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Greater Port Washington Business Improvement District spruced up Port Commons
Main Street.

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As part of its ongoing mission to improve the quality of life and overall image for those who visit and visit Port Washington, the board of directors of the Greater Port Washington Business Improvement District placed 148 beautiful, pink, hanging baskets on the Town of North Beach Battery Park Lamp-

post along Port Commons and Main Street.

The Greater Port Washington BID has been hanging flowering baskets on these lampposts for many years, which adds a special touch to the town. The organization hopes that the residents and visitors of Port Washington enjoy these flowering plants. A special thank you to the Town of North

Hempstead for watering these plants so they stay looking beautiful for all to enjoy.

To find out more about the Greater Port Washington Business Improvement District, visit its website at www.portwashingtonbid.org.

Submitted by the Greater Port Washington Business Improvement District.

Water district hosts Q&A

...about water qual-
...emerging contaminants
...enter the Long Island
...the Port Washington
...has created an op-
...the community, to
...about these important
...questions directly
...providers.
...-which will be
...Station Fire Engine
...based at 14 South
...on June 5, at

District Board Chairman David Brackett. "Complete and open transparency is a guiding principle of ours so we wanted to create an opportunity for residents to not only learn essential information about the water they drink and the efforts we are undertaking to protect it. We as a board feel it is necessary for residents to get answers to any questions or concerns they may have."

cerns addressed by the district's experts.

To help ensure the district's comprehensive presentation answers and addresses the questions or concerns from the community, residents are asked to message the district on Facebook or send an email to info@pwwd.org with any comments they might have.

"We are doing everything we can to ensure that residents leave this meeting with informa-

Port's handmade marketplace

Wit & whim, Port Washington's award-winning life and style shop with a twist, is opening the waterfront town's first year-round marketplace.

The Creative Gallery, as it has been named, features a wide variety of the finest handmade merchandise, created by local designers. Reaching beyond the confines of a pop-up or weekend fair, customers will have the opportunity to shop one-of-a-kind creations all year.

Located at 6 Carlton Ave, wit & whim is a treasure trove of carefully curated unique, vintage modern and handmade gifts at every price point. An added twist, each month wit & whim gives back to a different organization.

Now in its sixth year, the shop has become a destination for people all over Long Island, as well as Queens, Brooklyn and Manhattan. Co-owner Jacquelyn Conte adds, "In addition to our local customers, we have shoppers who stop in whenever they are in town from England and Japan."

Colorful flags are strewn across the ceiling, in the back portion of the shop, to denote the location of the gallery space. "We wanted to keep an open flow throughout the shop, but felt it was also important for our artists to have their own dwellings", explains co-owner Krissy Harper.

The concept for the Creative Gallery was born in an effort to contribute to the already artistic energy flowing throughout the shop. The space also gives seasoned makers a chance to branch out to new customers, while up and coming artists will gain exposure they may not ordinarily have.

"We strive to be a shop that is unique and on the cutting edge", says Conte. The space features an eclectic mix of jewelry, soy candles, vegan makeup, pebble art, organic dog treats and so much more.

"Our passion to feature

quelyn and I are makers ourselves," Harper said. While the space serves as a unique shopping experience, it has also allowed fellow artists to network and connect.

"Wit & whim provides us local artists with a unique portal to reach the local community and participate in the celebration of the unique, visual and artistic language of each piece nestled within its walls. I'm very honored to be part of this hidden gem in Port!" said artist Maria Salazar.

"I am so thrilled to be a part of the wit & whim creative gallery. It has given me an opportunity to showcase my homemade dog treats in a wonderful, pet-friendly town. I love that I have the creative authority to bring in new items each month and arrange my shelf however I wish. The positive feedback helps me gauge what items to keep making and gives me creative ideas on new treats to test out! I am truly blessed for this opportunity!" said Tracey DiNapoli, creator of D.O.G.G. Grub.

In a world of cardboard delivery boxes and computer screens, wit & whim is offering a tactile, fun, shopping experience. Smell the fragrant candles, try on the rainbow of jewels, run your hand over the butter-soft leather of a bag, give your pup a taste of a handmade dog treat.

Harper and Conte announced a 'Grand Opening Party' to celebrate the shop's new addition, to be held on Saturday, June 8th from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. All are invited to join in for food, refreshments, music and a unique shopping experience.

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