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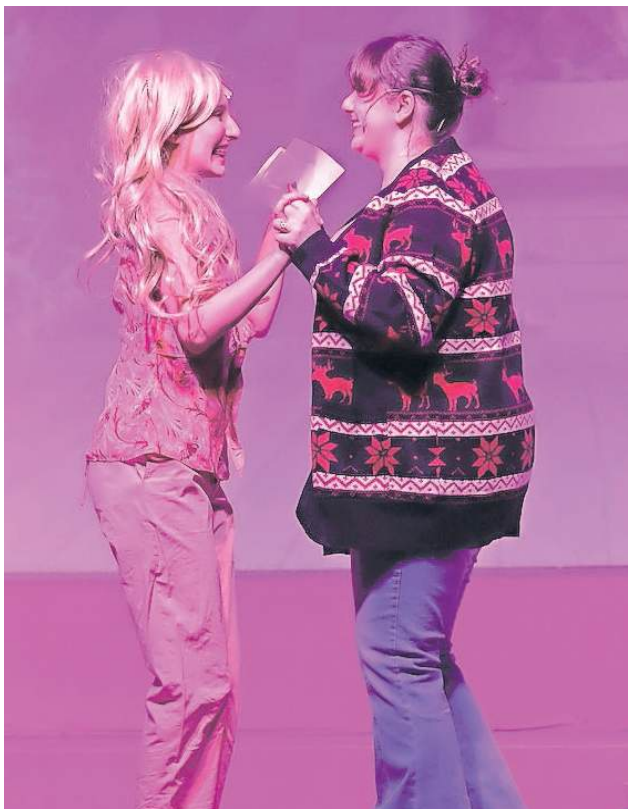
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'Legally Blonde' takes center stage

The Glen Cove High School Masquers Society staged the musical based on the hit movie last Saturday. Paige Jimenez, near right, a Glen Cove High junior, played Elle Woods, and senior Carlyne Datkhayeva portrayed Paulette Buonofonte. Story, more photos, Page 10.



G.C. celebrates 25 years as a Tree City USA

By **ROKSANA AMID**

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As spring unfurls its pale green canopy over Glen Cove's parks and treelined streets, the city is celebrating being named a Tree City USA for the 25th time — recognition of its ongoing efforts to protect and expand that canopy. Trees cool neighborhoods, soothe streetscapes and invite residents outdoors, and the Arbor Day Foundation has honored the city's sustained commitment to urban forestry, environmental stewardship and community beautification.

The foundation, a global nonprofit that has helped plant more than 500 million trees in more than 60 countries, honors the use of urban forestry to strengthen neighborhoods, improve air quality and enhance quality of life. The Tree City USA program, a part-

nership with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service, recognizes municipalities that meet four core standards: maintaining a tree board or department, having a community tree ordinance, spending at least \$2 per capita on urban forestry, and taking part in an Arbor Day celebration.

It's our responsibility to keep our green spaces alive, thriving and clean so we can pass them on to future generations.

MIKE KTISTAKIS
 City councilman and liaison to the Beautification Commission

Lora Cusumano, founder of Shore Road Neighbors, a group dedicated to improving the neighborhood's infrastructure and aesthetics, and chair of the city Beautification Commission, encouraged community involvement. "It's an honor to see Glen Cove named a 2025 Tree City,"

Cusumano said. "It's a meaningful achievement for Glen Cove, and is a testament to our community's commitment to sustainability and beautification. Investing in our trees and green spaces enhances the envi-

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Greenberg to be honored at fundraiser

The Diabetes Research Institute Foundation will celebrate a major milestone this spring as it hosts its 20th annual Cooking for a Cure fundraiser, honoring Glen Cove resident and attorney Jaime Greenberg for his advocacy and longtime support of diabetes research.

The event is scheduled for Wednesday, April 22, 2026, at the Crescent Beach Club in Bayville. Tickets are priced at \$125, and proceeds will directly benefit the foundation's mission to fund cutting-edge research aimed at curing and preventing diabetes.

Greenberg, a partner at Greenberg & Greenberg, has a deeply personal connection to the cause. His 21-year-old son, Sean, lives with type 1 diabetes, a lifelong autoimmune condition that requires constant monitoring and insulin management. Years later, Greenberg himself was diagnosed with type 2 diabetes following a serious health incident. Those experiences have fueled his commitment to raising awareness and supporting research that could one day eliminate the disease.

