



The PORTERREPORT

The Official Newsletter of the Incorporated Village of Port Jefferson

A Message from MAYOR MARGOT GARANT



It's hard to imagine that just a year ago, we were in the full, unknowing impacts of a worldwide pandemic. Despite the constant hurdles, the year 2021 has seemingly flown by at such a rapid pace that it seemed to me we were just celebrating the Fourth of July!!

But I want to pause to give thanks to all those who have served this beautiful community and thank all the employees of our Village, our fire department, our first responders, the ambulance company, hospital staff, our school teachers and administrative staff, our parents, our children our seniors and all those who volunteer - WE DID IT, and we did it TOGETHER.

Let's embrace 2022 with open arms of new opportunity, renewed brother and sisterhood, and continue our great work together as a community to keep our home beautiful, safe, and my favorite destination for a day - or a lifetime!

Merry Christmas and Health and Happiness in 2022!!!

Margot Garant
Mayor, Village of Port Jefferson



TOYS FOR TOTS *Creating Christmas Magic!*

The spirit of giving is in the air, and Port Jefferson residents have been plentiful. On behalf of the **Long Island Village Clerks and Treasurers Association**, we would like to thank all of you who donated toys and gifts to the **Toys for Tots program**. Your kind donations will bring Christmas magic to many children who need it most. The Toys for Tots program is sponsored by the US Marine Corps and delivers toys to less fortunate children at

Christmas. Thank you for your generous donations! There is no greater joy than knowing that you have made someone's holiday wish come true!

DICKENS FESTIVAL WAS A HUGE SUCCESS

It was a world of spectacle and performance, of magic and wonder.

Christmas lights danced, glittered, and sparkled throughout the Village at the 25th anniversary Dickens Festival. It was a "Bah, humbug!" free event that delighted all who attended. The festival had various events, including Christmas caroling, ice skating, carriage rides, parades, performances, and the Tree Lighting at Village Hall. A large crowd gathered at the tree lighting to hear remarks from community leaders and then watch as the tree was lit.

Friends and families gathered for the traditional Yuletide celebrations starting with Residents night. The evening was filled with ice skating, hot cocoa and cookies, holiday music, and a special visit with Santa.

The weekend proceeded with a storybook scene. The streets were alive with Victorian characters singing, dancing, and laughing all around. There were performances throughout the Village. Ice skating continued, and horse-drawn carriage rides throughout town, giving people a glimpse into yesteryear. Santas workshop was the place where the children could live the Christmas magic!

"There is nothing in the world so irresistibly contagious as laughter and good humour." - Charles Dickens.

Click on the image below to enjoy a Dickens' Residents Night to remember!!





Photos by Ed Shin

But Wait...

Our Dickens' Festivities continue with the Festival of Trees & Holiday Exhibit by the Night Herons at the Village Center through the month of December with additional performances listed below.

Dec 18 Village Center

1st Fl Skip Jack

3:00 - 3:20 pm Songs of the Season

3:40 - 4:00 pm Songs of the Season

4:00 - 4:20 pm Songs of the Season

Dec 18 at the Masonic Lodge

1:00 - 1:20 pm Dorian Concert

1:40 - 2:00 pm Dorian Concert

2:20 - 2:40 pm Dorian Concert



*And A
Partridge
in a Pear Tree*

THE NIGHT HERON ARTISTS

Holiday Exhibit

December 2 - January 6, 2022

PORT JEFFERSON GALLERY
at The Village Center



WELCOME TO VILLAGE HALL

A quick how-to...

We welcome you to do your business at Village Hall. When you enter the vestibule, a friendly face will greet you. They will be able to direct you to streamline your process. Here are some common transactions that a resident would do at Village Hall. For your added convenience, there are links to follow allowing you to accomplish most of these tasks from the comfort of your home.

In the Front office:

Get your **Resident Parking Sticker**. This is easily done online.

