



The PORTERREPORT

The Official Newsletter of the Incorporated Village of Port Jefferson



A Message from **MAYOR MARGOT GARANT**

Although the groundhog saw his shadow, I am hoping that the next 5 to 6 weeks goes very quickly so that we can look forward to enjoying a nice green spring! I want to thank our snow removal crews, code, and administrative staff for managing this winter's major snowstorms and keeping this community safe. It was a blustery blizzard-like storm with light snow and high winds, which made plowing difficult at times. Despite that, I think we managed it well. Thank you all for staying in and off the roads giving us a chance to get the job done!

On the ice front, I want to thank the Business Improvement District and the Directors and volunteers who made the Village's 3rd annual ICE FEST an amazing success! BURRR!

Down at Village Hall, we are working on the budget in preparation for our hearing come April, as well as some quality of life code changes.

The pressing issue for us is the extreme erosion issue that we are facing at the east beach bluff. It's a complicated issue, so I encourage all to click on the link to watch the presentation made at the February 7th Board of Trustees meeting. The presentation includes images, timelines, approved DEC plans and specifications, pricing for a bond, and estimated impacts. Please realize we continue to reduce direct impacts to the taxpayer as well as work on an upland plan, all while seeking funding from state and federal hazard mitigation sources.

Please stay tuned on this important issue.

EAST BEACH BLUFF EROSION UPDATE

Protecting the Village's assets is taken very seriously by this administration and is a top priority! Due diligence has been executed at every step, and hundreds of man-hours have gone into this issue. We are working with the **Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC)**, the **US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)**, the **US Army Corps of Engineers**, the **Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)**, and the **Town of Brookhaven** on this issue. Since 2016, we have engaged **Coastal Engineers** to advise us on appropriate solutions.

This information may be new to some of you, so this information is to catch you up on how the journey has proceeded so far. As you can see, the permits take years to receive from the DEC and the Army Corps of Engineers, and while waiting for permits, more storms happen. We have seen some valuable improvements as a result of our efforts. Our Jetty has been repaired, East Beach has more sand, and sea walls and retaining walls have been upgraded.

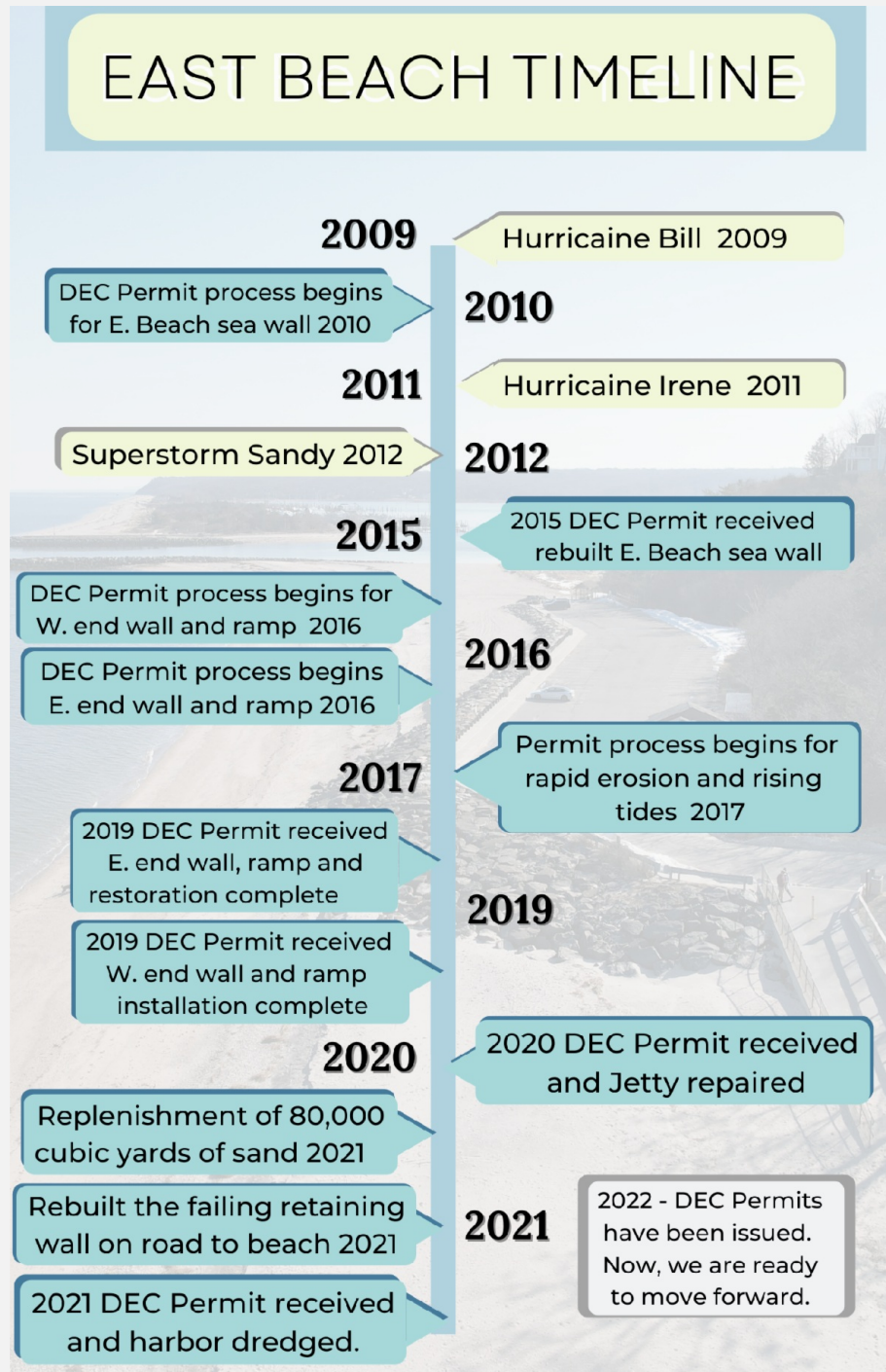
The information in the images below is just the basics, but we want to keep you updated.

