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## Cleaning up a historic preserve

Carla Anastasio, her daughter, Maya, 6, and her son, Jackson, 5, spent their Saturday morning helping to beautify Welwyn Preserve.

# A new chapter for Deep Roots

## G.C. Chamber honors Amy Peters' wish to take over market

By ROKSANA AMID

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The Glen Cove Chamber of Commerce is ushering in a new era for the beloved Deep Roots Farmers Market — one that honors the legacy of founder Amy Peters while planting new seeds for growth.

Beginning on May 31, the chamber will officially take over the operation of the Garvies Point market, where it has been a community fixture since 2021. Its 23-week season, which will continue through Nov. 1, will open with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 11 a.m.. The market will operate weekly on Saturdays, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., rain or shine, with one exception: On June

7, it will relocate to Glen Cove Village Square to take part in the annual Greek Festival before returning to its waterfront home.

The transition comes at the request of Peters, who founded the market a decade ago and built it with fierce devotion until her death last year from lung cancer. During her illness, Peters turned to trusted community partners to ensure that her work would continue.

"She asked us specifically to please take over the market," recalled Ylisa Kunze, director of Glen Cove Community Engagement at RXR Realty and now a co-chair of the market. "She devoted 10 years of her life to building this market, and didn't want it to stop. She did it not just

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# What do folks need to get around town?

By ROKSANA AMID

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The City of Glen Cove is urging residents to take part in a new Clean Mobility Survey, a key step in developing a plan to expand access to safe, sustainable transportation options across the city. The 14-question survey, open until May 31, is part of a grant-funded initiative aimed at improving connections in Glen Cove by upgrading pedestrian paths, bike infrastructure and public transit.

"This project is not just something that we're doing just because we want to grant an award for it," Koorosh Leibowitz, grant administrator for the Glen Cove Community Development Agency, said. "It's something that as a Glen Cove resident, as a City Hall employee, it's something that I also live by. This is my experience. At least for me, it's a little more than just a project."

The Clean Mobility Plan stems from Glen Cove's 2024

Comprehensive Plan, which identified the need for better pedestrian and bike connections as well as an evaluation of the city's fixed-route Loop Bus. Last November, the city received a Clean Mobility Grant from the New York State

**We** encourage all residents to participate in the survey.

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Energy Research and Development Authority, initiating a two-phase process that begins with a planning study and could lead to a state-funded pilot project.

"The survey is to help determine, at least with our consultants — and when I've spoken to them, they want to use the survey as

sort of a barometer of what could our potential pilot project be for the city," Leibowitz said.

The planning phase is focused on short-distance, local improvements, not regional transit. "We're not looking to really say, OK, how can we better connect Glen Cove to Manhattan?" Leibowitz added. "That's not the case with this study. It's really just sort of micro-transit — or not so much

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# State restructures NUMC board

By JORDAN VALLONE

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New York lawmakers have approved a \$254 billion state budget package for fiscal year 2026, carrying several provisions affecting Nassau University Medical Center, including a state “takeover” of the hospital system.

The newly approved Nassau Health Care Corporation board structure, passed on May 7 by the legislature, shifts control away from Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman to Gov. Kathy Hochul and state Democrats. The restructured board — overseeing NUMC in East Meadow and the A. Holly Patterson Extended Care Facility in Uniondale — will include 11 members, with a majority appointed by the governor, who will also designate the chair. The county executive will lose approval authority over the corporation’s chief executive.

Appointments to the board could be made as early as June.

The corporation has long faced scrutiny and accusations of financial mismanagement, despite the hospital system serving all patients, including the uninsured and undocumented, regardless of their ability to pay for medical care.

But significant financial improvements were reported in 2024, with the hospital system ending the fiscal year

with nearly \$80 million in its cash reserves, up from \$28 million in December 2023. Additional financial reports showed that revenue increased by \$6.2 million in November 2024, while operating expenses were down by \$1.7 million, compared with 2023.

In late-April, the hospital’s current medical board strongly opposed the state’s plan before its approval last week, stating in a letter to Hochul and the state legislature, that the changes “strip the hospital of its autonomy and replace its leadership with political appointees,” according to a news release.

Dr. Irina Gelman, the current chair of the NHCC board, also rejected the state’s decision in a statement shared with the Herald on May 7.

“The state’s hostile takeover of Nassau County’s only public safety-net hospital is unprecedented, immoral and dangerous,” she said.

“This disparate targeting of only NHCC and none of the other public benefit corporations in New York state, is indicative of the moral turpitude of Albany using the employees, patients and most vulnerable of Nassau County’s resi-

dents as political cannon fodder. By continuing to put politics, any politics left, right or center, before the needs of the people that work and seek care at Nassau Health Care Corporation is deplorable.”

Gelman also brought up a December 2020 study by Alvarez & Marsal, a management-consulting firm, outlining various models the hospital system could implement “to address NHCC’s precarious financial condition.” One of those models proposed “a continuing but minimal inpatient medical/surgical footprint with the full suite of current inpatient behavioral health services.”

The assessment added that “a second collocated behavioral health hospital (Article 31) license would be needed to provide inpatient psychiatric beds at current levels.”

“Both the state’s overreach of power, as well as the proposed 19 story behavioral/ health facility in the middle of Nassau County must be of critical concern to all Nassau County residents,” Gelman said, in reference to the proposed changes outlined in the 2020 study. “The notion that

**W**hat we are seeing now is a long-overdue intervention to protect patients and save the institution from those who failed it.

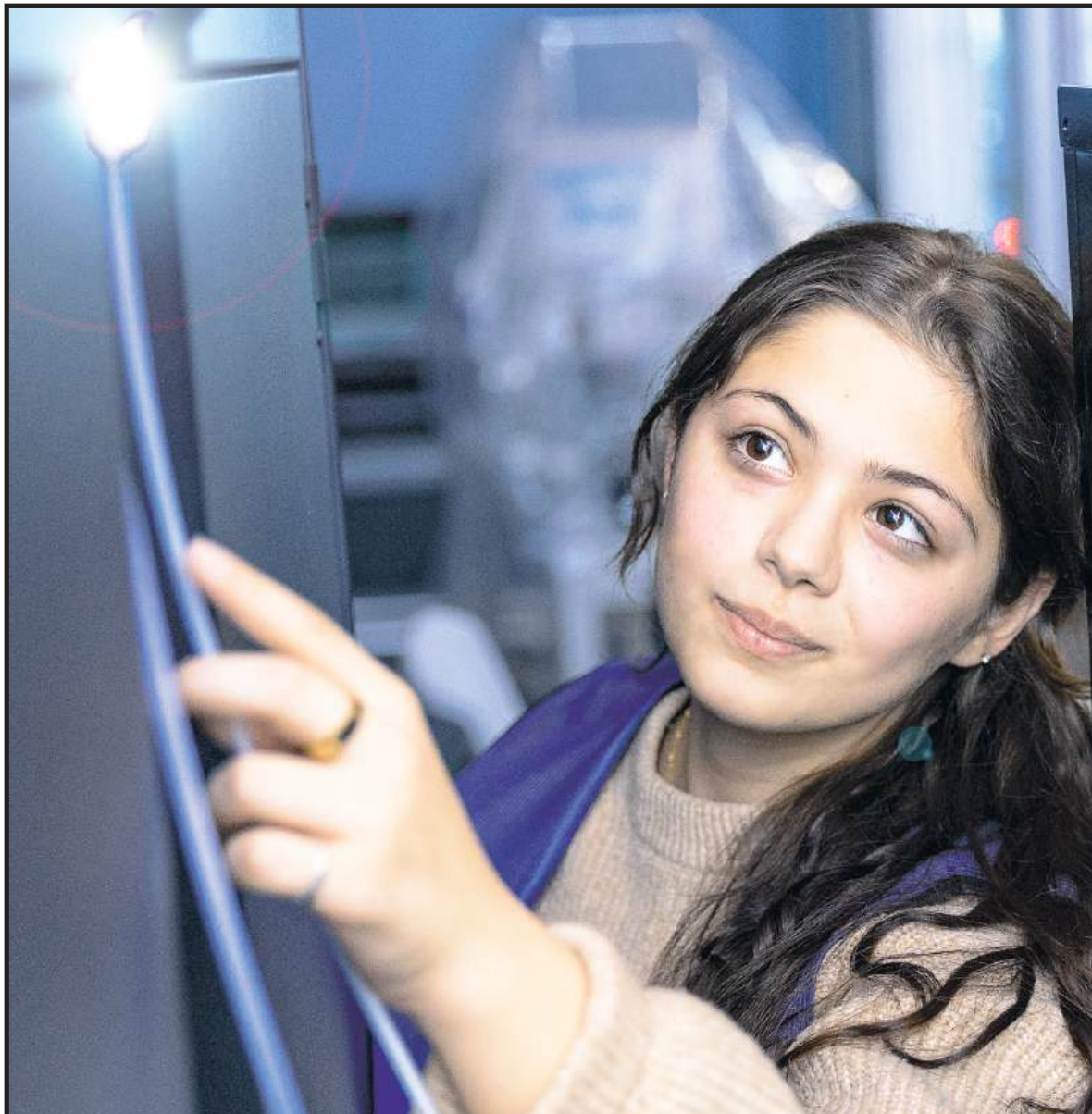
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a state appointed board would have a higher rate of success in managing this critical care facility from Albany is a logical fallacy, given the abysmal record New York State has with their own SUNY hospital facilities.”

The legislation passed on May 7 also included provisions that allow the Nassau Interim Finance Authority, a public benefit corporation that assumed financial oversight of the hospital system in 2020, to impose additional control over NHCC. The hospital system filed litigation in December, accusing NIFA of gross negligence and abuses of power.

Additionally, the bill, which can be read on the state Senate’s website, calls for a study to look into “the modernization and revitalization of the Nassau Health Care Corporation.” It directs the NHCC to explore ways to strengthen NUMC and the A. Holly Patterson Extended Care Facility.

The study would examine health care delivery trends, the hospital’s financial history and projections, infrastructure and capital needs, community health disparities, available inpatient and outpatient services, regional service capacity, operational efficiency and care quality, and student training and job placement outcomes. The study should be completed and provided to NIFA no later than Dec. 1, 2026.



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# Golf fundraiser supports student success

By ROKSANA AMID

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The Glen Cove Education Foundation is once again bringing the community together for a good cause with its 11th Annual Golf Classic on June 9, at the Glen Cove Golf Club. The daylong fundraiser supports Glen Cove City Schools and promises a mix of friendly competition, community spirit, and charitable giving — all culminating in a festive dinner and one-of-a-kind raffle at The Marker restaurant.

Over the years, funds raised by the foundation have supported a variety of educational enhancements across the district, from flexible seating at all four elementary schools to a new scoreboard at the high school's turf field. The group funded the purchase of a \$50,000 baby grand piano for Glen Cove High School and is currently sponsoring a beautification project at the middle school cafeteria, including a mural by a professional artist. Other past contributions include band uniforms, support for student ski trips, and a student lounge and courtyard at Finley Middle School.

"What we do is just try to make Glen Cove the best district that it can be," foundation president and City Councilwoman Danielle Fugazy Scagliola, said. "Everything that sometimes falls out of the school district budget — when we can help, we do."

Karen Martinez, a board member of the foundation, said the event is designed to be inclusive of all skill levels and schedules.

"People have fun that day golfing for sure," Martinez said. "We get people who golf on a regular basis, and we also get brand new golfers. Everyone's just kind of coming together in community and having a good time."

She added that many attend just the dinner and raffle portion of the evening, which opens up the event to parents, teachers, and others who can't make the full day.

"That's what I used to do before I started volunteering," Martinez said. "It's a nice way to involve more people."

Martinez first learned of the foundation's work when it raised money to build a new playground at Deasy School, replacing one that had been partially dismantled due to safety concerns. "The education foundation raised all this money and brought in a new playground at Deasy School — it was huge," she said.

Superintendent Maria Rianna expressed her gratitude for the foundation's continued partnership and support.

"The Glen Cove Education Foundation has been so supportive and generous to our district and our students in so many ways," Rianna said in an email to the Herald. "I am so grateful to the outstanding members of the Education Foundation that work so hard to enhance our students' experiences in the school district."

Registration begins at 11:30 a.m., followed by lunch, access to the putting green, and a 1 p.m. tee time. The event



Photos courtesy Glen Cove Education Foundation

The foundation designed and funded the creation of a student lounge and outdoor courtyard for use by Finley students.



With the help of the education foundation, the high school has a baby grand piano.



