



The PORTERREPORT

The Official Newsletter of the Incorporated Village of Port Jefferson



A Message from MAYOR MARGOT GARANT

Summertime in Port Jefferson is indeed a very busy time! Although we as residents struggle with our tourist friends coming in to enjoy our events, dining, and sunsets, I hope you take every opportunity to come down to appreciate the beautiful setting that we have at Danfords Marina and Harborfront Park.

There are many events and concerts still taking place as we wind down a spectacular summer concert series, camps, and various programs for young and old. Please check our calendar of events on our village website www.portjeff.com.

Unfortunately, we have to close East Beach beginning Sunday, August 15th, as we start an eight-month-long project to stabilize the tow of the bluff. If you visit portjeff.com/eastbeachbluff you can view all the information and video presentations about phase 1 as well as the status of potential projects under phase 2.

Try and stay cool - and enjoy these "dog days of summer" - as soon enough school buses will be rolling by - cooler weather will prevail, and our bustling little Village will return to its serene, historic pace - of day-to-day sidewalk strolling and neighborly, good morning "hellos!"



EAST BEACH IS TEMPORARILY CLOSING

Safety is our first concern.

On or around **August 15th East Beach will be closed** to the public as the bluff stabilization project gets underway. Once repairs to the bluff have started, it will not be safe for the public to be there. Heavy equipment and materials will take up most of the parking lot and the beach, not just the work area. The entire site will be an active construction zone with vehicles, equipment, and other material being moved around.

West Beach and Harborfront Park beaches are still open

CLEANING UP AFTER IDA

Keeping our infrastructure in top shape

Hurricane Ida left us a big mess to clean up. One of the situations she left behind was the blowout of a recharge basin that runs from **Old Homestead Rd to Oakwood Rd**. These infiltration basins are an engineered sump that is used to manage stormwater runoff and prevent flooding and downstream erosion. All the administrative work has been done, and the repairs are underway. The *estimated* time frame for the job is two to three months.

The recharge basin services homes in the **Harbor Hills section**, so if you live in that area, look out for the upcoming work, including possible intermittent road closures to get equipment in and out of the site. Still, most of the work will be performed inside the basin. The contractor will have flaggers on site should they need to close a portion of a road temporarily. The contractor is installing temporary stormwater controls at the bottom of the recharge basin to contain any water during the construction.

The Village submitted a claim to FEMA under the Ida disaster declaration. If the claim is eligible for funding, FEMA will reimburse up to 90% of the approved amount. We have received this type of funding in the past and continue to work with FEMA to provide all required information for our claim application.

If you have questions or concerns, don't hesitate to contact DPW Superintendent Steve Gallagher at (631) 473-4733.

from Deputy Mayor Kathianne Snaden



Public safety is always at the forefront of everything I do as a trustee and having a good and solid working relationship with Suffolk County Police is the cornerstone. I'd like to take a moment and say thank you to Inspector Pat Reilly for his many years of service to the 6th precinct and especially the Village of Port Jefferson as he retires from the force. I wish him all the best! Along with the Mayor, I met with Deputy Inspector Eric D'Agostino. We had a great conversation about the issues we face in Port Jefferson, and I look forward to working with him. Thank you, Deputy Inspector D'Agostino!

Additionally, I had the pleasure of meeting Suffolk County Sheriff Errol Toulon, Jr. We spoke about Port Jefferson, and I thanked him for his service.

For Pedestrians: Remember to cross only in marked crosswalks and at intersections. Always use sidewalks. If there are none, walk facing traffic, so you see vehicles and drivers see you. Pay attention! Don't text while crossing!

For Drivers: YIELD for pedestrians in crosswalks and at intersections - it's the law. Do not block crosswalks when stopping at intersections. SLOW DOWN and obey posted speed limits. Take extra care around playgrounds, parks, and neighborhoods. Please see the attached NYS Department of Health graphic for more great tips for pedestrians and drivers.



At our most recent board meeting, we were joined by our 6th precinct COPE officer Linda Piotrowski who offered some great tips:

Don't forget to lock your vehicles and do not keep anything valuable within the vehicle, especially key fobs or garage door openers. Most vehicle "break-ins" are due to easy-to-open, unlocked doors.

With an emphasis on pedestrian safety this month, Officer Piotrowski also spoke about how best we can be safe on the roadways with these reminders:

See!

Drivers:

- YIELD for pedestrians at crosswalks and intersections – it's the law.
- Do not block crosswalks when stopping at intersections.
- Slow down and obey posted speed limits.
- Take extra care around schools, playgrounds and neighborhoods.
- Always look out for pedestrians, especially before turning at a green light or making a "right turn on red."
- Never run red lights.
- Be careful when passing stopped vehicles. They might be stopping for pedestrians.
- Pay Attention! Do not text and drive!
- Share the road. It's your responsibility to look for others.

Be Seen!

