Calling All Artists to Help Beautify Main Street

Last year, Residents Forward launched its Port Washington Mural Project to bring community pride to life on the walls of Main Street. Each mural showcases yet another facet of what makes Port Washington so special. Local designer and artist Michelle Shain has designed all of these amazing murals.

For the fourth mural, Residents is conducting a contest to select the artist and design. The only two requirements are that the artist either lives or works in Port Washington and that the design submitted brings one or more parts of Port Washington’s history to life.

The “Painting History” theme was chosen to celebrate the many generations that lived and worked in Port Washington over its nearly 374-year history. The mural will be painted on the wall on the side of Carlo’s Pizza, which is located at 109 Main Street.

The presenting sponsor for the mural is HEARTS, with a large contribution from their Founder and Chairman Damon Gersh and his wife, award-winning painter, Rachelle Krieger. Additional community sponsors are The Carol and Sandy Krieger Family and Sandata Corp.

The evaluation committee consists of representatives from Residents Forward, HEARTS and The Cow Neck Peninsula Historical Society. Submissions must be posted on or before July 15, 2018 and uploaded to the entry page. Visit pwresidents.org and click on the “Mural Design Contest” link.

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LIRR Shuttle Coming Soon!

Two years ago, Resident Forward volunteers distributed survey cards to commuters on the Port Washington LIRR station platforms. We asked, “Would a shuttle help PW’s Parking Problem?” We received 1,000 responses and the great majority said “YES” to this question.

We are proud to announce our advocacy lead to The Port Washington Shuttle Pilot, which is scheduled to begin in Soundview this summer or as soon as a minimum threshold of riders sign on. We thank Mayor Weitzner and the Village of Port Washington North for taking this exciting step and the Town of North Hempstead for their support. Visit jiffyshuttle.com to learn more and reserve a spot.
First Youth Climate Summit on Long Island

Residents Forward is honored to have organized and hosted Long Island’s first Youth Climate Summit. Held in April, 100 8th-12th grade Port Washington students who had applied in advance of the Summit participated in presentations and workshops that focused on factors contributing to climate change specific to water, food and waste. They then developed climate action projects in areas they want to improved in the coming year.

The event’s keynote speaker was Dr. John Byrne, who served as a contributing author to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), which was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2007. He is also Chairman and President of the Foundation For Renewable Energy and Environment (FREE).

“What a time to have landed on Earth. But you are going to have the opportunity to make transformative changes,” Dr. Byrne told the students at the Youth Climate Summit. “The only way we will make significant progress is if we all pitch in.”

Pitching in has been Residents Forward’s position for many years and is why we wanted to engage students now since they are the future leaders of our government, our businesses and our communities.

Byrne’s most pointed topic was the fact that, while federal governments are slow to make change, communities at varying levels have realized great success as change agents. To that end, the nonprofit Foundation For Renewable Energy & Environment now focuses their efforts on communities versus trying to change big government regulations.

It is comforting and refreshing to see that the students are not daunted by the task of reversing climate change. Rather, they feel empowered and energized by the opportunity.

Youth Climate Action Committee members will lead the implementation of the Climate Action Projects with the help of Residents Forward, the Port Washington School District and community volunteers.

Although this initiative just launched in April, a half a dozen climate action projects have already begun. For example, the PW Clean Waterways Initiative volunteered for the Town North Hempstead project funded by the Nassau County Soil and Water Conservation District. In an effort to absorb nitrogen from Mill Pond, the students planted spartina grasses, which serve as natural biofilters. Since all storm drains, along with Mill and Baxter Ponds, drain into Manhasset Bay, reducing nitrogen will make the Bay healthier for wildlife.

Residents Forward wishes to thank the following Youth Climate Summit sponsors that helped to make the event possible: The Angela and Scott Jaggar Foundation, The Peter and Jeri Dejana Family Foundation, Carrie and Dave Kerpen, nügg beauty, The Rafofsky Krainin Family, Jen and David Rimmer, Chief Graphix, Rising Tide Natural Market, Bayles Garden Center, Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton, Daniel Gale Sothebys International Realty, Bonnie Doran, T.M. Bier & Associates, Inc. and Port Tutoring. Please contact Residents to get involved in this or our many other programs.

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Student Leaders Help Tackle Litter Problem

This year's Clean Green Main Street was led by a dynamic group of Residents Forward board members and Schreiber High School juniors who planned innovative ways to get people talking and acting to stop Main Street's litter problem.

During the event, over 300 volunteers helped collect litter, plant flowers, and clear tree beds. There was great music from Bach 2 Rock, refreshments, and more energy in the air because of the Clean Green Leadership Committee who feel that the PW Gives a Litter Bit movement is important and that everyone should participate in any way they can because Port Washington is our home and it takes everyone's help to keep Port beautiful.

Residents Forward hopes to inspire people to make better decisions with their waste now and for the rest of their lives. Change is necessary for the future and change starts with us. We thank our PW Gives A Litter Bit/Clean Green Main Street Sponsors: Deith Distributing Inc., The Drukier-Birnbaum Family, The Feingold Family, Beth and David Horn, Carrie and Dave Kerpen, PM Pediatrics, Honorable Fred Pollack and The Stehl Family.

We'd Love Your Feedback!

Residents Forward exists for and because of the residents of Port Washington. So, we are always eager to get ideas and feedback on what we can do to keep making Port even more incredible.

Please share your photos that show why we live in the best place on the planet and your ideas for how we can keep making it even better!

Email us at info@pwresidents.org and be sure to like us on Facebook so you know about everything we’re doing. Please consider becoming a member of Residents Forward, volunteering or donating!

Another Terrific Lineup of Summer Movies

Already underway, Cinema on the Bay is one of Port Washington’s favorite and free summer traditions. Beautiful Sunset Park along Manhasset Bay is the perfect setting to bring lawn chairs or a blanket and enjoy a picnic dinner while waiting for the sun to set so it’s dark enough for the movie to begin.

With the support of the Town of North Hempstead, Residents Forward is presenting Wonder on July 7 at 8:30 p.m., Ghostbusters on July 21 at 8:30 p.m., and Sing on August 11 at 8:00 p.m. Movies are subject to cancellation in the event of inclement weather. Enjoy!
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Upcoming Events

- Residents Annual Meeting: November 1
- Party in the Park: September 30
- Memorial Ride in Port Parade: September 29
- Residents Forward Grand Opening: August 11
- July 17th Night of the Stars: July 17th
- Cinema on the Bay: Wonder

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We’re adding to the fun and organizing the event with experiential zones:

- Family Fun – trackless train, refreshments, carnival games, etc.
- Healthy Bodies – yoga, dance, speed and agility, etc.
- Building Young Minds – legos, golf, etc.
- Healthy Planet – nature scavenger hunt, animals, etc.
- Family Safety – PW Fire Department fire truck and safety tent, etc.
- Music & Art – live music, face painting and more!

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