

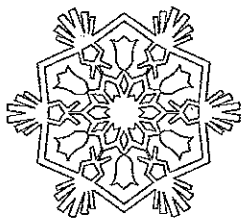
Lloyd Harbor Village Record

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS



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Contributing articles are invited from residents on:

- Upcoming Activities
- Outstanding Achievements
- Harbor History
- Conservation
- Recreation

Please submit articles for review by the last Wednesday of the month to:

Village Hall
32 Middle Hollow Road
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✓ Master Plan Adopted by Trustees

At the January meeting the Trustees adopted a comprehensive Master Plan for the Village. Last updated in the 1970's, the revised Master Plan was subject to a number of drafts and public hearings. It incorporated comments from the public as well as planning consultants, and the entire process was guided and subject to review by the Planning Board, which presented the Trustees with each draft prior to the final version. As adopted, The Master Plan brings into focus, among other items, the ecological sensitivity of the inner Harbor. It recommends actions to further protect fragile environmental areas & recognizes designated bird & wildlife habitat areas. It responds, as well, to limitations on the Village's ability to absorb the impacts of further development.



4 Acre District

In conjunction with, and in response to the updating of the Master Plan, the Trustees at the January meeting enacted a local law which establishes a new residential zoning district. Designated as District A-2, any subdivision therein will require a minimum lot area of 4 acres.

The Mayor & Trustees extend special recognition & many thanks thanks for their very hard work & tremendous perserverance to Planning Board Chair *Gil Henoach*, & members *Rick Ambrosio; Chris Cagnazzi; Gary Kalbaugh; Gregory Linakis; Jack Mulderrig; & David Wenger*. Current Trustees *Bill Burdo & Matt Strunk* were also members of the Planning Board & heavily involved during much of this process.

✓ Village Meetings

Various Village Boards & Commissions generally meet as follows:

Board of Trustees:	3 rd Monday of the month, 8 PM
Board of Zoning Appeals:	4 th Wednesday of the month, 6:30 PM
Site & Building Permit	
Review Board:	4 th Monday of the month, 7:30 PM
Planning Board:	2 nd Thursday of the month, 7:30
Conservation Board:	2 nd Monday of the month, 7:30
Recreation Commission:	As scheduled
Harbor Control Commission:	As scheduled

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✓ Camp Sign-up - Saturday, March 6th

Sign-up for all summer programs will be held Saturday, March 6th at Lloyd Harbor School. Registration is by lottery. Lottery drawing will be held between 9 -9:30 AM. Late arrivals will be processed after registration is completed. Beach parking stickers will be sold. Registration materials were sent out in early February. If you need additional materials please call village Hall at 549-8893, 9 AM - 4 PM.

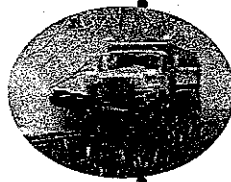


✓ The Caumsett Foundation

The Caumsett Foundation Newsletter provides information on Park events and Foundation news. Sign up for the newsletter by going to caumsettfoundation.org and simply entering your e-mail address.

✓ Thank You!

Many thanks to the Highway Dep't for the Excellent job of snow removal this winter.



✓ Closings

Village Offices & Highway Department will be closed on Friday, April 2, 2010, in observance of Good Friday.

✓ Highway Dep't Reminder to Residents & Road Associations

Trash pick-up

Please make sure driveways are clear of snow and sanded if icy, in order for garbage trucks to safely navigate & men to haul your garbage cans. Road associations also need to make sure that their roads are plowed & sanded. Drivers will not risk injury to themselves or their equipment by entering icy roads or driveways.

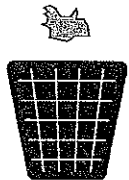
Highway workers on roads

Please give men working on Village roads a "brake." When passing a work zone, please slow down & be mindful of our workers in the road..

