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Tolerance Center, D.A. join forces to fight antisemitism

By ROKSANA AMID

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As the number of antisemitic incidents reaches record highs across the nation, a new initiative in Nassau County aims to fight back with a combination of education and enforcement.

The Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center of Nassau County has partnered with District Attorney Anne T. Donnelly to launch a countywide campaign against antisemitism and hate. Beginning May 1, the We Stand United campaign will roll out public service announcements, educational resources and school outreach to address the growing problem.

"It's not just words, but action," Bernie

Furshpan, HMTC's vice chairman and marketing director, said. "Across Long Island, we are witnessing a disturbing surge in bias incidents and hateful rhetoric. Too many lives have been impacted by words that wound and actions that terrorize."

Donnelly, who appeared with Furshpan at the center, during the news conference on Monday, echoed that urgency. "Be a beacon of hope, not a voice of hatred," she said. "When deterrence meets education, our community grows stronger, safer and more united."

The campaign will include public service announcements that will air on television, radio and social media. Posters, fliers and educational materials will be made available

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George Santos is sentenced to seven years

By ROKSANA AMID & WILL SHEELINE

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Glen Cove

When George Santos was elected to represent New York's 3rd Congressional District in 2022, Glen Cove resident Paula Erome remembers being stunned.

"I couldn't believe that we

elected somebody like this," Erome, an organizer of Concerned Citizens of NY-03, said. From the moment Santos's elaborate fabrications began unraveling, Erome and others in her community went into action, protesting, organiz-

ing and demanding that he be held accountable.

Their calls were finally answered last week, when U.S. District Judge Joanna Seybert sentenced the disgraced former congressman to seven years in federal prison and over \$300,000 in fines. The sentence followed Santos's guilty plea last August to wire fraud and aggravated identity theft, as he admitted to defrauding donors, misusing campaign funds and fabricating key aspects of his biogra-

phy in order to deceive voters.

Erome, who attended Santos's earlier court appearances and organized a protest in front of his district office after he cosponsored a bill in Congress proposing the AR-15 as the national firearm, said the sentence brings a sense of justice, but not closure.

"I think there is some justice

in his seven-year sentence," she said. "It's certainly well-deserved, considering the magnitude of the crimes he committed. But he never showed real remorse. Everything he did felt performative — like he was just echoing the

right words, but behind the scenes it was always someone else's fault. He never truly took responsibility."

That sentiment was echoed by Glen Head resident Marsha Wiseltier, another politically active constituent who recalled first learning about Santos through his widespread campaign signage, but said she was unaware of his background until The New York Times exposed his fabrications.

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Connolly celebrates neurodiversity

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On April 24, Connolly Elementary School in Glen Cove turned its field into a symbol of unity, inclusion, and understanding as students, staff, and families gathered for a walk-a-thon in celebration of Autism and Neurodiversity Acceptance Month. Organized by the school's K-Kids Club and led by advisors Dora Ricciardi and Maureen Hellman, the event raised \$878 for the Nassau/ Suffolk Autism Society of America, capping off a month of activities designed to foster empathy and celebrate what makes each student unique.

Participants closed the walk by forming a human infinity symbol—an emblem of neurodiversity—on the school field. A drone photograph captured the colorful, joyful moment, reflecting the school's deep commitment to inclusion.

'This is the fourth year of our celebration of autism and neurodiversity," said Principal Bryce Klatsky. "When I became principal, one of my key goals was to create an environment where everyone felt included and celebrated. I'm so proud that our students are learning that all brains are beautiful."

Throughout April, Connolly students engaged in activities that explored the myths and truths about autism. They decorated infinity symbols with messages about what makes them special and how they can be allies. A spirit week invited them to wear rainbow colors, showcase their passions, and participate in a sensoryfriendly pajama day under natural lighting.

Klatsky said the lessons went far beyond awareness. "We don't want these topics to be taboo. Just as some people are taller or shorter, some brains work one way, and some another. It doesn't mean one is better—just different. And when we take away the mystery, we also take away the shame."

Veronica Garcia, director of development at NSASA, was moved by the school's support. "We are a grassroots, remote-run organization that provides social and recreational programs across Long Island. When a school like Connolly chooses to support us, it means everything," Garcia said. "It tells us that they value not just what we dobut who we serve."

NSASA's programs include closing down amusement parks, aquariums, and movie theaters for sensory-friendly experiences, and hosting health and wellness activities such as exercise, yoga, and cooking classes that are open to all ages. Membership and participation are free, thanks to donations like Connolly's. "We create safe, supported environments where people with autism can enjoy life just like anyone else," Garcia said.

The organization's Hearts of Giving campaign specifically aims to raise awareness and acceptance within school communities. Garcia noted that according to the CDC, one in 31 children under



Photos courtesy Glen Cove City School District

Students proudly

held a banner

showcasing the

many aspects of

neurodiversity.

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Many classmates held hands and shared hugs during the walk.

the age of 8 is diagnosed with autism. "It's a lifelong diagnosis," she said. "Some of our youngest members are 2, and some of our oldest are 65. We never age out of the need for community and connection."

Klatsky emphasized that Connolly's culture of inclusion extends beyond April. "We work to integrate students with special needs into every part of the school day—recess, lunch, music, art—because it benefits everyone. It builds empathy, community, and understanding."

That effort has already made a difference. Klatsky shared a moment when a group of general education students, without prompting, invited a classmate from a special education program to sit with them at lunch. "The next day they



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were coloring together, then making

bracelets. It happened organically. And

that's what gives me hope—that we're

growing a generation that's kinder and

more inclusive."

For more information about the Nassau/Suffolk Autism Society of America, visit www.nsasa.org.

New 'MammoVan' rolled out in Nassau

By JORDAN VALLONE

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Nassau University Medical Center recently unveiled a new, state-of-the-art mammography van outside the hospital's main entrance, allowing hospital staff, breast cancer organizations and county officials to take a close look at the vehicle that will provide lifesaving scans to women across Nassau County.

Plans for the new mobile breast cancer-screening unit were first announced in October, with hospital administrators stating that the goal was to have the van on the road by May. The new vehicle — dubbed the "MammoVan" — will greatly enhance the standard of care being offered to patients, replacing the hospital's previous mammography van, which had been in use since 2002.

The old van visited Nassau County communities two days a week, working in tandem with libraries or local government officials to host a screening clinic. The new van is slated to head into communities five to six days a week.

"We're going to see an increase annually of 40 percent more patients," Meg Ryan, the president and chief executive of NUMC, said last year. "That's 40 percent more people that we can get in the van, diagnose and treat early. So that's very important for our community."

NUMC also offers women's health care clinics with extended hours on



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Meg Ryan, president and chief executive of NUMC, spoke about the hospital's dedication to serving Nassau County communities. The van will provide lifesaving scans to women.

Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, and weekend clinics, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturdays, serving a total of around 20,000 patients last year alone. The hospital is also a partner with the Jericho-based nonprofit, Hair We Share, which provides human hair wigs made

from donated hair, free of charge, to people struggling with medical hair loss. Based in Jericho, NUMC's oncology suite now features a "wig room" to help patients dealing with chemotherapy-related hair loss.

"One in four women in the age from 50 to 74 have not gotten screened when it's available, it's free and it's something that can save your life," County Executive Bruce Blakeman said at the unveiling on April 24. "It's not just women who get breast cancer — men get breast cancer too. It's a good idea to get screen — it's an important idea, and it may be a lifesaving idea to get screened."

NUMC hosted its first-ever Pink Gala at The Lannin in Eisenhower Park in November to help fundraise for the recent addition. The new van cost around \$1 million, and while the hospital has some funding secured for it, additional proceeds from the gala helped to cover the cost of the purchase.

Ryan thanked Nassau County officials, the hospital's board of directors and NUMC's medical staff for their work in helping deliver accessible, high-

NUMC's commitment to women's health

"MammoVan" unveiled featuring state-of-the-art, 3D high-resolution imaging technology

Van expands reach by visiting communities five to six days a week

Annual screenings anticipated to increase 40 percent

Women's health clinics will stay open late on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Saturday mornings

20,000 women served last year through expanded services

quality health care to every corner of Nassau County.

"Nassau County ranks number one in breast cancer incidents across New York state, and that's a statistic that we just simply can't ignore," she said. "That's why I'm thrilled that for the first time in 25 years, we are launching this brand new 'MammoVan,' equipped with the latest 3D high resolution mammography technology. We are bringing lifesaving changes closer to home, and together we are changing lives. This is just yet another reason why Nassau County needs NUMC.

"This is a horrible disease, and as the county executive said, it affects everybody, but of course in particular women, and to hear that one in four women over the age of 50 that are expected to be screened for this don't (get screened), we knew we needed to do something about that," County Legislator John Ferreti added. "I'm so happy we're going to have this mammography van here, because it's about protecting the health of all Nassau County residents, in particular the health of women, and that's what we do in Nassau County."

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Working on oneself to become a better person is a classic win/win situation. Our lives become better as do those of everyone we come into contact with. The Dalai Lama says we are all selfish but we can engage in "enlightened selfishness", doing better by others for our own sake.

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Red Cross brings hope and healing

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When flames tore through a Glen Cove apartment building in the early hours of April 17, displacing 15 residents, the American Red Cross of Long Island was already preparing to respond. Shortly after the blaze at 68 Glen Cove Ave., trained volunteers from the organization's Disaster Action Team were on the scene, offering emergency support and compassion to shaken families who had lost their homes.

The fire, which began in an unoccupied unit under construction, was spotted around 3:38 a.m. by Glen Cove Police Officer Pedraita during a routine patrol. With Officer Vezza, Pedraita entered the building and began evacuating residents. Fire crews from Glen Cove and multiple neighboring departments quickly arrived to assist, ultimately rescuing five individuals from a second-story window and guiding others to safety through heavy smoke conditions.

While first responders battled flames, the Red Cross mobilized its network of volunteers. According to Jose Dominguez, CEO of the Red Cross on Long Island, the Glen Cove Fire Department alerted the organization's dispatch system, triggering a well-rehearsed response protocol.

'Our Disaster Action Team volunteers living in Glen Cove were notified



15 residents were rescued from a burning apartment building at 68 Glen Cove Ave. on April 17.

and deployed quickly," Dominguez said. "They arrived within an hour to provide immediate relief to the families affected. It's a coordinated effort built on years of collaboration with local emergency services.'

The Red Cross response includes more than warm blankets and kind words. Volunteers provided displaced residents with financial assistance in the form of prepaid debit cards to cover urgent needs such as food, clothing, and temporary shelter. In this case, many of the families were temporarily housed at the Glen Cove Mansion.

"This financial aid isn't designed for long-term recovery," Dominguez explained. "It's meant to support individuals and families through the first few days after a disaster, giving them the essentials and peace of mind while we begin the next phase — long-term casework."

Dominguez, who has served in his role for three years and has over two decades of experience with the Red Cross, emphasized that 90 percent of the organization's workforce consists of volunteers. "Because of that, and thanks to our generous donors, 91 cents of every dollar we raise goes directly to providing services," he said.

In Nassau County alone, there are roughly 600 active Red Cross volunteers including over 150 trained specifically to handle disaster response. These volunteers rotate on-call shifts and are activated as needed, ensuring that 80 meanage times are swift and efficient.

After initial contact, Red Cross caseworkers assist displaced residents with recovering lost documents, replacing medications, and navigating social services. If permanent housing is needed, the organization coordinates with other nonprofits such as Catholic Charities and the Salvation Army, and, when possible, works with landlords to identify alternate accommodations.

"Every situation is different." Dominguez said. "Some landlords step up and help with temporary housing or open another unit. Others don't. When that happens, we rely on our network to support long-term recovery."

The Glen Cove fire is one of many incidents the Red Cross responds to annually. As disasters increase in frequency and severity, so does the demand for volunteer support. Dominguez encouraged more Long Islanders to consider joining the effort.

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'Cry me a river,' one former constituent says

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"I was shocked when he won," Wiseltier said. "I'm politically active, but I'd never even heard of him.

"It reminded me of 'Catch Me If You Can' — he just kept reinventing himself," she added. "But this was beyond embellishment. As someone who worked in human resources, lying on a résumé was always a deal-breaker. And he lied about everything."