Pedestrians:

- Cross at intersections and marked crosswalks.
- Use pedestrian pushbutton and WAIT for signal to cross.
- Before crossing, look left, right, then left again, and over your shoulder for turning vehicles.
- Use sidewalks. If there are none, walk facing traffic so you see vehicles, and drivers see you.
- Pay attention! Don't text while crossing!
- Make eye contact with drivers so they see you.
- Stay visible after dark and in bad weather with light-colored or reflective clothing.
- Don't step suddenly in front of buses and trucks. They take longer to stop than a car.
- Watch out for trucks and buses backing out of parking spaces and driveways.

Pedestrian Safety: It's no Accident.

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Finally, remember once a month, during our public board meeting, we start off with our Public Safety portion and a visit from SCPD and Code to answer and address any questions or concerns you may have.

Please have a happy, healthy, and SAFE rest of your summer!

Kathianne Snaden
Trustee
Deputy Mayor, Port Jefferson Village

ARPA MONEY - IT'S IN THE BANK!

\$\$\$ that improves our Village



\$417,691.05 in ARPA Grant Money is now in the bank

Our Village Treasurer, Denise Mordente, recently announced the second half of the **American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds in the amount of \$417,691.05 had been received.** We received this money from the Federal government to reduce our financial burden from the Covid pandemic.

The first payment was received in the summer of 2021 for the same amount. **The total amount received from the ARPA recovery funds is \$835,382.10.** Applying for and receiving these funds is a meticulous process that the Village must complete. We are fortunate that our treasurer and administration stay well-informed of the funding available to us,

helping to keep our taxes as low as possible. It's always money in the bank when you can reduce the financial burden on the local taxpayer.

You heard it here

PRO  **TIPS**
of the **Month**

According to Wild Birds Unlimited, an adult turkey is one of the most voracious tick predators around, and an individual may eat 200 or more of these little critters in a given day...

But not if they are being fed by humans.

#DontFeedtheTurkeys



PLEASE DON'T FEED THE TURKEYS

I have recently been getting numerous calls regarding aggressive male turkeys... Male turkeys protect the female herd. When left alone, we rarely see them. They tend to camouflage very easily and stay in their natural habitat. Feeding wild turkeys is a terrible idea.

Here are the 5 main reasons:

1. Turkey, like other wildlife we feed, becomes tame and dependent on the food. Interacting closely with humans can cause turkeys to act tame and may lead to bold or aggressive behavior, especially in the breeding season.
2. Wild turkeys, like other wildlife, need food and shelter to survive. They existed in Port Jefferson Village and surrounding areas long before people were available to consider winter feeding.
3. Although they appear hungry in the dead of winter, turkeys can lose up to 40% of their body weight before it becomes severe.
4. Mold, which grows on wet or damp grain (including bird seed from your backyard feeder), can cause respiratory disease in birds.
5. Concentrating turkeys at feeding sites attracts predators and makes them far more vulnerable to predation.

The real benefit of winter feeding turkeys is that it fills people's needs. It does little, if anything, positive for the turkey population.

Lisa Jaeger is a certified wildlife rescuer and Jaegers Run Animal Rescue Inc founder. Transport-recovery and rehabilitation of sick, injured, abused and abandoned - wild and domestic animals are the rescue's primary focus.

from **Trustee Rebecca Kassay**

Happy August, Port

actions: I invite you to reach out any time



Jefferson! I hope that you and yours are making the most of this glorious summer at the Village's beaches, festivals, concerts, and outdoor movies.

with your thoughts or questions!

The PJV Conservation Advisory Council is currently researching examples of balanced, functional municipal code to address resident concerns regarding bamboo. Bamboo is an invasive plant that can spread across property lines, damage foundations, reduce property values, and grow through the asphalt, amongst other concerns. Any proposed code changes will be brought to and reviewed by the Board of Trustees for consideration in a public hearing.

Looking forward to seeing you by the harbor some time this month!

Enthusiastically,
Rebecca Kassay
Port Jefferson Village Trustee

I am honored to serve as the Village's first Commissioner of Environmental Sustainability. My professional experience and passion empower me to explore long-term mitigation strategies addressing major Village issues like flooding, water quality, public transportation, ecological practices, and more. Over the years, residents have contacted me with their environmental concerns, leading to answers and



FROM THE PJV CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Love birds and want to see more of them in your garden? Read on to grow your bird watching opportunities.

Goldfinches are a highlight of the late summer and start to arrive in full force in Port Jefferson Village in late July. Male goldfinches are particularly dramatic with a striking yellow body and black forehead to light up any yard or garden. To lure these summer beauties to your yard, purple coneflowers, oxeye sunflowers, and Joe Pye weed are terrific native plant options. Coneflowers are a low maintenance, drought tolerant option for homeowners looking to attract goldfinches. As coneflowers dry out, the seeds packed into their spiky centers are irresistible for goldfinches and if you leave the coneflowers standing after the flower petals have dropped off, it won't be long before the goldfinches will appear! While planting in early spring is best, residents hoping to get a jump start on next year's goldfinches can plant coneflowers in the fall up to 6 weeks before the first frost. In other words, plant those coneflowers in early September and enjoy the show next summer.



