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Turning a snowy landscape into a winter playground

Natalie Martinovich, above, slid down a hill at Morgan Memorial Park during the season's first snowfall. Terri Fox, right, moved to Glen Cove from Texas 10 years ago. Last year she received an antique sled as a gift, and on Sunday she went sledding for the first time. Story, more photos, Page 10.



Peter DiMaggio named deputy police chief

By **ROKSANA AMID**
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Peter DiMaggio was off duty, on vacation with his family and friends at an indoor water park, when he heard a woman shouting behind him. He turned and saw her pull an infant from a 5-foot-deep pool. The child was blue and not breathing. Without hesitating, DiMaggio took the child into his arms and began cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

He alternated chest compressions and rescue breaths for over 10 minutes, urged by fellow officers nearby not to stop. Then, suddenly, the child coughed, spat up water and began to breathe. Color returned to her face. The girl survived, and later made a full recovery.

That moment — one DiMaggio said he had never witnessed in his years of administering CPR — became a powerful example, cited on Dec. 9, when the Glen Cove City Council unanimously appointed DiMaggio, 50, deputy chief of the city Police Department.

The appointment followed the recent promotion of Christopher Ortiz to chief after the retirement of William Whitton, who led the department for 18 years. DiMaggio was sworn in at last week's City Council meeting before a packed chamber filled with family members, colleagues and city officials,

Everything that I have is because of the city of Glen Cove.

PETER DIMAGGIO
Deputy chief, GCPD

marking a milestone in his 25-year career with the department.

Before administering the oath of office, Mayor Pamela Panzenbeck praised the department's leadership and its relationship with city government. "I am the mayor of the city of Glen Cove, who has the best police department anywhere," Panzenbeck said. "And I absolutely mean that."

DiMaggio is a lifelong resident who graduated from Glen Cove High School in 1994. He earned a bachelor's degree in criminology from Long Island University's C.W. Post campus, and was pursuing a master's degree in accounting when he decided the profession was not

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NEWS BRIEFS

Drivers needed for senior program

A volunteer-run transportation program that has been a lifeline for Glen Cove’s senior and disabled residents for nearly five decades is now facing a serious shortage of drivers — and its future may depend on new volunteers stepping forward.

Founded in the late 1970s as Glen Cove Rotary Rides, the free service helps those without reliable transportation get to and from medical appointments. It serves residents in Glen Cove, Sea Cliff, Glen Head, Glenwood Landing, Locust Valley, and parts of Old Brookville, providing door-to-door rides Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Riders are picked up from their homes, taken to their appointments, and brought back home or to the Glen Cove Senior Center afterward.

The program is coordinated by Phyllis Burnett, who has managed dispatch and scheduling since 2012. It currently provides transportation for roughly a dozen residents each week, many of whom rely on it regularly. However, a decline in volunteer drivers has made it difficult to meet growing demand.

“We’re looking for people who can just give a few hours a week,” Burnett said. “Even one more driver would make a difference.”

The service, which uses a decommissioned Chevrolet Crown Victoria police vehicle, operates on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday mornings, traveling as far as Northern Boulevard for appointments. Riders are asked to schedule their trips at least a week in advance, but with limited volunteer availability, securing a ride has become increasingly challenging.

Volunteers can choose which day or days they are available, and no special qualifications are required beyond a valid driver’s license and the ability to pass a background check. Drivers are asked to transport clients to appointments and provide a phone number where they can be reached for pickup afterward.

“This program has been part of our community for decades,” Burnett said. “It’s a small commitment, but it makes a huge difference in people’s lives.”

Those interested in volunteering or seeking more information can call (516) 676-2846 or visit the Glen Cove Senior Center, located at 130 Glen Street, Glen Cove, where applications are available.

Without new volunteers, a service that so many depend on could soon struggle to operate.

—Roksana Amid



Courtesy office of Charles Lavine

Charles Lavine’s office is accepting donations of new, unwrapped gifts through Dec. 19.

Donate toys this holiday season

With the holiday season underway, Assemblymember Charles Lavine’s annual holiday toy drive has begun. Once again, Lavine’s office is accepting donations of new, unwrapped gifts which will go to families in need within the 13th Assembly District.

All donations must be received by Dec. 19. Donations can be made at Lavine’s district office at 1 School Street, Suite 303-B, Glen Cove, or at the following locations during library

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Tiegerman explores past lives with novel

By DANIEL OFFNER

Special to the Herald

Tiegerman said her fascination with past lives began in her teenage years, when she experienced vivi-

Dr. Ellenmorris Tiegerman, founder of The Tiegerman School, is a renowned expert in child language and communication development and the author of several books on the subject.

After decades in academia and clinical research, she expanded into fiction in 2024 with her debut novel, “Past Lives Denied,” and is now preparing to release her second psychological thriller, “God Denied,” on Amazon in March 2026.

“God Denied” follows a university professor confronting questions of free speech, ethics, and truth as tensions escalate on campus, culminating in the murder of a controversial commentator on the eve of his appearance.

“The political upheaval is a central part of the book in terms of understanding what student life is all about,” Tiegerman said.

She began writing the novel in 2024 amid a wave of pro-Palestinian protests on college campuses.

“It’s important to look at campus life, because students are going to be there for four years, and it’s very challenging across the U.S. today,” she added.

Her academic background informed much of the story. Set on a university campus, it draws from her more than two decades teaching communication disorders at Adelphi University.

“Most people don’t know what professors do beyond teaching or how complicated it is to get tenure and review others. It’s a very complex process,” she said.

The novel addresses contemporary social issues, including student protests and free speech, and explores ethical dilemmas faced by faculty and students.

Tiegerman’s professional experience on campus also influenced how she developed the novel’s characters. She said her interactions with students and colleagues helped shape the narrative and provide insight into the pressures and responsibilities of university life.

“You have to consider everything—from teaching and mentoring to reviewing others and navigating administrative decisions,” she explained.

Founded in 1985 as the School for Language and Communication Development, The Tiegerman School now operates four campuses across New York and Long Island, serving more than 500 children and adults ages 3–21.

In 2012, Tiegerman Community Services was established to provide residential, vocational, and day rehabilitation support for adults with developmental disabilities and autism spectrum disorders.

Together, the school and its programs support roughly 700 families from Long Island and New York City, offering educational, therapeutic, and community services.

“God Denied” continues Tiegerman’s long-standing interest in past-life regression, which she first explored in “Past Lives Denied.”

Her debut novel followed Midwestern professor Caitlyn Morris, who underwent hypnosis to piece together clues from her past lives.

In her new book, Tiegerman links her protagonist to the resistance in Nazi-occupied Germany, combining historical events with the contemporary campus setting.

The story connects past and present, exploring how past experiences can influence understanding of idd flashbacks while visiting an archaeological site in Crete.

“I had these flashbacks about what we were looking at and I knew where everything was located,” she recalled, though her parents, wary of such experiences in the 1970s, urged her not to speak of it.

Decades later, she attended a professional training seminar with psychiatrist Dr. Brian Weiss in Rhine-



Photos courtesy Ellenmorris Tiegerman

Dr. Ellenmorris Tiegerman, an expert in child language and communication development, recently completed her second novel about past life regression.

beck, New York, which provided a framework that helped shape both novels.

“I had been very curious, so I decided, ‘all right, I’ll go for the week. I’ll see what it’s all about. It shocked me. It just absolutely shocked me,” she said.

Tiegerman described her writing process as disciplined and methodical. During the COVID-19 pandemic, when she wrote “Past Lives Denied,” she maintained a strict routine.

“I would get up in the morning and write for about an hour-and-a-half every day after I would go to the gym,” she said. “I never pressured myself. Whatever I wrote, I wrote.”

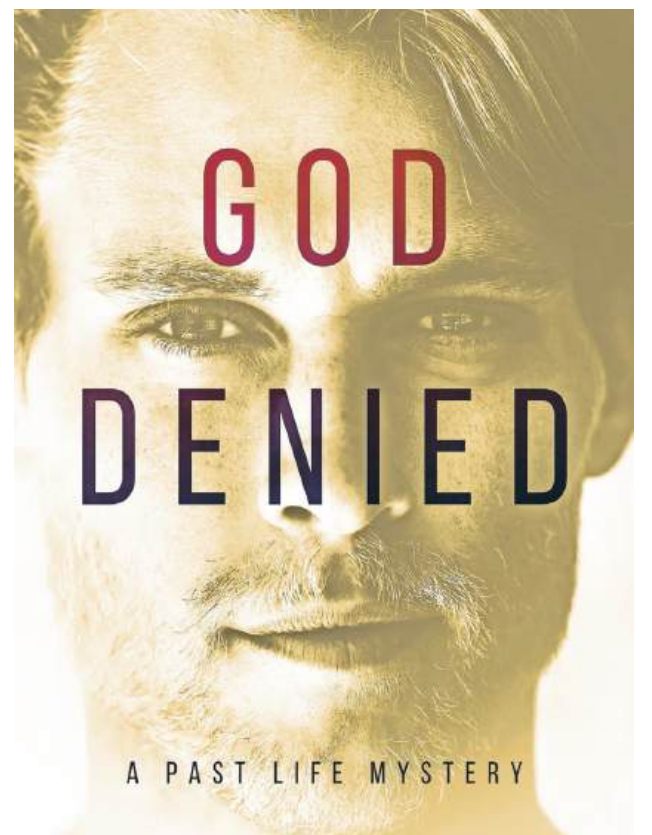
Reflecting on her decades-long career in education and advocacy, she said, “My experience teaching at Tiegerman really gave me the backbone to take that book and do something with it.”

