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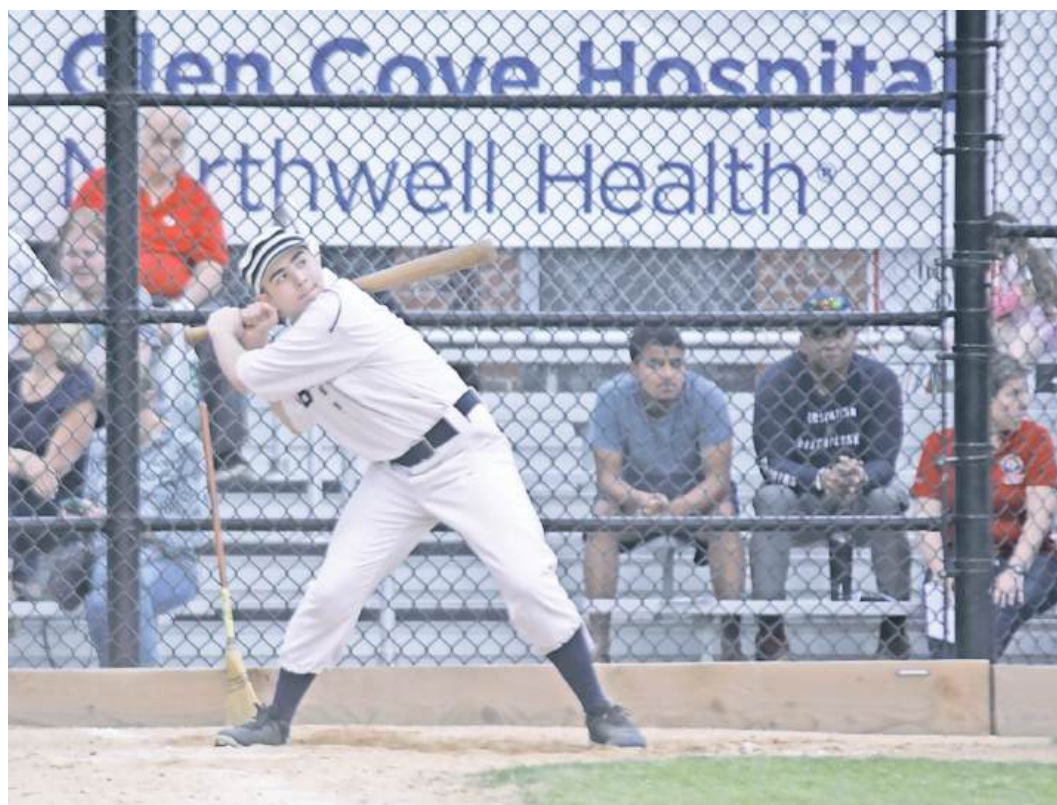


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## Bringing baseball history to life

Dressed in period uniforms, members of the Brooklyn Atlantics and NY Mutuals re-created America's pastime as it was played in the 1860s during a vintage baseball game in Glen Cove.

## After arrests by ICE caught all by surprise, the city shivers

By ROKSANA AMID

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A joint operation by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the FBI in Glen Cove on June 11 resulted in the arrest of four men near the Glen Street Long Island Rail Road station, prompting confusion, concern and community debate about federal enforcement tactics.

According to Glen Cove Police Detective Lt. John Nagle, city police responded to a call at around 8:30 a.m. about a possible assault in progress on Cedar Swamp Road. The call, placed by a local business owner, described several people chasing one another near the train station parking lot.

"Our guys got up there with lights and sirens, thinking it was an assault taking place," Nagle said. "Turns out it was ICE activity."

Federal agents had not notified Glen Cove police in advance of the operation, which Nagle said is not unusual, though in prior instances local law enforcement had been made aware.

"There's times when we do work with ICE," Nagle said. "We've pinpointed some really serious criminals in the past with their assistance. But on this particular day, we didn't know anything about it."

The Trump administration has said it wants to arrest more than 3,000 illegal immigrants a day. The escalation of enforcement tactics has

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## Top Glen Cove senior eyes medical field

By ROKSANA AMID

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At Glen Cove High School, Mert Suyabatmaz has long been known for his sharp intellect, quiet determination and deep love of learning. Now, as the school's 2025 valedictorian, the 17-year-old is preparing to take the next step in a journey shaped by family, focus and a strong sense of purpose.

"My unweighted GPA is a 99.3-something," Suyabatmaz said. "But, weighted, that's what made me be able to have this interview. That's 106.6. And the reason it's so high is due to the volume of AP classes I took."

Suyabatmaz has taken a total of 14 Advanced Placement classes, part of a rigorous curriculum at a school that offers a total of 18 such courses. "I really liked AP chemistry and AP psychology," he said. Those two classes

fueled both his academic interest and his future plans.

Marja Tockman, Suyabatmaz's guidance counselor, praised him as an "outstanding young man" for his analytical mind and his deep commitment to his academic and personal growth.

**H**e is eager to immerse himself in a competitive academic environment where he can continue to grow and be challenged.

**MARJA TOCKMAN**  
guidance counselor,  
Glen Cove High School

"He is the kind of student who wholeheartedly believes that with hard work and focus, he can tackle any challenge that comes his way," Tockman wrote in a release. "He is eager to immerse himself in a competitive academic environment where he can continue to grow and be challenged."

Suyabatmaz recently sat for the U.S. National Chemistry Olympiad Local Exam, a competitive test for top high school chemistry students across the country. "My passion has always been helping others and understanding the human

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# Honoring the past with historian's talk

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D-Day, which occurred on June 6, 1944, was a crucial event during World War II. This operation, was commonly known as Operation Overlord, was one of the largest military assaults in history. Its success marked a turning point in the war, as it led to the liberation of Western Europe from Nazi control. Taking us back to present time, in Glen Cove, the significance of D-Day was brought to the members of the Glen Cove Senior Center. By marking its anniversary. Professor Evan Weiner, who has a deep understanding of the events of World War II, spoke to the members about the importance of this historic event. Weiner's lecture was not just a recounting and remembering all of historical facts; it was a personal narrative as well. He shared stories of individuals who fought bravely on that day, some of whom he personally knew.

"I give talks. My background is radio and TV but, I'm not out there on the streets anymore looking for stories but I'm used to speaking and it's fun," he said, "Yogi is the one that told me about D-Day and where he was at the time and my personal experiences include Ruth Gruber and Oswego and along with a TV show in the 1980's."

Eric Shuman, the Activity Coordinator at the Glen Cove Senior Center said most members are veterans. "It was the 81st anniversary and I think for our veterans D-day represents the ultimate test for bravery we remember it as a day to honor their service and make sure the future generations understand the cost of peace it's also about gratitude and acknowledging the sacrifices made. Lots of veterans are members at the senior center so we try to acknowledge it," Shuman said. "Something unique we did was bring Evan in, he



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Professor Evan Weiner spoke to attendees about the historical significance of D-Day.

was great because he did up to the day of D-Day and the aftermath and it was an interesting lecture a lot of our members remember that."

Shuman added that he usually picks events and activities by asking members what their interests are and what they would like to see. This includes exercise classes to music performances and entertainers.

With this event, many members reminisced on those they knew, and shared stories, comments and experiences about D-Day. Such as veteran, Frank

DeMita. "I was in the army. I was drafted in 1945 just about when the war ended and I had a personal interest in it and also because I was in the army. I knew a cousin of mine, participated in an invasion of Normandy and a good friend of mine who passed away two years ago was also wounded at Normandy."

This lecture helped members honor those they knew personally and their bravery throughout the war, reminding them of the historical significance of the event and honoring those who fought for freedom.

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# N.S. theater renovations in full swing

By ROKSANA AMID

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Months after plans were first announced, the transformation of the former Charles Hardware building into the North Shore Village Theatre is officially in progress.

Demolition began in early June at 19 Glen St., where construction crews have stripped the interior of the long-vacant storefront to make way for Glen Cove's first community theater. The project, spearheaded by Christopher Moll, founder of Jazz Hands Children's Theatre and artistic director of NSVT, is aiming for a grand opening this fall.

"We needed a blank slate," Moll said during a recent site visit. "They've taken everything down to the bones so we can rebuild it exactly the way a theater should be."

The plans call for a 150- to 200-seat venue, complete with a 25-by-35-foot stage, lobby, bar and performance-ready acoustics. Much of the original interior structure, including a ramp and excess wall partitions, has been removed to expand the audience area and improve visibility. The stage will extend into the former sales floor of the hardware store, which operated on the site for over 60 years.

The redesign is being completed in phases, with major upgrades to plumbing, electrical systems and fire sprinklers scheduled in the coming weeks. The construction timeline remains aggressive, with a targeted opening production of *Steel Magnolias* in October or November.

"This is a dream that's finally taking shape," Moll said.

"We're hoping to stay on track without interruption between construction phases. We're close to being able to move forward."

The total cost of the project is expected to exceed \$1 million, and fundraising is ongoing. Moll said that about half of that has been raised through private donations, grants and support from local sponsors. NSVT, a nonprofit, is seeking additional funding and corporate partnerships to complete the build-out.

"This isn't just for Jazz Hands," Moll clarified. "North Shore Village Theatre and Jazz Hands are two separate entities. Jazz Hands will be a tenant of the theater, not its financial backer. It's important for people to understand that distinction."

The project has been a community effort, with support from city officials, business leaders, and property owner Bruce Waller of GW Development, who agreed to a 10-year lease for the space. City Councilwoman Danielle Fugazy Scagliola, a longtime proponent of downtown revitalization, played a key role in securing the agreement.

"For as long as I can remember, that building was Charles Hardware," Scagliola said. "Now, to stand in there and actually see it turning into a real theater—it's exciting. You can visualize what it's going to become."



Roksana Amid/Herald photos

The long-vacant former Charles Hardware store will soon be transformed into a 150-seat community theater, under the direction of Christopher Moll.



The redesign is being completed in phases, with major upgrades to plumbing, electrical systems and fire sprinklers in the coming weeks.

Once completed, the venue will offer programming by both NSVT and outside companies. Moll said plans are already in motion to host Ballet Nepantla, a contemporary Mexican folkloric dance company, as well as touring children's theater groups that incorporate educational workshops.