<https://portjeff.com/residentparking/>

Get a **copy of a birth certificate** (if you were born in Port Jefferson after 1964)

This is quickly done online - [CLICK HERE](#) to download the application, then mail it in or drop it off at Village Hall

or death certificate (if the deceased passed away in Port Jefferson after 1964)

This is easily done online - [CLICK HERE](#) to download the application, then mail it in or drop it off at Village Hall

Get a **Disability Parking Permit**

This is easily done online (to get the form) then mailing in the application. To get the application - [CLICK HERE](#)
or in-person

Pay your **Property Taxes**

This is quickly done online [CLICK HERE](#) (have your tax bill ready)
or in-person

Business with the Assessors office -

Get information about your property tax assessment, including exemptions for seniors (65 years and older) and Veterans. Exemption application period is November 1st through December 31st. Assessment grievance applications are accepted from January 1st through the third Tuesday in February.

online - [CLICK HERE](#) to get the applications, then mail them to Village Hall
by phone (631) 473-4724
or in-person

In the Court Office:

The most common reason to interact with the **Court Office** is to pay a violation that you have received. These include **Parking tickets, traffic violations, and other fines.**

Parking Ticket Payment:

Online - 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at <https://portjeff.com/justicecourt/>

Questions about your parking ticket can be answered by calling (631) 473-8382 or (631) 473-8287 or emailing ekidney@portjeff.com.

Traffic tickets & Other Fines

Some traffic tickets may be paid online without the need to come to court. Village ordinance tickets and building/fire code violations require a court appearance. Village Court is held on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 6:00 PM. If you have any questions regarding court, please contact the **Court Office by phone (631) 473-8382, (631) 473-8287, or email ekidney@portjeff.com or jneese@portjeff.com.** After you have been to court, you may pay @ www.GovPayNow.com or (888) 604-7888, 24 hours 7 days a week.

PAY LOCATION CODE for govpaynow.com is 8970 for Judge Reilly and a00368 for Judge Higgins. Please make payments to the PLC of the judge who heard your case in court. If you are unsure which judge was present, please call the Court Office to verify.

Please view the Court website www.portjeff.com/justicecourt for more information.

BEAUTIFICATION

Our Village is aglow with the holiday spirit.

We've Decked the Halls this holiday season! There are some beautiful upgrades to the planters and decorative lights around different parts of the Village. They make our Village shine bright, and we think they'll brighten your holiday season! We hope you will get out and check out all of the enhancements! It's just too good to miss!

Best wishes for a beautiful holiday season for everyone!