She said she hopes her latest novel will resonate with readers intrigued by past lives as well as the moral complexities of modern campus life.

“The topic of past lives is more mainstream today, and that’s the group I think will be interested in these books,” Tiegerman said.

“God Denied” is scheduled for publication on Amazon in March 2026.

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CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

How to Have More Joy and Peace This Christmas

Jesus. This time of year, many people celebrate the birth of Jesus and we call this celebration Christmas. You will often hear people say, “Jesus is the reason for the season.” It is all about Jesus. Sometimes we may lose sight of that. We try to make all the parties. We run around either the malls or the internet shopping for the best gift at the best price. We get caught up in the frenzy of Christmas, and we have a tendency to lose sight of the fact that it is really about Jesus.

Christmas is about God coming down to earth. In Matthew 1:23, the apostle Matthew quotes the prophet Isaiah, “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”). Christmas is a reminder that we are not searching for God. God came to earth to find us.

We sing and talk about joy and peace during the Christmas season, but we often forget that joy and peace is more than just songs we sing; it is what God came down to earth through Jesus to give us. God saw a need for peace and joy, and he went to great lengths to give us the very thing we needed. Would anyone disagree that we could all use a little more, and maybe even a whole lot more, joy and peace?

In the Gospel of Luke, we are told that an angel came to some shepherds to let them know that the birth of a Savior and Messiah had taken place that day (Luke 2:11). The angel told them that this news would bring “great joy” (Luke 2:10). Later on, Luke tells us, “Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests” (Luke 2:13-14). A

large part of the purpose of Jesus coming to earth was to bring joy and peace.

As you “celebrate” Christmas this year, remember that a large part of Christmas is to experience joy and peace. If that is not happening for you, then you may want to reevaluate how you are celebrating Christmas. Here are some suggestions.



FATHER
TOMMY LANHAM

Joy
Joy is deeper than just happiness. Joy is something that comes more from within us than from what is happening around us. Ask yourself the question, “What about Christmas brings me joy?”

Even though Christmas is about family, giving and receiving gifts, and maybe even drinking a little eggnog, it is really about God coming down to earth as a little baby to save people from their sins. If we make that shift in our thinking, it may help us experience more joy.

Peace
Peace is more than just an absence of chaos around us; it is an inner experience of calmness and contentment. Sometimes we think that we need to change the things around us to have more peace. It may be that we need to change some things inside us to experience more peace.

Again, if we set aside, if even for a short period of time, all the things we have made Christmas about and instead truly focus on whom it is really about, then maybe we will have more peace. True peace does not come so much from the absence of chaos (as peaceful as that is) but from the presence of the “Prince of Peace” (Isaiah 9:6), and his name is Jesus, Immanuel, God with us.

Tommy Lanham is the Lead Pastor of Glen Cove Christian Church.



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— Ram Dass

“If we’re not reflecting on the impermanent nature of life, then there are a lot of unimportant things that seem important.”

— Allison Choying Zangmo

“Remembering that I’ll be dead soon is the most important tool I’ve ever encountered to help me make the big choices in life.”

— Steve Jobs

“Think of yourself as dead. You have lived your life. Now, take what’s left and live it properly.”

— Marcus Aurelius

“We drift on a chartless, resistless sea. Let us sing while we can, and forget the rest.”

— H. P. Lovecraft

“Death is not waiting for us at the end of a long road. Death is always with us, in the marrow of every passing moment. She is the secret teacher hiding in plain sight, helping us to discover what matters most.”

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“Never mind. Never mind. In this brief life, one cannot always be counting the cost.”

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HERALD SPORTS

Talented Hofstra eager to build momentum

By ANDREW COEN

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Hofstra's women's basketball team is looking to build off a 14-win season which marked the most victories for the program in nearly a decade.

The Pride went 14-16 overall and 9-9 in the Coastal Athletic Association (CAA) to finish eighth in the 14-team conference after being picked to place 12th.

Hofstra returned eight players from the breakthrough season in which the Pride achieved their highest win total since going 25-9 in the 2015-2016 campaign and are looking to continue that winning mindset this winter.

"Ging into this year we were really excited because we have a really talented bunch," said sixth-year head coach Danielle Santos Atkinson. "The returners want more as they had a taste of it last year and ran out of gas down the stretch."

Senior guard Chloe Sterling, who missed the end of last season with a knee injury, gives the Pride an offensive boost this winter leading the team in scoring with 13 points per game prior to being sidelined in February. Sterling made her season debut on Dec. 6 with 11 points in a 67-46 home loss to Fordham.

The Pride also brought back senior guard Emma Von Essen, a Rockville Centre native who averaged 10.9 points per game as a junior. The Long Island Lutheran product has proven to be a three-point threat throughout her Hofstra career and sank her 200th career shot from beyond the arc at the end of last season.

"Her leadership has been great this year," said Santos Atkinson of Von Essen. "She has led by example in things that we want to be able to do culturally and establishing our standards and expectations."

Hofstra has gotten a boost with the addition of SMU transfer Sandra Magolico, who is averaging more than 10 points per game despite battling some injuries. The 6-1 forward from Spain recorded 25 points and 13 rebounds in a 73-66 win at Yale on Nov. 11.



Senior Alarice Goode, left, is the Pride's starting point guard.

The Pride boast a number of offensive weapons as evident by an 80-44 win against Marywood on Dec. 10 where four players reached double figures led by sophomore guard Ema Karim, a Portugal native, who posted a career-high 15 points along with four assists.

The Marywood blowout victory also featured 11 points apiece from Sterling and Von Essen. Senior point guard Alarice Goode, a Brampton, Ontario native, tallied 11 points while senior Deivejon Harris nearly cracked double digits with nine points.

"We have the talent and it's about us just being able to put it together," Santos Atkinson said. "We're still trying to figure out our identity because we haven't had everyone out there together due to injuries."

Freshman forward Olivia VanPatten, who shined at St. George's School in Rhode Island, has also shown offensive potential early in the season netting



Photos courtesy Hofstra Athletics Communications

Sandra Magolico, a transfer from SMU, had 25 points and 11 rebounds in Hofstra's Nov. 11 win over Yale.

eight points in a 95-38 loss to then seventh-ranked Maryland on Thanksgiving Day in Puerto Rico.

Santos Atkinson organized a rigorous non-conference schedule that kicked off with a season-opening 83-48 loss at ACC foe Miami and saw the Pride take on Big Ten power and seventh-ranked Maryland. The Pride will close the non-league on Dec. 28 at Kentucky, who was ranked 15th in the nation in mid-December.

The home CAA schedule commences on Jan. 9 against Towson at 6 p.m. followed a week later when Hofstra hosts Long Island rival Stony Brook on Jan. 16 for another 6 p.m. tipoff. The Pride were picked to finish ninth in the 14-team conference in a preseason coaches poll.

"I think the conference season is going to be as it is every year, anybody's game for that championship," Santos Atkinson said. "It's going to be a fight."

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Gary Brown, at rear in Green Bay Packers sweatshirt, with Herald staff and the donated toys collected for the nonprofit Dream 68.

‘Pack’ing up toys for a good cause at the Herald

It’s not often that journalists become as giddy as schoolchildren, but when former NFL player Gary Brown visited the Herald on Dec. 9, the entire office rippled with excitement.

Brown, who was born in Amityville and grew up in Brentwood, came to pick up two boxes of toys that Herald employees collected for Dream 68, the nonprofit organization he founded. The 68 is the number he wore playing for the Green Bay Packers, and

Brown was a member of the 1996 Super Bowl-winning Packers team. Yes, Herald staffers saw his ring! He was inducted into the Suffolk Sports Hall of Fame in 2015.

Knowing firsthand how much a single act of kindness can mean, Brown spoke candidly about how hard he worked to play professional football. His message was unmistakable: A community that invests in its children — consistently, intentionally and all year

long — creates pathways to hope that last a lifetime.

Dream 68 has mentored and supported underprivileged children and their families for the past 10 years. The organization also supplies local homeless shelters serving more than 500 people on Thanksgiving. The toys are distributed to more than 350 children.

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County emphasizes Christmas tree safety

By ALYSSA R. GRIFFIN
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Nassau County fire officials and the Nassau County Firefighters Museum and Education Center are reminding community members to prioritize fire safety during the holiday season.

County firefighters demonstrated the dangers of an untreated Christmas tree during a live fire demonstration at the Nassau County Vocational Education and Extension Board Fire Service Academy in Old Bethpage on Dec. 9. The demonstration made clear how quickly a home can go from festive to heavily damaged, with a Christmas tree fire completely consuming a room in just one minute.

Paul Wilders, chief of the academy, spoke about the importance of fire safety — and for Wilders, these demonstrations hit close to home. In 2001 he lost his mother’s home, where he grew up, as the result of a Christmas tree fire caused by their cat. “After 49 years, my mother’s house burned to the ground,” he told the Herald. “If it can happen to me and happen to my family, it happens to anybody out there.”