Wiseltier, like many in the 3rd District, was appalled not just by the lies, but by the way Santos clung to power even as scandal engulfed him. "It was embarrassing to know that this person represented me," she said. "We didn't have a real representative. We had no one to call for constituent issues. He was a thief, and people defended him for far too long."

"My reaction, in sitting in the courtroom, was, 'Cry me a river,'" said Jody Kass Finkel, a founder of Concerned Citizens of NY-03.

Santos was expelled from Congress in December 2023, after the release of a damning 56-page House Ethics Committee report and multiple federal indictments. He was only the sixth member of the House in U.S. history to be expelled. Federal prosecutors detailed five criminal schemes, ranging from identity theft to campaign finance violations.

Outside the courthouse last week, U.S. Attorney John Durham called Santos's actions "an affront to our electoral process."

"He's going to federal prison, and he's going to be punished for his staggering fraud," Durham told reporters. "For mocking our democratic institutions and, most importantly, for betraying and defrauding his supporters, his voters, his donors ... Today's sentence demonstrates that this egregious conduct will not be tolerated."

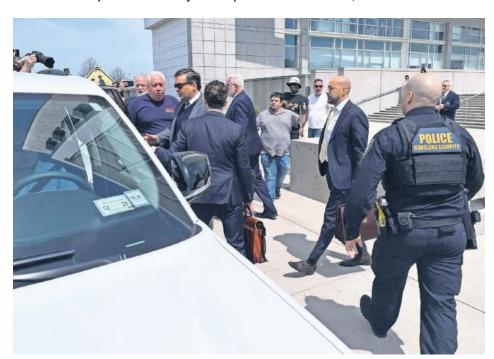
In court, wearing a gray suit and choking back tears, Santos did his best to appear remorseful. "I betrayed the confidence of my constituents, my colleagues, and my friends and family," he told Seybert. "I can't rewrite the past, but I can control the road ahead."

Seybert, however, did not appear convinced of Santos's sincerity. "Where is your remorse?" she asked. "It's always someone else's fault." She noted that throughout the nearly two-year legal process, Santos had never showed genu-



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George Santos, the former representative of the 3rd Congressional District, was sentenced on April 25 to seven years in prison and over \$300,000 in fines.



Even after his sentencing, for lying about his past and swindling donors, Santos remained defiant, decrying "an over-the-top politically influenced sentence."

ine repentance, and often dismissed the proceedings as politically motivated "lawfare"

Even after the sentencing, he remained defiant. In a post on X, he

called the punishment "an over-the-top politically influenced sentence," and appealed to President Trump for a pardon.

Outside the courthouse, dozens of



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Rich Osthoff Jr., the disabled veteran who accused Santos of stealing funds from a GoFundMe meant to save Osthoff's dying service dog, offered his reaction.

former constituents gathered with signs reading "Truth Matters" and "We Refuse to Be Deceived Again." Among them was Rich Osthoff Jr., the disabled veteran who accused Santos of stealing funds from a GoFundMe meant to save Osthoff's dying service dog.

"It reminded me of when my dog died because of his deceit and deception, how I felt," Osthoff said. "I was on my knees, blubbering in the shower. It was good to see (him like) that."

Wiseltier said the sentence brought some relief — but she added that she hopes Santos serves every day of it. "My initial reaction was good," she said. "If it were up to me, he would've gotten more. He stole from the unemployment system, from real people. And even at sentencing, he cried, but showed no real contrition. Now he's out there again, saying it was all politically motivated. Once a grifter, always a grifter."

As the man who, three years ago, flipped a Democratic seat to secure a Republican House majority, was led out of court, he was greeted by jeers. His fall from political power is now complete — but for many Long Islanders, the damage he left behind won't be so easily erased.





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Holocaust center marks Yom HaShoah

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The Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center of Nassau County hosted a powerful and deeply moving Yom HaShoah commemoration on Thursday evening, drawing nearly 80 attendees who gathered to remember the six million Jews murdered in the Holocaust and to reaffirm the ongoing responsibility to fight antisemitism and hatred in all forms.

At the heart of the ceremony was 89-year-old Gilda Zirinsky, who lit the first of six memorial candles—each representing one million Jewish lives lost. Zirinsky shared her memories of fleeing the Nazi regime as a 4-year-old in Belgium, describing the ominous drone of German warplanes overhead and the chaos as her parents packed hurried suitcases filled with clothes, documents, and chocolates.

Her story of survival was punctuated by moments of chance and miracles. As her extended family of 14 traveled by train across Europe to evade the Nazis, her father and two male cousins were conscripted into the Polish resistance in France. Later, after France's surrender, Zirinsky's mother took a leap of faith, waiting at a train station where she believed her husband might return. Against all odds, they were reunited.

The ceremony fell on the 27th day of



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Nissan on the Hebrew calendar, a date set between Passover and Israel's Independence Day to also mark the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising of 1943, one of the most significant acts of Jewish resistance during the Holocaust. Donna Rosenblum, the center's education director, emphasized the symbolism of the timing and its relevance to modern acts of courage and remembrance.

"Yom HaShoah is not only about mourning-it is about resistance," Rosenblum said. "It's about carrying forward the message that the survivors entrusted to us."

Rosenblum also reflected on her own journey into Holocaust education, which began in 1988 when she was one of 44

teachers selected nationwide to study in Israel. At just 23, she was the youngest of the group, studying at Yad Vashem and the Ghetto Fighters' House in northern Israel under the guidance of ghetto survivors like Vladka and Ben Meed.

Quoting Wiesel, Rosenblum reminded the audience that survivors never told their stories to provoke pity. "They told them to make the world a better place. But the message hasn't changed

Rabbi Michael S. Churgel of the North Country Reform Temple in Glen Cove reflected on the Hamas-led attack on Israel on Oct. 7, 2023, describing it as a generation-defining event, much like the Holocaust.

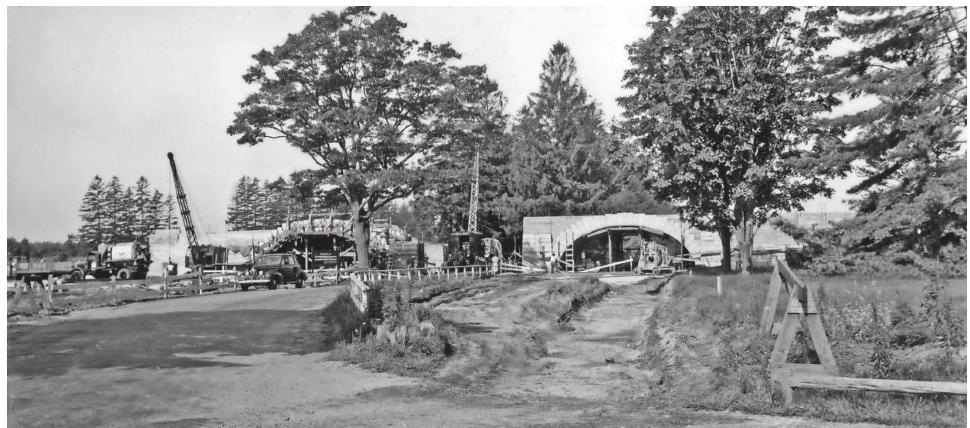
"In the face of the unthinkable and the wake of the ungraspable, Jews find comfort in being with one another," Churgel told the group at the ceremony. "To be Jewish, is to remember, we fulfill the mitzvah of remembrance."

Rabbi Irwin Huberman of Congregation Tifereth Israel echoed that call, linking Holocaust memory to the strength of modern-day Israel. He spoke about programs like March of the Living, which takes students to Auschwitz and then to Israel's Independence Day celebration.

"These kids come back different," Huberman said. "They understand the connection between the Holocaust and the resilience of Eretz Israel.







Photos courtesy Babylon Town Historical Society

The Southern State Parkway under construction at Belmont Avenue in Babylon.

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The Southern State at 100: a divided legacy

History, and real or imagined inequity, collide on 25 miles of one of Long Island's busiest roadways

By CAROLYN JAMES

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First in a series on the Southern State Parkway.

One bright Saturday afternoon in June 2020, a group of protesters stood near the Robert Moses statue in Babylon, calling for its removal. Their rally-

ing cry: The "Master Builder" was not worthy of such recognition. He was, instead, a racist who, among other things, designed the Southern State Parkway to keep buses carrying low-income families from traveling from New York City to Long Island — and its beaches.

The group had collected more than 13,000 signatures in support of its cause. Wayne Horsley, a former

regional director of Long
Island's state parks and a
local historian, countered at the time
that the often aired claims against
Moses, "a son of the village," have never
been proven.

What has been proven, however, is the impact of the visionary work of Moses, who was the architect behind the construction of the Southern State when he served as the chairman of the Long Island State Park Commission and president of the New York State Parks

The 100th anniversary of the construction of the parkway this year offers an opportunity to reflect on both its history and its future.

Often referred to simply as "the parkway," the Southern State was part of a

major roadway expansion undertaken by New York state that also included the Northern State and Sagtikos parkways. Today, it is a 25.3-mile long roadway that stretches from the Queens-Nassau border to Heckscher State Park in East Islip.

Construction on the Southern State began in 1925, under Moses's leadership. It was designed to improve access to

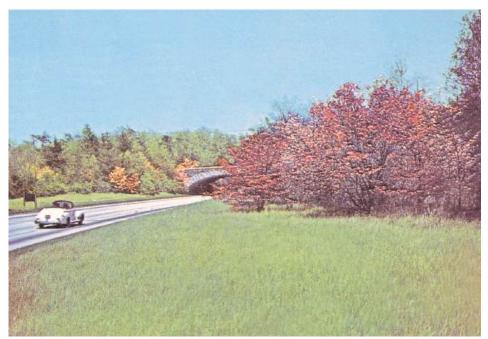
Jones Beach. The land was originally a water conduit owned by the borough of Brooklyn. It comprises the western portion of unsigned New York State Route 908M, with the Heckscher State Parkway occupying the eastern section. Its first section opened to the public in 1927; there were additions in 1949, and its current roadway was completed in 1962, when it reached Heckscher Parkway.

Following the post-war housing boom on Long

Island, the parkway was widened and straightened in a number of places to serve commuters traveling at speeds unanticipated when the road was first constructed.

Initially, the Southern State had a toll between exits 13 and 14, at the Cross Island Parkway, until 1978 when the state eliminated it and removed the toll plaza.

Prior to World War II, the State Department of Transportation estimated that fewer than 15,000 cars traveled on the parkway each day. During the postwar population boom on Long Island, the volume expanded to 190,000 cars per day, with most using it to commute between home and work.



A colorized photo of the Southern State Parkway when it opened in 1927.

Mary Cascone, historian of the Town of Babylon, notes that the Long Island parkway system was initially designed to bring automobiles to state parks.

"By limiting access to passenger cars, the parkways were supposedly intended for recreational driving," Cascone wrote in her research on Moses and the Southern State. "Drivers and passengers could enjoy the beauty of the tree-lined roadway, free of billboards and trucks, as they made the journey to the country-side."

That intention is visually confirmed in photos taken of the road when it opened, showing one or two cars on a lushly landscaped parkway, portraying what was then known as the "leisurely Sunday drive." With its verdant country-

side free of commercial traffic, the parkway appealed to the more affluent city residents who owned cars, whether an intentional outcome of the design or not.

An aspect of the roadway's design that is often cited as evidence to support the claim that it was designed to deny access to the masses is its bridges, which have unusually low clearances.

"It appears to be accurate that the state parks and beaches reached by the Nassau and Suffolk County parkways were deliberately designed to accommodate motorists rather than people who used public transportation," Cascone said. "The inference that many people make, however, is that Black people used public transportation — which they

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Southern State's century of vehicular history

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surely did — along with all the other people who could not afford to, or simply chose not to, own a car. This ignores the fact, however, that Black people did own automobiles, and drove them on the parkways and to the beaches."

