



# The PORTERREPORT

The Official Newsletter of the Incorporated Village of Port Jefferson



## A Message *from* MAYOR MARGOT GARANT

With May upon us in a few weeks, spring is in full session with the Village blossoming in yellow daffodils and our cherry and fruit trees opening to welcome the sun. The Board of Trustees unanimously passed a conservative budget with a slight tax increase due to the impact of the loss of revenue from the LIPA Power Plant. Our financial status nevertheless remains strong, and we were able to accomplish many of the planned capital improvement projects despite struggling through the pandemic. We completed renovations of the bathrooms at Village Hall and Rocketship Park, built a new safety vestibule as you enter Village Hall, finished the addition of a new emergency command center up at the Department of Public Works building, paved many neighborhood streets and restored a large drainage culvert that runs along Brook Road that had collapsed during heavy rains.

Did you know that over 140 Village residents volunteer their time to serve on one of the various boards and or committees? Without them, the wheels would fall off the bus! We are grateful to all our Village volunteers and honored them, as well as our Not-for-Profit partners with a fun-filled recognition dinner at the Village Center. It was so great to be together again in person and I think everyone had a nice time.

There are many events to take advantage of - including our "Winter Tide" free concerts that take place every Friday night at the Village Center sponsored by the Greater Port Jefferson Arts Council and the Village. Concerts begin at 7:30 so you can catch an early dinner or happy hour and then come and listen to folk, country, and some great "unplugged" recognized musicians. A complete schedule is available online at [www.portjeff.com/calendar](http://www.portjeff.com/calendar).

We are also launching some new senior clubs beginning with painting and fun bingo which will take place midday at the Village Center for those looking to connect, get out of the house and make new friends. To sign up please visit [www.portjeff.com/recreation](http://www.portjeff.com/recreation) and search for the senior programs.

Lastly, I hope to see you at two of my favorite events - the Historical Society's 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Antiques and Garden Weekend at Village Center (April 30<sup>th</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup>) as well as the 12<sup>th</sup> Season kickoff of our infamous Farmers Market at Jeanne Garant Harborfront Park! Let's get outside people and enjoy our beautiful Village and your neighbors! See you then!

## **OFFSETTING THE COST**

### *Actively applying for grants!*

The Village of Port Jefferson has been working diligently for the past several years to address the ongoing erosion issue with East Beach. They are seeking significant funding from various opportunities to offset the cost for the residents.

We have two applications already completed and two more actively in the process. Grants are in motion from Congressman Zeldin's office and Senator Schumer's office. They both have the

potential to bring in millions in funding. We also have grant applications out for FEMA and the Department of Homeland Security. FEMA and the Army Corps of Engineers will soon be touring the affected areas. The goal is to repair the havoc that mother nature has given us and get most of it funded from grants.

The Village will continue to pursue all funding sources so the community can be appropriately protected while keeping costs to a minimum.



## **GET READY FOR SOME SMOOTH SAILING**

### *Paving our roads!*



We are pleased to announce our latest road improvements. The paving of our well-traveled streets will be smooth as silk!

**Preparation and milling** are scheduled to begin on **Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup>**, and **Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup>**, weather permitting. **Paving will follow on Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>**, and **Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Motorists and residents are cautioned that traffic may

experience minor delays and detours during this construction period.

The streets to be paved are:

**Red Barn Lane • Hoyt Lane • Longacre Court • Maiden Lane • Hawkins Street • Franklin Street • Chestnut Street • High Street** from E. Broadway to Thompson Street • **Overton Avenue • Reeves Road** from Sheep Pasture to Nicholas Street • **Nicholas Street • Midland Avenue • Sands Lane** from Chips Court to Peninsula Drive • **Belle Terre Road** from Thompson Street to E. Broadway

If you are on one of the listed roads, please don't park in the streets on those dates during daylight hours.

We appreciate your cooperation and patience while these improvements are underway.

