



# The PORTERREPORT

The Official Newsletter of the Incorporated Village of Port Jefferson



## A Message from MAYOR MARGOT GARANT

Who can believe it's September already and where did the summer go? September and the fall months are always a refreshing time in the Village of Port Jefferson as our residents feel as if they get our streets back and enjoy strolling downtown and participating in many of the Village events that take place.

This year we celebrate our 13<sup>th</sup> Village Cup Regatta where we sail against Mather Hospital, in partnership with the Port Jefferson Yacht Club, to heighten awareness and raise money to fight pancreatic cancer. Each year the competition is fierce to win the vetted cup in a sailing race in the harbor. The real winners, however, are the Lustgarten Foundation and the Palliative Care Unit at Mather Hospital and those who help care for those inflicted with and who battle against this disease on a daily basis.

If you've never experienced the thrill of the Dragon Boat races, please come down to Harborfront Park on September 17<sup>th</sup> to enjoy a day full of competition, culture, and camaraderie. Be sure to visit the second floor of the Village Center for a photographic exhibit of Cedar Hill Cemetery entitled Hidden Sanctuary of Our Past. One of our valued treasures at the Village Center is the archive room where we currently house over 23,000 digitized, historic images of the history of the Village and surrounding communities. Thanks to former historian Kenneth Brady for his contributions to the archive over the years, our current Village historian Chris Ryon for his research and collaborative efforts, the volunteers of the Conservancy and our staff member, Susan Orifici, for making these historic exhibits possible and extremely interesting. All exhibits are open to the public, free of charge.

Although there's so much to talk about, in summary, I will mention that we were very happy to attend a tour of the new Conifer building which is the new gateway building and a cornerstone in the revitalization efforts of Upper Port. I was thrilled to see the open common spaces and the many amenities for all residents with luxurious one and two-bedroom apartments with large windows and gorgeous views, smartly located next to the railroad station. This building offers 100% affordable housing which will make a perfect partner to engage Stony Brook University students and young, working professionals to be able to live in a safe place and help us make a distinct new community in Upper Port. Importantly, a 3000 square-foot retail space on the main level awaits a brand-new tenant, such as a new coffee house or bagel shop which will help create the new vibe that we've been waiting for in Upper Port.

## **THE FIRE DEPARTMENT DONATES 4X4**

*Safety is the priority!*



The public safety of the Incorporated Village of Port Jefferson is a priority for both the Village and Port Jefferson Fire Department. They work hand in hand on emergencies and safety in our Village. PJFD has taken it a step further by donating a Ford Expedition 4x4 to the Village for the Fire Marshal to use.

The vehicle was previously the Chief's vehicle used for incident command and has been at almost all of the major incidents that have happened in the past 12 years!

The Chief used it as a base of operations. It was also used to reach people amid storms when roads were impassable to non-4x4 vehicles.

Now that it's retired from its duties as an incident command vehicle, it will be utilized by Fire Marshal Stumpf for his daily use, including commercial inspections, apartment license inspections, responding to alarm activations, and keeping us safe!

The SUV is an excellent addition to our community's public safety network!



**CULPER SPY DAY**  
in Port Jefferson Village

**DROWNED MEADOW COTTAGE MUSEUM**  
Corner of West Broadway & Barnum Ave  
Saturday, September 10, 2022  
9 am - 4 pm

**Free & Fun Day for Family & Friends**

- All New Exhibits
- Enlarged Battlefield Maps
- A.I. Created Artwork
- Privateer Reenactors
- Library Readings
- & More

**CULPER SPY RING**  
SURVIVED RECONSTRUCTION BY  
SIGNATURE  
BUILT BY PHILLIPS' RECONSTRUCTION  
RELOCATED AND REBUILT  
8000 TO 2000  
BY PHILLIPS' RECONSTRUCTION



[Selah Strong: An Overlooked hero of the Culper Spy Ring by Mark Sternberg](#)

## DIVE INTO HISTORY!

*Learn about undercover PJ Patriots that helped General George Washington*

Come celebrate Port Jefferson's history with George Washington's Culper Spy Ring. Our area is full of intriguing and hidden stories of how America's first spy ring came together secretly to provide General George Washington with the information needed to turn the tide of the American Revolution.