Here are some ways to gain more information:

- **Mayor Margot Garant did a presentation at the February 7th Board of Trustees Meeting that is more comprehensive. This link will take you right to the presentation. [CLICK HERE](#)**

- There is a new page on the official Village website to disseminate information as it comes in. PortJeff.com/eastbeachbluff. The plans and the Mayor's presentation are available to review but keep in touch because we will be adding more in the future.
- The erosion has been discussed at multiple BOT meetings. If you desire to do a little more research, watch the meetings on the Village's YouTube channel. [CLICK HERE](#)
- Join us at future Board of Trustee meetings to hear the latest information. Check the calendar on our official website. PortJeff.com to see meeting dates and times.

Thanks for joining us on this journey! We look forward to creating solutions to a very challenging issue.



TIMELINE DETAILS

2009 - 21 DEC Permit acquisition for sand dredging in Mt Sinai Harbor

2009-20 DEC Permit acquisition for Jetty restoration and repairing of the breached jetty in 2020 after 11 years of planning and funding



2009 Hurricane Bill causes major damage to the bluff

2010-15 DEC Permit acquisition and rebuilding our East Beach sea wall with FEMA funding costing \$2.7 million



2011 Hurricane Irene causes major damage to bluff

2012 Superstorm Sandy causes major damage

2016-19 DEC Permit acquisition and extending the west end wall and ramp installation for beach access.

2017-20 Rapid Erosion and rising tides washing away the beach



2018-19 DEC Permit acquisition and east end wall extension, ramp and restoration

2021 Replenishment of 80,000 cubic yards of sand dredged from Mt. Sinai Harbor

2021 Rebuilt the failing retaining wall on the road to the beach



YOU LOOK MARVELOUS!

Great progress uptown

As we are moving toward spring, it is exciting to see the advancement of the construction uptown. Our uptown community is a growing and evolving entity. These efforts are over ten years in the making, from the planning stages to the shovel in the ground. It has taken great diligence and continual work with all the involved agencies to advance the Village and upgrade upper Port. We are now able to SEE the progress, and our new gateway is looking fantastic! We are proud of our Village's investment of time and dedication to continue the forward-moving progress.

"After years of planning and work, it is a great sensation to approach our Village from our southern gateway with a renewed pride and sense of place. It is the beginning of a safe, new, vibrant, walkable community for both young and old!" says Mayor Garant.

Keep a lookout for all of the next steps in rebuilding uptown. The positive impact this will have on our community will be enormous. The effort is not just about developing new buildings but also about creating a place where people want to live, work and play. We are on a path that will enable our community to grow and thrive for decades to come.

Keep a lookout for the ribbon cutting ceremony in late spring or early summer!



NEW YORK STATE PARKING & TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATION

NYSPTA PARKING CONFERENCE

In our neck of the woods

In 2022, Port Jefferson will become the first Long Island town to host the New York State Parking and Transportation Association's (NYSPTA) professional development seminar **on March 15th**. Port Jefferson benefits from the 50+ attendees who will stay here, eat here and, shop here for the day and overnight. The annual conference brings together parking and transportation professionals statewide to discuss new trends and technologies. Their events are typically held upstate New York, so we are excited that Long Island will be part of the NYS Association's talking points.

Kevin Wood, director of Parking and Mobility and I.T. Administrator for the Village of Port Jefferson, was named the Executive Vice President of NYSPTA. His diligence brought this event to our beautiful Village. We will reap the benefits of Kevin's hard work - Not only will our local businesses benefit, but we will have access to the most innovative solutions to our parking challenges.

Kevin is serving triple duty, Executive Vice President, host, and speaker in their Professional Development Series, presenting alongside other industry experts. This is a win-win for our community. The goal is to help support the local economy while bringing a brand new event to town, thus helping raise awareness of the Village as a great place to visit and do business while bringing cutting-edge knowledge to our parking and mobility department.

from **Deputy Mayor Kathianne Snaden**



Happy February,
Everyone!

