

PLEASANTVILLE POSTS



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HAPPENING AROUND THE VILLAGE



Village Elections: Village elections for Mayor (3-year term) and two Board of Trustee seats (3-year term) will be held on Tuesday, March 19, 2024.



Clark Street/Soliders & Sailors Drainage Project: The Village proposes to replace storm water infrastructure that runs on Clark Street between Bedford Road and Manville Road. This work will alleviate flooding conditions at Soldiers & Sailors Park after significant rainfall events. The project is likely to commence in late summer/early fall with an effort to mitigate any impacts to field usage. The estimated cost of this work is \$600,000.



Traffic signal timing on Bedford Road: DTS Provident Engineering has completed a traffic signal timing and optimization analysis of the three Village-owned traffic signals on Bedford Road. The Village has engaged DTS Provident to conduct a traffic signal infrastructure evaluation and develop a traffic signal timing plan to optimize performance of the traffic signal systems –to enhance efficiencies and safety for motorists and pedestrians. Upgrades to the timing plan will also help to make the Wheeler Avenue light more efficient.



Work in the northern end of Memorial Plaza: The Manville Road project will result in the removal of the right hand 'slip lane' exiting the north end of Memorial Plaza. Reconfigured parking will remain on the railroad side of the median, and we will add plantings, trees and lawn area near the monuments. This work is projected to cost approximately \$600,000, which is supported by \$450,000 in grant funding. This work contributes toward the proposed civic space, if that project is undertaken in the future. This work is expected in summer/fall 2024.



Manville Road Pedestrian Project: The project is now approximately half-way complete. The remaining work includes the construction of a retaining wall around monument island to enable the placement of a right hand turn lane from Memorial Plaza onto Manville Road. To facilitate this phase of construction, the plantings and trees near the retaining wall will be removed, and the flag poles temporarily taken-down. In the final phase of the project, the flagpoles will be re-installed, and new trees and landscaping added. Once the right hand turn lane has been constructed at the Memorial Plaza/Manville Road intersection, new curbing and sidewalk will be installed around the monument and across the existing slip lane. The sidewalk will widen as it extends over the MTA bridge towards Wheeler Avenue. Work is anticipated to re-start in March of 2024.



Cooley Street improvements between Bedford Rd and Manville Rd: The majority of the project has been completed, with work in the NYSDOT right-of-way remaining. A highway work permit is pending, and the project expected to be completed in early spring. The Cooley Street improvements include the following: roadway re-paving, new curb, sidewalks and ADA accessible curb ramps, traffic striping and signage, decorative street lighting, drainage and water systems. These site improvements will enhance Cooley Street's functionality as a two-way road. Vehicular traffic and pedestrian access within Cooley Street will be limited until the project is completed.



Recycling App: The Village and Sustainable Westchester launched a mobile app, "Recycle Right Westchester," to make it easier for residents to stay connected about waste and recycling collection programs. In the mobile app, you'll find the garbage, recycling, and special pickup collection schedule specific to your address. The app can also remind you of your collection day. Download the mobile app for Apple or Android by searching "Recycle Right Westchester." Similar tools are available on the web; search your home address in the "My Schedule" tool.

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PEDESTRIAN SAFETY COMMITTEE OUTLINES GOALS FOR 2024

The Village's Pedestrian Safety Committee met this January to discuss plans for the year. New Committee co-chairs, Andrea Putnam and Terri Conway discussed the Complete Streets Initiative. Complete Streets is an approach to planning, designing and building streets that enables safe access for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and transit riders of all ages and abilities. Complete Streets takes into account all aspects of pedestrian safety to help make Villages more livable. The program was signed into law in 2011. Complete Streets opens

the Village to grant money on a state and local level.

"The Village is complex as Pleasantville consists of local, state and county roads so Complete Streets will involve close collaboration," said co-chair Andrea Putnam. "We chose Pleasantville after living in the city as we didn't want to lose the freedom of walking places. While Pleasantville is walkable, there is a lot more we can do to provide a safe village for our community."



"As a village resident of 25 years, I moved here because of the walkability. I love the sense of community that comes with seeing neighbors out and about," said co-chair Terri Conway. "It's also important as a commuter to



get safety to and from Metro North train station. We are looking forward to working together to make the Village safer for all our residents and all modes of transportation."

Residents who would like to get involved the Pedestrian Safety Committee should email info@pleasantville-ny.gov

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NANNAHAGEN BROOK WALL PROJECT

The Village is moving forward with a project to address the erosion of the Nannahagen Brook wall structure. The Nannahagen Brook, which runs along Lake Street, receives water from approximately 850 acres of watershed, and due to the increased frequency and intensity of storms, portions of the brook's wall structure have significantly eroded, specifically in the area of 2 Lake Street (the former village water pumphouse). This has comprised approximate 500-700 linear feet of wall, and put at risk the collapse public infrastructure that runs underneath Lake Street.

To address these critical concerns, the Village proposes a project that will replace the compromised section of the brook's wall and relocate and/or protect the water service line along with other public infrastructure. The estimated cost of construction is in the range of \$1.2 to \$1.5 million. The Village is actively seeking grant funding to support this project.

POOL RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT UPDATE

This fall, the pool sustained flooding from a significant rain event, which caused damage to the liner and electrical equipment in the pumphouse. Work is ongoing to repair damage to the facility so that the pool can operate during the summer of 2024. The proposed pool reconstruction work is tentatively planned to begin in September 2024.

