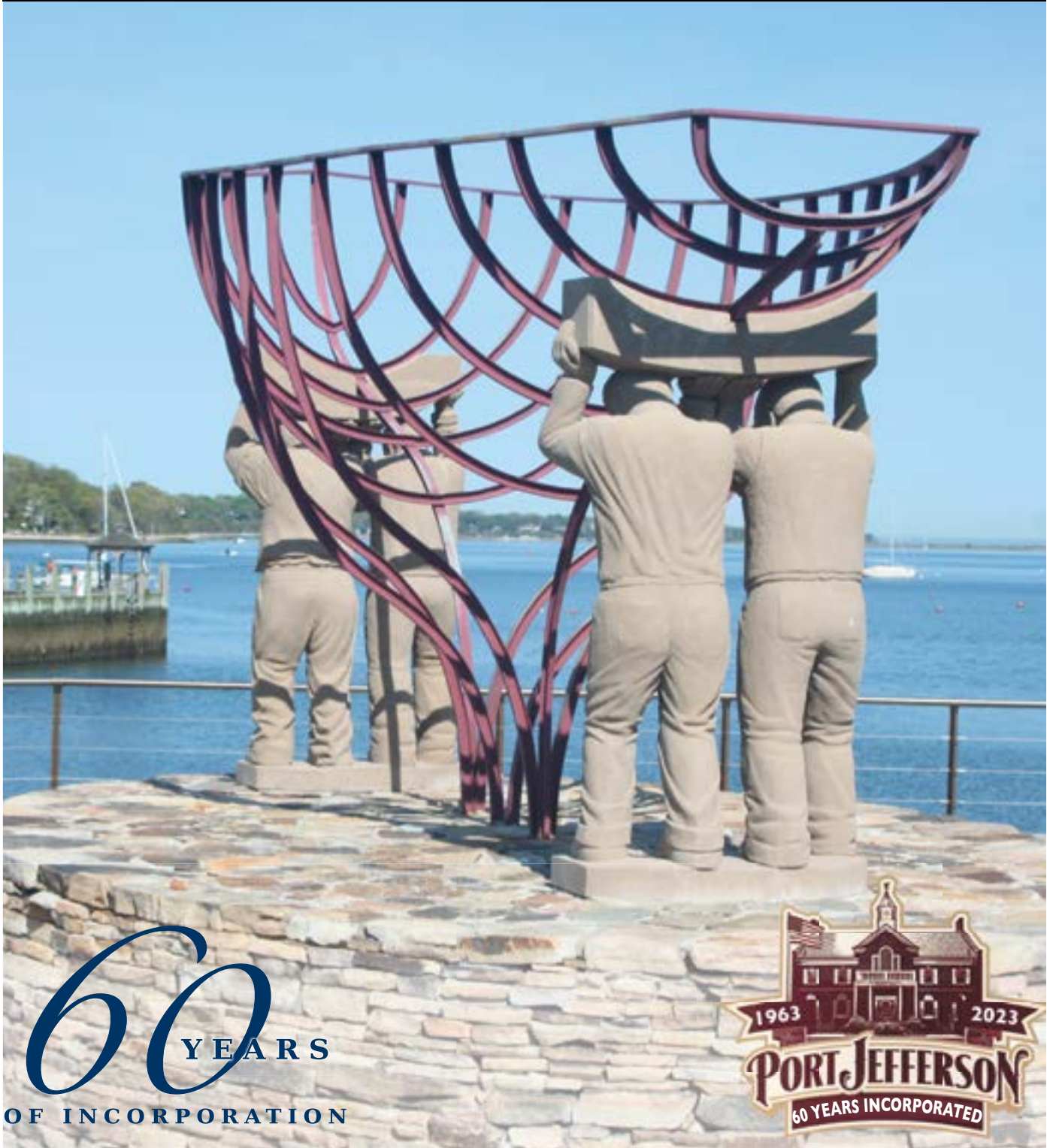


Celebrating The Village of Port Jefferson's 60th Year of Incorporation



60 YEARS
OF INCORPORATION





This journal is dedicated to those who in 1963 had a vision of a Village that is the extraordinary place we call home.

Incorporation Facts

2 - November 9, 1962

WHY INCORPORATE?

1. Q. WHY INCORPORATE?

A. TO PRESERVE, PROTECT AND IMPROVE OUR VILLAGE IN ORDER TO MAKE IT A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK.