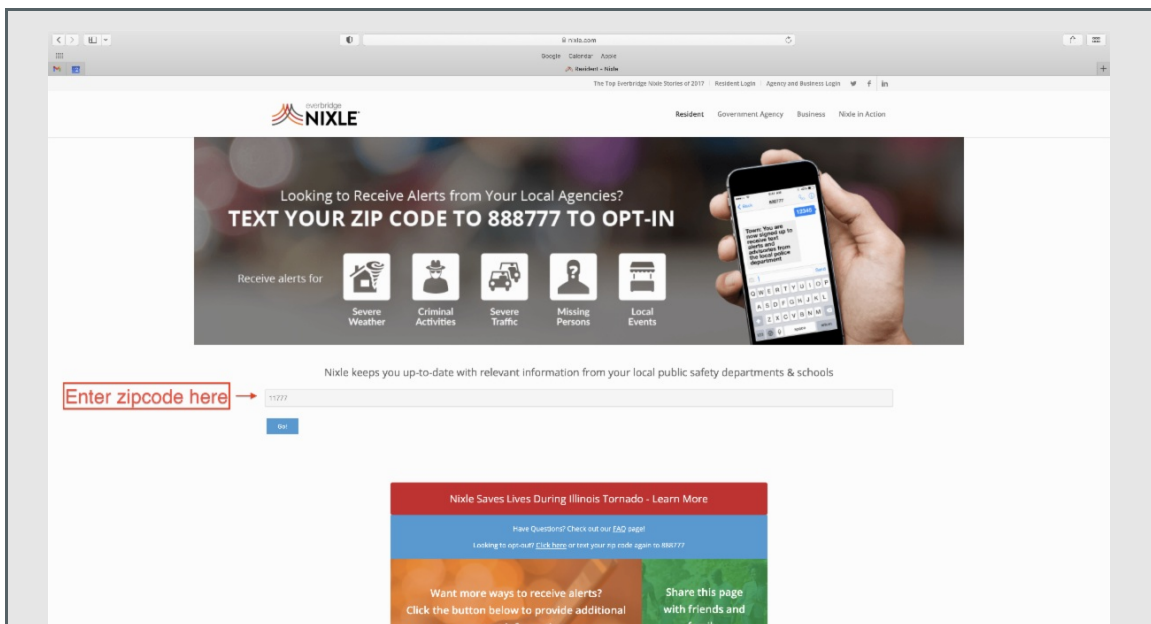
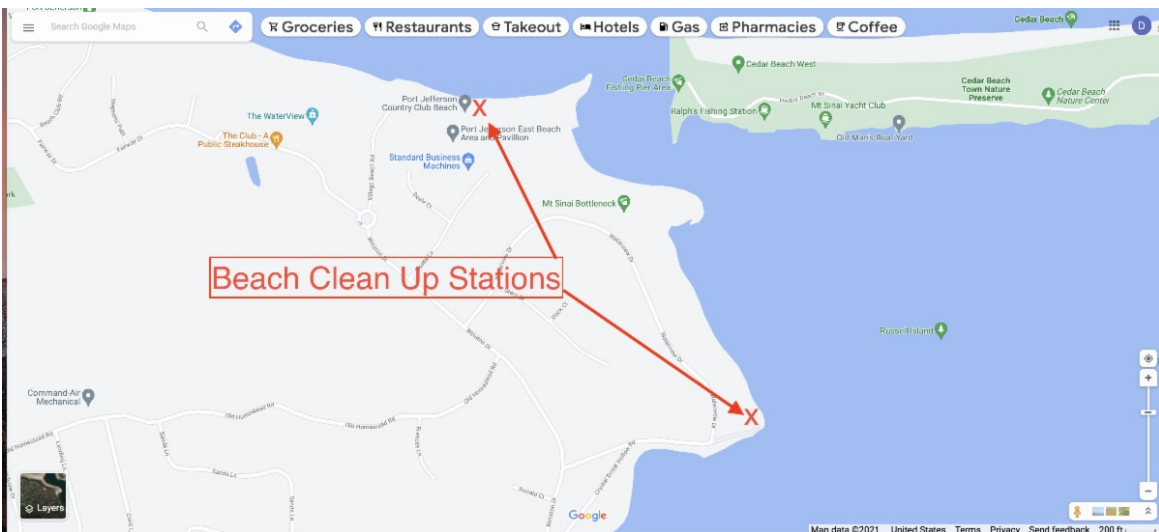


NEW BEACH CLEAN UP STATIONS INSTALLED

Cleaner, Greener, Port Jefferson



The Village of Port Jefferson has once again teamed up with Relic Sustainability to provide two new beach cleaning stations making a total of 3 in our beautiful Village. Beach-goers will be able to take advantage of the latest additions. The first is at the end of Crystal Brook Hollow Road on the left side of the dead-end circle, and the next is near the picnic table at East Beach. They are designed to make it easier for beach visitors to clean up after themselves, keeping our beaches clean for generations to come. A big thank you goes out to Relic for their continued support for preserving Port Jefferson's beauty and vitality.



SCPD ALERTS

Get information delivered right to your texts or view online

SCPD has a simple way to receive alerts based on your zip code. It is called NIXLE. To sign up - text your zip code to 888777

If you don't want text alerts, you can go to NIXLE.com and enter your zip code to see the latest alerts.

SCPD 6th PRECINCT COMMUNITY MEETINGS

The Suffolk County Police Department holds community meetings on the second Tuesday of every month, alternating the meeting time to ensure maximum accessibility for all residents. The meetings are held to share information and answer questions from residents about our police department and the services they provide to the community. Residents are encouraged to speak with officers about any crimes or quality of life issues they may be experiencing in their neighborhoods.

The next three meetings are:

January 11th @ 7:00 pm
Location: 6th precinct

February 8th @ 10:00 am
Location: 6th precinct

March 8th @ 7:00 pm

What's New in Recreation

EASY ONLINE REGISTRATION @PORTJEFF.COM
(631) 473-4778

YOUTH

Youth Kickball League at Spring Street School (ages 8-12) Starting Feb. 17. Free for PJV Residents.
Youth Tennis Programs Winter at Spring Street School: Red Ball (ages 3-6) - Beginner Youth Tennis.
Youth Tennis Programs Winter at Spring Street School Orange Ball (ages 7-9) Basic fundamentals and techniques.

