

PHILIPSE MANOR

Keeping you up to date on neighborhood goings on.

Words From Your PMIA President

This is my 4th PMIA President's Open Letter. I'm thrilled with the positive rebound our Manor has achieved in recent years. This community is constantly renewing, and our neighborhood is as vibrant as ever. We sincerely thank all our members for consistently contributing energy and resources to make ongoing Philipse Manor improvements possible.

As we begin 2023, I'd like to acknowledge the coming 100-year anniversary of our storied homeowners association. The PMIA was founded in 1926 and we've never been stronger. Our Manor is bustling with activity, our membership is expanding, our streets are alive with new families and young children.

Community-focused gatherings continue to reach new and old members of every age.

You have an incredible board working on your behalf. I know this because I get feedback from our members. We see increased turnout at our community events, great levels of participation in activity offerings, and have excellent relations with our sister organizations (the PMBC and the Sleepy Hollow Manor Association). We also have strong working ties with the Village of Sleepy Hollow government.

Professional football coach, Jimmy Johnson, once said: "The difference between ordinary and extraordinary is that little 'extra'." I see that the difference between an awesome Philipse Manor and an EXTRA-awesome one is up to YOU. Get involved with the PMIA as a volunteer and as a member.

PMIA members benefit from steady quarterly newsletters, frequent social media updates, and e-mails with a distinctly local flavor. Members count on the PMIA to provide a sense of community, through in-person gatherings and focused communication with emphasis on collective interests. See page 3 for membership and renewal information.

We are all stronger together, and we need you!

**Ray Endreny,
President, PMIA**



Our New Board Members

We welcome to our Board of Directors: Saavan Gatfield, Jennifer Meyers, and Lauren Sullivan. In October, Lauren filled the remaining term as Events Chair. We say goodbye to Vinay Gupta, Jesse Nelson, and Robert Pease--they each deserve our gratitude for their volunteer service to our community and PMIA.



Lauren Sullivan and her husband Jake Davis moved to Philipse Manor in September 2021 with their dogs, Bagel and Layla, and have since added a son, Gabriel. After landing on Hunter Ave., their family has been enjoying long walks around the neighborhood, serene (and fun!) moments at the Beach Club, and weekly dinner dates downtown. Prior to their move, Lauren and Jake lived in Manhattan for over a

decade, but Lauren grew up in Yorktown where she remembers frequently visiting the Sleepy Hollow graveyard for some Halloween thrills. It's no wonder that Lauren is tapping into that childhood fun as our Events chair, a position she looks forward to filling with great community events this year.



Saavan Gatfield, his wife Madhavi and their young daughter Maya moved to Philipse Manor in June 2014. They fell in love with the Sleepy Hollow/Tarrytown area and feel fortunate that they managed to land something in the Manor. Maya is now 10 and has a brother Kieran, 5. They particularly love the Beach Club, Rockefeller State Park, close access to Metro-North, and that their children can

play in the neighborhood. The family came to NYC in 2013 from London. Saavan loves playing and watching most sports, including cricket but notes that since coming to the Northeast he has taken up skiing. Saavan works in financial services and his wife is a family physician in Yonkers.



Jennifer Meyers has been a resident of Philipse Manor since 2011 moving from NYC after she decided that her friends in Philipse Manor were having a lot of fun and had a great sense of community! She is an avid traveler and has been to every continent except Antarctica and 100+ countries. Passionate about plants and flowers, she is constantly on the hunt for the perfect dahlia for her garden. She is also involved with Feeding Westchester, the county's food bank, and learning how to blow glass.

2023 PMIA Board

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How to Reach Us

Contact any board member to get involved, share ideas, or make us aware of any neighborhood happenings: philipsemanor@gmail.com

Calling All Residents: Don't Be Left Out

Whether you just moved to Philipse Manor or are renewing your membership, it's time for the PMIA annual membership drive. We're so happy to have you in our community. PMIA keeps you up-to-date with local news affecting the manor through newsletters, emails, and social media; hosts community events including a Beach Club social, the Halloween Ragamuffin parade and the July 4th picnic; maintains our land including the Eagle and our train station lot, and partners with Village government, Sleepy Hollow Manor, and the Philipse Manor Beach Club to improve on all of Philipse Manor's local assets.

If you chose the "auto renewal" option last year, your membership will renew automatically. If you mailed in a paper application or didn't choose the auto option last year, consider giving it a try for 2023 - it's easy to use, and it's environmentally friendly! The auto-renew feature is only available for use between December-April, so please sign up at <https://www.philipsemanor.org/>. Membership car stickers go out in April.

If your car details have changed, please send an email with the new make, model and license plate to Membership Chair Mackenzie Dawson at msullivandawson@gmail.com.

Neighborhood Teen Gets County Recognition

By creating a used clothing store with local donations geared for teens, Sophie Taylor, a Sleepy Hollow High School (SHHS) senior, has been named a Westchester County Youth Board's Service Award winner for 2022. Nominated by High School Principal Debbie Brand, County officials recognized Taylor for her dedication to public service and helping others.

"There is so much excess of everything. My goal for this was to create an outlet to recycle what people no longer want and to keep the donations within the community," said Taylor, who has lived in Philipse Manor since 2010. "And," she added, "thrifting is fun."

Last summer at the end of her junior year she began collecting gently used clothing to share with students. She thinks of thrift store shopping as a good way to find unusual items, and to re-use what might be thrown away.



The Community Wardrobe, run by PTA parents, helped coordinate donations. SHHS Social Worker Amy Walsh set up the shop within her office. With the help of wheeled clothing racks, Taylor rotates the stock by categories from jeans to prom dresses.

Next year Taylor heads off to Northeastern University in Boston and plans to study business management. Current volunteers, including her younger sister, expect to continue Taylor's project next year.

Congratulations to our teen local Service Award winner!

Upcoming Events

- **March 13:** Meet The Candidates Night hosted by PMIA & SHMA starting at 7:30 pm. Ask your questions of Village election candidates. This is a virtual event, please register in advance. <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYqduCggDorH9ZBnZ9qJTFgPhQ3FS1rl5ku>
- **March 21:** Village Elections. All polls will be open from 6:00 am to 9:00 pm
- **April 1:** Registration begins for Sleepy Hollow Spring Triathlon on June 18 at Kingsland Point Park in honor of Eugene Doherty. <https://sleepyhollowtriathlon.com/>
- **April 29:** Rotary of the Tarrytowns Annual Duck Derby, Patriots Park, Tarrytown. <https://tarrytownrotary.org/duck-derby/>. Supports scholarships, local grants and projects.
- **May 4:** Public Hearing on School District Budget 8 p.m. <https://www.tufsd.org/Page/5070>
- **May 6:** 12th Annual Riverkeeper Sweep. Gather to sweep, clean-up and plant. <https://www.riverkeeper.org/news-events/events/rvk-events/12th-annual-riverkeeper-sweep/>
- **May 16:** School Budget Vote for the Public Schools of the Tarrytowns. 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Morse School. <https://www.tufsd.org/>
- **May 26:** Gas Leaf Blowers prohibited through Sept. 30.

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