As spring is right
around the corner, I
am excited for all the
new spring

beautification efforts coming to the Village. We will soon be removing the winter snowflakes and blue lights in order to bring about a renewed spring atmosphere throughout the Village. Be on the lookout for new seating at the Gap pocket park, updated Landscaping at Village Hall, and new and colorful flowers

always lock your vehicles and do not keep anything of value in them, including your garage door openers or other keys. As we have seen in our Village, as well as throughout the rest of the county, people entering vehicles to take valuables has been on the rise. These are crimes of opportunity and can be easily prevented by remembering to keep all vehicles locked.

And finally, a reminder that all board meetings are the first and third Mondays of the month and open to the public. As always, we welcome your input and feedback. Hope to see you there!

throughout the Village.

My focus on public safety continues this month with reminders to all residents to

Kathianne Snaden

Trustee

Deputy Mayor, Port Jefferson Village



NEW MEETING TIME

For your viewing pleasure

The Port Jefferson Village meeting time is changing to **5:00 pm for the Business meeting** and **6:00 pm Public session**. These meetings are designed to let the public know everything happening in the Village. You can find out things from recreational activities to major infrastructure matters. There is a public comment time during the 6:00 pm meeting if you have a question to ask or a statement to make. These meetings are the best way for residents to keep up to date. If you can't make the meeting, they will be live-streamed and posted on the Village's YouTube channel. It is called Inc Village of Port Jefferson Official.

<https://www.youtube.com/c/IncVillageofPortJeffersonOfficial>

We would love to have you join us!



Upcoming Village Meetings

for February and March

- February 17th** - Zoning Board of Appeals @ 6:00 pm
- February 22nd** - Village Board meeting @ 3:30 pm
- February 28** - 6 Acre Park Committee @ 6:30 pm
- March 7** Village Board meeting 5:00 pm Business
6:00 pm Public meeting
- March 10th** - Planning board meeting @ 6:00 pm
- March 21st** - Village Board Meeting @ 3:30 pm
- March 24th** - Zoning Board of Appeals @ 6:00 pm

Go to PortJeff.com to see the full calendar

FEBRUARY AND MARCH VILLAGE MEETINGS

Village Board of Trustees Meetings:

All Village Board Meetings are open to the public. **The first Business Monday of every month at 5:00 pm**, the BOT's meet in the conference room of Village Hall to conduct the business portion of the meeting. The public is welcome to sit in and listen only during this portion. The board then moves upstairs to the courtroom to conduct the public portion of the meeting and is open for the public to speak.

The **Second Board of Trustees Meeting**, is usually held on the **third Business Monday of the month**, is also open to the public, but it is a business meeting only, **starting at 3:30 pm**, downstairs in the conference room. The public is welcome to attend, but there is no public input.

Planning Board:

The Planning Board is charged with specific duties and responsibilities including: long-range planning; review of subdivision plans; holding public hearings and forwarding recommendations on proposed zoning changes; and reviewing major developments. Decisions made by the Planning Board are binding.

Zoning Board of Appeals:

The Board members review all applications based upon the Village Zoning Ordinances. All zoning designations are represented on a zoning map located at the Village Building & Planning Department, along with a detailed explanation of each designation within the Village Code.

6 Acre Park Committee

The 6 Acre park committee is tasked with developing recommendations for the six-acre parcel located on Highlands Blvd. between the train station and the Highlands at Port Jefferson condominium development. The committee is taking public input by emailing Trustee Rebecca Kassay. trustee-kassay@portjeff.com

from Trustee Rebecca Kassay



February is packed with spring planning, and it looks like spring in Port Jefferson is shaping up to be very green and full of warm community events!

As you do your

own work to prepare and get excited for the warm weather, consider tuning in or showing up to some of these Village happenings:

The January meeting of the Six Acre Park Committee is available for viewing on the Village of Port Jefferson's YouTube page. The Committee's next meeting will be held on Monday, Feb 28th, at 6:30 pm, viewable on YouTube. Please send any comments to trustee-kassay@portjeff.com for Committee review at each meeting.

Applications for the Port Jefferson Village Community Garden at Beach Street were competitive this year, and lottery winners will be contacted **by February 14th**.

Thank you to all who showed interest! Whether you're gardening at Beach Street in 2022 or not, all community members are welcome to attend garden programming throughout the year. Don't miss our first program **at 7:00 pm on March 7th**: a virtual presentation about square foot and vertical gardening hosted by the Port Jefferson Free Library! Visit the library's website to enroll in this free program.

Residents interested in viewing and commenting on Mather/Northwell Hospital's master plan can view the

Planning Board's February 10th public hearing on the Village of Port Jefferson's YouTube channel and email or deliver comments to the Planning Board by February 20th. The proposed master plan includes: expansion of parking; updates to the emergency and surgical departments; modification of traffic patterns; and more.

I am honored and delighted to be working with Village staff and volunteers on the upcoming Village Center show titled "Celebrating Women's Suffrage and the Timeless Collection of Nan Guzzetta," opening Sunday, March 6th, 2:00-4:00 pm. Mark your calendars for this special event: we will have refreshments, special guests, and the opportunity to "take a selfie with a suffragette"!

