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## Sunshine and smiles at the Greek fest

The festival had thousands of visitors despite the rainy weather. A youth beamed with joy as she waved her arm excitedly out of a ride at the Greek festival. Story, more photos, Page 8.

## North Shore residents angered by battery storage projects

By LUKE FEENEY

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Grassroots coalitions from Glen Cove, Glen Head, Glenwood Landing and Sea Cliff who pushed back against the proposed Oyster Shore Energy Storage doubled down on their efforts to cancel a separate project focusing on modernizing Long Island's aging electric transmission system and secure an outright ban on lithium-ion battery facilities near homes in the area.

More than 70 people gathered at the American Legion Post 190 on Glen Head Road in Glen Head for a rally on June 5 and heard from government officials, local civic organization leaders, activists and North Shore residents. At the rally speakers discussed the importance of maintain-

ing local control, health and safety concerns, fire safety and many other issues.

Glen Cove City Councilman John Zozzaro said he's all for "being green," but is concerned about potential health risks associated with the project. If safety isn't a guarantee, he says he doesn't want it.

"I don't want our health to be at risk in any way," Zozzaro told the Herald. "It should be a bipartisan decision. Health and safety are our main concern."

I fully support our first responders and whatever they need, I'm there for them. What they don't need is this"

Maxine Cappel Mayreis, Glen Cove Chamber of Commerce president, has been an outspoken

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## Kiwanis bike challenge is back June 29

By ROKSANA AMID

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For nearly three decades, cyclists have gathered at Harry Tappen Beach to ride through the winding, scenic roads of Long Island's North Shore. This year's 29th annual Nassau Bicycle Challenge, on June 29, continues that tradition while raising money for children's health programs supported by the Kiwanis Club of North Shore Long Island.

The charity ride offers two scenic options: a 25-mile route with 1,060 feet of elevation and a 35-mile challenge with 1,600 feet of climbing. The longer ride begins at 8 a.m., with the 25-mile option starting at 8:30 a.m. Both routes pass through waterfront communities including Sea Cliff, Glen Cove, Bayville, Oyster Bay, Glen Head and Locust Valley.

Tom DeStio of Sea Cliff, whose son was born prematurely and received care at the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center at Cohen Children's Medical Center, created the event in 1997. DeStio, an avid long-distance cyclist, said the club gave him a way to turn personal gratitude into community action.

"I kind of put two and two together," DeStio said. "Kiwanis was a community-minded organization, and they gave me

a tool to possibly put together a bike ride to raise money to give to the hospital, to the trauma center."

He began organizing the event with the help of a friend, who has since passed away.

"We had a 55-mile ride, a 65-mile ride and a 30-mile ride, which we did," he said. "As we

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**SAUL SCHACHTER**  
Sea Cliff rider

built the ride up, we got more clubs involved. We were raising anywhere between \$8,000 and \$20,000 with the event."

Since its founding, the Nassau Bicycle Challenge has raised more than \$300,000 to support the Kiwanis Club of North Shore Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization. Proceeds benefit the Pediatric Trauma Center, Pediatric Lyme Disease Foundation, Kamp Kiwanis, and other local children's charities.

Sea Cliff resident Saul Schachter has participated in the ride nine times.

"I love the exercise, I love to ride and the money was going to good causes," he said. "Our island is beautiful going through so many nice towns. It was good, and I appreciated too that it was a local ride, so you saw a lot of your friends riding. I went a few times with former students."

Schachter said the ride offers more than just exercise — it's a chance to connect. "You

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## Residents say battery projects pose safety risks

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opponent of the project.

"I am happy to see people come out to share their concern over a potentially dangerous project here," she told the Herald. "I feel strongly that the legislators have to hear from their constituents. It's important to protect our island."

"Let's all tell Governor Hochul: Hell no, Propel must go!" Rob Mazzella, a Glen Head resident, and critic of the project said. Several attendees brought signs, reading "Our town, our say, Propel stay away," "not in our town, shut it down" and "stop Propel" among others.

The Propel NY project proposes to introduce three new underground electrical transmission connections across Long Island. The \$3.2 billion project proposes 89.7-miles of underground transmission lines spanning multiple New York counties.

"Health and safety are top priorities for the Propel NY Energy project from planning and permitting, through construction and into the long-term operation of the asset. During and after construction," Susan Craig, the director for media relations at the New York Power Authority said.

She added that Propel will "prioritize safety and minimize traffic and land use impacts on the public by creating robust traffic management, maintenance protection, transportation, and environmental management plans, as well as coordinating with first responders to ensure reliable access of emergency vehicles and services at all times."

The project now awaits permits from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for construction and for work affecting waterways or wetlands, as well as the State Public Service Commission's Article Seven, which includes full environmental, engineering, and constructability reviews.

Craig expressed confidence in Propel's safety and ability to meet state requirements.

"Propel will fully comply with all New York State and Federal regulations and standards. As part of our state permitting, a comprehensive Electric and Magnetic Field study was conducted and is part of the public record," she said. "This study confirms that the project will fully comply with New York State's EMF standards. Additionally, independent scientific reviews have consistently found that EMF from power lines does not cause adverse health risks."

Construction is slated to begin in mid-2026 and will continue for up to four years, with project completion anticipated by mid-2030. During construction, crews are expected to progress between 50 and 150 feet per day.

Proponents, including representatives from environmental organizations, business groups, and labor unions, said that the transmission lines would modernize

New York's aging electrical grid, support renewable energy integration, create nearly 2,000 jobs, and generate an estimated \$2.4 billion in economic activity.

Christine Panzeca, one of the event's organizers and a vocal opponent of the Propel NY project and lithium-ion battery facilities, concluded the rally with a plea to the federal government.

"We also call on the president and his cabinet in the Army Corps of Engineers to look at these projects and project Propel and our harbor," she said. Panzeca also urged officials in Washington to "look into the state's energy policies and the impact to residents, our waterways and communities like ours. It's just unjust what's being done to Long Island."

Several speakers raised calls for an outright ban on lithium-ion battery facilities in the area during the event as well.

"This is a dangerous situation created by our state government and one that should be subject to local control, not state control," Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman said in a pre-recorded video message from Albany. "Local communities should determine what is in their communities."

The 275-megawatt battery energy storage system proposed by the Texas-based battery storage company owned by BlackRock would have replaced the current Global Petroleum terminal at the corner of Glen Head Road, Shore Road, and Glenwood Road near Tappan Beach in Glenwood Landing.

Several speakers referenced the wildfires that happened in the beginning of the year in Moss Landing, California. The fire hit the oldest group of batteries installed at Moss Landing, a 300-megawatt array that came online in 2020. The incident resulted in the evacuation of more than 1,000 residents, road closures, and a wider emergency alert warning residents nearby to stay indoors.

Jupiter representatives held multiple information sessions, presentations and open houses over the last three years in an attempt to assuage fears; but very few residents were won over by the project. At several public presentations, company representatives highlighted the potential for decreased truck traffic and lower risks of oil spills in Hempstead Harbor due to the transition from oil storage to battery energy storage.

In this case, protesters decided that the potential environmental benefits did not outweigh the perceived risks to the residential safety.

"I support green energy for the most part, technology has to catch up," Nassau County Minority Leader Delia DeRiggi-Whitton said. "I was very straight with Propel, there is a lot we don't know about them."

DeRiggi-Whitton emphasized the importance of local control; echoing the same point of Blakeman.

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safety  
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**JOHN ZOZZARO**  
Councilman,  
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# A fun-filled day to help G.C. schools

By **ROKSANA AMID**

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The Glen Cove Education Foundation brought the community together for its 11th Annual Golf Classic on June 9, raising more than \$25,000 to support educational initiatives across the city's school district.

Held at the Glen Cove Golf Club, the daylong event welcomed nearly 180 attendees for a mix of friendly competition, fundraising, and community spirit. The event concluded with a celebratory dinner and a raffle at The Marker restaurant, where foundation leaders reflected on the foundation's legacy and honored outgoing Superintendent Dr. Maria Rianna.

"We've been doing this now for 11 years," said Danielle Fugazy Scagliola, foundation president and Glen Cove City Council member. "And this is the last year we'll be doing it with Maria Rianna as our superintendent. She's leaving us this year. When she started, I started with my daughter Ava, who's no longer in school."

The Golf Classic is one of the foundation's major fundraisers, with proceeds going toward projects that enhance student learning and school environments. Over the years, the foundation has funded flexible seating for all four elementary schools, a \$50,000 baby grand piano for Glen Cove High School, a new scoreboard at the high school turf field, and band uniforms. Contributions have also supported student ski trips and created student lounges and outdoor courtyards at Finley Middle School.

This year's winning men's team included Ti Conlon, Andrew Rubenstein, Michael DelTorto and John Torres. The women's winning team was Madelyn Fugazy, Milena DelTorto, Kath Bailey, and Ann O'Grady.

During her remarks, Fugazy Scagliola shared her plans for the coming year, including expanding the district's robotics program and improving the indoor recess experience at Landing Elementary School, where the cafeteria also doubles as a gymnasium. She also expressed hopes of helping the district's award-winning band with travel costs for a planned trip to Walt Disney World.

"My plans aren't completely clear yet because there's a lot of transition going on throughout the district," she said. "I want to make sure that I align with the community, parents, as well as the administration."

Fugazy Scagliola emphasized how vital the community's involvement has been to the foundation's success. "I could never do this without all of the support of this community," she said. "When they say it takes a village, it really does. And we have great kids that are worth it. It's just really nice to see everybody come out for them."

Outgoing Superintendent Dr. Maria Rianna, who will retire at the end of the school year, offered her gratitude to the foundation and the families of Glen Cove.

"The Education Foundation has been



Erin Nastri, principal at Deasy Elementary, Bryce Klatsky, Elementary Principal, Connolly School, and Alexa Doeschner the new Superintendent of schools said the education foundation is a big help to the district's mission to help students.

Roksana Amid//Herald photos



Joe Lentine participated in a fun and relaxing day of golf.



Raffle prizes included certificates and jewelry.

such a great support to the Glen Cove schools," Rianna said. "And the Glen Cove schools are the Glen Cove children. That is where our heart is. I thank you so much."

Alexa Doeschner, who has been appointed the next superintendent, reflected on her early memories of the foundation's impact.

"When I came back to the Glen Cove Education Foundation, my first memory of them was at Landing," Doeschner said. "We had this tiny drama production. It was called Cindy and Her Bella. The students in that production are now in Chicago and just participated in the New York State Theater Educators Association Conference. That one opportunity the foundation gave to our students has opened doors and taken them so far."