## **A PIECE OF HISTORY - RETURNED!**

*A 46-star US Flag was brought back to Port Jefferson*



Recently Port Jefferson historian, Chris Ryon, accepted a treasure trove of Port Jefferson history. The Lee Squires family traveled from upstate to make the delivery. They brought photographs, books, and papers from her Great Grandfather and Grandfather, Charles A. and Charles W. Squires, both prominent businessmen in Port Jefferson. However, the prize object is a 13'x6', 46 star US flag that flew over the Echo Post Office where Charles A. Squires was postmaster. The post office was located immediately North and West of the LIRR tracks on Main Street.



It is a rare flag, made for only four years between 1908 and 1912 and will proudly be displayed above the Village Center entryway. This piece of history is a hand-sewn linen flag that made it through two world wars. It was passed down in the Squires family for generations. It is now an important piece of our archives and will remain protected and cherished.

**The flag is a must-see! Check it out at The Village Center.**

### **Drowned Meadow Cottage Museum (DMCM)**

*Immersion into Port Jeffersons Revolutionary War history*





Big things are happening! The DMCM team is focused on getting a New York State Museum Charter, and that is a rigorous task governed by the Board of Regents. The designation of a Museum comes with responsibilities and accountability guided by standards under education law. The team has been doing the necessary steps for a provisional charter to the New York Department of Education. Upon successful review, the DMCM application will be advanced to the regent's agenda for consideration.



A provisional charter will allow DMCM to open the doors to students and families to tell, honor, commemorate, educate, and celebrate the heritage of Port Jefferson. The current museum collections consist of acquired and donated artifacts, rare prints, antiquities, objects, maps, documents, transcripts, textiles, memorabilia, instruments, and tools from the early colonial times. The Roe House itself is a surviving Revolutionary War structure making the building itself an artifact and part of the collection.

Here's a preview of the educational programs that will be running. There will be exhibitions, lecture series, author events, and the Turn Academy: Edutainment Brings History Alive. A six-week lecture series comparing the intersection of the historical fiction series of AMC's Turn and how it actually unfolded right here on Long Island.

DMCM is at the beginning stages of the application process and has been preparing for this transition for the last eight years. We are very fortunate to have pieces of history readily available because of the vision and hard work of the DMCM team - The brilliant and accomplished team includes - Dr. Georgette Key-Grier (DMCM Historian and Chief Curator), Mark Sternberg (Historian), Tara Penske (DMCM Director of Education), Chris Ryon (Port Jefferson Village Historian) and under the leadership of Mayor Garant and the Board of Trustees.

**Join us for a ribbon-cutting for the opening of the Drowned Meadow Cottage Museum on June 5th at 1:00 pm**

*from Deputy Mayor Kathianne Snaden*



Happy Spring Everyone!

This month I am really looking forward to a lot of the work over the winter finally coming to fruition! Locations for

the new **uptown planters** have been

On April 1, I was honored to present a **Proclamation** alongside Rear Admiral Thomas G. Allan Jr (First District Commander) of the United States Coast Guard to **Captain Soderstrom and Crew of the Grand Republic**, who bravely saved the life of an 18-month-old girl in January who had fallen on the deck and was drifting in and out of consciousness. It was an amazing

mapped out, and we can't wait to fill them with colorful, eye-catching flowers! The new **tables and benches** have arrived and will be placed at the Arden Place pocket park (next to the old Gap building) So grab a coffee or lunch to go and feel free to sit and dine in the beautiful new "park." Additionally, the front wall at Village Hall has been repaired and painted, and the **new plantings** should be arriving soon! I can't wait to see the fresh new look!

Work continues on the **School District's Citizen's Advisory Panel** for capital projects. If you haven't done so already, I highly encourage everyone to tour the facilities. They are the subject of these projects. It was an extremely eye-opening experience. I would not have been able to comprehend the full extent of the school's needs without seeing it for myself. Tours will be scheduled soon.

experience to meet the little girl and her family along with their new golden retriever puppy named after the Captain!