April 29th is Arbor Day, and a devoted group of residents are working to put a sapling in the hands of every first grader in the Port Jefferson Village School District. These young stewards will have the option of taking their sapling home to plant, or to plant it at the Port Jefferson Country Club as part of the next generation of trees on Village parkland. Either way, as the students grow tall alongside these new Village trees, their long-lasting connection with Port Jefferson will establish even deeper roots.

Looking forward to seeing or hearing from you in one way or another. Meanwhile, stay cozy and think 'spring'!

Enthusiastically,
Rebecca Kassay
Port Jefferson Village Trustee

CHECK OUT OUR ICE FESTIVAL VIDEO

Stay warm while watching our icy show

There was joy throughout the Village as residents and visitors delighted in the loud rumble of the chainsaw, and for a moment, forgot about the long, cold winter. The Village of Port Jefferson came alive the first weekend of February when ice sculptures sprouted throughout the Village. The hustle and bustle of chainsaws and artists was joyful music to the ears and brought smiles to all in

attendance, young to old.

The Business Improvement District and Village of Port Jefferson pulled together to create a fantastic experience for us all. We can forget the Mac n Cheese Crawl sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. This sold-out event filled the bellies of many happy participants.



Check out this video review! Look for your family or neighbors having a great time at the Ice Festival. Watch the chainsaws buzz wildly as they spray fresh snow into intricate sculptures that create beautiful memories. Enjoy the memories in this video, and join us again next year!

TO WATCH HIGHLIGHTS FROM THIS YEAR'S EXHILARATING WINTER WONDERLAND, [CLICK HERE.](#)



FEEDING THE CREW *The deliciousness that keeps them going*

There are acts of beneficence that should not go unnoticed, especially when they happen repeatedly. Thank you to our brother Joey Z for always helping us feed our crew during our snow events! They never go hungry when Joey comes to their rescue!



THEY SHARE A PAINTBRUSH AND PAINT *and a plan to brighten up the community*

A little paint can do a lot of good to spread the joy and positivity of creativity to the community. Thank you to **Melissa Paulson** and **"Give Kids Hope 501c3 for providing programs for our children and seniors at The Village Center! These classes are entirely free** and a part of their community enrichment program. Give Kids Hope fills our lives with color!

"We love Harry!" (*pictured above on the right*)

If this is the first you've heard about this wonderful program, there are more sessions to sign the family up for. Just **[CLICK HERE.](#)**

For adults there is a Friday night special program, "**Social Paint Night for Adults,**" beginning March. Meet friends and have fun. If interested, **[CLICK HERE.](#)**

While these programs are free for the Port Jefferson Village community, registration is

required.

Indoor Farmers Market

SUNDAYS
10 am - 2 pm



Jan 9 - Apr 24, 2022



THE PORT JEFFERSON VILLAGE CENTER



WOODEN GHOSTS OF THE PAST

The emergence of the Port Jefferson shipbuilding industry



January 10 - February 28, 2022



Curated by Port Jefferson Village Historian, Chris Ryon
Sponsored by the Incorporated Village of Port Jefferson and The Conservancy

PORT JEFFERSON GALLERY at The Village Center

WINTERTIDE CONCERT SERIES AT THE VILLAGE CENTER

Fridays from 7:30 - 9pm

**2022
MARCH**

Mar 4 - PETE MANCINI & MICK HARGREAVES - Americana country-folk songwriters

Mar 11 - ANDIE JULIETTE FORTIER - beautiful young farmer with a pure sweet voice and poetic lyrics

Mar 18 - JULIA CROWE - innovative and experimental guitarist from NYC

Mar 25 - WINE & CHEESE ALL-STARS:
Kate Corrigan, Cecilia Kirtland, Ray Lambiase & Bob Westcott
Veteran singer-songwriters from the wine & cheese cafe heydays

APRIL

April 1 - OLD FID - Sea Shantey trio of Alan Short, and Deirdre & Sean Murtha

April 8 - RUPERT WATES - award-winning singer-songwriter from the UK

April 15 - CASSANDRA HOUSE - Stellar vocals and gritty songs from this stunning redhead

April 22 - JONATHAN PREDDICE - Miles to Dayton founder steps out with his own tunes

Please Note: Masks required
Limited seating - First Come First Served, No Tickets Required
\$5 donation at the door

SAVE THE DATE

Celebrating Women's Suffrage and the Timeless Collection of Nan Guzzetta

March is Women's History Month - Our exhibit will be commemorating the vital role of women in American History. Also honored is Nan Guzzetta, entrepreneur and role model in the Port Jefferson Village community.

March 3 - March 31, 2022
Reception: Sunday, March 6
2:00 - 4:00 pm



Sponsored by the Incorporated Village of Port Jefferson and The Conservancy



PORT JEFFERSON GALLERY at The Village Center

Greater Port Jefferson-Northern Brookhaven Arts Council / 631-473-5220

Port Jefferson Documentary Series Spring 2022

Mondays at the Movies: Documentaries & Discussion

FIDDLER'S JOURNEY TO THE BIG SCREEN*

Monday, February 28, 2022 @ 7:00 PM
Guest Speaker via live Zoom: Daniel Raim, Director
Q&A moderated by Tom Needham, Host of The Sounds of Film at WUSB radio.