“We do our best to prepare first responders, but this demonstration is aimed at the public,” Wilders said. “As beautiful and festive as the holidays are, tragedies can happen if we’re not vigilant.”

Joining Wilders at the event were Alana Petrocelli, the center’s executive director; John Rottkamp, executive director of Nassau County VEEB; Nassau County Chief Fire Marshal Michael Uttaro; and others.

“We don’t want any accidents in our homes, especially as holiday decorations go up,” Petrocelli said. “It’s important to be mindful of the wires you’re using, avoid overloading electrical outlets, and make sure your tree and decorations don’t block exits.”



Alyssa R. Griffin/Herald

Paul Wilders welcomed those who watched the holiday tree burn at the Nassau County Vocational Education and Extension Board Fire Service Academy with John Rottkamp, far left, VEEB’s executive director; Alana Petrocelli, the center’s executive director; Chief Fire Marshal Michael Uttaro; VEEB Director Ray Maguire; Nick Corrado, captain at the Nassau County fire marshal’s office; and Rob Leonard, of the Firefighters Association of the State of New York.

The demonstration featured a live Christmas tree, presents and furniture set up in the academy’s burn building, which were set ablaze to show how quickly fire can spread. Firefighters Josiah Reed and Alex Thompson extinguished the flames.

Fire officials emphasized the need for working smoke detectors and fire safety precautions not only during the holidays, but throughout the year. “If people take proper precautions and make sure they water their tree — if they want to use a synthetic tree, obviously that’s a better option, but smoke alarms are the main thing that we try to push,” Capt. Nick Corrado, of the fire marshal’s office, told the Herald.

Fire departments respond to hundreds of home fires caused by Christmas trees, and between 2016 and 2020, the U.S. recorded two civilian deaths, 11 civilian injuries and \$12 million in property damages.

“Most people don’t think about it every day, and that’s when accidents, unfortunately, do occur,” Petrocelli said. “But during the holiday season, we have lots of decorations up. We’re putting things in different places, we’re plugging things into different outlets that we maybe don’t use. So we need to be conscious of safety while we’re decorating as well.”

For more information on the Nassau County Firefighters Museum and Education Center, visit NCFire-Museum.org.

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Homegrown officer steps into a new role

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for him.

“Pete thought accounting was too boring,” Panzenbeck said, drawing laughter from the audience as she recounted his decision to take the Glen Cove Police Department exam instead. He became a patrol officer in 2000, was promoted to sergeant in 2007 and then to lieutenant in 2015. As a lieutenant, he supervised the department’s entire uniformed patrol force.

Panzenbeck detailed DiMaggio’s extensive training and credentials, noting his participation in the FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Association, a competitive executive program focused on leadership and administrative skills. She also cited his completion of senior management training for police, and certifications as a field training officer, a standardized field sobriety testing officer, a hostage negotiator and a narcotics field-testing officer. He is a certified motorcycle officer as well.

In addition to his training, DiMaggio has received 32 departmental commendations, two awards for saving lives and the Exceptional Police Duty Award.

One of those lifesaving awards stemmed from the 2023 incident recounted above, at the Great Wolf Lodge indoor water park in Connecticut, which DiMaggio described in a phone interview with the Herald. He recalled that the trip included several Glen Cove police officers and their families — and that the rescue unfolded in seconds.

“I had never actually seen CPR work like that before,” DiMaggio said. “You usually get a pulse, but it’s a false pulse. This time she came back.”

The child, he said, is now a teenager living in South Carolina.

Council members spoke unanimously in favor of DiMaggio’s appointment, praising both his profession-



Roksana Amid/Herald

Mayor Pamela Panzenbeck administered the oath of office to Peter DiMaggio, swearing him in as deputy chief of the Glen Cove Police Department at the Dec. 9 City Council meeting.

al accomplishments and his character.

Councilwoman Marsha Silverman described the appointment as a testament to the strength and depth of the Police Department’s leadership. “We can have one chief retire, promote a deputy chief, and now appoint a new deputy chief so seamlessly,” Silverman

said. “That speaks volumes about this department.”

Councilwoman Danielle Fugazi-Scagliola reflected on knowing DiMaggio for years and called the vote an easy one, citing his integrity and commitment to the community. Councilman Mike Ktistakis said that DiMaggio would lead with humility, and Councilman Kevin Maccarone emphasized the sacrifices made by DiMaggio’s family throughout his career.

“Thank you for lending him to us,” Maccarone said, addressing DiMaggio’s wife and children.

After the swearing-in, Adrienne DiMaggio, Peter’s wife of 19 years, spoke briefly. “He studied endless hours to get in this position,” she said. “It’s been a long time, and it’s well deserved.”

Panzenbeck also highlighted DiMaggio’s close ties to the community, noting that his son, Dylan, is the Glen Cove High School football team’s quarterback, and that his father rarely misses one of his games.

After being sworn in, DiMaggio stood with Adrienne and their four children and addressed the council, calling the promotion humbling. He thanked Panzenbeck, the City Council, Ortiz and Whitton as well as the men and women of the department. He pledged to continue giving “110 percent” in service to the city.

He also reflected on his parents’ immigration from Italy to Glen Cove in 1969, saying the city welcomed them and gave his family the opportunity to build a life.

“This city opened its arms to my parents,” he said. “Everything that I have is because of the city of Glen Cove.”

Ortiz said DiMaggio was his clear choice for second-in-command. “This was a very important promotion for me,” Ortiz said. “You have the support of the troops, the administration and the entire city behind you.”



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The snowfall was thick enough for some residents to break out their snowboards, in addition to sleds.

The season's first snowfall blankets Glen Cove

Long Island saw its first snow accumulation of the season on Saturday night, with the National Weather Service reporting that snowfall continued through much of Sunday. Temperatures on Sunday started at around 30 degrees, and a winter weather advisory remained in effect until 1 p.m. for Long Island.

Despite the storm, many Glen Cove residents embraced the wintry weather, heading to Morgan Memorial Park with sleds and snowboards to enjoy the fresh snow. Among them was longtime snowboarder Noah Todaro of Glen Cove, who had been snowboarding for over 20 years. Starting at the top of the highest hill in the park, he remarked that the size of the hill was impressive for a public park and that it offered great conditions for local snow enthusiasts. John Maldonado, also of Glen Cove, brought his young son Connor to the park for sledding, describing the outing as a wonderful experience he was happy to share with his family.

Meanwhile, city officials reminded residents about snow removal responsibilities. In a statement posted to Facebook, Mayor Pamela Panzenbeck emphasized that snow removal was a shared responsibility in Glen Cove. Residents were urged to follow the city's Snow Removal Do's and Don'ts and to comply with additional regulations when a Snow Emergency was declared. Clearing sidewalks within 12 hours of snowfall and adhering to parking regulations were essential to ensure the safety of pedestrians, plows, and emergency vehicles.

The mayor also noted that some roads in Glen Cove were maintained by the Nassau County Department of Public Works. Residents with concerns regarding snow removal or road conditions on streets such as Brewster Street, Cedar Swamp Road, Crescent Beach Road, Dosoris Lane, Forest Avenue, Glen Cove Avenue, and others were advised to contact Nassau County DPW at (516) 571-6900. The Glen Cove Department of Public Works made every effort to plow and sand city streets throughout the storm, prioritizing areas based on traffic volume and hazardous conditions to keep the community safe.

—Roksana Amid



Along with the Department of Public works and workers from the Glen Cove Golf Course, Glen Rizzo, left, and Youth Services Parks and Recreation Director Spiro Tsirkas braved the snow to ensure public safety.



Roksana Amid/Herald photos

Natalie Martinovich, 11, of Locust Valley, enjoyed her Sunday afternoon sledding down the hills at Morgan Memorial Park.



Connor and Theo Maldonado went sledding with their father, Jon.



About 7 inches of snow blanketed Morgan Memorial Park on Sunday, covering the ground, trees, and the park's gazebo in fresh snowfall.

VIEWFINDER

What is your favorite family holiday tradition?

Compiled by the Herald Staff

Ozzie Beck –
Long Beach

Celebrating Hanukkah. My four kids live all over the United States, so when we get together, it's really festive. I love all holidays!

Tim Baker/Herald



Erika Palette –
Lynbrook

On Christmas Eve, we go around and look at all the Christmas lights all around Lynbrook. We play holiday music in the car, we drink hot cocoa then we come home and leave cookies out for Santa and carrots for the reindeer. Bonus points for snow.

Tim Baker/Herald



Ian Siegel
Glen Cove

Christmas morning, enjoying breakfast. We make the same breakfast every year and sit in front of the fire watching Christmas movies.

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Grace Robson
Massapequa, age 10

I like making cookies and going to my grandparents' house on Christmas Day.

Christie Leigh Babirad/Herald



Lucy Frain
Rockville Centre, age 17

On Christmas Eve, we're usually at my aunt's house wearing matching pajamas, which is always my favorite, and we pass gifts around. I'm excited to finally be involved in their white elephant.

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12 Menorah lighting held after first snowfall

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After the season's first snowfall dusted Village Square, members of the Glen Cove and Sea Cliff community gathered Sunday evening for Chabad's annual Hanukkah menorah lighting, a 25-year tradition that took on added meaning amid news of a deadly antisemitic attack overseas. Despite frigid temperatures and heightened security, residents stood together in the snow as prayers were offered and candles were lit, underscoring a message of resilience and unity.

