



## Message from the New Mayor

**Kenneth C. Riscica**  
Mayor

**Lynne Aloia**  
**Lawrence Bourguet**  
**Silva Ferman**  
**Don Parker**  
**Alvin Solomon**  
**Norman Taylor**  
Trustees

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Village Clerk / Treasurer

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Deputy Clerk,  
Court Clerk

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Village Justice

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Village Prosecutor

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Village Building  
Inspector Stormwater  
Mgmt. Officer

**Bart Giusto**  
Emergency Mgmt.  
Coordinator

**Richard Hirt**  
Architectural Review  
Board, Chair

**Marion Endrizzi**  
Planning Board, Chair

**Eugene O'Connor**  
Zoning and Appeals  
Board, Chair

**Trey Harragan**  
Technology Advisory  
Board, Chair

**Daniel Cataldo**  
Citizens Advisory on  
Finance, Chair

**Phyllis Sternemann**  
Historian

Fellow Residents:

Thank you for your support and confidence in the election. After serving as Trustee responsible for Budget and Finance for four years, I accept the responsibility as Mayor with humility and a promise to serve to the best of my ability. Most of all, however, I am thankful to have all five current Trustees continue their extraordinary service. Together, in these last four years we have worked to:

- Reduce our expenditures
- Lower our taxes
- Strengthen our “rainy day” funds &
- Maintain the high level of services that residents expect.

We are so very fortunate to have the service of Lawrence, Aida, Don, Al and Norman.

We are also fortunate to have Lynne Aloia elected Trustee. After a career in business, Lynne became fully engaged in her sons’ activities as a leader in the community in school, scouts and church. Lynne and Mark and their two boys have lived in Manhasset since 1998 and in Plandome Heights since 2003. Welcome aboard Lynne!

We also welcome Phyllis Sternemann as Village Historian and Dan Cataldo as Chair of our new Citizens Advisory Committee on Finance. Welcome Phyllis and Dan!

We are grateful also for the continued service of our Board Chairs (Marion, Richard, Gene and Trey), our volunteers and our great staff, Marianne, Ann and Ed.

My goals are simple: keep our operations lean, our service friendly and responsive and our taxes modest. One important new project is a Capital Plan to look into the future, understand our long-term needs and make sure our financial resources are in place. We have begun that work with a road management survey recently completed by our consulting engineers.

Our Village’s future is bright at a time when many other governments are struggling. I look forward to the service ahead.

Sincerely,

Mayor

## 2012 – 2013 Budget – No Tax Increase & More Good News

On April 17, 2012, we adopted our 2012 – 2013 Budget with no increase in property taxes for the second year in a row. The Budget continues our fiscal restraint in the fiscal years ended May 31, as follows:

- 2011: Tax decrease 15%
- 2012: No tax increase
- 2013: No tax increase.

In addition, our “rainy day fund” is healthy and this year we are identifying funds to be earmarked for future capital projects. To support that, we formed a Capital Projects Committee to look into the future,

understand our long-term needs and make sure our financial resources are in place.

And more.....did you know that *our Village taxes are actually lower* than the taxes you would pay if you were not in our Village? Your General County/Town tax excludes sanitation, snow removal, roads, lighting, etc. which the Village provides and our total Village tax is actually *less* than residents would pay if you were not in our Village.

See our website at [www.plandomeheights-ny.gov](http://www.plandomeheights-ny.gov) and click “Finances” for more information on Budget and Finance.



## Election Results

Village elections were held on March 20, 2012 with 60 voters, a high turnout for Plandome Heights. The results were: Kenneth C. Riscica (52 votes) elected

Mayor, Aida Ferman (55 votes) and Alvin Solomon (47 votes), reelected as Trustees, Lynne Aloia (52 votes) elected Trustee.

## Citizens Advisory Committee on Finance

In order to increase transparency and reach out for community input on Village finances, we formed a new Citizens Advisory Committee on Finance. The role of the Committee will be to give input on Village finances including budgeting, internal controls, investment policy, capital planning etc. Dan Cataldo, Treasurer of the Plandome Heights Civic Association, has agreed to serve as Chair. With help from the Committee, the

Village has: (a) established a new Investment Policy as recommended by the New York State Office of State Controller and (b) developed its response to new Government Accounting Standard No. 54 calling for new accounting for fund balances effective for our financial statements for fiscal year ending May 31, 2012.