The location of the pool (at the foot of Nannahagan Pond with the adjacent stream) presents unique challenges. Proposed improvements will include enhanced water-proofing of the new pumphouse, additional on-site drainage, and the construction of a new culvert. This project will be funded by a bond issuance with the annual debt service paid for by increases to pool membership fees and property tax increases likely in the range of \$200 for the average Pleasantville homeowner. If project bids come in too high, the Village will reconsider the scale of the project, while the pool is in a condition to continue its operations.

The proposed design is based on feedback from a community survey, public forums, and advice from community members on our pool task force.



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UPDATE PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT

39 Washington Avenue – A new pharmacy and healthcare products store called "White's Apothecary" will be opening in the vacant commercial space. This is to be their first location in Westchester County.

39 Washington Avenue – New commercial business tenant "Stretch Labs" has opened in the vacant tenant space previously occupied by "The Kimberly House", which is now located at 69 Wheeler Avenue

60 Wheeler Avenue (former Pleasantville Pharmacy) – Construction of a new dental practice to operate in approximately half of the former Pleasantville Pharmacy space is in progress. A new accessible storefront entry has been implemented in the remaining vacant half, but there is no further information regarding the possible future tenant.

444 Bedford Road (former Chase building) – A proposed mixed use development that includes 36 apartments has been submitted to Planning Commission.

1 Campus Drive – No formal application has been submitted to the Village at this time. The property is zoned for commercial campus/office use, so a proposal for a different use would require a zoning change.

Girl Scout Property – Four new residential lots have been approved by the Planning Commission. Abatement work and demolition of the old building will occur before the new construction can begin.

70 Memorial Plaza – The mixed use apartment development has been issued a temporary certificate of occupancy, and is in the leasing process.

52 Depew Street/The Atwood – The building was granted a temporary certificate of occupancy and the building is fully occupied.

98 Washington Avenue – This is a 14-unit affordable housing project. After years of contract breaches and delays, Westchester County has made the decision to sue MIGI Asset Acquisition LLC, (the property owner) for several breaches and failure to complete the project.

Bedford Road & Clark Street – Construction of two new single family homes on a subdivision previously approved by the Planning Commission. The project is required to return to the Planning Commission to consider amendments to their approved site plan.

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NANNAHAGEN PLAYGROUND COMMUNITY BUILD VOLUNTEER FAQ

Q. Will there be a Supervisor overseeing the build?

A. Yes, we will have a community build expert as an on-site supervisor.

Q. Do I need to have experience?

A. No, come willing to help and we will find the right task for you.

Q. How much time do I need to volunteer?

A. While we have identified timeslots of 8am-1pm & 1:30pm-7pm on Friday & Saturday, any amount of time you can give is welcomed.

Q. How old do I have to be to volunteer?

A. Volunteers must be at least 18 years old

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
COMMUNITY BUILD NANNAHAGEN PLAYGROUND "RAIN OR SHINE"
You Can Help:
- Build & attach Playground Pieces
- Mix concrete, move mulch, etc.
- Participate in various side projects
- All Skill Levels Needed!!
Sign up Now!!
- Online with Community Pass
- In person @ the Recreation Office
- By phone 914-769-7950
- Must be at least 18 years old
Friday April 19th 8AM - 12PM & 1:30PM - 7PM
Saturday April 20th 8AM - 12PM & 1:30PM - 7PM
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Q. Do I need to bring anything?

A. No, but if you want to bring something we recommend a Round Nosed Shovel, Metal Garden Rake and 3/8" Ratchet. If you bring anything please make sure you label your equipment.

Q. Do I need to bring food?

A. We will have breakfast items in the morning and pizza for lunch. You are more than welcome to bring what you want, we recommend energy fueling snacks and water.

Q. How do I sign up?

- In person with Community Pass
- In person @ the Recreation Office
- By phone 914-769-7950
- Sign in table date of build (we encourage signing up before hand)

NEW NANNAHAGEN PLAYGROUND TIMELINE



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IMPORTANT DATES

February 26, 2024 at 7:00pm Village Board Work Session and Budget Meeting with Justice Court, Clinton Street Center and Building Department

February 26, 2024 at 8:00pm Village Board Regular Meeting

February 28, 2024 at 8:00pm Planning Commission & the Board of Architectural Review Meeting

February 29, 2024 at 8:15pm Zoning Board of Appeals

March 6, 2024 at 7:00pm Work Session DPW Budget Meeting

March 7, 2024 at 7:00pm Work Session Police Department Work Session

March 11, 2024 at 7:00pm Village Board Work Session Parks and Recreation Budget Meeting

March 11, 2024 at 8:00pm Village Board Regular Meeting

March 13, 2024 at 8:00pm Planning Commission & the Board of Architectural Review Meeting

March 19, 2024 Village Elections

March 25, 2024 at 7:00pm Village Board Work Session

March 25, 2024 at 8:00pm Village Board Regular Mtg

March 27, 2024 at 8:00pm Planning Commission & the Board of Architectural Review Meeting

March 28, 2024 at 8:15pm Zoning Board of Appeals

April 8, 2024 at 7:00pm Village Board Work Session

April 8, 2024 at 8:00pm Village Board Regular Mtg

April 10, 2024 at 8:00pm Planning Commission & the Board of Architectural Review Meeting

April 22, 2024 at 7:00pm Village Board Work Session

April 22, 2024 at 8:00pm Village Board Regular Mtg

April 24, 2024 at 8:15pm Planning Commission & the Board of Architectural Review Meeting

April 25, 2024 at 8:15pm Zoning Board of Appeals

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