How did this all come to be? Where did they meet up? Who were these people, anyway? You'll find out on **Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>**, at the **Drowned Meadow Cottage Museum at 141 West Broadway**. The museum will be open from **9:00 am to 4:00 pm** for **FREE** family fun activities.

You'll have the opportunity to participate in **guided tours, re-enactments by privateers** who plundered the Roe family (our very own local spies!), and **colonial-themed storytelling for children**. There will also be **enlarged battlefield maps** available for viewing, as well as new exhibits featuring **AI-created artwork** and a historical display of the role of our local colonists. George Washington's Culper Spy Ring is the stuff of legends—and it happened right here! So come on out and join us for a day full of fun activities! You won't want to miss this chance to explore our area's rich history with friends old and new!

### **More On Mark Sternberg, Our Expert Volunteer**

If adventure, intrigue, and meeting a published history expert are your thing. Then you have to **meet Mark Sternberg!**



His research has connected **Port Jefferson to General George Washington's Culper Spy Ring**. If you haven't heard of the Culper Spy Ring, they established a sophisticated and unconventional method of conveying information to General Washington to help win the revolutionary war.

**Mark is our Culper Spy Ring Historian for the Drowned Meadow Cottage Museum**, also known as the home of Phillips Roe. When you meet Mark, his excitement for our history is contagious. He pulls you into our past, leaving you amazed at the journey he is taking you on! "Roe was a farmer

and merchant who also was part of George Washington's Culper Spy Ring. As part of my role as the Culper Spy Ring Historian, I'm doing a deep dive into the Roe family of Drowned Meadow, the former name for Port Jefferson, and I've made a lot of headway in finding out more about how the Roes played key roles in the Culper Spy Ring." Mark shares. "I've been interested in the Culper Spy Ring since 2013. I read Dr. Robert Sisler's books and wanted to know more about Phillips and Nathaniel Roe Jr.'s participation. When I checked with the Port Jefferson Village Historian at the time, I was told that the Roe brothers' role in the Culper Spy Ring was just legend. However, I wasn't convinced and kept researching. I eventually tracked down the letter I was looking for, which we now refer to as the 'Letter of Significance' from Loyalist Nehemiah Marks which definitively tied the brothers to the Ring. With the COVID pandemic in 2020, I moved back to Long Island and returned to my research on the Roe's involvement in the spy ring and met with the museum team to make new material for the upcoming museum."

We asked Mark - What are the most exciting discoveries from your Culper Spy research? And he responded - "Why spoil the surprise!?! I recommend **everyone attend on September 10<sup>th</sup>** to see the first batch of discoveries that will help reshape our understanding of the Culper Spy Ring and the role the residents of Drowned Meadow played. I'm also excited to announce that I had a **big discovery regarding Selah Strong** that serves as the basis for my **featured article in the Fall issue of New York Archives Magazine.** [Click here to read Mark's eye-opening article.](#)

He truly loves sharing his excitement with people. "On a few occasions when I've been working in the Cottage, I've had people knock repeatedly on the door, desperately wanting to see inside. Many are huge Culper Spy Ring fans, but some are just passionate Port Jefferson residents. I don't have it in me to turn them away, so I may do a short impromptu tour, but I can see in their reactions that they deeply appreciate it and love learning one more piece of Long Island's rich history. The feeling reminds me of the same way I felt when I was younger, and **Mildred Michos and Dr. Sisler** would share their love for Port Jeff's history with us as schoolchildren. The passion is infectious, and you always just want to know more."

**The Drowned Meadow Cottage Museum** will be a destination for both residents and tourists. Mark and the team have made it all happen. "It's been wonderful to work with **Chris Ryon, our Village Historian** - his enthusiasm for history (and pretty much everything) has been a great help to our team moving towards our final vision for the museum. **Tara Penske** has also been helpful in creating programs for children, particularly when a Revolutionary War spy ring can be a bit of a complicated topic. I'll also never forget the late **Jill Russell**, who was just an incredible person to get to know and work with as part of my previous volunteering with the Village. I also owe a huge debt of gratitude to my wife **Lara and my family** for helping me with my research and in preparing the museum for opening. I know the entire team has also appreciated **Mayor Garant and Village Clerk Barbara Sakovich's** unwavering support through this entire process."

Don't miss the must-see reopening event on **September 10<sup>th</sup>** from **9:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Drowned Meadow Cottage Museum**. If you are interested in volunteering, please reach out! The Drowned Meadow Cottage Museum is always looking for new volunteers and anyone passionate about the Revolutionary War era on Long Island.