Watch the ceremony here.

<https://youtu.be/wMn6IS-e5T0>



Kathianne Snaden

*Trustee*

*Deputy Mayor, Port Jefferson Village*

## **Public Safety**

In an **emergency situation**, always call **911 first**, then call the **Code Enforcement Bureau at (631) 774-0066**. Code may be able to get to you sooner to assist. Code is on duty from **10:00 am to midnight**.



If you need a **Suffolk County Police Department patrol car** in your neighborhood, call the **SCPD Community Oriented Police Enforcement (COPE) department at 631-854-8689**. They can help with stop sign, stoplight, and speeding patrols. This community outreach program will take the information and get it to the appropriate lieutenants streamlining the process for you.



## **PARKING IN FRONT OF THE POST OFFICE**

*Giving you more time to shop and dine*

Two of the parking spaces in front of the post office will change from 10-minute parking to two hours. We will now have more time to visit the restaurants and shops in our beautiful Village.

*Save the* **DATE**

*Get ready to have some fun!*

The **Long Island Maker Faire** returns to the **Jeanne Garant Harborfront Park on June 11<sup>th</sup> at 10am**. The Maker Faire is a gathering of fascinating, curious people who enjoy learning and love sharing what they can do. From

engineers to artists to scientists to crafters, Maker Faire is a venue for these "makers" to show hobbies, experiments, and projects. We call it the Greatest Show (& Tell) on Earth - a family-friendly showcase of invention, creativity, and resourcefulness. Glimpse the future and get inspired!

**Maker Faire<sup>®</sup>**  
**Long Island**

**The Long Island Explorium needs volunteers for the Maker Faire** - click on this link to sign up to help out - <https://longisland.makerfaire.com/volunteer/>. For more information about the **Long Island Explorium**, located next to the Village Center, check out their website [www.longislandexplorium.org](http://www.longislandexplorium.org).

### *See dogs fly!*



The **Port Paws Dog Festival** is coming on **July 23rd and 24th to the Joe Erland Field** on Barnum Ave. This exciting sport challenges dogs to dash down a specially built canine runway and jump headlong into a giant portable swimming pool. The longest distance jump wins! Does your dog have what it takes to compete with the Dock Dogs? You can sign your pooch up and become a part of the event. <https://dockdogs.com/event/port-jefferson-paws-dog-festival/>

We hope to see you at our **family and pet friendly event!**

### *Peace, Love and Music!*

You don't want to miss the second annual **Port Palooza** at **Port Jefferson's Harborfront Park** on **Saturday, July 30th**.

It's a mini music festival on the harbor. Remember to bring seating and a picnic. Look for more information soon. We look forward to seeing you there.



### *from Trustee Stan Loucks*



Spring is here, and that means that we are out playing golf! I look forward to seeing all of the members out on the course! FYI - The member's minimum

gift cards have been moved to the Golf Pro Shop to make it more convenient to pick them up. Brian and his crew have been busy getting ready for the season all winter. Tee markers are painted, all leaves and debris have been removed, trees are pruned, and the spring aeration is complete. They have done a great job!

We also have a group of volunteers working with Trustee Kassay, who will be planting various seedlings on and around the course. These plantings will eventually replace some of the older mature trees as they die out and are removed. I thank them for their efforts.

**2 Pickleball courts** are being set up at **Texaco Avenue Park** and will be offering a **free clinic on May 10th at 6:00 pm for youth aged 10-17 years** old. Parents are requested to attend the clinic.

**60 Kayak Racks** have been added to the **Crystal Brook Hollow location**. We are



As members return, they will find a new driving range, a new stairway leading down to the 16th green, and the beginning of bunker renovations. We have put a long-range golf course improvement plan in place and will be allocating monies each year to make some major improvements to the facility.

hoping to accommodate all racks requested.

Thank you to our **Recreation and Parks Departments**. They are hard at work to make our summer great.

