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**Happy Spring  
One & All!**  
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## Proposed Budget

### **Bottom Line: "No Tax Increase"**

At the upcoming Plandome Heights Annual Organizational Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, the Board of Trustees will present its proposed budget for the fiscal year beginning June 1, 2011 in a public hearing that is expected to commence at approximately 8PM. (The actual April 6<sup>th</sup> meeting begins at 7PM and will be held at the Manhasset Public Library Community Room. Please see related story, Page 1.)

The proposed budget is flat relative to the previous year. No tax increase is expected. If you would like to see a copy of the draft budget in advance, an electronic copy is posted to the Village website at: [http://www.plandomeheights-ny.gov/VPH\\_BUDGET\\_2011-2012\\_DRAFT\\_BUDGET\\_for\\_PUBLICATION.pdf](http://www.plandomeheights-ny.gov/VPH_BUDGET_2011-2012_DRAFT_BUDGET_for_PUBLICATION.pdf) and hard copies are available at the Village office.

The Board of Trustees worked very hard to keep expenses down in the current fiscal year, adopting a sound no-frills budget without diminishing the quality of service our residents have come to expect.■

## Annual Organizational Meeting April 6<sup>th</sup>

VPH has secured the Community Room of the Manhasset Public Library for the annual meeting. This ensures there are enough chairs and as we all

know, it is a nice venue (especially for the rental fee of only \$25). However because of planned cuts to the library's budget, the facility is under mandatory requirement to have the building vacated by 9:25PM. This was a change that took place as a result of the library budget passed last year.

To ensure that we address all items on a busy agenda, we have moved the venue earlier to start at 7PM. There are mandatory votes required by law. It is the Board's hope that all the business will be finalized in the time allotted. We seek the understanding of residents to achieve this objective.

Should there be residual business that remains, it will be tabled until the regular meeting on the first Monday of May at 8PM at the Village Hall.

In addition to the public hearings on the budget and zoning changes related to grade and garage size, the main event of the evening is to swear in three newly re-elected Trustees: Lawrence Bourguet, Don Parker and Norm Taylor as well as numerous other vacancies across several of the Boards that serve Plandome Heights.

Featured speakers include the 6<sup>th</sup> Precinct to give residents their annual safety message and address closure rumors. In addition, Rear Admiral Greene from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy will inform our residents about this fantastic venue available to us all. **Please join us.** ■

## ***Protect Our Environment!***

***Please help keep Manhasset Bay and Public Lands clean.***

***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.***

## **Capital Project Preserve Bay**

As reported last year, our Project Preserve Bay proposal was awarded two \$100,000 grants to implement the project, the total cost of which was expected to be in the vicinity of \$240,000. The remaining necessary funds were already dedicated in the appropriate capital reserve fund.

We have received the contract for the first \$100,000 award and hope to execute it as a result of a resolution expected to be passed on April 6<sup>th</sup>. However, the contract for the second \$100,000 was not dispatched by Albany prior to (a) the Fall 2010 elections and (b) the current budget discussions. There are other villages in the same situation, awaiting decisions in Albany that will affect us here. Senator Craig Johnson, who was our original advocate in this endeavor, was defeated by now Senator Jack Martins in the 7<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District election. Senator Martins is trying to help us, but the budget process must play out.

It was always the Board's intent that the actual start date of our Project would commence once the funding was in place. The awarding agency, known as the NYS Dormitory Authority, finalizes a "disbursement agreement" which allows the village to draw on the funds needed for the project.

The original project as outlined contains three main parts:

- 1) **Drainage:**
  - a) The existing catch basin at the south west corner of Plandome Road and Bay Driveway is deteriorated and will be replaced.
  - b) The two double inlet catch basins, one on the north side and the other on the south side

of Bay Driveway will have new adjoining catch basins installed to improve inlet capacity for storm drainage. These new basins will be fitted with filters that will catch debris and filter pollutants that would otherwise drain to Manhasset Bay.

- 2) **Repavement of Bay Driveway:**

The pavement is in severe distress and is rated poor. There is significant block and alligator cracking. The existing asphalt pavement and some of the granular base will be removed and replaced with 2 layers of hot mix asphalt. The remaining granular base will be recycled in place. This will reduce trucking and material and is therefore cost effective.
- 3) **Regrading, reconfiguration and alignment of the area between Waterside Drive and Shore Road:**

Creating a uniform pavement width with new curbs -- Due to the current lack of curbing along the northwest side of Bay Driveway between Waterside Lane and Shore Road vehicles encroach on the grass/dirt shoulders creating instability and thence erosion each time it rains. The installation of the new catch basins and curbs will correct this condition.

The "engineering division" on the Board, represented by Trustee Lawrence Bourguet, is in close discussion with Village Engineers Sidney Bowne to modularize the Project in the event all the funding does not come to pass and/or is significantly delayed. It may be necessary to do the Project in stages. We will keep you updated and immediately notify affected residents of any imminent action. ■

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## Welcome Newcomers!