*from* **Deputy Mayor Kathianne Snaden**





be ending and the children are heading back to school, the Village ramps up for a most beautiful fall season!

Once again, the Village is partnering with the School District to bring not only students, faculty, athletes, and alumni together but also include Village businesses as well. Please check out my message in the October edition of the eReport for more details.

As the summer flowers begin to fade with the onset of cooler temperatures, be on the lookout for them to be replaced with mums in gorgeous autumnal colors. I have also started planning for next spring and summer. Planters, baskets, and beds will be teaming with gorgeous color and variety next year. Additionally, street trees are being looked at for replacements and additions to continue the vision of a vibrant and natural feel throughout the Village.

(ARC) continues their great work with the addition of two new members. They got right to work on applications such as the bank ATM kiosk, signage at the mall, and a retaining wall at St. Charles Hospital, just to name a few. Keeping things beautiful and aesthetically pleasing is one of the goals of this committee.

As uptown revitalization is in full swing, parking options are being examined, including the possibility of shared parking agreements with already existing lots as well as options for new parking. Updates on this initiative will be ongoing.

I hope you will enjoy the last few weeks of summer, and best of luck to all our kiddos who have headed back to school. Have a great year, everyone!

Kathianne Snaden  
Trustee  
Deputy Mayor, Port Jefferson Village



## #PJBEAUTIFUL

*Take time to stop and enjoy the flowers!*

Deputy Mayor Kathianne Snaden and the Parks Department team have been hard at work creating a beautiful landscape here in Port Jefferson. As you walk around the Village, you have enjoyed spring blooms and summer splendor, but now with fall entering the picture - it will be even more amazing! These types of details are what make our Village unique and beautiful and elevate it to another level!

Thank you, Trustee Snaden for your vision and hard work!



## **CONSTRUCTION AT EAST BEACH**

*Click the video to see the progress*

The construction of our East Beach bluff stabilization wall is now underway! We will keep you updated on how the construction is coming along.

**Please stay clear of East Beach.** It is not 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.

Be sure to check out future eReports to follow along as our bluff project advances.



### **PORT JEFF KAYAK RACKS**

Please Note: All vessels must be removed by November 1

*You  
heard  
it here*

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

### **From Code Chief Leute**

This past week there were reports of persons attempting to open car doors in our Village. As most are aware, we have mentioned this numerous times at our monthly board



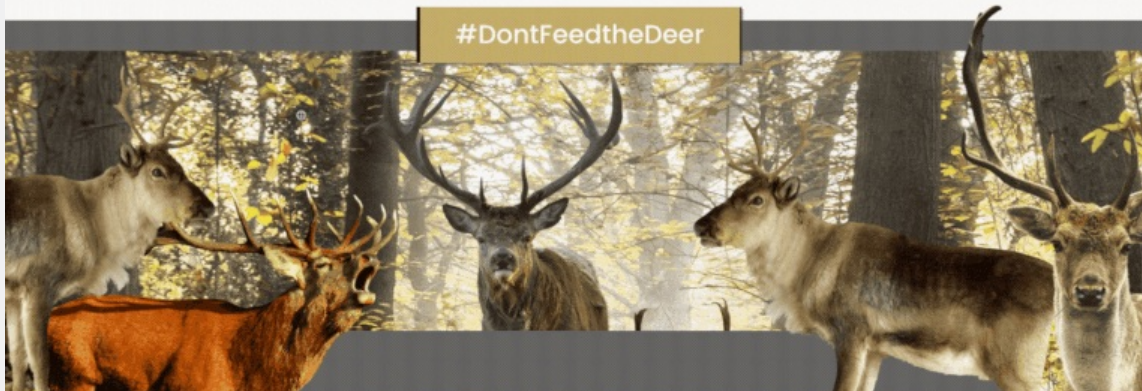
meetings at Village Hall. Several homeowners had these individuals walk up their driveways and try the doors on their vehicles. Code was forwarded video of the subjects and the vehicle they were using, a white, mid-size SUV. Three persons are viewed; one driving the car, and one checking car doors on each side of the street. Please be diligent and lock your car doors each night to avoid having any items stolen. Please also remember that leaving a bag, packages, a pocketbook or any items of interest within plain view in the car could cause these criminals to break a window to grab that item. These incidents are reported to have occurred between 1:00 am and 4:30 am. SCPD is aware of this illegal activity, and Code has requested additional midnight residential patrols. Please be aware of these occurrences, and call Police immediately if you see this or any suspicious activity or behavior in your neighborhood. Please also notify Code by calling 631-774-0066 and advising our staff as well. Always tell us your name, street address, a call back number, and a description of the event that has occurred.

