

# The PORTERREPORT

The Official Newsletter of the Incorporated Village of Port Jefferson



## A Message from MAYOR MARGOT GARANT

As we head towards a robust summer season, things in the Village are certainly upbeat and looking good! The Ginny Marie is back in the water at Harborfront Park! If you haven't had the opportunity, please sign up for sunset sail and get out on this magnificent schooner and enjoy the cool harbor breeze while reaching out to touch a golden sunset!

Rowing classes for adults and teenagers take place at Village Center and on the harbor. Our seniors are enjoying meeting each other and experiencing more new programs at Village Center.

For our children, summer camp is around the corner- where our kids learn the lifetime recreational sports of tennis, golf, swimming, and they may even find a pickleball racquet in hand this year!

Paving projects have been completed, and sidewalk repair is now underway. Buildings are going up, and new residents are moving in and buying at prices higher than ever!

Our 4th of July traditions will include fireworks at East Beach on the 3rd and the Fire Department parade on the 4th morning at 10:00 am.

We live in a beautiful, year-round community. I do hope, during these warm weather months, you enjoy all our beaches, beautiful walkways, pocket parks, and events on the horizon. Don't take these days for granted - embrace each one as if there is no tomorrow and be THANKFUL for your community, your beautiful home, and each other. Be kind - and enjoy the fruits of summer just unfolding.

## **PORT JEFFERSON VILLAGE ELECTION**

*Your vote counts!*

It is time to vote for **two Village Trustees**.

**Date:** June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022

**Where:** Port Jefferson Village Center

**Time:** 6:00 am until 9:00 pm

**The candidates are:**

- Lauren M. Sheprow
- Bruce G. Miller
- Rebecca Kassay
- Gerard Gang
- Ana Hozyainova

**If you cannot vote in person, absentee ballots are available. Here are the details:**

- Absentee ballot applications are available up to election day, June 21<sup>st</sup>, for walk-ins at Village Hall.
- You can complete your ballot at Village Hall, and you will be handed an absentee ballot to complete.



- You may email [clerk@portjeff.com](mailto:clerk@portjeff.com) for an absentee ballot application.
- If you prefer to request your absentee ballot application via mail, the last day for the clerk to receive applications for absentee ballots to be mailed to voters is June 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Happy Voting!**

## **PJV TREASURER AND VILLAGE CLERK RE-ELECTED TO LIVCTA BOARD**

*Continuing their professional development to benefit our residents.*



Congratulations to PJV Treasurer Denise Mordente and Village Clerk Barbara Sakovich for their re-election to the Long Island Village Clerks and Treasurers Association. Being part of this organization creates collaboration and access to other Village government officials on Long Island, which benefits PJV staff and residents. LIVCTA encourages and stimulates cooperation among members for their mutual benefit and welfare; provides a medium for exchanging ideas and experiences; and enhances their professional service to the elected officials and the communities they serve. Every LIVCTA meeting has guest speakers. For example, the Office of the State Comptroller comes down from Albany and teaches about

new laws and regulations. Our village residents benefit from Ms. Sakovich and Ms. Mordente's additional training and networking opportunities that keep them up-to-date on laws & regulations, help them provide more efficient services, and keep them on top of trends that are happening on Long Island.

This is Village Clerk Barbara Sakovich's 2nd term as Suffolk director – 2021 and 2022. Treasurer Denise Mordente was the Suffolk Director from 2008 to 2021 and treasurer from 2021 to current.

And while we are chatting about Denise, she also recently **received a commendation for 25 years of service from the New York Conference of Mayors.**



We appreciate these two dynamic women for their drive and passion for their profession!

## **4th OF JULY FIREWORKS AND FIRE DEPT. PARADE**

*Bringing our community and families together, it's what we do!*

Port Jefferson takes its 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration seriously! It's one of the highlights of the year. These events take planning and coordination, and they're one of those things that make our Village so special. We highly recommend heading out to **East or West Beach on Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, at dusk for the firework festivities**. If you are new to the area, this is a must-experience celebration. To everyone else, we'll see you at the beach!

