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NEWSLETTER!

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The Baxter Post

The Official Newsletter of the Village of Baxter Estates

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A Message from Mayor Nora Haagenson

Dear Baxter Estates Residents:

I am pleased to write our inaugural newsletter, informing you of noteworthy developments in our village since you elected me Mayor last March.

We have exciting news to share, including improvements in how we do business in the Village, utilizing the resources of our local, state, and federal officials, and connecting with our neighboring villages in Port Washington and in Manhasset.

All of this enables us to share ideas and strategies, so that the Village may operate smoothly and efficiently.

What we have done:

- Changes to Personnel and Village Office Hours Extended
- Social Media
- Village Justice Court
- Grant from Senator Martins
- Road and Catch Basin Repair

- Port Washington Fire Department Contract
- Meeting with local, state, and federal officials
- Beach and Waterfront News
- Marriages
- Village Election: March 15, 2016
- New Residents

Changes have been made to our Village Code. Please check our website regularly for all updates.

I would also like to remind homeowners that you are responsible for clearing the snow from sidewalks and fire hydrants in front of your homes, while keeping that snow on your property and off the street. Please comply for everyone's safety. In addition, cleaning up after your pets keeps our village and our bay clean.

Trees are what make our village beautiful. Homeowners require a permit, by law, to remove trees from their properties.



Mayor Nora Haagenson

Check our Village Code for details regarding any tree removal.

Like all of you, I love Baxter Estates. It is a privilege and my pleasure to serve as your mayor. Each of us who serves on the various Village Boards is committed to our village.

With warmest regards to all of you!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nora Haagenson".

Nora Haagenson
Mayor
Village of Baxter Estates

Changes to Personnel and Village Office Hours Extended



Newly Appointed
Village Clerk-Treasurer Kiernan

The Board of Trustees consolidated the positions of Village Clerk and Village Treasurer into one position. Please come to the Village Office and meet Chrissy Kiernan, our new Village Clerk-Treasurer. We are pleased to have her join us, and we sincerely thank former Village Clerk, Yvonne Whitcomb, and former Village

Treasurer, Laurence Tuck, for their many years of service.

Our new office hours will be 9 A.M. to 4 P.M., Monday through Friday. Please check our website for information regarding Village Holidays, Building Dept. hours, and all other meetings.



Baxter Pond Park

**“The Government is us, we are the government, you and I.”
-Theodore Roosevelt**



Another great photo of Baxter Pond

Social Media Update

Visit www.baxterestates.org for up-to-date information regarding the Village. Our website features Village History, Board and Staff Contact Information, Forms and Applications, Photos, Important Links, Email Registration and more. Please search us on Facebook where we now have an official Village

of Baxter Estates Page. Photos and current information, along with important notices, will be posted there. Feel free to “Like” our page and share your village pictures. Don’t forget to include our hashtag: #baxterestates. You may also follow us on twitter via <https://twitter.com/BaxterEstates>



Village Justice Court



To make the Justice Court more cost effective, we have changed the court dates to every other month, with our Village Justice, Elizabeth Kase, or our Acting Village Justice, Gale Berg, presiding. We are also using grant money we

received five years ago from the state to proceed with plans for the court. Funding includes the installation of security lighting, a security station, podium, justice bench, prosecutor’s table, chairs, and evidence monitor.

Grant From Senator Jack Martins

We are pleased to announce that through New York State Senator Jack Martins, we have received preliminary approval for a generous grant to update our Village Hall by installing a generator, ductless air

conditioning, and an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant bathroom. These updates will enable the Village Hall to be usable during the event of an emergency.



**Thank You
New York State
Senator Jack Martins**

Road and Catch Basin Repair

The Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS) provides state funds to municipalities to support the construction and repair of local streets. Through CHIPS, we have been able to reconstruct one severely

undermined catch basin on Locust Avenue and we hope to begin to repair Tianderah Road and Ridgeway Road in the spring. The Mayor met with Congressman Steve Israel and the Regional Directors for Senator Kristin Gillebrand and for Senator Chuck Schumer.

She was informed by each of them that the federal government is not providing funds for local infrastructure. She is continuing to search for funding sources.

Port Washington Fire Department Contract

The contract for the Port Washington Fire Department for fire service constitutes a major portion of our yearly Village Budget. Costs have increased each year, but the Village has had extensive

discussions with Port Washington Fire Department representatives, and for the first time in five years, the Village was able to conditionally approve the annual Fire Department Contract before

the prior contract expired on January 1st, 2016.

Meeting With Local, State, and Federal Officials

The Mayor met with elected officials from Congress, the State, the County, and the Town to work with each of them and gain information and access to resources they have which would benefit the Village of Baxter Estates. It is an ongoing dialogue. The Mayor re-instated "Breakfast Meetings with the

Mayors" by inviting the mayors of Port Washington North, Sands Point, Flower Hill, Plandome Manor, and Manorhaven to have breakfast, a tour of our wonderful Village Hall, and to exchange ideas. The breakfast was so successful that there have been subsequent meetings at Sands Point and Port North with

more to come. The Mayor is exploring new ways to share services and costs that would benefit all of us.



Baxter Estates in Winter

Beach and Waterfront News

Congressman Steve Israel arranged for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to look at erosion occurring on our beach and flooding on Shore Road near Bayside and Central Drive, where Shore Road is at its lowest point. The Mayor walked the shoreline with representatives from the Corps, from the Town of North Hempstead, the Executive Director of the Manhasset Bay Protection Committee of

which our Village is a member, and with Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton who brought with her the Nassau County representatives who had originally worked on Shore Road when it was re-configured in 1970.

Everyone agreed that in order to stabilize the beach, a sea wall needs to be constructed. It is cost prohibitive to the Village to undertake this

project (as it is estimated at many millions of dollars). Baxter Estates owns the beach, the Town of North Hempstead owns the property below the high water mark, and Nassau County owns Shore Road. None of the adjoining entities is willing to take responsibility for this project at this time. Meanwhile, Shore Road is a major evacuation route in the event of an emergency.

"Action is eloquence" - William Shakespeare



Marriages

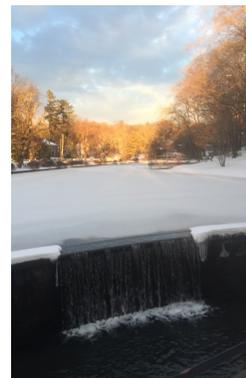
As Mayor, I am legally empowered to perform marriages within the boundaries of the Village. I had the honor of performing the marriage of two Baxter Estates residents, Marina Carroll and Steve Maun, on September 30, 2015. It was very special. Previously, former mayor Leslie Read performed a marriage in 1995, and another in January, 1999.



Marina Carroll and Steve Maun, married on September 30, 2015



Mayor Haagenson performs the marriage of Baxter Estates residents.



Another winter photo taken in our village

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New Residents

The Village of Baxter Estates is a very stable community with many families living here for twenty years or more. We are pleased that some new families have joined us. Go out and meet your new neighbors. We welcome them!



Village Hall, located at 315 Main Street, is open Monday through Friday from 9am-4pm!

Village Elections

Every year there is a Village Election, and this year it will be held on Tuesday, March 15, 2016, from noon to 9 P.M. at Village Hall located at 315 Main Street. The names and addresses of candidates who have been nominated and the term of each office are available via the Port Washington News, and will be posted at Village Hall and throughout our village. It is important for registered voters to come out and vote!



Please come to vote and use our vintage voting booth!



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