Siena Scagliola and Danielle Fugazy Scagliola, president of the education foundation, worked together to help make the evening a fun experience for all who attended.



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# Five PCLI awards won

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Five different newspapers under the Herald Community Media banner took home five awards at the annual Press Club of Long Island at the Fox Hollow Country Club.

The five-part series on the hidden dangers of noise and light captured first place in the Narrative Environment category. The writers were former Herald reporter Nicole Formisano, and current staffers editor Will Sheeline and reporter Angelina Zingariello.

The judges said: “Compelling, well-written, well-researched series covering noise, air, and light pollution. Not only scientific, their words also touch the human soul.”

Formisano also took home a second place award in the Narrative Obituaries category. Her piece in the Lynbrook/East Rockaway Herald illustrated how a grief support group was dealing with their own sorrow after losing the group’s leader Angela Mendola.

In the same category, editor Roksana Amid received a third place award for the remembrance of Bob Canavan for the Glen Cove Herald.

Amid was also part of the team that included Sheeline and another former Herald staffer Laura Lane that took third place in the Narrative Government & Politics category for “Souzzi’s win: Examining the voting dynamics.”

Senior reporter Mohammad Rafiq also collected a third place award in the Narrative Non-local News/Feature category for his story “Journalist unearths



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**Herald Community Media won five PCLI awards on June 5. Editor Will Sheeline and reporter Angelina Zingariello.**

and honors Civil War Ancestor.”

“At Herald Community Media, we strive every day to deliver impactful, community-focused journalism — and earning five Press Club of Long Island awards is a proud testament to our team’s dedication and the trust our readers place in us,” Stuart Richner, president and CEO of Richner Communications Inc., said about the June 5 recognition.

The Press Club of Long Island is open to professional and student members of the Society of Professional Journalists. To learn more, visit PCLI.org.

—Jeffrey Bessen

## THE GREAT BOOK GURU

# Bedlam in Bohemia

**D**ear Great Book Guru,  
I had such fun last week at the Sea Cliff Village-wide Garage Sale. The Friends of the Library had a great selection of books, and I bought a few by my favorite author Chris Pavone. Someone mentioned at the sale that he has a new novel. Is it true...and - if so - I'm very excited!

Garage Sale Groupie



**ANN  
DIPIETRO**

Dear Garage Sale Groupie,

Yes - good news...“The Doorman,” Chris Pavone’s latest novel, just came out and it is a spectacular read. Set in New York City in the Bohemia - purported to be the world’s most famous apartment building (think the Dakota) - the story focuses on four characters: the building’s doorman, Chicky Diaz, and three of its residents.

Chicky is a former U.S.Marine, recently widowed. Julian Sonnenberg is an art dealer with a checkered past and a very bad medical diagnosis. Emily

Longworth is the wife of Whit, a billionaire whose wealth has loathsome origins. She is desperately unhappy but an onerous pre-nup agreement keeps her married to Whit.

Other residents include dog-loving, human-hating Ethel Frum and Gucker Goff, bubble-wrap billionaire, and a myriad of colorful supporting characters. Chicky dutifully greets all by name, never shares his problems, walks their dogs, protects their children and remains basically invisible until trouble arises.

Trouble in the form of racial riots besieging the city. And the residents of the Bohemia are not immune to

its violence. Only Chicky can protect them, they feel, but can he? An absorbing tale of class divide, domestic drama, and racial unrest... highly recommended.

Would you like to ask the Great Book Guru for a book suggestion? Contact her at [annmdipietro@gmail.com](mailto:annmdipietro@gmail.com).

## NEWS BRIEF

# Battalion parade and block party

The Glen Cove Volunteer Fire Department will host the 5th Battalion Parade and Block Party on Saturday, June 21, bringing together fire departments from across the region to celebrate bravery, tradition, and service.

The parade steps off at 6 p.m. from Brewster Street and School Street in downtown Glen Cove. The event will feature marching units, emergency vehicles, and members from area departments, including Bayville, East Norwich, Glen Cove, Glenwood, Locust Valley, Oyster Bay, Roslyn Highlands, Rescue Hook & Ladder, Sea Cliff, and

Syosset.

Described as family-friendly and community-proud, the event is open to the public and includes festivities for all ages. Organizers encourage residents to “come support the bravest” in a show of appreciation for Long Island’s first responders.

The celebration continues after the parade with a community block party featuring entertainment, food, and more.

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## Increasing Your Emotional Intelligence

The philosopher Epictetus said “Men are disturbed not by events, but by the views they take of them.” Arising out of “The Good Life”, by Robert Waldinger, MD, comes the W.I.S.E.R. model for reacting to emotionally challenging situations.

**Watch.** Initial impressions are powerful but may be incomplete. There is usually more to see. When the impression and the emotional response start to interact, take a moment to pause and thoughtfully observe the situation to prevent a potentially harmful reflexive response. As they say in psychiatry “Don’t just do something, sit there.”

**Interpret.** We are all seeing the world through our own eyes – what is happening, why it is happening and how it affects us. Our reality is not necessarily that of others. Thinking that a situation is all about us often leads to misunderstanding. When your emotions start to bubble up, it indicates you have something important at stake – a goal, an insecurity or a vital relationship. Figuring out what’s at stake will allow you to interpret the situation better.

**Select.** Having watched, interpreted and re-interpreted, you must select your response. Instead of reacting reflexively out of stress, slowing down allows us to choose from more options. As “The Good Life” says “Given what’s at stake and the resources at my disposal, what can I do in this situation? What would be a good outcome here? And what is the likelihood that things will go well if I respond this way instead of that way?”

**Engage.** Now you are ready to respond more purposefully – aligning with who you are and what you want to accomplish. You’ve observed and interpreted the situation, taken some time to consider the possibilities and their likelihood of success, and you then execute your strategy.

**Reflect.** “How did that work out? Did I make things better or worse? Have I learned something new about the challenge I’m facing and about the best response? Reflecting on our response to a challenge can yield dividends for the future. It’s in learning from experience that we fully grow wiser.”

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# HERALD SPORTS

## Glen Cove falls to East Islip in LIC, 2-0

By TONY BELLISSIMO

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Given the dominant arts of East Islip’s Cate Ropiak and Glen Cove’s Brooke Simmons throughout the postseason, it wasn’t going to take many runs to decide the Long Island Class AA softball championship June 4 at Farmingdale State College.

And as it turned out, one run would be all Ropiak and the Redmen needed to make program history.

Ropiak, a freshman, fired a three-hit gem with 11 strikeouts and drove in the eventual winning run with a fifth-inning single as East Islip captured its first-ever L.I. title, 2-0.

“It’s a beautiful feeling,” Redmen coach Jason McGowan said. “Their pitcher was ridiculous and I can’t say enough about Cate. I’m so proud of our kids. They’ve been battling all year.”

Simmons, a junior who two days earlier led the Big Red (14-11) to its first Nassau crown since 1985, allowed no hits through four innings and finished with 10 strikeouts in a five-hitter.

“It was a great season and we hate to see it end,” Glen Cove coach Kim Kessel said. “Both pitchers were tremendous and you can’t win if you can’t score. We had some opportunities that we didn’t capitalize on and their speed was a big difference in the game.”

In addition to the speed Ropiak dialed up from the



Ron Manfredi/Herald

Siena Scagliola and the Big Red had a magical spring with 13 wins and the program’s first county title in 40 years.

circle, plenty was provided off the bench in the bottom of the fifth when McGowan called on eighth grader Emily Saccone, who was elevated to the varsity roster just a few weeks ago, to pinch run for cleanup bat-

ter Kayla Varga, who led off the inning with a single.

Saccone promptly stole second and advanced to third on a throwing error. Ropiak then drove an 0-2 pitch up the middle for an RBI single to provide herself with all the support she’d need.

“Whatever it takes,” Ropiak said. “We’ve been in tight games the entire playoffs and I just wanted to make sure I put the ball in play and got the run home.”

Glen Cove’s biggest threat came an inning earlier when Simmons and Mia Lupinski opened the frame with back-to-back singles. The next batter, Julia Petrizzo hit a hard comebacker to Ropiak, who fielded it cleanly and threw to third to erase the lead runner. Ropiak got the next two hitters on a flyout to left and a grounder to second to douse the fire.

“She’s just so composed and consistent,” East Islip junior catcher Reagan O’Hara said of Ropiak.

East Islip (20-7) tacked on an insurance run in the sixth. Sophomore Marisa Renganeschi drew a one-out walk and swiped second to get into scoring position. Then with two outs, Varga went the other way and hit a long double to left for a 2-0 lead.

Fittingly, Ropiak ended it with a strikeout.

“It’s weird when you get to this stage and play a team you hardly know anything about,” Kessel said. “East Islip is a strong team and ready to take on whoever’s next.”

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# Unity and music mark Israelfest

By JORDAN VALLONE  
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With participation from more than two dozen Jewish organizations and over 100 synagogues, the Israelfest Celebrate Israel Concert drew thousands to Eisenhower Park's Harry Chapin Lakeside Theatre on Sunday for what organizers called the largest celebration of Israel on Long Island.

The free festival, held June 8 from 4 to 8 p.m., was hosted in collaboration with the Jewish Community Relations Council-Long Island and blended Israeli music, culture, and community in a bold affirmation of unity, amid rising anti-semitism and global unrest. Nassau County police officers were on-site to ensure a safe and welcoming experience for all.

"In a world of misinformation, Israelfest is a coming together of families and friends from across the Island who care about truth, who love Israel, and cherish its existence," said David Black, executive director of Sid Jacobson JCC. "It is a grand statement that we not only dance again, but that we stand and sing in harmony with our brothers and sisters across the sea."

Noam Buskila, a celebrated Israeli vocalist and IDF reservist, headlined a musical lineup that included Rick Recht and Hadar & Sheldon Low. U.S. Rep. Tom Suozzi, who represents New York's 3rd Congressional District, was ceremonially honored for his steadfast support of Israel.

In addition to live performances, the event featured family-friendly activities, dancing, food vendors, shopping, and an inviting atmosphere for all ages.

"Israelfest provides the perfect opportunity for us to come together and embrace the spirit, culture, and resilience of Israel," said Dagan Cohen, director and senior shaliach of the Randie Waldbaum Malinsky Center for Israel.

"Israelfest is a glowing celebration of unity and community spirit," Lauren



Crowds gathered to listen to performances at the Harry Chapin Lakeside Theatre.

Chizner, director of Jewish Life + Learning at Sid Jacobson JCC, said. "As we gather across Long Island to honor Israel, we strengthen our connections, share in our pride, and build a future rooted in shared values and collective joy."