The theater also aims to improve accessibility to the arts, with plans to offer free tickets to underserved families through partnerships with local nonprofits such as the Boys and Girls Club and the Youth Bureau.

"This will be more than a theater," Moll said. "It's a place for the community to connect and be inspired."

Residents can follow progress or donate at [nsvillagetheatre.com](http://nsvillagetheatre.com).



Construction on the new theatre space began last week.



Chris Moll, the creative force behind the North Shore Village Theatre, looks over the building's blueprints.



# 'Takeover' takes shape at NUMC

By JORDAN VALLONE & LUKE FEENEY

of the East Meadow Herald

New York state has begun the transition in leadership at Nassau University Medical Center, following the approval last month of a \$254 billion budget package for fiscal year 2026 that included several provisions affecting NUMC, including a "takeover" of Long Island's largest public hospital system.

State lawmakers approved the changes on May 7, shifting control from Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman to Gov. Kathy Hochul and state Democrats. The changes — which took effect June 1 — seeks to enhance state oversight and set a path toward financial improvement and operational stability at the East Meadow hospital and its extended care facility in Uniondale.

In addition, the state has granted the Nassau Interim Finance Authority, a public benefit corporation, expanded oversight, including the ability to approve hospital contracts exceeding \$1 million. The hospital's public benefit corporation, the Nassau Health Care Corporation, is also required to conduct a study on strengthening NUMC by Dec. 1, 2026.

A newly restructured NUMC board will see six members appointed by the governor — including one recommended by the state Assembly speaker and state Senate president — two appointed by the Nassau County executive, two by the

county Legislature's majority, and one by its minority.

On May 31, Hochul announced her appointments, including Stuart Rabinowitz, former president of Hofstra University in Hempstead, designating him chair of the 11-member board.

Rabinowitz, a longtime leader in higher education and public policy, now serves as senior counsel at Meltzer, Lippe, Goldstein & Breitstone in Mineola. He described the hospital as a "critical safety-net institution that has suffered from years of dysfunction and mismanagement."

"I'm grateful to Gov. Hochul for the trust she's placed in me," Rabinowitz said in a news release, "and I'm eager to get to work with my fellow board members to restore public confidence, implement long-overdue reforms and put this hospital back on a path to stability and excellence."

Hochul's other appointments to the board included Amy Flores, community manager at JPMorgan Chase; Dean Mihaltses, a veteran health care executive and licensed pharmacist; and Lisa Warren, president of Placid, LLC, a Long Island-based real estate investment and management firm.

"These new appointments, and the new authority granted to the state and NIFA, will help ensure accountability, responsible fiscal management and high-quality care for the communities NUMC



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County Executive Bruce Blakeman, above, outside of NUMC with Dr. Irina Gelman, Nassau's health commissioner, details the county's intent to sue the state over the changes implemented on June 1.

serves," Hochul said.

In response to the state's approval, Blakeman announced on June 3 that the county plans to file a lawsuit against the state in a bid to overturn it, calling it a "power grab" and an illegal move. During a news conference held outside the hospital's main entrance, he said he refused to name his appointments to the board.

"We will not roll over and play dead," Blakeman said. "We intend to pursue our rights with respect to the agreements that are in place."

Blakeman also criticized Hochul for prioritizing spending to meet the needs of recent migrants over the needs of Nassau County residents. He argued that despite Nassau and Suffolk counties contributing billions more to the state than they receive in return, the state has failed to provide funding support for NUMC.

Dr. Irina Gelman, the county's health commissioner and chair of the board at the hospital prior to June 1, said "employee morale is at an all-time low."

"There has been a complete lack of communication from New York state," she said. "There's an absence of a transition team from the state and absolutely no transition planning has been provided from the state. This is a travesty."

"Their silence has been deafening," she added. "Failing to plan is planning to fail. It is time to put patient care and safety before politics."

Specific information about the lawsuit

was not provided.

Gordon Tepper, Hochul's Long Island press secretary, said Blakeman's "assertions are ridiculous."

"The board's restructuring is unequivocally the best possible news for anyone who relies on NUMC," he said in an email to the Herald. "Due to years of gross mismanagement under his watch, the hospital is in financial peril. This is a desperately needed intervention. The state's priorities for NUMC have always been ensuring quality patient care and achieving financial stability. The actions taken by the hospital's leadership and County Executive Blakeman suggest that these priorities are not shared."

County Legislator Seth Koslow, a Democrat who is running against Blakeman for county executive, slammed Blakeman's refusal to appoint members.

"While Bruce Blakeman throws another tantrum, our legislators are focused on saving lives," Koslow said in an emailed statement. "We intend to make our appointment to the NUMC board because we follow the law and put patients before politics. Blakeman's refusal to name board members isn't a protest — it's a blatant refusal to do his job. His administration drove NUMC into financial and operational chaos. Now the state is stepping in to stop the bleeding, and instead of helping, he's walking off the field. Nassau residents deserve leadership, not a disappearing act."

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Countless wills and trusts do not reflect the current state of the law when a client dies, especially regarding New York and Federal estate taxes. These laws change every few years as administrations change.

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In Valley Stream, cars travel along the Southern State Parkway at Exit 15, a section where exit ramps are to be redone to tame chaotic traffic and prevent crashes.

# Southern State: A road still stuck in the past

Decades of improvements haven't eliminated the parkway's dangers, but more work is planned

By **JORDAN VALLONE & MOHAMMAD RAFIQ**  
of the Herald's

*Fourth in a series on the Southern State Parkway.*

Built for a different era and a different kind of driver, the Southern State Parkway is a cautionary tale of outdated infrastructure. Sections of the most notorious stretch — from Exit 17 in Malverne to Exit 32 in Farmingdale — have earned grim nicknames like “Blood Alley” and “Dead Man’s Curve,” reflecting their reputations for crashes and fatalities.

Despite decades of proposed and implemented efforts to improve the parkway’s safety, serious accidents — many of them fatal — continue to occur. No matter how many calls to action are made, the Southern State Parkway remains a work in progress, with much more still to be done.

## What makes the Southern State so dangerous?

The Southern State Parkway stretches 25.53 miles, beginning at the interchange of the Belt and Cross Island parkways in North Valley Stream. It runs east along Nassau County’s South Shore and continues into Suffolk County, ending in West Islip.

In August 2022, the American Road & Transportation Builders Association, and Assemblywoman Michaelle Solages, a Democrat from Valley Stream, released a report detailing the parkway’s design flaws. The report found

that much of the parkway remained largely unchanged since its first section opened in 1927 — originally built to improve beach access for vehicles traveling at just 35 miles per hour.

According to New York State Department of Transportation estimates, the Southern State handles nearly 200,000 vehicles per day through Nassau County and 130,000 through its Suffolk County section. Between 2012 and 2019, there were over 15,700 accidents resulting in property damage; over 84,000 accidents resulting in injury; and 78 resulting in death.

The Southern State’s “Blood Alley,” between Malverne and Farmingdale, has been repeatedly cited for hazardous conditions, including sharp curves, narrow lanes, short acceleration and deceleration ramps, and the proximity of three major intersecting north-south highways — the Meadowbrook State Parkway, the Wantagh State Parkway, and the Seaford-Oyster Bay Expressway.

It’s not just the roadway design that contributes to accidents — low overpasses are also a persistent hazard. In New York state, only motor vehicles registered as passenger vehicles are permitted on parkways, excluding trucks, tractor-trailers, commercial vehicles, and any vehicle over 94 inches in height. Despite this, oversized vehicles frequently strike overpasses, particularly near Exit 18, at Eagle Avenue, in the West Hempstead-Lakeview area.

Today, the speed limit on the Southern State Parkway ranges from 50 to 55 mph. According to the American Road &



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Sharp curves, short acceleration and deceleration ramps, and the proximity of three major intersecting north-south highways, including the Meadowbrook State Parkway, have given the Southern State Parkway a dangerous reputation.

Transportation Builders Association’s report, Long Island’s population — which has grown nearly 200 percent since 1950 — along with larger, more powerful vehicles and increased roadway congestion, has heightened longstanding safety concerns tied to the parkway’s outdated design.

## Safety improvements, discussed throughout the years

The Southern State, as drivers know it today, was completed in 1962.

Upgrades to the parkway, including the sharp turns at “Dead Man’s Curve” in Malverne, have been made over the last four decades. Following 14 deaths

from head-on collisions between 1984 and 1990, the state installed median barriers between exits 17 and 21.

As part of a \$157 million statewide investment in 2022, nearly \$24 million was allocated for improvements to the Southern State. A pavement renewal project was completed between Exit 20 — Grand Avenue and Baldwin Road — and State Route 110 in Farmingdale, building on an earlier resurfacing effort finished in 2021 between the Cross Island Parkway and South Hempstead.

Eleven miles of roadway between State Route 231 and the Sagtikos Parkway, in the Towns of Babylon and Islip,

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# A parkway that wasn't made for these times

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were also included in the investment package, along with concrete repairs of 55 entrance and exit ramps in Nassau and Suffolk counties.

One proposed improvement in 2022, backed by the Long Island Contractors Association, was the addition of a high-occupancy toll lane. Similar to the high-occupancy vehicle lanes on the Long Island Expressway, an HOT lane is a managed lane that allows vehicles with a minimum number of occupants — typically two or more — to use the lane for free.

The proposal did not seek to remove an existing lane from the traffic flow on the parkway, but rather add one. The addition of a lane, an August 2022 report showed, was intended to alleviate traffic congestion. The data and proposal was released by Solages' office.

At the time, Solages — who has long advocated for Southern State renovations — said she did not specifically endorse the proposal, but was open to any ideas that could help relieve the parkway's systemic issues.

A HOT plan for the Southern State has yet to materialize, but another improvement did take shape in 2022 — the installation of license plate readers. That October, 22 readers were installed along the parkway, funded by a \$900,000 grant to the State Police secured by former State Sen. John Brooks, a Democrat from Merrick. The devices enable police to check license plate information across multiple databases and analyze traffic patterns and vehicle behavior. They also serve as visible deterrents to speeding and reckless driving.

"This 10-mile stretch of road has proven to be a danger to motorists," Brooks said in 2022, referencing the "Blood Alley" portion of the parkway, "causing a litany of deadly crashes as a result, so we must do everything we can to protect our community."