The best way to avoid being victimized by these criminals is to simply lock your car doors each night. If we all lock our doors, they will avoid our area as the proceeds of their acts will be less than perhaps other areas.

Thank you!

### Feeding deer isn't good for them or for us.

Bringing deer together at feeding sites increases their risk of contracting communicable diseases. It also can cause the spread of tick-bourne diseases for humans and our pets.



## **PLEASE DON'T FEED THE DEER**

Wild animals have specialized diets. If you feed deer in your backyard or at a park, you could be harming them instead of helping them. Bringing deer together at feeding sites increases their risk of contracting communicable diseases, such as chronic wasting disease, from other deer.

### **Supplemental feeding of wild deer is harmful and can:**

1. Cause bouts of severe diarrhea and dehydration, which could be deadly, and they can become malnourished or die if fed the wrong foods.
2. Increase the number of deer-vehicle collisions when they are coaxed into residential neighborhoods.
3. Encourage deer to accept human presence, leading to other dangerous interactions between deer and humans.
4. Cause the spread of Tick-Bourne diseases.
5. Cause damage to the natural habitat. Deer being fed also eat vegetation in the surrounding area, which can lead to overgrazing. Plants in that area can be damaged or destroyed by the deer. The result is a habitat that supports fewer animals. In turn, the deer become dependent on artificial feeding.
6. Cause decreased nutrition for deer during winter. Deer are ruminants like cows and have a multi-chambered stomach with a complicated digestive process. If the type of food the deer consume is suddenly changed through feeding by humans, it can take a considerable time for the digestive process to adapt to the new food. The animal can

receive little nutrition when it needs it most.

7. Alter the migratory movements of deer to critical wintering areas.

**Lisa Jaeger**

**Jaegers Run Animal Rescue Inc.**

*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.*



## 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

2<sup>nd</sup> 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](#)

### *from* **Trustee Lauren Sheprow**



It's been a hectic summer and it's nice to head into the changing season and reflect on all that has passed and all that we have in front of us.

A few upcoming events in the Village I'm looking forward to attending or participating in: 1) The anniversary of 9/11 is upon us, and the Port Jefferson Fire Department is holding a memorial service on Sunday morning at 9AM to remember those who were lost on that tragic day; 2) The Village Regatta on Saturday, 9/10 at 11AM at Harborfront Park – please help root for my assigned sloop, Breezin'; 3) Port Jefferson Village Outing at PJCC is still accepting registrations but there are limited spots available. Open to all PJFD members and volunteers, people working and living in Port Jefferson/11777, and PJCC members. Should be a blast and the cost is a

them a try when you can. They are also hosting the dinner following the annual Port Jeff Village Outing on September 22 so participants will be able to enjoy a post-round barbeque and the awards presentations without leaving the PJCC campus. We look forward to more collaborations and new events and activities at the Club in the coming weeks and months and are thrilled that we have an incredibly responsive partner in this team at The Club Steakhouse/Waterview. If you have any specific questions, concerns, or feedback on this topic, please contact me at trustee-sheprow@portjeff.com.

Finally, as I continue to meet and speak with Village employees and residents, I continue to gain more insight as to how this Village works on so many different levels. I have a lot to learn – particularly about Village Code and how it is enforced in our Village government. I am committed to bringing attention to the Village Code as a governing resource, and will



reasonable \$50 per person all included. Sign up online here.

By way of an update, I'm very happy to report that our partners at The Club Steakhouse/Waterview are meeting with the PJCC Social/Hospitality task force and listening closely to the feedback we have been providing, being responsive to our input, and looking for ways to address those expressed concerns. They are moving forward on opportunities to accommodate members and residents including the launch of a new happy hour menu and schedule (3PM-7PM Wednesday through Sunday) so give

continue to raise Code in situations where it may not be currently being referenced or utilized. If there are any Village Code experts out there who would like to join me in this mission – think of it as Village Code 101 – I'd appreciate your input and participation in the absorption and interpretation process - contact me at trustee-sheprow@portjeff.com.