Port Jefferson Rowing Program: (ages 15+) So popular. Check for the latest session.

Horseback Riding Lessons: (All Ages) Package of 4 lessons available.

Dance for Tots (ages 1-4) Tuesdays. Introduction to dance.

ADULT

Coed Adult Volleyball League, Wednesdays, ongoing thru March Spring St. Gym, 6-9pm

Adult Pickleball, Spring St Gym, Mondays starting Jan 24, 6:30 - 8:30pm

Winter Beginner Tennis Program: (ages 18 & older) Tuesdays at Spring Street School.

Adult Beginner Tennis at Spring Street School, Thursdays, 6-7pm, starting Feb.

Adult Beginner Advanced Tennis at Spring Street School, Thursdays, 8-9 pm, starting Feb.

Writer's Journey: With Anne Kelly-Edmunds. 3 week January 2022 Mini Session.

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Fitness with Nanci Huner: (ages 18 & older) Monday Fitness @ 9am, Monday Stretch @ 10am

Fitness with Nanci Huner: (ages 18 & older) Wednesday Fitness @ 9am, Wednesday Stretch @ 10am

Fitness with Nanci Huner: (ages 18 & older) Friday Fitness @ 9am, Friday Stretch @ 10am

Fitness with Nanci Huner: (ages 18 & older) Saturday Fitness @ 9am

Horseback Riding Lessons: (All Ages) Package of 4 lessons available.

Brush Strokes for Older Folks: Designed for people with Dementia. Free for PJV Residents. Starting April 6.

SENIORS

Our Weekly Senior's Program is returning to the Village Center.
Wednesdays, 10am - 2pm. No sign-up required.

BUS TRIPS

NY Botanical Gardens, Wed. Dec 29, Holiday Train Show and Outdoor Light Experience
Call: 631 473-4778 for info

VILLAGE CENTER

Rooms with a View to Rent for Corporate and Private Events
Call: 631 473-4778 for info



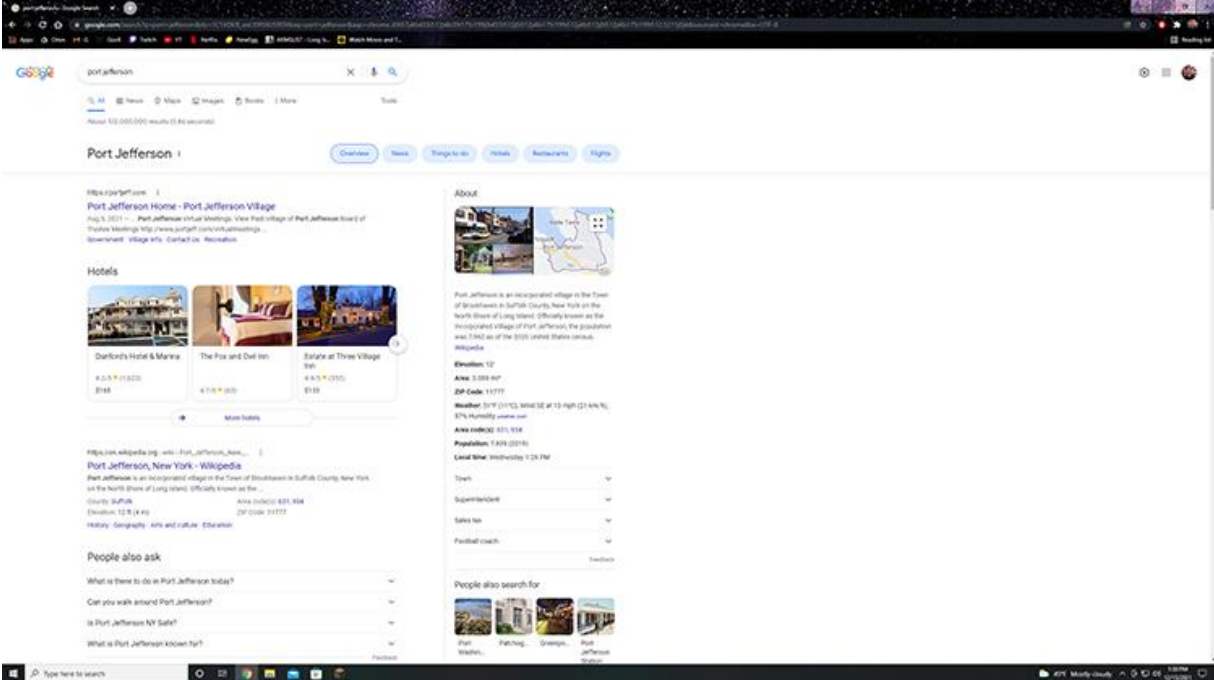
A lot of computer users like to have multiple programs open at once. You can use the split screen feature to do a multitude of things. You can compare two documents or view two websites simultaneously. You can have a spreadsheet open on the left while your word processing program is available on the right. You can even browse your favorite social network while watching YouTube videos or doing some shopping while checking your emails. The possibilities go on and on!