The plate readers, he said, ensure that police officers are better able to navigate the hazardous conditions of the Southern State, and ultimately ensure that Long Islanders are protected.

## Calls to action and upcoming projects

In response to the prevalence of traffic deaths and serious accidents on the Southern State, elected officials and community members have been pushing for action in the form of further investigation and urgent infrastructure reforms.

U.S. Rep Laura Gillen — whose district includes a large portion of the parkway and who sits on the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure — sent a letter in April to fellow Representatives Sam Graves and Rick Larsen, the chairman and ranking member of the committee, respectively, demanding federal attention to an "unacceptable nationwide increase in fatal traffic crashes."

Gillen stated that the increase in traffic deaths — up 25 percent since 2014 — was a problem in her district, and that "More than 2,100 people have been killed and 16,000 have been severely injured in traffic accidents on Long Island's dangerous roads over the past ten years."

She went on to note that traffic accidents were the leading cause of death among young people on Long Island.

"We must do more," she wrote, "to invest in infrastructure upgrades, creative road-planning, and new technologies to help prevent tragedies and save lives."

Congress's current surface transportation reauthorization, which provides states with the long-term stability they need to effectively plan and carry out major transportation infrastructure projects, expires Sept. 30, 2026.

In January 2025, the transportation committee began holding hearings to explore various aspects of the nation's highway, transit and rail programs, helping members gather the information needed to shape upcoming legislation before the current law expires. What Gillen wants is hearings focusing on the nationwide increase in traffic fatalities.



Tim Baker/Herald

The Southern State handles 200,000 vehicles per day along its Nassau County stretch, and 130,000 in Suffolk.



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Oversized vehicles, like tractor trailers, frequently strike overpasses near Exit 18 in the West Hempstead-Lakeview area. Above, a truck's shredded top.

"Residents have long voiced concerns about the Southern State Parkway, Sunrise Highway, and other routes," Gillen said at a news conference in April, at which she was joined by Assemblywoman Judy Griffin and Solages, "which have a disproportionate share of roadway injuries and fatalities on Long Island."

Solages was responsible for obtaining \$20 million in federal funding in 2022 to reconfigure the Southern State's Exit 13 ramps — which have long been thought by locals to be particularly dangerous — as part of Gov. Kathy Hochul's five-year, \$32.8 billion state Department of Transportation capital plan.

"There have been many accidents on this road, two fatalities, pedestrians being struck by cars — it is a very dangerous intersection," Solages told the Herald in May. "This is long overdue. The people in the community have tolerated this for a long time."

Construction at the exits is expected to begin in spring 2027 and be completed by spring 2028.

Changes are also underway at Exit 15 in Valley Stream, as was reported by the Herald in April. The state DOT is eliminating the southbound exit ramp there, and all traffic will instead exit via a redesigned northbound ramp, Exit 15N, which will split into two southbound lanes and one northbound lane — consolidating the flow of more than 8,000 daily vehicles into a single intersection on Corona Avenue.

*Final installment: Looking to the Southern State Parkway's future.*

## Some facts on the Southern State

### Notorious stretch

■ "Dead Man's Curve" in Malverne — site of numerous crashes due to sharp turns.

### Fatal collisions (1984–1990)

■ 14 head-on deaths led to median barriers between Exits 17 and 21.

### Recent Investments (2022)

■ Total statewide: \$157 million

**Southern State allocation:  
Nearly \$24 million**

### Upgrades included

■ Pavement renewal from Exit 20 (Grand Ave./Baldwin Road) to State Route 110

■ Prior resurfacing from the Cross Island Parkway to South Hempstead

■ Repairs to 55 ramps across Nassau and Suffolk

■ 11 miles of roadway improved in Towns of Babylon and Islip

### Technology upgrade

■ License plate readers installed: 22

■ Cost: \$900,000 (State police grant secured by former State Sen. John Brooks)

■ Purpose: data collection, enhanced enforcement and deterrence of reckless driving

### High-occupancy toll lane proposal

■ Backed by the Long Island Contractors Association

■ Would add a toll lane, not remove existing ones



# Global Entry office opens in Eisenhower Park

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By JORDAN VALLONE

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A new gateway to international travel has opened in the heart of Nassau County.

County officials joined U.S. Customs and Border Protection and the Department of Homeland Security on June 11 to unveil a Global Entry enrollment center in Eisenhower Park — the first of its kind on Long Island.

Global Entry is a special program that allows pre-approved, low-risk travelers to expedite their entry into the United States when arriving from international destinations. Before the office in Eisenhower Park opened, the closest interview locations were at Kennedy Airport, Newark Airport and the U.S. Customs House in New York City.

At the unveiling, County Executive Bruce Blakeman said he thought the addition of a Global Entry office in Nassau County was “a brilliant idea.”

“This is a collaboration between Nassau County and the federal government to make people safer and to make their life easier,” Blakeman said, “and that’s what government should be about.”

The office is located in Eisenhower Park’s Field 6/6A, near the Harry Chapin Lakeside Theatre.

Sal Ingrassia, the port director of Customs and Border Protection at Kennedy Airport, explained how one applies



Jordan Vallone/Herald

Sal Ingrassia, port director of U.S. Customs and Border Protection at Kennedy Airport, explained how to apply for Global Entry, a program in which pre-approved travelers can expedite their entry into the U.S. when arriving from international destinations. Travelers can now interview for the program at an office in Eisenhower Park.

for Global Entry. Those interested can begin by visiting CBP.gov or GlobalEntry.gov, where they will fill out an application. Once it is processed and an applicant has “conditional approval,” they can schedule an interview at an office, like the one in Eisenhower Park. Ingrassia said the goal is process at least 200 interviews a day at the new location.

To apply for Global Entry, you must be a U.S. citizen, a legal permanent resident of the U.S. or a citizen of one of 18 countries that participate in the program. Visit CBP.gov for a full list of countries and guidelines.

The program is free for those ages 17 and younger, and costs \$120 for adults for a five-year membership. If the Global Entry interview is successful and an

applicant is approved, the card that is issued can be used as a Real ID, which is now required for all domestic flights. Global Entry members also qualify for TSA Pre-check, a different program that allows pre-approved travelers to move through airport security screening more quickly.

Frank Russo, director of Customs and Border Protection at the New York Field Office, said the Global Entry program is “a critical component of our national security.”

“It is such an important program for us because it allows our officers, agriculture specialists, import specialists and entry specialists to focus in on high-risk targets,” Russo said. “But most importantly, for our citizens of Long Island, it allows for an efficient and secure process through airports. It’s a program that, quite frankly, will allow us to allocate more resources, prioritize our mission and effectively execute the rules and laws of our country.”

County officials said they were not concerned about the potential increase in traffic in Eisenhower Park, adding that there is plenty of parking. They encouraged those who are interested in interviewing at the new office to enjoy what the park has to offer and to patronize local establishments nearby.

To schedule an interview timeslot at the Eisenhower Park office and view hours of operation, visit TTP.DHS.gov.

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## NEIGHBORS IN THE NEWS

Valentina C., a standout member of the Grenville Baker Boys & Girls Club, was recently named a finalist for the New York State Youth of the Year award.



Courtesy Grenville Baker Boys & Girls Club

### Teen finalist for NYS youth of the year

Valentina C., a standout member of the Grenville Baker Boys & Girls Club, was recently named a finalist for the New York State Youth of the Year award, a top honor recognizing leadership, service, and academic excellence among young people.

Chosen as one of four finalists from across the state, Valentina represented the Club with pride, opening the awards dinner with the Pledge of Allegiance and a stirring rendition of the national anthem that moved attendees.

She advanced through two rounds of interviews and delivered a powerful three-minute speech to a panel of judges, sharing her personal story and

vision for the future. Although she was not selected as the statewide winner, she received a \$1,000 scholarship in recognition of her accomplishments.

"We are incredibly proud of Valentina and all she has accomplished," said Melissa Rhodes, executive director of Grenville Baker Boys & Girls Club. "As Youth of the Year, Valentina will go on to lead, succeed, and inspire others along her journey."

Youth of the Year is a signature program of Boys & Girls Clubs of America that highlights the achievements of outstanding club members nationwide.

For more information, visit [www.GBBGC.org](http://www.GBBGC.org).

## NEWS BRIEF

### HMTC 15th golf outing honors Lubow

The Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center of Nassau County (HMTC) will host its 16th Golf Outing on Tuesday, July 22, at the Meadow Brook Club in Jericho. The full-day event, running from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., is one of HMTC's largest annual fundraisers and supports the center's mission to combat antisemitism, hatred and all forms of discrimination through education and advocacy.

This year's outing will honor Stuart Lubow, president and CEO of Dime Community Bank. Lubow, a seasoned banking executive and longtime supporter of charitable initiatives, will be recognized for his leadership and community engagement. Dime Community Bank is also serving as the event's primary sponsor.

Participants can enjoy a day of friendly competition on one of Long Island's premier golf courses while contributing to a critical cause. Golf packages, foursomes and sponsorship oppor-

tunities are available, with all proceeds directly benefiting HMTC's educational programming, museum operations, and outreach efforts to schools and community groups across the region.

Founded to preserve the memory of the Holocaust and promote human dignity, HMTC offers programs and exhibits that educate students and adults about the dangers of intolerance and the importance of standing up against injustice.

The Meadow Brook Club is located at 500 Cedar Swamp Road in Jericho. For registration or sponsorship information, contact Bali Lerner at [balilerner@hmtcli.org](mailto:balilerner@hmtcli.org) or 516-652-1636.

More information on HMTC's mission and upcoming events can be found at [www.hmtcli.org](http://www.hmtcli.org).

—Roksana Amid

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Players don vintage uniforms before the first pitch of an old-fashioned “base ball” game, celebrating the sport as it was played in the 1860s.

# Remembering vintage baseball games

On Friday, June 13, 2025, Glen Cove residents stepped back in time as the Brooklyn Atlantics faced off against the NY Mutuals in a lively 1860s-style “base ball” game at John Maccarone Memorial Stadium. Spectators gathered under the evening sky to watch players in period uniforms swing lighter bats, run bases without gloves, and follow the historic rules of the game. The free, family-friendly event brought local history to life, offering a rare glimpse into how America’s pastime was originally played. Laughter, cheers, and curiosity filled the air as the crowd embraced the nostalgia of a bygone era.

