



Residents Report

Residents For A More Beautiful Port Washington

December 2003

Attorney General Spitzer Comes to Port

New York State Attorney General Eliot Spitzer will be the keynote speaker at *Residents For A More Beautiful Port Washington's* annual meeting on **Thursday, December 11th** at the Port Washington Public Library. Co-sponsored by the Library, the Attorney General's presentation will focus on environmental issues affecting our community. The meeting is open to the public and will take place in the Lapham Auditorium at the Library; business meeting at 6:00 p.m., speaker at 7:00 p.m.



Rick Krainin, co-president of *Residents For A More Beautiful Port Washington*, stated that, "Attorney General Spitzer is assuming national leadership on environmental issues of concern to our community. We are delighted that he has agreed to share his perspective with us."

Mr. Spitzer has taken steps to improve air quality, clean up rivers and promote energy conservation. His office has initiated lawsuits to curb air pollution from midwest and southern power plants, force the cleanup of PCBs in the Hudson River and rescue hundreds of New York City's endangered community gardens.

He has also supported the right of conservation groups to sue to stop the sale of the Pine Barrens land on Long Island and his office provides legal assistance when action by such groups to protect natural resources leads to lawsuits.

The Attorney General's efforts to improve water quality by forcing companies to take responsibility for illegally disposing of toxic substances has particularly commended itself to *Residents For A More Beautiful Port Washington*. Safeguarding drinking water is a key issue for the local environmental group. Last winter, Residents held an Island-wide conference on protecting Long Island's drinking water, which was co-sponsored by

the Port Washington Public Library. The key themes and issues raised at that conference were published by Residents and are available on line at www.pwresidents.org. For several years, Residents has spearheaded a Peninsula Aquifer Committee comprised of officials from all levels of government. The Committee engaged the U.S. Geological Survey to develop a working model of the aquifer under our Peninsula. Once completed, the model will be an important tool to help citizens and the government make informed planning decisions.

For his efforts to protect investors' interests in the face of financial markets scandals, Time magazine designated Attorney General Spitzer "Crusader of the Year" last year. "Spitzer's gift is a plain-talking sensibility," the magazine explained. "He was a brilliant student and a star athlete. . . His competitive streak makes him a formidable foe."

"Debating with Eliot Spitzer is like wrestling with a grizzly bear," says William Taylor, an old friend. "You don't hope to win, just to get out alive."

Additional sponsors of this event are the Foye Family, JP Morgan Chase, State Bank of Long Island and DeJana Industries.

The forum co-sponsors have pointed out that space is limited to 180 seats, so that attendees are advised to arrive early.



ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION REPORT

Residents Introduces Environmental Education Program to Port Schools

Residents, in conjunction with the Port Washington School District, is rolling out an environmental science program geared to the 3rd and 4th grades.

During May and June of 2003, third grade students in Guggenheim and Sousa elementary schools became “future environmentalists” as they learned about pond life. Under the guidance of Elaine Ajello, then Assistant Principal of Guggenheim and Sousa Elementary Schools, and the help of teachers Natalie Miller and Emily Baxter and *Residents’* Environmental Educator, Nan Bakamjian, the children were given a classroom lesson about pond life and the many different living species that they see in the water and surrounding the pond.

On a spectacular morning in mid-May, the first trip to Baxter Pond took place. Children from three of Guggenheim’s 3rd grade classes eagerly boarded the bus with clipboards and magnifying glasses in hand. Once at Baxter Pond the children were treated to seeing newly born Canadian geese gliding across the still water. Enjoying the physical setting the children looked into the depths of the pond; turtles and fish were visible. The students also recognized many pollutants that spoil the natural beauty of this special place. The children were asked, “What effect can I have on the environment?” A greater awareness on the part of the students that their lifestyle indeed has a direct impact on the environment that surrounds them resulted.

The environmental science program continues to grow. During October of 2003



Residents’ Environmental Educator, Nan Bakamjian again led the program for the Guggenheim 3rd grade students. In November of 2003 *Residents’* Environmental Educator Roni Aronow led the Pond Trip for the Sousa 3rd grade students. Residents hopes to introduce this wonderful environmental education program to the Daly and Manorhaven Elementary Schools in the Spring of 2004.