The foundation donated for the purchase of a new scoreboard at the high school turf field.

includes a hole-in-one contest, prizes for team play and individual achievements, and a silent auction. At 5:30 p.m., participants will head to The Marker for an open bar dinner and raffles, a crowd favorite.

"People love our raffle, and they just love it because it's so fun," Fugazy Scagliola said. "It's just this great mix of people really enjoying the day together — and all for a good cause."

The raffle, she noted, is especially popular for its high-end prizes such as designer pocketbooks.

Tickets for the event are \$175 per player. For more information or to register, visit [theglencoveducationfoundation.com](http://theglencoveducationfoundation.com), email [gcef@outlook.com](mailto:gcef@outlook.com), or call 516-801-8140.

Connolly elementary students Kalinda Mejia and Avianna Washington love reading in class while sitting on more comfortable chairs.

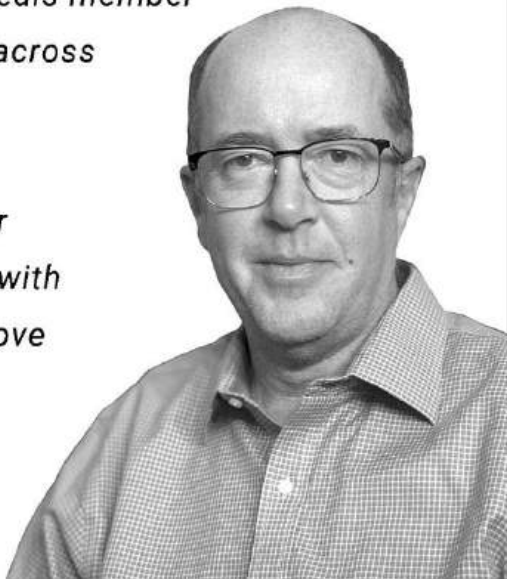




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## NEWS BRIEF

### Kidney donation urgently needed

A fundraiser will be held on Thursday, May 29, 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



Courtesy Metro Creative

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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. The surgical risks to healthy donors are relatively low, and most donors resume normal activities within a few weeks. Advances in laparoscopic surgery and post-donation care have made the process safer and more accessible. Additionally, kidney paired donation programs help match incompatible donor-recipient pairs with others in similar situations, expanding transplant opportunities. Public education, community events, and social media campaigns continue to play a critical role in encouraging more Americans to become organ donors

—Roksana Amid

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# 6 Take me out to the Beep Ball game

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The long-standing rivalry between Boston and New York will be displayed Saturday morning when the New York Bombers take on Boston Strong at City Field Park in Glen Cove.

The doubleheader between the teams will be the fourth annual fundraising game, with proceeds going towards transportation, equipment, and travel costs. Ted Fass founded the Bombers, the only visually impaired baseball team in the state, in 1998.

Their opponents, Boston Strong, were created in 2022. The team travels to compete in tournaments across the country and practices on Sunday mornings at Tufts University.

Since 2023, they have played the Bombers twice a year outside of tournaments, with the purpose of developing skills, gaining game experience, and creating competitive situations.

Beep baseball is a modified version of baseball played by blind or visually impaired athletes. It uses a beeping ball and buzzing bases. The game has been around for over 50 years, and there are 26 officially affiliated teams across the country.

All players wear blindfolds to create an even playing field. In addition, players utilize their entire body, diving onto the ground to stop a beeping ball to record an out, hitting a pitched ball, and running 100 feet full speed toward the sound of a buzzing base to score a run.

When the batter makes contact, one base begins to buzz, and the runner must reach it before a fielder locates the ball by sound. There is no second base, and scoring depends on speed, sound, and teamwork.

John Alutto, a volunteer for Beep baseball practices, fundraiser, and umpire in the upcoming game, explained that in prior fundraisers, the Bombers played the Sunset Mets, a men's senior baseball team Alutto managed. Each player contributed \$100 towards the Bombers, and a game would follow.

"It got kind of old," he said. "So, this year, I contacted the Boston Strong, and we got them coming down for the first time; so, Glen Cove is going to see a real Beep baseball game."

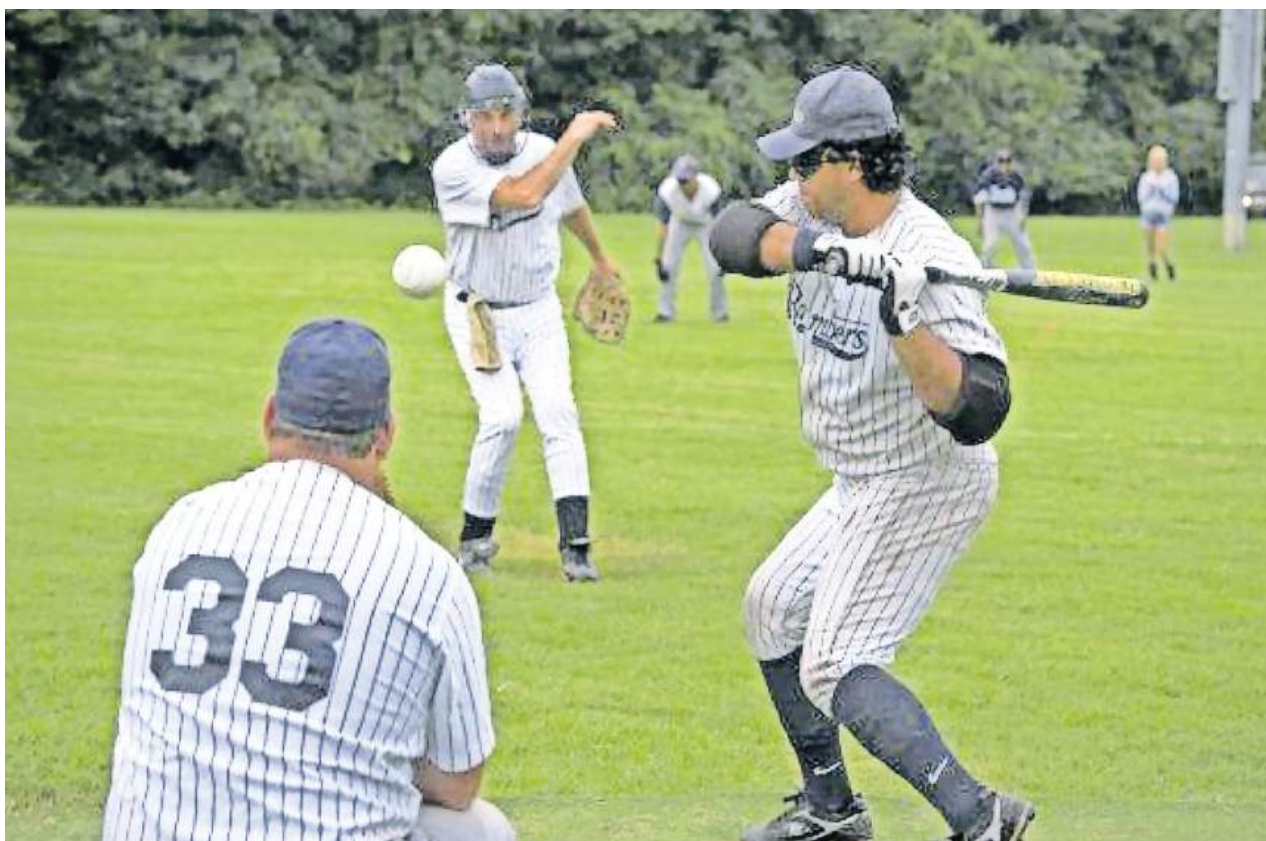
Alutto was personally intrigued by Beep baseball since his friend Joey Esposito has a blind son. After getting Esposito's son on the Bombers, Alutto has been involved with them ever since.

According to Boston Strong head coach Joe Quintanilla, Saturday's game will be the first time the teams play each other on Long Island. Last year, they faced off in Central Park.

He added that the Bombers will return to Massachusetts for a game in September.

Quintanilla said he is aware of the historic tension between the two cities. While the games are extremely competitive, he emphasized the mutual respect the teams have for each other.

"I think that there's, obviously, there's a rivalry in the whole Boston/New York cultural thing," he said.



Tim Baker/Herald photos

The New York Bombers are the only visually impaired baseball, also known as Beep baseball or Beepball, team in the state, and were founded in 1998.

"But we get along great. I mean, we love seeing these guys."

Alex Barrera, a Bombers player since 2008, echoed Quintanilla's feelings of respect towards his opponent, although he made it clear his goal was a victory.

"We're looking to win, of course," he said. "Despite our excellent relationship with them on the field, we're still looking to be competitive, and they know that as well, so it should be a terrific doubleheader."

Barrera and Quintanilla, both blind, pointed to several benefits of playing sports, including mental, physical, and spiritual ones.

"I get so much out of it that it keeps me going and wanting to do and improve as an athlete," Barrera said. "Every day I'm looking forward to improving. It's just part of my daily activity."

Quintanilla was a runner growing up and played Beep baseball for 25 years. The 49-year-old also participated in the marathon at the 1996 Paralympics in Atlanta. Looking at Saturday's game, he said he and his players are excited to get out there and compete with an opponent they respect and work hard with.

"I think that you can have fun and still be ultra-competitive. I'm a pretty competitive, but I channel it in a way that is not tension-seeking or doesn't create tension," he said. "It's good to know that we have allies 180 miles away willing to say, hey, we're going to help you grow your program. I think it's pretty cool."



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# Water providers are tested in taste contest

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What's the best-tasting tap water on Long Island?

That was the question posed to students at Farmingdale State College during the Long Island Water Conference's 37th annual drinking water tasting contest, held during National Drinking Water Week.

The conference, also known as LIWC, is made up of members of public and private water suppliers across Long Island. According to LIWC Commissioner Robert McEvoy, the event has taken place at the Farmingdale campus for the past four years, sparking student interest in water quality.

"It draws in a lot of the students," McEvoy said. "They're interested in where the water comes from, and if there's any variance in taste. We also try to promote tap water as being the most regulated and tested, even more so than bottled water."

The finals, held on May 7, featured 16 Long Island water providers competing for the title of best-tasting drinking water in Nassau and Suffolk counties. Students, faculty and staff on campus participated in a blind taste test, sampling water from each provider and casting their votes.

The Oyster Bay Water District won the Nassau County competition, while



Oyster Bay Water District Secretary Michael Rich, second from right, and Treasurer Nick Niznik offered samples to students during the Long Island Water Conference's annual water tasting event at Farmingdale State College.

the Greenlawn Water District took the top spot in Suffolk. Both districts will advance to the New York State Regional Metro Tap Water Taste Contest in New York City in August, where they will compete for a spot in the statewide competition held later that month at the Great New York State Fair in Syracuse.

LIWC representatives at the event also took the opportunity to educate attendees about the water supplied to their homes, and assured them that Long Island's drinking water remains of high quality.

McEvoy, who is also a commissioner

and the chairman of the Oyster Bay Water District, said that frequent testing is conducted by the state Department of Health to ensure the water's quality.

"It's safe, it's highly regulated and it's extremely affordable," McEvoy said. "It's something that should be utilized by the public, and it's a far greater value than bottled water."

Michael Rich, a commissioner and the secretary of the Oyster Bay district, has taken part in the competition for the past 10 years, educating the community about local water supplies.

"It's great to come out to the commu-

nity and have everyone get involved with local water," Rich said.

He noted that most people aren't aware of where their water comes from. On Long Island, drinking water comes from an aquifer system, a naturally formed underground storage area.

In an aquifer system, unwanted chemicals are capable of seeping into the water supply. The LIWC urges residents to dispose of hazardous household waste properly at designated town drop-off sites and never pour it down drains, into storm sewers or on the ground.

"Anything that we put on the ground will ultimately find its way into the aquifer," Rich stated.

Lawn irrigation, he said, accounts for much of Long Island's water use. He urged residents to follow odd/even watering schedules, watering on days that match their house numbers. He also highlighted the importance of leak detection, noting that undetected leaks can waste hundreds of thousands of gallons each month, making it vital for both residents and water providers to monitor and address them.

Rich added that it doesn't take much water to maintain a healthy lawn.

"You don't have to water your lawn for a half-hour a day," Rich said. "You'll get the same results 15 minutes a day, so we try to stress that."

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# Chalk S. State crashes up to bad judgment

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Second story in a series on the Southern State Parkway.

Ana Marte, 67, said that a fatal car accident on the Southern State Parkway in January changed her life.

Her grandson Anthonie Marte, 23, was severely injured in a one-car crash shortly after 11 p.m. on Jan. 12, in the eastbound lanes not far from Exit 30, near Farmingdale and Massapequa, according to the New York State Police.