Rona Blau, a Levittown resident who attended the event, spoke highly of the security measures taken to ensure the safety of those attending. "There's policemen everywhere you look," she said, "and they're paying attention. I know it's their job — but they're doing a wonderful job, and I really do want to say thank you."

The celebration was made possible through the support of UJA-Federation of New York and County Executive Bruce Blakeman, in partnership with the JCC Association of North America, The Jewish Agency for Israel, and the Long Island Jewish Coalition.

"This event is a message that our

murdered brethren and the fallen in Israel will not have died in vain, and the hostages—those still living and those who were murdered — will not be forgotten," Black said. We rejoice as we remember. We remember as we rejoice."



Tim Baker/Herald photos

Steve Arfin, of Woodbury, was appropriately dressed for Israelfest — donning both an Israeli flag and Israeli flag shirt.



Hadar and Sheldon, a musical duo, featuring husband-and-wife Hadar Orshalimy and Sheldon Low, performed during Israelfest.

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Archbishop Dimitrios Trakatellis, center, of North America, visited the Greek festival this year.

# Greek fest celebrates culture, and community

The church of the Holy Resurrection of Brookville held their annual Greek festival at Garvies Point, which ran from June 5 to the 8, bringing a vibrant celebration of culture and cuisine to the city of Glen Cove. Locals and visitors got the chance to taste authentic Greek food, and listen to traditional Greek music. This festival was an enriching experience for all ages.

—Keilyn Zavala



There was a variety of delicious foods at the Greek festival.



Keilyn Zavala/Herald photos

John and Francis Rohan enjoyed walking the festival and the sights of Hempstead Harbor.

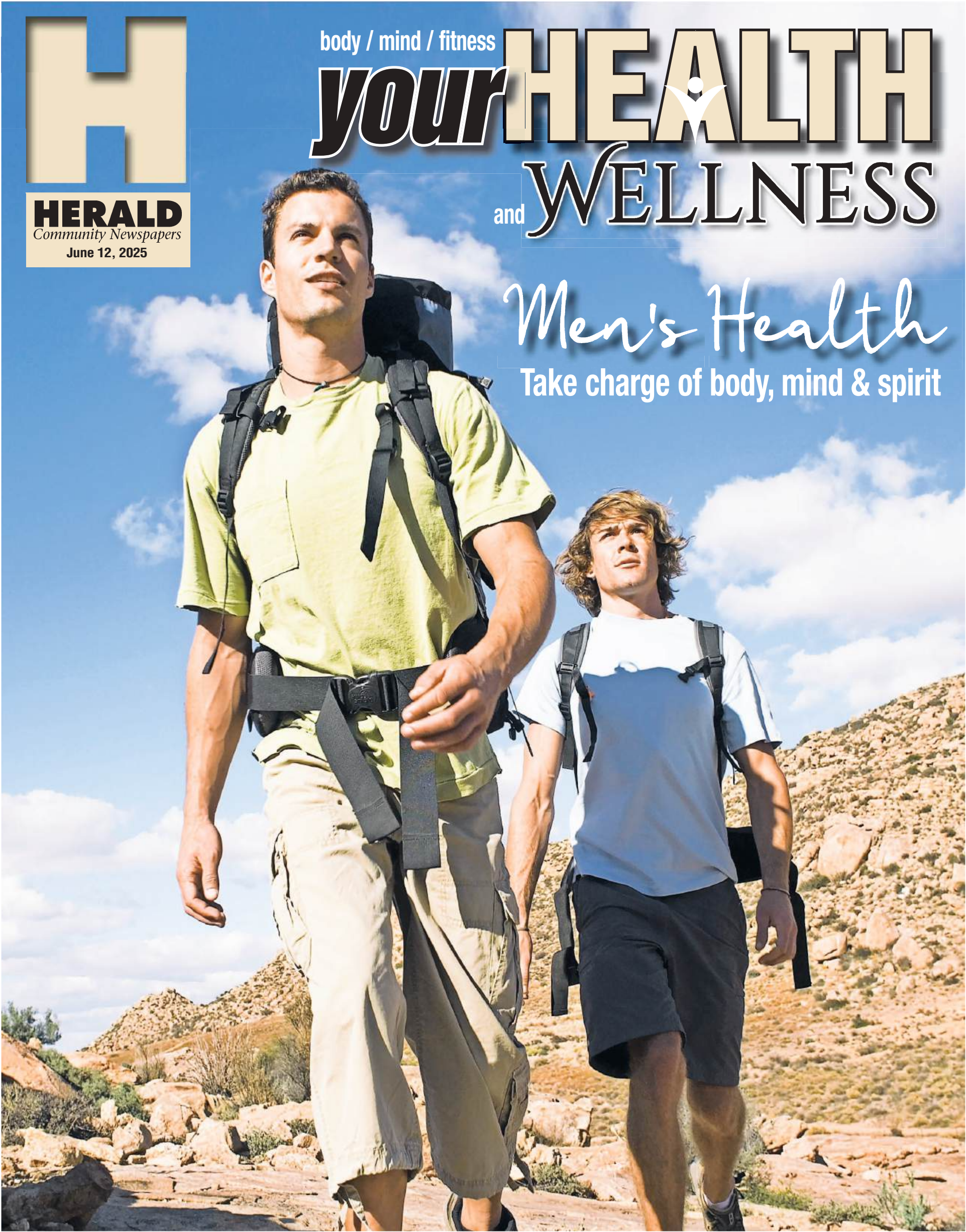


Fest visitors enjoyed riding bumper cars right beside the waterfront.



Emely and Berta Oliva enjoyed a little taste of Greece.





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# Eat for hydration

Water-based veggies are a nutritional superstar

Most of us grew up hearing the same refrain: It’s important to eat your vegetables. But between cruciferous, allium, marrow, root, and so many more, it can be hard to identify the different types of vegetables and their nutritional benefits. Vegetables with a high water content are known for their refreshing taste, delicious flavor, and hydrating effect. Plant-based foods packed with water and fiber content leave you feeling full, but without feeling bloated.

But are high-water-content vegetables enough to maintain your overall health? Let the nutrition experts weigh in.

### Nutritional benefits are real

Water-rich vegetables carry essential nutrients, according to Caroline Schneider, MS, RD.

“Cucumbers and celery provide vitamin K—needed for bone health—and antioxidants, while tomatoes are rich in vitamin C and lycopene, a powerful antioxidant associated with decreased risk for cardiovascular disease and prostate cancer,” she explains.

Similarly, lettuce — which is often written off as a nutritionless vegetable — contains nutrients like folate and vitamins A and C, which help with cell function, vision health, and immune function. These innately hydrating vegetables are great sources of

nutrients.

### On the top of the list for nutritional value

According to nutrition expert Kimberly Snyder, water-dense spinach is one of the most nutrient-packed vegetables, with high levels of vitamins A, C, and K as well as iron and magnesium. Snyder and Schneider both recommend celery as another nutrient-dense vegetable, noting it as a great source of vitamin K, folate, fiber, potassium, and calcium. There’s virtually no way to go wrong with these vitamin-rich vegetables.

Overall, “tomatoes, zucchini, and celery provide the most nutritional value,” Schneider says. “Tomatoes offer 30 percent of the daily value of vitamin C along with a high amount of lycopene, a powerful antioxidant associated with lowering chronic disease risk. Zucchini provides 40 percent of our daily intake of vitamins A, B, C, potassium, and magnesium.”

If you can’t decide which water-based vegetable to snack on or toss into a dish, opt for these three superstars.

### Hydration boost

Thankfully, our daily water intake includes the water-based vegetables we eat.

“Data shows that we get about 20 percent of our daily water needs from food alone, especially fruits and vegetables,” says



Schneider. “While these foods do not replace the need for drinking water, they can help with your daily fluid intake and can be part of a balanced approach to staying hydrated.”

That doesn’t mean you should neglect your daily water drinking goals (at least eight cups a day), but with this knowledge, you can enhance the hydration experience. Some cucumber water, perhaps?

### When to add water-based vegetables to your meal plan

The best time to eat water-based vegetables is anytime, but especially to avoid the

midday slump, according to Snyder and Schneider. They can be incorporated into your meals or consumed as an energy-boosting afternoon snack — think celery and hummus, tomato and zucchini minestrone, cucumber and spinach green juice, and so much more.

For a more comprehensive vegetable intake, consider tossing all your favorite water-based vegetables into a delicious salad to completely satisfy your hunger.

Photo: Water-rich vegetables, such as celery and tomatoes, do more than just hydrate.

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## Parker Jewish Institute showcases healing power of music with Sur Sagar ensemble

**A** musical ensemble at the Parker Jewish Institute brings harmony and wellness to residents and patients alike.

The ensemble is known as Sur Sagar, which means “Ocean of Melody” in Hindi. It features five women from the Institute’s long-term care residence at Parker’s Indian Cultural Unit. The Indian Cultural Unit is the first of its kind in the region, accommodating the rehabilitation, health-care and cultural needs of older adults in New York’s growing Indian population.

At Parker, members of Sur Sagar come together in song to create something special. Beyond their enchanting melodies, Sur Sagar represents the therapeutic power of music in elder care. Music therapy can help reduce anxiety, improve cognitive function and provide a powerful outlet for emotional expression for older adults. While Parker’s residents and patients diligently participate in physical, occupational and speech therapies that nurture their bodies, these musical gatherings nourish their spirits, helping



them to feel at ease so that they can heal.

The enthusiasm and unity of Sur Sagar members illuminate the profound impact of culturally meaningful activities. As part of Parker’s Indian Cultural Unit, these sessions incorporate familiar melodies and rhythms that resonate deeply with residents, awakening cherished memories and creating moments of pure joy.

Sur Sagar embodies the essence of Parker’s Indian Cultural Unit. The unit fosters the understanding that healing and

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# Long Island Cares' Paule Pachter retires

By MOHAMMAD RAFIQ

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After more than 17 years leading Long Island Cares, President and CEO Paule Pachter has announced his retirement. He will assume the title of president emeritus in an advisory capacity and remain in his current role until a successor is named.

"My time at Long Island Cares has been the most rewarding and productive period of my 46-year history of working in the nonprofit human services sector on Long Island," Pachter, 71, said in a news release. "Along with our dedicated staff, we have transformed the role of a traditional food bank and developed innovative and effective programs to support those in need."

Long Island Cares is a regional food bank and nonprofit organization headquartered in Hauppauge.

Founded to combat food insecurity across Long Island, it provides emergency food assistance, distributes nutritious groceries, and offers support services to individuals and families in need. The organization operates a network of pantries and distribution centers, including locations in Freeport, Lindenhurst, and Bethpage.