Our tech tip shows you how to split your screen between two windows. We hope this makes your computing a little easier!

For Windows:

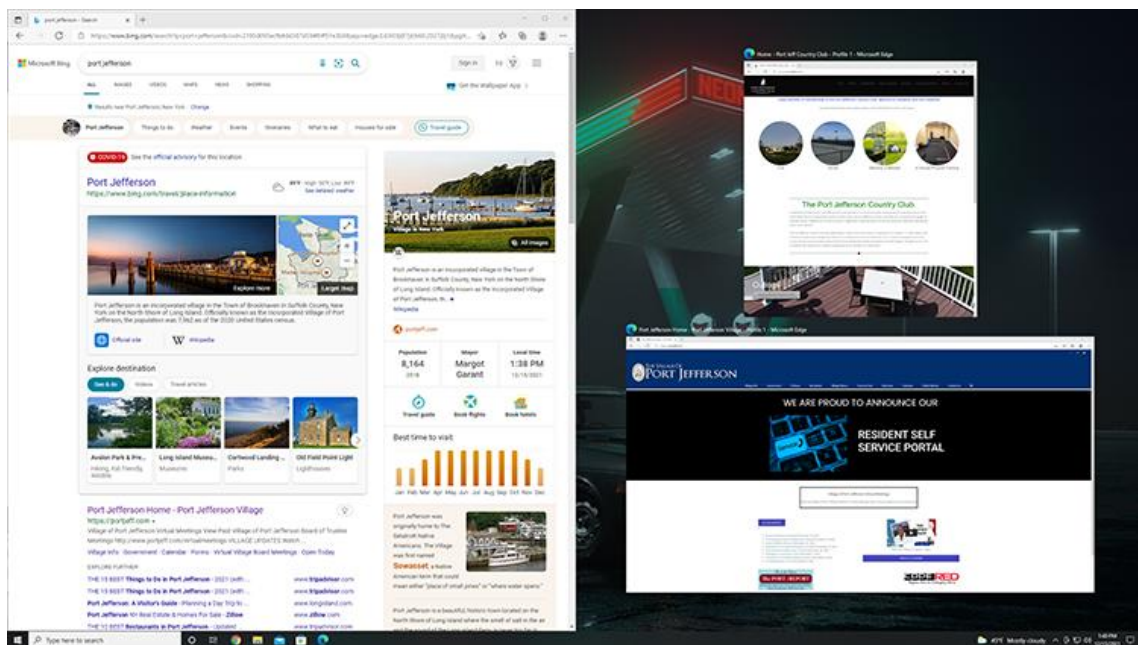
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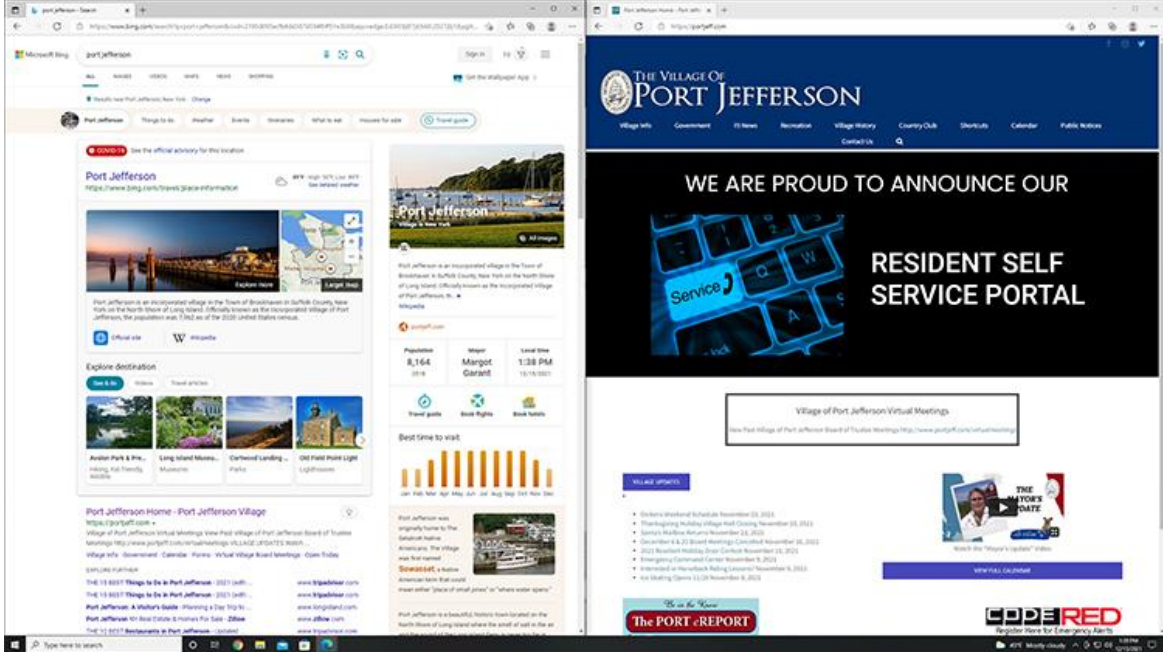
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3. Drag the divider to your preference