Investigators said that the car in which Marte was a passenger, a black 2016 Dodge Dart, was traveling at a high rate of speed and weaving between lanes before the driver lost control and crashed into a tree.

Two rear-seat passengers, ages 23 and 21, were pronounced dead at the scene. The driver, Jaden Dsouza, 19, of College Point, Queens, and Marte, of East Elmhurst, Queens, who was in the front passenger seat, were both extricated from the vehicle and transported to a nearby hospital in serious condition.

Marte's grandmother said he suffered major head injuries, and she still takes care of him daily, feeding him and giving him pain medicine. He is slowly recovering, with doctors' appointments and physical therapy. "He's like a baby again," she said. "He doesn't want to go outside because he's scared, and all he does is sleep."

Marte does not remember the accident, his grandmother said.

Dsouza was later charged with one count of driving while ability impaired by drugs, second-degree manslaughter, first-degree vehicular manslaughter, second-degree assault and aggravated vehicular homicide, police said.

"It's on the driver for the most part," State Police Capt. Mike Rhodes said. "If they're inattentive, if they're speeding, if they're not following the vehicle and traffic law, they do not understand the severity of what could happen."

Rhodes oversees 56 state troopers and eight sergeants, many of whom patrol the 25.3-mile long Southern State. Most accidents, he said, occur during peak congestion, at around 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Crash data from the state police show a fluctuating but persistent pattern of accidents on the parkway over the past six years, with fatal crashes increasing in 2024.

In 2019, there were 3,127 crashes on the Nassau County stretch of the parkway, including six fatalities. That number dropped to 2,331 in 2020, but rose again in subsequent years, reaching 2,716 in 2022 and 2,725 in 2023. In 2024, state police recorded 2,549 crashes and five fatalities. Thus far this year, there have been 328 crashes and one fatality.



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Crash data from the New York State Police shows a fluctuating, but persistent, pattern of accidents on the Southern State Parkway over the past six years, with the number of fatal crashes in a year reaching as high as six.

Crashes resulting in serious personal injury in Nassau have remained relatively low throughout the period, with no more than two reported in any given year.

While most incidents are non-fatal, serious crashes often involve an added risk: intoxication. Speed and distraction remain consistent contributing factors, but impairment by drugs or alcohol increases the potential for deadly outcomes.

"A lot of these things, they hit every single age category," Rhodes said.

To combat the persistent problem, state police focus on enforcement and outreach. Not every traffic stop results in a citation; many serve as opportunities for education.

Personal injury attorney Stephen Cohen said that in his more than five decades of handling lawsuits, most of those that involve accidents on the Southern State involve intoxicated drivers.

Cohen, a partner at the law firm Cohen and Jaffe, in New Hyde Park, said that speed, intoxication and reckless driving continue to be the common factors in the region's most serious accidents.

"I don't believe road design is an issue at all," Cohen said. "Posting more signs to slow down isn't an answer, because when somebody is either speeding or just intoxicated, they don't really care what the sign says."

Many collisions during rush hour, he explained, stem from traffic congestion and insufficient braking distance. "People are gliding along, and they hit a certain spot, and all of a sudden they weren't prepared, because they're going 70 miles an hour," Cohen said. "So you

see a lot of rear-end collisions, not necessarily death-related."

Fatal crashes, he noted, often involve younger drivers, high speeds and intoxication or impairment.

"You don't see fatalities at 11 o'clock in the morning," Cohen said. "You just don't. You may see them at 4 in the morning. When your ability to observe is not sharp because of either impairment or intoxication, the car is going to go airborne. And if there happens to be a tree there, that's the next thing you're going to hit."

In his practice, Cohen said, the firm represents victims or passengers, but not intoxicated drivers.

Under state law, he noted, lawsuits require plaintiffs to meet the "serious injury" threshold defined in insurance law. In cases involving fatalities, death, families must petition a Surrogate's Court to appoint a representative for the estate before filing a lawsuit. That process can take over a year, he said.

Insurance coverage limits often dictate how quickly a case can be resolved. "If somebody has — let's say, the responsible party — has a \$100,000 policy, that case is going to be over in two seconds," Cohen said.

Efforts to reform wrongful death laws in New York have repeatedly stalled, despite advocacy from legal organizations.

Despite changes in laws and vehicle technology over the years, Cohen said, the root problems remain unchanged.

"It only seems to get worse because cars are faster than they were 20, 30 years ago," he said. "There's more people drinking or doing some sort of drugs. And that's what you see in all horrific accidents."

Additional reporting by Mohammad Rafiq.

## Accident data from the New York State Police

- 2019 – Total: 3,987**  
(3,127 Nassau, 860 Suffolk)  
Serious personal injury: 2 (Nassau)  
Fatal: 8 (6 Nassau, 2 Suffolk)
- 2020 – Total: 2,977**  
(2,331 Nassau, 646 Suffolk)  
Serious personal injury: 3 (2 Nassau, 1 Suffolk)  
Fatal: 9 (6 Nassau, 3 Suffolk)
- 2021 – Total: 3,566**  
(2,782 Nassau, 784 Suffolk)  
Serious personal injury: 1 (Nassau)  
Fatal: 9 (6 Nassau, 3 Suffolk)
- 2022 – Total: 3,552**  
(2,716 Nassau, 836 Suffolk)  
Serious personal injury: 5 (1 Nassau, 4 Suffolk)  
Fatal: 13 (5 Nassau, 8 Suffolk)
- 2023 – Total: 3,500**  
(2,725-Nassau, 775-Suffolk)  
Serious personal injury: 1 (Nassau)  
Fatal: 6 (3 Nassau, 3 Suffolk)
- 2024 – Total: 3,405**  
(2,549 Nassau, 856 Suffolk)  
Serious personal injury: 2 (1 Nassau, 1 Suffolk)  
Fatal: 15 (5 Nassau, 10 Suffolk)
- 2025\* – Total: 426**  
(328 Nassau, 98 Suffolk)  
Serious personal injury: 0  
Fatal: 3 (1 Nassau, 2 Suffolk)

\* To date





# Survey to shape future of transportation

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1  
micro-transit, but more just getting around in our own little community.”

Ann Fangmann, executive director of the Community Development Agency, said that the mobility work is rooted in longstanding goals. “One of the recommendations coming out of our comprehensive plan process was a more developed bike study to cover infrastructure,” Fangmann said. “Bike share is one of those concepts that it was recommended should be explored.”

She noted that Nassau County had once approached Glen Cove about launching a bike-share program, but the effort fell apart. Now, potential locations like the Glen Street train station or the waterfront’s Esplanade are being reconsidered for bike-sharing kiosks. “Especially, let’s say, you’re at Long Beach or even here in Glen Cove, you get off the train,” Fangmann said. “If we had a bike share, for instance, at Glen Street Station, you could finish what’s typically called the last mile.”

The survey also addresses the city’s Loop Bus service, which runs weekdays and serves as a vital transit link for many. Consultants are now examining whether electrifying the bus system would make sense, given its current usage.

“So people have been coming to me for years and saying, can’t you just electrify the loop bus and get us grants to do that?” Fangmann said. “It’s not as easy as it sounds.”

Despite enthusiasm for change, officials acknowledge that Glen Cove’s infrastructure poses challenges. Many of the city’s main arteries, such as Dosoris Lane and Glen Cove Avenue, are overseen by the county or state. “We’re fairly limited here,” Fangmann explained. “Unfortunately, some of those north-south connections and east-west connections that we want to bridge here in the city are county- and state-owned.”



Courtesy Metro Creative

The City of Glen Cove is conducting a mobility survey to assess transportation needs.

Areas like the corridor from downtown to Garvies Point and Brewster Street are already being considered, she said, for conceptual designs to improve safety and walkability. “That’s definitely been identified as a location that needs more robust safety measures and possibly signage and other, you know, visible cues to get you from the downtown to the waterfront,” Fangmann said.

Panzenbeck acknowledged the difficulty of shifting habits. “It’s hard because people love their cars,” she

said. “It’s very hard . . . to convince people that they can ride the bike or walk or use their own ways of getting around other than their car.”

“We encourage all residents to participate in the survey.”

The Clean Mobility Survey can be accessed by visiting [glencoveny.org](http://glencoveny.org) or by scanning the QR code on fliers posted throughout the city. The responses will remain anonymous, and will help determine which pilot project the city pursues next.



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Glen Cove Beautification and volunteers got ready to clean Welwyn beach and preserve.

# Restoring beauty to Welwyn Perserve

Volunteers rolled up their sleeves to clear litter, trim overgrowth, and restore the natural beauty of the historic Welwyn Preserve on Saturday for the City of Glen Cove Beautification Commission’s annual Great American Cleanup. The event, which began at the meet-up point at 100 Crescent Beach Road, united residents of all ages in a shared mission to protect Glen Cove’s green spaces. The cleanup highlighted the city’s commitment to environmental stewardship and civic pride. By the end of the morning, participants had made a visible difference, leaving the grounds cleaner and more inviting for all to enjoy.

—Roksana Amid



Barbara Peebles, Deanna Perez and Coleen Spinello got their buckets ready to collect trash.



Bob Labaw, vice chairperson for Glen Cove Beautification, was proud to help the community.



Deanna Perez was on the lookout for litter that could be hidden among the trees.



Charlotte Decker and Oliver Pinder volunteered with their Key Club at Glen Cove High School to help beautify Glen Cove.



# A bipartisan effort to protect IVF access

Gillen leads push for bill safeguarding fertility treatments, hoping for congressional momentum

By **HERNESTO GALDAMEZ**

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U.S. Rep. Laura Gillen, a Democrat representing New York's 4th Congressional District, and Republican U.S. Rep. Mike Lawler, of the 17th District, have reintroduced a bipartisan bill aimed at protecting access to in vitro fertilization across the country.

The Access to Family Building Act, which Gillen is shepherding with support from Lawler and Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick of Pennsylvania, seeks to federally codify the right to access IVF services. The legislation is in response to growing concerns that reproductive technologies like IVF are being threatened by recent state-level legal developments and court rulings.

During a virtual press conference on May 7, Gillen emphasized the importance of ensuring legal certainty for families relying on reproductive technology. Infertility, she said, is a widespread issue affecting Americans of all backgrounds, and she called for Congress to act swiftly to protect the procedure.

"We believe, like most Americans do, that the right to start and grow family through IVF should be protected," Gil-

len said. "The Access to Family Building Act will simply ensure that IVF remains accessible to families in every state."

Lawler echoed Gillen's sentiments, sharing his own family's experience with fertility challenges. He reaffirmed his support for protecting IVF access, calling it a nonpartisan issue with widespread public backing. Lawler also referenced other related legislative efforts he supports, including tax credits and insurance mandates to reduce the financial burden of IVF treatments.

"Access to IVF should not be a partisan issue," he said. "We want to help people through this journey and certainly make sure that their right to IVF is protected."

The press event also featured Barbara Collura, president and CEO of Resolve: The National Infertility Association, who stressed the emotional and financial toll of infertility and the need for guaranteed nationwide access to IVF.

"There are so many challenges that our communities face in building their families," Collura said. "Our goal is to reduce and eliminate those barriers. We know firsthand that our communities want to know that IVF is protected in all 50 states."

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, IVF accounted for nearly 3 percent for U.S. births in 2022, with over 91,000 babies born through assisted reproductive technology.

Democrats that year introduced the Right to Build Families Act, to protect access to IVF and other fertility treatments amid concerns after the U.S. Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade*. The bill was blocked by Senate Republicans.

The lawmakers emphasized the bipartisan nature of the new legislation, with Gillen noting that Republican support like Lawler's is vital to passing it in the current Congress.

When the Herald asked about the path forward, both lawmakers said they planned to advocate within their parties and with the congressional leadership to advance the bill through committee and onto the House floor.

The legislation comes amid renewed national attention to IVF following recent court rulings in states like Alabama, where embryos created through IVF were legally recognized as children, prompting clinics to suspend services due to the legal risks.

"I think it's really important to dem-



Herald file photo

U.S. Representatives Laura Gillen and Mike Lawler announced bipartisan legislation to protect nationwide access to in vitro fertilization at a virtual press conference on May 7.

onstrate that this is not a partisan issue," Gillen said. "This is an easy one for us to agree on. We want to support couples and individuals who want to bring a child into the world. IVF may be the only way that they can do that."

