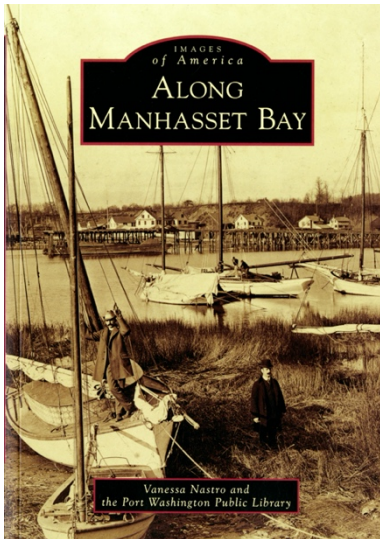


**“ALONG MANHASSET BAY” BOOK AND WALKING TOUR APP
BY VANESSA NASTRO AND THE PORT WASHINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY**

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Port Washington Public Library’s archivist and special collections librarian Vanessa Nastro takes readers into the detailed and comprehensive history of Port Washington and the Manhasset Bay in her debut book published by Arcadia Press and the History Press.

The tenth installment in the Port Washington Public Library Local History Center publication series, the book **celebrates long lost maritime traditions along with lesser known histories of the Bay**. The book features excerpts from the Local History Center’s vast collection of oral histories.

A once active center of commerce for shellfishing, boatbuilding, sandmining and hospitality, Manhasset Bay remains a benchmark of Port Washington’s identity.

Local History Center archivist Vanessa Nastro regards the book as a “reminder of Port Washington’s maritime traditions and the importance of preserving the written word and original photographs for posterity and local history research.”

The Port Washington Historical **walking tour app** will allow users to explore the rich history of the town of Port Washington at their own pace, either alone or with a group. The free app, which can be downloaded on any smartphone (Android or iPhone) utilizes GPS technology to pinpoint the user’s location and provide location specific oral history clips, photographs and text (in multiple languages).

Featuring excerpts from the Port Washington Public Library’s vast collection of oral histories and containing dozens of **never-before-published images** of Port Washington's past, the book is a celebration of the town's maritime roots and abundant history.

With all author royalties from its sale being donated to the PWPL Local History Center, Along Manhasset Bay is available for preorder now on Amazon and will be available October 5th on Amazon and from the PWPL Local History Bookstore



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A BRIEF INTERVIEW WITH THE AUTHOR VANESSA NASTRO

Describe “Along Manhasset Bay” in six words or less.

“Revealing”, “Thoughtful”, “Community”, “Visually Captivating”, “Nautical-esque.”

What is the most important takeaway from this book?

It’s a different look at the history of Manhasset Bay and it encompasses a much broader idea of what life was like on the Bay. It’s not just about maritime history: it celebrates long standing businesses in the community. It also highlights art and folklore culture.

Who should read this book?

Anyone who is interested in Long Island history, not just in maritime history but also the history of the North Shore. While Port Washington is the main feature of the book, we also highlight other North Shore communities such as Manhasset and Great Neck.

WALKING TOUR – COMING SOON!

For readers looking to further immerse themselves in the rich history contained within the pages of “Along Manhasset Bay,” be sure to download the accompanying Manhasset Bay Historical Walking Tour app, coming soon to a smartphone near you! Currently in development, the app will allow users to explore the rich history of the town of Port Washington at their own pace, either alone or with a group. The walking tour will include locations related to the earliest farming settlers, the American Revolution, fishing, clamming, and oystering, recreation on the bay, boatbuilding, sandmining, aviation history, and more. A walking tour is a safe, ideal way to visit these notable locations, and will be an entertaining and informative experience for locals and tourists alike.

The free app, which can be downloaded on any smartphone via the Apple App Store or Google Play Store, utilizes the phone's GPS system to pinpoint the user's location as they travel along the walking tour route. As they approach the designated points, they will be able to access information about the site, provided in text (even in languages other than English) and through historical images of the area in which the user is currently located. Additional tours to be accessible through the app are planned, including a boating tour which will allow sailors and kayakers to view historical images of the Port Washington shoreline and notable sites on Manhasset Bay from the water. This project is made possible by a generous gift from the Virginia Marshall Martus Estate. Sign up for e-mail alerts at www.PWPL.org/Signup

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