Then, join us on **Main street Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am for the PJFD Parade**. Fire trucks, classic cars, civic groups, floats, and bands from all across Long Island are lining up for a spectacular parade down Main Street.

The 4<sup>th</sup> of July is an exciting time for the whole family! We have lots of activities planned for you and your family to enjoy.

# Sunday, July 3rd, Fireworks



## JOIN US

The Village will be celebrating Independence Day with an awesome fireworks display, Sunday, July 3 at 9pm. Viewable from either East or West Beaches, resident parking stickers required.

Or reserve your spot for a bird's eye view at The Waterview at the PJCC.

*Raindate: Friday, July 8.*

# Monday, July 4th, PJFD Parade at 10am



★ ★ ★ Red, White and Blue All The Way ★ ★ ★

*from Deputy Mayor Kathianne Snaden*



Summer is right around the corner, and so is our "busy season"! It is shaping up to be filled with many fun and family-friendly events.

**Port Paws Dog Festival** on July 23<sup>rd</sup>

and 24<sup>th</sup> will be featuring the fun and exciting Dock Dogs event. **Come see dogs fly!** Bring the family, and enjoy the jumping dogs, vendors, and more!

**Festival.** There are sure to be some great tunes and talent!

While we are inviting many to the Village for these events, our Parks Department has been busy preparing and beautifying our surroundings. As plantings begin to bloom, they fill both uptown and downtown with a seasonal ambiance that I hope you all enjoy or, as they say, "take some time to stop and smell the roses." Stay tuned for more pocket parks to be included in this initiative!

One week later, bring a lawn chair, grab a takeout meal and make your way to the waterfront to watch some talented musicians at our **Port Palooza Music**

Kathianne Snaden  
Trustee  
Deputy Mayor, Port Jefferson Village

## **SIDEWALK REPAIRS**

*Giving our curbs appeal.*

Get ready to see the improvements along your favorite sidewalks. These infrastructure projects help improve the quality of life for everyone by enhancing pedestrian safety, beautifying our streets, and making them a more enjoyable place to walk and play.

As always, we are taking advantage of grant funds to subsidize the project. **American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant funds** will partially fund this needed initiative.

**This year, we will be paving sidewalks in the following areas:**

- Spring Street
- Maple place and Tuthill
- Beach Street
- North side of Thompson Street
- East Broadway at Fifth Season
- East Broadway in front of founders Park
- Main Street at Infant Jesus
- Main Street - Jones to Tuthill
- In the Riviera community - Sawtooth Cove
- Main Street - Upper Port

We hope you enjoy the new look and feel of our improved walkways.



## **PROACTIVELY KEEPING OUR NEIGHBORHOODS SAFE**

*PJ Code officer is tasked with citing building code and property violations.*

Code Officer Murdocco is now working with the Building and Planning Departments on building code violations. He was required to pass additional testing showing his substantial knowledge base. The addition of officer Murdocco will help prevent and rectify the zombie houses in our neighborhoods, identify safety issues at an early stage, and provide additional enforcement tools that will help make all of our neighborhoods safer.



Deputy Mayor Snaden has had great success with her Zombie Home Task Force in bringing the number of zombie homes in the village down drastically. Please contact her at [Trustee-Snaden@Portjeff.com](mailto:Trustee-Snaden@Portjeff.com) should you have any

questions or concerns regarding this topic.

Tackling the zombie house dilemma is a community effort so if you see something, say something. Contact the Code Department at (631) 744-0066 or report the incident on the Residents Portal <https://portjeff.com/portal/>

## **LONG ISLAND MAKER FAIRE**

*A world-class expo right in our backyard*

The Long Island Maker Faire is a gathering of fascinating, curious people who enjoy learning and who 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.

Enjoy exhibits from the science, health, kids & family, robotics, education, art & design, 3D printing, electronics, open-source, young makers, woodworking, fabrication, sustainability & nature, fashion, and engineering fields. Click on this [Newsday Article](#) to see more about the exhibitors.