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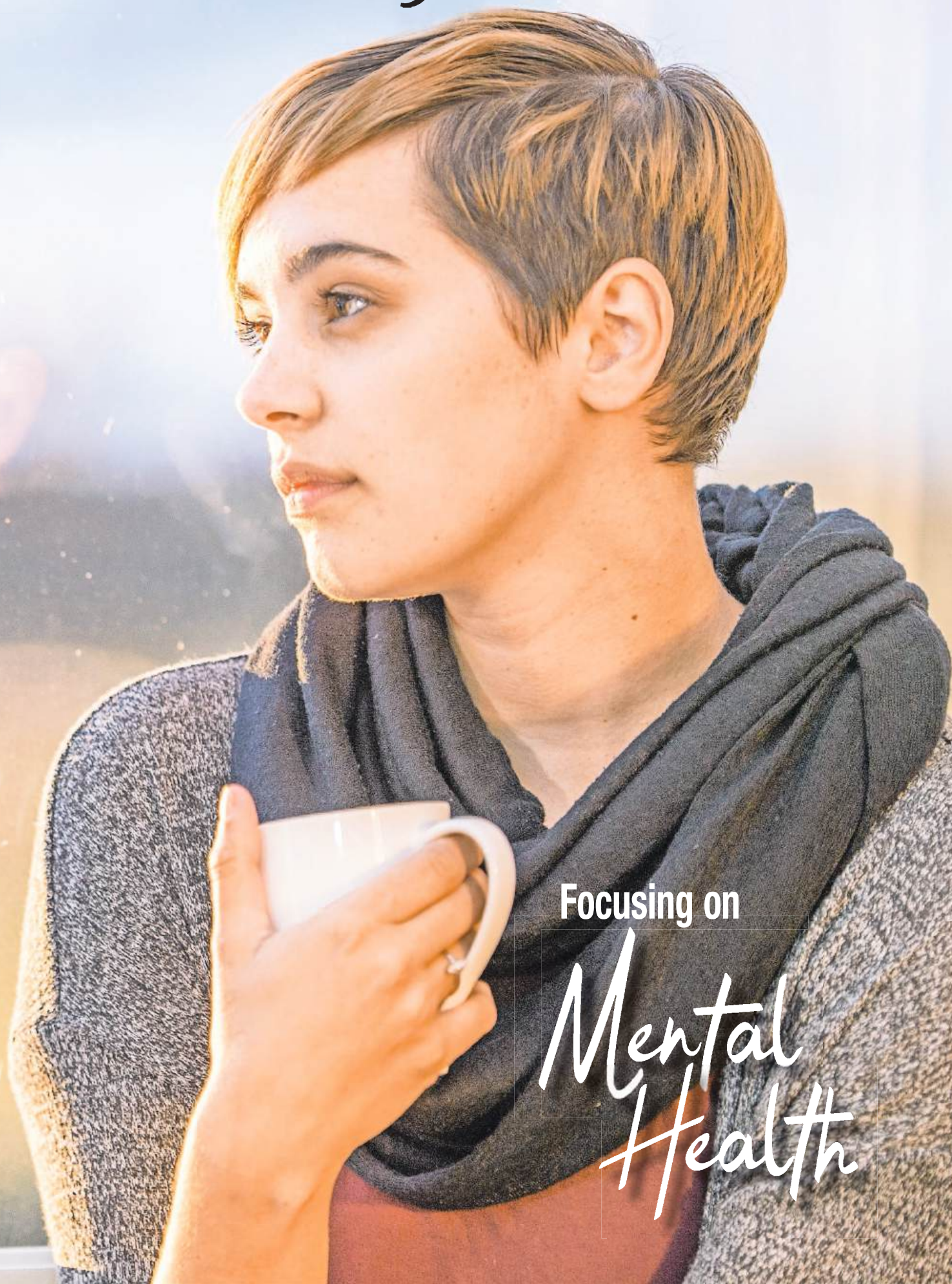
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# Could it be depression?

Your 'bad mood' may be something else

Being unhappy isn't the same as being depressed. Depression is a term often used loosely to describe how we feel after a bad week at work or when we're going through a breakup. But major depressive disorder — a type of depression — is much more complicated. There are specific symptoms that determine whether it's depression or the sadness we all sometimes experience in life. Determining if persistent, unshakable dark feelings are a result of depression can be the first step toward healing and recovery.

### Hopeless Outlook

Major depression is a mood disorder that affects the way you feel about life in general. Having a hopeless or helpless outlook on your life is the most common symptom of depression. Other feelings may be worthlessness, self-hate, or inappropriate guilt. Common, recurring thoughts of depression may be vocalized as, "It's all my fault," or "What's the point?"

### Lost Interest

Depression can take the pleasure or enjoyment out of the things you love. A loss of interest or withdrawal from activities that you once looked forward to — sports, hobbies, or going out with friends — is yet another telltale sign of major depression. Another area where you may lose interest is sex. Symptoms of major depression include a decreased sex drive and even impotence.

### Increased Fatigue/Sleep Problems

Part of the reason you might stop doing things you enjoy



is because you feel very tired. Depression often comes with a lack of energy and an overwhelming feeling of fatigue, which can be among the most debilitating symptoms of depression. This could lead to excessive sleeping. Depression is also linked with insomnia, as one might lead to the other and vice versa. They can also make each other worse. The lack of quality, restful sleep can also lead to anxiety.

### Anxiety

While depression hasn't been shown to cause anxiety, the two conditions often occur together. Be aware of the symptoms.   
✓ Nervousness, restlessness, or feeling tense

- ✓ Feelings of danger, panic, or dread
- ✓ Rapid heart rate
- ✓ Rapid breathing
- ✓ Increased or heavy sweating
- ✓ Trembling or muscle twitching
- ✓ Trouble focusing or thinking clearly about anything other than the thing you're worried about

### Uncontrollable Emotions

One minute it's an outburst of anger. The next you're crying uncontrollably. Nothing outside of you prompted the change, but your emotions are up and down at a moment's notice. Depression can cause mood swings.

### Getting Help

Recognizing that you're depressed is essential to getting the right help. Depression affects millions of people, but there are varying treatments available, from lifestyle changes to medications. No matter the path of treatment you choose, asking for professional help is the first step to getting back to feeling like yourself again. Depression is a very treatable condition. Psychotherapy (talk therapy), medications or a combination thereof can be very effective in managing symptoms. Mental health professionals can work with individuals to find the right therapy based on symptoms and severity of the depression. Also, it may take some time to find the right medication or treatment; therefore, people are urged to remain patient and hopeful. The sooner action is taken, the more quickly the condition can be addressed.

Photo: It's normal to experience feelings of sadness and grief from time to time. But when these feelings are prolonged or interfere with daily life, it may be time to seek professional help.

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Michael N. Rosenblut, Parker's president and CEO, accepted an NYPD award on behalf of Parker. The award recognized Parker's dedication to the 105th Precinct and Parker's continued commitment to community partnership with local first responders.

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# STEPPING OUT



Young imaginations shine

## Little Learners Art Lab at Long Island Children's Museum is filled with year-round creativity

By Danielle Schwab

Long Island Children's Museum transforms into a colorful hub of creativity for some of its smallest visitors, every Thursday at 11:30 a.m. Its Little Learners Art Lab welcomes young artists — and the grownups with them — for a hands-on art adventure designed to spark curiosity and imagination.

Whether it's painting, planting or playing with textures, sessions offer an inviting space where toddlers and preschoolers can explore the world through art. This is more than about creating something beautiful — it's about growing minds and nurturing self-expression.

"We try to infuse in all of the themes different mediums, exposure to different artists and different approaches to art," says Ashley Niver, the museum's director of education.

Each week, children are introduced to artists, techniques, and styles through engaging projects and materials, led by museum educators. Parents and grandparents are welcome to join in the fun, making it a bonding experience that's as enriching for adults as it is for kids. Through these immersive projects, the tots explore their creativity and even make new friends.

"Around a third of our visitors are under the age of five. It's important for early childhood development to have activities that are process-focused to give them that expressive freedom [to create]," Niver explains.

In each class, young learners are encouraged to ask questions, try new things and take the lead in their creative journey. The program mixes play with gentle guidance, helping children explore big concepts in age-appropriate ways.

The activities act as a gateway to talk about new concepts for young learners as they discover the world around them, combining inquisitive thinking with instructional supervision. On the schedule, May 22, families can explore the lifecycle of a plant while decorating terracotta pots during Art In Bloom. Kids will plant seeds in those pots and take their tiny gardens home to watch, water and nurture as little sprouts grow into blooming plants.

That's followed by Crystallized Creations on May 29. The salt-based art project allows kids experiment with textures and observe how salt and paint interact — adding a rocky twist to their creativity.

"Science isn't just happening behind the scenes. It can



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to bring the creativity back to their households.

"We want to give the opportunity for parents to incorporate making art in easy forms at home that may be less daunting for them," Niver says.

And often, the youngsters can try materials and methods they may not have access to elsewhere. The sessions offer an introduction to new media as well.

"We also try to balance with materials that maybe they wouldn't be exposed to normally at home. We could bring in easels one day and have the kids do canvas painting," she adds.

The fun doesn't stop when class ends. The museum's exhibits and upcoming events are often tied into the weekly themes. So, when the class concludes, there's plenty more to explore!

For example, in celebration of National Zoo and Aquarium Month, in June, kids can make majestic underwater creatures using recycled materials and bubble wrap. This is a creative "sneak peek" teaser what's to come as the museum prepares to open its newest permanent exhibit, "altwater stories," in October.

Accessibility is another important component of the museum's approach to arts programming. Little Learners Art Lab provides families with high-quality early childhood education at a fraction of the cost of private art classes or specialized preschool programs, according to the leadership team. The program's affordability ensures that all children in the community have access to enriching artistic experiences that contribute to cognitive, social, and emotional development.

"Our whole point is to bring people in, and celebrate and cater to the audience that is coming to us daily, and that is the early childhood audience," Niver says.

"We hope that for years to come families will bring back other children in their family, as their family grows, and continue to value the museum."

happen when you're mixing paint and looking at changes in color or how, for instance, the salt disperses the paint pigment," Niver says.

Other sessions examine techniques like pointillism or even introduce self-portraits in a thoroughly kid-friendly approach.

"When the parents see these 'sticky moments' for younger kids where they're ingrained in these memories and these experiences, they are right there for the ride," Niver adds. "They're going through it with their children, and seeing their children light up and experience joy and learning of these new concepts connects the parents to the activities."

Of course, art doesn't have to happen in a classroom or museum space, it can also be done right at home! Niver encourages families to use these classes as an accessible way



### 'Murr' goes solo

Get ready to laugh — and laugh you will. Prepare for an unforgettable night filled with comedy, chaos and wild antics as Impractical Jokers' James "Murr" Murray hits the stage on The Errors Tour. Known for his outrageous pranks, laugh-out-loud moments and unpredictable humor, Murr brings the party to you with a show packed full of hilarious stories, ridiculous mishaps and plenty of jaw-dropping moments. With his signature style of comedy and a few unexpected surprises, Murr will have you in stitches from start to finish. It's surely a non-stop ride of comedy, antics and pure fun you won't want to miss. For more than a decade, Murr and his lifelong Friends — al, Joe and Q — have been making audiences laugh across the country, and now he's bringing the laughs to you. Murr Live is hysterical — of course, interactive — stand-up comedy, in true Impractical Jokers style. Hangout with Murr as he tells funny stories, shows off his own personal never-before-seen videos from Impractical Jokers and plays Jokers "live" on stage with the audience.

Friday, May 16, 7 p.m. \$65, \$55, \$45, \$35. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. Tickets available at [ticketmaster.com](http://ticketmaster.com) or [paramountny.com](http://paramountny.com).



### David Finckel, Wu Han and Chad Hoopes

Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center Artistic Directors David Finckel (piano) and Wu Han (cello) have assembled a scintillating collection of works that reveal the joy and depth of the chamber music literature. Starting as frequent collaborators, Finckel and Han have been married since 1985. As a duo, they began to tour regularly while retaining residencies in New York. In this program, violin sonatas from the Baroque and Classical eras are performed by the young virtuoso Chad Hoopes, followed by Mendelssohn's invigorating second sonata for cello and piano, a gem of the Romantic era. The art of romantic music hits a high point in the concluding work, in which all combine for a trio by the founder of Czech music, Bedrich Smetana.

Sunday, May 18, 3 p.m. Tilles Center, LIU Post campus, 720 Northern Blvd., Brookville. Tickets available at [ticketmaster.com](http://ticketmaster.com) or [tillescenter.org](http://tillescenter.org) or (516) 299-3100.

Photos courtesy LICM

Kids and their adult partners play and create together at the Art Lab. Artistic inspiration involves developing young motor skills as everyone fully engages in the moment.