—Roksana Amid



Councilmen Michael Ktistakis, Grady Farnan, Maypr Pmela Panzenbeck, Deputy Mayor Donna M. McNaughton and councilmembers Marsha Silverman, Danielle Fugazy Scagliola and John Zozzaro met before the start of the game.



Umpire Gary Monti waited for the game to begin.



Zoe Mitrotasios, 6, Dimitri Malalas, 5, and Giannis Mitrotasios, 6 enjoyed watching the vintage baseball game together.



Ava Zuppardi, a 7th grade student at Finley Middle School, sang the National Anthem before the vintage baseball game.



# Valedictorian says he loves helping others

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body, chemistry, biology — I love all that,” he said.

That passion led him to decide on biology as his major at Binghamton University, where he’ll begin this fall. “Mostly due to the value of the education there,” he said. “It’s not too heavy on my parents’ bank account. It’s also just close and a good school by itself.”

Suyabatmaz’s decision to pursue medicine isn’t only about academics — it’s a response to broader societal changes.

“I’m a bit paranoid, with everything else like the job market and AI,” he said. “I feel like being a doctor’s really not going to be a career that is going to go anywhere anytime soon.”

That career path also plays to his strengths. “I’m good at taking standardized tests,” he said. “So, since a major part of doing that is taking the MCAT, I feel like it’d be a solid thing for me to do.”

But beyond practicality, his interest in medicine is rooted in something more personal. “It’s the impact you have on others and the value you have on society,” he said. “But it mostly is just my passion.”

Suyabatmaz is the son of Turkish

immigrants who came to the United States in search of opportunity. “Their nation was poor, and they wanted the economic opportunities, and just a better life,” he said. “They grew up in poverty, and I’m just glad that they were able to give me this life.”

His parents didn’t attend college, and his mother didn’t speak English when he was young. “She had to learn it throughout the years,” Mert said. “It took a while for them to assimilate. That’s just the beauty of America, I guess. Any culture can make its way in and fit in.”

His mother now works as a driver, and his father has been a master plumber for 30 years. Suyabatmaz will be the first member of his family to attend college, and he hopes one day to become the first doctor.

Outside the classroom, he has been the secretary and the cello section leader of the high school orchestra, and a member of honor societies including Mu Alpha Theta, the Science National Honor Society and the National Honor Society. He has also taken part in DECA and Mathletes, and volunteered for city cleanups with the Beautification Commission.

Aside from his academic accomplishments, has been focused on personal



**MERT SUYABATMAZ**



Courtesy Glen Cove City School District

Suyabatmaz, fourth from left, said he’s excited about going into the medical field when he finishes college.

growth as well. “I think I matured in that way,” he said. “I’m trying to stop wasting time. I’m cutting down on doom-scrolling and all that.”

He finds peace walking through local parks. “I think it’s just really a way to distance yourself from the chaos of the modern world,” he said. “I like seeing green and calmness.”

College, Suyabatmaz acknowledges,

will be a big adjustment. “My parents, they didn’t tell me what to expect,” he said. “So it’s going to be new for me. I’m going to have to do everything by myself now. I’m going to definitely have to learn to be more independent.”

Even so, he’s ready to meet the challenge — and excited about what lies ahead. “That’s what it’s all about,” he said. “Using your time efficiently.”



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By ALEXIA CROLL

Intern

After battling addiction, homelessness and a prison sentence, Richard Davis has been sober for nearly five decades — and now uses his story to fight the growing fentanyl crisis.

“I’m a heroin addict — I’m in my 48th year of recovery,” Davis said, sitting before a seminar on the dangers of fentanyl. “The disease of addiction doesn’t care about the substance it’s putting in its body. If the person’s drug of choice is crack cocaine or heroin — that’s what they want to go for.”

Davis has become a nationally certified life coach, recovery coach and interventionist.

“My father committed suicide,” he said. “I sat in Riker’s Island facing life in prison at 18 years old for selling coke that I needed to support the habit.”

According to the U.S. Sentencing Commission, 97 percent of individuals convicted of fentanyl trafficking have been sentenced to prison.

Fentanyl is a powerful synthetic opioid, far more potent than heroin or morphine. Medically, it’s prescribed in the form of pills, patches or lozenges to treat severe pain, including for cancer patients.

Illegally, it is often mixed with heroin or pressed into counterfeit pills. It is absorbed through the skin or ingested to produce a short-lived, euphoric high, but even in small amounts, it can be deadly. Just two milligrams of the drug can kill most adults.

The uptick of fentanyl came after 2020, during which the pill market became mainstream.

Nicholas Mauro, chief of the Narcotics, Firearms and Gangs Bureau of the Nassau County district attorney’s office, gave a presentation on fentanyl and opiate overdose awareness at Hempstead Town Hall



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Kathy Spatz, left, with a photo of her late son, who battled addition, with Nicholas Mauro, bureau chief of the Narcotics, Firearms and Gangs Bureau of the Nassau County district attorney’s office, who led a community seminar on drug overdose awareness.

on June 11.

Mauro discussed the ways in which law enforcement plan to mitigate harm, misconceptions about opiate usage and the history of the opioid crisis.

The “new” model of approaching the problem is pub-

lic health-focused, whereas the punitive, or “old,” model focused on targeting and punishing sellers and distributors as well as people in possession of narcotics.

“Now, that’s still an important part of the equation,” Mauro said. “No doubt that’s my primary job, to investigate and prosecute narcotics felonies.”

The shift toward a harm-reduction approach to substance abuse began with a change in the relationship between the public health sector and law enforcement. “The harm-reduction model focuses on public health, focuses on treatment, focuses on safe use, and it focuses on certainly reducing the instances of overdoses,” Mauro explained. “I think that both approaches need to find common ground so that we can get the individuals as a community.”

The percentages of both fatal and non-fatal overdoses in Nassau County declined steadily in 2024, compared with the rise in fatalities in 2020 and 2021, with slightly over 100 non-fatal overdoses and 17 fatal ones.

Cheryl Hunt, of Rochdale Village, attended the seminar because she said she want to protect her 13-year-old grandson. She waited patiently outside Town Hall for the presentation to begin, and said she believes the community “needs to be at these things.”

“One pill can kill” — the campaign slogan used by the Drug Enforcement Agency after its 2021 public awareness initiative — is intended to educate people about the dangers of counterfeit pills, a major contributor to the fentanyl crisis.

“Our kids have a spiritual disease,” Richard Davis said. “They’re not sticking needles in their arms, because they’re happy one is less expensive than the other. They’re self-medicating.”

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U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents arrested four men on June 11 at the Glen Street Long Island Rail Road station.

## ICE agents detain four in downtown Glen Cove

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sparked clashes between police and protesters, most notably in Los Angeles and New York City.

A witness who declined to be identified, citing fear for his safety, said he was driving by when the arrests began. “I was just passing by when everything was happening,” he said. “You had guys running, then others running after them. One guy was thrown to the ground. It didn’t look like they were being friendly about it.”

The witness, who described the area as a regular gathering place for day laborers, said that arrests occurred across from Burger King, in a nearby parking lot and near the train station. He later saw Glen Cove police patrolling other areas, he said, including near La Placita and 7-Eleven, and by a creek where homeless people sometimes stay.

“There were sirens, people running — then, all of a sudden, it was over,” the witness said. “It happened fast.”

The Herald spoke to a dozen residents who both supported and opposed the ICE presence in Glen Cove. A majority said they opposed it, but everyone surveyed declined to comment on the record.

Mayor Pamela Panzenbeck defended the operation, saying that federal authorities were targeting specific individuals with criminal records.

“It isn’t like a random raid,” Panzenbeck said. “People are misunderstanding. They are coming in for specific people — criminals. These are not good people. These are very bad people that we don’t want living among us.”

Panzenbeck and Nagle both emphasized that, to their knowledge, ICE was targeting those with violent backgrounds. Nagle cited recent examples of cooperation with ICE involving arrests of alleged gang members, including one wanted for attempted murder in El Salvador and another arrested for voyeurism involving a minor.

Despite those reassurances, the unannounced presence of federal

agents in downtown Glen Cove — a city where 34 percent of the population identifies as Hispanic or Latino, according to U.S. Census data — sparked concern among local advocates.

“There are law-abiding, hardworking business people that are here legally and should not be afraid of going to work, going to the doctor or picking up their child from school,” Connie Pinilla, president of the North Shore Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, said. “If a law-abiding citizen is stopped, that person has the right to remain silent, the right to an attorney and the right to refuse a search without probable cause.”

Nassau County Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton also questioned the lack of coordination. “I think it would be a good idea if ICE notified local police departments before they conducted any raids in their jurisdiction,” she said.

U.S. Rep. Tom Suozzi called the incident troubling. “I fully support the deportation of violent criminals,” he said. “But I’m increasingly concerned about rising fear in the community. Innocent families should not be swept up in poorly coordinated raids.”

Suozzi said he had contacted both local and national ICE officials and was awaiting a response. “We can’t allow well-intentioned efforts to address immigration challenges to turn into a chaotic process that harms families and bypasses proper procedures,” he said.

For now, city officials are urging calm and attempting to dispel rumors of sweeping raids. “There’s a misconception that ICE is just combing through the community and taking anybody who is not legal,” Panzenbeck said. “That isn’t the case, and we have to quell that.”

Assemblyman Charles Lavine said that the administration’s approach to immigration has “turned into an unjustified show of brute force. The resulting intimidation and threat to the peace and safety of our communities and the resultant frightening of our children is crudely un-American.”

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# Thousands protest Trump immigration policy

By **SCOTT BRINTON & CHRISTINA ARLOTT**  
Special to the Herald

The “No Kings” protest opened at 11:30 a.m. Saturday outside the Nassau County Courthouse, in Mineola, with a silent prayer for two Democratic Minnesota legislators — one who was killed and another who was wounded in an alleged assassination plot.

New York legislators denounced President Donald Trump’s policies, particularly his hard line stance on immigration.

Nearly 3,000 protesters filled the green in front of the courthouse and spilled into surrounding streets, chanting with Democratic lawmakers as they ran through a litany of grievances against the Trump administration, then marched to the Nassau County Executive and Legislative Building through a downpour.

