Economic Impact study performed by Boston based Industrial Economics which calculates the loss of revenue and other detrimental economic impacts realized by the potential loss of tax dollars by a non operational power plant. I plan to deliver this report to our local and regional political partners and energy leaders advocating for a repowered plant and a stable tax environment for all of Suffolk county. The "ripple" affect from each reduced tax dollar could lead to reduced economic growth, loss of jobs, and compromised market values throughout the county. We do not stand alone in the face of the uncertain climate created by the unknown future of our power plant, so we are knocking on the important doors to make sure our town, county and state-wide partners understand these detrimental consequences.

Lastly, please join the entire community on December 7th at the high school auditorium where we will hold a public forum to learn about "The Ugly Truth", a program given by Suffolk County Police to educate our community on the rising surge of risk and addiction associated with drug and heroine use. I urge you all to attend so we can grow stronger together as a community to help fight back this rising epidemic and keep our children and young adults from harms way.

We continue to work hard at Village Hall, addressing the concerns and the real issues that are facing our families young and old with pride, compassion and in the spirit that where there's a will, we will find the way! My best wishes to you all for a blessed, healthy and happy Holiday Season!! PEACE!

Mayor Margot J. Garant

ADDRESSING AMBULANCE BILLING ISSUES

The Mayor and board of trustees are working with Belle Terre and the Port Jefferson Emergency Medical Ambulance Company to refine their billing system. Please note that if you are receiving invoices to collect your co-pays from the insurance companies for services provided by the ambulance company, please call Village Hall to register your account with us. We will be meeting with the billing company in early December to coordinate their billing protocols to avoid collections against our residents individually.



CALENDAR

EVENTS

FARMER'S MARKET
EVERY SUNDAY
INDOORS
Nov 29 - April 2016
10 am - 2 pm

THE RINX
Ice Skating re-opens Nov 27
Roller Skating to return in the springtime
Nov 28 - Santa Parade

Dec 4 - DICKENS RESIDENT NIGHT
6 - 9 pm
The Village Center
Mayor Garant
hosts an evening of Family Fun!
• Costumed Characters
• CookieLand Decorating
• Visit from Santa
• Holiday Photo Booth
• Festival of Trees
• Caroling and Festive Music
• Yummy Refreshments

The Rinx Sponsors FREE Ice Skating
*Please Bring Mandatory ID,
Driver's License or Library Card

Dec 5 & 6 - 20th Annual Charles Dickens
Festival

Dec 12 - Lantern Light House Tour

Dec 13 - Harborfront Trio, Free Concert
Village Center, 4pm

For more event information visit our
official Port Jefferson website:
www.PortJeff.com

PLEASE NOTE

Port Jeff Jitney service has concluded for the 2015 season except for the Dickens Festival weekend, when it will operate for free.