GOT VEGETABLES?

Get harvesting tips for your crops

Make the most of your Autumn harvest is the upcoming gardening program at the Beach Street Community Garden. Residents and non-residents can make their knowledge bloom at this free event on **Wednesday**,



September 7th, at 6:30 pm.

"A key component of a community garden is the sharing of knowledge, not just between gardeners and experts, but also gardener-to-gardener as community members form connections with one another through shared interest and experience. We do not want financial boundaries to prevent anyone from engaging in this, and we know that the resulting community and environmental benefits will enrich our community. Especially with grocery prices on the rise, this

empowering programming is a joyfully given gift, free to any who wishes to receive it!" shares Village Trustee Rebecca Kassay

The knowledgeable and engaging **Shamma Murphy** will teach this program from **SOS For Your Soil**. On 9/7, she will focus on techniques for late-summer harvesting and tips for autumn crop plantings- think carrots, kale, peas, etc!

Anyone who currently grows their own food or wants to work on their green thumb can come to learn from experts and fellow enthusiasts.

The 11th Annual Port Jefferson "Quick & Dirty" Boat Build is Back Saturday, August 13th & Sunday August 14th



What could be more fun
Design, Build & Race your Own Boat
Register Today. Limited to 16 Teams



For Information and Application visit:
portjeff.com/quickdirtyboatbuild

PRIZES AWARDED

LISEC QUICK & DIRTY BOAT BUILD COMPETITION

Are you up for the challenge?

Test your engineering and building skills, and (hopefully) float your way to victory when

you join the Long Island Seaport and Eco Center (LISEC) for their 11th annual Quick & Dirty Boat Build Competition, a boat building/racing competition right here in Harborfront Park on August 13th and 14th.

LISEC is seeking two-person teams that will design, build and sail their boats in a race around the Village dock using only a provided supply of Sikaflex/sealant (the sponsor of the event), plywood, and plastic cable ties.

The boats will be assembled on Aug. 13th from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, painted on Aug. 14th from 9 am to noon, and the fun continues when the teams sail the boats at 3:00 pm. Trophies will be awarded for first, second, and third place and original design.

Applications and more information are available at www.lisec.org and <http://portjeff.com/quickdirtyboatbuild>

Don't want to compete in the race? Come and check out the creativity and admire the bravery of each participant that sets sail on their handmade vessel. Don't forget to participate in the annual raffle - a lucky person will win a beautiful Sassafras Canoe. Tickets are available at the Village Center, the Farmers Market on Sundays, and on the event day.



WIN RAFFLE CONTEST

THE GRAND PRIZE
16' SASSAFRAS CANOE

ON VIEW at The Village Center

\$5 per ticket or 5 for \$20

NOW THRU AUGUST 14TH, 2022
Drawing: Sunday, August 14th, 3pm at Harborfront Park after the Quick & Dirty Boat Build

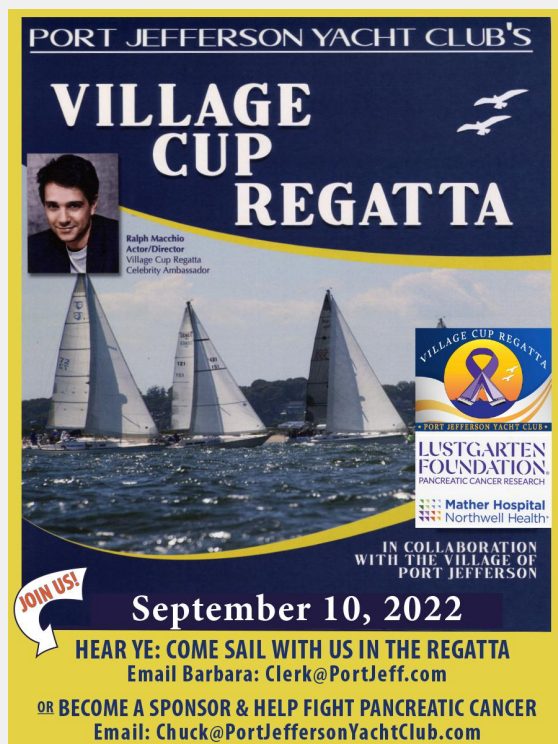
Proceeds Benefit the Bayles Boat Shop

Built with Skill & Pride by: Volunteers at the Bayles Boat Shop

It's a weekend affair that will delight the whole family.

SAILORS WANTED

No experience necessary!



PORT JEFFERSON YACHT CLUB'S

VILLAGE CUP REGATTA

Ralph Macchio
Actor/Director
Village Cup Regatta
Celebrity Ambassador

VILLAGE CUP REGATTA

PORT JEFFERSON YACHT CLUB

LUSTGARTEN FOUNDATION
PANCREATIC CANCER RESEARCH

Mather Hospital
Northwell Health

IN COLLABORATION WITH THE VILLAGE OF PORT JEFFERSON

September 10, 2022

JOIN US!