For some, however, the low parkway bridges are an unfortunate, lingering reminder of classism and inequity in the guise of public works, Cascone concluded

Thomas J. Campanella, a professor at Cornell University, a historian and a writer on city planning and the urban environment, sees the potential evidence of discrimination in the lower height of the Southern State bridges compared with those on other parkways Moses designed.

"The low-bridge story is a microbiography of Moses, a tragic hero who built for the ages, but for a narrowly construed public," Campanella wrote. "It also shows how something as inert as a stone-faced bridge can be alive with politics and meaning."

He also noted that Moses's attitude appeared contradictory, as he approved the construction of a swimming pool and play center in Harlem — now the Jackie Robinson Park — which is considered one of the best public works projects of the New Deal era anywhere in the United States, and established other recreational sites in communities



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Heading east on the south side of today's Southern State Parkway.

of color across New York state.

In a press release dated July 23, 1934, Moses argued for the construction of more recreational facilities for all New Yorkers, noting, "It is no exaggeration to say that the health, happiness, efficiency and orderliness of many of the city's residents, especially in the summer months, are tremendously affected by the presence or absence of adequate swimming and bathing facilities."

Next installment: Accident statistics and causes.

Historical parkway facts

- Originally designed with quaint wooden lampposts, which became affectionately known as "woody" lights.
- When the parkway was first built, then Gov. Franklin D. Roosevelt wanted to have a western extension that reached into Brooklyn. That stretch of highway is known today as the Belt Parkway.
- Following the suburban expansion of Long Island after World War II, the parkway was widened and straightened in places to allow for higher speeds and more traffic.
- A state police substation and barracks were built on either side of the parkway in North Valley Stream.
- A median service station was built in the 1930s east of Exit 32 (Route 110). It closed in 1985, but its abandoned ramps can still be seen in the median.



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Sandy Pemerantz, Felicia Pemerantz, Marisa Macnow and Scott Macnow supported Glen Cove High School student artists Natalie Macnow and Jacob Macnow-while they showcased their art at Glen Floors.

Glen Cove art crawl showcases local talent

Downtown Glen Cove transformed into a vibrant open-air gallery on Friday, April 25, as the Glen Cove Downtown BID Art Crawl brought the community together from 7 to 9 p.m. for an evening of local art, culture, and small business engagement. Guests met photographers like Marino Carrabs and Tony Tedeschi at local wine bars, viewed student artwork from the Glen Cove High School Art Club, and discovered compelling pieces by emerging and established artists at salons, martial arts studios, and more. The evening culminated in an exhibit opening at the North Shore Historical Museum spotlighting American Impressionist F. Edwin Church, making it a memorable celebration of creativity, conversation, and community spirit.

–Roksana Amid



David D'Alleva, John Yee, AJ Kurr-Director stopped to admire local art at Soca Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu.



Steve Forster, Director at LI Academy of Fne Art demonstrated his process for painting vivid landscapes.



Peter B. Holden Gallery showcased many local artists.



Visitors were captivated with art by Peter B. Holden.

Las Vegas Sands pulls out of casino bid

By KELSIE RADZISKI

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Las Vegas Sands is no longer pursuing its \$6 billion proposal to build a casino resort on the Nassau Coliseum site.

The company will not apply in June for one of three available downstate gaming licenses in New York. Executives cited a range of market forces, including the rise of online gambling, economic uncertainty in the U.S. and a strategic shift to preserve shareholder value.

The proposed project included a 400,000-square-foot casino, hotels, restaurants, retail space and a convention center. It was projected to create more than 8,500 construction jobs and over 5,000 permanent positions across the 72-acre site.

Last August, the County Legislature approved a 42-year operational lease agreement with Las Vegas Sands for the Coliseum and surrounding land in an 18-1 vote, meaning that Sands was responsible for the general upkeep and maintenance of the property but could not build or develop. The next steps for the project would have been for the company to apply for a lease that allowed it to develop the property, and to bid for one of the gaming licenses.

Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman, a forceful advocate for the project, issued a statement through Chris Boyle, his director of communications.

"County Executive Bruce Blakeman



Las Vegas Sands has withdrawn its plan to build a \$6 billion casino on the Nassau Coliseum site. The project sparked debate from the start, with groups like the Say No to the Casino Civic Association, above, protesting outside legislative meetings.

has been aware of certain pressures that have factored into Las Vegas Sands' rethinking of land-based brick and mortar casinos in the United States," the statement read

"The County Executive is grateful that Las Vegas Sands is committed to the development of the Coliseum site with or without a casino," Boyle added. "However, there is strong interest from gaming organizations which have been in confidential discussions with Nassau County in taking the place of Las Vegas Sands in

the licensing application process."

"Nassau County will crystallize within the next 30 days whether or not to entertain a casino component or develop the site without," Boyle stated. "In either event there will be an exciting new development that will create jobs and positive economic activity."

The Say No to the Casino Civic Association, whose members have been vocal opponents of the project since the beginning, is "thrilled" after a long fight against the "wholly destructive casino,"

according to a statement issued by members Monica Kiely and Allison O'Brien Silva.

"While we are concerned the door remains open for the county to find a new casino partner, it was always a bad idea, and it will continue to be a bad idea, whether the county works with Las Vegas Sands or another predatory gambling company looking to extract wealth from our community," the statement

On April 24, County Legislator Seth Koslow sent a cease-and-desist letter to Blakeman demanding that all expenditures surrounding the Sands casino be terminated. Koslow said at a news conference that morning that there was no clear path forward for the project, and he was concerned about "wasting time, energy and money" on something that is "not what people wanted."

Koslow, who is the Democratic candidate for county executive, supports development on the site that both brings in the money that the casino promised and aligns with what he maintains communitv members want.

"We need to invest in a real project that's going to get done, that people want, that has community buy-in," he said at the conference. "We can certainly do a hotel, an entertainment facility, with a convention center, something that's going to bring more people here, something that's going to bring tourism here."

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¹² Tolerance Center and Donnelly join forces

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to schools and Jewish centers across the county, and digital versions will be accessible on HMTC's website.

"We will prosecute people who cross the line, but an important first step is something that is offered right here at this museum, and that's education," Donnelly said. "So that everyone stands together for unity and goodness."

The partnership was sparked by a conversation Furshpan had with Donnelly after a television segment on rising antisemitism.

"Let's get together and unite, shoulder to shoulder, to fight hate and antisemitism," Furshpan said, recalling their phone call.

The campaign was announced just days after the Anti-Defamation League reported that New York had recorded 1,437 antisemitic incidents in 2024, more than any other state in the country. The ADL found that 58 percent of those incidents contained elements related to Israel or Zionism, and were often connected with anti-Israel protests. In total, the ADL counted 9,354 incidents nationwide in 2024, the highest on record since the League began tracking began them in

"At HMTC, we know that hatred does not appear in a vacuum," Furshpan said. "It grows where ignorance persists, where intolerance is allowed to fester and where words go unchecked."



Courtesy City of Glen Cove

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Donnelly said that the initiative is not just about consequences, but also about offering a different path. "If perpetrators complete an education program with the Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center, their charges can be lowered and another plea can be established," she explained.

In an email to the Herald, Donnelly's office said that there are currently 10 active felony hate-crime prosecutions underway, with two of those cases involving antisemitic incidents.

In addition, two defendants recently pleaded guilty in separate antisemitismrelated prosecutions, and reached plea agreements that include mandatory bias training, community service and a guided tour of HMTC. The defendants, Sebastian Patino-Caceres and Jacob Burbar, are the first people to choose this "restorative justice" pathway under Donnelly's new partnership with HMTC.

Donnelly emphasized that this approach doesn't replace prosecution, but rather adds a layer of prevention and awareness. "It's a model that I hope begins to spread across the country," she said. "And we'd be happy to talk to anybody who wants to start a program like this and tell them how we did it."

The museum already offers robust

programming for students and adults, including grade-specific content for elementary, middle and high schools as well as colleges. On the day of the campaign launch, a small crowd of students who had come in two buses were taking part in the center's tolerance education programs.

Alan Mindel, HMTC's board chair, said the campaign would allow for rapid response in communities where incidents occur. "ZIP codes would be hit," he said, referring to how PSAs can be geographically targeted.

Mindel also highlighted the museum's ongoing community partnerships. "We already work with a number of communities and school districts, and through social media, across the county," he said.

The campaign will complement successful programs like HMTC's Claire Friedlander Upstander Awards, which recognize students who speak out against injustice. "School principals and superintendents have said that the education programs are working," Furshpan said. Officials hope the campaign serves not only as a deterrent, but also as an invitation for change.

"This campaign is designed to urge people to stop and think before spreading hate," Donnelly said.

The D.A.'s office is asking anyone who believes they have witnessed or experienced a hate crime to contact the Criminal Complaint Bureau at (516) 571-3505.

PSEG Long Island Hosts First "Business First" Workshop for Entrepreneurs

By Maureen Fitzgerald

On April 15, nearly 50 Long Island business owners attended PSEG Long Island's first "Business First" workshop at its Bethpage headquarters, hosted in collaboration with the Nassau Council of Chambers of Commerce. The morning session featured a networking breakfast and expert-led presentations on reducing energy costs, managing utility bills, and securing funding for energy-efficient upgrades.

"Small businesses power our communities and fuel economic growth," said Veronica Isaac, Manager of Customer and Community Partnerships at PSEG Long Island, reflecting on the vital role small businesses play here — a theme that resonated throughout the day's program. "By helping them thrive, we unlock local jobs, boost reinvestment and create a cycle of shared success. A strong small business is a win for all of us."

Christine Bryson and Shamisha Sims kicked off the event with an overview of financial and technical resources available through PSEG Long Island and partner agencies. Bryson explained how federal, state, and local programs—including grants, loans, and tax credits—can support energy-saving improvements. She also provided tips on working with economic development agencies. Sims introduced PSEG's Business First program, which offers free or low-cost energy assessments, and shared sample audit reports highlighting quick-return upgrades like LED lighting and HVAC controls.

The technical portion of the workshop focused on implementation. Matt Connors shared case studies of local companies that cut energy use by up to 25% and explained how to apply for rebates tied to improvements like programmable thermostats and motor retrofits. Nicole Jones-Cumberbatch followed with a presentation on PSEG's renovation support services, which help businesses navigate permits, hire contractors, and stay on schedule. Paul DiBenedetto wrapped up the segment with a discussion on EV charging stations and available



photo courtesy PSEG Long Island

Long Island business owners attend PSEG Long Island "Business First" workshop on April 15.

incentives, sparking interest from several attendees planning future installations.

Thenaris Godbolt walked through PSEG Long Island's commercial billing system, helping attendees better understand rate schedules, online tools, and cost-saving features like budget billing and prompt-payment discounts. The session closed with Jimmy Alty offering procurement tips to help businesses evaluate vendor bids, negotiate terms, and leverage PSEG Long Island's contractor network — their Prime Efficiency

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Attendees also had the opportunity to meet one-onone with Business First Advocates to discuss next steps, from rebate applications to project planning, receiving personalized advice and customized next steps and key contacts for follow-up support.

Future workshops are planned throughout the year. Businesses can email PSEGLI-BusinessFirst@pseg. com to schedule a free energy assessment or learn more.





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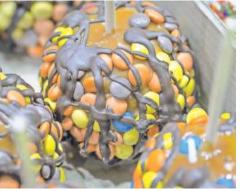
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"Choc"-full of delights The Chocolate Expo is all sorts of delicious

By Danielle Schwab

Prepare for a day coated in all things chocolate.

Over 90 vendors soon set up shop at Hostra University's David Mack Sports & Exhibition Center. The unique foodie experience returns, May 4, with sweet and savory tastes all in one place.

"We call ourselves the official home of chocolate, food, and fun," Marvin Baum, the Chocolate Expo's founder, says. "We're using chocolate as a platform, not only to support small local businesses, but also to do good for the community."

It all began in 2006, after Baum realized there was a strong desire to bring food vendors and communities together. Since 2012, the chocoholic's delight has been sweetening Long Island and has grown to be the confectionery hot spot it is today.

"Long Island has always been a special spot for me. It helped us go to the next level in terms of what we could offer the public in terms of an experience," Baum says.