YOUR  
NEIGHBORHOOD

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CALENDAR

MAY  
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**Fundraiser  
for kidney  
transplant**  
RSVP now to attend  
a fundraiser in  
support of David  
Geliashvili, a Glen Cove resident  
urgently seeking a living kidney  
donor. The evening, May 29,  
includes food, wine, beer, and  
raffles. Tickets are \$60 per  
person or \$100 per couple. RSVP  
is requested by May 19. Payment  
can be made by cash or check  
(checks payable to GC Rotary,  
mailed to 3 Hickory Lane,  
Glen Cove).

- **Where:** Glen Cove Anglers Club, 70 Garvies Point Road
- **Time:** 6-9 p.m., May 29
- **Contact:** Trish McCauley at (917) 209-0488 or Rose Ann Telese at (516) 582-3117

**Garden Days**  
Garden lovers, green thumbs and spring seekers: Old Westbury Gardens' beloved Garden Days return. Four vibrant days are filled with plants, programs, and purpose, highlighted by the much-anticipated Plant Sale Preview Party on Friday evening. On May 16 (6-8 p.m.), guests are invited to sip, shop and stroll through the gardens during this exclusive first-look event, featuring live music, sweet and savory treats, and early access to a lush array of rare perennials and signature plants grown right here on Long Island. The two-day plant sale runs May 17-18, (10 a.m.-4 p.m.), where shoppers can select from a curated selection of garden favorites with expert guidance from the Gardens' horticulture staff. Addition highlights include a panel discussion, Guided walks and garden tours and spring celebration chamber concert.

- **Where:** 71 Old Westbury Rd., Old Westbury
- **Time:** Ongoing, May 15-18
- **Contact:** Visit [oldwestburygardens.org/2025-garden-days](http://oldwestburygardens.org/2025-garden-days) for full schedule and ticket details

**On Exhibit**  
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 well-received 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



MAY  
24

**Jon Lovitz**  
Comedy legend Jon Lovitz brings his signature wit and unforgettable characters to the Paramount stage for a night of nonstop laughs. Best known for his Emmy-nominated run on SNL and roles in hit films like "A League of Their Own" and "The Wedding Singer," Lovitz has been a staple of comedy for over 30 years. He got his start acting in high school productions, developing his skills at the University of California, Irvine where he earned a B.A. in Drama. He also studied acting with Tony Barr at the Film Actors Workshop. At the advice of Tony Barr, Jon decided to concentrate solely on comedy. From there his trajectory took off. He began taking classes with the famed improv comedy group The Groundlings in 1982. One year later, Jon got his first acting job on the television show "The Paper Chase: the Second Year." Two years followed and then he was accepted into The Groundlings main company. In March 1985 The Groundlings appeared on "The Tonight Show with Johnny Carson" where Jon premiered his character "Tommy Flanagan of Pathological Liars Anonymous. SNL and numerous other offers followed and Jon was on his, working non-stop since. Along with his comedy, Jon is well known for his distinctive voice. It has served him well in his varied TV and film career. He is one of the few performers to start as an actor and then become a stand-up comedian who successfully headlines venues nationwide. Jon's humor is unique, which is attributable to his quirky personality, and he is sure to entertain. \$59.50, \$49.50, \$39.50, \$29.50.

- **Where:** The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington.
- **Time:** 7 p.m.
- **Contact:** [ticketmaster.com](http://ticketmaster.com) or [paramountny.com](http://paramountny.com)

- **Time:** Ongoing
- **Contact:** (516) 484-9337 or [nassaumuseum.org](http://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 17 and May 20-22, times vary
- **Contact:** [licm.org](http://licm.org) or call (516) 224-5800

MAY  
16

**May Birthdays Celebration**  
Join the Glen Cove Senior Center in celebrating all May birthdays. Stop by for a cheerful gathering honoring this month's birthday celebrants.

- **Where:** 130 Glen St.
- **Time:** 12:45 p.m.-1 p.m.
- **Contact:** (516) 759-9610

MAY  
17

**Art Explorations**  
Converse, collaborate and create at Nassau County Museum of Art. Kids and their adult partners can talk about and make art together. Enjoy reading and play in the Reading Room, and contribute to The Lobby Project, a collaborative art installation. Registration required.

- **Where:** 1 Museum Dr., Roslyn Harbor
- **Time:** noon-3 p.m.
- **Contact:** (516) 484-9337 or [nassaumuseum.org](http://nassaumuseum.org)

MAY  
18

**In concert**  
Sands Point Preserve's reserve's historic mansions and waterfront grounds are the backdrop for the latest edition of its unique chamber music series, "Amami in primavera" (Love me in Spring)." A trip to Italy is a good idea any time of the year, but spring is the best. There is love in the air and new life everywhere. With a little Puccini, Donizetti, Verdi and more, it will be a "bel pomeriggio di Musica (a beautiful afternoon of music)." duoJalal ensemble-in-residence featuring Kathryn Lockwood, viola and Yousif Sheronick, percussion, with violinists Karla Donehew Perez and Rebecca Fischer, and cellist

Raman Ramakrishnan, are joined by vocalist Abby Brodnick. With wine reception following. \$56, \$45 members.

- **Where:** 127 Middle Neck Road, Sands Point
- **Time:** 3 p.m.
- **Contact:** [sandspointpreserveconservancy.org](http://sandspointpreserveconservancy.org) or call (516) 571-7901

MAY  
20

**Pre council meeting.**  
Glen Cove City Council holds its Pre-Council Meeting. This brief meeting offers an opportunity for discussion and preparation ahead of the regular City Council session.

- **Where:** 9 Glen St.
- **Time:** 6:30 p.m.
- **Contact:** (516) 676-2000

**Art exhibition**  
Glen Cove City School District's Fine & Performing Arts Department will host its annual Arts Exhibition in the Glen Cove High School Art Gallery. It showcases exceptional student work from K-12 Visual and Media Arts students, as well as performances by members of the IAAP Class of 2027 Fine & Performing Artists. The exhibition

is open to the public and offers the community an opportunity to support and celebrate student creativity and talent.

- **Where:** 150 Dosoris Lane, Glen Cove
- **Time:** 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- **Contact:** (516) 801-7000

MAY  
21

**Glen Cove Board of Education meets**  
Glen Cove School District Board of Education holds its regular monthly meeting. Community members are encouraged to attend and stay informed about district matters.

- **Where:** Glen Cove High School, 150 Dosoris Lane
- **Time:** 7:30 p.m.
- **Contact:** (516) 801-7610

MAY  
22

**Creatures of the night**  
Join Ranger Eric Powers for a presentation and nighttime walk through Sands Point Preserve in search of Long Island's only flying mammal: the bat. Bats, while villainized in vampire movies and such, are important members of our ecosystem. Learn about the fascinating lives of our bats, as well as some of the other nocturnal animals that call the preserve home. This program begins with an indoor talk, followed by a brief walk at dusk. For adults and teenagers 13+. Admission is \$24, \$18 members. Registration required.

- **Where:** 127 Middle Neck Road, Sands Point
- **Time:** 7-8:30 p.m.
- **Contact:** [sandspointpreserveconservancy.org](http://sandspointpreserveconservancy.org) or call (516) 571-7901

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](mailto:kbloom@liherald.com).



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## NEIGHBORS IN THE NEWS



Courtesy Roni Jenkins

The Glen Cove St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee donated \$12,500 to the Glen Cove Boys & Girls Club, this year's parade beneficiary.

### Boys & Girls Club receives \$12,000

The Glen Cove St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee donated \$12,500 to the Glen Cove Boys & Girls Club, this year's parade beneficiary, during a check presentation held at the club with Grand Marshal Joe McDonald and Aide Irene Abrams in attendance. While some committee members, including Aide Sean Basdavanos, were unable to attend due to scheduling conflicts, their efforts were essential in making this generous contribution possible. Now in its 37th year, the parade continues to celebrate Irish heritage while giving back to the community, with this year's donation supporting the Club's vital programs for local children and teens. "The

Parade is about more than marching bands and Irish pride—it's about building community and giving back," said Parade Committee President Lisa Forgone. Grand Marshal Joe McDonald added, "What makes this parade truly special is not just the celebration—it's the giving." This year's event brought thousands to downtown Glen Cove for a festive day filled with music, tradition, and civic pride, made possible by the support of Mayor Pam Panzenbeck, the Glen Cove City Council, Department of Public Works, and the Glen Cove Police and Auxiliary Police Departments.

—Roksana Amid

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## Batter up for a chance to win!

### Calling all Mets fans!

Want to catch a game at Citi Field? Herald Community Newspapers is giving away 4 tickets to see the NY Mets on Friday, May 30th! It's super easy to enter – simply click the QR code below and submit your entry. One lucky winner will be chosen at random after the contest closes on Sunday, May 25th at midnight. Get your entries in!

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Courtesy Amy Peters

Fresh fruits and vegetables are always available at the Deep Roots Farmers Market.

## Chamber burnishes legacy of Deep Roots Market

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because it was her work, but really out of a concern for community — spreading good information about food, helping people eat healthfully and supporting small businesses.”

For the chamber, the decision to assume stewardship of the market was made after careful deliberation.

“We had a really good think about it with the board of the Chamber of Commerce,” Kunze said. “We needed to understand what it would mean for us to take this on, and we gave it incredibly careful consideration before committing to it. But we did, because we support these, ideals too.”

Chamber President Dr. Maxine Mayreis, who will co-chair the market alongside Kunze, said the organization is committed to maintaining the market’s integrity and its original purpose.

“We will continue the market in the spirit in which Amy Peters intended it,” Mayreis said. “There are strict rules about keeping it only to local makers, growers and producers. A farmers market is not a flea market — it’s about showcasing the people who actually grow, create and prepare what they sell.”

All food vendors must be licensed, and must produce their goods themselves. Many of them operate with home-processing certifications, and make packaged and bottled products as well. The market also participates in the New York State Farmers Market Nutrition Program, enabling seniors and recipients of WIC — the supplemental nutrition program for women, infants and children — to use state-issued discount coupons to purchase fresh, local produce.

Peters’s husband, Dave Berg, remembers how the market began as a simple farm stand in Sea Cliff. “When she started, it was literally her going to pick up eggs from the egg guy, then heading over to get vegetables from local farms,” Berg recounted.

The chamber now sees Deep Roots as an entrepreneurial launching pad. All participating vendors automatically become full-fledged chamber members for the season.

“I’m grateful we were able to agree to include all market vendors as chamber members, giving us the opportunity to promote their businesses outside of the market, which also acts as an incubator for small, growing businesses,” Chamber Executive Director Cliff Krauter said.

Vendor applications continue to roll in, with around 30 businesses signed up for the opening day and more expected as the season progresses. The market is capped at roughly 40 vendors due to space limitations.

Fees remain intentionally low — just \$25 for vendors that participate once a month, and \$50 for those who do so twice a monthly — giving small businesses access to the chamber’s networking and promotional benefits.

“Many of these people wouldn’t think to join a chamber, or would feel they’re too small,” said Mayreis. “But by joining through the market, they realize the value of what we offer.”

Each Saturday will also feature live acoustic performances from local musicians and family-friendly activities on the lawn behind the gazebo. George Blessing, franchise owner of Never Stop Moving 365 in Roslyn, will lead children’s fitness games from 10 to 10:45 a.m., including sack races, obstacle courses and sports skills training.

“Empowering children is really what we try to do — whether it’s a bike lesson, a swim lesson or just building confidence,” Blessing said.

Sponsorship opportunities are available for local businesses looking to support the market. Deep Roots Farmers Market Glen Cove LLC was created to manage the transition. The chamber encourages local producers, artisans and sponsors to get involved by visiting [glencovechamber.org](https://glencovechamber.org).



# HERALD 1911 0515 PUBLIC NOTICES

**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  
D

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 I -  
SCHOOL DISTRICT  
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:

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

B. 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  
the 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  
person otherwise  
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  
for registration or  
otherwise register with  
the Nassau County  
Board of Elections.

AND FURTHER NOTICE  
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  
IS 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 will  
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  
regular office hours until  
the date of election.