Residents is currently working under the guidance of Sousa and Guggenheim Elementary Schools’ Assistant Principal Karen Littel, and with the help of teachers Barbara Giebel, Natalie Miller and Emily Baxter on expanding the program for the 4th grade. We are looking to implement the new 4th grade curriculum in the Spring of 2004.

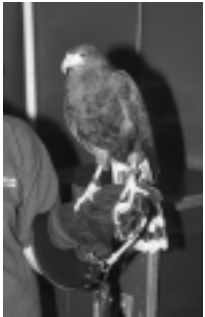
Funding for this program has been generously provided by grants from the Long Island Sound Study, Independence Savings Bank and a local benefactor.

If you would like some information on our environmental education programs please call us at 767-9151 or find us on the web at www.pwresidents.org.





RESIDENTS FOR A MORE BEAUTIFUL PORT WASHINGTON PRESENTS Free Party In the Park For Families: Clowns, Slides, Scavenger Hunt, Ices, Music and More...



On Saturday, September 13th in the gymnasium of the Landmark on Main Street Building, *Residents for a More Beautiful Port Washington*, in conjunction with the Town of North Hempstead,

and the Parent Resource Center, held the 6th annual "Party in the Park" from 1–3:30 pm. Despite the soggy weather, fun was had by all.

Festivities included an interactive gymnastics demonstration performed by The Little Gym, an inflatable rock climbing wall and slide, a clown making animal shaped balloons, DJ playing tunes, dance contests, face painting and Port Washington's finest shiny red fire truck for the kids to explore. New this year were a live owl and hawk for the children to learn about, and mural painting.

Refreshments were donated by Apple and Eve and Trunz.

Generous financial support was provided by the Americana Mortgage Group, Inc.; JP Morgan Chase; Daniel Gale MacCrate Real Estate, Inc.; Dejana Industries, Inc.; Robert Harding Real Estate; LIPA; Police Benevolent Association; State Bank of Long Island; Frank's Pizzeria and Stop & Shop, Supermarket Co., and many Port families.

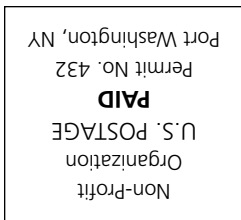


Zimmerman Garden Dedication

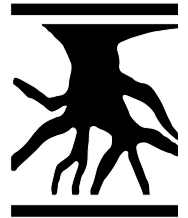
On a rainy Sunday morning in mid-October *Residents* officially dedicated the Zimmerman Garden at Main Street Park. This beautiful garden was created out of love and devotion from Bob Zimmerman's family and friends. Bob Zimmerman was *Residents'* Executive Vice President and an inspiration and force at *Residents*. Bob was an environmentalist. He loved to bird watch and often traveled with his wife, Ellen, to go on bird watching expeditions. Bob was devoted to his community. He was the catalyst behind the recent rehabilitation and beautification of our Town Dock. In honor of Bob, the Town of North Hempstead Supervisor May Newburger named the walkway at the Town Dock: Zimmerman Walkway.

Town Supervisor May Newburger, Councilman Pollack, Councilman Wink, Town Clerk Schimel, Nassau County Legislator Johnson and many of Bob's friends and family gathered at the lovely new Zimmerman garden at Main Street Park to remember Bob in a meaningful way. The garden created for him is our permanent tribute to a wonderful person and friend.

Wishing All Residents Members Happy Holidays!



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*More than ever,
your support is crucial...*

The environment, natural beauty and the quality of life — the things that make Port Washington the community we love — are threatened now as never before.

Development pressures imperiling the last of our open land, threats to our water supply, dozens of environmental and beautification projects crying out for attention — these are the reasons why Port Washington needs *Residents*, and why *Residents* needs **you** and your support.

Your generous contributions keep us at the forefront, working to protect our quality of life. Use the enclosed postage-paid envelope to renew your membership **today**.

If you have comments or questions, call the *Residents* office at (516) 767-9159, or by e-mail, rfmbpw@optonline.net.