HEAR YE: COME SAIL WITH US IN THE REGATTA
Email Barbara: Clerk@PortJeff.com

OR BECOME A SPONSOR & HELP FIGHT PANCREATIC CANCER
Email: Chuck@PortJeffersonYachtClub.com

Ahoy Mates...Calling all Sailors! **The annual Village Cup Regatta sets sail Saturday, September 10th, 2022.**

Imagine it. The sun shines down on you. Salty spray flies through the air. A breeze fills the sails, propelling you forward across the water - this is all yours when you join the Village team for a friendly competition on the harbor between the Village and Mather Hospital to benefit Pancreatic Cancer Research.

It's an excellent opportunity to sail Port Jefferson Harbor. The skipper on board will expertly guide you during your race to create an exhilarating and adventure-filled day on the water.

Since the **proceeds benefit the Mather Hospital Palliative Medicine Program and the Lustgarten Foundation**, your day of fun turns into something that truly

makes a difference.

You will have a fantastic day out on the water learning new sailing skills, meeting new friends, and, fingers crossed, bringing home the Village Cup trophy!

For information and to sign up as crew, please email Barbara Sakovich at

clerk@portjeff.com

Not interested in sailing? Join us at Harborfront Park, cheering on our Village team. The parade of sailboats is a must-see event!



ANNUAL PORT JEFFERSON GOLF OUTING

Now's your chance to
golf on one of the most beautiful
courses on the North Shore!



JOIN IN THE FUN!

Thursday, September 22, 2022

1pm Shotgun start

\$50 per person

(includes cart, greens fees, gift bag, BBQ, awards)

FOUR PERSON SCRAMBLE

Register at the Village Center

2nd fl Recreation office or call 631 802-2160

(must be 16 or older)

RESERVE YOUR SPOT NOW

You don't have to be a PJCC member*

*PJ residents, PJ Fire Dept. volunteers,
PJ Village employees & people working
in businesses located in 11777 are
invited to participate in this year!!



To register online for the Golf Outing [Click Here](#)

THE 1910 HILL CLIMB IS BACK

BE PART OF THIS FAMILY FUN-FILLED PORT JEFF TRADITION

Saturday, September 24, 2022*

10am - 2pm

Starts at the Village Center/Harborfront Park

Grounds open 8am

Join in with your 1979 or older car

*Rain Date: Sunday, October 1, 10am



Photo by John Griffin

The Port Jefferson Conservancy invites you to participate in the 2022 re-enactment of the Port Jefferson Hill Climb. Retrace the original Hill Climb course with a short tour through the Village as crowds cheer on this parade and historic tribute.

ENTRY FEE: \$30. PER CAR

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST AND 2 TEE SHIRTS

Sign up applications are at the Village Center or online @ portjeff.com/hillclimb

Questions contact: Rob Laravie, 631-238-2290, rlaravie1@optonline.net

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS:



The East End Shirt Company

Bridgeport & Port Jefferson Ferry

Port Jefferson Conservancy

Incorporated Village of Port Jefferson



Visit us on Facebook:
Port Jefferson Hillclimb

BE A PART OF THE FUN

1910 Hill Climb

Imagine the sound of the historical roaring engines as cars from the 1900s to 1970s take part in the reenactment of the historic **1910 Port Jefferson Hill Climb on Saturday, September 24th, 2022, from 10 AM to 2 PM** - grounds open at 8 AM.

Crowds line up to watch vintage cars drive up one of the steepest hills in Port Jefferson, enthusiastically cheering on their favorite driver. The Hill Climb isn't just a race. It's a

historical tribute to our past and a fantastic opportunity for you to enjoy the morning with fellow car enthusiasts at our beautiful Harborfront Park.

Join with your 1979 or older car, retracing the original Hill Climb course with a short tour through the Village. The **entry fee is \$30 per car**. You will receive a continental breakfast, two T-shirts, and a dash plaque. The rain date is Saturday, October 1st.

Applications for the race can be picked up at the Village Center or printed out [Here](#).

See **highlights** of last year's event on YouTube [Click here](#)

This event is brought to you by the **Port Jefferson Harbor Arts and Education Conservancy** - the organization that updated Rocketship Park. Their events raise money for future upgrades to the Village Center and parks located in the Village.

So strap on your racing gloves and join us at Port Jefferson Village Center for this historical morning of fun!

from **Trustee Stan Loucks**



Each year, August brings a championship feeling to the membership. August is the month that we run our annual club championships. All categories of

members are welcome to be involved and are broken into competitive levels according to their scoring handicaps (playing abilities). The women's competition begins on Saturday, August 6th, with play continuing on the 7th. The finals will be held on championship weekend on Sunday, August 14th. The juniors (age 17 and under) championship will be played on the 6th and 7th of August. The men's championships will be played on August 6th and 7th and will conclude on Championship weekend, August 13th and 14th. Awards and refreshments will be held at the conclusion of the tournaments on August 14th.

