THE PIPELINE

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Welcome to the inaugural issue of the Port Washington Water Pollution Control District's seasonal newsletter! Through this publication, we look forward to keeping residents and business owners informed about District operations, infrastructure improvements, environmental initiatives and community news.

As we begin, here's a closer look at the District and the essential services we provide to the Port Washington community.

1915

District established by public referendum

34,500+ PEOPLE SERVED

Approximately 23,000 District residents, more than 4,000 industrial park workers, and over 7,500 Manorhaven and Mill Pond Acres residents served through wastewater treatment

72+ MILES

of sewer collection lines maintained throughout the District

17 PUMP STATIONS

supporting the collection system

LESS THAN 2 MGD

average daily flow, reduced from more than 2.7 million gallons per day through aggressive rehabilitation of aging infrastructure

4 MGD

NYSDEC-permitted treatment capacity

24/7/365

District operations

$500+ MILLION

in District assets maintained

17

employees

3 ELECTED COMMISSIONERS



Arduino "Eddy" Marinelli



Melanie Cassens



Joseph D'Alonzo

A New Vision for Sunset Park

Community Partnerships Helps Shape the Future of Port Washington's Storied Park



Over the past year, the District took decisive steps to strengthen oversight and stewardship of the Sunset Park property and ensure this important community resource remains welcoming and accessible to all. The Board updated requirements governing the use of District facilities, reinforcing standards for accountability, responsible governance and compliance with District policies.

Following a challenging transition, the District successfully regained full control of the park's facilities, allowing it to move forward with a clear vision for the property's future. The District is now working with the previously established Friends of Sunset Park (FOSP) to preserve, enhance and steward the property through community involvement, fundraising, partnerships and volunteerism.



The District envisions FOSP taking an active role in ongoing park management and stewardship while the District retains ownership. A central goal is to create a self-sustaining model through private donations, sponsorships, grants and fundraising, reducing—and ultimately eliminating—the need for District taxpayer funding for park upkeep and future improvements.

$154,000 Investment in Our Community

The Peter & Jeri Dejana Foundation has already contributed $154,000 toward improvements designed to make the Sunset Park property safer, more beautiful, sustainable and enjoyable for everyone. The District continues discussions with the Foundation regarding additional support as it works with FOSP toward a sustainable, community-driven future for the property.



Representatives of the Peter & Jeri Dejana Foundation present a $154,000 donation to District representatives to support planned improvements at the Sunset Park property.

What's Coming to Sunset Park

Several improvements mark the beginning of a larger, community-driven vision for the Sunset Park property. The first phase of improvements supported by the Dejana Foundation includes:

- New basketball court and turf field
- Landscaping, native plantings and improved irrigation
- Permeable paver walkways
- Clubhouse repairs and safety improvements
- New clubhouse recreational amenities and furnishings

INVESTING IN UNDERGROUND SEWER PIPE LINING TO PROTECT MANHASSET BAY

Some of the Port Washington Water Pollution Control District's most important work happens underground. In 2024, the District was awarded a $5.85 million grant to rehabilitate more than 16,000 linear feet of aging sewer mains, addressing problems such as root intrusion and groundwater infiltration while helping protect water quality in Manhasset Bay.



BEFORE



AFTER

TRACKING DOWN A PROBLEM

In late 2025, District staff detected elevated sodium chloride levels entering the treatment plant. Investigations traced the problem to Pump Station J on Yacht Club Drive, where a camera inspection revealed saltwater infiltrating sewer mains along Beachway. The affected 8- and 12-inch clay pipes, installed in the early 1950s, had joints approximately every three feet, making them particularly susceptible to infiltration.

A SOLUTION IN LESS THAN A WEEK

Using grant funding, the District prioritized the Beachway pipes for rehabilitation with Cured-In-Place Pipe (CIPP) lining. Arold Construction completed the work in less than a week. The District immediately observed a significant decrease in sodium chloride levels and reduced flow entering the treatment plant.

The project demonstrates how targeted infrastructure improvements can extend the life of aging sewer mains and improve system performance.

BY THE NUMBERS

$5.85M Grant awarded for sewer rehabilitation
16,000+ FT. of gravity sewer main targeted for rehabilitation
1950s Era of the Beachway clay pipes
LESS THAN 1 WEEK Time required to complete the Beachway lining project

$1.092 Million Secured for Critical Infrastructure

Federal Funding to Support Pump Station Upgrades



Congressman Tom Suozzi joins District representatives and community members to recognize $1.092 million in federal funding for pump station upgrades.

The Port Washington Water Pollution Control District has secured $1.092 million in federal funding to upgrade two aging wastewater pumping stations, where some equipment is more than 60 years old and in urgent need of repair.

Secured with the support of U.S. Senators Charles Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand and Congressman Tom Suozzi, the funding will help the District address critical infrastructure needs while reducing the need to finance improvements through bonds. The District thanks these elected officials for their support of Port Washington and its critical infrastructure.

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TEMPORARY MEETING LOCATION

While renovations are underway at the District's 70 Harbor Road headquarters, District meetings are being held at **325 Main Street at Sunset Park.** Visit the District website for meeting dates and information.

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Follow us on Facebook for District news, infrastructure projects, environmental initiatives and community updates.

MANORHAVEN WASTEWATER TREATMENT CONTRACT

The Port Washington Water Pollution Control District provides wastewater treatment services to the Village of Manorhaven under a separate contract, as the Village is located outside the District's jurisdictional boundaries. Manorhaven accounts for about 30% of the wastewater treated at the District's plant and discharged into Manhasset Bay, as well as about 30% of the biosolids generated by the treatment process and transported off-site. As the holder of the State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) permit, the District is responsible for compliance with applicable discharge requirements.

After 20 years under the previous contract, the District presented Manorhaven with a new contract this spring. To allow additional time for review and discussion, the District voluntarily extended the existing contract through December 31, 2026, and the new contract will take effect January 1, 2027.

