



The PORTERREPORT

The Official Newsletter of the Incorporated Village of Port Jefferson



May Message from **MAYOR MARGOT GARANT**

I believe our Village is on a strong path towards full recovery and I am so pleased to see everybody out enjoying our beautiful Village amenities and patronizing our merchants and retail shops once again.

We are making major progress in our uptown redevelopment with the demolition of the gateway buildings making way for a beautiful new, mixed-use building with affordable housing and new wet retail space. Many other developers are buying spaces uptown and introducing plans to the building and planning department, ensuring a bright future for our uptown commercial district by the railroad station. Conversations continue with the state authorities to make our railroad system more efficient including electrifying the line and introducing battery-operated rail cars. I was encouraged to learn that Stony Brook University will be back to on-campus education in the fall with the return of full athletics and they join our PJ district with in-person graduation ceremonies this spring!

At our beach, we have finally received our permit from the department of environmental conservation to stabilize the bluff! We are now moving onto our next steps to put this project out to BID to determine the price point in order to take the necessary steps to ensure the stabilization of our country club assets and preservation of our beach and shoreline.

Importantly Port Jeff Village entered into a second round of settlements with the Long Island Power Authority (LIPA) as we are benefiting from the Huntington settlement and receiving a little bit of a bump in our tax revenue proceeds for the next three years. In addition, we have requested a meeting with the executive team of LIPA to review the demand and load forecast and discuss the future of our plants and suggest viable options. Keep an eye out for your tax bills coming in the mail - it's a small pinch to help support our programs and to maintain our infrastructure and quality of life together. Included in the mailing is a bright green Code sticker with the phone number for Code to put on your refrigerator in the event you need help in any kind of situation for easy access to dial-up our Code team.

Our beach programs, country club programs, recreational programs, and all events at Village Center are scheduled to move forward this spring into summer and fall. We expect to have an active year and our staff continues to work hard to make all recreational facilities available and in top-notch condition for residents' use and enjoyment. I must emphasize if you haven't been down to East Beach please do so! It's an extraordinary sight to see the return of our beach the way so many of us remember it from our youth. With that, we are proud to announce the return of the summer snack shack at East Beach so you can enjoy sunsets, a cool afternoon breeze, or a break from the hot sun and have a refreshment while enjoying the salt air and sun.

It's good to be a Port Jefferson Resident!

PUBLIC HEARING MAY 17TH @ 3:30PM

A public hearing will be held for the following code changes:

- TO AMEND SECTION 181-13 OF THE VILLAGE CODE TO PROHIBIT THE OPERATION OF BICYCLES ON ATHLETIC FIELDS AND COURTS AND OTHER AREAS WITHIN VILLAGE PARKS
- TO AMEND SECTION 245-62 OF CHAPTER 245 OF THE VILLAGE CODE TO PROHIBIT PARKING/STANDING ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF CAROLINE AVENUE FROM RANDALL AVENUE TO OAKES STREET
- TO AMEND SECTION 181-6(M) OF THE VILLAGE CODE TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF CANNABIS ON VILLAGE PROPERTY

MAY
17th
3:30

Public Hearing

May 17th
at 3:30 pm

Watch the hearings live. Access the meeting on <http://www.portjeff.com/virtualmeetings>

BYCYCLE PATROLS

Safety is our priority!



The Code Department is proud to announce the implementation of its Bike Unit. This gives Code another way to deploy officers efficiently to more readily access the community they serve. With bike officers, it increases access and maneuverability within his/her patrol area, promotes faster response times in heavily congested areas, gives officers the ability to move in and around large crowds, and gives a better approach from unexpected areas. It also increases officers' awareness of their

surroundings and enables them to better hear, see and smell. Not to mention the environmental benefits and versatility.

SCPD will also be utilizing their Bike Units as well as foot patrols this summer. We are very fortunate to have a productive relationship with SCPD. It has proven to be an effective way to make all of us safer.

from **Trustee Kathianne Snaden**

We have had much success at our new Barnum Parking lot incentivizing employees of Village establishments to park there. This frees up many parking spots in prime locations for customers and patrons alike. Thank you to the restaurants and merchants who have encouraged their employees to park in our newest lot.

Getting feedback from our local merchants is so very important and key to making changes that create a more effective outcome. At our most recent public safety/bicycle task force meeting with the Chamber of Commerce, we were happy to hear from the President of the

SCPD personnel in the village; most specifically on foot patrol. We are looking forward to the return of the SCPD Whiskey Tour on Thursdays through Saturdays from 4 pm to 4 am.