As food insecurity continues to affect an estimated 121,000 Long Islanders, including 65,000 children, Long Island Cares has sought to expand its outreach, opening another pantry in Valley Stream last August.

"I have had the privilege of working with a dedicated team and supportive board of directors that few others have experienced. I'm extremely proud to have had the opportunity to impact the way we respond to food insecurity on a local, state, and national level through my involvement in the Feeding America network," Pachter said in the release.

"I look forward to welcoming the next president and



Courtesy Long Island Cares

After serving as president and CEO of Long Island Cares for 17 years, Paule Pachter is retiring from his role and will officially step down when his successor is named.

CEO of this historic organization in my new role as President Emeritus," he added. "We have so much more to do to respond to hunger and to what Harry Chapin said 'was the shame of America.'"

During Pachter's tenure, Long Island Cares expanded its services significantly, launching mobile food distribution efforts, veterans' initiatives, and Baxter's Pet Pantry, among other community-focused programs.

"When I came to Long Island Cares (the cash on hand was about \$8.5 million)," Pachter told the Herald. "As I'm leaving, our budget is \$41 million."

Pachter, who grew up in Brooklyn, led the organization through the creation of multiple satellite pantries, beginning with its Freeport location in 2009. He cited support from Mayor Robert Kennedy and former legislator Dave Denenberg in helping to make the pantry a reality.

Under Pachter, Long Island Cares launched mobile outreach for seniors, veterans and the homeless; and introduced a children's breakfast food truck. He also expanded advocacy work and government relations.

Pachter was a social worker and served as a Nassau County Department of Mental Health deputy commissioner. He was in an administrative role for United Cerebral Palsy and then a deputy executive director at Central Nassau Guidance and Counseling Services. "It has always been a passion for me to help people in need," he said.

"Paule has been an immeasurable asset to Long Island Cares," David Herold, Long Island Cares board president said in the release. "Paule's drive and ingenuity led to the creation of many programs and services, including mobile food pantries, a food pantry network, a variety of veterans' programs, and Baxter's Pet Pantry. "Not only does Paule's legacy greatly benefit Long Islanders every day, but his broad vision has been duplicated by food banks nationally to benefit our country's food insecure," Herold added.

He said that other than founders Harry and Sandy Chapin, no one person has had a greater impact at Long Island Cares than Paule Pachter. "It has been an honor and privilege to work with him," he said. "I and the entire board look forward to continuing to work with Paule through and after this transition."



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# Celebrating Long Island's local businesses



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Long Island businesses await the announcement of their category winners

By MADISON GUSLER

Over 750 members of Long Island's business community joined the Herald for the fourth annual Herald Long Island Choice Award's ceremony. People packed the ballroom at Crest Hollow County Club to hear about the best Long Island has to offer.

The Long Island Choice Awards presented by PSEG Long Island on May 13 is a community choice award organized by RichnerLIVE Events that involves local communities in electing the best businesses in a range of categories. Companies and organizations across the Island are elected in 250 categories before undergoing three rounds of voting to whittle away the top three competitors. The winners are announced at the annual gala and are officially recognized as the best Long Island has to offer.

This year's event was the biggest RichnerLIVE Events has ever held. We congratulate all the winners and runner-ups on their amazing accomplishments!

"It is once again a privilege for our companies to host this great event," Stuart Richner, publisher of the Long Island Herald and CEO of Richner Communications, said. "Remember tonight is not just about celebration, it's about creating unforgettable moments and sharing in the joy of success."

"The people in this room are the economic engines of our communities," he said. "As a second generation business owner myself, I know how challenging leading a business can be. But leading a

business can also be incredibly rewarding, and the rewards certainly outweigh the challenges."

"The Long Island Choice Awards celebrates Long Island businesses for their resilience, strength, innovation, excellence and an unwavering dedication to their communities," David Lyons, interim president and COO of PSEG Long Island, said. "Without your hard work, we would not have the thriving downtown districts in so many of the local Long Island neighborhoods that we call home."

Lyons noted PSEG's business customer advocate program and the team that assists businesses in navigating their programs and services.

"They work tirelessly to support small businesses that fuel our local economy, offering personalized guidance and solutions," he said. The team offers multiple services, including free energy assessments that help businesses save on costs.

"We've been around for 55 years, since the 1970s," Matthew Kahn, president of Friends of Bridge, Inc., said. "We're a local not-for-profit which really helps our community. We're very well respected by the community and we're very proud to have won this award tonight." The Valley Stream-based outpatient alcohol and drug treatment agency won the award for best addiction rehabilitation center.

"I feel humbled to be able to even do what I do, to help people heal," Kimberly Zedalis with Integrative Health and Wellness, Inc. in Farmingdale, said. Zedalis accepted the award for best functional medicine. "This has just



Photo by Tim Baker

Keynote Speaker, Interim President and COO from PSEG Long Island, David C. Lyons

been an incredible journey that I've been on in my life and I'm elated to win."

Several organizations and businesses won multiple awards. Molloy University took home three, including best adult education/continuing education programs, best university and best university president.

"Like anytime our university gets the accolades it deserves, I'm proud of our accomplishments," James Lentini, university president, said.

To view more pictures please visit [RichnerLive.com/lichoice](http://RichnerLive.com/lichoice). To see a complete list of the 2025 Long Island Choice winners visit [LiHerald.com/long-island-choice-awards](http://LiHerald.com/long-island-choice-awards).





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# VIEWFINDER What is your favorite activity to do with your dad?

By Herald Staff

**Madeline Mooney** – 10, Glen Head

My dad is a fireman and my favorite thing is when he brings me to the firehouse. It's so fun, especially when he lets me go down the sliding pole!



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**Ben Loftus** – 12, Sea Cliff

My favorite activity with dad is baking- he is really good at it. Sometimes stuff turns out a little weird, but it still tastes great when you eat it.



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**Scarlett Glennon** 9, Glen Cove

My favorite activity to do with my dad is have a catch in the yard and swim in the pool. I like to tell him jokes and watch Shark Tank together.



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**Declan Huggins** 4th grade, Glen Cove

I love playing with my dad. I like mowing the grass with him and being in his presence.



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I like to work on my car with him. It's just a great bonding experience

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and Who's Next, The Who Tribute

**Saturday, August 30, 7:00pm**  
Elvis Crespo

**Sunday, September 14, 6:00pm**  
Ashley McBryde

**Friday, September 19, 7:00pm**  
Parti-Gras with Bret Michaels and a  
Renowned Former Lead Guitarist -  
TBA

**Friday, September 26, 8:00pm**  
Steve Aoki  
with DJ Theo and Untamed

# EISENHOWER PARK

**FREE ADMISSION | Bring Blankets or Chairs | Parking Field #6**  
Weather permitting, call 516-572-0200 for up-to-date information.

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A photograph of two men, Tom DeStio and Saul Schacter, standing outdoors with a black road bicycle. Tom, on the left, is wearing a blue t-shirt with a 'Nassau & Suffolk' logo, khaki shorts, and a black bicycle helmet. Saul, on the right, is wearing a grey t-shirt with a 'Nassau & Suffolk' logo, a yellow safety vest, and a white baseball cap. A woman in a blue tank top stands between them. They are in front of a building with a white awning. The photo is credited to Saul Schacter.

Courtesy Saul Schacter  
Longtime friends Tom DeStio and Saul Schacter take part in the bike challenge to support the Kiwanis Club.

# Challenge ride blends charity, exercise, scenery

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can ride with the community, and often I meet new people along the course. You get your own special tour of Long Island.”

Organizers say the event draws riders of all levels, from families and beginners to avid cyclists.

“It’s not a race,” said Leslie Kle, the club treasurer and Glen Cove resident said. “We have all levels of riders. It’s all fun.”

Kle noted that the event typically draws repeat participants.

“We’ve had riders that have come, if not all the 29 years, then very many of those years,” she said. “They would be upset to see it go. So, we have a lot of loyal riders that continue to come back year after year.”

Over 20 volunteers help make the event possible, managing registration, route support and rider celebrations at the finish.

“We cheer every rider when they come in, and we celebrate them and congratulate them,” Kle said. “We have raffles. We try to make it a little bit more of a party atmosphere.”

DeStio emphasized the effort behind the scenes.

“It takes months to put that together,” he said.

er,” he said. “I would work a full day, go in at nighttime and mark the course out — painting the streets with arrows and making signs. It was a monumental task.”

The ride is well supported with rest stops in Bayville and Locust Valley, complete with food, water and bathroom access.

“Even for the newer rider, we have a rest stop,” DeStio said. “They can take a little break, grab some food, recharge and go.”

Online registration is \$50 and closes June 24. Walk-ins are welcome for \$60. Riders who sign up before June 2 will receive a free T-shirt. Participants will be eligible for raffle prizes such as televisions and gift certificates for local restaurants.

Sponsorships are still available, with recognition on social media, signage and event T-shirts. Levels range from \$100 to \$1,000.

This is a good reach for someone to take a stab at doing something,” DeStio said. “It’s not a competitive thing, but just in your own head to see if you can do it. I think it’s a great challenge. That’s why we call it the Nassau Challenge.”

For more information or to register, visit [NorthShoreKiwanisli.com](http://NorthShoreKiwanisli.com).

**We have all levels of riders. It’s all fun.**

**LESLIE KLE**  
Club treasurer and  
Glen Cove resident



# STEPPING OUT



“Cowboy” Steak



Skewered Shrimp with Black Bean-Lemon Rice

## Dad’s day, Dad’s way

Fire up the grill and let him sizzle

By Karen Bloom

When it comes to Father’s Day, some dads want ties, others want tools — but for many, what really gets their hearts (and taste buds) fired up is a perfect day at the grill. Forget the recliner — Dad’s real throne is next to the barbecue, tongs in hand, flame sizzling, and the unmistakable aroma of grilled steak in the air.

Whether Dad’s the grill master or you’re stepping up to serve him, there’s no better way to celebrate than with a steakhouse-quality meal made right in your own backyard. It’s simple, satisfying, and a fun way to show appreciation — with flavor.

### Savor the steakhouse staples

Steak lovers know the stars of the grill — ribeye, strip, porterhouse, and tenderloin. These cuts are popular for a reason: bold beefy flavor, juicy texture, and just the right bite. But no matter the cut, the real secret to a great steak lies in the marbling — those small white flecks of fat throughout the meat. That’s where the flavor lives. More marbling means more mouthwatering bites.

### Grill like a pro

Want to serve a steak that earns a standing ovation? Follow these tried-and-true grilling tips.

Heat it up: Make sure your grill is hot before placing the meat down. A sizzle on contact means you’re locking in all those savory juices.

Keep it simple: With a high-quality steak, you don’t need a long marinade — just a touch of salt and pepper lets the natural flavors shine.