The Faire will be open **Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, from 10 am to 5 pm** at the Long Island Explorium, Harborfront Park, and the Village Center.

**Advance Tickets \$12 for an individual  
\$55 for a family**

**At the Door Tickets \$15 for an individual  
\$60 for a family**

Advanced tickets are available online until Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup> @ 8:00pm. [CLICK HERE](#) to purchase.

**Volunteers are still needed.** The Faire is seeking passionate volunteers who embrace the spirit of Maker Faire and the creativity and resourcefulness that it represents. **Email Katie**

**at [katieb@longislandexplorium.org](mailto:katieb@longislandexplorium.org) to be a part of the team!**

Check out their website for more details like parking, shuttle routes, and learn about the exhibits at the event. [CLICK HERE](#)



## **PORT PALOOZA**

*A mini Music Festival at Harborfront Park*



Get ready to be inspired by amazing musicians that will reach you with their talent. **The Village of Port Jefferson and The Port Jefferson Harbor Education and Arts Conservancy will again present the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual "Port Palooza" music event.**

Join us on **July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022, from 11:45 am until Dusk** at the Jill Nees Russell stage in Harborfront Park.

The day will be filled with six sets of live electric music with a special performance of the PJV Allstars (Village employees playing live), all presented at the beautiful Port Jefferson Harbor waterfront.

**The event is free to attend.** Bring your chairs, food & beverage, and blanket, and hang out on the harbor for a fun-filled day listening to phenomenal live music.

### **Port Palooza Performers 2022**

- 11:30am - TBD
- Noon - Cole Fortier and Band
- 1:30 pm - Grand Folk Railroad
- 3:00 pm - The PJ All-Stars
- 4:30 pm - MJT
- 6:00 pm - Gene Casey and the Lone Sharks
- 7:30 pm - JAZZ by the Keenan Zach Trio

See you in July for a one-of-a-kind, intimate music festival experience!

## **PORT PAWS DOG FESTIVAL - COME SEE DOGS FLY!**

*A day of laughter, amazement, and maybe even finding your new best friend!*



Dogs, dogs, and more dogs! We all love our furry friends, and **July 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>** are going to the dogs in Port Jefferson. Bring your favorite canine(s) and enjoy the pure joy of our **Port Paws Dog Festival!**

**Come see Dogs Fly! Literally!** The Dock Dog events include - The Big Air® competition that features dogs running

down a 40' dock and diving into a pool of water after an object. They are electronically judged for the length of their jump. - The Extreme Vertical® competition is a "High Jump" for the dogs as they lunge to snag a "bumper" suspended in the air. With each grab, the height increases in 2-inch increments until only one dog is crowned king. - Rounding out the action is the newest form of competition known as Speed Retrieve® – where the dogs are put on the clock to see how fast they can run down the dock, jump into the water, swim to the end of the pool, and retrieve an object which is held by a modified extender arm.

Be prepared to be amazed at the agility and sheer strength of our four-legged athletes! Join us at the **Joe Erland Ball Field on Caroline Ave**, where there will be food trucks and demonstrations on both days.

**The Dock Dogs competitions are open to everyone.** Teams are made up of one dog and one handler. Your canine must be six months or older to be eligible. Canines of any breed, size, or shape are welcomed. Not only is the competition open to all types of canines, but also handlers above the age of 7 are welcome. We even have a Youth Handler class for those between the ages of 7-14. Pre-registration will be available until one week prior to the event by logging onto [www.dockdogs.com](http://www.dockdogs.com). A try-it for dogs that are not competitors is on **Friday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 5:00 to 7:00 pm.**

Whether you want to sit back and enjoy the events and the dogs or be a part of the action, this is where you need to be! **Bring a chair or blanket and enjoy all of the festivities.**

**If you want to add a furry friend to your family,** check-in at this event. Local rescues will be there to show off their amazing pups that could be your soulmate! Don't miss the chance to change your life for the better with one (or two) of the beautiful souls you will meet!