*Stan Loucks*  
*Trustee, Port Jefferson*

## **EXCITING NEWS!**

*Pickleball courts are coming soon!*

**Pickleball** is the fastest growing racket sport in North America, and it has become a popular activity here in Port too. It is a racquet sport that combines elements of badminton, tennis, and table tennis. Our recreation department is responding to your requests for courts here in Port Jefferson. Work is being done to open up 2 Pickleball courts at Texaco Avenue Park for residents to enjoy the sport. The courts are on a first-come-first-served basis.

Our Recreation Department has also set up a free clinic **on May 10th at 6:00 pm for youth aged 10-17 years old**. Parents are requested to attend the clinic.

These exciting initiatives will allow many more people to learn about this fun and easy game! **CLICK HERE** <https://recreation.portjeff.com/CourseActivities.aspx?id=3&cat=2> to **register for the adult pickleball classes or the new summer league that starts in August.**





# THE FARMERS MARKET - EVERY SUNDAY, EXCEPT MAY 1



Jan 9 - April 24  
10am - 2pm  
Indoors  
The Village Center

May 8 - Nov  
9am - 2pm  
Outdoors  
Harborfront Park

## CALENDAR 2022

Apr 22 Wintertide Music Series, Village Center, 7:30pm  
Apr 23 Health & Wellness Fest, Meadow Club 9am-1pm  
Apr 30-May 1 Antiques & Garden Weekend, Village Center 10am-5pm  
  
May 1 May Spring Food Crawl  
May 2 May Spring Food Crawl (Rain Date only)  
May 2 Documentary Series, Theatre Three, 7pm  
May 8 Outdoor Farmer's Market Opens, Harborfront Park, 9am-2pm  
  
May 22 Walk for Hope Cancer Walk, Mather Hospital  
May 23 Documentary Series, Theatre Three, 7pm  
  
June 11 Eastern LI Maker Faire, Village Center, 10am  
TBD Sounds of the Sound, PJ Ferry, tickets Req.  
June 25 Beaches Open, 10am - 6pm

July 3 PJ Village Fireworks, Resident/PJCC Only, 9pm  
July 4 PJFD, 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade, Main St, 10am  
Rain date: July 8  
  
July 7 Concert Series: Endless Summer, HF Park, 8pm  
July 12 Movie: Encanto, Harborfront Park, Dusk  
July 14 Concert Series: Ed Travers, Harborfront Park, 8pm  
July 19 Movie: Dream Horse, Harborfront Park, Dusk  
July 21 Concert Series: Southbound, Harborfront Park, 8pm  
July 23-24 Port Paws Dog Festival, Joe Erland Field  
July 26 Movie: West Side Story, Harborfront Park, Dusk  
July 28 Children Show: Funky Town Playground, Harborfront Park Performance Stage, 6:30pm  
July 30 Port Palooza, Harborfront Park Performance Stage

*\*Please Note: Events Subject to Change*

## 2022 ANTIQUES & GARDEN WEEKEND at the Village Center



**Saturday, April 30 & Sunday, May 1**  
**10am - 5pm**  
**Admission \$6**

Quality Dealers featuring Antiques, Collectibles, Retro Items, Artwork, Jewelry, Vintage Linens, Folk Art, Garden Items and More....

### The Suwasset Garden Club

Plant Boutique of Hanging Baskets, Patio Planters, Perennials as well as Homemade Baked Goods

Co-Sponsored by The Historical Society of Greater Port Jefferson & The Village of Port Jefferson



For More Information Visit Our Website at  
[www.portjeff-antiques-garden.net](http://www.portjeff-antiques-garden.net)



## Spring Food Crawl

# Blooms & Bites

**APRIL 30th \* 1 - 4 PM**

Raindate: May 1<sup>st</sup>  
Join us for our Blooms & Bites spring food crawl at participating restaurants in the Village of Port Jefferson!  
Tickets: \$25 on Eventbrite  
Sponsored by the Port Jefferson Chamber of Commerce