The celebration came just hours after Australia suffered one of the deadliest massacres in its history, when two gunmen opened fire at a Jewish Hanukkah gathering near Bondi Beach in Sydney. The mass shooting left 15 people dead and dozens more injured. Authorities have classified the attack as terrorism, saying the alleged attackers — a father and son — were motivated by extremist ideology. The father was killed at the scene, and the son has since been charged with multiple counts of murder and terrorism.

In Glen Cove, the news prompted an increased police presence at Village Square, where officers stood watch throughout the evening. Organizers said the decision to move forward with the menorah lighting reflected a refusal



Roksana Amid/Herald

Mayor Pamela Panzenbeck joins Rabbis Eli Shuster and Mendy Sholom of Chabad of Sea Cliff & Glen Cove in lighting the Hanukkah menorah Sunday evening at Village Square, as the community gathered following the season's first snowfall.

to allow fear to interrupt religious expression or community traditions.

Rabbi Eli Shuster of Chabad of Glen Cove acknowledged the tragedy as he addressed the crowd. "Hanukkah is about light, and yet there are those throughout generations that have attempted to bring darkness to the world by their actions," he said. "But we would never allow such behavior to change our actions in bringing light. We will double our efforts."

Shuster said the community was keeping the victims and their families

in mind as the holiday began. "We pray for all those who need recovery from their injuries and for the many, unfortunately, that have been murdered," he said. "We will be here, bringing more light into the world."

Rabbi Mendy Sholom thanked city officials, police and first responders for their support, noting that the mayor reached out earlier in the day to ensure the event could proceed safely. "The best response to terrorism is not to be terrorized," he said, pointing to the increased security presence at the square.

Sholom said the attack was especially personal for members of the Chabad community. "This was a Chabad event. This is a friend of ours that was killed," he said, adding that a relative who attended the Sydney menorah lighting survived. "But we're still here, and we're not scared."

Nassau County legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton, city councilmembers Grady Farnan and Michael Ktistakis were also in attendance and representatives of the Glen Cove Police Department. Panzenbeck said the city stood firmly with the Jewish community. "In Glen Cove, we love you," she said. "You have all of our support, and you have our prayers."

Councilwoman Marsha Silverman echoed that sentiment, calling on residents to respond to hatred with unity. "We have to stand taller and brighter and shine the light for everyone," she said. "That's what Glen Cove is about — standing next to each other and spreading light, rather than the message of hate we saw this morning in Australia."

Because of the weather and safety concerns, organizers opted not to light the large menorah this year, promising it would return "bigger and better" next year. The evening concluded with prayers for the victims in Australia and a reaffirmation of the community's commitment to faith, solidarity and light in the face of violence.

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THINGS TO KNOW GLEN COVE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

District unveils new report cards, preview course changes

By **ROKSANA AMID**

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Glen Cove school officials detailed sweeping changes to elementary report cards and previewed several new high school course offerings during the December Board of Education meeting, describing the updates as a yearlong, collaborative effort aimed at better aligning instruction, assessment and communication with families. Bryce Klatsky, the district's newly appointed assistant superintendent for curriculum, instruction and technology, presented what he called "the final comprehensive update on our new elementary school report cards." Here are three key takeaways from the presentation:

1

■ Report cards now focus on skill mastery, not on averages

The redesigned elementary report cards for pre-K through fifth grade shift to a skill-based model, replacing older formats that emphasized assignment averages and subjective measures such as effort and behavior. Klatsky explained that the new system reports students' mastery of specific academic and social-emotional skills aligned with New York State learning standards. Students are assessed on a consistent one-to-four scale, with a score of three indicating that a student is meeting grade-level expectations. "That three is the goal," Klatsky said, emphasizing that families should understand it as a sign a student "has it," rather than something that needs improvement.

2

■ A new family handbook explains grading and expectations

To support the transition, the district created a comprehensive report card handbook that will be sent home in paper form, translated into Spanish, and posted online and through ParentSquare. The guide includes grading rubrics, annotated examples of report cards, frequently asked questions and QR codes linking families to curriculum guides and additional learning resources. Klatsky noted that some sections of report cards may appear grayed out, especially in the fall, indicating that certain skills have not yet been introduced. The handbook also encourages families to focus on student growth and progress rather than fixed scores, and to use parent-teacher conferences and classroom work samples to better understand how children are developing over time.

3

■ New high school courses aim to fill gaps and expand rigor

Klatsky also presented four new high school course proposals approved unanimously by the district's curriculum committee. The proposals include a Select Orchestra pathway, giving advanced orchestra students access to honors- and college-level coursework comparable to opportunities already available in other music programs. Another proposal introduces an English Language Lab for grades 9-12, designed to support multilingual learners entering high school with limited English literacy. The district also plans to introduce an Intro to Computer Science with Programming and Artificial Intelligence course, and a new English elective, Heroines and Histories: Women in Literature.

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Hollis Russell, right, has been named the new chair for the North Shore Land Alliance's Board of Trustees. Lisa Ott, the alliance's president, expressed her excitement to work with him on the Campaign to Grow Red Cote Preserve.

Hollis Russell named chair of land alliance

By WILL SHEELINE

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The North Shore Land Alliance has appointed longtime board member Hollis Russell as its new chair at a pivotal moment for the conservation nonprofit, as it works to complete a major expansion of the Red Cote Preserve in Oyster Bay Cove.

Russell, a Locust Valley resident who first joined the board in 2008, said his path to the position grew naturally from a lifelong interest in preservation and open space.

"We all love to see landmarks that we've known, vistas, open spaces that are iconic and emblematic to a community stay that way," Russell said. "So that's a very keen interest of mine."

Russell succeeds former chair Hoyle Jones, who held the position for eight years following the tenure of founding chair Carter Bales. As only the third board chair in the organization's 22 year history, Russell steps into a role that has traditionally involved long service and deep involvement in major land protection projects.

Lisa Ott, the Land Alliance's president and CEO, said Russell's leadership has been evident long before his appointment.

"For something to be successful, people have to own it. They have to love it. They have to have a great show-up factor," Ott said. "And Hollis has, since he's been a part of this board, he has stepped up. He's actually been able to identify real needs that we have and step up even before we ask for them."

One of Russell's first major priorities as chair is helping advance the Land Alliance's effort to acquire five acres adjacent to the Red Cote Preserve in Oyster Bay Cove, officially called the Campaign to Grow Red Cote Preserve. The property has long been under discussion with the land's owners, the Pulling family.

Red Cote was one of the organization's earliest major projects, created through a series of purchases funded by county and town environmental bonds in the mid-2000s. The new parcel scored high in the Land Alliance's internal ranking of environmentally significant

lands, Ott said, citing forest quality, groundwater protection value, scenic views and historical context.

The purchase price for the expansion is \$1.52 million. The Land Alliance has raised a little more than \$1 million so far, leaving about \$500,000 still to be secured.

"We've had over 100 donors already," Ott said. "Some people put a sign in the parking lot, and there have been some people who just went to the sign, looked at the QR code and sent money, which is people that you want to meet and applaud and give up. But we need the community's help to finish this much. We rely on the community to be able to do these things for the community."

The organization has applied for a New York state water quality improvement grant, although Ott cautioned that competition is stiff statewide. A decision is expected by the end of December. The Land Alliance is scheduled to close on the property in February.

In the meantime, outreach is underway, including direct mail and meetings with neighbors, foundations and long-time supporters.

Russell said the Land Alliance's mission is more urgent than ever as development pressures on the North Shore intensify. The group now manages numerous preserves across the region, monitors conservation easements and works with landowners seeking to keep properties undeveloped.

"The land alliance is has now established itself with permanence as an institution," Russell said, "that will continue to maintain the different preserves, continue to monitor the existing easements and accept new ones, and continue to try to preserve additional properties that are conservation worthy, ones that are emblematic in particular."

As he begins his tenure, Russell said the Land Alliance remains his primary charitable focus, particularly ensuring that Long Island's natural beauty remains preserved for collective use and appreciation.

"The land is something that really brings people together, from all different walks of life and all different political type persuasions," he said. "It's something that's common ground."

STEPPING OUT



Get ready for more car-smashing, ramp-jumping, wheel-revving action

with Hot Wheels Monster Trucks Live

By Abbey Salvemini

Hot Wheels fans, buckle up — it's about to get loud and crazy at Nassau Coliseum shortly. Hot Wheels Monster Trucks Live is back with its wild glowing spectacle, Jan. 17-18, introducing spectators to its newest vehicle: Rhinomite.

Following the tour's success this year, the production is set to debut the rhino-themed truck as part of an expanded slate of stunts and performances for the 2026 season. Audiences can expect new, high-intensity action from the Hot Wheels lineup, including the first no-handed front flip by the FMX riders, when the tour makes its final appearance in Uniondale.

Witness the raw power of these epic machines when the iconic Hot Wheels toy vehicles transform into unstoppable monster trucks for this "Glow-N-Fire" competition. As the arena darkens for the glow-in-the-dark effect, each truck revs up with its unique LED lights. Pyrotechnic effects light up the arena, adding even more intensity to the stunts.

