
PHILIPSE MANOR

Keeping you up to date on neighborhood goings on.

Letter from the PMIA President

Happy New Year, Neighbors!

Reflecting on the past year, I'm relieved and proud that our community passed through with courage, grace, and abundant spirit. Philipse Manor is composed of resilient families who flourish, contribute, and care for one another, even during difficult times. I'm so grateful to be associated with all of you.

Despite restrictive Covid-19 conditions, PMIA made numerous efforts to improve our Manor in 2020.

During the lockdown fresh ideas were born, like our Rainbow Window initiative, or the Manor Graduates Parade, with cars following emergency vehicles throughout the two manors delivering fresh roses to every new graduate along the way. We certainly missed PMIA's traditional Fourth of July festivities and our Halloween Rag-a-Muffin Parade but, by all reports, a google-mapped Trunk-or-Treat organized by our dedicated team was a huge success. Beginning in April we relocated all board meetings to Zoom, never missing a month, which culminated with our Annual Membership Meeting attracting 40 members to a two-hour finale in December.

You saw the PMIA Newsletter arrive in the mail a few times and members received regular e-blasts with news-of-the-moment throughout the year. We worked diligently to keep you informed during unsettling times and we worked behind the scenes keeping our neighborhood safe. We coordinated with the Village on communication, on safeguards, and on bringing resources to our neighborhood. Our mission was in focus and our vigilance hasn't wavered. Encouragement from members, gratitude from neighbors, and renewed memberships is very positive feedback.

As we spring into a new year, we welcome fresh faces to the board. Valued members Paul Kaufman, Barbara Nackman, and Anant Wadhwa have all stepped up to volunteer for all our benefit in the coming years. Many thanks to those who came before them, outgoing board members: Ken Anderson, Tim Murphy, and Jennifer Waltman brought years of dedicated service to our organization. Our new team is fired up and already making good things happen in 2021.

Something new for members in 2021 (and beyond): You now have a new and improved annual application feature. Sign up or renew your membership now at <https://www.philipsemanor.org> and you benefit from a care-free, auto-enroll membership going forward. Check it out! Online auto-renew sign-up can only be accessed until April, so don't hesitate to take advantage.

Your PMIA remains healthy, inspired, and committed to your interests. We are continually working to improve your neighborhood and community for the benefit of your family and your property. Please show your support by establishing your membership for 2021. We really hope to see you at an event soon!

Ray Endreny

President, PMIA

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Please feel free to contact any board member about any ideas or concerns you might have.

How to reach us

We'd love to hear from you! If you're interested in becoming a board member or just want to make us aware of something, email us at

philipsemanor@gmail.com

Welcome to our New Directors!

Paul Kaufman and his wife Amy have lived in Philipse Manor since 1992 and are raising their two sons, Benjamin, 21, currently attending Reed College, and Nicholas, 17, who is a Junior at Sleepy Hollow High School. They were drawn to the area by friends and needed to move from NYC while expecting their second child. The Kaufmans looked all over Westchester but found themselves drawn to the river towns. Lured by river access, the ability to walk to the Metro-North station, plus all of the park areas it was a simple decision to make the move to Philipse Manor.

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Barbara Nackman and her husband Mark have lived in Philipse Manor since 1983. They are firmly rooted in this neighborhood where they raised their two sons who are now grown, Alex, 37, and Andrew, 34. What initially attracted the Nackmans here was the close proximity to the Metro-North station and the majestic Hudson River. These are still major benefits for them as they enjoy their retirement.

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Anant Wadhwa and his wife Laura Saltzman moved to Philipse Manor in 2019. Coming from Manhattan, they were excited for a larger space, fresh air, and, of course, an escape from the incessant sirens. Soon after arriving here, they grew their family with a puppy, Penny, and a baby girl, Siena. You may recognize Anant's home on Kelbourne Avenue by the English flag (white background with red cross) displayed outside: born in England, he is a staunchly loyal fan of the English cricket team.

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And the PMIA heartily thanks departing board members Ken Anderson, Tim Murphy and Jennifer Waltman, for their numerous contributions to the PMIA.

We appreciate, as well, the many who volunteered to help in our ongoing efforts, projects and events and look forward to your contributions.

Winter Events of Tradition and Good Cheer

Yes, this has been a cold, snowy winter for sure. And COVID has disrupted plenty of our traditions, events and normal lives. But, the ever-resilient Philipse Manor community has remained active.



- The Philipse Manor Garden Club continued its long tradition of decorating our two neighborhood signs for the holidays. Thank you to the PMGC for spreading cheer, especially this year when we needed it the most.



- Village resident Armando “Chick” Galella turned a grand 100 years old on January 2. The entire village joined in a celebration for this WWII veteran and lifelong North Tarrytown, now Sleepy Hollow, resident. Galella has been instrumental in many local activities including helping to restore our grand eagle at the train station. There was a vehicle parade through the Manor, which ended in Edge on Hudson with a fireworks display.



- Gullotta House sponsored its 2021 Headless Horseman Plunge to kick-off its annual fundraising event on February 13 raising more than the \$30,000 goal it hoped for, according to the group’s website. Gullotta House, based in Briarcliff Manor, was founded in 2015 to help Westchester residents who are going through a hardship. (For more information, go to <https://www.gullottahouse.org/gullotta-house-2021-headless-horseman-plunge-fundraising-kickoff/>)

Tell Us Why You Love Philipse Manor

Up to four times a year, the PMIA board produces and mails this newsletter to all Philipse Manor households. We recap recent events, promote interesting happenings, as well as share facts regarding Philipse Manor history and residents. As we look to future publications, we also want to provide member residents with a chance to contribute.

If you, or perhaps an English/journalism student in your household, are interested in submitting an article or a photograph for a newsletter, please send us your ideas. Can we suggest a paragraph on what makes living in Philipse Manor special for you?

Send your submissions to philipsemanor@gmail.com by May 1st, 2021 to be included in the next newsletter. Please include a photo if possible, with your name and contact info. The board will review all contributions and pick favorites for publishing.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, March 16: Village Elections — Polls will be open for voters between 6 a.m. and 9 p.m. and like last year absentee voting (for anyone who wants) will also be available. Please check with the Village Clerk for information on ballots, dates and polling locations. <https://www.sleepyhollowny.gov/>

Spring cleanup: Preliminary discussions are underway for a spring cleanup drive with village DPW.

Thursday, April 29: New Neighbors Welcome Night -- We hope to deliver beverages (including wine) and cheese to each new homeowners and hold a ZOOM event for all members. Stay tuned for updates via email in the coming weeks.

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