I would like to thank Suffolk PD for their continued hard work, support, and partnership with our Code Department and for the hard work and dedication of our Code officers.

--Keeping Port Jefferson a safe and inviting place for all those that live and visit has always been and will continue to be my priority.

Chamber. She expressed how pleased they were at the increase in Code and

I am also happy to report our Village Court is back for in-person sessions.

SCPD 6th PRECINCT COMMUNITY MEETING RETURNS

Information is power!

Suffolk County Police Department 6th Precinct has announced the return of their Community Meeting. It is your chance to discuss what is happening in your police department and in your community.



SCPD Community Meeting

Tuesday, May 11th @ 7 pm

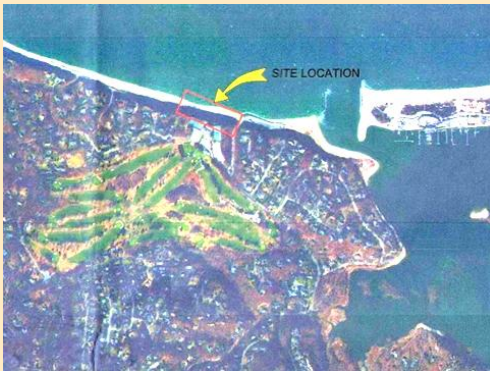
Selden Firehouse

44 Woodmere Pl, Selden, NY 11784

Go to listen and be heard!

PJV RECEIVES DEC PERMIT

A critical milestone has been reached...



The Village of Port Jefferson has received a permit from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) for a bluff stabilization project at East Beach.

This allows the Village to move forward to stabilize the bluff, which is an environmentally important project.

The Village Board's next steps will include bidding out the project and opening it up for contractor submissions.



UPTOWN GROUND-BREAKING

It's happening!

Revitalization of Upper Port is on it's way! This spring, Conifer Realty & Developers broke ground on a new mixed-used complex with 45 units of housing and over 3000 square feet of retail space called Port Jefferson Crossing. Construction crews knocked down the former vacant bar and began the construction of a new mixed used complex steps away from the train station. This 24 million dollar project is the beginning of some exciting new

developments involving re-imagining and improving the area with the goal of attracting new investments and residents.

NOISE DISTURBANCES

Call the Suffolk County Police Department non-emergency number for noise disturbances.

If a noise like exhaust pipes on vehicles are so loud that they are disturbing your quality of life.

You can call this number to report it
631-852-COPS (2677)



TREE WORK

A little sprucing up...

Need to do tree work on your property? The Planning Department is here to help you get your permit secured. Start by downloading the application.



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If you have any questions regarding procedure and application questions, contact Cindy Suarez csuarez@portjeff.com or (631) 473-4744 Ext. 321.

For questions regarding the Tree Clearing and Grading Code, contact Lisa Rickmers lrickmers@portjeff.com or 631-473-4744 ext. 318.

Please remember to get your permit before you start clearing any trees.

NEWS FROM THE PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board is as busy as ever. The following is a quick glance at April's meeting. Mather Hospital presented its master plan, which will roll out over 7+ years in 3 phases. There was a public hearing for the mixed-use building proposed for 1 North Country, and the board will review the results at this week's Planning Board meeting: you're invited to tune in using the link on portjeff.com. Brookhaven Township is requesting comment from the Planning Board about a Port Jefferson Station storage unit project proposed at the end of Baylis Ave since its only access is from Port Jefferson Village.

We invite all to attend our meetings! Login information is found at
PortJeff.com/virtualmeetings

PAVING PROJECTS

No more bumps in the road...

We have some needed paving projects slated to begin soon. If you live on the following streets, you can rest easy because it will soon be smooth sailing.

- Arden Place
- Second Ave



- Hillcrest Ave
- Laurel Ave
- Avon Dr
- Hill Dr
- Corie Court
- Barnum Ave
- Caroline Ave

No longer will your commute be interrupted by pesky road bumps, and we are thrilled for the residents to receive the benefits of these upgraded roads. These projects move our village forward and create a higher quality of living!

COMING SOON NEAR YOU

Who knew waste solutions could be so technology-based and exciting?!



Big Bellies coming to town.

10 new Double-Station Big Belly Waste and Recycling bins are rolling into our downtown this month.

These solar-powered, sensor-equipped waste & recycling stations that communicate real-time status are an efficient garbage removal system to keep our village clean, green, and beautiful!

from Deputy Mayor Stan Loucks

We are beginning our busy season in Port Jefferson and because of restrictions lifting, we are able to offer more recreation programs and activities for the coming months. Come out and take advantage of all the great amenities that our village has to offer this spring and summer. We have activities for the kids, for families, and adult recreation opportunities. The Country Club, the water sports, and the recreation department programs are great ways to reduce stress and provide a great quality of life!