✓ Reminder

No Littering

Litter continues to be a problem & a particular eyesore during the winter months. There is a \$250 fine for littering in the Village. Please speak with your gardeners, lawn service, contractors and any other vendors who may not be aware of this ordinance. Provide trash containers for anyone doing outdoor work on your property. Please do your part to cut down on litter. Every little bit hurts!



History Highlights

WILLIAM J. MATHESON - VILLAGE FOUNDER AND VISIONARY

By Walter D. Kolos - Village Historian

One of the earliest and most influential residents of this Village was William J. Matheson. An accomplished scientist, industrialist, philanthropist and generous citizen, Matheson was a very important figure in the community and to the early days of the Village.

in a comfortable, midwestern and Victorian environment. Curiously, very little is known about his early life. He attended St. Andrew's University in Scotland, where his lifetime fascination with chemistry was developed. After his education abroad, he would become a part of a new industrial class - that of businessman chemist.

Early Life

Born in 1856 in Elkhorn, Wisconsin, Matheson grew up

HISTORY HIGHLIGHTS *continued from page 2****From Pigments to Allied Chemical & Dye Company***

Matheson's first position was that of an American agent for the German chemical firm of Leopold Cassella, a firm which pioneered the synthetic aniline dye process. Matheson was keenly aware of the need for artificial pigments for textiles, paints and ceramics. During the mid-nineteenth century, France and Germany excelled in this revolutionary industry. Up until this time, the world depended upon vegetable and other forms of natural dyes—indigo (blues-reds), annatto (bright orange), cochineal (purples), Brazilwood (crimson), and so on. After the German defeat in World War I, Matheson became the president and chairman of the board of Cassella's American agency - which had a new name - *National Aniline and Chemical Company*.

The new American industry was very successful, so that in three years Matheson expanded the company through several mergers and acquisitions. This phenomenal growth transformed the business into one of the giants of chemicals and synthetics: the *Allied Chemical and Dye Corporation*.

Purchase of Fort Hill

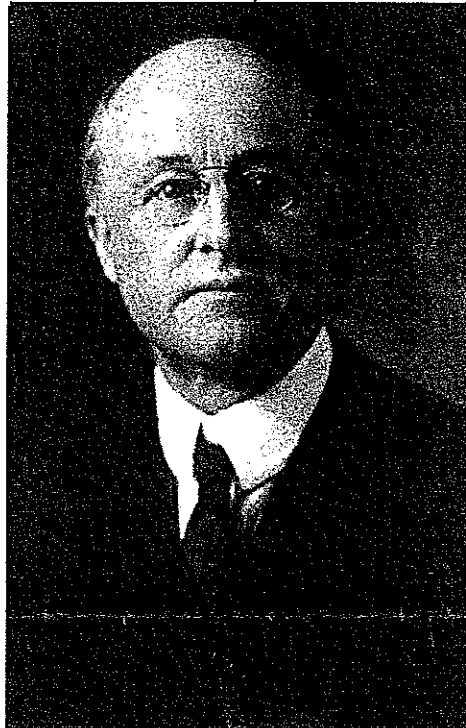
In 1900, William Matheson purchased the property on Lloyd's Neck that he named *Fort Hill*. Lloyd's Neck had been acquired from Queens County in the mid-1880's, and was now part of Suffolk County. The manor house, built by Anne Coleman Alden (designed by McKim, Meade and White), occupied the site of Fort Franklin, a British fortress during the Revolution. Over the years, Matheson would increase his holdings to 330 acres. Vast tracts of land and buildings, including the Joseph Lloyd Manor, would be included in his estate property. His domain encompassed a mile long frontage on Cold Spring Harbor, the causeway, the causeway meadow, the beach to the south (Bath Club), and a half mile of frontage on Lloyd Harbor.

Matheson not only increased the size of the main house, but greatly improved upon the acreage. Orchards, a formal garden, and vast grazing pastures were established. Sweeping lawns and scientifically rotated farmlands were dutifully tended. He scoured the world looking for exotic plants that would compliment his property. Stables, carriage houses and staff quarters were built in traditional styles, using modern construction tech-

niques. On its face Fort Hill appeared to be a venerable, time-worn English country home, when in reality it was the modern establishment of a scientist-industrialist.