From chocolate classics like bonbons, fudge and chocolate-dipped treats to interesting twists such as chocolate-covered bacon, there are no shortage of desserts to indulge in. For more savory pairings, baked goods, specialty foods, wine, and cheeses are also tempting; there's surely something to satisfy everyone's palate.

Visitors can check out the Long Island confectioners represented, including Bellmore's Chocolate Works, a chocolaterie selling chocolate-covered pretzels, platters, and more.

"Last year was our first year at the Expo. We had a great experience," Nimisha Patel, who owns the store with her husband, Raj, reports." People always buy chocolate, and we get to be creative and decorate with different designs."

Other local favorites include Chez Hedwidge, an artisan gluten-free bakery, based in Valley Stream; Massapequa's Swizzled Desserts, a purveyor of small batch alchohol-infused ice creams and sorbets; and Sunflower Bakeshop, a Kosher bakery in West Hempstead that caters to customers with



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- Tickets are \$20, \$10 ages 5-12 when purchased online, children under 5 free, \$30, \$15 child at door; available from thechocolateexpo.com
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food and dietary restrictions, offering a wide range of glutenfree and vegan options.

This year, the choice of treats is more enticing than ever.
"There are a limited number of chocolate shops on Long

Island. We're bringing vendors from other states and countries, so we can bring unique things that people from Long Island have not seen elsewhere before," Baum says.

Be sure to sample the diverse offerings that include the trendy Dubai chocolate (Omniya), rich artisanal chocolates from Paris (Chocolaknin), and luxury Swiss assortments (Canonica).

The binge-worthy experiences don't stop with chocolate. Guests can meet up with this years' special guests — everyone's favorite 1970s TV family, "The Brady Bunch."

"There's a strong nostalgic quality to connecting with the original show. This is a chance to get together, to connect without a television screen, in a much more informal kind of way," says Barry Williams, who fans will know as the eldest Brady child. Greg Brady.

Williams is readu to answer all your eager-to-know questions about the show — along with his castmates Christopher Knight (Peter Brady), Mike Lookinland (Bobby Brady), and Susan Olsen (Cindy Brady) — during the morning panel discussion. He's also bringing some "Tikis" that fans may recognize from the iconic Hawaii episode.

"I see happen quite often is a fan will approach us, they might be middle-aged, and in front of my eyes they will turn into the giggling teenager that they were when they were watching the show," he notes.

Balloon artist Robbie Furman adds to the magic, creating a life-sized 'Brady Bunch' — made entirely out of balloons!

For more family-sized fun, young visitors can drop by the Kidz Zone for face painting, balloon twisting and chocolate smashing. You may even catch a glimpse of a Stormtrooper — don't forget to respond "May the Fourth be with you!"

At the end of the day, kids can enjoy a balloon popping party.

"We let the kids pop them with safe little picks at the end of the event, which we've never done on Long Island before," Baum says.

Whether you're familiar with the Expo or a curious newcomer, it's always a delectable outing.

"We have a relationship with people on Long Island, and they look forward to it every year. I recently saw a Facebook post [about the Expo] saying 'My friend and I had a magical day that we will never forget,'" Baum says.

"This is why we do what we do with the Chocolate Expo, for our guests have a magical $\underline{\text{time."}}$

Photos courtesy Chuck Fishman



Pink Talking Fish

Three mammoth bands. Three musical phenomenons. One idea inspired by love of the music. That's Pink Talking Fish. The hybrid tribute fusion act takes the music from three iconic bands creating a remarkable musical jam. PTF brings their unique sound to the Landmark on Main Street stage, on their latest tour celebrating the 50th anniversary of the incredible Pink Floyd album "Wish You Were Here." This show consists of two sets. The first set will be a full rendition of this epic album from start to finish, with "Classic PTF" combinations for the second set. "Wish You Were Here" is extremely meaningful to the band members and so many music lovers around the world and PTF is thrilled to bring this album to life in 2025. Although the music from each act is different, PTF has discovered that fusing the material together creates an amazing story. The epic emotion of Pink Floyd; the funky, danceable layerings of The Talking Heads; the styles, unique compositional structures and pure fun of Phish to merge these three into one gives music lovers a special experience.

Friday, May 2, 8 p.m. \$49 and \$46. Jeanne Rimsky Theater at Landmark on Main Street, 232 Main St., Port Washington. Tickets available at landmarkonmainstreet.org or call (516) 767-6444.



Regency Romance is afoot

Old Westbury Gardens welcomes everyone to Regency Romance Weekend, a most splendid affair in honor of Jane Austen's 250th birthday. Families can wander the gardens for storybook strolls and hands-on crafts, while those with a playful spirit can enjoy lawn games fit for the finest estates. Also find inspiration in creative activities, while music lovers are serenaded w classical takes on familiar tunes. Of course, what would a Regency gathering be without fashion and society gossip? Take in a discussion on Regency fashion —fact versus fiction. And for those with a keen mind and a love of Austen's world, Austen trivia will put your knowledge to the ultimate test. Plus indulge in a proper afternoon tea, or treat yourself to confections at the café.

Saturday and Sunday, May 3-4. Old Westbury Gardens, 71 Old Westbury Road, Old Westbury. For more information and program/events schedule, go to oldwestburygardens. org or call (516) 333-0048.

YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD CALENDAR

On Exhibit MAY Nassau County Museum of Art's latest exhibition, the original "Deco at 100" coincides with the 100th anniversary of the 1925 Paris International **Exhibition of Modern Decorative and Industrial Arts** (Exposition internationale des arts décoratifs et industriels modernes) that publicly launched the movement. The direct follow-up to the wellreceived 2023 exhibit, "Our Gilded Age," it comparably links the period's signature innovation in the decorative arts, Art Deco, to the fine arts. On view through June 15.

- Where: 1 Museum Dr., Roslyn Harbor.
- Time: Ongoing
- Contact: (516) 484-9337 or nassaumuseum.org

'Elephant & Piggie's We Are in a Play!'

The beloved musical adventure, ripped from the pages of Mo Willems' beloved award-winning, best-selling children's books, is back on stage at Long Island Children's Museum. Willems' classic characters Elephant and Piggie storm the stage in a rollicking musical romp filled with plenty of pachydermal peril and swiney suspense perfect for young audiences.

- Where: Museum Row, Garden City.
- Time: Also May 2-3, and May 7-8, times vary
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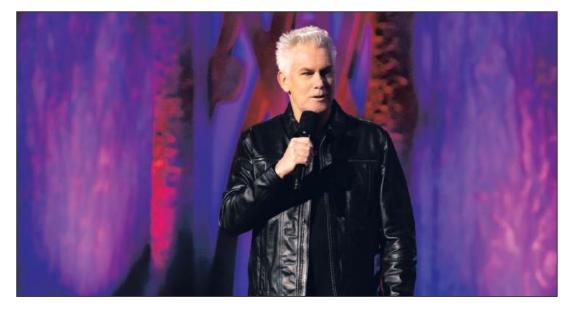
Gribbin Elementary School hosts its annual spring concert. Students in kindergarten,

first, and second grades. The concert takes place in the school auditorium, and families are encouraged to attend and enjoy the students' musical presentations.

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Tot Shabbat! Under The Stars

Congregation Tifereth Israel hosts a joyful evening of dinner, music, Shabbat activities, and playtime designed for families with kids through age 4. This free event is open to the community and offers a fun way to celebrate Shabbat together under the stars.



Brian Regan Critics, fans and fellow comedians agree: Brian Regan is one of the most respected comedians in

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MorahLisaA@gmail.com

the country with Vanity Fair calling Brian, "The funniest stand-up alive," and Entertainment Weekly citing him as "Your favorite comedian's favorite comedian." Having built his 30-plus year career on the strength of his material alone, Brian's non-stop theater tour continuously fills prestigious venues across North America, visiting close to 100 cities each year. His comedic talent extends beyond the stage. He's released two acclaimed Netflix specials, "Brian Regan: Nunchucks And Flamethrowers" and "Brian Regan: On The Rocks," showcasing his knack for finding humor in everyday situations. He also starred in his own Netflix series, "Stand Up And Away! With Brian Regan," and even made history with "Brian Regan: Live From Radio City Music Hall," the first live broadcast of a stand-up special in Comedy Central's history. Regan also co-stars in three seasons of Peter Farrelly's series, "Loudermilk," which moved to Netflix in January 2024, ranking in the Top 10 TV shows on Netflix for over a month. He's also a familiar presence on "The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon." He's the standup guest who the show invites on for two segments: a performance segment and also on the couch to chat with Jimmy. \$99.50, \$79.50,

- Where: The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington.
- Time: 8 p.m.
- Contact: ticketmaster.com or paramountny.com

(516) 224-5800

Circle of Friends dinner

• Where: Congregation Tifereth

Circle of Friends invites the community to an evening of entertainment and dinner with Beatles tribute band Penny Lane at Glen Cove Senior Center. \$10 fee includes dinner.

- Where: 130 Glen St., Glen Cove
- Time: 6-8 p.m.
- Contact: (631) 435-3000

MAY

'Bridgerton'inspired dance workshop

Learn to dance like Simon and Daphne! Enjoy an hour of grace

and merriment at Old Westbury Gardesn and learn some of the dances from the "Bridgerton" and "Queen Charlotte" series. No experience is necessary and no partner is needed. Instructor Susan de Guardiola guides participants through easy choreographies inspired from the TV series and talks about how the Bridgerton dances differ from the dances of the actual Regency/Jane Austen era. Ages 16+ welcome.

Old Westbury • Time: Noon-1 p.m. Contact:

• Where: The Barn at Orchard

Hill, 71 Old Westbury Road,

oldwestburygardens.org

Storybook Stroll

Bring the kids to Old Westbury Gardens for a storybook adventure. Stroll the gardens and listen to "Jane Austen: Little People Big Dreams" by Maria Isabel Sanchez Vegara. Later create a unique take home craft. For ages 3-5. Storybook Strolls start at the Beech Tree (next to Westbury House), and end at the Thatched Cottage. Registration required.

- Where: 71 Old Westbury Road, Old Westbury
- Time: 10:30-11:30 a.m.
- Contact: oldwestburygar org or (516) 333-0048

MAY

Splish Splash... **Animal Baths**

Hang out with some Long Island Children's Museum's "residents," Join

an animal educator in the Hive Studio in the Feasts for Beasts Gallery to learn what goes into the care of LICM's animals. Observe animal bath time.

Where: Museum Row.

Garden City

• Time: 1:30-2 p.m. Contact: licm.org or

MAY

Pre-council meeting

Glen Cove City Council has scheduled a Pre-Council meeting at Glen Cove City

Hall. The Pre-Council Meeting serves as a preparatory session where council members review and discuss agenda items ahead of the main meeting.

- Where: Glen Cove City Hall, 9 Glen St.
- Time: 6:30 p.m.
- Contact: City Clerk's Office, (516) 676-3345

Chair Yoga

Join instructor Karyn for an inperson Chair Yoga class at Glen Cove Public Library. This gentle yoga class is designed to improve balance, strength, and flexibility through a series of poses using a chair for support, both seated and standing. Participants are encouraged to bring a yoga mat and a block if available. Barefoot or sneakers are acceptable for practice. The class is part of an eight-session series costing \$40, payable in person at the library's

Information Desk. Attendees should include their email in the memo section of their check.

- Where: 4 Glen Cove Ave.
- Time: 10:30-11:30 a.m.
- Contact: glencovelibrary.org or (516) 676-2130

Blood Pressure MAY **Screening** A registered nurse from St. Francis Hospital provides free blood pressure screenings at Glen Cove Public Library. Screenings are held on the first Wednesday of each month and are available on a

first-come, first-served basis. No

- appointment necessary. • Where: 4 Glen Cove Ave.
- Time: 1 to 3 p.m.
- Contact: glencovelibrary.org or (516) 676-2130

Board of Education meets

The Glen Cove Board of Education meets to discuss agenda items for the district at Glen Cove High

- Where: 150 Dosoris Lane
- Time: 7:30 p.m.
- Contact: (516) 801-7610

Little Learners' MAY **Busy Bees**

Planting Fields Little Learners series continues with a buzzing adventure for

the little ones. Families discover how these tiny but mighty creatures help our environment flourish. Through fun activities, explore how bees spread pollen and help plants grow, making them essential to nature's magic. Each child also gets to craft their very own beehive thumbprint masterpiece and enjoy a lively, buzzing game that brings the wonders of pollination to life. For ages 2-5. Registration required. \$15 per child.