2. Q. WHAT GOVERNMENTAL CHANGES OCCUR UNDER INCORPORATION?

A. DUTIES NOW PERFORMED BY THE GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES OF THE TOWN OF BROOKHAVEN UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE SUPERVISOR AND TOWN BOARD WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO THE VILLAGE AND ADMINISTRATED BY A MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE VILLAGE.

3. Q. WHERE DOES THE MONEY COME FROM?

A. THE TOWN OF BROOKHAVEN IN RELINQUISHING DUTIES ALSO RELINQUISHES CERTAIN TAXES ASSOCIATED WITH THESE DUTIES.

4. Q. DOES PORT JEFFERSON HAVE LEADERS CAPABLE OF MANAGING THE VILLAGE?

A. PORT JEFFERSON HAS ALWAYS HAD EMINENTLY CAPABLE AND QUALIFIED LEADERS TO CARRY ON THE CIVIC ACTIVITIES OF THE VILLAGE. WITNESS THE FINE SUCCESS OF THE SCHOOL BOARD, FIRE COMMISSIONER, FIRE DEPARTMENT, BOARD OF MATHER MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, LIBRARY TRUSTEES, AS WELL AS THE VARIOUS SERVICE, FRATERNAL AND RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS IN THE VILLAGE.



Temporary Village Hall on west side of Main Street, 1963

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

History brings recollections... varying in degree ... always important perspectives

Why is recognizing a milestone anniversary of Port Jefferson's Incorporation so important?

Simple: it reminds us of how this Village came to be and of the people who lived here and made it happen; who demanded a voice because they believed they didn't have one. They wanted a say in what happened to the waterfront and the development of the land around it, and it began with Incorporation - an uphill battle that raged through the courts before it finally landed in the favor of the residents.

The people of Port Jefferson prevailed in 1963 and their voice remains; it's powerful and important to acknowledge their voice and to give them the opportunity to help shape the future of this beautiful Village.

Not many Port Jeffersonians who voted to incorporate are still alive; several past mayors who voted for incorporation are - my father, Mayor Harold Sheprow, and his predecessor Mayor Sandra Swenk are among them, and we are grateful for their service and dedication to the Village.

Sandra and her late husband John played an integral role in the move to incorporate and we are so grateful to welcome her at this anniversary event to hear her talk about it.

There were a few other major decisions that have truly shaped Port Jefferson Village and made it what it is today thanks to the leadership and resilience of the Mayors, the Boards and the staff that worked on behalf of the Village:

- Acquisition of the Port Jefferson Country Club (Mayor Harold Sheprow)
- Acquisition of the Mobile property for the creation of HarborFront Park (Mayor Bob Strong)
- Annexation of the eastern side of Port Jefferson including Hillcrest Avenue, Corie Court, Hill Drive, Ellen Drive, Pine Hill Road east Ellen Drive (Mayor Harold Sheprow)

As a new Mayor, I hope to leave a legacy as many before me have - a legacy that represents the vision and dreams of our residents, and I am grateful to those who put their faith in me to do that.

I hope you all enjoy this "Event to Remember" and look forward to many more celebrations that recognize our history, as it is a most interesting and impactful story.

Lauren M. Sheprow
Mayor



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I want to personally Congratulate Port Jefferson Mayor Lauren Sheprow, the Village Board and all of the residents on it's 60th year of incorporation. The Village is home to so many wonderful restaurants, businesses, natural attractions and rich history, that it attracts countless visitors every year.

As a child I remember fondly going to Rocket Ship Park with my parents. Now, as an adult resident, I cherish taking my children there regularly.

The Village puts on spectacular parades every year and makes every season festive. It is truly a remarkable place to live and visit.

Wishing the Village, its residents and all visitors many more great years!

Sincerely,

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Edward A. Flood
4th NYS Assembly District

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Celebrating 60

Congratulations to the Village of Port Jefferson on the 60th anniversary of the Village's incorporation. It has been our honor representing the Village of Port Jefferson and the surrounding communities in the New York State Senate.

The Village's history, much like that of the surrounding region, is rich and diverse and reflective of the growth and transformation that Long Island has undergone in the post-World War II era. From its celebrated shipbuilding legacy to today's thriving Village, Port Jefferson has gone to great lengths to maintain its strong ties to the past while building a vibrant future.

Today, the Village provides residents with an abundance of recreational opportunities, including pristine beaches, a Country Club and marinas and waterfront parks that pay tribute and celebrate the area's storied maritime legacy.