The rally was one of roughly 2,000 such protests across the nation on Saturday, the same day that Trump hosted a military parade through the streets of Washington, D.C. to mark the 250th anniversary of the U.S. Army. June 14 was also his 79th birthday.

Three grassroots organizations — Show Up Long Island, Engage Long Island and the Long Island Network for Change — organized the rally.

Two calls to the Nassau County Republican Committee seeking a response to the Mineola protest, made on



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**Up to 3,000 protesters turned out in Mineola in a downpour on Saturday to decry the Trump administration's immigration policy, and to speak out on a host of other issues.**

Thursday and Friday, had not been returned as of press time.

Trump rebuffed criticism that he was acting like a king by saying the courts have checked his power, with judges often siding with the opposition. The president said Sunday that mass deportations would continue, despite the No Kings protests, according to The Associated Press.

Starting early this month, Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents, under orders from the administration, intensified a series of nationwide immi-

gration raids, with a focus on major cities such as Los Angeles and New York, as well as on Long Island. According to Islip Forward, there have been 22 verified ICE sightings in the region since the April 5 “Hands Off!” protests.

Assemblyman Charles Lavine, a Democrat from Glen Cove, noted that the American Revolution began, in part, with the Battle of Long Island.

“Throughout the Revolution,” Lavine said, “Long Islanders remained largely loyal to the proposition that democracy matters a whole lot more than tyranny,

and we stand for that.”

Many participants, like Dora Coryell, of Merrick, came to voice their anger over recent ICE actions across Long Island. Coryell, an immigrant from Colombia, stood in the crowd, concerned, she said, about the recent uptick in deportations.

“I’ve been here for 47 years, and I’m very stunned by what’s going on,” Coryell said. “I have friends that are in El Salvador, and they’re not criminals like how Trump is making us look. He sees a brown person and, in his mind, we’re criminals.”

Chelsea Roocke, 32, of Bellmore, who owns a mobile spray-tan business, said both Democrats and Republicans want immigrants, documented and undocumented, to be treated fairly. The Trump administration, however, is “focusing on cruelty,” Roocke said, noting that ICE agents are “showing up in schools, at birthday parties, places of work, and they’re just deporting people. They’re taking people, arresting them and taking them in without question.”

Bill Friend, a retired dentist from Rockville Centre, emphasized the importance of public protests. “In the United States, the only times that real advances were made,” Friend said, “were when people came out and massively protested something and forced the government to then enact legislation to do what the people desired.”

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# STEPPING OUT



Double Strawberry Cheesecake



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## Ripe for pickin' Savor some flavorful berries

By Karen Bloom

June marks the arrival of one of the sweetest highlights of the year: strawberry season. These vibrant, juicy berries are ripe for the picking, and their short window of peak freshness makes them all the more special. Now's the perfect time to round up the family and head to one of the many local U-pick farms for a day of sun (hopefully), fun and berry gathering.

As spring gives way to summer, strawberries reach their flavorful peak here on Long Island, ripening through June. There's nothing quite like the taste of just-picked fruit, so skip the cross-country supermarket imports and opt for homegrown goodness instead.

Once you've filled your baskets, bring the harvest back to your kitchen for a round of delicious homemade treats. Whether enjoyed by the handful or baked into something special, fresh strawberries are the perfect ingredient to brighten up any dish.

### Double Strawberry Cheesecake

A classic cheesecake takes on added flavor with the addition of some luscious berries.

#### Graham cracker crust

- 1 1/2 cups graham cracker crumbs (about 9 1/2 crackers)
- 1 tablespoon granulated sugar
- 5 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted

#### Filling and topping

- 16 ounces strawberries
- 4 packages (8 ounces each) cream cheese, room temperature
- 1 1/4 cups plus 2 tablespoons granulated sugar
- 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 4 large eggs
- 1 cup sour cream

Prepare graham cracker crust:

Preheat oven to 350° F. Stir graham cracker crumbs, melted butter and sugar together in a medium bowl. Press into bottom and at least 1-inch up sides of a 9-inch non-stick springform

pan (if pan is not nonstick, brush first with melted butter). Bake until crust is golden brown, about 12 minutes. Let cool completely on a wire rack. Reduce oven to 300° F.

Then prepare filling:

Hull 1/2 of the strawberries and puree in a blender or food processor. You should have about 3/4 cup puree. Beat cream cheese and 1 1/4 cups sugar in an electric mixer fitted with paddle attachment on low speed until smooth. Beat in vanilla until well combined. Add eggs, 1 at a time, on low speed, beating well after each addition and scraping sides of bowl as needed. Beat in strawberry puree until blended.

Pour batter into cooled pan. Bake cheesecake about 1 hour 20 minutes or until edges are just set and center jiggles slightly. Remove from oven and let cool on wire rack 5 minutes.

Stir together sour cream and remaining 2 tablespoons sugar in a medium bowl. Spread sour cream mixture on top of cheesecake in an even layer. Return to oven and bake 5 minutes longer. Turn oven off and prop the door ajar with the handle of a wooden spoon. Let cool in oven 1 hour. Remove from oven and cool completely. Place in refrigerator and chill until cold throughout, 4 to 6 hours or overnight.

Using the remaining strawberries, halve them and arrange in concentric circles on top of cheesecake to serve.

### Strawberry Rhubarb Pie

Another summery favorite, for the pie lovers among us. Strawberries and rhubarb are a match made in heaven.

- 1 unbaked homemade double piecrust
- 2 1/2 cups rhubarb, sliced into 1/2-inch pieces (about 3 large stalks)
- 2 1/2 cups hulled and sliced fresh strawberries
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/3 cup all purpose flour or 1/4 cup cornstarch
- 1 teaspoon grated lemon zest
- 2 tablespoons cold unsalted butter, cut into 1/4-inch pieces

- 1 large egg yolk beaten to blend with 1 teaspoon water (for glaze)

1. Preheat the oven to 450°F. Prepare the bottom crust by rolling out one of the pastry disks to an 11-inch circle. Nestle the crust inside the pan so about an inch hangs over the sides. Press the pastry down. Cover loosely with plastic wrap and place in the freezer for about 10 minutes.
2. Mix the fruit with the sugar, flour (or cornstarch) and lemon zest. Using the tines of a fork, poke the bottom of the pie crust evenly about five times. Pour the fruit mixture into the chilled pastry. Dot with the butter pieces.
3. Moisten the edge of the bottom crust with a finger dipped in water. Put on the top pastry in one piece and slice in a few air vents, or in a lattice pattern, trim, and crimp the edges.
4. Brush the egg glaze over the crust. Transfer the pie to a baking sheet.

Bake in the oven for 15 minutes, then reduce the heat to 350°F and bake another 30 minutes longer, or until the crust is golden brown and the filling is bubbling.

Remove from the oven and cool on a rack before serving.

### Strawberry Avocado Salad

A refreshing and addicting summer salad.

- 2 tablespoons white sugar
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 4 teaspoons honey
- 1 tablespoon cider vinegar
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- 2 cups torn salad greens
- 1 avocado, peeled, pitted and sliced
- 10 strawberries, sliced
- 1/2 cup chopped pecans (or your nut of choice)

In a small bowl, whisk together the sugar, olive oil, honey, vinegar, and lemon juice. Set aside.

Place the salad greens in a pretty bowl, and top with sliced avocado and strawberries. Drizzle dressing over everything, then sprinkle with pecans. Refrigerate for up to 2 hours before serving, or serve immediately.



### Boogie on with Disco Unlimited

Disco fever arrives at Eisenhower Park's Harry Chapin Lakeside Theatre. When Disco Unlimited hits the stage, you are instantly transported to a time when Saturday nights meant white suits, platform shoes and your very best dance moves. Capturing a time in music that to this day has not been matched, the exhilarating band draws you in with their powerful vocals, tight harmonies and dance grooves — all coupled with a synchronized stage and light show that creates an unforgettable concert experience. Close your eyes and it seems as if you're listening to the original artists. Hear the best of Tavares, France Jolie, The Trammps, Harold Melvin's Blue Notes, Yvonne Elliman, Anita Ward, Deney Terrio, George McCrae, Bonnie Pointer, Melba Moore, Maxine Nightingale, Carol Douglas, and so much more. This group of unique and experienced musicians love and live disco. As always, bring seating

Saturday, June 21, 7-9 p.m.  
Eisenhower Park, East Meadow. For information, visit [nassaucountyny.gov/parks](http://nassaucountyny.gov/parks).



### The Fab Faux

The Beatles find their way back to the stage — in the form of The Fab Faux. The band treats 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). 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. 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.

Saturday, June 21, 8 p.m. \$125, \$110, \$89.50, \$79.50, \$69.50, \$49.50.  
The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. Tickets available at [ticketmaster.com](http://ticketmaster.com) or [paramountrny.com](http://paramountrny.com).



YOUR  
NEIGHBORHOOD

CALENDAR

**JUNE 20 Community Day**  
Participate in the celebration for residents of all ages at Pascucci Field. With family activities, games, music, and refreshments.

- **Where:** Pascucci Field, Glen Cove
- **Time:** 5-8 p.m.

**Walking with the Olmsteads**  
Step into a world where history and horticulture intertwine on this guided walking tour of Planting Fields. Explore the stunning landscapes shaped by the renowned Olmsted Brothers firm and discover how W.R. Coe’s vision transformed this estate into a living masterpiece. As you wander through lush gardens, winding pathways, and historic structures, you’ll uncover stories of the Coe family’s lasting influence and the artistic brilliance of the Olmsteads’ naturalistic designs. From vibrant seasonal blooms and majestic trees to elegant architectural details, each stop reveals a new chapter in this extraordinary estate’s history. Also take the time to visit the Main House.

- **Where:** 1395 Planting Fields Road, Oyster Bay
- **Time:** 10:30-11:30 a.m.; also June 22
- **Contact:** [plantingfields.org](http://plantingfields.org) or call (516) 922-9210

**June birthday celebration**  
Glen Cove Senior Center celebrates June birthdays. Friends and family of members are welcome to attend.