Over the past two decades, Cooking for a Cure has grown into one of Long Island's signature charitable culinary

events, drawing community members, business leaders and advocates together for an evening focused on both fellowship and fundraising. Since its inception, the fundraiser has generated more than \$1.5 million to advance the foundation's work.

Funds raised through the event support research initiatives centered on restoring the body's natural insulin production and pursuing a biological cure. Scientists affiliated with the foundation are working on therapies that aim to regenerate insulin-producing cells in the pancreas, improve transplant techniques and develop innovative treatments that reduce the burden of daily disease management.

As the 20th anniversary event approaches, organizers say the goal remains the same: to unite the community around a shared mission of hope, progress and ultimately, a cure. This year's fundraiser will both honor Greenberg's personal dedication and continue the decades-long effort to turn scientific breakthroughs into life-changing results for families affected by diabetes.

—Roksana Amid

Neurodiversity flag at Village Square

The City of Glen Cove will host its third annual Neurodiversity Flag Raising on April 7, at 11 a.m. at Village Square, in recognition of Neurodiversity Acceptance Month.

The event was started by Assemblyman Charles Lavine and has grown each year into a broader community and statewide effort. What began as a local observance has expanded in visibility and impact, reflecting a growing commitment to recognizing and supporting neurodiverse individuals. City officials said the Neurodiversity Flag — designed by Jericho resident Josh Mirsky — is now recognized across New York and will be flown at facilities operated by the New York State Office for People With Developmental Disabilities throughout April.

Mirsky is a member of the Autism Spectrum Disorders Advisory Board and is Cofounder and Host of the Sounds Like Autism podcast. He has worked with Lavine to get a bill passed in the legislature establishing his flag as the official state flag for raising awareness of neurodiversity.

Neurodiversity refers to the natural variation in how people's brains function, learn and process information. It

encompasses conditions such as autism, Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder, dyslexia and other neurological differences, emphasizing that these are not deficits but part of normal human diversity. Rather than focusing on limitations, the concept highlights the strengths, talents and unique perspectives that neurodiverse individuals bring to schools, workplaces and communities. Advocates say increased awareness and acceptance can help reduce stigma, improve access to resources and create more inclusive environments where individuals of all abilities can thrive.

The flag-raising ceremony is intended to bring the community together in support of neurodiverse residents while promoting awareness, inclusion and acceptance. Residents, families, educators and advocates are invited to attend and take part in the event. As the initiative continues to grow, organizers hope it will not only celebrate neurodiversity, but also encourage ongoing dialogue and understanding throughout the year.

—Roksana Amid



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Greek heritage day at Village Square

By **ROKSANA AMID**

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The City of Glen Cove marked Hellenic Heritage Day with a vibrant celebration at Village Square on Saturday afternoon, bringing together residents, city officials and parishioners from the Holy Resurrection Greek Orthodox Church to honor Greek Independence Day.

Observed annually on March 25, Greek Independence Day commemorates the start of Greece's War of Independence in 1821, when Greek revolutionaries rose against nearly 400 years of Ottoman rule. The day is widely recognized as a symbol of national pride, resilience and the enduring fight for self-determination.

Organized in partnership with the Holy Resurrection Greek Orthodox Church in Brookville, the event featured traditional music, a ceremonial flag raising and performances by youth and adult dance groups, highlighting cultural traditions passed down through generations.

Mayor Pamela Panzenbeck welcomed attendees and reflected on the importance of community and heritage.

"History was never something I was interested in when I should have been," Panzenbeck said. "And now I'm soaking up everything that I hear about it. But I want to welcome you to Glen Cove. And however you got here, through what you did, you made a difference to our community. We love hosting you. Even if you don't live here, we love you."

Councilman Michael Ktistakis, who helped revive the celebration after nearly two decades, emphasized the importance of preserving Greek culture and identity.

"It's all about love, faith, and sharing Greek culture within our community, honoring our past as we celebrate today by continuing to shape our future," Ktistakis said. "From the philosophers who gave us logic to the brave souls who cried 'Eleftheria i thanatos,' freedom or death, our ancestors taught the world that human spirit cannot be changed. Our task today is to ensure that our language, our faith, our passion for life continue to thrive in the next generations, which we have here all around us today within our communities."

The program also included remarks from Bobby Tsirakidis, parish council president of the Holy Resurrection Greek Orthodox Church, who reinforced the historical importance of the day.