## SOMETHING for everyone

Duo Exhibition Featuring  
Marty Macaluso and Helen Murdock-Prep

APRIL 1 - 29, 2022

OPEN RECEPTION: SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 1-3PM



Caricatures  
Cartoons  
Photography  
Paintings  
Illustrations  
Greeting Cards  
Pet Portraits



**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 Lambiasi & 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 and COME SEE DOGS FLY! 1st Annual Port Jefferson Dog Festival



Saturday July 23rd - 9am to 5pm  
Sunday July 24th - 10am to 4pm

Caroline Field - Port Jefferson Village  
Bring the whole family and your dog!

Watch the competition or enter your dog!  
More info or to sponsor, please text: 516-939-8960

Produced by: Port Jefferson Harbor Education and Arts Conservancy

## NEW SENIOR PROGRAMS

Find new friendships while having fun!

We are amping up our **Senior Program repertoire**. We have already scheduled **Watercolor Art Classes** and **Bingo** starting on **April 20<sup>th</sup>**. The only requirement is that you are 55+. But wait, there's more! The Recreation Department is looking into more potential programs like a Book Club, Walking Club, Art Classes, Holiday Events and Parties, Ladies Social Club, Bus trips, Beach BBQs, Knitting Club, Pickle Ball Club, Bowling Club, and Senior Tennis Club. Here is the best news... These programs are free for residents! Non-residents are asked for a donation to the program. **To sign up for the exciting courses, CLICK HERE**. Then click on the "SENIOR PROGRAMS" + Icon.

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.

### REFUGE\*

Monday, March 14, 2022 @ 7:00 PM  
Guest Speakers via live Zoom: Din Blankenship and Erin Bamhardt, Directors and Chris Buckley and Mervel 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 Hurewitz, 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 Verreffe, 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 Cowell & Johnson CPAS PC, 12 Walnut Street, Port Jefferson, NY 11777 - 631-928-4300

www.portjeffdocumentaryseries.com

## Greater Port Jefferson - Northern Brookhaven Arts Council Port Jefferson Documentary Series Spring 2022

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-vision 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, Topel, composers John Williams, Jerry Bruckheimer 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 Juliana 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.

REFUGE - The filmmakers first set out to show some of Clarkson 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 klanster 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 Automat, the art deco cafeteria 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 by public funding from Suffolk County and the generous support of the accounting firm of Cowell & Johnson, CPAs PC.



## New Senior Clubs

at The Port Jefferson Village Center  
Starts Wednesday April 20<sup>th</sup>

Art Class  
Watercolors  
10 - 12 noon  
Supplies included



Bingo Anyone?  
1-3 pm

Free for PJV Residents  
Donations appreciated from Non Residents

Register online at www.PortJeff.com  
or call the Recreation Office at 631-802-2160 to Register



The original senior program is still in place too. You can join in for fun and camaraderie every **Wednesday from 10 AM to 2 PM at the Village Center**. Bring a lunch - the coffee is on us! You can take fun trips to local theaters and gardens and enjoy special seasonal luncheons hosted by the students in the Port Jefferson Schools. For more information about the trips, please call the Recreation Office at 631-473-4778.

## What's New in Recreation

EASY ONLINE REGISTRATION @PORTJEFF.COM  
(631) 802-2160

### YOUTH

**Youth Tennis Programs: Red Ball** (ages 3-6) - Beginner Youth Tennis at Kip Lee Park.  
**Youth Tennis Programs: Orange Ball** (ages 7-9) Basic fundamentals and techniques at Kip Lee Park.  
**Friends & Family Tennis Program:** with Alex Dank (ages 13+) Learn the basics. Different sessions to choose from on Tuesdays  
**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.  
**Private Lessons with Alex Dank:** April - October 2022  
**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.  
**Music Together** by Lyrical Children: for babies and older. Classes forming.  
**Ceramic Painting Classes:** (ages 4-10 and families) Different sessions to choose from.  
**PJ Rowing Program:**(ages 16+) Monday & Wednesdays. April & May Sessions.  
**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