- **Where:** 130 Glen St. Unit A, Glen Cove
- **Time:** Noon
- **Contact:** (516) 759-9610

**Little Learners’ Dirt Discovery**  
Planting Fields Little Learners series continues with adventure for the little ones about what’s beneath our feet in this hands-on program. Young children discover how soil helps plants grow, supports living creatures, and plays an important role in nature. Little Learners will dive into hands-on activities, from creating beautiful mud paintings to shaping seed balls that will bring new life to the earth. It’s an opportunity to spark curiosity, embrace a little mess, and connect with nature in a creative and playful way. For ages 2-5. Registration required. \$15 per child.

- **Where:** Education Center, 1395 Planting Fields Road, Oyster Bay
- **Time:** 10-11 p.m.
- **Contact:** [plantingfields.org](http://plantingfields.org) or call (516) 922-9210



**JUNE 27 Led Zeppelin fans, rejoice!**  
Get The Led Out returns to the Paramount with “A Celebration of the Mighty Zep,” two electrifying nights of classic rock, running through June 28. The six veteran musicians who make up the Philadelphia-based group delivers Led Zeppelin live with the all passion and fury these blues-soaked, groove-driven rock anthems deserve. Hailed for their powerful tribute to what many consider the greatest rock band of all time, the band delivers a faithful and high-octane recreation of Zeppelin’s iconic sound. From thunderous anthems to mystical acoustic ballads, GTLO captures the full range of Led Zeppelin’s brilliance — complete with the layered instrumentation and soaring dynamics that the band rarely performed live. When an album calls for three guitars, GTLO brings three guitarists to the stage — no shortcuts, no gimmicks. With no wigs or phony accents, just pure musical passion, GTLO focuses on the legendary band’s early years and dives deep into beloved hits and rare cuts alike. Their approach is reverent and precise, more like a classical concert than a cover band — a true celebration of timeless rock. \$75, \$45, \$35.

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

**JUNE 21 Deep Roots Farmers Market**  
Join local growers and artisans for a morning of fresh produce, baked goods, handmade items, and community connection at the Deep Roots Farmers Market. Founded by Amy Peters and now operated by the Glen Cove Chamber of Commerce, the market continues to honor her legacy of sustainability and local pride. The market runs rain or shine.

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

**Battalion Parade**  
The Glen Cove Fire Department hosts the 2025 5th Battalion Parade. The annual event honors local fire departments and features marching units, fire apparatus, and community pride.

- **Where:** 10 Glen Cove Ave.
- **Time:** 5 p.m.
- **Contact:** (516) 676-0366

**JUNE 23 Medicaid enrollment assistance**  
Facilitated enrollers from the Nassau-

Suffolk Hospital Council visit Glen Cove Public Library. They are available to assist adults and children who are blind or disabled, and individuals over the age of 65, with enrollment in eligible Medicaid programs.

- **Where:** 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove
- **Time:** Noon-4 p.m.
- **Contact:** [glencovelibrary.org](http://glencovelibrary.org) or call (631) 435-3000

**Tai Chi**  
Glen Cove Senior Center hosts Tai Chi with Spencer.

- **Where:** 130 Glen St., Unit A, Glen Cove
- **Time:** 2-3 p.m.
- **Contact:** (516) 759-9610

**JUNE 24 IDA/LEAC Board Meeting**  
The Glen Cove Industrial Development Agency and Local Economic Assistance Corporation hold a joint board meeting at Glen Cove City Hall. The meeting is open to the public.

- **Where:** 9 Glen St.
- **Time:** 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- **Contact:** (516) 676-2000

**Glen Cove City Council Meeting**  
The Glen Cove City Council convenes its regular public meeting at City Hall. All are encouraged to attend and participate in discussions on local policies and upcoming projects.

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

**JUNE 26 Library Walking Club**  
Participate in Glen Cove Public Library’s at-your-own-pace hour walk, every Thursday. All fitness levels are welcome. Registration required.

- **Where:** 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove
- **Time:** Ongoing Thursdays, 9:15 a.m.
- **Contact:** [glencovelibrary.org](http://glencovelibrary.org) or (516) 676-2130

**Central Park: Then and Now**  
Join presenter Sheila Taub at Glen Cove Public Library. She gives a fascinating look at the origins of Central Park, inspired by the great public parks of London and Paris. Explore the park’s 19th-century beginnings, its iconic design and its recent

restoration efforts. Zoom access provided.

- **Where:** 4 Glen Cove Ave.
- **Time:** 2 p.m.
- **Contact:** [lencovelibrary.org](http://lencovelibrary.org) or (516) 676-2130

**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 Klothos 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).





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

# PUBLIC NOTICES

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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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# Serving up the world’s flavors at Dessertino

By WILL SHEELINE  
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What began as the dream of a young data scientist has transformed into Dessertino – The Crafty Spoon, a café on Glen Cove Avenue blending global desserts and artisanal coffee

The café’s three co-owners, Omar Rivero, Dina Corigliano and Aseem Malik, each bring unique strengths and stories to the business, uniting their backgrounds in home decor, law, tech and baking to craft a café unlike any other in the area.

Malik, an immigrant from New Delhi and a data scientist by trade, had long dreamed of owning a café.

“While I was an IT professional, I used to find cafes in New York City, kind of sit there and do my work,” he reminisced. “So always had a dream to open a business, a cafe, an opportunity where I can just go and do my work in my cafe.”

After a chance encounter with the building during a trip to Sea Cliff, Malik launched the original bakery, but quickly ran into difficulties. But Rivero and Corigliano saw promise.

“They saw that the kid has so much passion and is so hard working, they proposed me an offer,” Malik said. Together, the trio worked to build a warm, welcoming space where “different passions come together.”

Rivero, a longtime Glen Head resident and full-time carpentry teacher, said coffee was always at the heart of his vision.

“The only reason I did want to do it was because of the coffee,” he said. “We’re going to start roasting, you know, small batches — nothing huge — enough for the store and to sell a few



Many of Dessertino - The Crafty Spoon’s dishes are inspired by TikTok trends as well as local recipes and traditions from around the world.

pounds here and there. And we’re going to bring in coffee from different farms in Colombia. They can only produce a certain amount a year, but their crops are better.”

A carpenter by trade, Rivero

described the process of learning the coffee industry as a humbling journey.

“With coffee, the more I jump into it, the more I learn,” he said. “It’s like wine; it’s a science.”

For Corigliano, a practicing attorney from Port Washington, the café was an unexpected yet welcome venture. She and Rivero had owned a home decor store, Restoration Oak, in the same building before renting it out to Malik.

“We got to talking with him, and we got to know him pretty well, and he was very passionate about his business,” Corigliano said. “At first it was more



Photos courtesy Dessertino – The Crafty Spoon  
Aseem Malik, left, welcomed guests to the opening of Dessertino – The Crafty Spoon back in November 2024.

about us being like the decorative part of things, like the home decor part, the making the shop look really pretty and nice. And then as things played out, we just got very interested in the café side.”

That collaboration grew into a full partnership. Dessertino officially reopened under its new name and vision in November 2024 after extensive renovations, with more still ongoing. Corigliano said the trio’s diverse backgrounds help shape the café’s menu and atmosphere.

“I’m Italian, Omar’s roots are from Colombia, and Aseem is from India,” she explained. “We all come with different points of view in terms of food and what we like, and we kind of want to blend all of that together.”



Luke Feeney/Herald  
The café and restaurant serves dishes and coffee from around the world, from Colombia to Belgium.

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Appeals on Thursday, June 26, 2025, at 7:30 p.m. at the Council Chambers, City Hall, 9 Glen Street, Glen Cove, New York, when all interested persons will be given an opportunity to express their views. The hearing will be on the application of Emilia Sangulin residing at 6 Harwood Drive West, Glen Cove N.Y. which seeks Variances from Section 280-35 A (1) of the Glen Cove Zoning Code to maintain an existing masonry fireplace with less than the required rear yard setback. Applicant is proposing a rear yard setback of 19'-4" when 25 feet is the minimum required. The subject property is located at 6 Harwood Drive West, Glen Cove, N.Y., designated on the Nassau County Land &

Tax Map as Section 31, Block 75, Lot 11. The property is located in the City's R-3 Quarter-Acre Residence District. The above application is on file at the City offices located at 9 Glen Street, Glen Cove, NY where it may be seen during regular business hours of the usual business days until the time of the hearing. Dated: June 11, 2025 BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS OF THE CITY OF GLEN COVE TERI MOSCHETTA, CHAIRPERSON 154185

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## OPINIONS

## We must protect our way of life

**G**rowing up in Levittown and now raising my family just doors from the home where I was raised, I've seen firsthand what makes our suburban way of life so special — safe neighborhoods, good schools, and a culture that values family and hard work. As a Nassau County legislator, I have made it my responsibility to protect those values.



**JOHN  
FERRETTI**

When the prior administration scheduled \$150 million in property tax hikes, I stood firm and helped stop it. I worked to cut over \$70 million in property taxes, and have frozen property taxes in every budget since. At the same time, I helped make Nassau the safest county in America by investing in police, increasing neighborhood patrols and ensuring that law enforcement has the resources it needs to fight crime.

In addition to holding the line on taxes and keeping neighbors safe, being an elected official is also about standing up when outside forces try to change who we are. And when you're the supervisor of America's largest township, that responsibility is even greater — because you're the last line of defense between local families and extremist politicians in Albany who think they know better than we do.

Gov. Kathy Hochul's so-called "Housing Compact" is the perfect example. While it has been repackaged, renamed and reintroduced by state legislators over the past three years, the goal is the same every time: to override local zoning, strip away community input and force high-density, city-style housing into residential neighborhoods.

From mandating thousands of new apartments near every Long Island Rail Road station to allowing spot zoning — which means large-scale buildings

could go up right next to single-family homes — this plan would have a devastating impact on local schools, traffic, parking and emergency services. For

residents like us, it would mean a massive strain on infrastructure, with overcrowded classrooms, overflowing parking, and longer response times for police and first responders. It would be an irreversible blow to the suburban character our families have spent generations building.

This flawed policy is a direct attack on local control — just like congestion pricing. Thanks to the governor, hard-working Long Islanders are now slammed with a \$9 tax every time they drive into Manhattan — a steep penalty for thousands of residents who rely on their cars for work, medical appointments and everyday responsibilities. Worse, none of the revenue returns to our local communities. Instead, it funds the chronically mismanaged Metropolitan Transportation Authority, which has

long prioritized New York City while neglecting Long Island's needs. That's not a transit plan — it's a commuter tax on the middle class.