Throughout its history, tourism has always been an important part of the Village's economy and remains so today. Port Jefferson's downtown is a destination with shops, restaurants and entertainment venues for residents and visitors to enjoy.

By working together, and with local officials, our focus is to ensure that the Village of Port Jefferson has the resources and policies in place to thrive and remain a premiere community in which to live in and destination for local tourism.

Congratulations to the Village, its residents, and the dedicated men and women who work tirelessly at making Port Jefferson a safe, fun, and flourishing community.

Congratulations,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anthony H. Palumbo".

Anthony H. Palumbo
NYS Senator, 1st District

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mario R. Mattera".

Mario R. Mattera
NYS Senator, 2nd District



Town of Brookhaven Long Island

Jonathan Kornreich
Councilmember, 1st District

November 28, 2023

Congratulations to the residents of Port Jefferson Village on completing 60 years as an incorporated village. Our model of local government reflects residents' strong preference for local control, and an incorporated village structure provides that. This model has given residents the ability to elect their own mayor and trustees to address the specific concerns of their community in ways they believe are best. It has also helped the Village evolve a unique sense of place which reflects the values of its residents and its history.

There is an old adage which holds that "Geography is Destiny." These words are as true in Port Jefferson Village as anywhere. Named in honor of President Thomas Jefferson, who incidentally helped supply federal funds to help flood mitigation in the area, the Village's "Downport" area was built on reclaimed marshland and has lived in an uneasy truce with Port Jefferson Harbor ever since. This dynamic will continue to be one of the most serious challenges the Village faces.

Luckily, the benefit of local control has the advantage of making sure residents can choose leadership that can answer their challenges. Mayor Sheprow is committed to transparency and community input in future development, and Deputy Mayor Rebecca Kassay is a trained expert in environmental studies and climate resilience.

Geography may, in fact, be destiny, but thanks to their bold experiment in self-governance, the Village of Port Jefferson is well positioned to face the challenges the next 60 years will bring. I wish them the best of luck!

Sincerely,

Jonathan Kornreich
Councilmember, Council District 1

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To the Residents of Port Jefferson Village,

Overlooking its busy harbor, Port Jefferson Village is a remarkable center of culture and commerce that enables a wonderful quality of life for its residents who are rightly proud of their local history.

Important to that history was the creation here sixty years ago of an incorporated village. That milestone marked a positive turning point for this community, the importance of which cannot be overstated.

Previous to the creation of the Village of Port Jefferson, most of the big decisions that affected the community were made in Patchogue. A pattern of remote decision making had, over many years, severely compromised the local air, water, and land. The result was one of the most intense concentrations of heavy industrial use anywhere on Long Island.

Oil storage tanks, dredging operations and equipment, gravel barges, one of the dirtiest electrical power generating stations in New York State, a primitive sewer plant that discharged poorly treated effluent directly into the harbor, and ship construction sites on fill that had been dumped upon the formerly living tidal and freshwater wetlands of the original "Drowned Meadow" dominated.

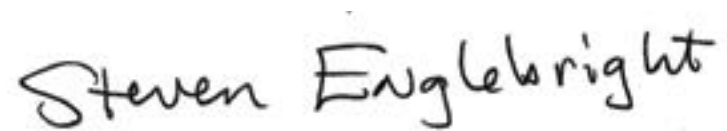
Ironically, it was partially the allure of capturing the tax base of the power and sewer plants to help lower local property taxes that inspired many residents to approve incorporation. However, it was local decision making within the Village coupled with the good fortune of having often visionary elected leaders that helped reverse the trend of excessive exploitation of the community's natural resources.

Port Jefferson Village government has over time advocated for and helped create a beautiful harborfront park that has replaced a tank farm. Similarly, a magnificent community center now occupies a repurposed steel-framed ship construction building at the harbor's edge. Village government made these and other improvements possible.

An enhanced sense of place and civic empowerment has over these past sixty years also enabled the residents of Port Jefferson Village to grow flowers of culture, education, and commerce. Theatre Three, the Dickens Festival, the Port Jefferson Historical Society, a vibrant Arts Council, a superb library, school district, and institutions of healing have all grown by utilizing Port Jefferson Village government as a forum for ideas within the American tradition of local self-determination.