AND FURTHER NOTICE  
IS HEREBY GIVEN that  
military voters who are  
not currently registered  
may apply to register as  
a qualified voter of the  
school district. Military  
voters who are qualified  
voters of the school  
district may submit an  
application for a  
military ballot. Military  
voters may designate a  
preference to receive a  
military voter  
registration, military  
ballot application or  
military ballot by mail,  
facsimile transmission  
or electronic mail in  
their request for such  
registration, ballot  
application or ballot.  
Military voter  
registration forms  
and military ballot  
application forms must  
be received in the Office  
of the District Clerk no  
later than 5:00 p.m. on  
May 5, 2025. No military  
ballot will be canvassed  
unless it is (1) received  
in the Office of the District  
Clerk before the close  
of the polls on election  
day and showing a  
cancellation mark of  
the United States postal  
service or a foreign  
country's postal service,  
or showing a dated  
endorsement of receipt  
by another agency  
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  
- 154 Dosoris Lane,  
Glen Cove High School  
- Dosoris Lane; Robert  
M. Finley Middle School  
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School - Dosoris Lane;  
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Road; Landing School -  
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Connolly School - Ridge  
Drive, Glen Cove, New  
York during regular  
school hours; and on  
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in accordance with the  
rules adopted pursuant  
to 2035 of the Education  
Law, any qualified voter  
may have a proposition  
or an amendment  
placed upon the ballot,  
provided that such  
amendment (a) be typed  
or printed in the English  
language; (b) that it be  
directed to Ida Johnson,  
District Clerk of the  
said School District; (c)  
that it be submitted to  
Ida Johnson, District  
Clerk no less than sixty  
(60) days preceding  
the date of the Annual  
School District Election  
and Budget Vote, i.e.  
no later than Friday,  
March 21, 2025, 3:00  
p.m. prevailing time,  
at the District Office,  
Administration Building,  
154 Dosoris Lane, Glen  
Cove, New York; and (d)  
that it be signed by at  
least one hundred (100)  
qualified voters of the  
district. However, the  
school board will not  
entertain any petition to  
place before the voters  
any proposition for the  
purpose of which is not  
within the powers of  
the voters to determine,  
nor any proposition or  
amendment which is  
contrary to law.

AND FURTHER NOTICE  
IS HEREBY GIVEN  
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  
Glen Cove, New York  
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**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  
de Glen Cove, Nueva  
York, se realizará en los  
siguientes lugares:  
Distritos electorales  
escolares  
A, B, C  
D

Lugar de votación  
Escuela Secundaria  
Glen Cove, 150 Dosoris  
Lane, gimnasio de atrás,  
puerta n.º 13.  
Escuela Connolly, 1  
Ridge Drive, gimnasio  
de atrás  
en el mencionado  
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:  
A. Dos (2)  
miembros que serán  
elegidos cada uno para  
cumplir un cargo de tres  
(3) años desde el 1 de  
julio 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 de votación.

POR EL PRESENTE,  
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.

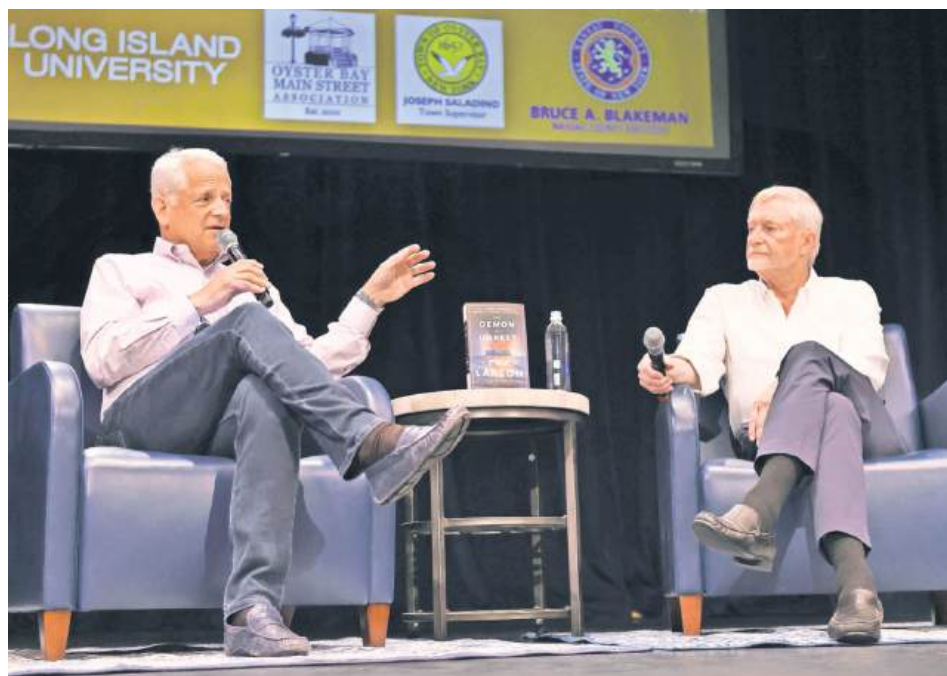
POR EL PRESENTE,  
TAMBIÉN SE NOTIFICA  
que las solicitudes para  
nominar candidatos  
para el cargo de  
miembro de la Junta  
de Educación se deben  
presentar entre las  
9:00 a. m. y las 5:00 p.  
m., hora en vigor, ante  
la secretaria de dicho  
Distrito escolar en la  
oficina del Distrito del  
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  
que los votantes  
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  
a 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  
para la Elección  
anual del distrito  
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 el  
Distrito hasta la última  
fecha que se encuentra  
en los registros  
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 para  
registrarse o inscribirse  
de otra manera en la  
Junta Electoral del  
condado de Nassau.

POR 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.  
POR EL PRESENTE,  
TAMBIÉN SE NOTIFICA  
que las solicitudes de  
boletas electorales  
por ausencia y boletas  
electorales anticipadas  
por correo para la  
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





Courtesy Gold Coast Forum

Last year's keynote speaker, Erik Larson, right, discussed his latest book, "Demon of Unrest," with former U.S. Rep. Steve Israel.

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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, debe recibir esta solicitud al menos siete días antes de la elección si la boleta electoral se enviará por correo al votante, o el día antes de la elección si la boleta electoral se entregará personalmente al votante o a su representante designado. Al recibir una solicitud oportuna para enviar por correo 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 hayan 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 boletas electorales por ausencia o boletas electorales anticipadas por correo.

**POR EL PRESENTE, TAMBIÉN SE NOTIFICA** que los votantes militares que no estén registrados actualmente pueden

registrarse como votantes calificados del Distrito escolar. Los votantes militares que sean votantes calificados del Distrito escolar podrán enviar una solicitud de boleta electoral militar. Estos votantes pueden indicar su preferencia de recibir un registro de votante militar, una solicitud de boleta electoral militar o una boleta electoral militar por correo postal, fax o correo electrónico en su pedido de dicho registro, solicitud de boleta electoral o boleta electoral. Los formularios de registro de votantes militares y los formularios de solicitud de boleta electoral militar deben recibirse en el despacho de la secretaria del Distrito antes de las 5:00 p. m. del 6 de mayo de 2025. Las boletas electorales militares no serán escrutadas a menos que (1) el despacho de la secretaria del Distrito las reciba antes del cierre de la votación el día de la elección y tengan una marca de cancelación del servicio postal de los Estados Unidos o del servicio postal de un país extranjero, o un endoso fechado de recepción por parte de otro organismo del gobierno de los Estados Unidos, o bien, (2) el despacho de la secretaria del Distrito las reciba antes de las 5:00 p. m. el día de la elección, y estén firmadas y fechadas por el votante militar y un testigo de ello, con una fecha asociada que no sea posterior al día previo a la elección.

**POR EL PRESENTE,**

**TAMBIÉN SE NOTIFICA** que cualquier residente del distrito podrá obtener una copia de la declaración de la cantidad de dinero que se requerirá el próximo año para fines escolares durante los catorce (14) días inmediatamente previos a la Elección anual del distrito escolar y la votación del presupuesto, excepto sábados, domingos y feriados, y en dicha Elección anual del distrito escolar y votación del presupuesto en el edificio administrativo ubicado en 154 Dosoris Lane; en la Escuela Secundaria Glen Cove, Dosoris Lane; en la Escuela Intermedia Robert M. Finley, Forest Ave.; en la Escuela Deasy, Dosoris Lane; en la Escuela Gribbin, Walnut Road; en la Escuela Landing, McLoughlin Street, y en la Escuela Connolly, Ridge Drive, Glen Cove, Nueva York durante el horario escolar habitual, y en el sitio web de las escuelas de la ciudad de Glen Cove ([www.glencoveschools.org](http://www.glencoveschools.org)).

**POR EL PRESENTE, TAMBIÉN SE NOTIFICA** que, de acuerdo con las normas adoptadas de conformidad con la Sección 2035 de la Ley de Educación, cualquier votante calificado puede hacer que se incluya una propuesta o una enmienda en la boleta electoral, siempre y cuando dicha enmienda (a) se escriba o se imprima en el idioma inglés; (b) se dirija a Ida Johnson, secretaria del Distrito de dicho Distrito escolar; (c) se presente a

del Distrito, al menos, sesenta (60) días antes de la fecha de la Elección anual del distrito escolar y la votación del presupuesto, es decir, a más tardar el viernes 21 de marzo de 2025 a las 3:00 p. m., hora en vigor, en la oficina del Distrito del edificio administrativo, ubicado en 154 Dosoris Lane, Glen Cove, New York, y (d) tenga la firma de, al menos, cien (100) votantes calificados del distrito. Sin embargo, la Junta de Educación no considerará ninguna solicitud para presentar ante los votantes, ninguna propuesta cuyo propósito no esté dentro de las facultades de decisión de los votantes, ni ninguna propuesta o enmienda que esté fuera de la ley.

**POR EL PRESENTE, TAMBIÉN SE NOTIFICA** que se adjuntará un Informe de exención fiscal sobre los bienes inmuebles de acuerdo con la Sección 495 de la Ley de Impuestos sobre los Bienes Inmuebles a cualquier presupuesto preliminar o tentativo, como también al presupuesto definitivo adoptado del cual forme parte. Este se publicará en los tableros de anuncios del Distrito que se usen para avisos públicos y en el sitio web del Distrito.

Fecha: Glen Cove, Nueva York  
Abril de 2025  
Ida Johnson  
Secretaria del Distrito  
Junta de Educación  
Distrito escolar de la ciudad de Glen Cove  
Glen Cove, Nueva York  
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# Gold Coast Book Fair returns to O.B.

By WILL SHEELINE

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The Gold Coast Book Fair is returning this month for its second annual celebration of literature, learning and community — and this time it's bigger, bolder and even more family-friendly.

Spanning three days, May 16 to 18, the festival will once again take place on the LIU Post campus and in downtown Oyster Bay, bringing more than 100 authors, expanded children's programming, interactive panels and a headline appearance at the college by Pulitzer Prize-winning biographer Ron Chernow.

The event is the brainchild of former U.S. Rep. Steve Israel, owner of Theodore's Books, in Oyster Bay, and founder of the Gold Coast Forum, a nonpartisan nonprofit dedicated to educating people about the importance of books and literature.

Planning for this year's fair began just days after last year's event wrapped up — "when things were fresh on our minds," Israel wrote in an email. "We invited input from participants and authors, and incorporated many ideas into our planning."

The result is a festival that expanded not only in size but also in mission. From nationally known speakers to new local voices and a robust street-fair atmosphere, the weekend aims to celebrate literature while stimulating economic and cultural growth in the area.

"As an author who appeared at many book festivals around the country, I learned that they not only celebrate reading, but inject economic opportunity into the community," Israel wrote. "Restaurants and coffee shops fill up, vendors sell their goods at our street fair, money fills pockets. And all based on books and literature."

Julie Wernersbach, the event's technical director and a veteran organizers of similar ones like the Texas Book Festival, said the Gold Coast fair has seen enormous growth since its debut. The number of participating authors grew from 75 last year to around 100 this year.

Wernersbach said that was just the tip of the iceberg when it came to important changes. One of the most important differences from last year is the increased focus on children's and family experiences.

"One of the big changes we made this year was really building out our kids' section, our Kids Zone," Wernersbach said. "Both (full) days of the fair, we have large areas dedicated to children's programming and activities."

The Kids Zone will include everything from bounce houses to craft stations, a graphic novel creation station, and a children's author pavilion featuring Long Island writers.

Chernow, the author of iconic biographies like "Hamilton" and "Grant," will discuss his newest work, "Mark Twain," on May 16.

The May 17 programming at LIU Post

includes panel discussions, signings and readings for those of all ages. Finally, on May 18, the celebration will move to downtown Oyster Bay, where Theodore's Books sits at the center of a transformed main street bustling with author events, food vendors and independent merchants.

"It feels like a homecoming, and the street fair vibe is really fun," Wernersbach said. "So you can expect plenty of vendors both days, lots of authors, lots of panels, lots of book signings, and lots of books."

In addition to returning programming at local businesses, Wernersbach said, the festival is expanding its footprint. "This year we're also adding an outdoor tent on Audrey Avenue, and a new venue in a cute little courtyard," she said. "We're using more of the beautiful outdoor spaces in downtown Oyster Bay."