## Bay Driveway Project

The project to improve drainage and protect Manhasset Bay with improvements on Bay Driveway has been planned for some time. Funding is now in place and plans are being made to move the work forward. The first phase of the project is for Manhasset-Lakeville Water District ("MLWD") to replace the water main with a new larger capacity water main. Now that our funding is in place, we are working closely with MLWD to establish a timeframe where our project can get back on their priority project list. Once that is done, we can move forward with the drainage and grading

improvements and ultimately the repaving of Bay Driveway. The timeframe.....we have to get back to you with that once we have hard data. It should be done in 2012, but it won't be done this Spring. Residents on and near Bay Driveway should consider that this work will be intrusive and inconvenient. The best way for you to be informed about disruptions once the project gets under way is to be signed up for "North Shore Alert" where we can give you periodic updates on what to expect. See [www.northshorealert.org](http://www.northshorealert.org) for information and sign-up now for North Shore Alert.

## Great News on Plandome Road

On April 25<sup>th</sup> we received the *great news* that Nassau County will repave the section of Plandome Road that it owns in our Village this Fall. As many of you know, Plandome Road in downtown Manhasset is owned by the Town and is being resurfaced "curb to curb" as part of the "Plandome Road Vision Project" jointly by the Town of North Hempstead and the NYS Department of Transportation. That project was scheduled to stop at Webster Avenue, where the Town road ownership ends. After prior efforts failed to get commitment to repave the County portion of the road in our Village, in April we contacted County Executive Mangano directly, asking that the whole road be completed. On April 25<sup>th</sup> he made that commitment. Working with us to achieve

this outcome were Town Councilwoman Dina De Giorgio, Supervisor Jon Kaiman, County Legislator Judi Bosworth, Marion Endrizzi at VPH Civic Association and Richard Bentley at Greater Manhasset Council of Civic Associations. Thanks to all who helped. See [http://www.plandomeheights-ny.gov/news\\_events.html](http://www.plandomeheights-ny.gov/news_events.html).

And more.....with this roadwork now planned for Fall 2012, MLWD informs us that they may want to expand the planned water main upgrade on Bay Driveway to Plandome Road. That would be an important infrastructure upgrade if it happens. Stay tuned for more information as that develops.



## Tree Program and Tree Trimming

**Tree Program:** The Village continues its program to repopulate the trees in the Village. In a cooperative effort with residents, residents are eligible to purchase a tree at half price for placement in front of their homes at the Village “right of way.” Deputy Clerk Ann Demerisi sent letters in March to logical candidates for the program. If you would like to participate you can call Ann in the Village office (516) 627 1136.

**Tree Trimming:** Residents should be mindful of the health and condition of the trees on their property. Downed trees and limbs are a significant threat once we get into hurricane season. We urge you to survey the trees on your property and call in an expert, if necessary, to determine if they need attention. Prevention is very important to safety.

## We Welcome VPH Civic Association to Our Website

The Plandome Heights Civic Association (the “Civic Association”) was formed on July 10, 1943 and has served the community since that time in many important ways and on many important issues. Over 140 families, nearly 45% of the Village, are members of the Civic

Association. The Civic Association advocates for our Village at the Greater Council of Manhasset Civic Associations among its other activities. You can now find a link to the Civic Association on our Village website at [www.plandomeheights-ny.gov](http://www.plandomeheights-ny.gov).

## Plandome Pond Park

We are in regular touch with the Town of North Hempstead and Nassau County about Plandome Pond Park. The Town owns the park and is responsible for maintenance; the County is responsible for mosquito control. The Pond is particularly stagnant this Spring

and we are working with: (a) the Town to get it in better shape and (b) the County to control the mosquitos. Our liaison to the Town & County for Plandome Pond Park is Civic Association President Marion Endrizzi.

## Stormwater Management

With our proximity to Manhasset Bay, management of stormwater is important. Sweeping the streets, cleaning the storm drains, the Bay Driveway project, resident and contractor education and preparation of periodic reports

are all part of the program. For information on stormwater management, there is useful information on our website at [www.villageofplandomeheights-ny.org](http://www.villageofplandomeheights-ny.org).

## Clerk's Corner

We would like to remind all residents that overnight parking on village streets is prohibited. If it is necessary for you to park your car on the street temporarily due to construction, please contact the village office.

Village tax bills will be mailed out in late May and are payable June 1, 2012 through July 1, 2012.

The village has recently passed a local law amending Village Code Chapter 122 Trees to prohibit certain invasive species of plants on private property. This law prohibits the planting of golden bamboo, Japanese bamboo, common bamboo, arrow bamboo and any other species commonly considered to be classified as bamboo. The new law requires a homeowner who currently has bamboo to confine the plant to their property and take any and all reasonable action to

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prevent such plant from invading any other property in the village.

Please be reminded that all contractors, including landscapers, are permitted to work Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM and Saturday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. No work is permitted on Sunday and federal holidays.

If you are considering doing any type of work on your property, including for example, window replacements, boilers, oil to gas conversion, central air, generators and sheds, contact the village office to ascertain whether or not a building permit is required.

As always, please feel free to call the Village or visit the office with any questions, or just to say hello.

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