NOTE: If you wish to walk the golf course to observe any of the play, especially during the final days, you are welcome to do so. However, unless you are a caddie, you may not give advice to any of the players.

This is a great opportunity to see your beautiful facility for people who have never been on the golf course.

With specific reference to the Country Club facility, I would like to talk about some factual history of the parkland, including the golf course, the beaches, the clubhouse, the new halfway house, and the former tennis courts. Since the purchase (1978-1979), the beaches have always been open to the Village residents, a vendor has occupied the main clubhouse, the tennis courts have had a membership, and the golf course has had a membership. Six years ago, we added "The Turn," formerly the lodge. For three years, "THE TURN" was operated by a vendor separate from the vendor in the main clubhouse. Both facilities are now controlled and operated by the same vendor and ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. (Always have been) Both beaches are open to all residents. (Always have been) The golf and tennis facilities have always been available only through membership. (Although guests are allowed)

So... at the present time, golf is private, and everything else is open to the public with the resident restriction at our beaches. Nothing has changed..... from purchase to the Rinauldi's.....to Spiliotis..... to Lombardi.....to The Crest.....to the present!!

I hope this helps to clarify, and I truly hope you will come to the facility to enjoy the best view on Long Island.

*Regards, Stan Loucks
Trustee, Port Jefferson*

PORT JEFF VILLAGE CALENDAR 2022



THE FARMERS MARKET

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

- Aug 6 Swim Across the Sound, *Port Jeff to Ct.*
- 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 22 Village Golf Outing
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 26th 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 Lambiasi 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*



Congratulations to our 2022 Adult Softball Champions: Team LILIE!!

What's New in Recreation for August

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.

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: Thru October 2022.

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

Youth Basketball: with Coach Kelly (ages 8-14) Wednesdays and Saturdays. Choose your session.

Basketball Camp: with Coach Kelly (ages 7-14) 9-11:30am. Aug 22-26 at Kip Lee Park.

4v4 Basketball Tournament: Oct 26, 6-8pm, (ages 14-18), at Kip Lee Park. Register at the courts day of tournament.

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

Music Together by Lyrical Children: for babies and older. Classes forming.

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

Summer Camp: (ages 5-12) June 27-Aug 12. Choose from full and half day.

ADULT

Women's & Men's Softball League, thru August at the Joe Erland Field.

Cornhole League: 2 person teams. Thursdays.

Pickleball, Kip Lee Park, Choose your session. Thursdays, 5-8pm.

Adult Intermediate Tennis, Choose your session. Tuesdays. 6-8 pm.

Private Lessons with Alex Dank: April - October 2022.

Writer's Journey: With Anne Kelly-Edmunds. Sept/Oct Session.

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 @ 9am Choose your session.

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

Intro to Acrylic Painting with Ann Katsaros: Ages-14+, Saturdays, 9am. Beginning September.

Oil Painting with Frederick Mendelsohn: Beginner-Intermediate Level. Mondays. Begins October.

Mediterranean Food Demos by Naela Zeidan, Thursdays, 6:30-8pm.

SENIORS

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

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

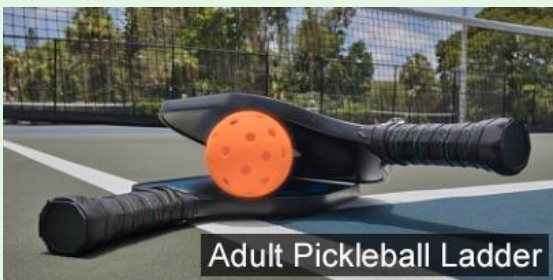
BUS TRIPS

911 Memorial & Museum: World Trade Center Oculus and St. Paul's Chapel. Fri. Oct 14

Broadway Play: A Beautiful Noise- The Neil Diamond Musical: Sunday, Nov. 13, 2022