YOUTH v. GOV*

Monday, March 7, 2022 @ 7:00 PM
Guest Speaker via live Zoom: Christi Cooper, Director
Q&A moderated by Tom Needham, Host of The Sounds of Film at WUSB radio.

REFUGEE*

Monday, March 14, 2022 @ 7:00 PM
Guest Speakers via live Zoom: Din Blankenship and Erin Bernhardt, Directors and Chris Buckley and Heval Kall, Subjects in Film.
Q&A moderated by Tom Needham, Host of The Sounds of Film at WUSB radio.

THE AUTOMAT*

Monday, April 11, 2022 @ 7:00 PM
Guest Speaker: Lisa Horvitz, Director
Q&A Moderator: Tom Needham, The Sounds of Film, WUSB

A-HA, THE MOVIE*

Monday, April 18, 2022 @ 7:00 PM
Guest Speaker via live Zoom: Thomas Robsahm, Director
Q&A moderated by Tom Needham, Host of The Sounds of Film at WUSB radio.

ZERO GRAVITY**

Monday, May 2, 2022 @ 7:00 PM
Guest Speaker via live Zoom: Thomas Wernette, Director
Q&A moderated by Tom Needham, Host of The Sounds of Film at WUSB radio.

TBA*

Monday, May 23, 2022 @ 7:00 PM
Guest Speaker: TBA
Q&A Moderator: Tom Needham, The Sounds of Film, WUSB

All screenings start at 7:00 PM

*Theatre Three, 412 Main Street, Port Jefferson, NY 11777
**Zero Gravity Screening at JFK Middle School, 200 Jayne Blvd, Port Jefferson Station, NY 11776

This series is sponsored by Covotti & Janison CPAS PC
12 Walnut Street, Port Jefferson, NY 11777 - 631-928-6300

www.portjeffdocumentaryseries.com

FIDDLER'S JOURNEY TO THE BIG SCREEN captures the humor and drama of Director Norman Jewison's quest to recreate the lost world of Jewish life in Tsarist Russia and re-envision the beloved stage hit as a wide-screen epic. The film draws on behind-the-scenes footage and never-before-seen stills, as well as interviews with Jewison, Topol, composers John Williams, Jerry Bock and more.

YOUTH v. GOV is the story of America's youth taking on the world's most powerful government. In 2015, twenty-one young plaintiffs, ages 8 to 19, filed the lawsuit, *Juvenia vs. United States*, asserting a willful violation of their constitutional rights in creating our climate crisis. If they're successful, they'll not only make history, they'll change the future.

REFUGEE - The filmmakers first set out to show some of Clarkston Georgia's unsung heroes, humble residents whose warmth and inclusivity served as a reminder of a prejudiced nation's better angels. But an unexpected and extraordinary story of unlikely friendship and redemption between a Muslim refugee and a former Klanman unfolded before their camera's eye.

THE AUTOMAT - Mel Brooks, Ruth Bader Ginsberg, Elliott Gould and Carl Reiner are among the diners singing the praises of the Horn & Hardart Automats, the art deco cafeterias whose rich 100-year history is celebrated in this nostalgic and historically illuminating documentary.

A-HA, THE MOVIE - No Norwegian act had broken through internationally quite like the synth-pop band A-ha did when they burst onto the international scene with 1985's "Take on Me" buoyed by an iconic sketch-animation video. Thomas Robsahm's A-HA, THE MOVIE captures a band that constantly strove to challenge itself, never content to simply repeat earlier successes.

ZERO GRAVITY - Seen through the wondrous eyes of three young innovators and their first-time coach, the film is a powerful and inspirational story about education, science, and the next generation that follows a diverse group of middle school students who compete in a nationwide competition to code satellites aboard the International Space Station.

Our closing night film will be announced shortly. Please check our website periodically at: portjeffdocumentaryseries.com for more info.

www.portjeffdocumentaryseries.com or visit us on Facebook & Twitter

TICKETS ARE \$10.00 SOLD ON OUR WEBSITE AND AT THE DOOR

Films will be presented @ Theatre Three, 412 Main St., Pt. Jefferson and John F. Kennedy Middle School, 200 Jayne Blvd. Port Jeff Sta. at 7pm.

Call the Arts Council at (631) 473-5220 for information.

All Titles & Guest Speakers are subject to change based upon availability



THE PORT JEFFERSON DOCUMENTARY SERIES www.portjeffdocumentaryseries.com
is made possible in part by funding from Suffolk County and the generous support of the accounting firm of Corvix & Zanthos, CPAs PC



from Trustee Bruce Miller



Hello Port
Jefferson
Residents,

I have been busy
working with
Anthony LaRusso,
Director –
Strategic
Development and

Partnerships, National Grid Ventures. My objective is to try to get tax paying, green, electrical projects on the Port Jefferson Village Harbor property owned by National Grid.