The action unfolds through four signature competitions: the wheelie challenge, the donut, the long jump and the freestyle finale. Together, the components determine the ultimate holder of the Champions Cup. This format allows fans to follow the action closely and see how each truck performs across a variety of challenges, adding a competitive edge to the entertaining experience.

At the center of the excitement is Rhinomite, a truck designed to charge "horn-first" into the lineup with its dynamic, high-impact personality. Along with its striking appearance, Rhinomite will showcase a set of stunts tailored specifically for its debut.



- Jan. 17-18, times vary
- Tickets start at \$48.80, \$30.05 children (also me +3 ticket offer \$39.45); available at [ticketmaster.com](https://www.ticketmaster.com) and [hotwheelsmonstertruckslive.com](https://www.hotwheelsmonstertruckslive.com)
- Nassau Coliseum, Hempstead Tpke., Uniondale

According to its driver Kellen Williams, Rhinomite offers something entirely new to the Hot Wheels Monster Trucks universe.

"The tool that I have against everybody else is I have a real mighty front horn that I'm going to use to bash the competition," he says.

Besides Rhinomite, fans can expect several new technical elements in this edition of the show, including that groundbreaking no-handed flip. Returning FMX rider Koltin Polinsky is excited to debut this trick for Long Island audiences.

"Hot Wheels Monster Trucks Live is all about pushing the limits, and this stop is going to be one of our wildest yet," he declares.

Thoroughly enjoyed by dedicated fans and newcomers alike, the show blends competitive action with immersive visual elements that engage all ages.

A major part of the appeal is Glow-N-Fire's signature darkened arena setting, where glowing trucks, dramatic lighting and special effects give the show a special edge with electrifying visuals.

Arena lights are dimmed at the start, allowing the trucks to glow. After intermission, the show shifts into its fiery segment, highlighting the "fire" element that gives Glow-N-Fire its name.

The production's popularity has grown in part because of its consistent engagement with fans, particularly younger audiences experiencing monster trucks for the first time. Hot Wheels Monster Trucks Live continues to distinguish itself from other monster truck shows on the circuit with its unique characteristics, such as appearing in smaller venues.

"We are very fan-oriented and bring them into the show," Williams says.

"The fans announce the scores a lot of times and we also do toy giveaways. Our shows are mainly geared towards smaller children. However, everybody enjoys it. Children especially love watching the trucks crush cars and the dinosaur-themed elements."

Opportunities to go behind the action add to the spectacle. At the Pre-Show Party, held two-and-a-half hours prior to every performance, get up close and see the outrageous designs and epic size of the Hot Wheels behemoths on the arena floor. Meet favorite drivers and performers.

With the mix of innovative stunts, high-energy performances and interactive fan experiences, this promises to be more than just a show — it's an immersive event. The debut of Rhinomite adds an extra layer of excitement, while thrilling car-crushing trucks, dinosaurs and jaw-dropping FMX stunts keep the audience fully involved from start to finish. Fans can expect an unforgettable, action-packed experience that celebrates the Hot Wheels legacy and leaves everyone with lasting memories of speed, power and fun.

Courtesy Hot Wheels Monster Trucks Live

FMX rider Koltin Polinsky is sure to thrill fans with his no-handed front flip. He's joined by many Hot Wheels favorites in a display of exciting car-crushing feats as they fly more than 35 feet in the air. Plus, the fiery Skelesaurus roars into the arena ready to "chomp," as everyone awaits the debut of Rhinomite.



Christmas Spectacular

Beloved holiday tunes are combined with a musical cabaret in a joyous over-the-top spectacle at the Madison Theatre. The cast of 41 performers enthusiastically share all the delights of the season in this remarkable show, created by Artistic Director Angelo Fraboni. The cast includes Molloy's CAP21 Musical Theatre Conservatory students, Broadway performers Kevin Bernard and Christina DeCicco, with local children. Their energy shines throughout the 90-minute show that tells of a young girl who has lost the Christmas spirit. Family and friends help reignite her love for the holidays. Timeless songs are brought to life in joyful arrangements, accompanied by a lively band. This captivating theatrical experience that brings the spirit of the season to life with energetic dancing and well known pop culture references.

Thursday and Friday, Dec. 18-19, 7 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 20, 2 and 7 p.m.; Sunday, Dec. 21, 3 p.m. \$40-\$60. Molloy University, 1000 Hempstead Ave., Rockville Centre. Tickets available at [madisontheatre.org](https://www.madisontheatre.org) or (516) 323-4444.



'Rockin' the Holidays' with The Rascals

If you're humming holiday tunes and craving a little rock 'n' roll spirit, here's your chance to celebrate in timeless style. Rockin' the Holidays brings The Rascals back to the stage — joined by special guests John Cafferty and the Beaver Brown Band — for a concert packed with energy, nostalgia and chart-topping hits. Two of The Rascals' founding members, Felix Cavaliere and Gene Cornish, reunite for this festive performance, fueled by a deep love for their fans and the enduring power of their music. With accolades that include induction into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, the Grammy Hall of Fame, the Vocal Group Hall of Fame and the Songwriters Hall of Fame, The Rascals remain icons of American rock and the defining sound of 1960s blue-eyed soul. Their legacy shines through 17 Top 20 hits, seven Top 10 singles and three No. 1 classics — among them "Groovin'," "People Got to Be Free" and "Good Lovin'." Expect all the favorites, plus holiday flair and those warm, soulful harmonies.

Saturday, Dec 20, 8 p.m. Flagstar at Westbury Music Fair, 960 Brush Hollow Road, Westbury. Tickets available at [livenation.com](https://www.livenation.com).

YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD CALENDAR

DEC 18

On Exhibit
Nassau County Museum of Art invites visitors into a world where reality is uncertain, dreams take shape, and the line between fact and imagination disappears. From dreamlike landscapes and uncanny portraits to images so exact they look like photographs, works in “Real, Surreal, and Photoreal” challenge what we see and what we believe. This exhibit explores how artists across generations have reimagined “the real” in strikingly different ways. Works from both American and European artists are featured. On view through March 8.

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

Holiday House Tour

There’s no place like the Main House at Planting Fields for the holidays! Step inside this magnificent 65-room historic house-museum and experience the season at its most enchanting: where history, nature, and imagination come together in dazzling displays of holiday décor. This year’s Holiday House Tours highlight the beauty and sustainability of the estate of Planting Fields. Natural materials gathered from the 409-acre grounds take center stage, with invasive plants transformed into elegant garlands, vibrant citrus and pinecones adding color and warmth, and table settings created to honor each member of the Coe family. Each room tells a story, blending past traditions with the future of Planting Fields. \$25 guided tour, \$20 self-guided.

- **Where:** Main House, 1395 Planting Fields Road, Oyster Bay
- **Time:** Varied for guided and self-guided tours, through Dec. 28
- **Contact:** plantingfields.org or call (516) 922-9210

DEC 19

Notes in Nature: Fireside Melodies
Embrace the winter season at Planting Fields intimate concert with the Long Island Chamber Music collective, featuring the captivating sounds of the violin and harp. On a crisp winter’s night, grab a hot chocolate and visit the Main House’s Great Hall for a cozy performance filled with evocative winter-themed music and thoughtfully arranged holiday classics. This concert is the perfect escape from the cold, offering a serene and inviting atmosphere that is ideal for a romantic date night or a peaceful retreat. \$35 per



DEC 26

Get The Led Out
Get The Led Out rocks out with their tribute to what many consider rock ‘n roll’s greatest band, in “A Celebration of the Mighty Zep,” on the Paramount stage. From the bombastic and epic, to the folky and mystical, GTLO has captured the essence of the recorded music of Led Zeppelin and brought it to the concert stage. 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. Utilizing the multi-instrumentalists at their disposal, GTLO re-creates songs, in all their depth and glory, with the studio overdubs that Zeppelin themselves never performed. When you hear three guitars on the album, GTLO delivers three guitarists on stage. No wigs or fake English accents, GTLO brings what the audience wants — a high energy Zeppelin concert with honest, heart-thumping intensity with a strong focus on Led Zeppelin’s pivotal early years. They touch on the deeper cuts that were seldom, if ever heard in concert. GTLO’s approach to performance of this hallowed catalog is not unlike a classical performance. “Led Zeppelin are sort of the classical composers of the rock era,” says lead vocalist Paul Sinclair. “I believe 100 years from now they will be looked at as the Bach or Beethoven of our time. As cliché as it sounds, their music is timeless.” \$92, \$49.25, \$60.25.

- **Where:** The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington
- **Time:** 8 p.m.; also Dec. 27
- **Contact:** ticketmaster.com or paramountny.com

person in advance; \$40 at the door if seats are available. Reservations required.

- **Where:** Main House, 1395 Planting Fields Road, Oyster Bay
- **Time:** 7-8:30 p.m.
- **Contact:** plantingfields.org or call (516) 922-9210

Little Learners: Winter Birds

Planting Fields Little Learners series continues with special story time focused on winter birds. Learn about cardinals, chickadees, woodpeckers, and other hardy birds that brighten the winter landscape. After the story, kids create a festive bird-inspired craft. Also talk about the birds that stay at Planting Fields during winter and find out simple ways to help care for them throughout the chilly season. For ages 2-5. Registration required. \$15 per child.