VILLAGE CENTER

Rooms with a View to Rent for Corporate and Private Events



Adult Pickleball Ladder

ADULT PICKLEBALL LADDER

Mondays, Sept .12, 19, 26, Oct. 3, 2022

6:00-7:30 pm

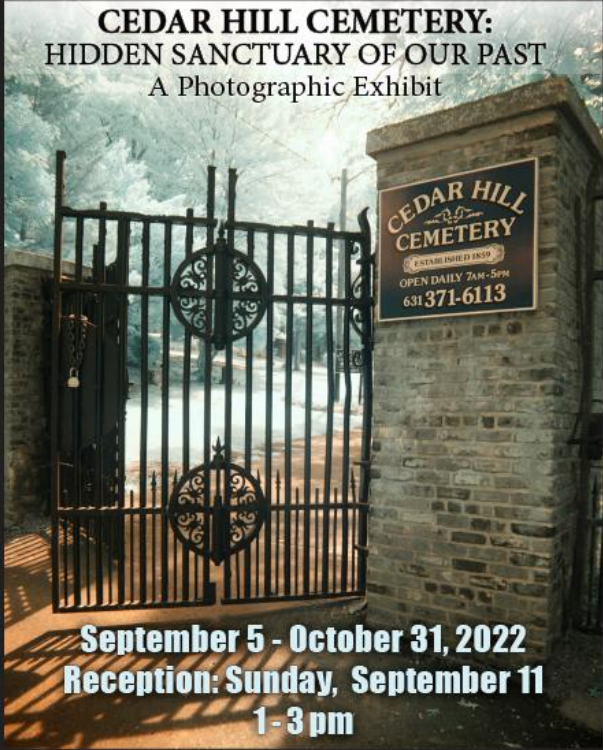
Kip Lee Park Tennis Courts

[Click here to register online at portjeff.com](https://portjeff.com)

Play under the lights with different people and move up and down the ladder based on how you played the previous week.

THE PORT JEFFERSON GALLERY
at the Village Center, 2ND fl

CEDAR HILL CEMETERY:
HIDDEN SANCTUARY OF OUR PAST
A Photographic Exhibit



September 5 - October 31, 2022
Reception: Sunday, September 11
1 - 3 pm

Fall Senior Club Programs

THE VILLAGE CENTER

101-A East Broadway, Port Jefferson
September 7, 14, 21, 28, October 5, 12, 2022

WATERCOLOR CLASSES

Wednesdays, 10 am - 12 noon
For all levels of experience.
Instruction and materials included.



SENIORS' CORNER-SITTERCISE

Wednesdays, 1 - 2 pm
Exercise in your chair, perfect for any physical limitations. All equipment provided.

BOOK CLUB

Wednesdays, 2 - 3 pm
At 1st meeting a book is chosen based on the group's interest.



PJV Residents: Free Non Residents \$10 per session
Register online at www.PortJeff.com
or call the Recreation Office at 631-802-2160 to Register

CITY BUS TRIPS FOR YOU & THE FAMILY



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2022
BROADWAY MATINEE PLAY
OR JUST TRANSPORTATION

Date: Sunday, November 13, 2022
Time: 9:30 am, depart from Village Hall. Return by 7:30pm
Fee: Orchestra Seat & Transportation: \$200. pp Resident, \$210. pp Non-Resident
Transportation Only: \$45. pp Resident, \$50. pp Non-Resident
*Reserve your seat by Oct 20.
Call 631 802-2160 (Thurs/Fri or email Reception@PortJeff.com)



911 Memorial & Museum

Included: Ground Zero Tour and Museum, World Trade Center Oculus and St. Paul's Chapel

Date: Friday, Oct 14, 2022
Time: 10:00 am, Departing from Village Hall
Fee: \$120. pp Resident, \$130. pp non-Resident, includes Tour of, 911 Memorial and Museum, World Trade Center Oculus and St. Paul's Chapel
Reserve your seat by Sept 1, Call 631 802-2160

See Ragtime at the Bay Street Theater in Sag Harbor
Pop up Bus Trip Opportunity

Play: **Ragtime at the Bay Street Theater in Sag Harbor**
Date: Sunday, August 28, 2022
Time: 3 pm performance, leaving 12 pm from The Village Center
Fee: \$120. pp Resident, \$130. pp non-Resident
includes Transportation and Orchestra Seat ticket
\$90 pp Resident, \$100. pp non-Resident
includes Orchestra Seat ticket, no transportation
If interested, please call (631) 802-2160 ASAP. Friday August 12 deadline



from **Trustee Lauren Sheprow**

August already?

respective Department administrators to



Can someone please press pause on Summer!?

There's nothing quite like summertime in Port Jefferson. The activities and events are robust - and at the risk of sounding

cliche, there is something here for everyone. Check out this link to the [Recreation Department's Online Registration Page](#) to see what's happening in the upcoming months and to register for events and activities online. Here are some other specific updates that might be helpful to know:

Village Cup Regatta - This event is definitely worth checking out! On Saturday, September 10th, the Port Jefferson Yacht Club and the Village of Port Jefferson are hosting the 13th annual Village Cup Regatta to benefit the Mather Hospital Palliative Medicine Program and the Lustgarten Foundation. PJV team boats need crew members (minimum donation \$30; no prior sailing experience required) who will be on the water from 10am-3:30pm. All registered crew receive a team shirt, complimentary lunch and a buffet dinner at the Skipper's Reception. Contact Village Clerk Barbara Sakovich at clerk@portjeff.com for more info.

New Recreation & Parks Committee – The Village is recruiting seven to nine residents to become part of this soon to be reinstated committee. It will work with

advise and make recommendations to the Board of Trustees on matters concerning facilities and activities on Village property designated as park/parkland as well as recreation events and programs. Interested? Contact me at trustee-sheprow@portjeff.com or Trustee Stan Loucks at trustee-loucks@portjeff.com.