The federal government has approved four national pilot projects for a total subsidy of \$8 billion of funding to produce clean electricity from hydrogen. National Grid Ventures is working with New York State on the Hydrogen Hub concept.

I persuaded Mr. LaRusso that Port Jefferson Village is a welcoming community that would be well situated for such a project and that I could suggest some key personnel who would be valuable assets in this endeavor.

The following personnel will be meeting with National Grid:

- Port Jefferson Mayor Margot Garant
- Port Jefferson Trustee Bruce Miller
- LIRR President Phil Eng
- Assemblyman Steve Englebright
- [Our local] Suffolk County Legislator Kara Hahn
- Suffolk County Legislator Bridget Fleming (Chair of the power
- committee)

National Grid added the following to my list:

- Assemblyman Fred Thiele and
- New York State Senator Todd Kaminsky

The meeting is to take place **on February 17th**, and we will be able to hear National Grid's vision and provide input. Mayor Garant and I look forward to this meeting.

*Bruce Miller
Trustee
Port Jefferson*

What's New in Recreation

EASY ONLINE REGISTRATION @PORTJEFF.COM

(631) 802-2160

YOUTH

Youth Kickball League at Spring Street School (ages 8-12) Starting Feb. 17. Free for PJV Residents.

Youth Tennis Programs: Red Ball (ages 3-6) - Beginner Youth Tennis at Spring Street School.

Youth Tennis Programs: Orange Ball (ages 7-9) Basic fundamentals and techniques at Spring Street School.

Friends & Family Tennis Program: with Alex Dank (ages 13+) Learn the basics. Different sessions on Tuesdays, beginning March

Kids Tennis Club: (ages 6-10) Friday Night Lights. Tennis, Fun and Pizza. Starting April.

Teen Tennis Club: (ages 12-17) Drills, games and competitive play. Tuesdays, starting April.

Youth Basketball: with Coach Kelly (ages 8-14) Different sessions on Wednesdays and Saturdays

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

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

Ceramic Painting Classes: (ages 4-10 and families) Starting mid-January with different sessions to choose from.

Swim Lessons:(ages 4-8) at West Beach, Saturdays beginning in July

PJ Youth Biathlon Club:(ages 7-13) Saturdays in July

Summer Camp: (ages 5-12) June 27-Aug 12. Choose from full and half day. Registration open for PJV residents.

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

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.

Friends & Family Tennis Program: with Alex Dank (ages 13+) Learn the basics. Different sessions on Tuesdays, beginning March

Adult Intermediate Tennis, Different sessions, Tuesdays or Thursdays, 7-8 pm, starting March.

PJ Social Paint Night for Adults: (ages 18 & older) Friday nights beginning in March. Free for Residents.

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

Writer's Journey: With Anne Kelly-Edmunds. February/March Session 2022.

Beginners Bridge Playing Class: with Arnie Fisher, Thursdays 1-3pm ,beginning April

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

Beach Yoga with Nanci Huner: (ages 18 & older) Saturdays @ 10:30 starting in May

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

Call: 631 802-2160 for info

VILLAGE CENTER

Rooms with a View to Rent for Corporate and Private Events

Call: 631 473-4778 for info

PORT JEFFERSON

LIMITED
ENROLLMENT
Register Online
@PortJeff.com

Kids summer CAMP



June 27 - August 12, 2022*

*Please Note: No camp July 4

Ages 5-12 years

Led by experienced, nurturing professionals with an 8 to 1 ratio.

IMPLEMENTING ALL STATE & CDC MANDATED GUIDELINES

FULL DAY CAMP

5 Days: Monday - Friday
9 am - 4 pm
\$1675*

Our Full Day Camp offers an entire day of activities, Monday-Friday from 9-4pm. On M/W/F mornings at the PJVC (sport court, arts and crafts, & fishing in the morning). Lunch is at HF Park from 12-1 pm. At 1pm the children will transition into our Sports Camp. All equipment is provided. Our Beach Camp is on Tues. & Thurs. from 9-4pm and also provides swim lessons.

Mon/Wed/Fri
Drop off & Pick-up @ The Village Center
Tues & Thurs
Drop off & Pick-up @ West Beach

HALF DAY PJ VILLAGE CENTER CAMP

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays
9am - noon
\$500*

Children will enjoy outdoor fun, crafts, sports, fishing, and camaraderie.

Drop off & Pick-up at The Village Center.

HALF DAY BEACH CAMP

Tuesday & Thursdays
9 am - 12 noon
\$335*

Our Beach Program will allow your child to share summertime fun with good friends at West Beach! Besides Swimming and Swim Lessons each week, they will experience Stand-Up Paddle Board, Fishing and carefully crafted theme days!

Drop off and pick up at West Beach.

FULL DAY CAMP

3 Days: Monday, Wednesday, & Friday
9 am - 4 pm
\$1100*

Our 3-Day Full Day Camp offers an entire day of activities, Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 9-4pm. Mornings begin at the PJVC (sport court, arts and crafts, & fishing in the morning). Lunch is at HF Park from 12-1 pm. At 1pm the children will transition into our Sports Camp. All equipment is provided.