- Where: 1395 Planting Fields Road, Oyster Bay
- Time: 1-2 p.m.
- Contact: plantingfields.org or call (516) 922-9210

Having an event?

Items on the Calendar page are listed free of charge. The Herald welcomes listings of upcoming events, community meetings and items of public interest. All submissions should include date, time and location of the event, cost, and a contact name and phone number. Submissions can be emailed to kbloom@ liherald.com.

NEWS BRIEFS

Deep Roots Farmers Market returns

The Glen Cove Chamber of Commerce will take the reins of the Deep Roots Farmers Market this spring, honoring the legacy of its founder, Amy Peters. Beginning, May 31 the market will be officially renamed Deep Roots Farmers Market – Glen Cove and continue to operate at its familiar waterfront location in the parking lot next to The Beacon at 100 Garvies Point Road.

The 2025 season will run for 23 weeks, every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., through Nov. 1, rain or shine. The only exception will be on, June 7, when the market will temporarily move to Glen Cove Village Square to make way for the city's annual Greek Festival. It will return to Garvies Point the following Saturday.

To kick off the season, the Chamber will host a grand ribbon-cutting ceremony on opening day, May 31, and the public is encouraged to attend and celebrate this new chapter for a market that has become a staple in the Glen Cove community since its launch in 2021

Dr. Maxine Cappel Mayreis, President of the Glen Cove Chamber and cochair of the Market Committee, emphasized the Chamber's commitment to maintaining the market's founding values.

"Happily, you will be greeted by

many familiar faces—local makers and growers offering everything from fresh produce and baked goods to handmade décor, sauces, flowers, and more," she said.

Shoppers can expect a wide array of locally sourced and crafted products, including healthy microgreens, spices, olive oils, gluten-free treats, pure ice creams, artisan breads, dog treats, quiches, handcrafted cutting boards, and even knife sharpening services. Live music will be featured each week, creating a festive, family-friendly atmosphere along the scenic Hempstead Harbor. The market's revival under the Chamber's guidance ensures that Amy Peters' vision of a vibrant, local, and sustainable community market lives on.

"This is the place to be on Saturday mornings," Mayreis said. "The location, the community, the view—vendors often tell us it's their favorite market spot."

Vendor applications are currently being accepted. For more information, contact the Glen Cove Chamber of Commerce at (516) 676-6666, email info@glencovechamber.org, or text cochairs Dr. Maxine Mayreis at (516) 528-5955 or Ylisa Kunze at (516) 819-9038.

–Roksana Amid

Kidney urgently donation needed

A fundraiser will be held on Thursday, May 29, 2025, in support of David Geliashvili, a Glen Cove resident who is urgently seeking a living kidney donor. The event will take place from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Glen Cove Anglers Club, located at 70 Garvies Point Road.

Geliashvili, known in the community as a dedicated father and friend with a passion for sports, history, travel, and local life, is currently being assisted by the Northwell Health Transplant Institute as he awaits a kidney transplant. Organizers hope the fundraiser will raise awareness and funds while encouraging potential donors to consider stepping forward.

The evening will feature food, wine, beer, and raffles. Tickets are \$60 per person or \$100 per couple. RSVPs are requested by May 19. Payment can be made by cash or check, with checks mailed to GC Rotary, 3 Hickory Lane, Glen Cove, NY 11542. For more information or to RSVP, attendees can text Trish McCauley at (917) 209-0488 or Rose Ann Telese at (516) 582-3117.

Those unable to attend but interested in becoming a donor can contact Libbie Binkiewicz at Northwell Health's Department of Transplantation. She can be reached at (516) 666-0899 or via email at LBinkiewicz@ Northwell.edu. A donor questionnaire

is also available through the outreach campaign's flyer.

The event is part of a broader effort to help Geliashvili return to full health and raise awareness of the importance of living organ donation. Community members are encouraged to attend, show their support, and learn how they may be able to save a life.

Kidney donation is a vital component of organ transplantation in the United States. In 2024, over 27,700 kidney transplants were performed, making it the most commonly transplanted organ. Despite this, approximately 89,800 individuals remained on the kidney transplant waiting list as of September 2024. Each day, 17 people die waiting for an organ transplant, underscoring the ongoing shortage. Living donors contributed over 7.000 transplants in 2024, highlighting the critical role of living donation in addressing this gap. Increasing donor registration and awareness are essential steps toward saving more lives.

Living kidney donation offers patients a shorter wait time, better outcomes, and improved quality of life. Donors can be relatives, friends, or even anonymous volunteers.

–Roksana Amid



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PUBLIC NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT the Glen Cove City Council adopted following Ordinance at the City Council Meeting of April 22, 2025: BE IT ORDAINED, that

Sec. 265-44: Stopping, as it relates to Ravine hereby Avenue, is amended as follows:

Remove: Name of Street:Ravine Avenue

Side: South Location: From a point 28 feet east of Knoll Place to a point 28 feet west of Knoll Place

Add: Name of Street:Ravine Avenue Side:South

Location: From a point 28 feet east of Knoll Place to a point 76 feet west of Knoll Place This Ordinance shall

take effect 3 days after publication. Tina Pemberton City Clerk 153295

LEGAL NOTICE PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT the Glen Cove City Council adopted following Ordinance at the City Council Meeting April 22, 2025:

BE IT ORDAINED, that Sec. 265-43. Scheule XI: Parking Prohibited at All Times is hereby amended as follows:

Remove: Name of Street:Ravine Avenue

Side: North Location: From the northwest corner of Butler Street to a point feet therefrom

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Location: From northwest corner of Butler Street to a point feet therefrom This Ordinance shall

take effect 3 days after publication. Tina Pemberton City Clerk 153294

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT **ELECTION AND BUDGET** VOTE

GLEN COVE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT GLEN COVE, NEW YORK NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual School District Election and Budget Vote for the qualified voters of the Glen Cove City School District, Glen Cove, New York, will be held in the following locations: School Election Districts A, B, C

Location of Polling Place Glen Cove High School, 150 Dosoris Lane, Back Gym - Door # 13 Connolly School, 1 Ridge Drive - Back Gym

in said district Tuesday, May 20, 2025 at 6:00 a.m. prevailing time, at which time the polls will be open to vote by voting machine upon the following items between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., prevailing time.

PROPOSITION DISTRICT SCHOOL BUDGET

To adopt the annual budget of said school district for the fiscal year 2025-2026 and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of

the District.
ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBER(S)

To elect two (2) members of the Board of **Education of said School** District as follows:

Two (2) members to be each elected for a term of three (3) years, commencing July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2028.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that for the purpose of voting at such meeting, on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, the polls will be open between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. prevailing time to vote upon such propositions

by voting machine.
AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Budget Hearing will be held on Wednesday, May 7, 2025 at 7:30 p.m. at the Glen Cove High School Auditorium, 150 Dosoris Lane, Glen Cove, New York prior to the regular Board of

Education meeting.
AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education shall be filed between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. prevailing time with the District Clerk of said School District at the District Office Administration Building, 154 Dosoris Lane, Glen Cove, New York, on or before Wednesday, April 30, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. prevailing time. Such petitions must be directed to Ida Johnson. District Clerk and must be signed by at least one hundred (100) qualified voters of the district; must state the name and residence of the candidate.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the qualified voters of

the District may register between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. in the main office of each of the school buildings of the district and the office of the District Clerk in the Administration Building during the school year, and in the Office of the District Clerk during the summer months of July and August. The final date to register for the annual meeting to be held on Tuesday, May 20, 2025 is Tuesday, May 6, 2025 from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. (personal registration day). If a voter has heretofore registered pursuant to the resolution of the Board of Education. and has voted at any Annual School District Election and Budget Vote or special district meetings within the last four (4) years or if he or she is eligible to vote under Article 5 of the Election Law, he or she is also eligible to vote at this election. All other persons who wish to vote must register. Any person will be entitled to have his or her name placed on such register, provided that he or she is known or proven to the satisfaction of the District Clerk, Ida Johnson, and the Board of Registration to be then or thereafter entitled to vote at such Annual School District Election and Budget Vote for which the register is prepared and that the register is prepared pursuant to Education Law and the registration list prepared by the Board of Elections of Nassau County will be filed in the Office of the District Clerk of the Glen Cove School District, in the District's Administration Building Office, 154 Dosoris Lane, Glen Cove, New York, and will be open for inspection by any qualified voter of district between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. prevailing time, on and after Tuesday, May 6, 2025, and each of the days prior to the date set for the Annual School District Election and Budget Vote, except Saturday and Sunday, including the day set for the meeting. Any otherwise person qualified to vote who is not currently registered under permanent personal registration in the District by the last date found on the

original or duplicate

registers, or records, or list furnished by the

Nassau County Boards

of Elections, and has not voted at an intervening election, must, in order to be entitled to vote, present himself or herself personally registration or otherwise register with the Nassau County Board of Elections. AND FURTHER NOTICE

military

registration,

such

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of the United States

government; or (2) received by the Office

of the District Clerk by

no later than 5:00 p.m.

on election day and

signed and dated by the

military voter and one

witness thereto, with a

date which is associated

to be no later than the

day before the election. AND FURTHER NOTICE

IS HEREBY GIVEN that

a copy of the statement

of the amount of money

which will be required

for the ensuing year for

school purposes may

be obtained by any

resident in the district

during the fourteen

(14) days immediately

preceding such Annual School District

Election and Budget

Vote except Saturday,

Sunday, or holiday, and

at such Annual School

District Election and

Budget Vote at the

Administration Building

Glen Cove High School

M. Finley Middle School

Dosoris Lane; Robert

154 Dosoris Lane,

IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Registration of the District will also meet from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on May 20, 2025, at each of the polling places to prepare the register for meetings and elections held subsequent to such annual meeting or election.

AND FURTHER NOTICE HEREBY GIVEN that applications for absentee and early mail ballots for the election of a school board member and proposition(s) may be applied for at the Office of the District Clerk at the Administration Building, 154 Dosoris Lane, Glen Cove, New York, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., prevailing time on any school day. Applications for absentee and early mail ballots must be received by Ida Johnson, District Clerk no earlier than thirty (30) days before the election. Furthermore, such application must be received by Ida Johnson, District Clerk at least seven days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter or his/her designated agent. Upon receiving a timely request for a mailed absentee or early mail ballot, Ida Johnson, District Clerk mail the ballot to the address set forth in the application by no later than six (6) days before the vote. No absentee or early mail ballot shall be canvassed unless it is received in the office of the District Clerk of the said School District no later than 5:00 p.m., prevailing time, on the date of the election. A list of all persons to whom absentee and early mail ballots shall have been issued will be available in the said office of the District Clerk on each of the five (5) days prior to the day of the election, during

Forest Ave; Deasy School - Dosoris Lane; Gribbin School - Walnut Road; Landing School -McLoughlin Street; and Connolly School - Ridge Drive, Glen Cove, New York during regular school hours; and on the Glen Cove City Schools website (www. regular office hours until glencoveschools.org). the date of election. AND FURTHER NOTICE AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that IS HEREBY GIVEN that in accordance with the military voters who are rules adopted pursuant not currently registered to 2035 of the Education may apply to register as Law, any qualified voter a qualified voter of the may have a proposition

school district. Military an amendment voters who are qualified placed upon the ballot, voters of the school provided that such amendment (a) be typed district may submit an application for a or printed in the English military ballot. Military language; (b) that it be voters may designate directed to Ida Johnson, a preference to receive District Clerk of the voter said School District; (c) military that it be submitted to ballot application or Ida, Johnson, District military ballot by mail, Clerk no less than sixty facsimile transmission (60) days preceding the date of the Annual electronic mail in their request for School District Election registration, and Budget Vote, i.e. application or no later than Friday, ballot. Military voter March 21, 2025, 3:00 p.m. prevailing time, at the District Office, forms ballot application forms must Administration Building, be received in the Office 154 Dosoris Lane, Glen of the District Clerk no Cove, New York; and (d) later than 5:00 p.m. on that it be signed by at May 5, 2025. No military least one hundred (100) ballot will be canvassed qualified voters of the unless it is (1) received in district. However, the the Office of the District school board will not entertain any petition to Clerk before the close place before the voters of the polls on election any proposition for the day and showing a purpose of which is not cancellation mark of within the powers of the United States postal the voters to determine, service or a foreign nor any proposition or amendment which is country's postal service, or showing a dated contrary to law. endorsement of receipt AND FURTHER NOTICE