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

DEC 20

Holiday at the museum
Families are invited to Nassau County Museum of Art

for some holiday-inspired fun. Discover what makes the historic home sparkle during the holidays! Embark on a holiday-themed art hunt, get creative with festive art-making, and gather around for storytelling. Wear pajamas and bring your favorite plushie for an extra cozy evening at the museum. All ages are welcome! \$30 per family (\$20 members) in advance; \$35 per family (\$25 members) day of. Advance registration preferred.

- **Where:** 1 Museum Drive, Roslyn Harbor
- **Time:** 5-7 p.m.
- **Contact:** nassaumuseum.org or (516) 484-9337

DEC 21

Beauty’s Enchanted Holiday Adventure
In this intimate event, limited to just 20 children, little ones enter Hempstead House’s enchanted library at Sands Point Preserve for a one-of-a-kind royal celebration. Enjoy a live Princess performance! Kids sing, dance, and share an interactive story that immerses them in the magic of a real life castle library. As the grand finale, each child shares a special moment with Beauty, capturing the memory

with a royal portrait and creating their own holiday ornament to treasure for years to come. Tickets are limited.

- **Where:** 127 Middle Neck Road, Sands Point
- **Time:** 3-4 p.m. and 4:30-5:30 p.m.
- **Contact:** sandspointpreserveconservancy.org or call (516) 571-7901

DEC 22

Tai Chi session
Participate in a Tai Chi class at Glen Cove Senior Center for adults and seniors. Suitable for all experience levels.

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

DEC 23

Holiday Blood Drive
Blood donations are always needed. Blood centers often experience shortages during the holiday season, making each donation vital for maintaining adequate supplies for hospitals and emergency care providers. Organizers hope the extended schedule accommodates a wide range of donors, including those

with work or family commitments. Appointments are encouraged to help ensure an efficient and smooth donation process. With its accessible location and timely mission, the this blood drive aims to support life-saving efforts and strengthen the region’s emergency blood supply as the year draws to a close.

- **Where:** Polish National Hall, 10 Hendrick Ave., Glen Cove
- **Time:** 1:45-7:45 p.m.
- **Contact:** Pete Prudente at (516) 606-0014

DEC 31

Downtown Sounds New Year’s Eve Music Crawl
The Glen Cove Downtown BID hosts a Downtown Sounds New Year’s Eve Music Crawl. Concerts will be offered at various locations throughout downtown Glen Cove. Guests can enjoy performances and celebrations leading up to the New Year.

- **Where:** 5 p.m.–1 a.m.
- **Time:** Downtown Glen Cove
- **Contact:** (516) 759-6970

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

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Spreading holiday cheer

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Index No. 601506/2020
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Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action.
NATURE AND OBJECT OF ACTION
The object of the above action is to foreclose a Mortgage held by the Plaintiff and recorded in the County of NASSAU, State of New York as more particularly described in the Complaint herein.
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NASSAU County is designated as the place of trial. The basis of venue is the location of the mortgaged premises.
Dated: October 30, 2025
VICTOR SPINELLI, ESQ. FEIN, SUCH & CRANE, LLP
Attorneys for Plaintiff
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LEGAL NOTICE
SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF NASSAU
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE STRUCTURED ASSET INVESTMENT LOAN TRUST, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-9, -against- RICHARD PAUL STONE, ET AL.
NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Nassau on October 9, 2025, wherein U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE STRUCTURED ASSET INVESTMENT LOAN TRUST, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-9 is the Plaintiff and RICHARD PAUL STONE, ET AL. are the Defendant(s). I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction RAIN OR SHINE at the NASSAU COUNTY SUPREME COURT, NORTH SIDE STEPS, 100 SUPREME COURT DRIVE, MINEOLA, NY 11501, on January 9, 2026 at 3:30PM, premises known as 38 JEFFERSON ST, GLEN COVE, NY 11542; and the following tax map identification: 31-017-134.
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Steven Losquadro, Esq. - Referee. Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC, 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310, Westbury, New York 11590, Attorneys for Plaintiff. All foreclosure sales will be conducted in accordance with Covid-19 guidelines including, but not limited to, social distancing and mask wearing. *LOCATION OF SALE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DAY OF IN ACCORDANCE WITH

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a Special Pre-Council meeting will be held on Monday, December 22, 2025, at 5:30 p.m., in the second-floor conference room, at 9 Glen Street, Glen Cove, New York.
Tina Pemberton
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LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a Special City Council meeting will be held on Thursday, January 1, 2026 immediately following the 2:00 p.m. inauguration ceremony, in City of Glen Cove, City Hall Main Chambers, 9 Glen Street, Glen Cove, New York.
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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Glen Cove will hold a public hearing at the Glen Cove City Hall, located at 9-13 Glen Street, Glen Cove, NY 11542, on January 13, 2026 at 7:30 P.M. to afford all interested parties the opportunity to be heard concerning the renewal of the franchise of Cablevision Systems Long Island Corporation in the City of Glen Cove. Copies of the proposed franchise renewal agreement are available for review in the City Clerk's Office at, 9-13 Glen Street, Glen Cove, NY 11542.
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Photos courtesy Heidi Hunt
Faith Keenan, left, Dave Keenan, Daria Mazz, Cara Morsello, Kristie Werz, Heidi Hunt and Stephanie Sobel manned the stand at the Arts Council.

Julia Grassa from The Village Wine Merchant served fresh wassail to visitors. Wassail is an umbrella term for mulled wine, cider or ale that is brewed for wassailing.



‘Wassailing, wassailing all over the town’

Sea Cliff residents made merry on Dec. 7 during the fourth annual Wassail Day, hosted by the Sea Cliff Arts Council. The event stems from the old British tradition of wassailing, where holiday celebrants went door to door singing and offered a drink of wassail, a type of warm mulled cider or ale.
In Sea Cliff's version of the tradition, local businesses made their own wassail and villagers stopped by, sampling each and spreading holiday cheer. The winner this year for Best Wassail went to Marjorie Ruth O'Connor's chiropractor's office, for the fourth year in a row.

Photographer Heidi Hunt's winter landscape served as the art for this year's decorative wassail mugs.



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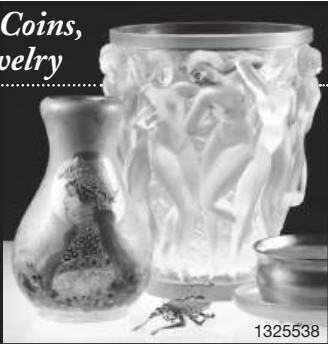
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Teach *all* of our history – even what we’re not proud of

Five years ago, President Trump, then wrapping up his first term, led an insurrection at the U.S. Capitol. Now, in his second term, Trump is leading an all-out effort to whitewash it from our history.

Jan. 6, 2021, joins other infamous dates — including Dec. 7, 1941, Nov. 22, 1963, and Sept. 11, 2001 — representing sadness or shame in our nation’s annals. Inspired by a speech Trump gave that day, a mob of MAGA-crazed supporters stormed the Capitol, disrupting a joint session of Congress that had convened to certify the results of the 2020 presidential election. In



CHARLES LAVINE

the aftermath, the FBI classified the attack as an act of domestic terrorism that endangered the country’s peaceful transfer of power. Under President Joe Biden, federal law enforcement officials went to work, and eventually, one by one, the people involved were prosecuted.

Justice was being served. Until it wasn’t.

On the evening of Jan. 20, 2025, the first day of Trump’s second term, the whitewashing began. As he had promised throughout the campaign leading to his second election victory, Trump started the formal process of eradicating Jan. 6 from our history. Referring to it now as a “day of love” and the participants as “patriots,” he issued a proclamation commuting sentences and granting pardons for more than 1,200 people who were involved and halting the ongoing prosecution of many more.

Just like that, one of the darkest days in our country’s storied history was no longer seen as such — at least by those who blindly and loyally stand with MAGA.

Jan 6 is only one part of the whitewash. The president is trying to rewrite history in a blatantly partisan attempt to manipulate the past to falsely promote his own ideology.

There was nothing good about slavery, which perpetuated a cruel economic system in which white slaveholders mortgaged and sold their own children. Yet on his Truth Social page, Trump wrote, “The Smithsonian is OUT OF CONTROL, where everything discussed is

how horrible our Country is, how bad Slavery was.” He directed the National Park Service to remove material related to slavery and Native Americans, and the administration ordered workers at Manassas National Battlefield Park to

remove a sign that noted the mirage of the Confederacy’s prejudicial “Lost Cause” folklore, falsely claiming that states’ rights, and not slavery, was responsible for the “war of northern aggression.”

We must teach our children what really happened in our country’s history, not just the version seen through Trump-colored glasses. That’s why, in response to his unceasing efforts to whitewash what is one of the most disgraceful episodes in our nation’s history, I am sponsoring legislation in the Assembly to require K-12 instruction on the Jan. 6 insurrection and its aftermath.

Not since the War of 1812, when British forces set fire to the Capitol, have the halls of power in Washington been overtaken by violent intruders as they were on Jan. 6. With this legislation, we would ensure that it’s a day that will not be forgotten.

The American Historical Association

writes that “teaching today’s events, which are not a ‘moment,’ but the product of a long history, presents a familiar, yet unusually urgent, challenge: How can students use historical knowledge and thinking to understand the present?”