Drop off & Pick-up @ The Village Center

FULL DAY BEACH CAMP

2 Days: Tuesdays & Thursdays
9 am - 4 pm
\$780*

Our Beach Program will allow your child to share summertime fun with good friends at West Beach! Besides Swimming and Swim Lessons each week, they will experience Stand-Up Paddle Board, Fishing and carefully crafted theme days!

Drop off and pick up at West Beach.

Register Online at PortJeff.com

- Early Registration: **PJV Residents Only** starting Jan-April 2022
- Non-Residents may apply starting May 1, 2022 \$150 Additional for non-residents
- Please Note: Required forms may be downloaded from PortJeff.com but must be completed and submitted directly to the Rec office

Call 631-802-2160 with questions
or email RLemmerman@PortJeff.com

2022 Summer Employment

It's not too soon to think about summer employment. Just drop-by the Village Center Recreation Dept. on the 2nd floor to pick up an application.

Call (631) 802-2160 with questions.

- **Camp Counselor positions**
- **Lifeguard positions**

IT'S STILL ON ... A FEW BROADWAY TICKETS AVAILABLE

The Music Man with Hugh Jackman

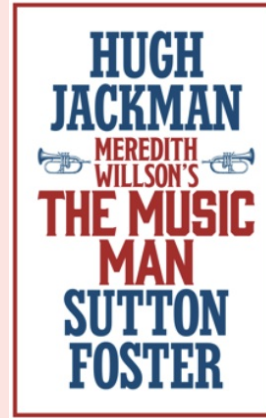
Tuesday, February 22, 2022

Broadway Bus Trip to NYC: Winter Garden Theatre
8 orchestra seat tickets available.

Cost with transportation: \$260 Resident, \$270 Non-Resident.

Bus leaves Village Hall at 3:30pm and returns right after the performance.

Call (631) 802-2160
or email reception@portjeff.com by Feb 15



from Trustee Stan Loucks



Hello Everyone,

Spring is around the corner, and it's time to get signed up for all of your spring and summer activities.

Our **summer camp registration** opened on the first of this month, and we have 36 residents signed up. We have room for 130 campers and will hold the registration for Village residents **until May 1st**. If we have not filled the camps by that date, we will open registration for non-residents.

There are presently **over 30 recreation programs listed** for the Village Center and the Recreation Department. Please go to our website: PortJeff.com, and click on Recreation to see a complete listing. There are a lot of great programs to choose from.

Registration for **golf membership** is very active - we have signed up over 400 members as of last Friday. I want to remind those that have not signed up yet that the rates will be increasing next month. If you have not received a new application, please visit the membership office Tues. thru Fri. from 9:00 - 4:00 or on Sat. from 9:00 -12:30.

For all members who have signed up, you may begin picking up your minimum cards **after March 8th**. These cards are good for food and beverages at Danfords, The Club, The Waterview, and The Turn, which will open when the course opens **on April 1st**.

The WHITE BOOK, which contains valuable information for golf members, has been updated. It will soon be posted on our website PortJeffCC.com, and it is recommended reading for everyone.

Stan Loucks
Trustee, Port Jefferson

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 BLAIR BROWN - While most of us are comfy and warm



tucked in our beds, **Blair Brown** is working at The Village Center, making sure the building is ready for the day's activities, and that is something we all appreciate!

As head custodian, this upwardly mobile young man is responsible for maintaining and cleaning The Village Center and making sure rooms are ready for any events or programs we have going on. Blair's goal is to make The Village Center a clean and orderly place for residents and visitors to come and spend time.

His coworkers have a lot to say about Blair. "Blair loves a challenge and is always willing to think outside the box to complete a task. You often find him on the computer researching ways to save the Village money and completing the task himself. He shows dedication and will complete a job from start to finish. Every Monday, Blair organizes a cleaning/project schedule for the week and communicates that schedule to his supervisor each week...always communicating!" His work ethic and communication skills are valuable assets to this Village.

In our opinion, Blair is most unique because he is happy and willing to help people with anything he can, whether that is information, moving furniture or heavy items, or to help get a party ready by setting up the room for an event. "I want to make people's lives easier."

Blair also enjoys East Beach. One of his favorite activities is to bring his lunch there and enjoy the ocean on a beautiful day. He thoroughly enjoys our beautiful parks and the amazing food choices available here. "One piece of advice I would give to newcomers is - do not try to park at The Village Center on Sundays due to The Farmers Market. The parking is very limited." His practical advice is an excellent example of how Blair works. He is always thinking ahead.

Thank you, Blair. We are grateful that you are part of the team!



SAY HI TO PAUL BRAILE

What do you get when you cross a NYC lighting director (that has worked on many Emmy-winning shows) and the Village of Port Jefferson? You get the most amazing proms for our graduating seniors, memorable events for our elementary school, plays and professionally lit concerts, and improved events at the Dickens Festival. In short, we get the benefit of **Paul Braile's** professional experience, background, and strengths! But this is the truly amazing part - he **volunteers** for all of these events!