Tongs only, please: Never use a fork to flip steaks. It pierces the meat and lets the juices escape. Stick with tongs or a spatula.

Timing is everything: For 1-inch thick steaks, grill over medium heat for 5–6 minutes per side for a perfect medium-rare (145°F).

Let it rest: After grilling, give steaks a few minutes to rest before slicing. That helps keep all the tasty juices right where they belong — inside the steak.

### Bring on his inner chef

Want to impress Dad with professional-looking grill marks? Here’s a chef’s trick: Place the steak at a 45-degree angle to the grates. After 3–4 minutes, rotate it 90 degrees to create those signature diamond marks. Flip and repeat for a restaurant-

style presentation.

This Father’s Day, skip the crowded restaurants and let the grill be the center of the celebration. Whether you’re flipping the steaks or just cheering Dad on from the sidelines, it’s a surefire way to make the day deliciously unforgettable.

### “Cowboy” Steak with Steamed Guinness French Onion Beans

- 4 18-ounce bone-in “cowboy” ribeye steaks
- 12 ounces (3/4 pound) red skin potatoes, cut in 1-inch chunks
- 1/2 pound green beans, cleaned
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 shallot, peeled and minced
- 5 tablespoons unsalted butter, cut in 1/2-inch cubes
- 3/4 cup French onion soup
- 1/2 cup Guinness beer
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1/4 cup french-fried onions

Preheat grill to medium high. Assemble aluminum foil pouch; add potatoes, beans, garlic, shallot, butter, soup, and beer. Seal pouch and grill to steam.

Season steaks and grill over medium-high heat to medium rare (145°F internal temperature) or desired doneness. Remove steaks and let rest for 4 minutes.

Remove foil pouch, salt and pepper vegetables to taste; top with french-fried onions. Serves 4.

### Skewered Shrimp with Black Bean-Lemon Rice

- 24 large raw, headless, peeled shrimp, with tails on (about 1 pound)
- 24 whole green onions, trimmed to 6 inches in length
- 24 cherry tomatoes
- 2 poblano chili peppers, seeded and cut into 24 pieces
- 8 12-inch bamboo skewers, soaked in water

### Marinade/Dressing:

- 3/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 1/4 cup red wine vinegar
- 3 tablespoons lemon juice
- 2 medium garlic cloves, minced
- 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
- 3/4 teaspoon coarsely ground black pepper

### Rice:

- 3 cups hot cooked brown rice
- 15 ounces canned black beans, rinsed and drained
- 1/4 cup chopped cilantro
- 3 teaspoons grated lemon zest

Whisk marinade ingredients in small bowl. Reserve 1/2 cup mixture in separate bowl and set aside. Place shrimp in a resealable plastic bag, pour marinade over shrimp, seal tightly and coat well. Refrigerate 30 minutes, turning frequently.

Remove shrimp from marinade (reserving marinade). Place shrimp on skewers, alternating with tomatoes, chilies and onions (folded in half).

Preheat grill on high heat. Brush skewers with reserved marinade and cook 4 to 5 minutes on each side or until shrimp are opaque in center.

Place remaining marinade in a small saucepan on the grill to heat slightly. Toss rice with black beans, cilantro and lemon zest.

To serve: Top rice with skewers and spoon remaining marinade over skewers.

### Grilled Summer Veggies

Take advantage of the season’s bounty and serve this terrific side dish.

- 1 green bell pepper, quartered
- 1 eggplant, cut crosswise into 1/2 inch-thick rounds
- 1 red bell pepper, quartered
- 1 yellow squash, cut crosswise on the bias into 1/2 inch-thick slices
- 1 zucchini, cut crosswise on the bias into 1/2 inch-thick slices
- 2 tablespoons chopped herbs, such as tarragon, thyme and/or basil
- 2 tablespoons red wine vinegar or sherry vinegar
- 1/4 teaspoon fine sea salt
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

Preheat grill to high heat. Working in batches, arrange veggies on the grill and cook, flipping once, until tender and just beginning to char, 3 to 5 minutes for the zucchini and squash, 6 to 8 minutes for the peppers and eggplant. Spread out to cool slightly on a large baking sheet.

Roughly chop hot veggies into bite-size pieces and toss with herbs, vinegar, salt and pepper on a large platter. Serve warm, at room temperature or cold.



### “Don’t stop believin’ ...

Voyage returns with its rockin’ tribute to Journey. The popular band takes everyone back when Journey’s timeless music ruled the airwaves. Hailed by fans and critics alike, the band performs the music with chilling accuracy. Their attention to detail is unrivaled: blistering guitar solos, lush keyboard arrangements, electrifying stage presence, and stunning harmonies, has earned them a reputation as the ultimate homage to Journey’s timeless music. Fronted by vocalist Pedro Espada, whose range and tone is acclaimed as rivaling the iconic Steve Perry, he’s backed by a lineup of world-class musicians who bring every note to life with precision and heart. Voyage doesn’t just perform Journey’s greatest hits — they transport audiences back to the height of arena rock glory. From the soaring ballads of “Faithfully” and “Open Arms” to the anthemic energy of “Don’t Stop Believin’” and “Separate Ways,” every performance is a journey through the soundtrack of a generation.

Saturday, June 14, 7 p.m. \$40, \$35, \$30, \$25, \$20. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. Tickets available at [ticketmaster.com](https://www.ticketmaster.com) or [paramountry.com](https://www.paramountry.com).



### ‘So Happy Together’

The Happy Together Tour is back and ready with an evening of groovy tunes. The touring sensation that’s crisscrossed the nation delighting audiences for over a decade returns with a show full of chart-topping hits from the ‘60s and ‘70s — an undeniable 61 Billboard Top 40 smashes. The Turtles once again join the tour, also acting as musical hosts for the evening. Along with them are Jay and the Americans, Little Anthony, Gary Puckett, The Vogues and the Cowsills. The Turtles, of course, are best known for their harmony-heavy California pop sound — with such hits as “Elenore,” “She’d Rather Be With Me” and the title of the tour, “Happy Together,” Ron Dante joins the lineup to delight with his own mega-hits, “Sugar Sugar” and “Tracy.”

Saturday, June 14, 8 p.m. Flagstar at Westbury Music Fair, 960 Brush Hollow Rd., Westbury. Tickets available at [livenation.com](https://www.livenation.com).



YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

CALENDAR

JUNE 12

**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 Drive, Roslyn Harbor
- **Time:** Ongoing
- **Contact:** (516) 484-9337 or [nassaumuseum.org](http://nassaumuseum.org)

JUNE 13

**'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, ending this weekend. 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:** 10:15 a.m. and noon; also June 14, 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
- **Contact:** [licm.org](http://licm.org) or call (516) 224-5800

**Westbury House Tour**  
For many years visitors to Westbury House at Old Westbury Gardens asked what was beyond the first floor corridor. Now go beyond the door and discover "secrets of the service wing," during a 60-minute guided tour. Be introduced to the intensive labor required to create the lifestyle experienced by the Phipps family and their guests; tour the many rooms that were "behind the scenes" to create the formal dining experiences of early 20th century. Go along the corridors to the butler's pantry and silver cleaning room then descend the 17 steps to the kitchen, scullery, and wine storage rooms located on the ground floor. Reservations required.

- **Where:** 71 Old Westbury Road, Old Westbury
- **Time:** Noon-1 p.m. and 3-4 p.m.; also June 15-16, June 18-19
- **Contact:** [oldwestburygardens.org](http://oldwestburygardens.org) or call (516) 333-0048



JUNE 21

**The Fab Faux**

The Beatles find their way back to the stage — in the form of the Fab Faux. The acclaimed band brings out the best Beatles moments, appearing on the Paramount stage. With a commitment to the accurate reproduction of Beatles' repertoire, The Fab Faux treat the seminal music with unwavering respect, known for their painstaking recreations of the songs (with emphasis on the later works never performed live by the Beatles). The musical virtuosity of The Fab Faux — in actuality five New York City-based musicians — upends the concept of a Beatles tribute band. Far beyond being extended cover sets, their shows are an inspired rediscovery of The Beatles' musical magic. In this concert, you'll hear "A Hard Day's Night" and "Abbey Road" in their entirety. The Fab Faux tackles the group's most demanding material onstage in a way that has to be experienced to be believed. In addition to their note-for-note accuracy, the band is famous for blurring the lines slightly and injecting their own musical personalities into the performances. Imagine hearing complex material like "Strawberry Fields Forever" or "I Am the Walrus" performed in complete part-perfect renditions; or such harmony-driven songs as "Because," "Nowhere Man" and "Paperback Writer," reproduced with extra vocalists to achieve a double-tracked effect. That's The Fab Faux experience. \$125, \$110, \$89.50, \$79.50, \$69.50, \$49.50.

- **Where:** The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington
- **Time:** 8 p.m.
- **Contact:** [ticketmaster.com](http://ticketmaster.com) or [paramountny.com](http://paramountny.com)

**Vintage 'Base Ball'**  
Step back in time and enjoy a vintage "base ball" game played by 1860s rules at John Maccarone Memorial Stadium. Watch the Brooklyn Atlantics take on the NY Mutuals in historic uniforms, using period equipment and gameplay. This free, family-friendly event offers a fun and educational evening for all ages.

- **Where:** Morris Ave., Glen Cove
- **Time:** 7 p.m.

JUNE 14

**Deep Roots Farmers Market**  
Visit Deep Roots Farmers Market at Garvies Point. Shop for local produce, artisanal goods and more at the market.

- **Where:** Garvies Point Road
- **Time:** 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
- **Contact:** (516) 676-6666

**Defensive Driving Course**  
Glen Cove Public Library offers the six-hour Defensive Driving Class. Participants who complete the six-hour workshop may qualify for a 10% auto insurance discount for three years and reduce up to four points from their driving record. Course fee is \$33, payable by

check or money order to Empire Safety Council. Registration required.

- **Where:** 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove
- **Time:** 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
- **Contact:** [glencovelibrary.org](http://glencovelibrary.org) or call (516) 676-2130

JUNE 17

**Pre-Council meeting**  
City officials hold their next pre-council meeting, which precedes the regular Glen Cove City Council session and is open to the public.

- **Where:** Glen Cove City Hall, 9 Glen St.
- **Time:** 6:30-7 p.m.
- **Contact:** (516) 676-2000

**Planning Board meets**  
Glen Cove Planning Board meets. The meeting is open to the public and addresses development and zoning matters in the city.

