



Newsletter

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Street Sweeping

Nov 20th

PATV & Rocky's Field

The Village of Plandome Heights is represented on the Board of Public Access Television (PATV) by Trustee Silva ('Aida') Ferman. In the 2009 Fall Newsletter we featured an article about the celebration of PATV's 25th Anniversary and highlighted a very long list of Plandome Heights contributors to PATV's success.

Included among those contributors were former VPH Trustee Rocky Pacent who represented Plandome Heights on the PATV Board just as Trustee Aida Ferman does today; major contributor to the Women in Technology program, Phyllis Sternemann, and Elaine Canton, whose outreach helped establish the Women in Technology group originally and make it the successful program it has become today.

With those three Plandome Heights visionaries in the mix, it was inevitable that another wonderful project would emerge. Last week Phyllis Sternemann of PATV's Women in Technology produced "Rocky's Field" with special guest Jennie Finch, 2004 Olympic softball pitcher, and featured a tribute to Rocky Pacent as well as the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new turf softball field dedicated in his memory. We hope you didn't miss and hope you will give your thanks and high-fives to Phyllis Sternemann!

Editors Note: There will be additional cablecast dates throughout November. Please consult the Manhasset Press for schedules. ■

Happy Thanksgiving Plandome Heights!

The Plandome Heights' staff and Board of Trustees send best wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving to all.

As usual, street sweeping is scheduled for the Saturday preceding the holiday, November 20th, beginning at 8 a.m. Please help ensure good results by sweeping your sidewalk of debris and leaves and keeping your car off the street to the extent you can. The street sweeper will have to go around any cars on the street and will miss that spot. Thank you for your help. ■

Dollars & Sense

The Board of Trustees continues to work hard to keep expenses down in the current fiscal year. As a result, there is nothing extraordinary to report in this Newsletter. And that's good news!

The Winter Newsletter will not be published until January. We hope to ring in the New Year with equally positive news then! ■

Protect Our Environment!

Dogs must be leashed and droppings discarded properly.

All debris (even organic) should be swept away from the storm drains near your homes. Leaves clog the drains, causing water build-up on the street, OR, they go down the drain and end up in our Bay. VPH is a member of the Manhasset Bay Protection Committee and we all must do our small but critical part to keep our Bay clean.

Please help keep our Bay and Public Lands clean.

Capital Project Preserve Bay Delayed

Earlier this year, we announced our successful award for funding of capital project "Project Preserve Bay" through the help of Senator Craig Johnson. To summarize, this project includes new surface and sub surface storm drainage facilities and a high-grade pavement covering Bay Driveway and the area abutting the Plandome Heights Preserve.

As you can imagine, we had hoped to complete this project by the end of this year. In order to be finished by Thanksgiving, we needed to start the project in September. The colder it gets, the less likely that road repaving will bond properly. It just would not be prudent to start such a project that could not be finished while the weather is still relatively warm.

While Plandome Heights received notification from the NYS funding authority for our grant, it was not possible to get the paperwork done quickly enough. Although the latter is outside both our and Senator Johnson's control, since the funding authority is independent of the Legislature, we are nonetheless working as diligently as we can to expedite the paperwork receipt in time for us to implement the job in 2011. The good news is that the Village is under no threat of losing the grant since there is a three-year window associated with the award.

Between now and spring 2011, if there are unsafe surface conditions that demand remediation, we will of course address those forthwith. Needless to say, to the extent that a repair could be postponed without compromising safety that is certainly the preferable route since any temporary roadwork will effectively

be rendered redundant when the project proceeds in 2011.

As a reminder, Project Preserve Bay will be coordinated with the new water main installation by the Manhasset Lakeville Water District (MLWD) under Bay Driveway, thereby eliminating the possibility of removing a newly paved section of road to excavate for the water main installation.

The Bay Driveway main replacement is part of MLWD's ongoing capital improvement program to upgrade old four-inch water mains. The new main will allow for greater fire protection in the area, eliminate future main breaks, and provide increased water availability for residents. The project includes new mains, valves, and fire hydrants. MLWD will also be inspecting water services as they get switched to the new main. Any old iron or lead service pipes will be replaced with a new copper main up to the property line. Beyond the property line is the homeowner's responsibility.

MLWD has been advised of the delay in the start of the project and is accommodating VPH by adjusting the start date of their project as well.

We will certainly keep you posted as to future developments.

Many thanks especially to the residents in the surrounding area most affected by this delay.

Please contact the Village office if you have any questions or require any additional information. ■

Tree Planting

Now is the time to start thinking about planting a tree on your property at the Right of Way.

Through the VPH 'Shade Tree Program' the Village offers a selection of trees and pays half the cost.

Letters will be sent to some homeowners in January with details of the program.

In the meantime, please contact the VPH Office if you are interested.