Young people are looking to their teachers to help them understand both history and current events. New York’s educators have a responsibility to help our students understand what happened on that day, and help them analyze the legacy of that historical moment.

Trump’s policy to erase from the memory of time historic material that, in his view, inappropriately disparages people in the past or present, and instead focus on the greatness and achievements and progress of the American people, is simply a construct that corrupts and perverts our history.

I sincerely hope that Americans of good faith will challenge the administration’s attempts to move our nation toward an autocracy by attempting to whitewash parts of our history, and instead fulfill our nation’s solemn obligation to teach our children the truth. Without it, our struggle to establish a more perfect union and our ability to remain, as Lincoln put it, “earth’s last best hope,” is in mortal peril.

Charles Lavine represents the 13th Assembly District.

Portrait of a graduate: defining ‘Glen Cove ready’

Across New York state, the conversation about what it means to be ready for life after high school is changing. Here in Glen Cove, we are working to remain at the forefront of that shift. Our local Portrait of a Graduate reflects the skills, mindsets and values we believe every student should develop by the time they earn a diploma. This vision of success is centered not only on academic learning, but also on who students become as citizens and leaders.

This work aligns with the State Education Department’s recently revised portrait of a graduate, adopted in July, as part of the statewide New York Inspires plan to transform education. The state has described this portrait as the guiding framework for the next generation of graduation requirements. Rather than organizing a diploma around credit totals alone, New York will move toward a system rooted in the competencies students demonstrate. Coursework, assessments and learning experiences will align with the qualities outlined in the portrait of a graduate.

Board of Regents Chancellor Lester W. Young Jr. calls the statewide portrait “a comprehensive vision that blends academic mastery with essential life skills.” Commissioner Betty A. Rosa described it

as “a blueprint for future graduates where academic excellence meets the ever-evolving world outside the classroom.” Their vision reflects a belief that education should prepare young people not only to pass exams, but also to thrive in a complex and rapidly changing world.



ALEXA DOESCHNER

The state’s portrait focuses on six core attributes: academically prepared, creative innovator, critical thinker, effective communicator, global citizen, and reflective and future-focused. These qualities are designed to guide both curriculum and assessment as New York transitions to new graduation measures in the years ahead.

Glen Cove’s work mirrors this direction while honoring the unique strengths of our community. Last year, our district engaged students, families, educators and community members in a thoughtful process to develop a portrait of a graduate that reflects our local values. Through surveys, focus groups and community presentations, we asked what our students need most to be successful in the future, and what qualities define a Glen Cove graduate.

The result is a portrait with five key attributes: self-advocate, critical thinker, versatile learner, engaged citizen and collaborative communicator. Each attribute includes clear indicators describing

what it looks like when students demonstrate these skills. For example, the self-advocate attribute includes self-awareness, responsible decision-making and the ability to seek support when needed. Our versatile learner attribute emphasizes curiosity, adaptability and viewing setbacks as opportunities for growth. These qualities reflect both the aspirations of our community and the strengths we see in our students every day.

While each district develops its portrait in its own way, Glen Cove’s priorities align closely with the state’s broader vision. The alignment ensures that our students are not only meeting local expectations, but are prepared for the statewide shift toward competency-based learning and updated graduation pathways. New York’s plan includes restructuring diploma requirements around portrait components, revisiting assessment expectations, and moving toward a single diploma that reflects a full picture of student learning.

Our district is positioning itself for this transition. Glen Cove will begin integrating the portrait into curriculum planning, professional development and student experiences. We will examine how communication, collaboration and civic engagement can be embedded in

instruction across grade levels. Administrators are exploring how these attributes can become part of school culture and part of the way we measure growth. Most important, students will begin engaging with the portrait as a reflection of who they are and who they hope to become.

As we look ahead, our portrait of a graduate will continue to guide the experience we create for students, from pre-K through high school. It reflects our belief that a diploma should mean more than completing a series of courses. It should reflect critical thinking, compassion and engagement with the world. It should represent a commitment to becoming a lifelong learner.

When Glen Cove students cross the stage at graduation each June, we celebrate far more than the credits listed on their transcripts. We celebrate the growth of young people who are prepared to contribute to their community and navigate the challenges and opportunities ahead. That’s what it means to be Glen Cove ready. That’s what it means to be future ready.



BRYCE KLATSKY

Dr. Alexa Doeschner is superintendent of the Glen Cove City School District. Bryce Klatsky is the district’s assistant superintendent of curriculum, instruction and technology.

OPINIONS

The push for risky offshore oil drilling continues

The federal government's push to expand offshore oil drilling is back.

The waters off Long Island are not part of the plan, so far. The focus now is areas off California and Florida. With the plan's recent announcement,



KARL GROSSMAN

Newsday ran a cartoon depicting President Trump declaring, in front of a line of offshore wind turbines: "Wind turbines ruin the view!" Then there was Trump in front of a bunch of offshore oil drilling rigs, saying, "... but oil rigs are beautiful!"

In 1970, doing investigative reporting at the daily Long Island Press, I broke the story of offshore oil drilling proposed off Long Island, which led to writing about the federal plans to drill up and down the Atlantic Coast.

A fisherman out of Montauk told me about seeing a ship east of Long Island similar to those he'd seen searching for oil in the Gulf of Mexico when he was a

shrimper there. I telephoned oil company after oil company to inquire about this, and each firmly denied having any interest in looking for petroleum off Long Island.

Then a PR man from Gulf called and said, yes, his company was looking for oil and gas off Long Island — and was involved in a consortium of 32 oil companies, including those that had earlier issued denials.

In 1971 I got onto the first offshore oil-drilling rig set up in the Atlantic, across the border in Canadian waters. Shell Canada invited the Suffolk County Legislature for a visit. There was strong opposition to offshore oil drilling off Long Island, and the Legislature was a leader. It listed my name as part of the delegation.

On the tarmac of the airport in Sydney, Nova Scotia, however, a Shell Canada executive came over to me and said: "You don't think you're going to get on this helicopter, Mr. Grossman."

The legislators intervened, with Legislator John Wehrenberg, of Holbrook, telling the Shell executive, "If Karl isn't going, we're not going."

There was a standoff. The men from Shell Canada huddled — and I got on the chopper. The visit was instructive: It was clear on the rig, with its equipment in preparation for a blowout and an oil spill, that offshore drilling is a dicey proposition.

There were spherical capsules to eject workers in the event of an accident. And a rescue boat went round and round, 24 hours a day. The man from Shell Canada told me, "We treat every foot of hole like a potential disaster."

He gestured to the Nova Scotia shore and said that peat moss was being stockpiled to try to absorb spilled oil. On Long Island, he said, "You'd use straw."

In covering the story, I attended many hearings, and traveled down the coast to the Florida Keys, their turquoise waters on the agenda for the drilling. Meanwhile, states, and Congress, took action to block oil drilling in the Atlantic.

Assemblyman Fred W. Thiele Jr., of Sag Harbor, co-sponsor of a 1979 state bill, said, "Tourism is a major economic driver for Long Island. We also have a

very viable commercial and recreational and fishing industry. The proposal for offshore oil drilling threatens both our economy and our environment."

Oil spills, then and now, were and still are routine in offshore oil drilling. The largest spill ever was the Deepwater Horizon disaster in the Gulf of Mexico in 2010. According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, it released 3.19 million barrels of oil, impacting 43,300 square miles of ocean, an area roughly the size of Virginia.

"Offshore Drilling 101," a recent online report from the Natural Resources Defense Council, begins: "Offshore drilling is risky business. It can have devastating impacts on oceans and coastal communities. ... Until we stop sacrificing public waters to fossil fuels, we'll continue to see disastrous oil spills ... and the acceleration of our climate crisis."

Will the Trump administration, with its call to "Drill, baby, drill," include, once again, waters off Long Island and the Atlantic coast?

Carl Grossman has been an investigative reporter in a variety of media for more than 50 years. He is a professor of journalism at SUNY Old Westbury.

The sun rises and the sun sets; the rest is up for grabs

Dear readers, I began this column, my last of 2025, thinking that despite the chaos in our lives, we can all agree on certain basic truths.

And that's as far as I got because, really, we can't agree on anything. We've reached a point in our America



RANDI KREISS

where we can't even agree on what we're seeing or hearing with our own eyes and ears. Fakery, fraud and deceit, perpetuated by people inside and outside the country, from the influencers and conspiracists to our own political leaders, have torn down the normal

guideposts that let us know that up is up, down is down, right is right and wrong is wrong.

We are in the vortex of an acute national vertigo.

Imagine climbing a mountain. Everything looks good in base camp, but then, after several hours, it seems someone has removed the signposts. Then there's a signpost, but it has the wrong information. Then you dig into your supplies and find that your camp-

ing food is rancid. You can't call for help because your phone has been hacked. Five hours out, your hiking shoe has unraveled and the tent you pitch is so poorly made that water seeps in. A storm is rolling in.

We climb mountains every day, and we need to trust our leaders to keep our schools safe, to keep education excellent and available. We need to know that airplanes will stay in the air; that competent air traffic controllers are on the job. I want to know the water I drink isn't poisoning me. Pick any aspect of Life in America 2025 and find the relentless erosion of faith in our institutions and our elected officials.