These are the kinds of attacks on our way of life that our town supervisor must be ready to stop — because no one else is going to do it for us.

I've already shown that I'm willing to take on tough fights. I helped block a massive county tax increase, fought to deliver a property tax cut, and never stopped pushing to make Long Island more affordable. I stood with police when others stayed silent. And I stood with taxpayers every time Albany reached into our wallets.

Now I'm running for town supervisor to take that fight to the next level — to protect our neighborhoods, defend our zoning laws and preserve the quality of life that generations of Long Islanders have worked to build. For me, this job isn't about politics. It's about standing up for our way of life.

*John Ferretti represents Nassau County's 15th Legislative District and is the Republican candidate for Hempstead town supervisor.*

## Backdoor taxes are hurting Hempstead families

**L**ast year, the Town of Hempstead raised taxes on residents by a staggering 12.1 percent — one of the largest hikes in recent memory. We were told the town needed more revenue to maintain services and balance the budget. But any-



**JOSEPH  
SCIANABLO**

one who lives here knows the truth: Services are getting worse, roads are crumbling, and the only thing growing in the town is frustration.

Meanwhile, another quiet tax has taken hold: the school bus camera ticket program.

Right now, just four school districts in the township are taking part in this program, which levies \$250 fines on drivers who allegedly pass stopped school buses. The goal sounds noble — protecting schoolchildren. But like many things in government, the execution tells a different story.

Here's how it works: the town keeps

55 percent of the revenue, and the private company running the program gets the other 45 percent. If all the tickets are paid, the program could bring in nearly \$20 million from those four districts alone.

So where is that money going? Certainly not into road repaving, expanded public services or tax cuts. Instead we're seeing a familiar pattern: a bloated government structure that keeps squeezing taxpayers while delivering less in return.

And just like we've seen with the red-light camera scandal in Nassau County, the bus camera program risks turning into another legal and financial disaster. In the red-light program, county officials illegally added a \$100 administrative fee on top of the state's \$50 fine. The result? Multiple lawsuits, a court ruling that the fee was illegal, and the county will now potentially have to refund hundreds of millions of dollars. It was yet another crisis created by those who treat enforcement as a revenue stream.

It's no coincidence. The same people who run the Town of Hempstead also run the County of Nassau. And they've adopted the same playbook: Hit resi-

dents with fees and fines, call it safety, and count the cash behind closed doors.

Do we really want to repeat that mistake here in Hempstead?

Let me be clear: I believe in protecting schoolchildren. No one wants unsafe drivers near our schools and children. But I also believe in fairness, transparency and common sense. The way this program is currently designed and executed fails on all three counts.

As town supervisor, I will fight to:

Reform the bus camera program so that it targets only truly dangerous driving, not technicalities or innocent misunderstandings.

Increase transparency around where ticket revenue is going, and ensure that it's reinvested in school safety, public infrastructure and tax cuts, not wasted

on political appointees and bloated payrolls.

Roll back the shameful 12 percent tax hike and conduct a top-to-bottom audit of every contract and department in order to root out the waste, fraud and abuse that's draining taxpayer dollars.

Right now, Hempstead residents are being squeezed from every direction, through property taxes, inflated permit fees and \$250 bus camera tickets. It's not sustainable. It's not right. And it's not how you build a community that people want to stay in.

The town doesn't have a revenue problem. It has a spending problem. And this camera cash grab is just the latest example.

We can have safe streets and fair government. But it starts with leadership that respects taxpayers, not leadership that treats them like walking ATMs. Let's fix this together.

*Joseph Scianablo, a former New York City police officer and an attorney, is the Democratic candidate for town supervisor.*



## OPINIONS

## Our DNA isn't for sale — unless we allow it to be

Last week, 27 states, including New York, filed a lawsuit to stop what never should have been possible in the first place: the auctioning off of Americans' genetic data.

The defendant? The biotechnology firm 23andMe, which once promised to unlock our ancestral and medical secrets from mailed-in saliva samples. Today the company is bankrupt and purportedly trying to sell our DNA to the highest bidder. And unless we act, it might get away with it. That's why I promptly introduced the Genetic Privacy and Protection Act, Assembly Bill A.7559, a first-in-the-nation bill to make sure that New Yorkers' most intimate personal information can never be treated like furniture in a liquidation sale.

23andMe holds the biological data of

more than 15 million people. That includes health histories, inherited traits and unique DNA sequences — data that could be used for research, targeted advertising or, worse, surveillance by foreign adversaries. When 23andMe filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy in March, it signaled that such information could be transferred or sold. That triggered widespread panic among customers, some of whom found themselves unable to delete their accounts.

Our New York state attorney general, Letitia James, said it best: "New Yorkers ... trusted 23andMe with their private information, and they have a right to know what will be done with their information." She's right. That trust was earned through promises of privacy, but it is being broken in the courtroom.

Regeneron Pharmaceuticals has already offered to acquire 23andMe. While Regeneron has said it would abide by the company's privacy policies

and applicable laws, that's hardly reassuring — because right now, there is no law preventing genetic data from being sold off like spare parts if a company like 23andMe fails.

That's the problem. And that's what my bill would fix.

My proposed Genetic Privacy and Protection Act would:

n Ban the sale, transfer or continued use of consumer genetic data when a company enters bankruptcy or financial distress;

n Require companies to permanently delete genetic data upon dissolution;

Impose meaningful penalties for any violations.

It's simple: Our DNA is not for sale. Not now, not ever — and especially not without our fully informed and explicit consent.

This crisis has exposed the loopholes in federal protections. Genetic testing firms like 23andMe operate outside the

reach of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, or HIPAA, and traditional health privacy laws. That means it's up to us — state lawmakers — to step in. And we must act before another company goes under, taking millions of genetic identities down with it.

As the ranking member of the Assembly Science and Technology Committee and a member of the Consumer Affairs and Protection Committee, I know this is more than a privacy issue. It's a national security issue. It's a data integrity issue. And most important, it's a human dignity issue.

New York must not wait for the courts to determine whether our most personal data can be up for grabs. We must legislate clearly and decisively to say: Your genetic information belongs to you, and no bankruptcy judge, biotech firm or private equity buyer has the right to override that truth.

Let's lead the nation. Let's pass the Genetic Privacy and Protection Act before it's too late.

*Jake Blumencranz represents the 15th Assembly District.*



**JAKE  
BLUMENCRAZ**

## Cars over trains and buses: Long Island's original sin

As concern grows over the increasing number of fatalities on the roads of Nassau and Suffolk counties, it's worth considering how transportation decisions made 100 years ago continue to contribute to today's driving dangers.

The carnage on the parkways and expressways is largely the product of Long Island's original sin: enormous resources lavished on road construction and a comparative pittance spent on bus and train infrastructure.

Had New York State builder-supreme Robert Moses directed a

better-balanced share of public funds to public transit, driving would surely have become a less common form of conveyance. And with fewer cars on the roads, crashes would have occurred less often. Hundreds of the 2,100 lives lost on Long Island in the past decade could have been saved and many of the 16,000 injuries prevented.

Moses' privileging of motor vehicle

travel can perhaps be excused in retrospect as the inevitable outgrowth of the car-crazed era in which he lived. But it isn't as though alternate visions were lacking in the 1920s, '30s and beyond. It's just that the intellectually arrogant Moses rejected them as "stupid, long-winded, contentious and impractical."

That curt dismissal is quoted in "The Power Broker," Robert Caro's biography of Moses. Planners not beholden to the car czar came to realize, Caro writes, that "the more highways were built to alleviate congestion, the more automobiles would pour onto them and congest them and thus force the building of more highways."

And that is exactly what has happened on Long Island — with heart-breaking results. Moses' own vision of a lacy network of "parkways" — tree-lined roads free of commercial traffic and adjacent development — was fully achieved due to his unbridled political power. And he designed the Northern State, Southern State and others with low-clearance bridges to ensure that only cars would be able to use them. Many of these roads were built to afford access to

Long Island's alluring beaches, but the large number of New Yorkers without cars could not reach them on buses.

The expressways that Moses also constructed did allow commercial traffic.

But he again made sure that they would be used only by drivers.

More far-sighted planners had urged that a railway be built on the median of the Long Island Expressway. It would have been the centerpiece of an expanded Long Island Rail Road system that could have included freight trains. That would, in turn, have encouraged local siting of businesses employing thousands of workers who would no longer have needed to drive to and from jobs in Manhattan.

Moses didn't want that to happen, however — and so it did not.

Similarly, experts at the Regional Plan Association suggested in the 1930s that the Whitestone Bridge be designed to accommodate train tracks. They would have efficiently linked Long Island with the Bronx, Westchester and Connecticut. But because Moses vetoed that idea as well, the only direct way to reach Nassau and Suffolk from the north

would be via cars. "And this would condemn Long Island to future inundation by larger and larger numbers of automobiles," Caro observes.

Because of this conscious determination to create a car-centric transportation system, Nassau and Suffolk drivers not only face elevated risks of being killed or injured, but are constantly stuck in traffic jams.

This sad story will not have a happy ending. Long Island can never entirely undo the damage that Moses and his enablers inflicted on it. "Build railroads at the same time that you were building roads," Caro says of the pivotal period in the mid-20th century, "and solving the transportation problem would be greatly simplified. Pour all available funds into roads without building railroads, and that problem would never be solved."

And so drivers on Long Island are left to take their chances along "Blood Alley" on the Southern State and "Dead Man's Curve" on the Cross Island Parkway.

Just as there will be no resurrections of the 2,100 people killed on Long Island roads between 2014 and 2023, there's no returning to the time when the transport system could have been designed rationally and humanely.

*Kevin J. Kelley, of Atlantic Beach, is a retired journalist and journalism professor.*



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# HERALD EDITORIAL

## Active smart growth: the blueprint for L.I.

**E**lected leaders, developers and advocates of smart growth gathered to celebrate innovation and forward-thinking design at the annual Vision Long Island Smart Growth Awards at the Crest Hollow Country Club in Woodbury last Friday.

Vision Long Island, a Northport-based nonprofit, honored standout projects across Nassau and Suffolk counties that are improving quality of life, revitalizing neighborhoods and setting a standard for the future of the Island.