Enjoy your September!

*Lauren Sheprow*  
*Village Trustee*



## **LISEC QUICK & DIRTY BOAT BUILD COMPETITION RECAP**

*Fun was had by all!*

The Quick & Dirty Boat Build is a family-friendly annual event where the contestants come out to design, build, test, and race human-powered watercraft during a weekend of fun in the harbor!

Seven teams participated, and it was a beautiful weekend with perfect weather. Ken Calligos and Matt Deveau took first place. Second place (Alex and Andrew Smith) and third place (Doug Santo and Chris Voorhis) teams were on a crazy journey. They battled each other, paddling backward all the way across the finish line.

After climbing out of their boats at the end of the race, the competitors high-fived each other, which shows the spirit of the event. It's about quick thinking, fun, and teamwork. Keep a lookout in August 2023 for the 12<sup>th</sup> annual Quick & Dirty Boat Build! It is a family fun day, intertwining engineering and physics with sunshine and laughter.



# PORT JEFF VILLAGE CALENDAR 2022



## THE FARMERS MARKET

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

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 1	Sea Shanty, Maritime Music Festival, noon - 6pm, Harborfront Park
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

## THE PORT JEFFERSON GALLERY at the Village Center, 2<sup>ND</sup> fl

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



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

# PORT JEFF



## VILLAGE CUP REGATTA

Saturday, September 10

Come Sail with Us!

Contact: Clerk@PortJeff.com

Help Fight  
Pancreatic Cancer

Still Gizzling  
in September



## CULPER SPY DAY

Saturday, September 10

9am - 4pm

Drowned Meadow  
Cottage Museum



## Port Jefferson DRAGON BOAT RACE

Saturday, September 17

8am - 6pm

Harborfront Park



## Port Jefferson ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

Thursday, September 22

1pm shotgun start

\$50 pp

PortJeff.com/golfouting

Also open to PJ residents, PJED  
volunteers and people working  
in businesses in 11777



## HILL CLIMB

Saturday, September 24

10am - 2pm

The Village Center

Harborfront Park

Raindate: Oct 1



## MUSTANG SHOW

Sunday, September 25

9am - 3pm

The Village Center

Harborfront Park

Raindate: Oct 2

## SEA SHANTY Maritime Music Festival

Saturday, October 1

12 noon - 6pm

Harborfront Park



## PJ Farmer's Market

Every Sunday

9-2pm

Harborfront Park

Rain: The Village Center

The Greater Port Jefferson Chamber of Commerce presents...

## PORT JEFFERSON



## DRAGON BOAT RACE FESTIVAL

**Saturday, September 17, 2022**

Opening ceremonies: 8:30am - Races begin: 9am

Join us for our 8th annual event hosted by the Greater Port Jefferson Chamber of Commerce

Our festival will include Asian performing arts, retail, cultural, and food vendors.

Mayor Jeanne Garant Harborfront Park

101A East Broadway, Port Jefferson & Port Jeff Inner Harbor

www.PortJeffDragonBoatRaceFest.com | (631) 473-1414 | info@portjeffchamber.com



**SAVE THE DATE**

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**2022 Window Painting Contest is Back in Port Jeff**

**Saturday, October 22, 2022\***  
**10 am - 3 pm**  
 \*Rain Date Sunday, October 23

**Location: The Village Center**  
**Theme: Halloween or Fall**

**\$30 per team, includes a paint kit\***  
**Painting Dimensions: 17" wide x 27" length**  
 \*Additional paint will be available at the event




**TWICE-THE-FUN EVENT**

**1 THE CONTEST**

Port Jefferson School Age Children, ONLY!  
 Registered 1-2 Student Teams Grades 3 - 12  
 Grand Prize and Award Certificates

**2 FAMILY AND FRIENDS PAINTING FUN**

All Invited To Register To Paint.  
 1-4 Person Registered Teams.  
 All Must Be Registered To Paint.

**REGISTRATION BEGINS SEPTEMBER 1.**

Registration Forms available at [PortJeff.com](http://PortJeff.com), Eventbrite, Virtual Backpack,  
 All Port Jefferson Schools, Facebook.