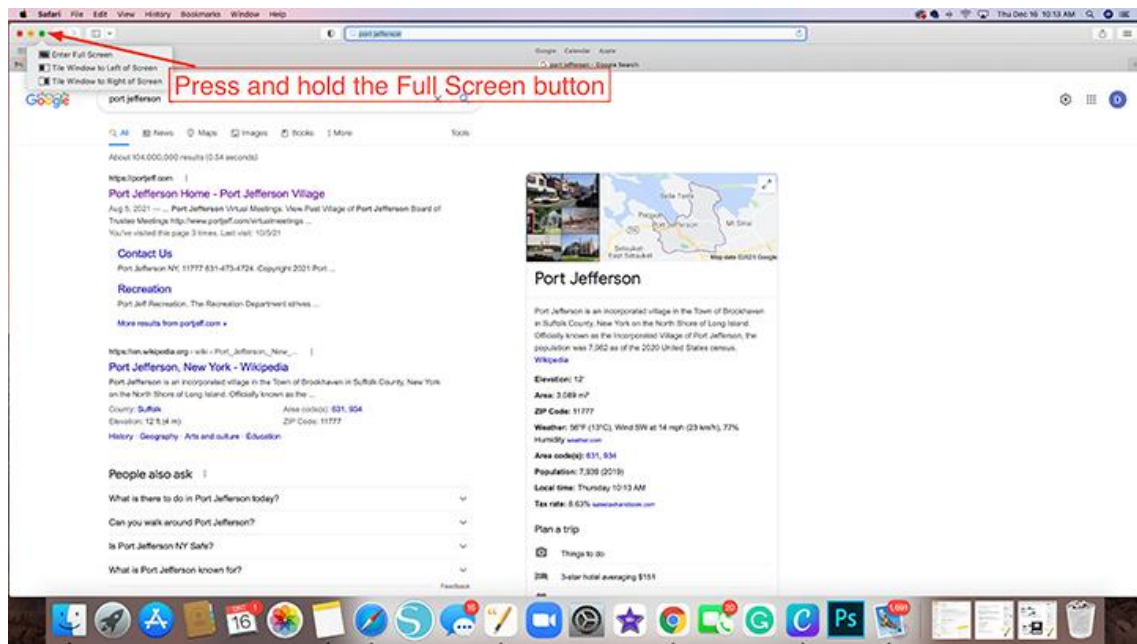
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For MAC