**Volunteers needed.** What could be more fun than spending the day volunteering in a park full of canines?!?! **Email - [LIDogFestival@gmail.com](mailto:LIDogFestival@gmail.com) to sign up.**

**Port Paws Dog Festival**  
Saturday and Sunday, **July 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>**  
Starting at **9:00 am** on both days



Located at **Joe Erland Ball Field on Caroline Ave**

Tickets are **\$10 per person** - children and dogs are free.

All proceeds go to The Port Jefferson Harbor Education and Arts Conservancy (the organization that revitalized Rocketship Park)

**Check out the website to get more details and see the amazing businesses sponsoring the festival. [www.portpawsdogfest.com](http://www.portpawsdogfest.com)**

This weekend of fun, fur, and family is presented by The Port Jefferson Harbor Education and Arts Conservancy and the Village of Port Jefferson. We can't wait to see you there!

*from* **Trustee Stan Loucks**



This spring has been busy, exciting, interesting, and rewarding in many ways. The Country Club's golf membership is near capacity. We see many new faces

enjoying the course and the many programs offered by our professional staff. Jake Anderson (our head Pro) and Brendon Cain (our assistant Pro) have put together programs for children and adults at all ability levels. I love watching "Jake" march out to the driving range or putting green with his little army following along behind. These youngsters are the future of our club.

I am excited to announce that **Pat Sullivan has been appointed our Golf Course Superintendent**. Pat has been working behind the scenes for 17 years. You will see Pat riding the mowers, repairing our irrigation system, raking the bunkers, maintaining the tennis courts, and a lot more. If you see Pat (and you will if you play golf), say "Hi" and welcome him to his new position.

On a sad note... We do not have a tennis membership this year because of the serious bluff situation. However, **we have opened tennis courts 7 & 8 for last year's tennis members**. We activated the reservation system that was used last year. Although it's only 2 courts, we hope you take advantage and get in some tennis at the club.

I want to encourage everyone to visit the recreation website to see the many programs we offer. We have tennis, basketball, golf, swimming, yoga, dance, music, rowing, horseback riding, pickle ball, and many more. I know there is something of interest to everyone.

To the golfers, the kayakers, the tennis players, the rowers, the swimmers, and all other participants... **HAVE A WONDERFUL AND SAFE SUMMER!**

*Stan Loucks*  
*Trustee, Port Jefferson*

PS: The fireworks will be **on Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>**. The best viewing is at East Beach, West Beach, and the Country Club.






# TENNIS ANYONE?

## Great News

**PJCC Tennis Courts 7 & 8 will be Open Soon for Play!  
All PJCC Tennis members from 2021  
are invited to play free of charge.**

You'll be able to make reservations online through the Court Reserve System.

-  Website: [courtreserve.com](http://courtreserve.com)
-  Use the same login name (your email address) and password from last season.
-  PJ Residents can reserve online 3 days in advance & Non-Residents can reserve online 2 days in advance.

For more information, contact Dana Eng (631) 561-7920, Kris Adams (631) 306-6965 or Dave Brandman (631) 682-2766.

**Stay Tuned for Opening Date!**

*Special thanks to the following for making this possible:*

Mayor Garant  
Trustee Stan Loucks  
PJ Recreation Supervisor: Renee Lemmerman and Alex Dank  
Interim Superintendent of Greens: Pat Sullivan  
CCMAC Members: Todd Garland, Kris Adams, Dave Brandman, Dana Eng







### **Village Board of Trustees Meetings:**

All Village Board Meetings are open to the public. **On the first business Monday of every month at 5:00 pm**, the BoTs 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**, which 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, reviewing 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 on 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.