> that a Real Property Tax Exemption Report prepared in accordance with Section 495 of the Real Property Tax Law will be annexed to any tentative/ preliminary budget as well as the final adopted budget of which it will form a part; and shall be posted on District bulletin board(s) maintained for public notices, as well as on the District's website. Dated: Glen Cove, New York April 2025 Ida Johnson District Clerk **Board of Education** Glen Cove City School

District

152750

IS HEREBY

GIVEN

LEGAL NOTICE AVISO SOBRE LA ELECCIÓN ANUAL DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR Y LA VOTACIÓN DEL PRESUPUESTO DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR DE LA CIUDAD DE GLEN COVE GLEN COVE, NUEVA YORK POR EL PRESENTE, SE NOTIFICA que la Elección anual del distrito escolar y la votación del presupuesto de votantes calificados del Distrito escolar de la ciudad

Glen Cove, New York

de Glen Cove, Nueva York, se realizará en los siguientes lugares: electorales Distritos escolares A, B, C

Lugar de votación Escuela Secundaria Glen Cove, 150 Dosoris Lane, gimnasio de atrás, puerta n.º 13. Escuela Connolly, Ridge Drive, gimnasio de atrás mencionado en el distrito, el martes 20 de mayo de 2025 a las 6:00 a. m., hora en vigor, horario en el cual se habilitarán las urnas para votar mediante una máquina de votación sobre los siguientes asuntos entre las 6:00 a. m. y las 9:00 p. m., hora en vigor.

PROPUESTA I: PRESUPUESTO DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR

Adoptar el presupuesto anual de dicho distrito escolar para el año fiscal 2025-2026 y autorizar que la parte requerida de este se recaude con impuestos sobre la propiedad sujeta a tributación del Distrito. ELECCIÓN DEL/DE LOS MIEMBRO(S) DE LA JUNTA

Elegir dos (2) miembros de la Junta de Educación de dicho Distrito escolar de la siguiente forma:

Dos (2) miembros que serán elegidos cada uno para cumplir un cargo de tres (3) años desde el 1 de iulio de 2025 hasta el 30 de junio de 2028.

POR EL PRESENTE, TAMBIÉN SE NOTIFICA que, con el fin de votar en dicha reunión, el martes 20 de mayo de 2025, las urnas estarán abiertas desde las 6:00 a. m. hasta las 9:00 p. m., hora en vigor, para votar sobre las mencionadas propuestas mediante una máquina votación. PRESENTE, POR FI

TAMBIÉN SE NOTIFICA que se llevará a cabo una audiencia del presupuesto el miércoles 7 de mayo de 2025 a las 7:30 p. m., en el auditorio de la Escuela Secundaria Glen Cove, 150 Dosoris Lane, Glen Cove, New York, antes de la reunión habitual de la Junta de

Educación. POR EL PRESENTE. TAMBIÉN SE NOTIFICA que las solicitudes para nominar candidatos para el cargo de miembro de la Junta de Educación se deben presentar entre las 9:00 a. m. y las 5:00 p. m., hora en vigor, ante la secretaria de dicho Distrito escolar en la oficina del Distrito del edificio administrativo ubicado en 154 Dosoris Lane, Glen Cove, New York, a más tardar el miércoles 1 de mayo de 2025 a las 5:00 p. m., hora en vigor. Dichas solicitudes deben estar dirigidas a Ida Johnson, secretaria del Distrito,

y deben estar firmadas por, al menos, cien (100) votantes calificados del distrito, y deben incluir el nombre y la residencia del candidato.

POR EL PRESENTE, TAMBIÉN SE NOTIFICA los votantes aue calificados del Distrito se pueden registrar entre las 9:00 a. m. y las 2:00 p. m. en la oficina principal de cada uno de los edificios escolares del distrito y en el despacho de la secretaria del Distrito en el edificio administrativo durante el año escolar, y en el despacho de la secretaria del Distrito únicamente durante los meses de verano de julio y agosto. La fecha límite para registrarse en la reunión anual que se celebrará el martes 20 de mayo de 2025 es el martes 6 de mayo de 2025, de 9:00 a. m. a 7:00 p. m. (día del registro personal). Si un votante se registró, hasta ahora, según la resolución de la Junta de Educación y votó en alguna Elección anual del distrito escolar y votación del presupuesto o en una reunión especial de distrito en los últimos cuatro (4) años, o si la persona es elegible para votar en virtud del artículo 5 de la Ley de Elecciones, también es elegible para votar en esta elección. Todas las demás personas que deseen votar deben registrarse. Cualquier persona tendrá derecho que su nombre se incluya en dicho registro, siempre que se sepa o se demuestre, a satisfacción de la secretaria del Distrito, Ida Johnson, y de la Junta de Registros, que tiene o tendrá derecho a votar en dicha Elección anual del distrito escolar y votación del presupuesto para la que se prepara el registro. El registro debe prepararse de conformidad con la Ley de Educación y la lista de registro preparada por la Junta Electoral del condado de Nassau se presentará en el despacho de la secretaria del Distrito escolar de Glen Cove, en la oficina del edificio administrativo del Distrito ubicado en 154 Dosoris Lane, Glen Cove, New York. Estará disponible para la inspección de cualquier votante calificado del distrito entre las 9:00 a. m. y las 3:00 p. m., hora en vigor, desde el martes 6 de mayo de 2025 y cada uno de los días anteriores a la fecha establecida

PUBLIC NOTICES

boletas

Elección la para del distrito anual escolar y la votación del presupuesto, excepto el sábado y el domingo, incluido el día establecido para la reunión. Cualquier persona que de otra manera califique para votar y que no esté actualmente inscrita en un registro personal permanente en Distrito hasta la última fecha que se encuentra los reaistros originales o duplicados, o en los archivos, o en la lista proporcionada por las Juntas Electorales del condado de Nassau, y que no haya votado en una elección intermedia. debe, para tener derecho a votar, presentarse personalmente registrarse o inscribirse otra manera en la Junta Electoral del condado de Nassau.

EL PRESENTE, TAMBIÉN SE NOTIFICA que la Junta de Registros del Distrito se reunirá. además, el 20 de mayo de 2025 de 6:00 a. m. a 9:00 p. m., en cada uno de los lugares de votación para preparar el registro para las reuniones y elecciones que se celebren después de dicha reunión o

elección anual. EL PRESENTE, TAMBIÉN SE NOTIFICA que las solicitudes de boletas electorales por ausencia y boletas electorales anticipadas correo para elección de los miembros de la junta escolar y las propuestas se pueden solicitar en la oficina de la secretaria del distrito en el edificio administrativo ubicado en 154 Dosoris Lane, Glen Cove, New York, entre las 9:00 a.m. y las 3:00 p. m., hora vigente, en cualquier día escolar. La secretaria del distrito, Ida Johnson, deberá recibir las solicitudes de boletas electorales por ausencia y boletas electorales anticipadas por correo no antes de los treinta (30) días previos a la elección. . Además, la secretaria del distrito, Ida Johnson, solicitud al menossiete días antes de la elección si la boleta electoral se enviará por correo al votante, o el día antes de laelección, si la boleta electoral se entregará

personalmente 0 votante representante designado. Alrecibir una solicitud oportuna para enviar por correo una boleta electoral por ausencia o una boleta electoral anticipada por correo, Ida Johnson, la secretaria del distrito, enviará por correo dicha boleta a la dirección indicada en la solicitud a más tardar seis (6) días antes de la votación. Los votos por ausencia o las boletas electorales anticipadas por correo se escrutarán a menos que se havan recibido en la oficina de la secretaria de dicho distrito escolar antes de las 5:00 p. m., hora vigente, del día de la elección. Durante los cinco (5) días anteriores al día de la elección, en horario de oficina hasta la fecha de la elección. en dicha oficina de la secretaria del distrito se encontrará a disposición una lista de todas las personas a quienes se les hayan emitido electorales boletas por ausencia o boletas electorales anticipadas PRESENTE,

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Empire Wind offshore projects suspended

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Oh, what a whirlwind it's been.

For nearly three years, talk of Equinor's wind projects bringing turbines, cables and battery storage centers in and off the shore of Long Beach has been met with seemingly constant rallies and protests. Now, it seems the loud opposition may not be needed anymore.

Equinor, the multinational energy company headquartered in Norway, announced on April 17 that it was suspending all offshore construction for the Empire Wind projects.

"In accordance with a halt work order issued by the US government, has the potential to power 500,000 New

Empire Offshore Wind LLC (Empire) will safely halt the offshore construction in waters of the outer continental shelf for the Empire Wind project," the company's statement read. "On April 16, Empire received notice from the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM), ordering Empire to halt all activities on the outer continental shelf until BOEM has completed its review. Empire is engaging with relevant authorities to clarify this matter and is considering its legal remedies, including appeal-

ing the order."

President Trump had issued an executive order on the first day of his second term that paused all new wind energy projects that would use federal waterways.

Glen Head residents Chris Panzca, Rob Mazzella and Doug Augenthaler have been outspoken critics of offshore wind turbines and other renewable energy projects on Long Island.

The three described the decision by Equinor as a "win for Long Island" Panzca, Mazzella and Augenthaler have been critical of not only wind turbine projects such as Equinor's but also the lithium-ion battery facilities that would store the energy they produce.

"We're being treated like dots on a map," Panzca said in an interview after the halting of the project. "We don't want to be a part of a science project."

Equinor originally planned two projects, Empire Wind 1 and 2, in which it would have constructed a total of 147 wind turbines, each 886 feet tall, as well as the stations housing the cables that transfer energy from the turbines to land, all 15 to 35 miles offshore. Empire Wind 1 was slated to supply power to the Brooklyn area, and Empire Wind 2 would deliver power to the grid in Nassau County and connect to the E.F. Barrett Power Station in Island Park.

Equinor and BP announced that the agreement with the New York State Energy Research and Development

Authority on Empire Wind 2 had been scrapped in January 2024, but Empire Wind 1 received final approval by the state's Public Service Commission last

"The federal lease for Empire Wind was signed with the US Administration in 2017," Equinor's release last week read. "Empire Wind 1 has validly secured all necessary federal and state permits and is currently under construction. The project is being developed under contract with the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) to provide an important new source of electricity for the State of New York. The construction phase has put more than 1,500 people to work in the US. Empire Wind 1

> York homes. Empire is complying with the order affecting project activities for Empire Wind. Upon receipt of the order, immediate steps were taken by Empire and its contractors to initiate suspension of relevant marine activities, ensuring the safety of workers and the environment."

> The rallies continued up until the day before Equinor's announcement of the suspension, with Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman, other elected officials and community members gathering behind the Long Beach Fire Depart-

ment station on West Park Avenue on

"These wind turbines are killing birds and killing whales and create environmental hazards," Blakeman said at a news conference that day. "There's oil and diesel fuel with each and every one, and that fuel could escape. There could be a collision, there could be a leak of some kind, and pollute all of our beaches. And then, on top of that, these battery storages are the size of buildings.'

Christina Kramer, a Long Beach resident and the founder and president of Protect Our Coast LINY, is among the many community members who have been adamantly opposed to wind turbine projects since their inception. She and her group have been at the forefront of many of the rallies.

"Protect Our Coast LINY is cautiously optimistic," Kramer said in a direct message. "We understand this is a pause, pending investigation. We are confident that Equinor's own environmental impact statements will reveal what a destructive fraud this project and all offshore wind projects were from the start. We hope this is the first of many or all offshore wind cancellations.