Congratulations to all the residents of Port Jefferson on this 60th birthday of the wonderful Village of Port Jefferson.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steven Englebright". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Steven Englebright Suffolk County Legislator Elect, 5th District, Setauket



THE INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF PORT JEFFERSON MAYORS 1963 -2023



ROBERT L. ROBERTSON
1963-1965



CLIFTON LEE
1965-1972



SANDRA SWENK
1971-1977



HAL SHEPROW
1977-1985 /1987-1991



LOU KASH
1985-1987



FRANK FRASCA
1991-1995



BOB STRONG
1995-1999



JEANNE GARANT
1999-2005



MIKE LEE
2005-2007



BRIAN HARTY
2007-2009



MARGOT GARANT
2009-2023



LAUREN SHEPROW
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on reaching the significant milestone of
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*The Gitto Group
is thrilled to extend our
heartfelt congratulations
to the entire community
on this momentous occasion.*

Here's to **60 years** of accomplishments and to
the promising future that awaits.

Warm regards,
The Gitto Group

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Celebrating 60 Years of Incorporation in Port Jefferson!

In a milestone marking six decades of growth and unity,
Port Jefferson Village shines brighter than ever!
TBR News Media extends heartfelt congratulations on this
remarkable journey of incorporation.

Amidst this celebration, we honor the pioneers, leaders,
and every individual whose dedication shaped this vibrant
community. Here's to the memories created, friendships formed,
and milestones surpassed!

May the next chapter be filled with continued prosperity,
togetherness, and boundless achievements. Congratulations,
Port Jefferson Village, on 60 remarkable years of incorporation!
Here's to many more years of success
and shared accomplishments.

Best wishes,
Leah Dunaief and the TBR News Media Team



Mayor Clifton H. Lee (1965-71) on Main Street.



Ice hockey and skating at the Harbor Hills Country Club, 1978.



Third Bayles Chandlery, once home of law practice and
SC Police Precinct, now home of the Maritime Explorium.



Girl Scout Troop 710 plants trees in Clifton H. Lee Memorial
Park while Village Clerk Ralph DeHart looks on, 1971.



LISEC members Jacques Garant and Charles Kenny "top out" the Bayles Boat Shop at Mayor Jeanne Garant Harborfront Park, 2007.



The Port Jefferson Country Club, 2009.

For more photos, video
and coverage of the
60th anniversary live event,
please go to:
www.portjeff.com/60th



First Village Taxes being paid, June, 1963

Mayor Robert Robertson, Trustee - William McEwing, Robert Moore, Walter Berndt, Treasurer - Paul Wilcox, Trustee - Clifton Lee, Clerk - Gordon Thomsen.





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Public invited to view construction of Bayles Boat Shed at Harborfront Park

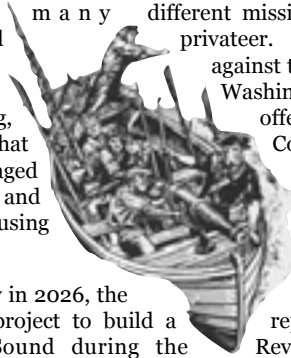
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Whaleboat - 1776 Project Donor Contribution Form



As history has recorded, Caleb Brewster, a native of Setauket, Long Island, played a significant role in helping win America's War of Independence. Commissioned as a Lieutenant in the Continental Army in 1776, Brewster carried out many different missions during the Revolutionary War; intelligence gatherer, artillery officer, spy letter courier, and whaleboats conducting raids and skirmishes against the British. Lieutenant Brewster, in an unsolicited letter written directly to General George Washington on August 7, 1778 - a day that could be considered the start of the Culper Spy Ring, offered to gather intelligence on British activities on Long Island. It then followed shortly after, that Colonel Benjamin Tallmadge, under direction of the Revolutionary War's Culper Spy Ring that General Washington, organized and then managed operated between Long Island, New York City and Black Rock, Connecticut. In November 1778, under direction of Tallmadge, Brewster began using his whaleboats to ferry critical spy messages back to General Washington.



In preparation of America's 250th Anniversary in 2026, the LISEC Bayles Boat Shop have initiated a project to build a replica of the armed whaleboat type that was used by Caleb Brewster on the Long Island Sound during the Revolutionary War.

Your welcomed contribution will help build this historic craft, provide a permanent, period correct, post & beam shed to house it, mooring cover to protect it at harbor and a trailer to transport it. The Whaleboat Project, once completed, will help tell the story of our very own local patriot, Caleb Brewster, and weave together Port Jefferson's historically unique contributions to America's War of Independence with our areas rich maritime history.

Contributions of any size are welcome and are fully tax deductible.
100% of all proceeds collected will go directly to the Whaleboat – 1776 Fund

Contribution Levels

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