
PHILIPSE MANOR

Keeping you up to date on neighborhood goings on.

Letter from the PMIA President

Happy New Year, Neighbors!

So happy you have joined us in Philipse Manor for this new year and beginning of a new decade. I invite you to renew your membership in the Philipse Manor Improvement Association (PMIA) in 2020.

PMIA made numerous improvements in our Manor in 2019. We repaired both signs at our north and south entrances, fixed potholes in the parking area, completed restoration of our Grand Central Eagle, and welcomed a 50/50 cost-sharing sidewalk program from the Sleepy Hollow Village. PMIA promoted a composting program, helped solicit grant money for Fremont Pond clean up, and initiated pollinator pathway gardens in Philipse Manor common spaces with Sleepy Hollow Village government support. PMIA works to maintain and improve our surroundings and environment.

In 2019 we hosted wonderful events. The PMIA July Fourth Parade and Picnic was a huge success, the Headless Horseman made his first appearance at our Halloween Ragamuffin Parade, and we received a record number of submissions for our Halloween Home Decorating Contest. New neighbors keep pouring in and we welcomed them at our New Neighbors Spring Social, hosted in partnership with Philipse Manor Beach Club. Members have many fond memories from PMIA sponsored activities.

Gratefully, PMIA membership numbers continue rising in support of our efforts. We now count as active members the largest percentage of Philipse Manor households in decades. Renewal and first-timer applications for 2020 are rolling in. See our growing list of active-member PMIA Households, enclosed.

In 2020, we will continue monitoring Village Trustee meetings for topics that relate to our Manor. We will continue pushing for improvements in our streets, sidewalks, curbs and other infrastructure. We will work diligently to improve our parking area at the station. We plan to open sightlines behind the Eagle (revealing more of the Hudson and the new bridge). We are planning more events for our members. And we continue our commitment to communication as we focus on quality and quantity of newsletters, social media, and email blasts.

Our annual members' meeting took place at the Hudson Valley Writers Center in December. We said goodbye to four retiring board members, while giving others an opportunity to join our board of directors. Thanks go out to Marjorie Hsu Buckler, Dawn Kriss, Jenny Heater McMahon, and Alex Mulvey for their generous efforts in helping to make Philipse Manor the greatest place to live. We welcome aboard fresh energy and new skills in Mackenzie Dawson, Darren Mitchell, Lynn Moffat and Jaap Ritzen. Many thanks to my fellow board members for stepping up and serving our Philipse Manor community

I am excited for the year ahead. **At our annual meeting our members unanimously approved our 2020 budget and a new dues rate. Dues are only \$100 per household, per year (\$75 for seniors). You can register and pay on-line at <http://www.philipsemanor.org/become-a-member> and there is no fee for this convenience.**

Your PMIA non-profit dues go entirely into Philipse Manor improvements. Membership directly benefits your family, your property, and your community. Membership also entitles you to 2020 Membership automobile stickers (2 vehicles per household), enabling you to park in our PMIA lot for access to Metro North and the Beach Club. Please apply now!

Looking forward to seeing you around the Manor in 2020.

Ray Endreny



Darren Mitchell joins the PMIA board

Darren Mitchell and his wife, Michelle Mitchell, moved to Philipse Manor in 2016—with their son, Flynn, and their golden retriever, Bodie.

Originally Los Angeles natives, they moved to New York City for work in 2013 and fell in love with the east coast. After three years in the city, they made the migration to the suburbs where they could have more space, a backyard for their pup and more mama and dada friends.

Darren and Michelle continue to get more involved in sports programs, the school system (UPre-K), and local activities with their now 4 year old, Flynn.

When they're not commuting into the city for work, they like to hang out with fellow families (dog parents included) in the neighborhood, cook recipes inspired by the Great British Baking Show, and run the SH manor hills. Darren recently joined the PMIA board in December 2019 as the Communications Chair.

President, PMIA

The Legend turns 200!



Author, statesman and traveler: Washington Irving profoundly impacted American culture. He is known today primarily for the American folktales found in *The Sketchbook of Geoffrey Crayon, Gent.*, which celebrates its 200th anniversary in 2019-2020. This collection famously contains “The Legend of Sleepy Hollow” and “Rip Van Winkle,” two stories that romanticize colonial life on the Hudson River.

The Villages of Sleepy Hollow and Tarrytown, together with a number of partner organizations, are exploring Irving’s cultural and artistic legacy in celebrations that will

engage the local community and our many visitors throughout 2020.

For example, in April 2020, they will host a three-day literary conference that brings together Irving scholars, experts in 19th century literature and history, with the public.

In addition, the Sleepy Hollow Lit Fest will return on June 13th, 2020 with a celebration of the villages of Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow, with events, readings, and panels along the route of Ichabod Crane’s literary journey down Broadway to the Old Dutch Church and beyond.

Learn more at <http://headlesshorseman.org/>.

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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

Get Involved

Everything the PMIA does is to improve the quality of life for all residents of Philipse Manor. Our board donates their time to lead these initiatives, but all of our activities are open for all residents to plan and participate. Consider joining a committee:

The Communications committee keeps members informed of activities and events in the community.

The External Affairs committee ensures that the PMIA is represented at community meetings, Village Board of Trustee meetings, and other business between our manor and outside groups.

The Maintenance committee oversees PMIA property landscaping, maintenance and improvements.

The Membership committee promotes and tracks PMIA membership.

If you are interested in joining any PMIA committees or participating in planning events, we welcome you to reach out to members of the board or email philipsemanor@gmail.com.

Tell Us Why You Love Philipse Manor

Three 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 contributing 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 8th, 2020 to be included in the next newsletter. The board will review all contributions and pick favorites for publishing.

Upcoming Events

Thursday March 12th - The PMIA and SHMA are excited to host our annual Meet the Candidates Night, prior to local elections for Village Trustees. Please join us for an evening of moderated questions and answers with candidates. Audience members are also encouraged to ask questions and interact with candidates directly. Light snacks provided by SHMA. Our event will take place Thursday, March 12th at 7pm at the Galgano Senior Center. Village elections will be held the following Wednesday, March 18th, 2020.

Thursday March 12th - Senior Citizen St. Patrick's Day Party! Thursday, March 12th, at 12 Noon at Galgano Senior Building. Call 366-5109 for more information.

Wednesday, March 18th - Village elections will take place from 6 AM to 9 PM at your usual village polling location.

Sunday, April 26th - Manor resident Alexander Kriss, Ph.D. will be discussing his new book *The Gaming Mind*, which takes a nuanced look at the relationship between video games and mental health. Speaking event will be held at the Hudson Valley Writers Center at 4:00pm on Sunday April 26th.

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