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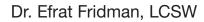
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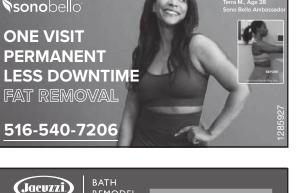


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OPINIONS

Battery storage is key to economic competitiveness

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s a lifelong Long Islander, I've seen firsthand what happens when our energy system fails. I lived through Superstorm Sandy and helped lead recovery efforts in its aftermath — and I don't need to remind those who went weeks without power and spent hours on gas lines that grid resilience isn't just a buzzword. It's a necessity — one we must urgently pri-

oritize.



SAMMY CHU

Unfortunately, more than a decade later, the challenge not only persists, but it's more complex than ever. The surge in electric vehicles, the rise of data centers and the electrification of homes and businesses are pushing Long

Island's energy demand to unprecedented levels. This isn't just about the next superstorm — it's about how we power everyday life for families and small businesses right now. Our existing grid wasn't designed for this kind of load, and without proactive investment, we risk higher costs, decreased reliability and a system stretched to its breaking point.

And the pressure is mounting. The Long Island Power Authority anticipates a steep rise in electricity demand in the coming years. Storage will be key. Planned battery storage projects in Shoreham and Hauppauge are expected to deliver 129 megawatts of capacity, enough to power 25,000 homes once they're operational in 2028. These aren't theoretical solutions;

they're essential to keeping Long Islanders' lights on. And they demonstrate that the public and private sectors can work together to address infrastructure challenges with innovative solutions.

Battery energy storage systems are a smart response to this challenge. By storing excess energy during off-peak times and discharging it when

demand peaks, these systems stabilize the grid without requiring massive infrastructure overhauls. They help prevent blackouts, curb price spikes, and improve efficiency. In short, they let us do more with what we already have, and that's a win for everyone.

One of BESS's most powerful features is its flexibility. It can store energy from any source — solar, wind, natural gas — and dispatch it where and when it's needed most. This ability to smooth out fluctuations in supply and demand is crucial not just for stability, but also for affordability. And as more renewable sources come online, storage becomes even more

important in ensuring that clean power doesn't go to waste.

And we don't have to look far to see BESS in action. On Long Island, Brookhaven recently approved two major battery storage projects that will add

more than 300 megawatts of capacity to the grid. These facilities will store renewable energy when production is high and release it during peak usage — cutting costs, improving reliability and reducing emissions. As New York state accelerates its clean energy goals, battery storage projects like these will prove to be a critical tool for making our power system cleaner, smarter and more

resilient. They also mean job creation and local investment, as the clean energy economy continues to grow.

Beyond environmental benefits, BESS has an economic upside. Without storage, rising demand can trigger price volatility, hurting working families and small business owners most. Battery storage helps keep costs predictable by reducing reliance on expensive "peaker" plants. And for high-tech industries like AI, data processing and advanced manufacturing, energy stability isn't just a bonus — it's a requirement for doing business. The long-term economic competitiveness of our region depends on

getting this right.

Of course, safety must be top of mind. Modern battery storage systems are equipped with cutting-edge fire-prevention measures, modular designs and rigorous safety protocols. Proposed updates to fire codes will go even further, requiring comprehensive emergency planning and more frequent inspections. These systems aren't just high-performing — they're engineered to be safe and dependable, with oversight from both developers and local authorities.

If we want Long Island to stay competitive, battery storage must become a core part of our energy strategy. That means updating regulations to enable faster deployment, incentivizing private investment and supporting community engagement. Doing nothing is not an option. The longer we wait, the more vulnerable we become — not just to storms, but also to soaring costs and system failures.

The future of energy here doesn't hinge on simply generating more power — it depends on using the power we already have more wisely. Battery storage is the bridge between today's strained grid and tomorrow's resilient, affordable and sustainable energy future. Let's not wait for the next storm or the next blackout to act. The time is now.

Sammy Chu is chairman of the U.S. Green Building Council-Long Island Chapter and chief executive officer of Edgewise Energy.

Nassau has little to show for Blakeman's big promises

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s I fight tooth and nail for every dollar, every program, every piece of support that I can secure for my constituents, a clear pattern has emerged in the performance of Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman — one that it is marred

SETH I. KOSLOW

by self-promotional pageantry, misplaced priorities and big promises that ultimately collapse.

The most recent example is the failure of the NYU Langone hospital project that was supposed to rise on the campus of Nassau Community College. When Blake-

man introduced it, he billed it as a multibillion-dollar economic engine that would create thousands of jobs, deliver cutting-edge medical care and provide opportunities for our students.

When it was withdrawn in March, it became just another abandoned plan — another missed opportunity that could have changed lives and transformed our economy. Questions from the public and lawmakers have been met with a lack of

 $transparency, and \ no \ explanation.$

Just up the road from NCC, you'll find the Uniondale Hub, where Blakeman unsuccessfully chased a casino license.

Whether you supported or opposed it, you couldn't help but notice that the pursuit was fraught. The first time it went through the Legislature, the process was so flawed that a court made him start over. The project, with his promises of jobs and tax revenues, finally fell through, and billions of dollars in promised economic development and opportunities for union workers disappeared

with yet another failed attempt to develop the Hub.

These are not the only things that have vanished under this administration. Remember Blakeman's plan to use \$10 million in federal coronavirus recovery funds to promote himself under the guise of the county's 125th-anniversary celebration? While families struggled to get back on their feet after the pandemic, his administration concluded that the best use for a significant portion of those funds was gala banquets, golf outings, fireworks and parades. Yet many of these events never happened, and there is little

accounting for how the money was used.

The same can be said of the handling of the ICC Men's T20 Cricket World Cup. After major portions of Eisenhower Park

were closed for months, and there was the promise of an economic windfall, all Nassau got in return (from what we can tell so far) is major disruptions to the park's operations, questions about whether taxpayers made a dime and, once again, no accountability.

Worse yet, the Blakeman administration blocked the use of project labor agreements to build the temporary stadium, squandering

an opportunity to boost the livelihoods of local workers.

The disrespect for labor is further exemplified in the treatment of CSEA employees and retirees, the backbone of our county workforce. They were promised affordable health care in exchange for their service. Instead, Blakeman gutted their benefits.

Then there's the future of Nassau University Medical Center. Instead of delivering on promises to save the hospital, the administration has installed political cronies and further deepened the crisis. If NUMC, a Level 1 trauma center with a

world-class burn center and lifesaving drug detox facilities, fails, it won't just be a health care catastrophe — it will also be an economic earthquake. Working families will lose access to care, and thousands of jobs in the medical field could vanish overnight. Finger-pointing does not suffice as a strategy.

And let's not forget the fundamentals: Blakeman passed a county budget that was so out of balance that it violated generally accepted accounting principles, and Nassau's fiscal monitor forced him to fix it. The county's most recent capital infrastructure plan was stalled for months because of Blakeman's inexplicable refusal to fund more than \$1 million in grants for first responders in Democratic districts, adding political rancor where there should be none.

As someone who is fighting to make things better for our communities, it is profoundly frustrating to pick up the pieces after an administration that prioritizes political theater over implementing policies that will address the most serious issues facing our communities. Nassau County deserves better than disappearing headlines. We deserve leadership that delivers.

Seth Koslow, who represents Nassau County's 5th Legislative District, is the Democratic candidate for county executive.

OPINIONS

There should be nothing but support for law enforcement

n recent weeks I have been at a number of events sponsored by police organizations, including a gala honoring 100 years of the Nassau County Police Department. I also spoke at a meeting of the Long Island Shields, which comprises retired police and law enforcement officers from New

PETER KING

York City's five boroughs as well as Nassau and Suffolk counties.

And I attended a news conference with County Executive Bruce Blakeman and Police Commissioner Pat Ryder, at which they announced the creation of a house of worship desk, and demon-

strated how drones can be deployed within minutes of mass shootings at houses of worship to determine the precise location of the shooter.

I regularly attend NCPD briefings on possible terror threats on Long Island. This isn't new for me, since for my final almost two decades in Congress after 9/11, both as chairman and as a member of the Homeland Security Committee, I worked very closely with the New York

City and Nassau and Suffolk police departments on counterterrorism strategies and resources. Unfortunately, I was also in Congress during the summer of 2020, when we saw massive dem-

onstrations against the police, a number of which turned violent, and the coordinated effort to "defund the police." Tragically, I have also attended too many funerals of cops who have been shot and killed in the line of duty.

I say all this because too many people too often take the police for granted, or in some cases even join or support the anti-police movement, focusing on inappropriate actions taken

inappropriate actions taken by the smallest minority of police while ignoring that no one does more than the men and women in blue to safeguard all of us while respecting the rights of everyone regardless of race, creed or national origin — all while putting themselves at great risk.

While I understand why everyday people, who are busy trying to make a living and provide for their families, can overlook the outstanding work cops are doing to protect us 24/7, I have little tolerance for elected officials who enact laws or implement policies to tie the

hands of the police or, even worse, turn against them when it suits their political purposes. Support for police shouldn't be subject to the shifting political winds. It is hypocritical to see politi-

cians who, just a few years ago, were riding the "defund the police" bandoo many wagon, or saying nothing people take in defense of the police, now shamelessly demandthe police for ing more funding for more police. Similarly hypocritigranted, or in cal are those legislators who hailed themselves for some cases are passing "bail reform" now even anti-police. claiming they never intended it to put more criminals back on the

streets.

Recent elections have shown that everyday Americans are rallying for the police and supporting policies best described as pro-law and order. For instance, most observers, Democrats and Republicans alike, would agree that Anne Donnelly was elected Nassau County district attorney over her much more well known opponent, State Sen. Todd Kaminsky, four years ago not just because of her decades-long career as a prosecutor, but because of Kaminsky's previous outspoken support of cashless bail, which he unsuccessfully attempted to run away from during the campaign.

Similarly, the most obvious example of this growing pro-cop sentiment was Donald Trump's election last fall. Trump ran on a clear pro-police, tough-on-crime platform, moving many traditional Democrats to cross party lines to vote for him over the party they believed abandoned them.

I must admit that my support for the police is due in part to personal dealings I've had with members of law enforcement over the years, beginning with my father, who was in the NYPD for more than 30 years, and friends of mine who joined the NYPD and NCPD. There were also my close dealings with all levels of law enforcement — federal, state and local — in the years after 9/11, including the officers assigned to my security detail because of foreign and domestic threats against me.

But support for law enforcement must be based on more than personal or family friendships and relationships. Very basically, it is in all of our best interests to support the men and women who — often against the odds — put themselves at risk to protect our streets and communities. It's also simply the right thing to do.

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The lessons of the Holocaust are for everyone

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ast week, millions of people of the Hebrew faith observed an event known as the Shoah. It is the Hebrew word for catastrophe or disaster, and it is frequently used to refer to the Holocaust, the deliberate killing of six million Jews by the Nazi



JERRY KREMER

regime. While not all of us pause to formally recognize this event, it is a painful reminder of man's inhumanity to man, and deserves to be observed every year.

I am very much aware of the need to pause to remember the Holocaust,

because many members of my immediate family were either innocent victims of the Nazi killing machine or managed to escape the horror. Despite the fact that many of my aunts and uncles were Holocaust survivors, there was rarely any discussion about their experiences, because they were too painful to recount.

Those members of my family who were survivors were blessed to live long lives even though they suffered greatly during the war. A few lived into their

90s, and my grandma
Sarah lived to be 100. Some
might say that for them,
long life was a blessing,
but I believe it was a testament to their willingness
to be living examples of
what they had seen so that
we didn't forget their
ordeal, or the millions who
didn't survive.

At this point, I choose to write about my grandmother and my aunt Irene. On a few rare occasions,

they put aside their reticence to tell us something about the horrible past. In the case of Irene, she spoke of how she had been sent to a concentration camp, along with her mother and sister. When they got there, a German soldier directed her mother and sister to go to one area, and Irene to another. After that moment, she said, she never saw them again, because their fate was sealed.

Grandma Sarah had another story, but she never spoke of her confinement until her late 90s. We had been forced to put her in the Komanoff Pavilion, in Long Beach, due to her many physical needs. On the few occasions that we vis-

ited her, she told us that "they beat me last night." She told us many other things that we knew she would never willingly reveal if she had control of her faculties. I share these stories out of my fear for where the world is going.

