

PHILIPSE MANOR

Keeping you up to date on neighborhood goings on.

Letter from the PMIA President

Dear Fellow World Citizen... and Philipse Manor Neighbor,

We are so lucky to live here, in this beautiful and safe place, during the pandemic's global turmoil. Local actions we take toward looking out for each other have positive ripple-effects well beyond our Manor. Thanks to every one of our members for being supportive, good neighbors. Early results are in, and we are doing great.

Feel good about where we stand, but it is not time yet to celebrate. While current numbers are encouraging in Sleepy Hollow and NYS, infection rates are on the rise in 41 states. As Governor Cuomo writes: "It takes community to stop community spread" of this virus. Please continue hanging tough as individuals and as a community. Please remind friends, neighbors, and loved ones to remain vigilant today. We must not give up hard-won barriers against COVID-19 here at home.

Wear a mask. Get tested. Save yourself. Save a neighbor.

Meanwhile, our Philipse Manor community continues to impress and inspire me. The outpouring of support by PMIA members for our elderly, for our graduates, for our children, for our schools, for our healthcare workers, for our hungry... Has been a silver-lining indicator of the spirit and love that our community holds for one another. Conditions are not easy for any PMIA household during this crisis, but hanging together, supporting all, and looking out for the neediest among us, we are overcoming the greatest challenges with greatness and grace.

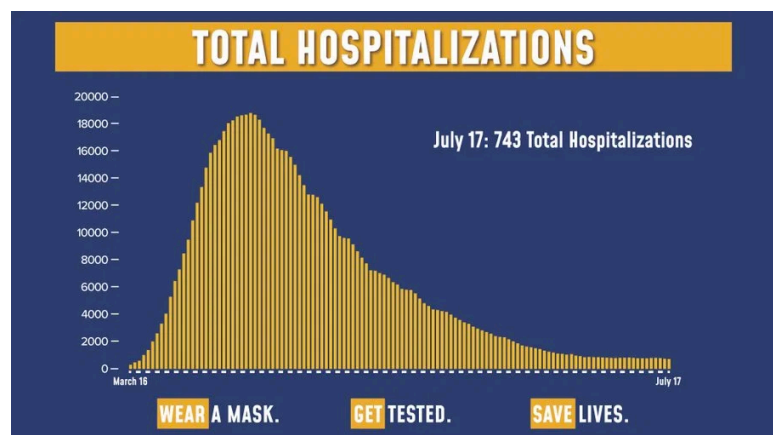
Your PMIA remains committed to Philipse Manor improvements. We continue monthly board meetings by Zoom, land maintenance duties, and neighborhood relations. We continue welcoming new Manor families and new PMIA members. We continue outreach and communication. We continue vigilance in protecting this life we all cherish here in our chosen home.

If you are a PMIA member household, thanks for being a big part of our success now and into the future. We look forward to getting together with all our PMIA family members in a safe environment soon.

Ray Endreny
PMIA, President

Become a PMIA member now: <http://www.philipsemanor.org/become-a-member>

New York State Covid-19 Hospitalizations Trend:





Mackenzie Dawson joins the PMIA board

Mackenzie and her husband, North Landesman, moved to Philipse Manor in 2013 – with their son, Finn, who will turn 8 in August.

Both are reformed city people; Mackenzie grew up in Vienna, Austria, North grew up in Manhattan; when they made the decision to move, they were living in the East Village with a baby, which wasn't fun at all. Neither of them knew a thing about life in the suburbs, but they're really glad they made the leap.

North teaches history at St. Bernard's, a private school on the Upper East Side, and Mackenzie is the Books Editor at the New York Post.

In normal times, Mackenzie is a huge enthusiast of the Quiet Car on Metro North (it's always exciting when tensions flare due to someone being shushed). Now, instead of commuting due to the pandemic, she's had a lot of time to focus on the lawn.

Mackenzie recently joined the PMIA in December 2019 and is on the Membership committee.

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Hudson Valley Writers Center Update

By Donald W. Stever, HVWC Chairman

The Hudson Valley Writers Center, a not-for-profit publishing and literary education organization, was founded in 1988 by Margo Taft Stever. The HVWC restored the Philipse Manor railroad station building, which had severely deteriorated under railroad ownership. The HVWC earned an award for excellence in historic preservation for its restoration of the building, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and the New York State Historic Sites registry. What most people don't know is the complex legal arrangement under which the HVWC occupies the building.

In 1993 the HVWC was given title to the property by the subsidiary of Penn Central Corporation that owned all of the Hudson Line properties (including Grand Central Terminal). However, that property interest was subject to a pre-existing 240-year ground lease held by the New York Metropolitan Transportation Authority, and so in order to occupy the building the HVWC had to enter into a sublease agreement with the MTA, and pay rent. That sublease, under which HVWC has been paying monthly rent, expires at the end of this year.

The HVWC is presently in what are hopefully final negotiations with the MTA to deed its residual interest in the property to the HVWC, which will at long last give HVWC full ownership of the property. This transaction is likely to cost HVWC \$100,000 plus legal and regulatory expenses. Improvements to the building's aging HVAC system, structural repairs, improving insulation and hopefully eventually installing photovoltaic electricity will cost several hundred thousand more dollars.

Thanks to the generosity of the board of directors and individual donors the HVWC is within reach of its total fundraising goal for the MTA transaction and capital improvements. Should people in our community be willing to help with the financial burden by providing a tax-deductible donation, you should either call or email Krista Madsen (914-332-5953 or Krista@writerscenter.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

The Garden Club



The Philipse Manor Garden Club has been beautifying our neighborhood since 1926! We are a social group with a mission to share an interest in gardening, protect our resources, and care for the shared spaces in Philipse Manor. We invite and encourage all residents of Philipse Manor to join us. The Club actively manages the plantings and seasonal decorations at the north and south entrances to the Manor.

This spring we installed a pollinator friendly garden at the south entrance. Other activities include social events and speakers. This past winter we enjoyed learning about pollinators from our fellow Philipse Manor resident, Tim Judge. A joint meeting with Sleepy Hollow Garden Club last September featured speakers from the Westchester Land Trust giving an overview of the Pollinator Pathway Program. We have a Facebook page (search for Philipse Manor Garden Club on Facebook) and our e-mail address is philipsemanorgardenclub@gmail.com. E-mail for more information.

This September, we invite you to join us for a very special, outdoor and socially distanced event – a garden tour! See Upcoming Events (Page 4) for more info!

Congratulations Graduates!

The PMIA board offers our congratulations to all the 2020 high school graduates! All of us in Philipse Manor are incredibly proud of our graduates and just know you will achieve great things in the big world beyond. Always remember where you came from and bring a loving community spirit everywhere you go.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, August 23rd - The 13th Annual Ducky Derby will be held over live stream on the The Rotary Club of the Tarrytown's Facebook Page (<https://www.facebook.com/TarrytownRotary/>). Adopt your ducky today at www.tarrytownrotary.org

Tuesday, September 15th - Village elections were postponed in March, and are currently rescheduled for Sept 15". If you're not sure of your voting place, please contact the Clerk's Office at 914-366-5106 or 914-366-5113 or visit: <https://citizenparticipation.westchestergov.com/find-polling-place>

Sunday September 20th - (1:00 to 4:00p.m.) Visit seven lovely gardens that you may not have seen on your strolls through the neighborhood. You will experience outdoor havens lovingly tended by your neighbors. Bring your camera to capture beautiful scenes. Tickets for the tour are \$20. Email Lisa Kosan at lrkosan@gmail.com or call her at 914 372-7147 by September 15 to reserve your spot. Tickets are limited so reserve soon!

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