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Let's Talk About Litter!



Litter. *It's unsightly and undermines the beauty of our community. BUT do you know how litter affects our environment, health & quality of life?*

Water & Soil: That one plastic bottle or pile of cigarette butts may seem insignificant, but as these items degrade, chemicals and microparticles are released into the soil and filtered into our water. Since Port Washington gets its water from underground aquifers, the threat of these chemicals and microparticles contaminating our drinking water is significant.

Air: Just as our skin can burn with prolonged exposure to the sun, so can litter, releasing toxins into the air we breathe.

Wildlife & Our Waterfront: Litter not only impacts the quality of our bay water, but the wildlife living in or around that water. Wildlife can become entangled in plastic debris, and straws, paper and other litter can be ingested.

Let's Clean Up!

Celebrate Spring by cleaning up our streets, shoreline and waterways. Grab some gloves and join us!

- **International Coastal Cleanup at Manorhaven Beach, April 3--** Meet at the boat ramp at 9:30 am. Sponsored by the Manhasset Bay Protection Committee, the TONH & the NE Chapter American Littoral Society
- **Clean Green Main Street, April 30th--** Meet at the LIRR Station at 9:00 am. Sponsored by Residents Forward, made possible by Precision Work.
- **Baxter's Pond Spring Clean Up, May 7--** Meet at the flagpole at 9:00 am. Sponsored by the Baxter's Pond Foundation.
- **International Coastal Cleanup at Baywalk Park, May 7--** Meet at the sun shades/picnic tables at 9:30 am. Sponsored by the Manhasset Bay Protection Committee, the TONH & the NE Chapter American Littoral Society
- **Manorhaven Preserve Clean Up, May 14--** Meet in the parking lot of Our Lady of Fatima Church at 3:30 pm. Sponsored by Residents Forward
- **Baywalk Clean Up, June 10--** Help clean up the Bay Walk in preparation for Be the Rainbow's Second Annual Pride Walk. Meet at Bay Walk Park at 3:30 pm. Sponsored by Residents Forward.

Disease: Litter is a breeding ground for bacteria, parasites and viruses. Humans can become infected either through direct contact with discarded trash or indirect contact through an animal that has eaten litter.



Take the #PWLitterChallenge!

On May 7, take a picture of yourself picking up litter at a cleanup or on your own and post it on social media. Use the hashtag **#PWLitterChallenge** and tag Residents Forward.

Saturday, April 30 @ 9 AM

**CLEAN GREEN
MAIN STREET**

MEET AT LIRR STATION



Let's tackle the causes of litter...together

*Community clean-ups are important, but we shouldn't just **pick up** litter. We need to **reduce** litter by **addressing its sources**. Some of Port Washington's litter comes from motorists, but most is from overflowing trash receptacles and improper containment of commercial and residential garbage.*

What is Residents Forward doing to combat the causes of litter in our community?

- We've worked with the BID for the installation of **more garbage cans and cigarette receptacles** and with the Town of North Hempstead to make sure street cleaners adhere to the schedule posted on Port Washington's streets.
- Each month, we send **recycled cigarette butts** to a facility in New Jersey that converts them into plastic pellets, which are then used to make park benches and picnic tables.
- This Spring, we'll unveil our first **DIY Clean Up Station** at Sunset Park, enabling park-goers to grab a bag and glove and pick up the litter they see when they see it. Our goal is to place these stations in high-litter areas throughout town.

In addition to participating in clean ups and using our DIY Clean Up Station, what else can you do to support our efforts to combat litter?

- **Create less garbage.** Compost, reduce, reuse & recycle. Click [here](#) for information about recycling in the TONH, and [here](#) for information about the Town's 2022 Composter Sale.
- **Secure your garbage & recycling.** Take measures to keep your garbage from being scattered by wind, rain and animals.
- **Report litter.** When you see debris, call 311 and report it.
- **Stay informed.** Click [here](#) to like our Facebook Page and [here](#) to follow us on Instagram. Check out our website [here](#).
- **Stay engaged.** Come to our Community Coffees. Find information about the next one [here](#).
- **Support our work.** Click [here](#) to make a donation!

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Join Residents Forward for Upcoming Events:

Yarn Arms Launch Press Conference, Friday, April 1,
4:00 pm, Blumenfeld Park



Community Coffee, Thursday, April 7, 10:00 am,

Crazy Cakes Cafe--*Register [here](#).*

Next Residents Forward Board Meeting, Monday, April 11, 7:00 pm--*Email pclass@pwresidents if you are interested in attending.*

Clean Green Main Street, Saturday, April 30, 9:00 am--*Meet at the LIRR Station*

Gala, Friday, June 3, 7:00 pm, Outdoors at the North Hempstead Beach Park (Raindate June 10th, same time & place)--*Mark your calendars and look out for more information!*

Backyard Garden Tour, Sunday, June 5, 10:00 am, highlighting the gardens of Harbor Acres--*Mark your calendars and look out for more information!*

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