- **Where:** Glen Cove City Hall, 9 Glen St.
- **Time:** 7:30- 8:30 p.m.
- **Contact:** (516) 676-2000

JUNE 18

**Storybook Stroll**  
Bring the kids to Old Westbury Gardens for a special storybook adventure in celebration of Juneteenth. Stroll the gardens and share the story of Juneteenth with Kim Taylor's "A Flag for Juneteenth." Also take part in a quilting-inspired craft based on the story. For ages 3-5. Storybook Strolls start at the Beech Tree (next to Westbury House), and end at the Thatched Cottage.

- **Where:** 71 Old Westbury Road, Old Westbury
- **Time:** 4:30-5:30 p.m.
- **Contact:** [oldwestburygardens.org](http://oldwestburygardens.org) or call (516) 333-0048

**Threads of Freedom: Juneteenth and the legacy of Black quilting**  
Award-winning quilters Diane Larrier Collier and Marilyn Hamilton Jackson visit Old Westbury Gardens to discuss Juneteenth, Underground Railroad quilts and the enduring cultural tradition of Black quilting. Most people think the majority of quilts in Black communities are folksy or improvisational, and that's just not true; they're actually very diverse. The lecture at the Barn at Orchard Hill highlights several of their Juneteenth quilts, and a version of the Underground Railroad quilts. Free with admission,

- but pre-registration required.
- **Where:** 71 Old Westbury Road, Old Westbury
  - **Time:** 6-7 p.m.
  - **Contact:** [oldwestburygardens.org](http://oldwestburygardens.org) or call (516) 333-0048

JUNE 19

**Little Learners Art Lab**  
Each week in this engaging workshop, participants are introduced to hands-on materials, artmaking, and inspiration from artists and techniques. Young kids, ages 2-5, build critical thinking skills, expand vocabulary, and support imaginations as they play, create and explore. This week families learn about portraits while making abstract self-portraits and frames! \$4 with museum admission.

- **Where:** Museum Row, Garden City
- **Time:** 11:30 a.m.-noon

JUNE 29

**Kiwanis Bicycle Challenge**  
Ride in support of others. The Nassau Bicycle Challenge (formerly Nassau to Suffolk Bicycle Challenge) supports the work of the Kiwanis Club of North Shore Foundation. It supports charities such as Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center, Pediatric Lyme Disease Foundation, Kamp Kiwanis, NOSH, Boys and Girls Club and charities aligned with those of Kiwanis International "Serving the Children of the World", including Kiwanis' signature programs of Klotches 4 Kids, Koats 4 Kids and Kicks 4 Kids. The beautiful ride through the Gold Coast features picturesque vistas and water views. Choose from a 25 mile loop with 1,060 feet of vertical climb or the more challenging ride with an additional 10 mile loop, totalling 35 miles, with 1,600 feet of vertical climb. Routes are clearly marked and ride is equipped with a rest stop. Snacks and water provided. Sponsorships also available. Online registration ends June 24, but walk-ins are welcome. Online registration is \$50, day of is \$60.

- **Where:** Starting at Harry Tappen Beach, Sea Cliff
- **Time:** Staggered starts, rain or shine
- **Contact:** [n2nbc.org](http://n2nbc.org)

**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).





# PUBLIC NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE – SALE OF LIENS  
CITY OF GLEN COVE, NEW YORK

Notice is hereby given that I shall, on Friday, June 20, 2025 at 10:00 A.M. at Glen Cove City Hall, 9 Glen Street, Glen Cove, New York, sell at public auction the 2024 City Taxes that remain open and unpaid and 2024/2025 School Taxes that remain open and unpaid which will become liens unless the owner, mortgagee, occupant or any other party in interest in such real estate shall pay to the City of Glen Cove the total amount of such unpaid liens with the interest and penalties. Such liens will be sold at the lowest rate of interest, not exceeding ten percent (10%) per six-month period for which any person shall bid to take the total amount of such unpaid taxes or charges.

A list of the real estate located in the City of Glen Cove upon which liens are to be sold with a brief description of the same by reference to the Nassau County Land and Tax Map is available in the Tax Office or online at [www.glencoveny.gov](http://www.glencoveny.gov). The name of the owner is the same as it appears on the assessment roll of the year in which such unpaid taxes or charges were levied or accrued and the total amounts thereof.

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# Love Your Neighbor strides with pride

By LUKE FEENEY  
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Sea Cliff residents bursted with color and pride at the Love Your Neighbor Project's second annual North Shore Pride Stride.

The inspiration for the parade came last year after there were a number of reports in the village where people's pride lawn signs were being destroyed in front of their house, according to Love Your Neighbor Project's Chief Neighbor Jaime Teich.

"The incidents were rising at home, that's what we responded to," she said. "That's why we continue to put this event on, because it's still happening."

Nearly 400 people including elected officials, civic leaders and community leaders attended the event on June 1. In addition, several local businesses displayed Pride decals and flags provided by the charity.

The parade started with a community gathering in Clifton Park, then went down Sea Cliff Avenue to the Village Green, a popular open space within the village.

Teich along with LYNP Strategic Neighbor Jennifer DeSane, Village Trustee Mark Sobel, and Sea Cliff residents Brylee Kaye, Genevieve Hudin, Peter Primont and Bruce Castellano all spoke about the importance of love, community and solidarity for the LGBTQ+ community at the Village Green.

The celebration continued at Still Partners, a local gastropub, with Sea Cliff disc jockey Sean Valentine providing music throughout.

For more information about the Pride Stride, contact the Love Your Neighbor Project at [info@loveryourneighborproject.org](mailto:info@loveryourneighborproject.org) or visit their website, [LoveYourNeighbor-Project.org](http://LoveYourNeighbor-Project.org).



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Photos courtesy Juliette Peckham



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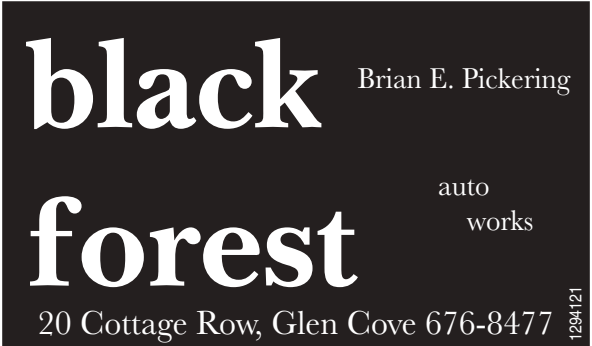
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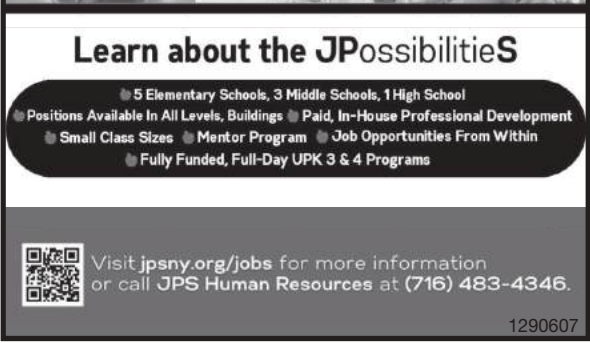
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# County supports victims of domestic, sexual violence

**T**he unfortunate closure of The Safe Center LI, a private nonprofit agency that served victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, has understandably raised concern across our community and in my office. As soon as I learned that the Safe Center was having financial problems, I launched an investigation to determine



**ELAINE PHILLIPS**

whether Nassau County taxpayer dollars were being misused and to ensure that services for victims of domestic and sexual violence would continue to be available. We found that there was no abuse of funds, and that the county has stepped up as a leader—

ensuring that victims continue to receive uninterrupted care, protection, and support. County Executive Bruce Blakeman and his administration acted swiftly and decisively to preserve access to critical services and mobilize partnerships with state agencies and local nonprofits. His leadership has been instrumental in guiding our response and protecting our most vulnerable residents.

### Uninterrupted services for victims

Although The Safe Center LI was not a county-run agency, the county has long supported its mission. As soon as financial instability became clear, County officials worked in close coordination with the state Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence, the state Coalition Against Domestic Violence, and other trusted partners to ensure that no services lapsed.

### 24/7 crisis support remains available

Victims can still access confidential help:

Call: (516) 542-0404

Text: (844) 997-2121

Chat: [opdv.ny.gov/survivors-victims](https://opdv.ny.gov/survivors-victims)

### In-person assistance and walk-in services

Victims may also:

Visit any Nassau County Police Department precinct

Go to the Department of Social Services at 60 Charles Lindbergh Blvd., Uniondale

Call the Nassau County Crime Victim Advocate at (516) 571-1598

These county-based services remain

fully staffed and responsive.

### Emergency housing and shelter

When The Safe Center's residential facility closed, the county's Department of Social Services immediately stepped in—relocating residents and continuing emergency housing operations through a strong alliance with the New York State Coalition Against Domestic Violence. This rapid response ensured no disruption in shelter services for victims and their children.

### Support for child victims

Services for children impacted by abuse remain active and coordinated. As before, multidisciplinary teams, including law enforcement and legal professionals, continue to meet with young victims in child-friendly settings to reduce emotional trauma.

### Legal services remain available

Attorneys who previously worked for The Safe Center have transitioned to Legal Services of Long Island, where they continue to support victims, including ongoing and new cases. This transition was managed seamlessly to avoid disruption for survivors in need of legal protection.

### Time for Leadership, not politics

In times of crisis, the community needs steady leadership—not political gamesmanship. It is disappointing—and frankly, shameful—that some individuals have attempted to exploit this unfortunate situation for political gain. I am proud to report that Blakeman, the County Legislature, and the entire county team have kept the focus exactly where it belongs: on victims and their families.

### Accountability and moving forward

The Safe Center's closure was the result of financial decisions made independently by its leadership. Although it was a valued service provider, it was a nonprofit—not operated, managed, or financially overseen by the county. While the county and state fulfilled all financial commitments under contract, the agency's financial model proved unsustainable. My office worked closely with The Safe Center to wind down operations responsibly and transparently.

### A strong future built on partnership

I will continue to be the independent protector of all taxpayers, and we will continue to lead with compassion, integrity, and action—because protecting victims is not about politics. It's about doing what's right.

*Elaine Phillips is the Nassau County Comptroller.*

# In politics, silence isn't neutral – it's a choice

**N**assau County Executive Bruce Blakeman recently stated that “having the President of the United States as a friend of Nassau County is a very good thing.”

If that's true, then where's the proof?

The biggest pocketbook issue facing Nassau residents right now is the same one that's hit us hard for nearly a decade—the \$10,000 cap on state and local tax (SALT) deductions signed into law by Donald Trump in 2017. This cap has effectively double-taxed middle-class families across Long



**SETH I. KOSLOW**

Island and crushed homeowners already paying the highest property taxes in America.