The organization has been a champion of smart growth — a planning approach that emphasizes walkable communities, transit-oriented development, mixed-use projects, affordable housing and sustainability — for more than 25 years. Its advocacy, educational outreach and planning assistance have helped make possible some of the region's most transformative developments.

Among this year's award-winning projects are examples of how collaboration among civic leaders, developers and communities can lead to impactful change. Transit-oriented development stood out prominently.

One of the honorees, the Langdon, in Lynbrook, developed by Breslin Realty, Fields Grade and the village, has 201 luxury rental units with concierge service and upscale amenities just steps from the community's Long Island Rail Road station.

Smaller-scale projects are equally important. In Babylon, Zucaro Con-

struction developed a 27-unit residential building that is bringing new life to the downtown corridor.

These kinds of developments are helping young professionals and families stay on Long Island, close to work and transit, and energizing local economies.

Affordable housing remains a critical need across Long Island, and projects like those spearheaded by the Uniondale Community Land Trust demonstrate how nonprofits can drive change. The trust, which recently hosted its fourth annual Long Island Housing Symposium, continues to champion homeownership and affordability, and held its most recent housing lottery in February.

In Rockville Centre, a \$32 million project by the village, its housing authority and D&F Development renovated the Rockville Manor senior housing complex, adding six new units as well as an elevator, funded in part by New York State Homes and Community Renewal and the Nassau County Office of Community Development.

The Smart Growth Awards also spotlighted innovations in clean energy. The Town of Hempstead's Clean Energy Park, in Point Lookout, conceived in 2006, has become a model for sustainable municipal operations. It features a wind turbine, a hydrogen fueling station, a solar-powered shellfish nursery, a geothermal government office and a 100-kilowatt solar field. It not only powers services sustainably, but also serves as a public education hub and an example for the private sector of the advan-

tages of clean energy.

Efforts to strengthen local businesses and Main Streets were also recognized. The village of Farmingdale, in partnership with the Nassau County Office of Community Development, implemented a \$150,000 program to replace signs, lighting and awnings using federal block grant funding. Landlords and tenants are covering just 20 percent of the cost, with the rest paid for by the grant. The initiative has created a visually cohesive downtown, boosting "curb appeal" as well as foot traffic.

These projects represent more than just physical improvements — they reflect values that matter to Long Islanders: sustainability, affordability, accessibility and smart investment in the future. They also prove that strategic planning, when guided by community input based on local needs, can transform neighborhoods and enhance residents' lives.

As we celebrate the achievements recognized at the Smart Growth Awards, we urge municipal governments, civic organizations, village leaders and developers across Nassau and Suffolk to take note. Whether it's revitalizing a main street, building mixed-use housing near transit, greening public spaces or supporting affordable homeownership, now is the time to adopt what works.

Smart growth isn't a one-size-fits-all endeavor — it is a flexible, community-centered approach to planning for the future. The blueprints are in place. The success stories are multiplying. Let's keep the momentum going.

## LETTERS

### Don't forget that horse named Journalism

To the Editor:

Re the editorial "Horse Named Journalism showed what's possible" (May 22-18): I agree that journalism is suffering and losing ground, and that there is a crucial need for local reporting to help sustain the backbone of our society, which remains our local communities.

As a former journalist, now retired, I have complained to anyone who would listen about the decline in good reporting. It began decades ago, when television news shifted from good reporting in the 1950s and '60s to entertainment, beginning in the '80s. As more and more people watched the ever-expanding TV news, even the large city newspapers began to compete in order to capture readers' attention. What resulted were more sensational stories about subjects that weren't important, but which they suspected would be of more interest to readers. And while we learned in our journalism classes that what makes news is what interests readers, that's not always good journalism.

In addition, while TV and radio news often present-





## OPINIONS

## Centrist Democrats need to listen, learn and lead

Two weeks ago, I had the honor of speaking at WelcomeFest, the nation's largest gathering of centrist Democrats. Held in Washington, D.C., the event brought together a growing coalition committed to reshaping our party with one urgent mission: connecting with the American people again.



**TOM  
SUOZZI**

This year's theme, "Responsibility to Win," says it all. The American people are asking tough questions: Do Democrats hear me? Do they understand my struggles? Will they deliver real results? Too often, the answer feels like "no."

If you ask most American voters what the top five issues they are most concerned about are, they'll say: the economy, immigration, taxes, crime, and health care. If you ask the same people what the Democrats are most focused on, they'll say: choice, LGBTQ protections, health care (fortunately there's some crossover there), protecting democracy, and climate change. While all of these issues are important,

the disconnect between what "the people" are most concerned about and what they see as Democrats' focus must be addressed.

I was invited to speak at WelcomeFest because I'm one of the few Democrats who won in a district that President Trump won. I didn't do it by hiding. I did it by showing up, listening and being honest — even when it wasn't easy.

In my district, voters don't want lectures. They don't want candidates who message ideologically, technocratically or in a way that is simply out of touch. They want leaders who understand their concerns and take action to improve their lives. If you're working two jobs and still can't afford rent or groceries — or if your neighborhood feels less safe, or the border looks like chaos — you're not asking for a white paper. You want someone who will *do something and deliver real results*.

I take that seriously. That's why I backed the bipartisan Senate border deal. I said the border is broken — because it is. Not everyone agreed with me, but they respected that I was clear, direct and actionable.

That's why, in Congress, I am work-

ing on bipartisan legislation to

1. Secure the border.
2. Fix the broken asylum system.
3. Reform the legal immigration system and legalize Dreamers, TPS recipients,

farmworkers, health care workers and others who have been here contributing for decades.

Good ideas mean nothing if they don't connect to the real lives of working people. Our country has seen enormous growth in the past 50 years, but so many Americans feel that our economy has failed them. They work hard, but struggle to see the fruits of their own labor. Millions of Americans are crushed by insufficient wages, rising costs and their inability to afford to buy a home. The middle class is disappearing.

In many ways, the American dream no longer feels attainable.

We have to do something.

I am for increasing the minimum wage, supporting union workers, and creating opportunities for more people to live the American dream. Everyone, whether a left-wing progressive or a right-wing conservative, should believe that, in America, hard work will be

rewarded.

If you work hard, you should make enough money to buy a home, educate your kids, pay for health insurance, and retire one day without being scared.

But leading isn't just about having the right ideas — it's about meeting people where they are. Americans don't want jargon. They want to be sure that people like me, who are elected to represent and serve them, hear their concerns and are doing something about those concerns by working with other elected officials to find common ground to get things done.

At the end of the day, voters want to know three things: Are you listening? Do you care? Will you work to get the job done?

Leaders, both Democrats and Republicans, have to orient their policies around values that unite working people: economic opportunity, fairness and the dignity of work. To do that, we have to first listen and learn with empathy, clarity and conviction.

That's how I campaign. That's how I govern. It's not about the noise. It's about the people. It's about delivering real results that make working people's lives better.

Let's stop talking past them and start fighting for them.

*Tom Suozzi represents the 3rd Congressional District.*

## LETTERS

ed the story first, it was always the print newspapers that got the complete story, because the reporters took the time to get it right.

We are far too late to save all those big city newspapers across the country that have disappeared from print and can now only be found online. That would be OK if only more people were reading beyond the headlines online. That's why we urgently need to protect and preserve local newspapers in print, to further protect and preserve the strength of the local communities in which we live. Life begins in the local communities across our great country.

Even our forefathers knew this when they formed the country, preserving the rights of the states with the trickle-down result where local cities and towns protect their own interests.

Our newspapers need to inform the populace in our communities, and we all need to read and understand what is happening where we live. It will impact our quality of life. That's how important local news is to each and every one of us.

RICHARD KAHN  
*Glen Cove*

## Fighting the fentanyl crisis

To the Editor:

With more than 30 years of service in the Nassau County district attorney's office, I've seen firsthand the heartbreaking toll the opioid epidemic has taken on our communities — especially the rise of fentanyl. This synthetic opioid, up to 100 times stronger than morphine, isn't just another drug — it's a weapon of mass destruction.

In 2022 alone, fentanyl was responsible for roughly 70 percent of overdose deaths. These aren't faceless statistics. These are our children, our friends, our neighbors. And tragically, many of their deaths could have been prevented if Albany had not handcuffed law enforcement in the name of so-called "reform."

My office is fighting this crisis head-on: We're aggressively prosecuting drug dealers who profit off misery and death, we're expanding education and prevention initiatives, and we're working with partners in health care and treatment services to support victims

and families. At the same time, we are also being forced to fight Gov. Kathy Hochul and extreme politicians in Albany because of their radical policies, which protect drug dealers and make life more dangerous for victims and all law-abiding citizens.

Under Hochul and extremist lawmakers who have taken control of the State Legislature, New York's criminal justice system has been fundamentally weakened. Their reckless cashless-bail laws have made virtually all drug offenses — including those involving deadly fentanyl — ineligible for bail. That means known drug dealers walk free within hours of being arrested, often returning to the very communities they poisoned. The result? More overdoses, more deaths and more shattered families.

To make matters worse, Hochul and her political allies also implemented sweeping discovery laws that place an overwhelming burden on prosecutors and intimidate the victims and witnesses we rely on to build strong cases. These laws require prosecutors to rapidly turn over extensive evidence — including witness names and state-

ments — days after arraignment, often putting victims and witnesses at risk of retaliation. This has had a chilling effect, particularly in drug-related cases, where intimidation is a common tactic used by gangs and drug networks. Albany's so-called reforms are emboldening the criminals while endangering our communities.

Despite these challenges, our office remains committed to protecting Nassau County families. We recently partnered with the Town of Hempstead to host a fentanyl crisis seminar and "Not My Child" program, and the community response was overwhelming.

We must demand that Hochul and Albany lawmakers stop playing politics with our public safety. The people of New York deserve a justice system that protects the innocent, not one that prioritizes the rights of criminals. The fight against opioids, especially fentanyl, requires a united community, common-sense policies, and the courage to hold the dealers and enablers of this epidemic accountable.

ANNE DONNELLY  
*Nassau County district attorney*

## CORRECTION

U.S. Rep. Laura Gillen's Letter to the Editor in last week's issue, "Federal money for fire departments," contained an editing error. The first sentence should have read, "As a member of the House of Representatives, I am urging our Nassau and Suffolk County fire departments to apply for the Federal Emergency Management Agency Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response grant program."





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