Our Country Club is completely open. We have heard some great feedback on the amazing condition of the golf course and tennis courts.

For members, if you haven't received your minimum cards, they are available at the ProShop. We negotiated an additional 10% to be added for your food and beverage purchases at The Turn and The Club.

We also want to congratulate our 1st tournament winners; Dr. Mike Nussbaum, Joe Guerra, and Lee Rosner.

If you are not a member, check out our web page PortJeffCC.com and consider joining. One of the best things about our Country Club is that it's very affordable for residents. The Country Club has been a lifeline for many for the past year. The fresh air, exercise, and camaraderie have been priceless!

Our Farmers Market has returned to Harbor Front Park. It is every Sunday from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. The Village Center rooms and the Jill Nees-Russell Stage have been cleared for use. Groups or individuals that would like to sign up for the stage or rent a room in the Village Center can sign up at the Recreation Department.

Enjoy the great weather and our great facilities. See you on the course!



PORT JEFFERSON COUNTRY CLUB

Ready to spring into summer?

Join the Port Jefferson Country Club, offering an outdoor retreat for all. We are a waterfront private club offering tennis and golf, set on a 170-acre property overlooking the Long Island Sound. Our club features a Championship Length 18 Hole Golf Course • 8 Lighted Har-Tru Tennis Courts • A Magnificent Clubhouse with a Full-Service Restaurant, Extensive Catering, and Locker Room Facilities.

Explore our beautiful surroundings and have fun with your friends! Don't miss out!

Not a member? Call **516-695-6951** or email JenniferPJCC@gmail.com

Visit us at: The Port Jefferson Country Club

EVENTS

Every Friday night there is Live Music from 5pm to 9pm at The Turn

Sunday, May 23rd - Members BBQ at The Turn patio

Saturday, June 19th - Jake's Giant Jenga

Sunday August 15th - Feast on the Fairway

Monday, September 6th - Summer Lobster bake at The Waterview

Sunday, October 10th - Goodbye Summer BBQ at The Turn

2021 EVERY SUNDAY



OUTDOORS

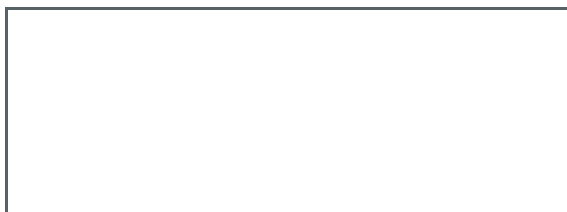
Harborfront Park

May 2 - Nov 21

9am - 2pm

**Rain Location: in the Village Center*

Get Fresh, Get Local



CALENDAR

- May 23 Walk for Hope Breast Cancer Walk
(Virtual)
June 12 Eastern LI Maker Faire (Virtual)
July 5 PJFD's 4th of July Parade
July 4 PJV Fireworks
(Resident & PJCC Members Only)

MOVIES ON THE HARBOR

Tuesday @ Dusk, Rain date: next evening
Harborfront Park Lawn

- July 13 Playing with Fire
July 20 Toy Story 4
July 27 A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood
Aug 3 Dolittle
Aug 10 Western Stars

CHILDREN'S SHOWS

Thursdays @ 6:30pm

Performance Stage in Harborfront Park

- July 29 Keri Wirth-Music
Aug 19 Funky Town Playground
Sponsored by The PJV Recreation Dept

HARBORSIDE CONCERT SERIES

Thursdays @ 8pm

Harborfront Park

Show Mobile or Performance Stage

- July 8 SOUTHBOUND - *Country*
July 15 LET IT BLEED -
Rolling Stones Tribute Band
July 22 NAKED TRUTH -
Top 40's Band
Aug 12 LIVERPOOL SHUFFLE -
Beatles Tribute Band
Aug 26 *The Ladies of Classic Disco,
FIRST CHOICE MUSIQUE,
@ the Ferry Dock, 7pm,
Sponsored by the Port Jefferson Ferry

All We Ask is to Wear a Mask and Keep Your Distance

Arts in the Park **The Port Jefferson** **Documentary Series**

Monday, May 10, 2021


RONNIE'S "Doors" open @ 7:30pm
& movie starts at sundown
Harborfront Park, Raindate: Next Day

Monday, May 17, 2021

CHASING CHILDHOOD
"Doors" open @ 7:30pm & movie
starts at sundown Harborfront Park,
Raindate: Next Day

Monday, May 24, 2021

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Self-Guided Art Walk **Spring: May 17 - May 31, 2021** All day event to view at your Leisure!