## **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 events with the 6<sup>th</sup> Precinct are:**

June Community Meeting - June 14<sup>th</sup> @10:00 am at the 6th Precinct  
July Community Meeting - July 12<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm at the 6th Precinct

Sixth Precinct - 400 Middle Country Road, Selden, NY (631) 854-8600

*from* **Trustee Bruce Miller**



Things are happening fast with the LIRR, the Port Times Record reported about a press conference held at Stony Brook station last Tuesday.

Legislative

leaders, Steve Englebright, Ed Romaine, and Jonathan Kornreich came together for this media release.

Quoting from the Record, Supervisor Romaine stated Diesel is “Some of the most polluting fuel that we have.” Mr. Romaine also stated that we deserve at least 20th-century technology.

I have pointed out for several years that North Shore residents “commuting to their commute” on the Ronkonkoma line is a brown, daily exercise for many. State Sen. Mattera made this point, also saying that all North Shore residents need to be able to “drive to a nearby station without changing trains to New York City.”

\$4 million was allocated to study electrification of the Port Jefferson Branch – we need the MTA to complete the study in time for execution in the pending MTA 5-Year Plan. “Things are happening fast...”, though not necessarily on the rails. I hope we can catch this

train. The MTA will receive \$10 billion from the Fed. It is time some of this money gets spent on the Port Jefferson line.

Trustee Snaden and I met with LIRR planning and technical executives on what I call “A Better Ride” on the LIRR brief last week. I then called Assemblyman Englebright by phone on Monday, and we discussed the not-to-certain nature of the executive’s responses. I related the content of the discussions and followed up with one of my position papers on this topic.

In a related story, Samuel (Sammy) Chu has been appointed to the MTA Board. Battery Electric for the Port Jefferson line is high on his priority list. This is ABSOLUTELY possible. Ever seen movies of the early 20th century? Every locomotive had a fuel car – a coal car. Small battery cars can be added if all other design options fail. In another development, Mayor Garant and I will meet soon to discuss Community Choice Aggregation and green electrical energy for Port Jefferson residents at a reduced cost. I want Port Jefferson to lead Long Island on green infrastructure and development!

*Best,  
Bruce Miller  
Trustee, Port Jefferson*

**MUSIC IN THE AIR**



The PJSD performed a concert in the park this past Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, at the Jill Russell Performance Stage in the Harborfront Park for the community. The weather was amazing and a good time was had by all!

# PORT JEFF VILLAGE CALENDAR 2022



## THE FARMERS MARKET

Harborfront Park,  
Sundays: May 8 - Nov 20, 9am - 2pm  
Rain Location: The Village Center

- June 11 Eastern LI Maker Faire, Village Center, 10am
- June 14 Sounds of the Sound, PJ Ferry, \$ tickets
- June 25 Beaches Open, 10am - 6pm
  
- July 3 PJ Village Fireworks, Resident/PJCC Only, 9pm  
Rain date: July 8
- July 4 PJFD, 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade, Main St, 10am
- July 23-24 Port Paws Dog Festival, Joe Erland Field
- July 30 Port Palooza, Harborfront Park Stage
  
- Aug 6 Swim Across the Sound, Port Jeff to Ct.
- Aug 8 Village Golf Outing
  
- Sept 5 Beaches Close
- Sept 10 2022 Village Cup Regatta
- Sept 10 Culper Spy Day, Drowned Meadow, 9am-4pm
- Sept 17 Dragon Boat Race, Harborfront Park, 8am-5pm
- Sept 24 Hill Climb, Village Center-East Broadway, 9am
- Sept 25 Mustang Show, Village Center, 9am-3pm,  
Raindate: Oct 10
  
- Oct 1-31 Paint Port Pink
- Oct 17-Nov 1 Fall Art Walk
- Oct 16 PJ Historical Society Country Auction, Mather  
Museum, 9am
- Oct 22 Harvest Fest, Port Jeff, 12-5pm, Raindate: Oct 23
- Oct 22 Harvest Fest, Window Painting, Village Center
- Oct 22 Chowder Crawl
- Oct 31 PJV Residents Halloween Party, PJCC 5-7pm
  
- Nov 26 Outdoor Ice Skating Opens, Village Center
- Nov 27 Small Business Saturday, 9am-5pm
- Nov 27 Santa Parade, 3pm
- TBD Santa Visit, Village Center
  
- Dec 1 - Jan 2 Festival of Trees, Village Center, 9am - 9pm
- Dec 3 & 4 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Charles Dickens Festival

## EAST & WEST BEACHES

Please note: Due to East Beach bluff reconstruction, the beach and parking lot will be subject to intermittent closures throughout the summer.