Paul's volunteer efforts primarily involve events in Port Jefferson Village. " *I take pleasure in working with others to create, develop and devise plans and schedules to execute, network with other agencies, and secure corporate sponsorships,*" says Paul. " *What I enjoy the most, when the opportunity arises, is to purpose my background and professional experience to mentor others and teach about theatrical and broadcast lighting - for example, how to design within budget to meet demands, installation technique, programming and cuing to run a show.*" he continues.

Hold your hat because Paul's list of volunteer hours is mind-blowing. He has donated his time to:

The Greater Port Jefferson/Northern Brookhaven Arts Council 2005 – Present

- Elected to the BOD 2022, Focus on Creative Development and Corporate

Sponsorships

- The Sunset Concert Series, I shoot and edit each concert using 3-4 cameras
- WinterTide, I installed a theatrical lighting system, program, shoot and edit each concert.
- I wrote a play titled "Generations" - We staged the play, with lighting, at the Port Jeff Public Library.

The Charles Dickens Festival 2005 – Present

- Theatrical Lighting at Santas Workshop. In 2005 I installed theatrical lighting at (16) locations across the Village, including the Village Center, the Ice Rink, East Main Street, and The House Tour.
- Projection onto Village Hall. Mapped out and installed two long throw projectors to deliver one image onto Village Hall
- Install over 100 snowflakes at the Village Center for the Chamber of Commerce

The PJHS Senior Prom 2005 - 2021

PTA Events (M.S. Halloween Dance) 2021

Scraggy Hill Boys/Girls Events 2013-2017

Homecoming Pre Game Event 2019

Local Political Campaigns 2017 – Present

SEPTA 2019

- Volunteered my services to produce, shoot and edit a series of promo videos to help broadcast news, stories, and updates from SEPTA.

The Neighborhood House in Setauket 2006 - 2010

- Volunteered to light their Annual Artist Exhibit

When Paul commits to a project, he goes all in, from creating a beautiful aesthetic to improving safety procedures. "I identify areas that require an upgrade in both safety protocol, as well as revised methods and plans to execute the overall event(s)," says Paul. He participates and collaborates with other volunteers to give back to our community. "Over the years I have developed, strengthened and maintained strong relationships with many in our Village and many friendships have developed as a direct result of contributing and giving back" Paul continues "I believe it's important to give back when you can and create a positive impact in your community."

The world is Paul's stage, and he chooses to donate his time and energy to our Village generously. It's great to be the benefactor of someone who has an impressive pedigree! Paul has worked in lighting for network television for over 25 years. "**The Ru Paul Show**" at VH-1 was the first show he programmed. Since then, he has worked on shows that include "**Who Wants to Be a Millionaire**", "**The Grammy Awards**", "**The Super Bowl**", "**Glee**", "**Live P.D.**," and "**A&E Live By request**", to name a few. His current project is "**Van Gogh**" the exhibit in national and international locations.

Thank you, Paul! Your dedication to this Village is inspiring!

A Glimpse Back in Time

SNAPSHOT

by Chris Ryon, Village Historian

A snapshot is an image caught in time. A picture of a person, place, or thing that freezes time in a moment. History is a series of snapshots. These are glimpses into poignant historical moments and people. It isn't just facts. It is also stories: real people with real lives and real challenges.

We're about to embark on a journey into the past. Join us as we explore the Village's origins, its old military connections, and the shipbuilding within its harbor. Take a trip with us and relive the excitement of Port Jefferson's snapshots.

Memories of J. A. Newcomb Sr.

July 1980. James Andrew Newcomb wrote this at the age of 90.

I came to Port Jefferson in 1900 at the age of 10. My father was a shipbuilder and we lived at Bay of Fundy. Times were hard so my father went to Port Jefferson to work in the Mather shipyard.

My mother followed two months later bringing 4 children - let's see - I was 10, my brother 12 and the youngest 2 and 8. She brought us down to Port Jefferson by herself. We left Bay of Fundy in December taking a lumber sled to the train. My feet were so cold when we reached the station that I jumped off the lumber sled and ran in the tracks. You could do that because the sled tracks were quite wide and made a path in the deep snow. We took the train to Conn. On the way the

snow drifts were so high that the train stalled for a day and a half before the tracks were cleared. There was an old pot bellied stove on the train and we gathered around to keep warm. When we reached Conn. We took the ferry over to Port Jefferson - the Park City. In those days the ferry ran all winter long because there was really not too much other transportation to Long Island - no cars - only dirt roads. The Park City ran by steam and I remember sitting below where the cars now go and looking out at the water.

When we arrived we had very little money and my father had a rented room at Mrs. Robinson's boarding house. We stayed there over night. The next day they rented the upstairs in a house - still standing across from Brown's Fish Market on East Main. The rent was \$6 a month and included the outhouse in back, up in the woods, quite a distance from the house and not heated!

Continued ... please click here (portjeff.com/snapshot)



*William A. Newcomb (left) and Raymond Hews (right) at the Mather Shipyard, Port Jefferson
Newcomb/Ryon Family Collection*

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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.



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