Over 30 participating businesses will display original Artwork by local artists in their windows for public viewing. Artwork will be viewed throughout PJ Village. Maps will be given out with locations of artwork and listing of artists.

Supported by the Night Herons.

*Sponsored by the Greater Port
Jefferson Chamber of Commerce
(631) 473-1414.*

"Doors" open @ 7:30pm & movie starts at sundown Harborfront Park, Raindate: Next Day"

THE 1910 HILL CLIMB IS BACK

BE PART OF THIS FAMILY FUN-FILLED
PORT JEFF TRADITION



Saturday, August 14, 2021
10am - 2pm

Starts at the Village Center/Harborfront Park
Cars 1974 or older

The Port Jefferson Conservancy invites you to participate in the 2021 re-enactment of the Port Jefferson Hill Climb. Retrace the original Hill Climb course with a short tour through the Village as crowds cheer on this parade and historic tribute.

Rain Date: Sunday, August 15, 10am

If interested contact Bob Laravie
631-238-2290, rlaravie1@optonline.net

from Trustee Rebecca Kassay

As beach season approaches, I'm thrilled to see life coming to the East Beach snack shack. Back in December, I was checking in on the dredging project, seeing East Beach growing, and warming myself with summertime thoughts. The lonely snack shack suddenly struck me as a missed opportunity, so I emailed my fellow Board members and the Mayor to inquire about the shack's history and share my vision for a near-future with tasty treats on the beach. Even though the snack shack is a tiny space with limited resources, Mayor Garant saw the potential and soon it was underway: the administration shepherded through a request for proposals, attracted multiple submissions, and now we have Prohibition Kitchen's beachside satellite location opening there in a few weeks! Yet another wonderful amenity to look forward to in the Village this summer.

Speaking of East Beach, since beginning my role as a Trustee, I've kept on top of the permitting process for bluff stabilization on the west side of East Beach. By keeping on top of the appropriate agencies, I made sure this project stayed on the front burner for all

involved, and I'm now excited to help announce that the Village has received its permits for the project. We now enter the next phases: sending out a request for proposals and seeking funds to support this sizable infrastructure undertaking.

Taking a peek at the code, I have been researching existing code in other municipalities regarding short-term rentals (commonly known as VRBO or Airbnb rentals). The Port Jefferson Village code does not currently address this middle ground between long-term rentals of whole homes and room rentals in the form of bed & breakfast establishments. There is precedent in common-sense code that balances the desire of residents to temporarily rent their properties-entirely or in part- with the needs of their neighborhoods. The Board of Trustees will enter a work session later this month to discuss this and other Village matters; as always, the dynamic perspectives of the Board and Village staff will help inform the drafting of the code proposal. Resident input is encouraged during the public hearing that will follow later this summer- stay tuned to portjeff.com for a date!

COMMUNITY GARDEN

Watch it grow...

The Community Garden has officially broken ground on the Beach Street pilot project!

The incredible Community Garden Committee met at the Beach St parkland on Saturday, May 1st, working with architect Andrew Thomas to measure and mark out bed and fence placement. Over the coming weeks, the Committee will host volunteer events to construct the garden. There is a **lottery** being held for anyone interested in renting one of the twenty raised beds in the garden; the lottery will be open from **May 3rd through June 4th**.

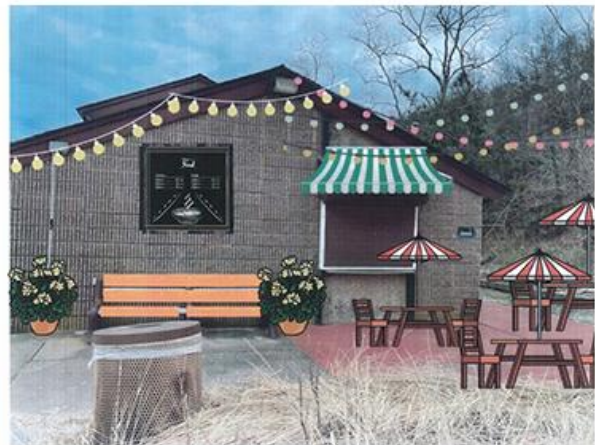
To receive emails about volunteer opportunities, how to enter the raised bed lottery, and details on upcoming programming, please fill out this short form:
<https://forms.gle/GHu5FvBamGD5paYbA>



BID AWARDED

Tacos at the beach?! Whaaat?!