Affiliation with Cold Spring Harbor Lab

Matheson's belief in science went far beyond the constraints of industry. According to an account in *Tales of Old Lloyd Harbor*, he was worried about the malaria outbreaks which were occurring on the north shore of Long Island. Around 1900, he consulted the small biological laboratory in Cold Spring Harbor about the eradication of the mosquito borne disease. The Lab helped him immensely. Matheson was fascinated by the work being done at the facility concerning microbes and salt water life. He became a major benefactor and eventually became its president and governing board chairman, 1905-1923.

*William J. Matheson****Road through the Tidal Marsh***

Although usually referred to as a peninsula, Lloyd Neck is really more of an island connected by a tidal marsh. A sandy road, usually impassable at high tide, ran through the marsh. For centuries, travel and industry on the Neck was accomplished by boat and barge. The Lloyd family had their famous

steam ship dock at Columbia Grove on the southwest corner of the Neck. Building supplies and full sized trees were barged in to create Marshall Field's "Caumsett." The shoreline had several docks, remnants of which can be seen today.

Matheson was concerned about the lack of reliable road access to Lloyd Neck, especially in the age of the modern automobile. He owned both the path that became known as the "causeway", and the surrounding marshland. He decided to make a permanent elevated roadway to connect the Neck to the mainland. The problem confronting him was the incredible cost of building materials and construction. Matheson felt it would be too much of a private expense for the improvement of a public road.

In 1929, major subway tunnel excavations were being carried out in Manhattan. A tremendous amount of bedrock was accumulating from the dig. Matheson approached city officials concerning the problem of carting away the rubble from excavation. He needed the rock for his causeway, and they needed to get rid of it. A cordial agreement was forged—Matheson could have all the rock



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he wanted, as long as he could haul it away from the city.

Barges, riding low in the water from heavy rock, arrived off the coast of Lloyd Neck. Barge mounted cranes lowered the rock onto the old roadway with their nimble claws, elevating the causeway to its current height. When finished, the construction would be topped with a modern concrete roadbed. The causeway road traveled north and through the center of Matheson's Tudor style gate house. It continued to hug the shoreline to Fort Hill Beach, and then uphill to the main house. At the gate house, there was an eastward spur, which became Lloyd Harbor Road.

Ironically, Matheson died of a heart attack in 1930, the year after this huge undertaking. An accomplished sailor, Matheson had sailed around the world. He passed away peacefully while sailing his own yacht, the *Seaforth*.

"Aunt Nan" Wood

The dynamism of his legacy continued to be carried out by his daughter, Anna Matheson Wood. "Aunt Nan" to the many children whose families lived on "The Place" as she called it, inherited Fort Hill and maintained it beautifully into the 1970's. It was one of the last working estates on the North Shore. The Matheson Meadow, which occupies 38 acres of the estate, was given to the Nature Conservancy by "Nan" Wood, in 1969, in memory of her father.

CONSERVATION CORNER

In the dark about light ??

Light pollution occurs when outdoor lighting is misdirected, misplaced, unshielded, excessive or unnecessary. As a result, light spills unnecessarily upward & outward causing glare, light trespass, & a nighttime urban "sky glow" which wastes energy & obscures the stars overhead.

Light pollution results in other problems as well:

- ✓ *Bare bulbs cause glare & can severely interfere with night vision for drivers & maritime navigators.*
- ✓ *Many birds, animals & fish are nocturnal or navigate by the stars, & are badly & often fatally impacted by artificial light.*
- ✓ *Strong evidence exists linking constant night lighting (lack of a dark cycle) to human health (cancer) risks via, among other items, reduction in tumor - suppressing melatonin.*

Our stars are a natural resource. The stars in the night sky have always been, and should always remain, a source of inspiration, information & contemplation.

Light pollution can be eliminated without sacrifice. See the insert for fully- shielded wallpack & wall mount fixtures.

For more information:

The Dark Sky Society: www.darkskysociety.org