Questions? Call Ilene: 631 260-7276 Email: [ih128@aol.com](mailto:ih128@aol.com)



**LET'S PAINT THE VILLAGE CENTER WINDOWS!**

**PORT JEFF SEA SHANTY & MARITIME MUSIC FESTIVAL**

**Beautiful Harborfront Park**

**Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Noon to 7pm**

**Free Admission**

**All Ages Welcome**

**FEATURED PERFORMERS:**

- John Roberts
- David Jones
- Stout
- Bonnie & Dan Milner
- The Ancient Mariners
- Heather Wood
- Joseph Morneau
- Old Fid: Deirdre & Sean Murtha and Alan Short
- Maria Fairchild & Adam Becherer

\* Authentic Sea Shanties performed by some of the most well-known singers of the genre from New England, Long Island and the UK, with a grand finale concert featuring all the musicians.

\* Explore the history and techniques of wooden boat building, presented by LI Seaport and Eco Center, accompanied by songs of the great Age of Sail, indoors at the Port Jefferson Village Center.

\* Pirates At Large

\* Street singers and musicians in the Village.

More info@ [www.gpjac.org](http://www.gpjac.org)

Presented by:  
 Greater Port Jeff Arts Council and the Port Jefferson Historian.  
 In collaboration with The Village of Port Jefferson & the Dept. of Recreation

*from* **Trustee Rebecca Kassay**



It's hard to believe that the peak of summer is now in the rear-view mirror, but there's so much to look forward to as autumn settles in here in the Village. There are dynamic

events to enjoy every weekend including Culper Spy Day, homecoming celebrations, Harvest Fest, PJ Yacht Club's Regatta, Dragon Boat racing, a Sea Shanty Festival, and so much more.

Between all this fun, I've been moving along on some big projects for the Village. This month, I attended a few meetings regarding the possibility of "Complete Streets" in Port Jefferson Village: this is a concept to connect PJV's neighborhoods, commercial districts, public transportation hubs, schools, and parks with a network of more pedestrian- and/or cyclist-friendly streets. Almost every resident I've spoken to in the past two+ years has indicated that they'd like to see Village streets become safer and more inviting for active use by themselves and their families. I look forward to continuing to explore this major quality of life effort with Trustee Snaden and the Board of Trustees.

After some months of discussions and field work, I created a digitized map of PJV street trees in need of replacement or maintenance, as well as locations along Village streets and parking lots that might benefit from adding a tree. As this environmental effort harmonizes with ongoing beautification efforts, I will reference the NYC Parks Street Tree Species List to recommend appropriate tree species which will provide both environmental and aesthetic benefits to our community.

Other notable efforts this month include: meetings to proactively plan for adequate uptown parking through shared parking agreements; coordination with regional tick experts to bring information and tools to PJV residents for disease prevention; and continuing to review and draft recommendations from Village flood studies.

As always, I look forward to hearing your thoughts or questions regarding the above or any Village topic: [trustee-kassay@portjeff.com](mailto:trustee-kassay@portjeff.com)

Enthusiastically,  
 Rebecca Kassay  
 Port Jefferson Village Trustee





## **TAKING ACTION FOR OUR ENVIRONMENT**

*Technology leads to effective collaboration*

**Trustees Kathianne Snaden and Rebecca Kassay**, with a passion for beautification and environmental efforts, have created synergy in their activities. Starting last year, Kathianne Snaden led a beautification project throughout the Village. At the same time, Rebecca Kassay's pursuits have been focused on environmental sustainability, including a project to identify and replace the dead, dying, or missing trees along Village streets. That left them to find a significant overlap between interests in the built environment and the natural environment.

"Street trees are an important aspect of the Village's environmental efforts, which I've been assessing as the Village's Commissioner of Environmental Sustainability; these trees can provide habitat, reduce ambient temperatures, absorb rainfall, capture carbon, and so much more. Street tree efforts also fit naturally into Trustee Snaden's beautification efforts, adding seasonal interest and the charm of quaint-feeling tree-lined Village streets. By collaborating, Trustees consider a wider variety of perspectives while addressing Village issues, producing optimal solutions for the Village: why not provide spring blossoms and autumn colors while taking action to combat climate change and flooding?" States Trustee Kassay.