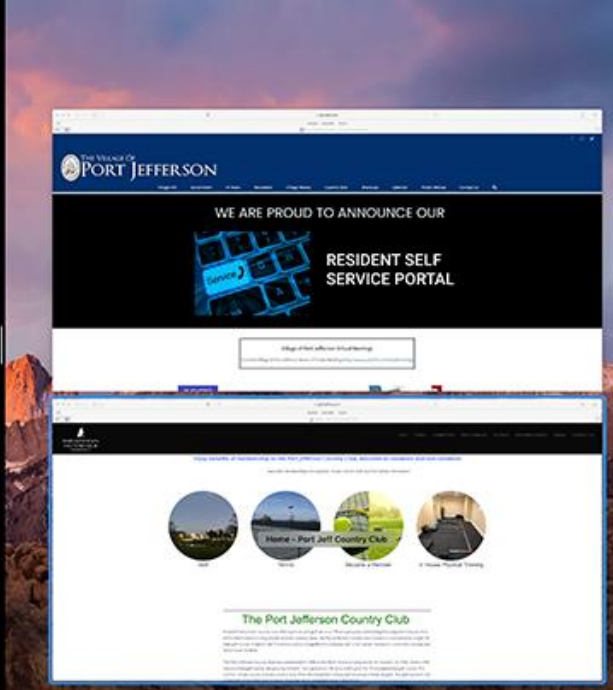
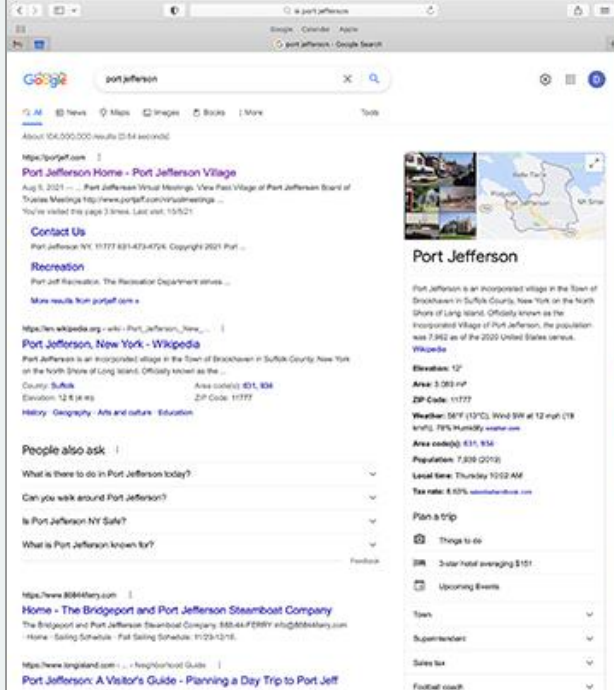
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Then click and hold the Full Screen button in the window's upper-left corner. Then choose the side you want that window to be on, either the left or right side of the screen.



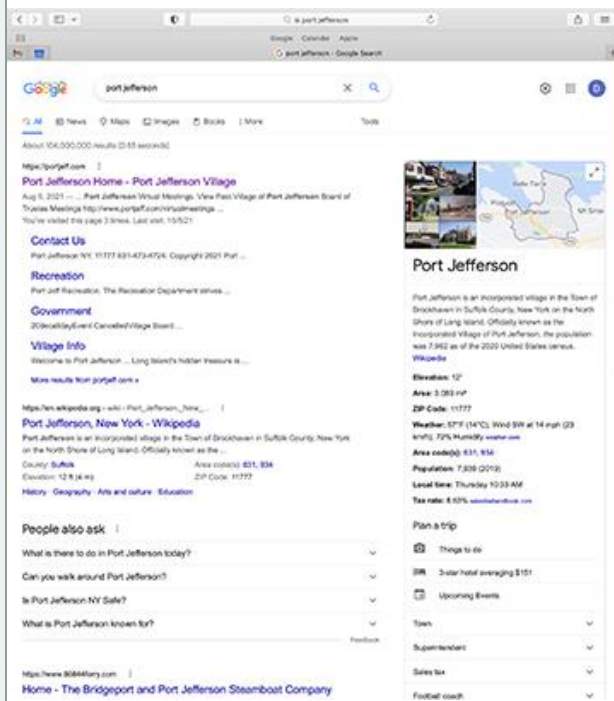
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NAN GUZZETTA

A life well lived

Nan Guzzetta, a longtime resident and owner of the Antique Costume & Prop Rental on Main Street who passed this year at 88 years young, didn't just run a costume shop in Port Jefferson. She was a treasure in our Village. Nan had a gift for making everyone she came in contact with feel welcome. She was an integral part of the fabric in this Village. Nan was the heart and soul at every historical reenactment. Her love of history — and her ability to bring historical figures to life — was extraordinary.