**Women's & Men's Softball League,** April-August at the Joe Erland Field.  
**Adult Pickleball,** Kip Lee Park, Sundays, starting April 3, Pick your session and skill level  
**Adult Pickleball,** Kip Lee Park, Mondays, starting March 28, Pick your session and skill level  
**Friends & Family Tennis Program:** with Alex Dank (ages 13+) Learn the basics. Different sessions to choose from on Tuesdays  
**Adult Intermediate Tennis,** Different sessions, Tuesdays or Thursdays, 7-8 pm, starting March.  
**Private Lessons with Alex Dank:** April - October 2022  
**Meditation:** Free with John Bednarik. Registration required. June 26. Harborfront Park.  
**Writer's Journey:** With Anne Kelly-Edmunds. May/June Session.  
**Writer's Journey:** With Anne Kelly-Edmunds. Sept/Oct Session.  
**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 Sessions in May & July  
**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

Wednesdays, 10am - 2pm. No sign-up required.

**New Senior Clubs** starting April 20: Registration Required.

**Watercolor Art Class:** 10am - 12 noon

**Bingo:** 1 - 3pm

### BUS TRIPS

**Broadway Bus Trip:** June 26. Choose tickets, Company or Funny Girl.

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





With all of these April showers, we can be grateful that we don't have to wait until May for flowers: the Village is already in bloom! Many thanks to the

local volunteers, businesses, and staff who made efforts in the autumn to help bring an early spring to the Village. For anyone interested in Village gardening this year, keep an eye out for the year's first Learn-and-Lend-a-Hand volunteer opportunities to continue cultivation and beautification efforts in the Village's pollinator gardens.

The Six Acre Park Committee continues its work and aims to present a proposal to the Board of Trustees in the coming months. Based on months of research, discussion, and public input, the current vision for the acreage along Highland Blvd is "a passively used arboretum-like parkland with possibility for area used for community gardens. Adjacent existing parking lots will be sought for use to access the park." Public input can be emailed to [trustee-kassay@portjeff.com](mailto:trustee-kassay@portjeff.com); these comments are entered into a document that is reviewed by the Committee at its monthly meeting. As a Trustee, I am enthusiastic about working with residents and my fellow Board members to find appropriate locations for more active parkland uses; for example,

the residents requesting pickleball courts will be delighted to see a new pickleball program coming to Texaco Park this spring! The next Six Acre Park Committee meeting will be held at Village Hall on Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

I am thrilled to continue working with a dedicated group of residents on a special Arbor Day effort. Reaching out to various community 'branches,' we will be introducing hundreds of native Red Oak, White Spruce, and Winterberry (shrub) saplings to the Village in late April and early May to help re-tree the Village. Each member of the Port Jefferson Village School District's first grade class will receive a coupon for one free tree: students can either plant it at their homes to grow up alongside, or plant it as part of a newly established Village tree nursery on the Country Club grounds. Additionally, residents and locals will be able to purchase a "dollar tree" (\$1 per sapling) at the Port Jefferson Farmers Market- date TBA based on sapling delivery. Look for Village social media posts and an article in the Port Times Record for updates on this project.

Hope to see you out and about as the Village trades the winter blues for the spring greens this month! Meanwhile, best wishes for a bright and cheery April.

Enthusiastically,  
*Rebecca Kassay*  
*Port Jefferson Village Trustee*

## **HONORING OUR VOLUNTEERS**

*Breaking bread and celebrating*



The Village put together an evening celebrating our volunteers. This well-deserved event brought together the people that stepped up to make our Village an amazing place to live.

Honored were members of:

- Harbor Arts and Education Conservancy
- Country Club Management Advisory Committee
- Long Island Seaport and Eco Center
- Conservation Advisory Council
- Long Island Explorium
- Historical Society
- Parking Committee
- Planning Board
- Zoning Board
- Architectural Review Committee
- Board of Assessment Review
- Greens Committee
- Dickens Festival Committee
- 6-Acre Parkland Committee

Thank you for the time and expertise you have dedicated to our beautiful Village.