Next time you're strolling down East Main Street- especially on a hot day- be mindful of how it feels to walk along the sections lined with healthy street trees versus those without a leafy canopy. Trees lower surface and air temperatures by providing shade and by a process called evapotranspiration. Shaded surfaces- *think asphalt, sidewalks, benches*- can be 20–45°F cooler than the peak temperatures of unshaded surfaces. Street trees also add to Port Jefferson Village's unique sense of place, making it a more attractive place to stroll around. Additionally, this effort addresses potential safety concerns, as we will remove dead tree limbs and see that the tree beds are leveled with stones or grates.

"In the long run, the goal is for the Village to have a comprehensive map of and plan for their street trees. We will work with property owners, both commercial and private, along with the Business Improvement District to plant street trees, further enhancing the beauty and resilience of the Village," explains Trustee Snaden.

In order to pinpoint and describe each tree site in need

of replacement or maintenance, as well as sites that would benefit from the addition of street trees, Rebecca has used Google Maps to create a tool that will enable everyone involved to have a more concise path forward. This use of technology will maintain clarity for all involved.

**Stay tuned for updates at future board meetings.** Residents with thoughts or questions about this effort can reach out to Trustee Kassay ([trustee-kassay@portjeff.com](mailto:trustee-kassay@portjeff.com)) and Trustee Snaden ([trustee-snaden@portjeff.com](mailto:trustee-snaden@portjeff.com)).



## **THERE'S A NEW BUILDING IN TOWN**

*and it's going to change the game.*

We're talking about **Port Jefferson Crossing, the apartments opening soon uptown.** It's a brand-new three-story building that will offer residents an affordable place to live. It's an excellent option for young people just starting out or empty nesters looking to downsize.

Our **Mayor, Village trustees, Village attorney, Director of Economic Development, members of the Planning Board, and Zoning Board of Appeals** visited to see the progress made firsthand. "I'm thrilled to see this project come to fruition. Having a bright, beautiful new building at the gateway to our Village, coupled with the fact that it will provide affordable housing, is very exciting. I'm looking forward to the continued transformation of Upper Port, and this project is a fantastic start." shares Deputy Mayor Kathianne Snaden.

It's not just apartments. It's a mixed-use building that includes **retail space and underground parking.** The first floor of the building is a very spacious, bright, and airy retail space. We can't wait to see it full of life, whether it be a wet or dry space or a combination of the two!

So why are we so excited about this new development? Because it is the next step in the uptown revitalization process! It's great news for our residents and our extended community.

Many applications are submitted for this housing, but



the process of approving them has not begun yet.

Ribbon cutting for the grand opening should be around Thanksgiving. We'll keep you posted!



# What's New in Recreation for September

EASY ONLINE REGISTRATION @PORTJEFF.COM

(631) 802-2160

## YOUTH

**Indoor Youth Tennis Programs:** Fall & Winter (ages 6-10) Tuesdays at the Spring St. School. Choose your session, starting November.

**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.

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

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

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

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

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

**Karate by Tae Kwon Do:** Register in Rec office.

**Soccer Shots:** Ages 2-5. Register at [www.soccershots.org/centralsuffolk](http://www.soccershots.org/centralsuffolk)

## ADULT

**Port Jeff Walking Club:** Thursdays, beginning September 22. 10-11 am.

**2023 Cornhole League:** Now forming for Spring & Fall. 2 person teams. Thursdays.

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

**Pickleball Ladder:** Kip Lee Park, ages 16+, Beginning September, Mondays 6-7:30pm.

**Indoor Pickleball- Beginner & Intermediate:** Mondays. Fall & Winter, at Elementary School Gym.

Choose your session, starting in November.

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Choose your session, starting in November.

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

**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.

**Evening Stretch with Alec Huner:** (ages 18 & older) Tuesday @ 7pm.

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

**Beach Yoga with Nanci Huner:** (ages 18 & older) Saturdays @ 9am

**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.

**Adult Snowflake Softball League:** Sept-Nov

**Boating Safety Course:** Saturday, Oct. 15, 9am-5pm, Register: [JohnPesek51@gmail.com](mailto:JohnPesek51@gmail.com) or call: 631 828-2508

## 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



# THE 1910 HILLCLIMB IS BACK

**Saturday, September 24, 2022**  
**10am - 2pm**

Starts from the Village Center  
 Experience the re-enactment of the original Port Jefferson Hillclimb with family and friends.