Recently there was an election in Germany.
Before it, Vice President
J.D. Vance decided to meet with the leaders of all of the nation's political par-

ties. He gave special support to the far right Alternative for Germany, or AfD, party, which has strong pro-Nazi leanings. Its platform has frightened the country, and Europe in general. Vance made a plea for the party to be recognized as a partner in future governments. His visit was totally unnecessary, and sent a message to bigots around the world that their antisemitism has the approval of a White House occupant.

We are currently hearing a great deal

of talk about antisemitism on college campuses as well as in the rest of America. Leaders of the Anti-Defamation League recently reported that there have been over 10,000 antisemitic incidents in the U.S. since the horrific tragedy of Hamas's attack on Israel on Oct 7, 2023. It is believed to be the highest number of incidents ever recorded in a similar period since the ADL started tracking them in 1979.

History tells us that hate crimes don't just single out one particular group. People of Italian, Irish, Chinese, Muslim and other backgrounds have suffered at the hands of wicked political leaders who strategically pick some group as their scapegoats. The observance of the Shoah is a stark reminder that, once again, these horror stories can be repeated, unless we are vigilant and willing to fight against hate in all forms. The forces of evil are always there waiting to strike, especially when we fail to ignore them.

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Your Board of Education needs your attention

n Long Island and across New York state, incumbent trustees and new candidates for school district boards of education have submitted their petitions and are now on the ballot on May 20, when residents go to the polls to vote on their school budgets and capital improvement referendums, and elect their trustees.

For the next two and a half weeks, the candidates will hold forums with residents and plant lawn signs across their communities in an effort to keep their names in voters' minds, as well as their stances on the districts' spending plans.

While elected positions from village trustee to state legislator might appear more important and larger in scope, the decisions that shape our daily lives are frequently made on those school boards. And, from voters' perspective, life-impacting decisions about where they choose to live are more often than not made based on where their children will go to school.

Quality public education not only prepares our children for bright futures, but also increases communities' property values, attracts new residents, reduces crime and promotes social mobility.

For the 125 school districts in Nassau and Suffolk counties, boards of education, typically consisting of five to nine people, play a critical role in overseeing and shaping the educational system. Their responsibilities include creating a vision for the district, setting goals and

establishing policies, overseeing multimillion-dollar budgets, and collaborating with administrators to help ensure the schools' smooth operations. They must be accountable to the community, and offer regular, constructive public engagement.

Though trustees are volunteers, they are entrusted to guide the district and have a duty to represent their constituencies during their three-year terms. That includes being aware of, and understanding, the influence they wield.

All of the above are great reasons why you should care about your local school board: because its members represent the beating heart of civic responsibility, and because our schools deserve leadership that is not only competent and informed, but also reflective of and responsive to the communities they serve. Board trustees may have none of the glamour of state or national office holders, but the impact they have is often more immediate, and more personal. Their decisions don't just affect students — they affect entire neighborhoods, in so many ways.

Residents have a responsibility to know who represents them and what those representatives stand for. That means researching school board candidates, attending their town halls, asking tough questions — making sure community concerns are heard — and judging the results with your vote. You can learn

more about candidates before elections, and then their effectiveness as trustees, each week in the Herald.

And anyone can run for their local school board. You don't need a background in teaching, or a master's in education policy, or to be working in a profession that has anything to do with either one. What you do need is a commitment to fairness, a willingness to listen and a passion for serving your community by providing its children with the highest-quality education possible.

Public education needs leaders who understand the complexities of modern classrooms and the myriad challenges faced by working families who have kids in school, and public servants who put the needs of students above special interests. That leadership doesn't have to come from somewhere else. It can come from you. We need more residents to step forward — not for the prestige of being a trustee, but for the purpose.

At a time when trust in institutions is fragile and divisions run deep, school boards offer a rare opportunity to focus on unity and progress, where politics can — and certainly should — take a backseat to the shared goal of improving children's lives.

So let this be a call not only to vote, but also to get involved. Attend meetings. Volunteer to help with a school activity. Speak up — ask questions. And if you're ready to lead, step up. Our children are depending on us.

LETTERS

Gillen's 'town hall' wasn't much of one

To the Editor:

U.S. Rep. Laura Gillen advertised a "Town Hall Meeting" on April 16. Sadly, it was nothing more than a performative press release with an audience. What a disappointment. and waste of her constituents' time! A 30-minute presentation with no comments, feedback or questions from the audience.

While technically meeting the definition of a Q&A by reading pre-submitted — and perhaps prescreened — questions, Gillen answered them with superficial, pre-fabricated responses that, in some cases, matched exactly the column she wrote for the Heralds last month. We could have just stayed home and read our copy of the Herald!

Gillen told us why she chose which committees she wanted to serve on, her hope and plan to work in a bipartisan fashion, and her desire to reduce roadway deaths and dangers. She shared her reason for supporting the Laken Riley Act, which requires the Department of Homeland Security to detain illegal immigrants who commit certain crimes, but when there was criticism from the audience, the person was removed by security.



What was never touched on was the elephant in the room, the reason so many people wanted to attend the meeting: We are in crisis in this country, our rights are being overridden, the Consti-

tution trampled. The current administration is committing illegal acts in our name, "disappearing" people and shipping them to foreign countries where our tax dollars are used to keep them

OPINIONS

L.I. should build on Pro-Housing Communities Program

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ith the State Legislature in budget season, there is a ripe opportunity to improve one state program that works to combat New York's limited housing supply by helping fund local



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TAYLOR

infrastructure: the Pro-Housing Communities Program. On Long Island, that limited supply of housing has caused prices to soar to record heights. The average home price stands at nearly \$780,000 in Nassau County and over \$662,000 in Suffolk County. Gov. Kathy

Hochul created the \$650 million Pro-Housing program in 2023, enabling cities, towns and villages to apply for Pro-Housing designation and pursue related state funding. That funding is broadly focused on downtown revitalization and economic development, but it includes housing-related infrastructure such as water and sewage.

So far, 26 localities on Long Island have applied for the designation. Fifteen have been certified. The others are still pursuing it.

Those 15 localities include the cities of Glen Cove and Long Beach, as well as the Towns of Babylon, Brookhaven, East Hampton and Riverhead. They also include the villages of Farmingdale, Freeport, Hempstead, Mineola, Port Jefferson, Port Washington North, Sag Harbor, Valley Stream and Westbury.

Those 15 localities have also now applied for related state funding. The funding decisions will be announced in June.

This is a start, but the \$650 million covers the entire state. With high construction costs, these funds will not be enough to make the improvements necessary to satisfy Long Island's housing-related infrastructure needs. More is required.

In the governor's proposed fiscal year

2026 budget, a \$100 million infrastructure fund would be set aside for certified Pro-Housing Communities. Yet this fund represents a drop in the bucket of what

is needed to cover the infrastructure needs across the state and Long Island. Just one project, the recently completed Central Islip sewer expansion, had a price tag of \$13.7 million.

An additional \$10 million in the governor's proposed budget would fund a new housing ombudsman's office, which would work to assist municipalities with their housing needs

and provide technical support for the Pro-Housing Communities Program. These are vital steps, but they still don't go far enough.

Recurring funding is needed, and it is crucial. This should not be just a piecemeal allocation.

The program should also provide data on the amount of housing created by it. Promoting housing is the overall goal, so its specific impact should be reported

One improvement has been made. In response to feedback from communities on Long Island like Patchogue, applicants across the state can now be judged on a wider range of activities over a longer time frame.

The demand is clear. In July 2024, the Village of Mineola stood alone as the only Pro-Housing Community on the island. Now, 15 Long Island localities have been certified, and 11 more are pursuing it.

The momentum is growing. The need for more housing has never been greater.

The Long Island communities that are pursuing this program are taking important steps to improve the availability of more affordable housing. More localities should move in this direction, thereby creating more equitable opportunities.

The state should continue to reinforce and improve this program. Everyone will benefit.

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detained without due process. Our confidential personal data is being taken by rogue invaders without any security clearance. Our Social Security, health care system and Medicaid are in grave danger. This was not addressed in Gillen's "town hall." The fear, concern and dissent were not acknowledged in any way.

While I guess we should be happy that at least there was a performance of a town hall, since so many legislators are totally ignoring their constituents, and in fact hiding from them, this event was barely better. She can and should do better!

LINDA ROBERTSON West Hempstead

New chief program officer at United Cerebral Palsy-LI

To the Editor:

United Cerebral Palsy of Long Island would like to introduce Robin Lane as the organization's first-ever chief program officer.

A dedicated member of the UCP-LI family since 1993, Lane has over 35 years of experience providing services to people with disabilities.

"Robin's career with UCP is a testament to her unwavering dedication, passion and leadership," Colleen Crispino, president and CEO of UCP-LI, said. "Her promotion is not only well-deserved, but also a natural progression for someone who has made such a lasting impact on our organization and the people we serve."

Lane began her journey with UCP-LI as a residential manager, and has held various leadership roles in the program, including associate director. Her most recent position was director of quality management and corporate compliance. In that role she had the responsibility for incident management, quality assurance and compliance, ensuring adherence to regulatory standards.

As chief program officer, Lane will oversee the planning, development, and management of all program areas, including adult day services, the Children's Center, residential services, and a wide range of family support programs.

She will also serve as a key member of the executive leadership team, where she plays an integral role in strategic planning, systems development and program innovation.

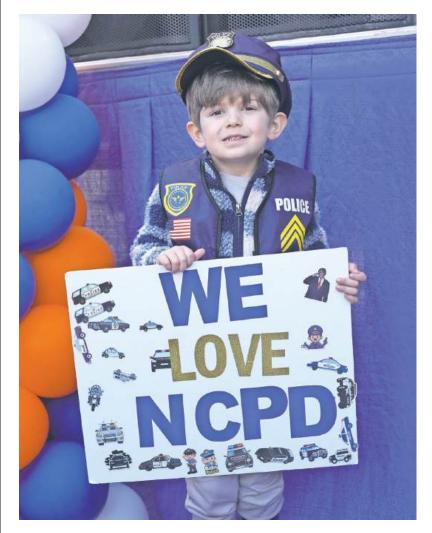
"I am honored and excited to step into the role of chief program officer," Lane said. "UCP has been my professional home for over three decades, and I am deeply committed to advancing our mission, supporting our dedicated staff, and continuing to provide the highest quality services to the individuals and families we serve."

Lane earned a bachelor's degree in health policy and administration from Pennsylvania State University and a graduate degree from Stony Brook University.

For more information about UCP of Long Island and its programs, visit UCP-li. org.

JILLIAN CAVALIERI Community relations specialist, UCP of Long Island

FRAMEWORK by Tim Baker



At the Nassau County Police Department's 100th anniversary parade - Wantagh



Q1, 2025 | Real Estate Market Review

North Shore SD



33 Closed

Average Price



\$1,249,500 Median Price



Median Days On



Rented



Median Rent

Q1, 2024

+26%

+32%

+29.5%

+45%

+30%

+24%

Property Type: Residential - Single Family Homes

Property Type: All

Glen Cove SD



23 Closed

\$1,195,204 Average Price



\$1,029,000 Median Price



39

Rented



\$3,300 Median Rent

Q1, 2024

+21%

+21%

Property Type: Residential - Single Family Homes

Property Type: Residential - Single Family Homes

+47%

+28.5%

Median Days On

-12.5%

+11.5%

Property Type: All

Locust Valley SD



25 Closed



\$1,941,060 Average Price



\$1,550,000 Median Price



40 Median Days On



15 Rented



\$3,100 Median Rent

+19%

-1.5%

Q1, 2024

-18%

-14%

-27%

-6%

Property Type: All

Oyster Bay/East Norwich SD



17 Closed



\$1.752.419 Average Price



\$1,500,000 Median Price



86 Median Days On



20 Rented



\$3,150 Median Rent

0%

+11%

+9.5%

Q1, 2024

-19%

+39%

+43%

Property Type: All

Property Type: Residential - Single Family Homes