**June 25 - September 5, 2022**

• Lifeguards on duty 10am - 6pm, daily • Resident Only, Parking Stickers Required

## MOVIES ON THE HARBOR

TUESDAYS - DUSK

Harborfront Park Lawn, Rain date: next evening.  
Sponsored by the Port Jefferson Recreation Dept.

- July 12 Encanto
- July 19 Dream Horse
- July 26 West Side Story
- Aug 2 Minari
- Aug 9 October Sky

## SUNSET CONCERTS

WEDNESDAYS - 6:30 - 8 PM - RAIN OR SHINE  
Harborfront Park

Sponsored by the Greater Port Jefferson Arts Council

- July 6 The Famous Dr. Scanlon Band
- July 13 East End Trio
- July 20 Cole Fortier and Friends
- July 27 Blue Spirit
- Aug 3 Roots Foundation
- Aug 10 Ken McGorry & The Achievements
- Aug 17 Ray Lambiase Band
- Aug 24 Gene Casey & The Lone Sharks
- Aug 31 Eastbound Freight Bluegrass Band

## CHILDREN'S SHOWS

THURSDAYS - 6:30 PM

Performance Stage in Harborfront Park  
Sponsored by the Port Jefferson Recreation

- July 28 Funky Town Playground
- Aug 4 Dance Party with Didi Maxx
- Aug 18 A Little Bit of Magic Dance Party

## HARBORSIDE CONCERT SERIES

THURSDAYS - 8 PM

Harborfront Park

\*Featured Concert Sponsored by The Port Jefferson Ferry

- July 7 Endless Summer- Beach Boys Tribute Band
- July 14 Ed Travers Band - Jimmy Buffet Tribute Band
- July 21 Southbound - Country Music
- Aug 11 Refugee - Tom Petty Tribute Band
- \*Aug 25 The Hit Men, 7pm @ Ferry Dock - Classic Rock

## NYC BUS TRIP, SUNDAY, JUNE 26

### 10 Tickets to Funny Girl Still Available



\$199. pp Resident;

\$209. pp Non-Resident

includes Orchestra Seat and Bus

Just Transportation: \$40@ round trip

Departing 9:30am from Village Hall and return by 6pm

Call (631) 802-2160

The Port Jefferson Village Center

# PORT JEFFERSON GALLERY at The Village Center

2<sup>nd</sup> FL GALLERY  
North Shore Art Guild  
**OUR BEAUTIFUL  
EARTH**

**June 1 - 30, 2022**

Reception: Saturday, June 25  
12 - 1:30 pm



3<sup>rd</sup> FI GALLERY

**PICTURE THAT AGAIN**

Port Jefferson  
Photography Club Exhibit

June 7 - July 29, 2022



# 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.

**Youth Tennis Programs: Green Ball** (ages 7-10) 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.

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

**Private Lessons with Alex Dank:** April - October 2022

**Youth Floorball Hockey:** (ages 6-11) Spring and Summer sessions.

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

**Youth Basketball Tournament:** with Coach Kelly Coed Teams. Saturday, May 21

**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. 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.

## ADULT

**Women's & Men's Softball League,** April-August at the Joe Erland Field.

**Cornhole League:** 2 person teams. Thursdays, starting May 26

**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

**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.

## SENIORS

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

**Senior Clubs:** Watercolor Art Class, Sitter-cise, & Book Club to choose from.  
Registration Required.

## 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

**HIRING OPPORTUNITIES: CAMP COUNSELORS NEEDED**

Ages: 16 & up  
Dates: June 27 - August 12  
Apply at The Village Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Recreation Office  
*Have fun while you gain experience and make some money!!*

## *from* **Trustee Rebecca Kassay**



As the summer approaches, it's a delight to see our Village bustling with celebrations and smiling faces. My congratulations to all of the 2022 graduates!

