

## **Newsletter**

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1<sup>st</sup> Street Sweeping before Thanksgiving

2<sup>nd</sup> Street Sweeping is scheduled for December 10<sup>th</sup>

You'll get a reminder ©

### Town of North Hempstead 'Bags & Bins' Program

The Town of North Hempstead has been the forerunner in many environmental initiatives including the "caps back" program, school recycling, and electronic waste collection. Most recently, TNH has taken the lead in obtaining biodegradable bags for leaf collecting. The Town has also purchased special receptacles for paper collections which eliminate the use of plastic and paper bag, materials that end up in landfills. These rectangular bins have lids so residents can easily dispose of their papers outside, keep them covered, and have them protected from the elements.

As part of our Village's environment commitment as a member of the Manhasset Bay Protection Committee, the Village of Plandome Heights is interested in letting all Plandome Heights residents know of these "Town of North Hempstead" bags and/or bins. The costs for these products are \$2 for 5 bags and \$10 for the paper

recycling bin. We like to think that every Village resident shares the concern that our Village leaves get into the storm drains and ultimately pollute Manhasset Bay. Just because it is "organic" does not mean it doesn't harm our Bay. Leaves don't belong in the Bay. This program is part of the inter-municipal initiative that both the Town and the Village have attempted to develop over the years.

Supplies can be purchased at the Roslyn Solid Waste office, 802 West Shore Road, or at Michael J. Tully Park at 1801 evergreen Avenue in New Hyde Park.

If you have any questions or concerns about waste disposal in general please feel free to contact Plandome Heights Clerk/Treasurer Marianne Lobaccaro or Deputy Clerk Ann Demeri at the Village office by calling 516-627-1136 or Joanne Kenney in the Town's Office of Solid Waste Management at 516-767-4634.

#### **Happy Holidays Plandome Heights!**

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

#### 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!

The Winter Newsletter will not be published until late January.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 Bau 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.

#### Village Hero Achieves Long-Cherished Goal

Veterans Day this year, Nov 11, 2011, achieved what had long been a dream for many: a Memorial for World War II was dedicated in a beautiful and meaningful ceremony. The Memorial is located on Shelter Rock Road, on a grassy plot a short distance south of Lord & Taylor. About 100 people attended the ceremony, seated on folding chairs facing a small stage. The Veterans of Foreign Wars sponsored the Memorial to remember all who are serving our country today and particularly all who served during WWIL whether in uniform or on the home front.

Present for the ceremony were Jon Kaiman, Supervisor of the Town of North Hempstead; Michelle Schimel, New York State Assemblywoman, 16th A.D.; Charles Berman, Receiver of Taxes of the Town of North Hempstead; Diana Merenda, Mayor of Plandome Heights; Alvin Solomon, Deputy Mayor; and a host of guests from Plandome Heights.

Bernard Rolston, Commissioner of the Manhasset Park District gave the opening remarks and introduced the first speaker. Lawrence Kaplan, a WWII veteran and long-time resident of Plandome Heights, was Chairman of the Planning Committee for the dedication ceremony. He spoke of WWII's significance and asked the audience to consider a few statistics:

16.1 million served in the American military. Of this total 408 thousand were killed in action or died of other causes and 673 thousand were wounded, giving a total of 1.1 million casualties. In financial terms, the war cost 4.1 trillion dollars.

Mr. Kaplan served in the 6<sup>th</sup> Armored Division during World War II, one of General George Patton's favorite fighting forces. He survived five major battles. He is the recipient of five battle stars, the New York State Conspicuous Service Cross and a Citation from the Republic of France.

Before closing his remarks Mr. Kaplan thanked George Becker, his Co-Chairman, who had been a long-time resident of Plandome Heights, and who still organizes the popular Annual Manhasset Pancake Breakfast. He is also president of the Kiwanis Club, which accomplishes so much for our community.

Matthew Falcone, the Commander of Manhasset American Legion Post 304, the second speaker, spoke on "Big Wars and Small Town America", and spoke about the spirit of support and unity. The third speaker, introduced by Commissioner Rolston, was Selwyn G. Rudnick, Commander of the Manhasset Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 5063. It was this organization under the leadership of Commander Rudnick that supported the idea for this memorial from the very outset. The fulfillment of the concept took about four years and will now serve in Manhasset as a permanent remembrance of WWII.

Following the benediction, the bugler played Taps and a bagpiper performed a musical selection.

Members of the audience, many from here in Plandome Heights, lingered at the site. Many remarked how impressed they were by the ceremony and how proud they were to have witnessed it. Residents of Plandome Heights who were unable to attend are invited to visit the area, to sit on one of the benches provided, as they reflect on the World War II generation who added so much to the history of our country.

#### 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.

#### Clerk's Corner

With the change in the weather and the leaves beginning to fall, we would like to remind all residents to make every effort to keep the sidewalks in front of your home free from any obstructions including leaves and other seasonal debris. Seasonal debris on one's sidewalk poses a safety risk for all residents and others who might use that walkway. Many of our residents and neighbors regularly walk the distance to the Manhasset schools, shops and train station and we need to ensure the sidewalks are kept clean and safe.

Please do not dispose of used paint cans in the regular garbage unless the liquid has solidified. When compressed by the truck, the paint may spill onto the Village streets causing unsightly stains. For further information, please contact our

garbage contractor, Dejana Industries directly at (516) 944-7445. The used paint can be dropped off at the Town of North Hempstead's STOP program. For collection dates, please call 311.

Overnight parking on all village streets is prohibited. The Village Code also places a three hour parking restriction on all Village streets during the hours of 9 am and 5 pm, Monday through Friday. In addition, there is no parking on sidewalks at any time. As a courtesy to your neighbors, please adhere to these regulations.

If you have any questions or require any additional information, please call me at 627-1136 or email <a href="mailto:clerk@plandomeheights-ny.gov">clerk@plandomeheights-ny.gov</a>. As always, please feel free to visit the office with any questions, or just to say hello.

### Public Service Announcement from Your Emergency Management Team – "Snow Alert"

Plandome Heights Emergency Management Coordinator Bart Giusto and Deputy Mayor Alvin Solomon want to remind you that it is a requirement to keep fire hydrants free of snow. If your home is near a hydrant, it is important to ensure that snow is brushed aside.

All residents are also reminded 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, timesensitive 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 two new families into our community:

- Jason and Teresa Poirier moved from their apartment in New York City to 755 Plandome Road in late July with their two children, Laura (almost 3) and Colin (18 months).
- Anthony and Kim Porcelli along with their three sons, Anthony (16), Chris (13) and Daniel (7) moved to Bournedale Road

North from Munsey Park. They have been Manhasset residents for more than 12 years and say that they never felt as welcome as they do in Plandome Heights! They like the sense of community and are excited to finally be closer to town.

We welcome both families into the community, and congratulate them on their new homes! ■

# World Work II Memorial Service: Four Years in the Making



Please see full article Page 2.

Former Village of Plandome Heights Trustee George Becker, standing to the right of Assemblywoman Schimel, and our own Lawrence Kaplan, first gentleman to the right of the podium.

Editor's Note: This photo is courtesy Pat Grace, Editor, Manhasset Press, Anton News. ■

#### **Capital Project Update**

As promised we want to keep you updated on progress with our long-planned project.

With the good efforts by our own Senator Jack Martins, we finally have the paperwork for both portions of the grant ... BUT we aren't there yet. Over these next few months, we will vigilantly pursue finalizing the paperwork so that after the spring thaw, work can finally commence.

Of course we will continue to keep you updated with any major changes.

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