

PHILIPSE MANOR

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Pollinator Gardens Come to Life

May was a busy month for the Manor’s volunteer gardeners and it is safe to say their work has added a special element to our neighborhood. An energetic crew spent many hours planting pollinator gardens on the triangular patches at Route 9 and the eastern spur of our streets, which sorely needed creative attention.



Tom and Mandy Goff, Susanne Jones and Lynn Moffat

The “pollinator pathways” consist of native plants that attract bees, butterflies and birds, and do not use harmful pesticides. The plants — native ground covers such as columbine plants (Aquilegia), lady fern, Pennsylvania sedge and white wood aster — provide nutrients and encourage pollination.

The Philipse Manor Garden Club joined with the Village of Sleepy Hollow and Philipse Manor volunteers to create these gardens. The Village contributed \$5,000 to buy the plants and the Department of Public Works delivered the plants, prepared the soil and will perform periodic maintenance and watering. (cont’d)



Former PMIA Board Member Lynn Moffat and Susanne Jones, both garden club members, made this project a priority. They worked with Mandy and Tom Goff, Marjorie Hsu and other volunteers. Additionally, thanks go to Village Trustee Tom Andruss, Village Administrator Anthony Giaccio, Supt. of Public Works Kevin Smith and DPW's Earl Tompkins for their support.

"Pollinator gardens are popping up across the country and we are so happy to participate in our neighborhood," said Moffat.

Spring Fling Aids Fire Victims

On April 24 Kelbourne Avenue residents hosted a block party to celebrate the new season. The neighbors also raised \$9,800 for five families, 34 people, whose homes were destroyed on March 27 in a multi-unit building fire in our village's core.

"We wanted to enjoy springtime and welcome neighbors, but we also wanted to help our neighbors," PMIA Board Member Vinay Gupta said. "This is a humble reminder that within our own community we have families in need."

He worked with fellow PMIA Board Member Bob Pease to put this event together. They received critical help from Gullotta,House, which provided food and an inflatable castle, and worked at the event. Matt Gullotta and his team noted that local businesses provided food and services including Beekman Ale House, JP Doyles, Briarcliff Market & Deli and Andy at Fun Flatables. The event augmented efforts by the Red Cross, the Village of Sleepy Hollow and other organizations.



Vinay Gupta and Bob Pease

"This horrific incident had a profound impact on several families in our community," said Pease. "We wanted to do whatever we could to help them financially and show them that the community cares and is here for them. It was also a great teaching opportunity for the kids to learn about the importance of community and helping those in need."

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Musicians in Our Manor

When Daniel Andor, a music composer, conductor and performer, moved from the Inwood neighborhood of Manhattan to Philipse Manor this past February he was unaware of our musical vibe. But he soon learned that “the Manor is great for musicians,” he explained. “It’s an easy commute into the city for gigs or shows,” he said, adding that there are several great local venues such as the The Music Hall in Tarrytown and others in Beacon and Port Chester. Recently, Andor had a show in New York City with his ensemble C4/The Choral Composer/Conductor Collective.

“There are a lot of people here who like to make music and I’ve met a few in a short time,” he said. “It just shows that music goes with you anywhere and you can share it with others,” he said, adding that he met his wife, Johanna, through a choral group and they have a 2-year-old son.



Daniel Andor

Andor, raised in Hungary and educated in Britain, had thought he wanted a career in music. He studied at the Purcell School for Young Musicians in London. He plays the piano, trombone, and does choral singing as well as composing and conducting. Although he got an offer from the Royal College of Music to study composition, he took a detour from music and earned a Ph.D., in physics from University of Cambridge. He currently is a software engineer for a tech company.

Music remains important for him, especially choral music because “the voice is an instrument we carry inside all of us.” Andor and many musicians have juggled work in other professions but continue their involvement and passion in music to suit their own schedules and lifestyles.

Andor has plenty of musical company in the Manor.

Manor newcomer Lauren Farber, a member of a NYC-based a cappella group, Basic Pitch, performed at a front lawn concert this March.

Adam Straus, who has lived in Philipse Manor since 1993, regularly joins neighbor Glen Taylor in a 5-member band called Funk & Disorderly. They performed this May at the Washington Irving Boat Club in Tarrytown and have appeared at the TaSH Saturday Farmer’s Market.

Straus designs packaging and builds theatrical props by day. He said that finding the right musicians to jam or perform with can be tricky, but “our community offers (many) connections.”

Newcomers Katie Klaus and Jeff Tanski, who moved from Astoria, Queens, to a house on Bellwood Avenue in August are thrilled to learn of their musician neighbors. Klaus, a singer and dancer who was part of the original company and tour group for “The Bridges of Madison County,” is taking a career pause with the couple’s 2-year-old son. Her husband is an associate conductor of “Moulin Rouge! The Musical” on Broadway and previously had a long run with “Beautiful.”

“It’s a welcoming community,” Klaus said. “We’re excited to be here.” The musical connections are great.”

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Residents who have lived here a while are familiar with Kinny Landrum, an Emmy-nominated composer and arranger for film and television who has made his life's work in music. He is also renown in the Manor for his years rallying a musical troop for the annual July 4th Parade & Picnic.

His wife, Janice, a retired high school English teacher, has her own musical side, as a member of the 60-person Hudson Chorale based in Briarcliff. "Philipse Manor has always been full of people who love music. Over the years, more than a dozen members of Hudson Chorale have lived here, carpooling to rehearsals and selling concert tickets to many of our highly-supportive neighbors."

PMIA REMINDERS!

July 4th Parade & Picnic: July 4 (raindate July 9). Parade along Bellwood begins at 10:45 a.m. and ends at Peabody Field with food, music, games and contests. Volunteer to set-up, clean-up or help with games and food, by sending an email to philipsemanor@gmail.com

Membership Update: Now's the time to join or renew your membership (those who signed up for auto-renewal are all set), please go to <https://www.philipsemanor.org/become-a-member/pmia-membership>

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