Gardeners and community volunteers gathered at the Beach Street Community Garden last Saturday morning to continue building upon the garden's success and beauty as its second year blossoms. A dozen community members ages 8 through 80 worked together to: install a series of mailboxes- generously donated by Alex and Jeff C.- to be used as tool storage, a shared seed library, and more; construct two new gates for more convenient garden entry; mount a decorative garden mural created and donated by Stony Brook University student Erica L.; attach cross-braces to stabilize garden fence posts; and generally tidy the parkland. Be sure to drive by and check it out! We look forward to announcing summer garden events and programming shortly.

If you have an extra hour or two in the coming week, the Port Jefferson Prom Committee would appreciate your donation of time towards the last phases of painting preparations- no experience needed! I'll be heading back to the High School to help wrap up the painting and to share in the magic of this awesome tradition. Email [pjhsprom@gmail.com](mailto:pjhsprom@gmail.com) to let them know when you can be there: this truly is a 'many hands make light work' effort.

I hope to see many of you at the Long Island Maker Faire hosted by the Long Island Explorium on Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup>. I am in awe of the lineup of talented makers for this interactive family-friendly event, and I hope that our residents will make the most of this festival held at our own Harborfront Park. I'll be volunteering to facilitate the event in the afternoon- be sure to say hello!

There will be a Learn-and-Lend-a-Hand program at the High St + Spring St pollinator garden on Sunday, 6/12, 11am-1pm. If you're curious about the buzz around this type of garden, you're welcome to come down to check it out and ask questions. Knowledge is power!

I continue to explore flood mitigation and other grant opportunities with Elizabeth Hornstein, Long Island Sound Study's Sustainable & Resilient Communities Extension Professional. Ms. Hornstein's role at LISS is to connect municipalities like PJV to local and national funding opportunities; this will reduce the taxpayer burden of expensive, necessary infrastructural improvements to combat the effects of climate change.

Last but not least, don't forget to mark your calendars for the upcoming Village election for two trustee positions: June 21<sup>st</sup> from 6am-9pm at Village Center. Wednesday's Meet the Candidates night, hosted by the Port Jefferson Chamber of Commerce, is on Port Jefferson Village's YouTube channel for viewing at your convenience. [CLICK HERE](#)

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

## **NEW EQUIPMENT FOR MORE EFFICIENCIES**

*Bringing more productivity to clean-ups and more.*

After the next major storm, keep a lookout for our upgraded payloader. This labor-saving piece of equipment can increase output, creating faster clean-up times and more efficient operations with

its increased power and torque all while using less fuel. It'll help us create safer streets through better maintenance of our public areas.

It is not just for storm clean-ups. The new payloader is a versatile piece of equipment that will be used for various projects - like the leaf and branch pickups, winter salt & sand loading, and snow removal, keeping our streets clear of impediments. It is a valuable general use machine that will improve service for our community.



## 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 all know how hard it is to find the right person for the job. Well, I have some excellent news. We are proud to introduce you to the ultimate professional that is the right person for her job...



### **Meet Michelle Ferrante, our Deputy Treasurer.**

She is acutely detail-oriented, she does not stop until her duties have been brought to fruition, and for 13 years, she's brilliantly navigated the intricacies of watching over the financial activities of our Village.