Think Tank – Following up on a discussion Mayor Garant had with Stony Brook University, the Village is in the process of establishing a "think tank" of credentialled scientists and researchers who live in Port Jefferson, and who wish to engage in opportunities and challenges their hometown/Village is confronting. As a part of this initiative, Port Jefferson could ostensibly offer itself as a "living laboratory" resource for faculty, staff and students to advance their research. If this is of interest, please contact me at trustee-sheprow@portjeff.com.

PJCC Task Force – Finally, there has been a great deal of discussion about the need to upgrade the user experience at the Country Club, and to make it more accessible and welcoming to members and Port Jefferson residents at large. To this end, a Social/Hospitality task force has been established to help achieve a more welcoming and accessible experience at the PJCC. This committed group has already met and is in the beginning stages of establishing a plan to move this concept forward.

*Lauren Sheprow
Village Trustee*

PORT PAWS DOG FESTIVAL REVIEW

A weekend of fun, fur, and family!



Port Paws is a must-experience festival. We had a blast at our inaugural event, and we can't wait to do it again. It was a weekend filled with a Dock Dogs competition, a lure course, food trucks, vendors showing off the latest animal toys and treats, and the cutest adoptable dogs that stole everyone's heart.

The festival numbers were incredible! **Approximately 2000 humans and their best (K9) friends were in attendance. \$12,000 was raised at the door (with even more impressive numbers to come) for the Port Jefferson Harbor Education and Arts Conservancy (PJHEAC).** 145 dog athletes registered to compete in the Dock Dog Competition (an extremely high number for a first-time event). The winning dog (Zara - a Belgian Malinois) jumped 22' 10" out into the pool and 6'10" vertically. A 27,000-gallon pool was filled in 40 minutes, and two dedicated and brilliant volunteers were recognized for their outstanding work.



Kevin Wood, the Village Director of Economic Development, conceptualized, organized, and orchestrated this lucrative and entertaining festival. His efforts took a first-time event and made it look effortless. Kevin worked with the Conservancy, and together they created a festival that could possibly be a legacy event.

We want to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers that helped make our recent Port Paws Dog Festival a huge success. **Walter Parbudin and Victoria Snaden, and Rowan Casey** were outstanding young volunteers whose skills and participation were precisely what was needed.

Victoria was a fantastic ambassador. She was one of the first faces visitors saw as they entered the event. Within minutes she had the lay of the land and was able to guide everyone in the right direction. She was a go-to girl for information!

Walter and Rowan were there to do anything that was needed. They did everything from cleaning off wet chairs to filling up baby pools for the dogs to cool off and frolic in. If something needed to be accomplished, Walter and Rowan did it with a positive attitude and excellent efficiency. These exceptional young adults were recognized at the August Board of Trustees meeting. It was a well-deserved honor!

More thank yous to the Conservancy, Parks Department, PJFD especially Nick Acampora, and Bob Laravie for his help with the logistics. We cannot express our gratitude enough for your help in making this event a great success.

It was a great weekend full of fun activities that brought together people and their furry best friends. We hope to see all of you there next year!



PORT PALOOZA

Music that fills your heart

Summer at Harborfront park keeps getting better and better! **The return of Port Palooza** is an event that keeps our beautiful Village one of the best places to be. Music-lovers filled the park to experience some fantastic musicians.

It was free to attend, and everyone who came had a blast! The music on the harbor was fantastic, with **five bands playing throughout the day**. They were all musicians who love Port Palooza as much as we do!

The festival's founder, Kevin Wood, keeps music at the forefront of our summers here in Port Jeff. Port Palooza celebrates music and what it brings to our lives, as evidenced by everyone grooving into the sunset!

Five rockin' bands were featured this year, playing multiple genres. Port Jefferson's own **Cole Fortier and Band, The PJ All Stars, and MJT** had the crowd moving and shaking to a wonderful selection of Blues / Rock / Dance styles, **Gene Casey and the Lone Sharks, Grand Folk Railroad, and The Keenan Zach Trio featuring Ukraine born singer Lilianna Granat**, closed the event playing with a beautiful sunset in the background.

A whopping **\$1,500 was raised for Jaeger's Run Animal Rescue (501c3)** from donations and auctioning a guitar signed by every musician that performed. The winning bid was from Mr. and Mrs. Dunn. Kevin was able to donate all of the proceeds thanks in part to a new business in town, West Lake Music, located on East Main St. **WUSB Stonybrook, streamed the entire concert live from 12 noon to 8 pm!**

The music touched our souls and filled us with joy!
We'll see you next year on **July 29th, 2023**, to continue the celebration!



Meet **Brian Smith, an environmental champion and volunteer in our community!** We are lucky to have the benefit of his time and talents. He is an ecological chevalier that improves our Village with his hard work and positive attitude. His efforts remind us that we can make a difference by helping our environment grow.

Brian is a volunteer gardener and activist who works to beautify our community. **His efforts include gardening work as a part of the Long Island Native Plant Initiative, helping the Go Green Fest create and maintain the High Street Triangle Garden, doing ongoing maintenance at the pollinator gardens at Harbor Front Park, actively participating in the upkeep of the Beach Street Community Garden, and currently is on the committee for Six Acre Park.** So, in other words, he makes our Village beautiful and eco-friendly!