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

- Jeffrey and Jen Tantillo moved from North Hills into their new home located at 844 Plandome Road with their 14 month old son Kayden and will soon begin to construction on an extension to the property. The family looks forward to getting to know their neighbors and becoming active members of our vibrant community.
- Michael Via and Caroline Bevelander recently moved from their apartment on 34<sup>th</sup> Street in Manhattan into a new home at 10 Summit Drive. They are enjoying life in Plandome Heights and appreciate the hospitality of the new neighborhood.
- George ("Chuck") and Alicia McCarthy moved from Port Washington where they lived for 21 years to 74 Summit Drive. The McCarthys have two children – Katherine, age 19 and John, 8.
- Matt Sherwood returns to Plandome Heights with his wife Amanda. Matt lived on Winthrop Road and is a graduate of Manhasset High School. Amanda and Matt moved from their apartment in Larchmont, NY to 166 Bournedale Road North. They are excited to be in their new home.

Congratulations on your new homes and welcome to all! ■

## Memo From the Village Clerk



Many thanks to all residents for keeping their cars off the streets during this snowy winter.

- The Village has scheduled street sweeping to rid the streets of accumulated debris on **Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>**. Reminders will be given by phone and e-mail. We request that all cars are kept off the streets starting at 8:00 AM on the day of the sweeping. **Please visit [NorthShoreAlert.org](http://NorthShoreAlert.org) to update your contact information.**
- Village tax bills will be mailed out in late May and are payable June 1, 2011 through June 30, 2011.
- 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 Sundays and federal holidays.
- In recent years, the Village has lost several trees due to disease and storm damage. We are continuing our shade tree planting program this year. If you would like to purchase a tree through this program, to be planted on the Village Right of Way, the Village will pay half the cost. Please take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to enhance the park-like atmosphere of the Village.

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

Your Village Clerk/Treasurer,  
Marianne Lobaccaro

**\*Philip Stiger and Ryan Geismar, recent "Kids' Corner" contributors, will receive Citations for their journalistic entries at the Plandome Heights Annual Meeting, on April 6<sup>th</sup>.**

**Graphics are optional, and the child's parents must approve the article.**

**Please send submissions of fewer than 400 words to [newsletter@plandomeheights-ny.gov](mailto:newsletter@plandomeheights-ny.gov)**

## **Kids' Corner\***

*"Have you ever heard of Ectodermal Dysplasia?", by Ryan Geismar*

My name is Ryan Geismar. I live at 115 Shore Road in Plandome Heights and attend Shelter Rock School. I have a rare genetic disorder called Ectodermal Dysplasia. Ectodermal Dysplasia is something you are born with and it affects one's, hair, skin, nails and teeth. For those of you that know me, you see that I have no hair. I wear upper and lower dentures and I do not have any sweat glands. In the summer when it gets very hot I stay cool by swimming, drinking lots of water and going inside where there is air conditioning. My classrooms in school have air conditioners and I know the teachers love that especially when we have those hot days. My favorite things to do are to play the drums and play soccer. I have my own drum set and I love to play along with music. I look forward to the spring concert when I get to play in front of the whole school and all the parents. In the summer I go to camp. I go swimming in the pool, and play sports. I love to play basketball, soccer and baseball. As you can see I live my life just like any other kid does.

I try not to let my disability keep me from the things I love most. Sometimes things do get difficult for me, especially when it's really hot outside, but we have figured out ways to cope. I do have one life lesson that I hope all my friends understand and all those that don't know me can understand as well. Having Ectodermal Dysplasia has not been easy and I do look very different on the outside. What's most important is for people to know I am just like them. I want to be treated just like every other kid and no matter how we look on the outside we are all the same on the inside.

I want to thank the Plandome Heights Women's Club for naming the National Foundation for Ectodermal Dysplasia as their philanthropic charity this year. Their annual luncheon is planned for April 6<sup>th</sup> and all the proceeds will benefit the NFED. Money raised will go towards research, family services and medical treatment. The NFED has been a great resource to my family and me and it is nice to get together with other kids who share the same issues. The bottom line is we are all kids and want to live happy lives. ■ -- Ryan Geismar, 12

## **New ARB Alternate**

We are pleased to announce that **Stewart Jervis**, an eleven-year resident of Plandome Heights, has joined the Architectural Review Board as an Alternate member.

Stewart is VP of Sales at P/Kaufmann Inc., a NYC-based fabrics and finished products company that sells to the home furnishing and hospitality industries in the United States and internationally.

Stewart is married to Josefina and is father to 5-year old Max, who attends Kindergarten at Shelter Rock School and 2-year old Henry, who attends First Class Childcare. Stewart is originally from Cincinnati, OH and a graduate of Miami University of Ohio.

Please join us in welcoming Stewart to his first full year on the ARB and in thanking him for his service.

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