Michelle's work is very regulated. Proper procedures must be followed every day for every transaction. She is the protector that we are grateful for. Her duties include handling all of the accounts payable for the Village and the country club; all of the accounts receivable for the Village Center, and other various payments that the Village receives; she also reviews and approves journal entries and bank reconciliations processed by the treasurer and accountant. Denise

Mordente, our Village Treasurer, relies on Michelle's skills to ensure the office works effectively. " She is the best deputy I have worked with in my 27 years! She will do anything that needs to be done without a complaint. Michelle is extremely dedicated, caring, and strong." she continues, "She looks out for the taxpayer's money. She makes sure all department heads are in compliance with our purchasing policy, which means she makes sure there are proper quotes and the bidding process is followed. I wouldn't want anyone else on my team!" Michelle and Denise are our treasury department dynamic duo, like Batman and Robin, Han Solo and Chewbacca, Anna and Elsa, Homes and Watson, Tina Fey and Amy Pohler... We could go on!

"I always make sure that the resident's money is not being spent frivolously. I drive my coworkers crazy, questioning everything. I am always known as the NO girl, LOL,"



Michelle explains. It isn't easy to be the "no girl," but we are incredibly grateful that we have Michelle to deliver those "no's" in her professional manner.

"I have wonderful coworkers, especially my mentor, the Treasurer Denise Mordente, who along with The Mayor and Trustees believed in me and gave me this amazing opportunity," Michelle reveals. "I am the mother of a beautiful daughter, Giavanna, who will be graduating this June and starting the next chapter of her life by attending Florida Atlantic University, majoring in English, and being a part of their Cheerleading team. I have the greatest parents who support me through everything. Without them, I would not be the person I am today!" Michelle's humility and appreciation for the people in her life are just some more of the reasons that make her the right person for her job!

The beaches, the gorgeous sunsets, and the sense of community are some of Michelle's favorite things about Port Jefferson. We have just given you a very long list of our favorite things about Michelle. So I guess you can say there is a lot of mutual admiration!

Thank you, Michelle! We appreciate your guardianship, attention to detail, and the kind and compassionate way you carry yourself in this world!



We are proud to spotlight Ex-Fire Chief Todd Stumpf for his extraordinary volunteerism. He has been a volunteer firefighter since 1988. Let us repeat that... He has been saving lives and property for over 34 years! He began volunteering right out of high school in Farmingville, where he lived. Then 14 years ago, he moved his family to Port Jeff and immediately joined the fire department.

Volunteering is a way of life for the Stumpf family. "I have always volunteered. My father was a volunteer. My wife is a volunteer. My son is a volunteer. Our family is active at the firehouse together. It is a social activity, but it is also very serious because it can be so dangerous. We do enjoy the social aspect of the firehouse. We have made many lifelong friends at the Port Jefferson Fire Department." Todd explains, "I have been a member of the department for 14 years, but for the last 8, I have been Chief. In the fire department, I not only fight fires but also train other fire department members to fight fires safely." Todd continues.

Being a volunteer firefighter requires sacrifices. "There is a running joke in our house that I am home for 8 minutes a day. Where that is an exaggeration, the fire department, especially while I was chief, was very time-consuming. I would say as Chief, I spent at least 40 hours a week at the firehouse. Now that I am no longer chief, I would guess I was down to about 20 hours." We are grateful for the knowledge and dedication ex-chief Stumpf has given to our community.

For Chief, it is very rewarding when he can interact with the community, and they show their appreciation for his efforts. But his daughter would say that my most rewarding experience was when he rescued a kitten from a car motor and was able to bring him home for her. "The fire department is part of me. I have been involved for so long and spent so many hours I would not know what to do without it. I do love my time there. The friendships and camaraderie I have there are very important to me." Todd shares. He also loves to spend time with his wife and four children, ride his motorcycle, and watch the Yankees and the Rangers play.

Ex-chief Stumpf recommends donating your time to an organization like the fire department. "It is a very fulfilling and rewarding experience. Not only are you contributing to the community in which you live, but you're learning different aspects of service. You are also making lifelong friendships and working in a team

environment." These are all life lessons that Todd exemplifies!

We can't begin to thank Todd and the Stumpf family for their courage, knowledge, and sacrifices. You all are a true asset to our community.

## 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 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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