The festival's lineup includes a Sunday conversation between actress Lili Taylor and journalist David Geffner, moderated by a representative of the Nature Conservancy. The discussion will center on Taylor's and Geffner's shared passion for bird watching.

Another highly anticipated feature is a tribute to bestselling novelist Nelson DeMille, who died last September.

The Gold Coast Forum, which organizes the book fair and similar events, is a product of Israel's vision of expanding the community-building mission of Theodore's Books.

"The book is essential to democracy," he said. "Whether you're on the right, left or in between, you probably sense a rising intensity and anger in our politics. We're on hair trigger, pushed by social media algorithms and sound bites. The antidote is a book."

Wernersbach echoed that sentiment, noting that the fair's goal is "to really encourage conversation and discussion and literary culture on Long Island."

"This large-scale event isn't cheap to put on," she added. "The funds that are raised go directly into paying for every supply, paying for staff, paying for all the different pieces that are needed."

Still, the investment benefits more than just authors and attendees. Oyster Bay Town Supervisor Joseph Saladino lauded the event in a public statement on May 1 for its positive impact on the community.

"This fun and informative book fair is the largest literary event on Long Island, featuring something for book lovers of all ages," Saladino wrote. "Featuring various events on the town's north shore, including at LIU Post, and on the streets of downtown Oyster Bay, the Gold Coast Book Fair provides readers with endless activities."

From planning and publisher outreach to forming local programming committees, the fair has been a yearlong labor of love for Wernersbach and her team.



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## OPINIONS

## Local voices matter, and the RAPID Act listens

Last month, a handful of Nassau County town supervisors stood in front of a firehouse on Barnum Island and took the low road, whipping up fear, distorting facts and conflating fallacy and fantasy with reality to try to block progress. Their target was the Renewable Action through Project Interconnection and Deployment, or RAPID, Act, a new state law designed to streamline the approval process for large-scale renewable energy and electric transmission projects.



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The RAPID Act creates a more efficient and transparent process for reviewing the major infrastructure projects we desperately need. If we're serious about clean energy, grid reliability and energy security, this is our path toward resiliency and sustainability. It's good for consumers and developers because the streamlined process reduces costs, making investments in the grid more affordable.

Unfortunately these days, facts don't seem to matter much to some. But here are the facts.

Before the RAPID Act became law in April 2024, New York state had a patchwork of laws that made siting energy

projects difficult, confusing and expensive. Today there is a clear, easy-to-follow, streamlined system under the Office of Renewable Energy Siting and Electric Transmission. The new system saves time and money, increases consistency, and gives communities a meaningful voice from the very beginning.

Here's how it works. Before even submitting an application, developers are required to consult with local officials. Throughout the process, the public is invited to comment. Each project must have meaningful community outreach in which residents are invited to participate, along with ORES.

To date, there have been over 50 hearings across the state. That's not secrecy. That's real public engagement. Your comments have been heard, as have developers — who often modify projects in response to public feedback.

Another fallacy is how the RAPID Act treats local laws. It did not create new authority for the state to waive local laws — that ability has been part of the siting process in New York for decades. The act was designed to make those waivers less likely by addressing points of conflict early. And the law allows ORES to waive those laws only when they are unreasonably burdensome and conflict with the state's goals

for clean, reliable energy.

The reality is that most projects comply with local laws almost entirely, and the few disputes thus far have largely been resolved through mutual agreement. Waivers aren't done casually.

They must be fully justified. And towns can challenge them. As of last month, only five towns in the entire state had appealed such rulings, and all five rulings were upheld.

If that sounds like a heavy-handed state bulldozing towns, you might want to check the script the town supervisors are reading from, because it's fiction. What we saw last

month was not thoughtful concern for our future infrastructure needs. It was a political strategy that assumes that every environmental policy from Albany is a threat, every clean-energy initiative a conspiracy and every step forward something to block. Lumping everything together and crying foul to whip up outrage doesn't benefit the New Yorkers that we public servants are here to serve.

Meanwhile, our infrastructure is aging, and doing nothing is no longer an option. The RAPID Act moves us forward. It helps make sure our homes have power during extreme storms. It helps reduce pollution. It helps create good-paying jobs in clean energy. That

should be something we can all get behind.

If the supervisors want to sit down and talk seriously about how to improve the process, our door is always open. But yelling about non-existent dangers doesn't help anyone. It misleads the public. It slows progress. And it makes it harder to build the kind of energy future Long Island deserves and desperately needs.

We believe in transparency, community input and in building a future in which Long Island is stronger, safer and cleaner. The RAPID Act is a big step in that direction.

It's time to stop the political games. Time to stop pretending that doing nothing is somehow safer. I know firsthand that Long Islanders care about their communities, and the environment. They're smart enough to see through rhetoric designed to instill fear, and they deserve better: They deserve leadership that tells the truth about the very real needs and demands of our infrastructure and its impacts on growing our economy. As I've said in countless hearings and committee meetings, the RAPID Act isn't about taking power away from towns. It's about keeping the lights on, making sure everyone has a seat at the table, and making sure we're ready for the future.

Let's move forward together.

*Rory Christian is chairman of the New York State Public Service Commission.*

## Companies that produce packing waste must recycle it

Consumers have changed our shopping habits across New York state. The transition to online shopping has significantly increased plastic, paper and cardboard packaging waste. Those materials go to Reworld, which takes our trash, and are turned into ash. The



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ash needs to go somewhere, but where?

On Long Island, most of the ash goes to Brookhaven Landfill, but that clock is ticking. The Brookhaven facility will soon reach its capacity for ash, and that means it will close in the next

few years, leaving towns such as Hempstead and North Hempstead with no ash-disposal options on Long Island.

As packaging waste increases, recycling rates remain lackluster, which adds to our solid-waste burden. The good news is that we can reduce packaging waste and increase recycling rates to help address this challenge. Citizens Campaign for the Environment

chairs a statewide coalition of environmental leaders, local governments, stakeholders and elected officials who have joined to back state legislation called the Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act. This important bill is urgently needed.

New York is experiencing a solid-waste crisis, with skyrocketing costs to municipalities, abysmal recycling rates, and plastic pollution littering our communities and waterways. Our state generates more than 17 million tons of municipal solid waste annually. Long Island is responsible for 1.6 million tons per year, 205,000 tons of which go to landfills off Long Island, and 1.4 million tons are sent to waste-to-energy facilities, resulting in 400,000 tons of ash that must be landfilled. There is currently no plan to manage this ash once the Brookhaven landfill is closed. The one wise choice everyone agrees on is to reduce our waste stream, and this legislation would do just that.

The financial burden of managing recyclable waste falls on local taxpayers. Municipalities are struggling with

recycling costs and outdated infrastructure that significantly limits the volume of materials that are recycled. It is estimated that local governments statewide spend more than \$200 million each year to keep local recycling programs going. That is not sustainable.

## Pass the Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act!

The Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act would revolutionize New York's approach to solid waste by shifting the responsibility of managing plastic, paper and packaging waste to corporations, not taxpayers and local governments.

Those that put packaging into the waste stream are best positioned to reduce the amount of packaging that's created in the first place.

The measure would require large corporations to reduce consumer packaging by 30 percent in 12 years, increase post-consumer recycled content in packaging and invest in new reuse/refill infrastructure. The bill includes strong oversight and enforcement provisions to ensure that corporations comply.

Other states, including California,

Colorado, Maine and Oregon, have passed such laws, and similar policies have been in effect in parts of Europe and Canada for over 30 years. Where fully implemented, recycling rates exceed 70 percent, and the cost of consumer goods has not increased one penny.

It is time for corporations take out their own trash! Each year, companies ship billions of products with excess packaging, exacerbating the solid-waste crisis, yet they bear no responsibility for managing the waste they create. This sensible legislation promises to save money for municipalities and taxpayers, remove toxic substances from packaging, increase recycling and require producers to reduce waste.

We need to modernize New York's recycling system and make producers take responsibility for managing their packaging waste. We need the governor, the State Senate and the Assembly to support this critical bill and get it signed into law this year. Every year we do nothing is another year we waste money, and allow our solid-waste management problem to grow.

We can do this!

*Adrienne Esposito is executive director of Citizens Campaign for the Environment.*



## OPINIONS

# We must restore Musk's cuts of the 9/11 health fund

It is essential that Congress do all it can to fully restore the World Trade Center Health Program. I commend Long Island Congressmen Andrew Garbarino and Nick LaLota for leading a bipartisan effort to undo the damage, intentional or not, to this program by Elon Musk's chainsaw cuts of government health programs.

During my years in Congress, no issue was more vital or intensely personal to me than ensuring that all of the surviving victims of the attacks of Sept. 11 — police officers, firefighters, emergency responders, construction workers and civilians — receive the care they require and



**PETER KING**

deserve for the illnesses caused by the toxins they breathed in at ground zero in the days, weeks and months afterward.

It wasn't until several years after 9/11 that evidence emerged of a growing number of blood cancers and lung and breathing disorders suffered by 9/11 first responders and nearby residents and students. The concern was bipartisan. Democratic Representatives Jerry Nadler and Carolyn Maloney and

Republicans Vito Fossella and I were the original prime advocates. We introduced legislation in 2005 and again in 2007 to establish and fund a 9/11 illness detection and treatment program.

Today we know that more people have died from 9/11 illnesses than from the attacks, but in those early years, the numbers of victims weren't yet especially high, and there was no proof of direct linkage to 9/11, which made it difficult to generate strong interest or support outside the New York and New Jersey congressional delegations.

Soon enough, however, there was too much evidence to ignore. Anecdotally, I would see FDNY and NYPD neighbors who had worked at ground zero wearing oxygen masks as they watched their kids' Little League games or stopped by 7-Eleven for coffee.

Those scenes were repeated across Long Island and the entire downstate region, and there would eventually be victims among rescue workers who had come to New York from almost all 50 states. To make our case, we asked 9/11 heroes to visit Congress to make direct appeals to individual members. I particularly recall NYPD Commissioner Ray Kelly sitting in my Washington office telling me about two cops who contract-

ed a rare and fatal blood cancer after working together at ground zero. The chances of this being a coincidence were infinitesimal. And there were countless similar situations.

The enormity of what was becoming a 9/11 health crisis could no longer be denied. In 2008, we thought our legislation — named the Zadroga Bill, after James Zadroga, who was believed to be the first NYPD officer to die from a 9/11 illness — would be included in a large year-end package of legislation agreed on by Congress and the White House. Unfortunately the combined tumult of a Presidential election and a

stock market collapse prevented it from coming to a vote, and there was no opportunity to salvage it.

After close but disappointing near-misses over the next two years, primarily because of opposition from Republicans in Southern and Western states, I and others fought furiously to get Zadroga passed. I had no tolerance for opposition from the crowd who primarily represented states and districts that received disproportionate levels of federal assistance at the expense of donor states like New York, which effectively subsidized them. Finally, on Dec. 22, 2010, the last day of the congressional

session, our efforts paid off: Zadroga passed both the House and Senate.

Unfortunately the bill had a five-year limit, so we had to wage the fight again in 2015. This time the struggle wasn't as difficult, and Zadroga was extended. But then, in 2019, we learned there were many more victims than expected, and the fund was running short. With the bipartisan support of Democrats like then House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, and House Republicans like then Whip Steve Scalise and Representatives Doug Collins and Mike Johnson, Zadroga was extended to the end of the century. I was proud to be with President Trump when he signed this legislation at a ceremony on the White House lawn.

Now the fund is seriously threatened by Musk's misplaced cuts, which, probably made unknowingly, are causing many of the 9/11 doctors and experts to be terminated, including program Director Dr. John Howard.

Though the White House has promised to fully reinstate the program, so far it has not been done. Victims are being denied necessary testing. This insanity must end. Our nation's commitment to the victims of 9/11 must be honored!

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# The new state budget is a victory for Hochul

America is fixated on picking winners and losers. We use that term every day, applying it to sports, the stock market and every other field of endeavor. I heard it during the trial of O.J. Simpson, and I remember hearing it as far back as the 1960s, when, following a massive snowstorm, some parts of Queens were the



**JERRY KREMER**

last neighborhoods in New York City to see snowplows. Winners and losers are proclaimed extensively in politics, because politicians are tested on an almost daily basis. Which leads to a discussion of the long-delayed New York state budget. Over the years, when there was an agreement between the three leaders — the governor, the leader of the State Senate and the Assembly speaker — they would all show up at a much-heralded news conference, at which each would take credit for some portion of the budget bill. For the past few years, that practice has changed, because the only person who has been taking the

media spotlight is Gov. Kathy Hochul.