Click on the photo below to hear a little bit about Nan in her own words...



Do you have a picture including a costume of Nan Guzzetta's?



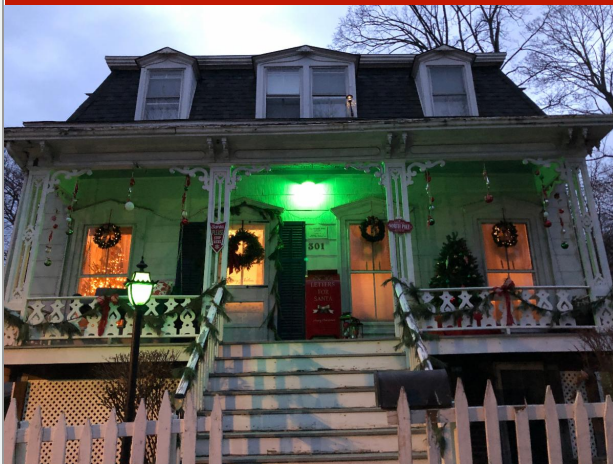
Please send us photos of you wearing a costume from Nan Guzzetta's Antique Costume Shop.

Email these photos to trustee-kassay@portjeff.com

they could be included in an art show that will be hosted at the Village Center.



Congratulations to our Annual Holiday Door Contest Winners



First Place on the left is Nicole and Elisa Palumbo: \$200 Gift Certificate

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 DAVE MELIOUS

Have you ever met one of those guys that just makes you feel so comfortable from the minute you meet him? We have someone exactly like that that we want to make sure that you know about. He is the guardian of some of our Village's most valuable assets. Dave Melious is a 40-year Port Jefferson resident and the Director of the Parks Department. He plans, assigns, and supervises grounds maintenance activities at Village parks, beaches, marinas, and other recreational facilities. So when you stroll around our beautiful Village, Dave is the one that has made sure that it is gorgeous, functional, and safe.

Dave and his team are in charge of the plantings and landscaping of all Village parks, including the ball field, Harborfront park, and Rocketship park. They also do all of the seasonal decorating for holidays, especially Christmas and Paint Port Pink.

His co-workers describe him as being exceedingly pro-active, an extremely hard worker, and often getting the job done before he is even asked. He is one of those guys that goes above and beyond to help anyone out, whether it is his job or not. When we asked Dave about the best things about his career, he responded, "The gratification I get when projects are completed and the joy the residents get because of my department's hard work."

Dave is one of the good ones! He is a family man "with two children that are my world," says Dave. His daughter is 24, and his son is 22. "The best part of Port Jeff is coming down in the nice weather to enjoy the waterfront and beaches. Boating and fishing are my passion, and this is the perfect place to do it!"

We are grateful to have a man like Dave as one of the guardians of our Village. He has great vision, the knowledge of his job is astounding, he is fiscally responsible but most of all he is one of the nicest guys you will ever meet! So we hope you will get to meet him. But if you don't, there is evidence all around the Village that he has been there and made things better!

Coming in January **Port Jefferson Gallery**

WOODEN GHOSTS OF THE PAST
*The emergence of the Port Jefferson
shipbuilding industry*

January 10- February 28, 2022

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Sponsored by the Incorporated Village of Port Jefferson and The Conservancy

PORT JEFFERSON GALLERY
at The Village Center

Stop by to see our next beautifully curated show by our Village Historian Chris Ryon.

Sponsored by The Conservancy and the Village of Port Jefferson

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Port Jeff Library (631) 473-0022

Animal Control (631) 286-4940

Strong Island Animal Rescue (631) 403-0598

SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING

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

**REPORT ALL
SAFETY CONCERNS OR
DISORDERLY BEHAVIOR TO**



**VILLAGE of
PORT JEFFERSON**

**CALL
(631) 774-0066**

**10:00 AM to Midnight
Officers & Cars Respond to
ALL CALLS**

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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