Now, in Trump's second term, Congress is gearing up to revisit SALT—and Nassau's representatives, including Tom Suozzi and Laura Gillen, are fighting to restore it. Even some Republican members of Congress have spoken out and are demanding relief. But our county executive? Not a word.

This is exactly the kind of moment Blakeman claims his Trump relationship is good for. But when it comes time to actually stand up for taxpayers, he is absent.

SALT is just the beginning. Blakeman has also said nothing about the devastating impact Trump's proposed budget would have on Long Islanders—especially working families, children and seniors. That includes deep cuts to Medicaid, which supports services for students with disabilities in our schools and healthcare access for more than 680,000 Long Islanders. He's said nothing about the \$300 billion in potential cuts to SNAP, which helps feed 150,000 Long Islanders. If passed, these cuts would fund a tax break for the ultra-wealthy on the backs of the families who can least afford it.

Blakeman's silence isn't strategic—it's telling. Time and again, he's been loud when it helps him politically and quiet when it comes to delivering real results.

While running for office in 2021, Blakeman promised to cut our taxes and fix Nassau's assessment system. As county executive, he has achieved nei-

ther—and by keeping assessed values frozen, he's made the system more unfair and indefensible than ever. Yet, at his recent State of the County

address, he made the puzzling statement that he “fixed” the problem.

It may be fixed if you're a politically connected tax grievance firm that benefits from the return of mass settlements, but it sure isn't if you're a homeowner whose property tax bill is soaring.

Then, take his self-declared commitment to women's safety. While he held press conferences and

made promises, The Safe Center—Nassau's only 24/7 resource for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault—was forced to shut down on his watch. No plan. No public urgency. Just silence.

The same is true of his promises of economic development. He loudly trumpeted a proposed Las Vegas Sands casino resort at the Nassau Hub and a multi-billion dollar NYU Langone teaching hospital on the campus of Nassau Community College, but with the hospital plan now dead and the casino on life support at best, Blakeman has

had little to say as \$9 billion in growth he promised evaporated.

He talks tough on public safety, but when it came time to fund first responders in districts represented by Democratic legislators, he wouldn't even pick up the phone to negotiate an agreement—until we, as a caucus, forced him to do the right thing.

While preaching fiscal discipline, he's earmarked \$10 million in federal pandemic money for 125th anniversary parties that, by and large, didn't materialize and handed out \$20 million in outside legal contracts—many to politically connected firms—and pushed an unlawful, unnecessary and dangerous armed militia program with no public support.

Being county executive isn't about who you know. It's about who you fight for.

If Blakeman wants to brag about his friendship with the president, it's time he used that relationship to actually help Nassau's taxpayers—not just himself.

Because when you have the platform, the power and the connections, silence on these issues isn't just disappointing. It's disqualifying.

*Seth I. Koslow represents Nassau County's 5th Legislative District.*



## OPINIONS

# A life celebrated for my brother, Kevin

**M**y brother Kevin recently passed away. Death is a reality each family must confront. There's no denying death's heartbreaking impact on family and friends. But it's important we take the opportunity to celebrate the life of the family member and friend we lost.

My experiences with death growing up were as a Catholic altar boy assisting at funeral masses. The priest wore black vestments. The music and hymns were beyond somber. "Dies Irae," an essential prayer at the Requiem Mass, was a Latin term depicting Judgment Day as the "Day of Wrath."



**PETER KING**

From my recollection, the funeral service was far from uplifting.

All that would change during the reforms emanating from the Vatican Council of the early and mid-1960's, symbolized by the Requiem Mass, now called a "Celebration of Life," were white priests' vestments being substituted for black and "Dies Irae" being discarded.

Kevin, whose death followed almost

two years of suffering from a debilitating, rare form of blood cancer, did have his life celebrated by family and friends. Kevin was my younger brother but, as he always reminded me, a better athlete. A mediocre student in high school, he emerged at St. John's University, graduating with honors and going on to enjoy an extremely successful career working for an industrial parts company with national and international operations, allowing Kevin to comfortably retire at a much younger age than I did.

Most important, Kevin was dedicated to his family — his wife JoAnne with whom he celebrated a 50th wedding anniversary last summer; his children Tara and Kevin; and his grandchildren K.J., Sienna and Camryn. Kevin was also a Mets fan who not only had season tickets but also would attend Mets spring training games at Port St. Lucie, Florida.

Kevin was similar to our father being intensely loyal and never resentful or jealous of anyone. So long as his family was doing well and was healthy, that was more than enough for him. Also emulating our father, Kevin never once complained or bemoaned his fate during more than 18 months of devastating illness,

which he knew was bound to be terminal. He would speak to me matter-of-factly: "I might not make it this time, but you never know," before telling me "K.J. went 4-4 the other night and threw out a guy trying to steal" or "Sienna is

really getting good at soccer." Our conversations always ended upbeat. Kevin was particularly thankful to our sister Barbara, a retired nurse, who was supporting and advocating for him continually throughout his illness.

In the last conversation I had with Kevin just six days before he died, he reminded me of a Mets dinner we attended in 2016 when Mets first baseman Lucas Duda and Islanders great Bobby Nystrom were at our table. Days later, Kevin was brought from Plainview Hospital, where he had received such outstanding care, to his home in Seaford, where he passed away peacefully.

Kevin's wake at Schmitt Funeral Home was indeed a celebration. Family members, including cousins we hadn't seen in a while, were there. So too were local officials, including County Executive Bruce Blakeman, Chairman Joe Cairo and congressmen Nick LaLota and Tom Suozzi, labor leader Anthony Simon and All-American Notre Dame

quarterback Terry Hanratty. Though Kevin was not a member of either of their parishes, Monsignor Steve Camp from St. Patrick in Huntington and Fr. Joe Fitzgerald from St. William in Seaford came by to offer their uplifting celebratory condolences. Then there were the neighbors and people he worked with over the years sharing their memories of Kevin's thoughtfulness and loyalty. Most moving was the outstanding, heartfelt speech given by his son Kevin.

The Celebration of Life Mass at Maria Regina Church the next morning was indeed a fitting finale to Kevin's life, as were the patriotic musical renditions by the Nassau Police Pipe Band before and after the Mass and the dignified carrying of his flag-draped coffin by members of the NYPD Ceremonial Unit, which had been formed by our father more than a half-century ago. The final sendoff was a moving Honor Guard ceremony, which included the playing of taps by the 11th New York Regiment United States Volunteers-America at St. Charles Cemetery.

In true Irish tradition, our celebration of Kevin's life continued through the afternoon at Paddy's Loft Pub! Kevin R.I.P.

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# The rich must tread lightly in politics

**I**f you are familiar with the musical "Fiddler on the Roof," you know the song "If I Were A Rich Man." In that song, Tevye, the patriarch of the family, dreams of all of the trappings that come with being rich. There is no doubt that there are many benefits to being affluent and most rich people can conquer many of life's challenges. In my thinking, there is one exception, where the rich can't always buy their way and that's in the field of politics.



**JERRY KREMER**

There are so many examples of cases where the very rich try their luck in the political world and get burned by the experience. The most obvious is the current case of Elon Musk, said to be the wealthiest person in the world. Musk made his first foray into the political minefield when he decided to spend tons of personal wealth to help re-elect President Trump.

The real numbers are elusive but it is estimated that he invested at least

\$250 million in the 2024 national election. Most of the funds went to the Trump campaign but a sizeable amount went to various races around the country, including a judicial contest in Wisconsin. The race for the top court post didn't work out so well as Musk's candidate took a beating in a race where the incumbent used the Musk name as a successful weapon.

Undeterred by his Wisconsin loss, Musk plunged into the Washington battlefield by becoming the head of the Department of Governmental Efficiency (D.O.G.E.) To a businessman used to having his way all the time, taking a government position aimed at creating efficiencies in government sounded like a dream job. Being able to cut waste and fraud sounds like becoming a Superman in the nation's capitol.

A short time ago Musk announced he was returning to the private sector to take care of his many businesses. By all counts, Musk has lost at least \$100 billion in wealth, including a 51 percent loss in the value of the Tesla Company. That was bad enough, but to have people burning Tesla cars and setting Tesla

dealerships ablaze is enough to give any rich man a super migraine headache. Having many of his visions dashed by the GOP Congress, Musk is now back in Texas.

**T**here are countless others who had unlimited funds and backers who flamed out.

Another example of a rich man getting burned in the political world is Michael Bloomberg. Bloomberg's political career started out with great long-term promise. Having brilliantly run his own company, he chose to run for the job of Mayor of New York City. The voters were anxious to have a Bloomberg take over the city and he succeeded in having three effective terms in office. Buoyed by his highly acclaimed tenure as mayor, Bloomberg decided to dip his toe into national waters and run for president.

With a budget of at least \$1 billion, the Bloomberg presidential effort got off to a brilliant start. He assembled great political minds on his staff and created a model political campaign. From personal observations, his operation was smooth, well-planned and highly professional. Many prominent business figures offered their backing and all was well until the mayor chose

to participate in a national candidates debate. Unprepared for such an event, he was ambushed on national television by Senator Elizabeth Warren (D-MA). In a short 24 hours, his candidacy ended.

There are countless others who had unlimited funds and backers who flamed out when they pushed their fame and fortune a little too hard. Kelly Loeffler, who now chairs the Trump S.B.A., was an interim U.S. Senator for two years. Her wealthy family backed in her run for a six-year term, but Democrat Jon Ossoff upset her efforts. David Purdue, another wealthy Georgia resident who had strong corporate credentials, lost his re-election run to Democrat Rev. Raphael Warnock.

There are dozens more stories of politicians whose money couldn't buy short or long-term political happiness. And there are quite a few successful rich people serving at all levels of government. But there is a caveat for all rich men and women. If you think money alone will get you to the top in politics you are deluding yourself.

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**HERALD EDITORIAL**

**Saving the environment means fixing our lawns**

Suburban America, and Long Island, has always been defined by its picket white fences, apple pie, and of course emerald-green lawns, perfectly mowed in house after house. But this idyllic dream hides a growing ecological nightmare; these lawns are an environmentally disastrous drain on Long Island’s water supply, habitat and wildlife, and even the pocket-books of regular homeowners.

This is why we need to begin embracing sustainable landscaping, before it’s too late.

At its core, sustainable landscaping revolves around harmonizing green spaces with native flora, a practice that inherently supports local wildlife. By opting for plants naturally adapted to the region’s climate and soil, homeowners create havens for birds and other animals. These native species not only provide crucial habitats but also bolster biodiversity, essential for maintaining resilient ecosystems in an ever-changing world.