News from the Bench

The judicial branch of Plandome Heights involves many people who give their time and talent to make it work: Village Justice Cye Ross, Acting Village Justice Luis Ras, Prosecutor Mary Corrigan and Court Clerk Ann Demeri. The court calendar for 2011 has been set. Court will be in session at 8:00PM at the Plandome Heights Village Office on the following dates:

- January 10
- March 14
- May 9
- July 11
- September 12
- November 14

The State's Justice Courts are of vital importance to New York's justice system and the community, yet the towns and villages that support them often have limited budgetary

resources. On a limited basis, these small courts may apply annually for small awards under the Justice Court Assistance Program (JCAP). To promote control and ensure that funds are directed appropriately, the program requires that the Village Justice and Village Mayor both co-sign the application and additionally provides for review and approval of specific items or constructs that will help:

- improve security
- acquire essential equipment
- maintain a dignified and suitable appearance under which the court may operate.

Court Clerk Demeri has done a great job preparing this year's submission and we thank her for the effort. We will publish results when the JCAP awards are announced. ■

Public Service Announcement from Your Emergency Management Team

Plandome Heights Emergency Management Coordinator Bart Giusto and Deputy Mayor Alvin Solomon want to remind you to register on NorthShoreAlert.org if you have not yet done so (the URL address is <http://www.northshorealert.org/>). As a reminder, NorthShoreAlert.org is a mass notification system designed to

keep residents and businesses of the Port Washington, NY peninsula, north of Northern Blvd, informed of emergencies and certain community events. By registering with NorthShoreAlert.org, time-sensitive messages – delivered via a method that you decide – are able to be communicated to you. ■

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Welcome Newcomers!

The Village is happy to welcome these families into our community:

- Brent Sims, along with his wife Nicole and their two children Douglas and Michelle, recently purchased their new home at 81 Cove Drive. Although most recently residing in Port Washington, Nicole is a native of Plandome and Brent is originally from Oakwood, Ohio.
- Peter and Alex Orthos are new to Plandome Heights but not new to Manhasset having previously resided in Stone Hill. They have

moved into their new home at 960 Plandome Road with their three daughters Jamie, Gabrielle and Kayla. They "love their new home and are excited about the convenient location!"

- Several other families are or will soon be in the process of moving to Plandome Heights. We will feature them in the Winter Newsletter

Congratulations and welcome all! ■

What Do You Think About ... a new stop sign at the intersection of Bournedale Road South and Chester Drive?

It seems that everyone is always in a rush these days, trying to squeeze a few seconds more here and there, and maybe create two or three more minutes for something else.

Is it really worth it?

Drivers are using our quiet residential streets village streets as a cut-through to avoid Plandome Road, often driving beyond legal speeds when they do. This combination holds potential hazards and has led the Board to consider placement of a stop sign on Bournedale Road South at the intersection of Chester Drive. Village Counsel has advised the best approach for such an act is

via a "Local Law" and that requires a public hearing. Rather than schedule a special public hearing for this one item, the Board will include this agenda item at a future public hearing when there is at least another item for consideration. At the public hearing, residents who live in close proximity will be given an opportunity to voice their opinion on this matter. In the meantime, we encourage all residents to please slow down ... just a little.

Editor's Note: This topic is the first in a new series "What Do You Think About...?" which will feature topics that the Board is considering for possible future action. ■

All Village Newsletters are posted under “News and Events” link on the website, at www.plandomeheights-ny.gov

Newsletters are published seasonally. Usually a postcard is mailed announcing their availability.

Pesticides Usage Notification Requirements

Many residents hire landscaping companies to maintain their lawn and shrubs. If the company applies certain pesticides, the NY Neighbor Notification Law requires 48-hour notice to neighbors for certain commercial lawn applications and posting of visual notification markers for most residential lawn applications.

Please be a good neighbor and make sure that your landscaper follows the notifications required by law.

For more information, please visit the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation's website at www.dec.ny.gov ■

Eagle Scout Projects at Plandome Heights Preserve

You won't believe your eyes.

Take a walk over to the Plandome Heights Preserve and you can't miss a big dumpster adorning its entrance. Don't worry ... it will only be there for a short time but while it is there, it is serving an important purpose. If you're tall enough, take a look at what's in there and you won't believe your eyes.

Scout Shivam Patel and the team he assembled just completed a project to become an Eagle Scout. The project was to clean up half of Plandome Heights Preserve and lay

chips for a walking trail. Scout Patel, son of Dr. Sanjivan Patel (VPH Emergency Management Medical Liaison), did an amazing job and we are both proud and grateful.

Another scout and resident of VPH, Martin Donoyan, also hopes to become an Eagle Scout. Yes you guessed it. Scout Donoyal's project is to clean up and lay chips for a walking trail on the left side of Plandome Heights Preserve. We are confident that Scout Donoyan and his team will do an equally fantastic job! ■

Kids' Corner

There were no submissions for Kids' Corner for the Fall 2010 Newsletter. ■

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