Before talking about winners and losers, it's worth looking at this year's budget process. The new spending plan budget is the latest to be finalized since 2010. Since the April 1 deadline, there have been 11 legislative extensions, which assures state employees that they can collect their paychecks.

Could the governor have refused to delay the passage of an agreed-on budget and submitted her own spending plan on a take-it-or-leave-it basis? The answer is yes. During the administration of Gov. David Paterson, the courts decided that if the Legislature can't agree on a budget by March 31, the governor can force a vote on his or her own plan with no further delays.

But in the spirit of harmony, succeeding governors have chosen to go through the arduous process of countless meetings and formal extensions until all of the parties sign on to a final accord. This year, Hochul made it clear that she had a long list of priorities, and had no plans to give in on them. She presented the Assembly and Senate with a long list of programs covering criminal law, edu-

cation, housing, mental hygiene and tax reform. When the dust settled, the two leaders got their asks, but the governor got the lion's share of what she proposed back in January.

With an eye on next year's election, Hochul set aside money for every region of the state. She addressed subway crime, and sided with the state's district attorneys on their demand for reforms that will allow them to prevent the dismissal of pending cases. Taxpayers can anticipate expansion of child-care tax credits and many other goodies, including \$400 checks for families on limited incomes. School districts will get a hefty increase in education aid, and students won't be unable use their cellphones from the first school bell to the last.

During a typical give-and-take that is part of the negotiating process, each of the parties shows some willingness to bend on their key issues. But this time, the governor stuck to her guns and yielded on very few issues. Facing what could be a very tough re-election campaign next year, Hochul dug in on almost every proposal she made and

gave little ground, which added to the delays. Albany insiders were surprised at her insistence on winning on so many issues, but she has powers, and used them.

An outsider might wonder why budgets take so long these days, compared with the process 20 and 30 years ago, when spending plans were adopted days and weeks before the deadline. Once upon a time, the state budget was strictly a numbers game. The leaders would promote their pet programs, and possibly sneak in a new program or two. But in the late 1980s, the leaders began to introduce items that were controversial and had little to do with the budget. Wrapped up in one big bill, these non-fiscal items would pass, because the members would have no choice but to swallow the whole document.

Is there a chance that state budgets will once again become just a numbers package? That's highly unlikely, because all of the leaders have developed an appetite for inserting proposals in the budget that would have no chance of passing as stand-alone bills.

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# HERALD EDITORIAL

## Welcoming home your freshman

As college dorm rooms empty across the nation, millions of parents are preparing for a significant homecoming. Your freshman is returning — perhaps changed, certainly tired, and undoubtedly with more laundry than you thought humanly possible. This transition marks the beginning of a new chapter in your family story, one that requires delicate navigation, open communication, and occasional deep breaths as you adjust to your evolving relationship.

The transformation that occurs during college's freshman year is nothing short of remarkable. The timid student who needed reminders about deadlines may return with strong opinions about political systems you've never discussed. The picky eater might come home raving about kimchi or curry. The once-shy teenager might stride through your door with newfound confidence and independence. Your child has spent months making independent decisions, forming new social circles, and discovering aspects of themselves that may surprise you — and them.

What parents sometimes fail to acknowledge is that we've changed, too. We've adjusted to quieter evenings, reclaimed bathroom counter space, and perhaps discovered new routines or even aspects of our identities that had been subsumed by active parenting. Your student's return disrupts not just their new normal, but yours as well.

The first summer home represents uncharted territory for both generations. Your student has grown accustomed to complete autonomy — deciding when to eat, sleep, study and socialize without consultation or explanation. Meanwhile, you've maintained a household with certain rhythms and expectations. Within the first few days of your college student's homecoming, have a detailed conversation with them about expectations to prevent misunderstandings.

What routines did they develop at college? What do they need to feel comfortable at home? How will household responsibilities be shared? This opens the door to compromise rather than confrontation.

For many freshmen, college is their first opportunity to define themselves beyond their family context or high school reputation. They've experimented with new identities, beliefs and social circles. Coming home can feel like stepping backward, especially if you still see them as the person they were before they left.

This identity navigation works both ways. Your student may struggle to integrate their college self with their home self. They might seem different with college friends than with family. They might challenge family traditions or political views that once went unquestioned. These explorations, while sometimes uncomfortable, represent healthy development and should be met with curiosity rather than defensiveness.

Don't be surprised if your student spends the first week home sleeping extraordinary hours, eating everything in sight, or displaying emotional volatility. Freshman year is physically and emotionally exhausting — particularly its conclusion, with final exams, packing and goodbyes to new friends. The transition home often reveals the school year's toll. Students maintain a frantic pace during the semester, running on adrenaline and caffeine. When they finally reach the safety of home, their bodies and minds demand recovery time. Parents should view excessive sleeping or emotional sensitivity as necessary healing, not regression or laziness.

The social landscape for your adult child has likely shifted dramatically as well. High school friendships that once seemed permanent may have drifted. New romantic relationships may have formed. Your student might spend little

time at home as they reconnect with local friends or process the changes in these relationships. Alternatively, they might seem isolated if their primary social connections now exist at school. Both scenarios require your patience and understanding.

And while your instinct might be to recreate family traditions exactly as they were before, this summer presents an opportunity to develop new ways of connecting that honor your student's developing adulthood. Ask them to teach you about their newfound passions. Take them to places that were once off-limits — a sophisticated restaurant, an art exhibit — that signal your recognition of their maturation. When they share stories about college experiences, practice active listening without immediately offering advice. Questions like, "How did you handle that?" communicate respect for their problem-solving abilities and invite deeper conversation.

There's a poignant truth most parents discover during this first post-college summer: Each homecoming from now on will be temporary. Your child's primary residence increasingly exists elsewhere — in dorms, apartments and, eventually, their own home. The full nest you'll experience this summer will empty again, with each cycle of departure becoming more permanent.

This realization, while sometimes painful, also brings opportunity. The time-limited nature of these summers encourages making the most of the moments you share. Rather than focusing on the inevitable goodbye at summer's end, embrace the gift of time together, even if it seems fleeting.

What awaits in these summer months is a delicate dance of holding close and letting go — a choreography that, when performed with grace, becomes the foundation for a relationship that will sustain you both long after the last box is packed for sophomore year.

## LETTERS

### We have to be cautious while supporting sustainability

To the Editor:

As communities across New York and the nation explore ways to transition to cleaner energy, there is growing momentum behind battery energy storage systems, particularly those using lithium-ion technology. However, we must not let the promise of sustainability blind us to the inconvenient truths of our present reality.

The concept of a circular battery economy — in which batteries are reused, repurposed, and ultimately recycled to recover key materials — is a commendable goal. Yet we are far from achieving it. Our current





## OPINIONS

## Not all immigrants are criminals

**W**hen we hear the term “illegal immigrant,” it’s easy to jump to the conclusion that the individual is a criminal, someone who has broken the law, and deserves punishment. But the truth is far more nuanced. For many immi-



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grants, coming to the United States without legal documentation isn’t an act of criminality, but an act of survival — an effort to escape violence, political persecution or a situation so dire that the only option is to flee.

As the child of immigrants who fled El Salvador

during its civil war in the late 1980s, I have a perspective that is shaped by personal experience and an understanding of the deeper human motivations behind these decisions.

My parents, both from El Salvador, arrived in the U.S. with nothing but hope and fear for their lives. They

understood the risks they were taking by entering this country without legal documentation, but the alternative was staying in a country where the government was killing its own people.

El Salvador’s civil war, which began in 1979, was marked by brutal violence, corruption and ruthless repression. The Salvadoran government, heavily supported by U.S. military aid, waged war against leftist insurgents and civilians it accused of being sympathetic to them. Throughout the conflict, military and paramilitary forces committed countless atrocities — massacres, forced disappearances and the destruction of entire villages. Thousands of innocent civilians were murdered or disappeared simply for being suspected of opposing the government.

For my parents, like many others, staying in El Salvador meant living in constant fear — fear of being killed, of losing loved ones, or of being caught in the crossfire of a war they had no part in starting. Their decision to leave

wasn’t just about seeking a better life; it was about survival. It was about fleeing a government that viewed its citizens as expendable.

**F**or my parents, staying in El Salvador meant living in constant fear.

This is not to say that I support illegal immigration or that breaking the law should be excused. But I believe it’s essential to understand the perspective of those who make the difficult decision to flee their homeland. My parents did not come here to exploit the system or cause harm. They came to escape unimaginable violence, and to find a place where they could live without the

constant threat of death.

My father eventually found work managing an apartment complex in Roslyn, contributing to society, paying taxes, and respecting the country that took him in, belying the false narrative that immigrants don’t pay taxes or contribute to the economy.

My parents’ story is far from unique. Not long ago, I met a mechanic who had fled Venezuela to escape violence — just as my father had decades earlier. Like

the mechanic, my father was the only one in his family to leave, and he never got the chance to see his parents again. A few years ago, he and I stood at their graves for the first time — a painful reminder that the cost of leaving isn’t just physical, but deeply emotional and enduring. His journey wasn’t about breaking the law; it was about survival.

It’s easy to forget that behind every “illegal immigrant” label is someone with a story, and usually with pain, sacrifice and hope for a better future. These people don’t come here to break the law. They come to escape the laws and systems that were oppressing them. And for every immigrant like my father or that mechanic, there are countless others who face the same impossible decision every day.

So, I ask: If you were living in a country where your government was killing its own people, where staying meant a likely death, would you remain and accept your fate, or would you flee in search of safety? Would you risk breaking the law for a chance at survival?

*Hernesto Galdamez is editor of the Baldwin Herald.*

## LETTERS

infrastructure for battery recycling is still in its infancy, and the environmental and economic costs of lithium extraction remain extraordinarily high.

Lithium mining is not benign — it consumes vast amounts of water, devastates ecosystems, and often occurs in regions with poor labor and environmental protections. Meanwhile, the lack of cost-effective and widely available recycling facilities means that today’s lithium-based storage systems could become tomorrow’s toxic waste problem.

Until we have robust recycling infrastructure, updated fire and safety codes, and enforceable end-of-life regulations for BESS, policymakers must exercise caution. Approving large-scale lithium-based projects now, without these safeguards, risks trading one environmental crisis for another.

Sustainability must be more than a buzzword. It requires full-cycle accountability — from cradle to grave and, ideally, cradle to cradle. Let’s not build the clean-energy future on the unstable foundation of unresolved waste and extraction.

These are my beliefs as a private citizen, and do not reflect the official stance or opinion of the Village of Sea Cliff.

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*Sea Cliff village administrator*

## We must urge Israel to cease its military campaign

To the Editor:

I am not a Jew, but I am a Zionist, in that I support Israel’s right to exist as a sovereign state.

I regard Hamas as a terrorist organization guilty of a barbaric attack on Israeli civilians in October 2023 as well as vicious repression of the people it purports to represent. Hamas must free all hostages immediately and unconditionally.

But the time has come for American Jews and gentiles alike who share these views to publicly urge the Israeli government to cease its military campaign in Gaza. Our voices can be powerful — if we exercise our moral duty to speak out.

Even if Hamas has inflated the death count, it is incontestable that many thousands of non-combatant Palestinians, including children and aid workers, have been killed in Israeli strikes. It is likewise certain that civilian suffering, already acute, is intensifying as a result of Israel’s two-month-long blockade of food and medicine deliveries to Gaza. And any escalation of the war is sure to further endanger the lives of the remaining hostages, according to the Israeli forum of families of the hostages.

There’s nothing antisemitic

## FRAMEWORK by Tim Baker



Alex Candon and her momentarily airborne daughter, Lilli, at the L.I. Marathon — East Meadow

about opposing Israel’s disproportionate response to Hamas’s atrocities. Indeed, this stance should rest firmly upon the core Jewish values of *rachamim* (mercy and

compassion) and *chesed* (loving kindness).

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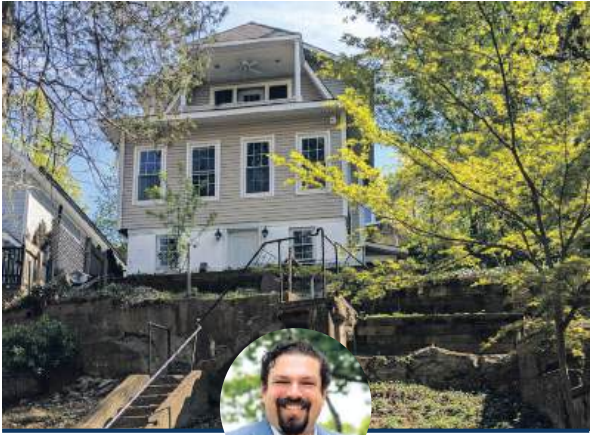
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