Farmingville, NY - On July 4, Councilwoman Valerie M. Cartright joined members of the Port Jefferson Fire Department (PJFD), local elected officials, civic organizations and many other participants at the annual Independence Day Parade. The parade, which has been a staple in the village for many years, began near Infant Jesus Church parking lot in Port Jefferson and ended at the Village Fire House near the harbor front.

This year's participants included neighboring fire departments such as Stony Brook, Setauket, Selden, Centerreach, and Ansonia Fire Department from across the sound in Connecticut. Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops, the Three Village Community Trust, dance studios, and classic and specialty car clubs also participated. In addition, there were several marching bands and a host of other community groups.

"The 4th of July is a time to reflect on all the freedoms we enjoy as Americans," stated Councilwoman Cartright. "Thank you to the Port Jefferson Fire Department for sponsoring this annual tradition that allows us to celebrate these liberties."

For more information about the Port Jefferson Fire Department or the parade please visit: http://www.pjfd.org/index.php