Our Waterfront is Moving Forward!

The future of our waterfront is looking hopeful! In a town hall business B-W District hearing on June 18th, Councilwoman Dina De Giorgio gave thanks to Residents Forward for conducting a survey to uncover what the Port Washington community wants to see happen along the Manhasset Bay waterfront. 800 residents completed the survey, and results show vibrancy, resiliency, and connectivity are very important to our residents. The community wants an open and transparent planning process. It should be sensitive to neighbors and foster connectivity, public access, economic vitality and resiliency. A full report will be published on www.pwresidents.org this fall. Our hope is that this information will serve as a tool for both government and private developers to keep the community’s desires at the forefront.

While the B-W zone makes up only a sliver of Port Washington’s waterfront, it is an opportunity to look at the linkage of all waterfront projects along Manhasset Bay. Residents Forward is actively seeking more chances for connectivity with plans for Town Dock improvements, Bay Walk additions, and exciting new installations as far north as Manorhaven.

“The key is to achieve continuity, especially when it comes to the pedestrian experience. A walkable waterfront with a wide variety of activity along it will successfully connect destinations, allowing each to strengthen the others.”

—PROJECT FOR PUBLIC SPACES “HOW TO TRANSFORM A WATERFRONT”

Did you know?

■ Did you know a Seabin is being installed at the Town Dock to collect garbage and debris from the Sound?
■ Did you know that Residents Forward is partnering with the Village of Port Washington North to create an “Every Drop Counts” exhibit at Baywalk park to educate people on our drinking water and what we can do to protect it?
■ Did you know that there is a newly installed gazebo and clock garden at Baywalk?
■ Did you know that Morgan’s Pier, located in the Village of Manorhaven, recently reopened after a beautiful renovation?
■ Did you know about the other waterfront attractions in Manorhaven including the Growing Love Community Garden and Manorhaven Nature Preserve?

Follow us on social media for regular updates on these projects and more!
Residents Forward to Host 2020 Youth Climate Summit in Conjunction with 50th Anniversary of Earth Day

“How can ordinary teens become active to help keep the delicate balance of life on Earth, and preserve it for generations to come?” This question was raised by Olivia Platt, a participant in the 2018 Youth Climate Summit, and it echoes the sentiment of teenagers around the world today.

The enthusiasm of students during and after the summit opened our eyes to the passion teens have to make a change. This summer, Residents Forward is beginning plans to make the 2020 Youth Climate Summit even bigger and better. We are looking to connect with teens on a more profound level by bringing in creative platforms from hip hop to graphic design. Teens with a variety of interests and backgrounds are invited to get involved. No matter where your passions lie, you just have to care.

The event will be capped at 100 students, and we will be inviting school districts across the Island. Registration will officially begin in the fall, but students looking to pre-register to make sure they have a spot can email info@pwresidents.org.

We thank The Peter and Jeri Dejana Family Foundation and The Jaggar Foundation for becoming early sponsors of the 2020 summit. If this summit is something you would like to support and put your name on, please email mgermain@pwresidents.org.

Climate Projects are in Full Swing!

Thanks to collaboration between Kostal Paddle, Long Island Boat Rentals, and Residents Forward, a team of volunteers came out on the last day of school to collect over 100 pounds of trash in one hour! Along the shores and in the waters of Manorhaven Beach, hundreds of plastic items, styrofoam pieces, straws, wrappers, and cigarette butts were sorted and tallied. This valuable information was sent to the Ocean Conservancy to be included in a nationwide study.

Residents Forward is advocating for a study to improve garbage containment on Main Street. We realized that because many apartment buildings have no bins and the tenants throw trash on sidewalk, it causes receptacles to overflow and it just looks terrible. While many businesses are careful, some businesses also put their garbage out in a very sloppy way, causing the same problem.

We are interested in setting parameters for garbage disposal. Those buildings and businesses without room for dumpsters should perhaps be required to put their garbage in some sort of approved container, in designated locations.

Stay tuned for progress. In the meantime, try to do your part by picking up whatever you can and follow Resident’s new social media hashtag, #pickitup

Next on the Litter Front: Containment
Happy Resident Talks About Soundview Commuter Shuttle Pilot

To address our commuter parking challenge, in June Residents Forward teamed up with The Village of Port Washington North, Nassau County and The Town of North Hempstead to launch a NICE Soundview Commuter Shuttle Pilot. So far it has been successful, and we will look to expand this service.

A Soundview resident, Liz, has shared that “it has been a GREAT addition to the community... The price is right, it’s reliable, clean, predictable, and the drivers are always friendly. It’s also been nice to meet new neighbors on the ride too.” For Liz, the shuttle has also been a major money saver. She elaborated in saying, “I commute to and from Penn Station, Monday–Friday. I’ve been doing this commute since I moved to PW, 6 years ago. I used to drive myself and park in the lots, but our household situation has changed over the years, and I didn’t want to buy a third car, just to drive it to the train lot every day.”

Like many who lack the option or prefer not to drive to the train station, Liz says, “Before the shuttle, I would rely on Uber in the evening (which can sometimes mean a 10 min wait after you arrive at the station) or a taxi. I arrived home 20 minutes and $10 later!”

As an overall impression, Liz tells Residents that she loves the shuttle, and “It’s just great to have a reliable “plan b”–it’s one less stress to worry about, as commuting schedules can already be stressful.”

Residents Forward has also heard that residents want the shuttle schedule extended so that parents can put their kids on the bus. Currently, the last shuttle meets the 8:08 train.

Remember, if we don’t use the shuttle, we lose the shuttle, so any feedback or suggestions are welcome. Call our office at 516.767.9151, and we will try our best to improve your experience and expand service based on community demand.

Cigarette Butt Recycling Program is a Go!

Every year, Cigarette butts are the most collected items at Residents Forward’s clean ups. In fact, over half of the 5,000 pieces of litter collected during our most recent clean up were cigarette butts. A recent Newsday article explained why this is so alarming in saying, “cigarette butts are particularly harmful because they pollute Manhasset Bay.”

This year Residents Forward took action by launching a cigarette butt recycling pilot as a part of the “Give a Litter Bit” campaign. We have hung six cigarette receptacles in key problem areas along Main Street. A few months in, we have collected over 500 cigarette butts and counting. The best part of this program is that we are reducing litter and turning that litter into something new! Thank you to The Town of North Hempstead for their cooperation and the Port Washington BID for sponsoring a team from Spectrum Designs to empty the receptacles.

Residents Forward is looking to expand this program in the future, so if you have any suggestions for receptacle locations please call our office.
Our Mission
To inspire and unify the residents of Port Washington to protect and advance the vibrancy, resiliency, sustainability and beauty of our Peninsula.

Donate today to move these projects (and more) forward.

Save the Dates
◾ August 3: Ghostbusters at 8:30 PM
◾ August 24: Mary Poppins Returns at 8:00 PM
◾ October 5: Party in the Park
◾ November 12: Annual Meeting

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