Help cheer on this historic tribute, as our antique auto enthusiasts retrace the original Hillclimb course with a short tour through the Village.

An historic photo exhibit of the early Hillclimbs will be on display at the Village Center.  
 View the lineup of awesome antique cars in Harborfront Park prior to the Hillclimb.  
 This is a Free Event to Attend  
 \*Rain Date: Saturday, October 1, 10am

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Visit us on Facebook:  
 Port Jefferson Hillclimb

The Mustang & Shelby Club of Long Island  
 Presents the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual

# MUSTANG SHOW

**Sunday, September 25, 2022**  
**9 am - 3 pm**

*Rain Date: October 2*

Please Note: This is a Mustang & Shelby Club of Long Island Event Only.  
 All Spectators Welcome!

**ON THE HARBOR AT THE PORT JEFFERSON VILLAGE CENTER**

## 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

### from Trustee Stan Loucks



With Labor Day weekend behind us, many feel that summer is over. However, there are still many beautiful days to come out and enjoy a round of golf at your country club.

This has been a very trying and difficult summer. The absence of rain has put a heavy strain on the golf course. As you are aware, we have not had rain for over 20 days, resulting in many dry and brown grass areas. We have had many questions about these conditions.....Do we have a fungus? Do we have other diseases? Is the maintenance staff messing up? The answer to all of the questions is NO! The bottom line (the real

allows new members to sign up, play the remainder of the fall season, and play all of next season for the set membership rate. That program will be available beginning on October 15th. However, it will be limited to the first 25 who pay their dues. Currently, the rates for the coming season are unavailable as the rates committee is still establishing rates that will meet the costs of running the course.

We have prepared an RFP ( Request For Proposal ) to repair and rebuild 39 bunkers on the course. Those bids should be coming back sometime in late September. We hope to get all of these bunkers repaired before the spring opening. This project is part of a long-range plan for the continuing maintenance of the course. Repairing

answer) is Mother Nature. On average, we pour 300,000 gallons of water on the course, all of which comes from our on-site wells. The lack of rain has diminished the water levels in our wells to the point that we have had to restrict our watering practices. Greens and Tee boxes are the priority. They have remained in terrific condition while some areas of fairways have turned brown only because we have restricted the amount of water. The aeration process, cooler weather, and rain will bring the course back to pristine condition.

We have had many questions relating to the "Early Bird" program. This program

and rebuilding the cart paths will be the next major project.

With strong membership numbers, we hope to continue to make all of the necessary repairs, improvements, and maintenance issues become a reality.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the entire membership for the care and support of your club!

Enjoy the rest of the season,  
*Stan Loucks*  
Trustee, Port Jefferson

## MEET the TEAM



*Meet our team. Their stories are inspiring, and they provide excellent service to all who live here and visit. We will highlight a new professional every month and introduce you to the most amazing and talented individuals that make Port Jefferson Village so special. These are people who bring their experience and dedication every single day. When they say it takes a Village, they're talking about the people of Port Jefferson Village!*



**Meet Brian Rowe, the Assistant Labor Crew Leader for the Parks Department** in our Village. If you've ever had a perfect stroll down Harborfront park or a great afternoon with the kids at Rocketship Park, you know how much work goes into keeping our parks looking as good as they do. Brian has been hard at work for 11 years and is one of the main reasons we have such a beautiful place to live. Brian manages our parks crews and keeps everything running smoothly. He encourages residents to contact him about any improvements or ideas they have for our parks. "All members of the parks department are very approachable," Brian explains. "If you have a question, concern, or idea, please share it with us." He adds that he uses this feedback to try to better the parks for all who use them.

**Brian is a SUNY Stony Brook graduate and is married with three young kids, a dog, and a cat.** He lives close by in Smithtown and loves the North Shore of Long Island. "In Port Jefferson, I enjoy the harbor, restaurants, shops, parks, sunsets, ice skating, 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Dickens, this list could go on and on," he says.

"The best thing about this position is being able to work in such a great setting. The residents are great too. PJ still has that small town feel, and I really enjoy the little things like a simple hello to the residents I see on a daily basis." he shares. Brian is willing to work hard because he really cares about the cleanliness, safety, and overall condition of our Parks.

**We appreciate having a guy like Brian on our team!** His work is evident in our everyday lives, and we are grateful for his skills that create a better Port Jefferson!



## SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING

**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**

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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