What could be better than family, tacos, and your toes in the sand? Prohibition Kitchen won the bid for East Beach's snack bar opening Memorial Day weekend for your enjoyment! It's no longer just a dream. We can all enjoy an authentic taco bar 7 days a week from noon until dusk. Let's enjoy the casual beach vibes with our friends and families and great food, making our day at the beach a more fun and memorable event!



PROHIBITION
EAST BEACH
SUMMER 2021

BEACH CLEANUP

Community, camaraderie and clean-up...

Hometown Hope's first-ever Village-wide beach cleanup was a magnificent success. Over 200 volunteers of all ages gathered to remove everything from micro-plastics to broken-off



pieces of docks from the beaches, leaving them much cleaner for all living creatures. Port Jefferson Village thanks all those who came out for the cleanup and is grateful to Hometown Hope for organizing such a great community event.

Beach Basket Ribbon Cutting Event June 12th

Let's celebrate...

Working Together To Keep Our Beaches Clean





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VICTORIAN BED AND BREAKFAST



THANK YOU FOR DOING YOUR
SOMETHING TODAY!

**Please join us for the ribbon cutting
& launch of our DIY beach cleanup stations!**

June 12th at Centennial Park

We are ALL stakeholders in our environment and with YOUR help we can continue to sustain our local ecosystems for future generations. Three will be installed at East Beach, West Beach, and Centennial Park. Each of the stations will have a simple sign that encourages beach-goers to pick up trash with the provided hand-baskets, and then throw the rubbish out at the adjacent trash can. (Bonus points if you take a selfie and show off your work!) These baskets are being embraced across Long Island: locally based clothing brand *Relic* started this initiative and has proven the baskets' success at other Long Island beaches in South Hampton and Riverhead townships. All costs of installation and maintenance will be covered by Relic Sustainability and local sponsors. We encourage you to be stewards of our beaches and these convenient baskets are a great prompt. Together, we'll have our beaches looking cleaner and healthier than ever for all to enjoy. Beach and nature lovers, rejoice!

MEET THE TEAM...

Meet our team. Their stories are inspiring, and they provide excellent service to all who live here and visit. We will highlight a new professional every month and introduce you to the most amazing and talented individuals that make Port Jefferson Village so special. These are people who bring their experience and dedication every single day. When they

say it takes a village, they're talking about the people of Port Jefferson Village!

MEET MAGGIE LOSCHIAVO - She is the Recreation Assistant at the Village Center and a major asset. Her position requires skill sets that are diverse and impressive. Her list of duties changes depending on what is happening at the Village Center. She can help you with any questions you have while decorating the building for an event while managing the entire building on the weekends. She does all of that and MORE... She is a Tour-De-Force!



Maggie has been with the Village of Port Jefferson for 14 years. 4 of those with the Code Department. So Maggie is an expert resource for anyone that visits. The cherry on top is that you receive all of this incredible knowledge with her charming Irish accent! She moved to the area in the '70s and has proudly watched the Village grow into what it is today.

Problem-solving, the ability to keep calm under pressure and maintain a positive outlook, and a friendly smile day after day are Maggie's strong points. She plays a crucial role in the operation of one of our Village's major assets. Not only is she the face of the center, assisting visitors who have extremely high expectations, but she also has to communicate effectively with people at all levels of the Village. Providing a warm welcome to numerous busy visitors, whilst following numerous processes and maintaining an efficient reception desk is no small task! Maggie achieves this daily!

She enjoys meeting all of the different people who visit the Village Center and being an ambassador for the great stores and restaurants we have in the Village. To say that we are fortunate to have Maggie is an understatement!

Thank you, Maggie for being an amazing asset and person!

NOW OPEN

We would like to extend a warm welcome to the village's newest businesses. We hope they will soon become your local favorites!



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Protecting our streets and parks is a top priority. Our 'See Something - Say Something' campaign is designed to make you a part of the solution. Signs are being posted throughout Main Street, in both uptown and downtown areas. The phone number of the supervising Code Officer is prominently displayed on each sign. We encourage residents to report any suspicious activity or other hazards. If you see something unusual or witness any concerning behavior, call (631) 774-0066. The Code Enforcement Bureau will secure the scene immediately, investigate the situation and work with SCPD. Our Code officers have a well-established relationship with SCPD. Many of them are retired, active or auxiliary officers. We also have security

cameras on our streets. SCPD's real-time crime center is tied into our camera system and can monitor them when necessary. All crimes are reported to Suffolk County Police. It will take all of us to be proactive and diligent to continue with the good work that has already been established.

CODE RED
Register Here for Emergency Alerts



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