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**We regret that there  
were no submissions to  
the "Kids' Corner" for this  
edition of our Newsletter.**

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***The Summer  
Newsletter was  
deliberately  
published late to  
include  
information  
related to  
Hurricane Irene***  
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## **Irene Lessons Learned Discussion 9/12 @ 8pm**

LIPA's outage post Irene challenged Plandome Heights along with over 75 villages and towns across Nassau and Suffolk counties. In our village, 5% of our village was out 8 days, 10% was out 7 days, and 90% was out approximately 5.5 days. The Heights actually did better than Plandome percentage-wise but that did little to make residents feel better.

We have organized the first half of our monthly Board meeting to address Irene and openly discuss lessons learned. The meeting will be at the North Hempstead Town Boardroom at 220 Plandome Road, on Monday Sept 12<sup>th</sup> at 8PM. Although we invited the municipal liaison from LIPA to attend our meeting, LIPA will not be present. However, Deputy Mayor Alvin Solomon – who is also Plandome Heights's Acting Commissioner for us at the Port Washington-Manhasset Office of Emergency Management – and Clerk Marianne Lobaccaro attended a special debriefing session held by Town of North Hempstead Supervisor Jon Kaiman on Friday September 9<sup>th</sup>. Their findings will be presented at the meeting on Monday Sept 12<sup>th</sup>.

We are also very fortunate in that Nassau County Legislator Judi Bosworth – who is our Legislator representing all Plandome villages at the County level – will also be present at our Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. Legislator Bosworth was unceasing in her chasing after LIPA on a daily basis to get our lights back on. We are grateful for the effort she made on her behalf.

We are also grateful to New York State Assemblywoman Michelle Schimel who was instrumental in getting power back on for one of our residents who is challenged medically and requires an oxygen tank at home. We are grateful to New York State Senator Jack Martins who also contacted LIPA on our behalf and who has insured the Mayor at her urging that he will press for a thorough investigation of the Long Island Power Authority. We are also grateful to Ellen Birnbaum, Intermunicipal Coordinator for the Town of North Hempstead, who worked with Supervisor Kaiman to come to an agreement and remove debris throughout our village and with Legislator Judi Bosworth to remove a gigantic and extremely dangerous tree on Plandome Road's Right of Way.

But we are most grateful for the unceasing efforts and due diligence of our Emergency Management Team consisting of Coordinator Bart Giusto, Deputy Mayor Alvin Solomon, Mayor Diana Merenda and Clerk Marianne Lobaccaro. This core team stayed on top of the situation at our village day and night and in the case of Clerk Marianne Lobaccaro, working beyond normal hours during the emergency. She, together with Deputy Clerk Ann Demeri, handled a huge volume of complaint calls from residents. There were other members of our village government such as Trustee Ken Riscica and Planning Board Chairman Marion Endrizzi who helped with intelligence and building the groundswell of support we needed to get our power back.

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## **Mosquito Season**

***It is very important to help keep the mosquito population as contained as possible. Please help! Ensure there is no stagnant water on or about your property. Examples include bird baths, unused tires or tire swings which may be hanging on trees. Mosquitoes love to breed in stagnant water!***

***Please help. Please do your share to keep our residents safe from West Nile Virus.***

## **Preserve Our Preserve ... and Our Street Signs**

After many months of community service and plain hard work by members of the Board of Trustees, volunteers from the neighborhood, Boy Scouts seeking their Eagle status banded together to clean up our Plandome Heights Preserve ... and after laying thousands and thousands of chips to make a lovely walking path in our little Preserve for the enjoyment of all of us ... this is how some members of our community say "thanks".

And to add insult to this disrespect, this happened over the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday.



We are fairly certain this was done by local teenagers who were very likely having a party while parents were not around.

And by the way, do you know that we have lost a record number of street signs this summer?

Yes, teens think it is evidently fun to dislocate our street signs at about \$400 each.

We don't have or want surveillance cameras.

We need parents to be vigilant and please, for all our sakes, tell your children that this behavior is not right and that it costs your tax dollars to clean up and replace destroyed property.

***Please! ■***

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## Welcome Newcomers!

The Village is happy to welcome our new neighbors:

- Frank Hong and Katherine Chin moved in to 64 Cove Drive from Manhattan where they lived for 15 years. Frank and Kathy have one son, Ryan, age 7.
- The Martinez family and their six year old son recently moved from their coop in Manhattan to 189 Bournedale Road North. Their

son is looking forward to starting first grade this fall!"

- Vera and Joseph Navarino moved into their home at 9 Summit Drive in June. They moved from Brooklyn and are excited to be here.

Welcome to Plandome Heights and congratulations to each of you on your new home! ■

## Memo from the Clerk

I hope everyone enjoyed the hot summer (except for the week of Irene!). As the fall season approaches and the leaves start to fall, we encourage all residents to participate in the Village "Adopt a Drain" program. The program encourages residents to keep the Village storm drains free of all dirt and debris.

Especially after Hurricane Irene, it is very important that you register with North Shore Alert. The village is a member of the Port Washington – Manhasset Office of Emergency Management "PWM OEM" and participates in the North Shore Alert notification system. The Village sends out information via telephone and e-mail through the North Shore alert system. Please go to [NorthShoreAlert.org](http://NorthShoreAlert.org) to update all of your contact information including a current e-mail address so the Village can "Go Green" and limit paper mailings. The North Shore Alert was the only way the village had of alerting residents to what was happening during Irene.

Our garbage contractor has changed the time for our scheduled pick-up. Please have your garbage ready by 7 AM on your scheduled pick-up day. If you have any questions regarding garbage collection, please contact Dejana Industries directly at 944-7445.

The Village conducts an annual tree survey which assesses the condition of all Village trees. The Village encourages residents to have all of the trees on their private property evaluated each year. Any removal or pruning of village trees in the Village Right of way "ROW" requires permission from the Village Clerk. If you are given permission to remove a tree from the ROW, you must replace the tree with a tree approved by the Village Clerk.

If you have any questions or require any additional information, please call me at 627-1136 or e-mail [clerk@plandomeheights-ny.gov](mailto:clerk@plandomeheights-ny.gov). As always, please feel free to visit the office with any questions, or just to say hello.

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