Long Island boasts a wide variety of beautiful native grasses, such as Broomsedge and Appalachian sedge or tufted hair grass. Despite this, the most popular grass species on Long Island lawns are tall fescue (from Europe), perennial ryegrass (from Eurasia and North Africa) and Kentucky bluegrass (from Eurasia and North Africa).

Because these species are not native to Long Island and most lawns use only a single grass species, this leaves what are effectively ecological dead zones; the beautiful green lawn reduces biodiversity, which means fewer bugs and birds visit to help pollinate nearby plants and flowers, which chokes out life and nutrition from the soil and eventually, from Long Island itself.

Insects like bees, butterflies and beetles, critical pollinators and prey for larger species, struggle to survive in

these sterile grass monocultures that offer little food or shelter. Without these insects, birds lose a key food source, especially during nesting season. A mother chickadee, for example, needs thousands of caterpillars to raise a brood. But caterpillars only thrive on native plants. When yards are dominated by turfgrass and exotic ornamentals, the local food web begins to collapse.

This habitat loss ripples up the food chain. Foxes, squirrels, chipmunks, and deer rely on complex plant life for food, cover, and breeding grounds. Traditional lawns fragment the landscape, replacing vital thickets and understory with flat expanses that support little biodiversity. Even suburban predators, such as owls and hawks, struggle when the small mammals they hunt become scarce.

In addition to destroying our environment, this process also weakens the initial goal of having a beautiful lawn by killing the nutrients in the soil, making it harder for the transplanted grass to grow, demanding more water from our aquifers, which are already nearly wrung dry.

Water scarcity concerns are not foreign to Long Island, making sustainable landscaping a pragmatic choice. By selecting drought-resistant plants and employing water-efficient irrigation methods, such as drip systems and rain-water harvesting, residents significantly reduce their reliance on municipal water supplies. This not only conserves a precious resource but also mitigates runoff pollution, ensuring cleaner waterways and healthier aquatic ecosystems.

Traditional lawn care often involves heavy use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides, which can adversely impact soil health and pose risks to human health and wildlife. Since Long Island is after all, an island, we also have to worry about this from the lens of its impact on our Sound. Fertilizer runoff is high in nitrogen, and constant runoff has fueled

the Sound’s rising temperature and increasing number of algal blooms in the past two decades.

In contrast, sustainable practices emphasize natural soil amendments like compost and organic matter, fostering nutrient-rich soils that support vigorous plant growth without synthetic inputs. Integrated Pest Management techniques further minimize pesticide use by leveraging natural predators and cultural practices, ensuring pest control without compromising environmental integrity.

The benefits of sustainable landscaping extend beyond aesthetics. Dense, healthy lawns act as effective filters, trapping dust, pollutants, and carbon dioxide while releasing oxygen—a vital contribution to improving local air quality. Moreover, practices such as composting and mulching enrich soil structure, promoting microbial activity and enhancing its ability to sequester carbon—a crucial strategy in combating climate change.

Individually, each sustainable landscape may seem modest in scale, but collectively, they form a formidable force for environmental change across Long Island. As more residents adopt these practices, the cumulative effect reverberates through neighborhoods, parks, and public spaces, fostering a shared commitment to environmental stewardship and resilience.

Transitioning to sustainable landscaping begins with understanding local soil and climate conditions, selecting appropriate native plants, and adopting water-efficient irrigation practices. Regular soil testing and thoughtful plant selection tailored to Long Island’s unique ecosystem are pivotal in creating thriving, low-maintenance landscapes.

We only have one island. Together, we can preserve Long Island as an Edenic paradise where our families can live, grow and play safely and healthily for decades.

**LETTERS**

**Federal money for fire departments**

To the Editor:

As a member of the in Nassau and Suffolk counties to apply for the Federal Emergency Management Agency Staffing For Adequate Fire and Emergency Response grant program.

Thank you for serving on the front lines and protecting our communities from fires, emergencies, and natural disasters. As a representative in Congress, I’m committed to supporting our first responders by maximizing the federal resources we bring back from Washington to Long Island to help you do your jobs safely and effectively.

The program aims to help fire departments, including volunteer departments, recruit, retain, and increase the number of trained firefighters available in their community.

My team and I are eager to assist you, and I would be glad to







## OPINIONS

# It's time for a change at NUMC

**S**ometimes, change is good. In the case of Nassau University Medical Center, it's an absolute necessity. Years of mismanagement, resulting in part from blatant political patronage, have left it in deep financial trouble. Thanks to the determined work of Governor Kathy Hochul and the state legislature, a plan is in



**CHARLES LAVINE**

place to begin the process of saving this vital resource to the entire Long Island region.

Opened in 1935, the 530-bed teaching hospital in East Meadow has been the primary source of medical care for millions of Nassau County residents ever since.

With its Level 1 Trauma Center and certified Burn Center, it stands as the only safety-net hospital in the region, serving 300,000 annually, including residents of eastern Queens and western Suffolk County. Most of the people who are cared for are economically challenged and rely on Medicare and Medicaid.

As part of the recently passed state budget, a plan is in place to not only

change the leadership structure at the hospital but to provide it with a desperately needed infusion of cash. The board of directors of NuHealth, the public benefit corporation that oversees NUMC will no longer be controlled by cronies of Nassau County

Executive Bruce Blakeman. Going forward, the state legislature, working with the governor, will select the majority of its members...responsible and competent people who will ensure a person with high-level managerial experience in healthcare is put in place to run NUMC. In addition, \$50 million in capital funding was appropriated to enhance, modernize, and start the process of financially stabilizing NUMC, which is estimated to be \$1.5 billion in debt.

While these steps are critical to stop the bleeding at NUMC, what's needed first and foremost is a change in culture. No longer can this hospital, and the community it serves, be at the mercy of incompetent leaders in their positions due to political patronage. Take the case of former board chair Matthew Bruderman. In the spring of 2022, already plagued for years by financial mismanagement, massive debt, and experiencing a revolving door of chief

executives and leadership, Blakeman appointed Bruderman, a "supposed financial expert," as board chair. At the time, Blakeman credited Bruderman's "stature," but the reality is that he was best known for being a top donor to

Republicans on all levels of government. Proving the folly of Blakeman's choice was not only the continued mismanagement of NUMC, but Bruderman's own financial dealings, which landed him a \$250,000 fine and a censure by the SEC in 2023. Bruderman's tenure came to an ignominious end earlier this year when Blakeman, saying he was

"proud of the work he had accomplished," fired him. Oddly enough, the firing came just hours after it was reported that Bruderman's Centre Island home had been broken into, and that the only item taken was a binder containing "sensitive" information related to an ongoing federal investigation. This is not the sort of person who has the qualifications to guide the direction of a major hospital. Meanwhile, the appointment of the hospital's attorney Meg Ryan, as NUMC CEO, despite her lack of experience in healthcare management, just continues the long and problematic history of

leadership selection. Bruderman, meanwhile, somehow remains a member of the NuHealth board.

As if contributing to the downfall of NUMC was not damaging enough, Blakeman and the Republicans recently conducted an extremely expensive public relations campaign with the patently false accusation that the state wanted to shut the hospital down. I can only hope that the public recognizes the baselessness of such accusations and sees that the plan described here is actually meant to accomplish the total opposite.

Saving NUMC is not optional. There are literally lives at stake. We not only have a moral obligation to make sure NUMC survives, but the state constitution requires that we provide adequate healthcare for all citizens, leaving us no choice but to do what needs to be done to save it. This is our solemn responsibility as representatives of the people of the state of New York and the county of Nassau. Only the direst circumstances led to the state forcing leadership changes. As long as the county at both the executive and legislative levels continued to make the lion's share of the decisions concerning NUMC, then the ship was only going to continue to sink, and we could not in good conscience allow that.

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## LETTERS

write a letter asking for full and fair consideration of your application.

The FEMA SAFER Grant program provides federal funding directly to career, combined, and volunteer fire departments for hiring new, additional firefighters, and for the recruitment and retention of volunteer firefighters.

In FY24, there is \$324 million available through the program. These grants are already appropriated from our tax dollars. But you must apply to get these funds to come to our communities or they will go to other towns and cities across the country. You may find additional information about the program at [fema.gov/grants/preparedness/firefighters/safer](https://fema.gov/grants/preparedness/firefighters/safer) and access the Notice of Funding Opportunity and [fema.gov/sites/default/files/documents/fema\\_gpd\\_safer\\_nofy24.pdf](https://fema.gov/sites/default/files/documents/fema_gpd_safer_nofy24.pdf).

The deadline to apply for the Fiscal Year 2024 SAFER grant program is July 3 at 5 p.m. eastern time. You can complete the full application at [Go.Fema.gov](https://Go.Fema.gov). You may also contact the SAFER Program Help Desk for technical assistance and any questions you might have as you apply at: (866) 274-0960 or by email at [FireGrants@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FireGrants@fema.dhs.gov).

Please do not hesitate to contact my office by calling (202) 225-5516 for any support or assistance. Thank you for your work to help protect and secure our communities, and I look forward to continuing to work with you to make Long

Island safer.

LAURA A. GILLEN  
Member of Congress

## Harvesting summer aid

To the Editor:

Summer is near, and while that means sunshine and beach days, it also means uncertainty for many Long Islanders about where their next meal will come from.

Hunger doesn't take a vacation, and unfortunately, food insecurity spikes during the summer when school meal programs pause and food donations tend to slow down. That's why PSEG Long Island has launched our fifth annual Power to Feed Long Island food drive, a civic effort to support our neighbors in need.

Starting June 13 in Massapequa and through the end of September, PSEG will be setting up food collection bins at eight Stop & Shop supermarkets across the Island — one location every other Friday. The list can be found at [PsegLiNy.com/feedLI](https://PsegLiNy.com/feedLI). We encourage everyone to donate nonperishable food items and personal care essentials, all of which will be distributed through our partners at Island Harvest Food Bank to local pantries, soup kitchens, and food programs throughout Nassau and Suffolk counties.

As a small token of thanks, PSEG Long Island volunteers will be offering

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Climbing the Rope Bridge at the Huckleberry Frolic — East Rockaway

free LED light bulbs and reusable shopping bags to donors. Representatives will also be on hand to provide information about energy efficiency and financial assistance programs. Island Harvest staff will share how they are working to combat hunger every day.

In the past four years of Power to Feed events, Long Islanders have donated the equivalent of more than 130,000 meals. So as we get ready to enjoy back-

yard cookouts and Ducks games, let's remember that there is hunger in every ZIP code on Long Island. Please join us and our partners, Stop & Shop and Island Harvest, as we work to put more meals on more tables this season. Because no one should go hungry in our community.

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