## **LIFTING OTHERS**

### *LIVCTA food drive*

The LI Village Clerks & Treasurers Association concluded its **“March on Hunger” food drive**. This benevolent endeavor was organized by LIVCTA including our Village Clerk, Barbara Sakovich, and our Village Treasurer, Denise Mordente. Barbara serves as the Suffolk County Director for LIVCTA, and Denise is their Treasurer. With the support of our community and the efforts of these two influential women, they **raised \$6,945.00 and collected 1,390 pounds of food for Island Harvest to utilize and distribute immediately to our neighbors who are struggling**. LIVCTA’s efforts with Island Harvest have assisted in providing over 80,000 meals for Long Islanders. Our Village participated with food donation bins at Village Hall and the Village Center. March For Hunger is an annual event. So, we will see you again next March!

### *from* **Trustee Bruce Miller**



Hello Port  
Jefferson  
Residents,

It's been a busy  
month.

I have contacted  
Hector Garcia of  
the Long Island

Rail Road for a second meeting. This meeting would be with Catherine Rinaldi, the new leader of the LIRR. We would like an update on the Oyster Bay spur's battery electrification experiment and its future application for Port Jefferson.

We are also interested in taking over the LIRR parking lot to make it more attractive as part of the gateway to Port Jefferson and meter the lot and redraw spaces.

A more distant issue pertains to the Lawrence Aviation Superfund site, immediately to our south. One proposal supported by Assemblyman Englebright would move the LIRR rail yards and station to a 40-acre sector of the Lawrence site. This is an interesting proposal as it would eliminate the crossing on route 25 A /112, reduce some traffic coming into Port Jefferson and would end an existing bottleneck when trains arrive and leave.

I have been monitoring the Mather Hospital Expansion and its impact on open space and woodlands. Some residents are concerned about increased helicopter traffic.

*Waiting for a sunny spring,*  
**Bruce Miller**  
*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!*



We are excited to share this team member with you because she is someone that many residents will encounter. She is one of those professional and friendly faces to assist you when you arrive at Village Hall. Meet **Kelly Reilly**. She is the **Village's Senior Tax Cashier**. Her philosophy says it all - "It is important to give residents the time they need and deserve to answer and explain any tax-related questions they may have" she adds, "I am available to assist residents during our grievance and exemption periods. They should feel free to stop by or call and set up an appointment."

Kelly has a lot of duties with the internal workings of the tax operations in our Village. She assists the Village Tax Receiver in preparing the Village tax roll and the tax bills. She is responsible for collecting and processing all Village property taxes. She assists the Village Assessor in preparing the Village Assessment Roll and assuring it is accurate and published on time. She also facilitates the Village grievance

process and works with the Board of Assessment Review to help our Village residents with their grievances. She has incredible responsibility and performs all her duties with efficiency, professionalism, and attention to detail. She is precisely the person we need in her position!

Her favorite part of the position is aiding our Village seniors and veterans with filing exemption applications. "The best part of my position is being of use to our seniors and helping them with their needs. I enjoy making the process stress free for them. They know I am always available whenever they need me!" states Kelly. She continues with some great advice "I encourage residents to visit the tax portal on our website to view their tax bill and make a payment using either an e-check or a credit/debit card. It is an easy way to make your payment." <https://portjeff.com/payments>

Kelly knows Village property taxes, assessments, exemptions, and grievances inside and out. Contact her if you have questions about these topics. She will help make the process easier and friendlier and take some stress off your plate. Kelly's experience and insight are invaluable to us. We consider her a valued member of our team, and we highly value her excellent work. We are grateful that we have her expertise, professionalism, and extraordinary outlook. She is a treasure!

## SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING

Protecting our streets and parks is a top priority. Our 'See Something - Say Something' campaign is



**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**

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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