He uses his experiences with the **Cornell Master Gardeners program and the Long Island Native Plant Initiative** to help with these projects. It is a massive benefit to the Village's aesthetic and the strength of the ecosystem to have someone as knowledgeable as Brian. Since 2015 he has been sharing his breadth of knowledge, starting with the triangle garden on High Street. He volunteered intermittently through Covid, and now he is out getting his hands in the soil again.

"I don't keep track of the hours I put into my volunteer work - It's about getting the work done. Sometimes a call comes in from someone looking for help with a project, and we all get together to bang something out - whether it's planting, pruning, weeding, etc.," says Brian. "When I am doing some maintenance work, people like to stop and talk and ask about what I'm doing (I've yet to come across one who wants to join in, though), or if it's a group, then we usually have a great conversation about a must-read book or new movie, and I think that's the fun part because I've heard people share some great stories and laughed my butt off. I've been lucky to meet some great people and developed some nice friendships because of my volunteer work." He continues. "Everyone wants to live in a thriving community, and I feel that participating in your Village contributes to that spirit. We

all have skills that come from our interests. Think about the things you love to do and how you can share them. Then seek out what's happening and PARTICIPATE! Remember, it's only volunteering. You get out what you put in" Great advice, Brian!

We want to send a big thank you to Brian! He takes action and plunges in to improve everything he touches. We appreciate your initiatives in making our Village a better place to live.

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 Deputy Village Attorney and Director of Building & Planning, Rich Harris.

He has the right skill sets and tools to mitigate problems and ensure his work is done well and with integrity. He ensures the Village is a great place to live and visit!

His primary responsibility is to manage the development and renovation of residential and commercial buildings within our Village. He supervises our magnificent staff of planners, building inspectors, and code enforcement investigators. His next level of expertise is his work handling the **investigation and prosecution of Village and state code violations**

in our Village Court and Supreme Court.

In his 2 ½ years, he's made a significant impact in our Village, having served as the building code prosecutor and now as director of the department. He is highly motivated to advise residents and business owners on the best ways to help themselves – it prevents unnecessary cost and effort not only for residents but for Village staff as well. He's been a municipal attorney for over twenty years, specializing in land use, building code enforcement, and regulation of the construction and related industries. He is also certified by New York State as a building code enforcement officer, which gives him practical insight into the issues that concern contractors, inspectors, and, most importantly - homeowners. Having worked as an attorney for the Towns of Smithtown and Southampton, as well as the City of New York, he brings to our Village plenty of good advice (and a few funny stories) that ultimately help all of us to prosper as a community. He is the first to say - "Please call me anytime for advice or input." With his expansive depth of knowledge, that is a call that you will want to make!

When asked about the best things about his work, he responded , "I get to have a positive visible impact upon our Village. My work, and that of my Department, in conjunction with our Village Board, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, and our Village Residents and entrepreneurs, produces significant improvements on the streets of Port Jefferson that everyone gets to enjoy. I love walking around town and seeing the results of our mutual efforts."

Here is a little more that you should know about Rich "I grew up nearby, but I always considered Port Jefferson to be the coziest yet most vibrant Village on the east coast. I know how lucky I am to be able to live here and raise my family. Being able to work for our Village and to put my skills and experience to use to maintain and improve the place where I live really is my dream come true." He continues, "With respect to my profession, I

value honesty and integrity above all else. Having served as counsel to the Office of the Inspector General in NYC, as well as a police department's internal affairs bureau, I do not tolerate any improprieties by anyone else with whom I work, either internal or external. I am here to serve the residents of Port Jefferson, and I take my responsibility very seriously." As you can see, he is the perfect guy to thwart any issues in the building department or our court system. His attention to detail is on point, and we are grateful that his time and talents are so well used to make our Village safer and a cut above.

Lastly, here is a tip that Rich has for our residents ... "Come see us first! Though it sounds like a cliché, we really are here to help. Many folks are intimidated by what is perceived as a cumbersome process to get a building permit, and some contractors even try to dissuade homeowners from doing so. This is an old misconception. Our building inspectors review applications for nearly any kind of home improvement project, usually within a few days. They will evaluate a project beforehand and can often provide solid, cost-saving advice to residents. They will inspect the work done by you or your contractor at certain points to make sure that everything has been done safely. Same day service for inspections can often be arranged!"

"Believe me," Rich says, "you will rest better at night knowing that a professional inspector has certified that your home project has been completed safely and in accordance with the latest safety codes. Finally, it is always easier to construct projects properly than to try to explain to a potential buyer years down the road why you cannot produce proper documentation for their potential investment.

We are fortunate to have an experienced and dedicated leader like Rich. He has the perfect mixture of skill sets, knowledge, and professionalism to keep Port Jefferson - a destination for a lifetime.

SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING



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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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