If someone had told me that in December 2025 the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, led by a discredited official with little medical background, would unravel our vaccine protocols and sow doubt among Americans about the efficacy of long-established standards and treatments, I wouldn't have thought it possible. Yet here we are.

If someone had told me that in December 2025 I would see my president order kill strikes on vessels off Venezuela, calling it a war against nar-

co-terrorists and not getting an OK from Congress, I wouldn't believe it possible.

If, during the last election, someone had identified the political players who

now run the country — some inexperienced, some ill-informed and some drunk on power — we would have dismissed the idea as hysteria. Yet consider Kristi Noem, Pete Hegseth and Stephen Miller. And the man who breathed life into their political savagery: Donald Trump. Oh, and I forgot Elon Musk, the nation builder with the hatchet.

Trump promised he would be aggressive on illegal immigration. No one supports illegal immigration; it isn't sustainable. But did we expect to lose our national reputation and our humanity in the process? Did we expect to become a global outlier, threading immigration policy with malice and violence and overreach?

In a short time, the new administration has sanctioned more drilling, building and digging in previously protected areas. There isn't a discernible plan. Could it be creating havoc so no one notices who's profiting from the relaxed regulations in everything from finance to the Alaskan wilderness?

Everything every one of us does, from buying groceries to traveling, getting an education, having babies, getting health insurance, buying a home, finding reliable news sources, serving in the military or getting married, has been altered by the policies of the Trump administration. And all the policy makers start slip-sliding away when citizens call for accountability.

Who ordered the killing of the boat survivors off Venezuela? The president says he'll release the videos. The president says he never said he'd release the videos. One general says the killing was a crime. Another says it was the right move. This isn't the "fog of war"; this is the overwhelming fog of this administration, seeping into our homes.

The Trump touch has affected every aspect of our lives. At the end of the day — and we're not there yet — all the razzle-dazzle, all the kill strikes, ICE raids and military occupations of our cities and tariffs and taxing and sucking up to dictators around the world, may be a smoke screen for damning revelations in the Epstein affair.

We can't know. What we can know is, as the sun rises and sets, the world will turn, and better people may come forward to restore America to itself.

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The power of giving, in every season

As the holiday season reaches its peak, reminders of generosity surround us. Yet beneath the glow of holiday lights lies a reality we cannot overlook: The needs our neighbors face do not disappear when the calendar turns to January.

Toy drives spill over with brightly decorated packages waiting to be delivered to children who might otherwise go without, and food donations are stacked high at local pantries, arriving just in time to help families struggling to put meals on the table. Across Long Island, community groups, places of worship and nonprofits mobilize volunteers and resources to make the season a bit warmer and brighter for those facing hardship.

These efforts showcase the best of who we are. When people give — not because they must, but because they care — they reveal the true strength of community.

But hunger doesn't take a winter vacation. Unemployment, illness, unstable housing and financial strain don't wait for the next holiday season to return. Families who rely on food pantries in December will still need support in the spring and throughout the

year.

Young people seeking stability, guidance and opportunity can't put their challenges on hold until the next wave of donated toys arrives. The organizations that step up so visibly during the holidays are working tirelessly well beyond them. A community that invests in its children — consistently, intentionally and all year long — creates pathways to hope that last a lifetime.

Food banks, youth centers, shelters, churches and community organizations depend on steady support to continue their vital work. Together they form a safety net, but each strand of that net requires reinforcement. Donations of food, toys, clothing, money and time aren't simply seasonal gestures. They are essential tools that allow these groups to respond quickly when new needs arise, or when crises strike without warning.

Year-round giving strengthens that safety net. It ensures that food pantries have enough supplies in the slower months, when contributions often dwindle. It allows youth programs to sustain mentorship and recreation long after the holiday volunteers go home. It gives shelters the flexibility to support fami-

lies beyond the seasonal surge.

As the holidays encourage us to reflect on gratitude, connection and generosity, this moment offers an opportunity to broaden our understanding of giving. Your contribution, whether it's a toy, a can of soup, money or a few hours of volunteer work, can lift a family through a difficult week. It can motivate a teenager to stay focused on school.

As you think about where and how to give during this festive season, consider extending that generosity into the months that follow. Support a food pantry in February. Volunteer at a youth center in April. Donate to a shelter in July. Share your ideas with community groups that need fresh perspectives and helping hands.

Giving is powerful in every season, and your commitment can help build a foundation of hope, compassion and opportunity that lasts all year long.

Community is not built in a single season. It is built day by day, through acts of kindness large and small. If you have a favorite charity, please give year-round. If you don't, please find one. And with your continued generosity, that community can grow stronger than ever.

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OPINIONS

Dear Glen Cove . . .

It has been an absolute privilege and honor to serve on your City Council for the past eight years. I feel truly blessed to be part of the Glen Cove community. Although the outcome of the mayoral election wasn't what I had hoped, I'm proud of the campaign that Team Glen Cove and I undertook.



MARSHA SILVERMAN

I want to extend my sincere gratitude to the candidates who ran with me: Danielle Fugazy Scagliola, John Zozzaro, John Perrone, Theresa Moschetta, Carla Anastasio and Cathryn Harris-Marchesi. In addition, I appreciate the dedicated volunteers who contributed time and energy to our campaign, and the voters who believed in the vision we presented for the city. I congratulate all the winners — Mayor Pamela Panzenbeck and council members Fugazy Scagliola, Zozzaro, Perrone, Kevin Maccarone, Grady Farnan and Michael Ktistakis — and I wish Mayor Pam and the new administration the best in the 2026-27 term.

Public service has given me the very fulfilling opportunity to engage with

and assist the residents and business owners of Glen Cove. While it was never something I thought I would aspire to, it has turned out to be the most rewarding experience of my life to date — one that I will greatly miss. When I was first elected to the City Council in 2017, my priority was to improve the city's finances, and enhance programming wherever possible. I created the Finance Committee, with the support of Mayor Tim Tenke, proposing several policies aimed at greater fiscal discipline. I also partnered with labor unions to help enact legislation to promote safety measures on construction sites, expanded city programming for Women's History Month and Pride Month that engaged high school students and encouraged them to participate in city government, and created the disability task force to provide accessibility and inclusion for everyone. Improving transparency, accountability and fairness in Glen Cove has been my mission throughout my tenure as an elected representative.

The positive public feedback on my dedication to these various initiatives makes me hopeful that they will continue, and that the ideas advanced in our

campaign will be considered going forward. The key issues we raised were 1) striking the proper balance in development and protecting taxpayers from subsidizing future developments; 2)

implementing robust long-term budgeting and planning to facilitate further infrastructure improvements and enable new public facilities; 3) revitalizing our downtown with a new approach that would provide options for people of all ages; and 4) updating the zoning code and strengthening code enforcement resources and capabilities.

In speaking to many in the community, as I often have the opportunity to do, here are some suggestions I've heard as to how to reform or potentially improve Glen Cove's election process: establish longer terms, require term limits and stagger terms for the City Council. Staggering terms, and avoiding electing the entire board every two years, could promote stability, minimize voter fatigue and likely facilitate more bipartisan cooperation. The idea is to engage and motivate people to vote, not to overwhelm them every two years by asking them to choose from among at least 12 people running for the council.

I intend to stay involved and engaged with our city, and I hope others do the same.

I have thoroughly enjoyed working with all my colleagues in government in a bipartisan manner, to resolve issues and make improvements, always with a focus on fairness. Eight years on the council has taught me a great deal about how government functions and the constraints that can exist. I believe the give and take of proactive discussion gives rise to well-vetted results, and I invite members of the public to increase their participation, because that helps decision-makers understand what they want and need from their government.

By far the most important thing any of us can do is to participate in our government, and the basic minimum is to vote. As John Lewis said, "The vote is precious. It is almost sacred. It is the most powerful nonviolent tool we have in democracy."

While none of us knows what the future holds, I intend to stay involved and engaged with our city, and I hope others do the same. In the words of Eleanor Roosevelt, "When you cease to make a contribution, you begin to die" — emphasizing that life's meaning is through service.

Best wishes to all for good health and happiness as we herald a new year, and may the blessings of the season touch everyone!

Marsha Silverman is a member of the Glen Cove City Council.

LETTERS

It was Mamdani who brought new energy to Carville's message

To the Editor:

In his column "Those who ignore James Carville face oblivion" in last week's issue, Jerry Kremer rightly cites Democratic Party guru James Carville as touting a message — "It's the economy, stupid" — that Democrats (and Republicans) ignore at their electoral peril.

Kremer credits that emphasis on the economy as a key to the victories last month of Democratic gubernatorial candidates Mikie Sherrill in New Jersey and Abigail Spanberger in Virginia. And he warns that Democrats lose when they pay more attention to cultural issues than to "the economy, stupid."

No argument here.

But Kremer reveals his own political narrow-mindedness in not noting that it was New York City Mayor-elect Zohran Mamdani who earlier this year modeled the power of a campaign focused on economic issues. Mamdani coasted to victory in both the June Democratic primary and the November general election by hammering on issues related to "affordability." Other Democratic pols — and a growing number of Republicans — have since echoed his theme (also without crediting Mamdani).

Come on, Jerry. How about giving credit where credit is due? Or are you too locked into a traditionalist political mindset to acknowledge the electoral success of a 34-year-old democratic socialist?

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