"As we celebrate today, we do so in close connection with an important date in our history, March 25th, Greek Independence Day," Tsirakidis said. "This day commemorates the courage and sacrifice of those who fought for freedom and self-determination. It's a powerful reminder of the enduring values of liberty, democracy, and resilience."

Tsirakidis also highlighted the contributions of Greek Americans to the Glen Cove community.

"Our parish itself has deep roots in this city, built by those who work tirelessly to establish a spiritual home and a



Roksana Amid/Herald photos

Greek dancers perform a traditional line dance during Glen Cove's Hellenic Heritage Day celebration at Village Square, showcasing cultural traditions passed down through generations.



Fr. Panteleimon Papadopoulos reflected on the meaning of freedom and cultural identity.

lasting legacy for future generations," he said. "Today we honor their sacrifices by continuing to celebrate our heritage and by sharing it with our neighbors."

Students from the Greek Afternoon School presented narrations on the historical significance of Greek Independence Day, commemorating Greece's liberation from four centuries of Ottoman rule.

The event concluded with a message from Father Panteleimon Papadopoulos, who reflected on the meaning of freedom and cultural identity.

"What Greek independence is, is that it's a time where we can all remember that it's not just good enough to exist, but to live and to thrive," Papadopoulos said. "Freedom came at a severe cost. Freedom to be preserved is not something that's just automatic."

He also praised Glen Cove as a place where cultural expression is embraced.

"The beautiful thing that Glen Cove gave us is the ability to be who we are



Councilman Michael Ktistakis addresses attendees during Glen Cove's Hellenic Heritage Day celebration at Village Square, emphasizing the importance of preserving Greek culture and heritage.



Students from the Greek School at Holy Resurrection Greek Orthodox Church perform traditional dances during Glen Cove's Hellenic Heritage Day celebration at Village Square, honoring Greek Independence Day.

without ever feeling like we couldn't be who we are," he said. "That's the true mark of a Hellenistic-inspired country."

The celebration also marked the continued revival of Hellenic Heritage

observances in Glen Cove, which were first initiated by parishioner Zefy Christopoulos and returned in 2024 after a nearly 20-year hiatus through Ktistakis's efforts.



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- A 42-year-old Glen Cove woman was arrested on March 16 for driving while intoxicated on Glen Street.
- A 30-year-old Glen Cove woman was arrested on March 17 and charged with aggravated unlicensed operation, no taillights, obstructed view, missing license plate, unlicensed operation, and operating a motor vehicle while using a portable electronic device on Pearsall Avenue.
- A 50-year-old man from Sea Cliff was arrested on March 18 and charged with criminal trespass on Glen Street.
- A 34-year-old Glen Cove woman was arrested on March 18 and charged with assault and endangering the welfare of a child on Wolfle Street.
- A 26-year-old Glen Cove man was arrested on March 20 and charged with aggravated unlicensed operation, unlicensed operation, and no seatbelt on Laurel Avenue.
- A 26-year-old Glen Cove man was arrested on March 20 and charged with assault, endangering the welfare of a child, and criminal obstruction of breathing on Wolfle Street.
- A 22-year-old Glen Cove man was arrested on March 22 and charged with aggravated DWI on Garvies Point Road.

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THE GREAT BOOK GURU

Family foibles virus

Dear Great Book Guru,
I was at the Coalition to Save Hempstead Harbor's exciting Crawl for a Cause where someone mentioned a new book. People couldn't decide whether it was a novel and a collection of short stories, but all agreed it was a great read. Does it sound familiar?

Fan of the Coalition

Dear Fan of the Coalition,

Over the years, I have read Allegra Goodman's short stories in "The New Yorker" magazine so I was delighted to discover she had brought many of them together and added some in "This Is Not About Us." She describes it on the cover as "fiction"- not exactly a novel or a collection of short stories but something quite unique.

Told from the perspectives of multiple family members, the book opens

with a defining event: the death of Jennie - the youngest (73 years-old) of three sisters. Sisters Helen and Sylvia have a bitter, years-spanning feud over an apple cake that is served at the funeral, and the remaining sixteen stories are about the sisters, their husbands, children, and grandchildren.

We get to see these characters in a myriad of situations: applying for college, Nutcracker auditions, divorces, new glass frames, job interviews...It's a great treat to meet up with peripheral characters we have met earlier who reappear telling their versions of events. Interestingly, the stories confirm that yes - it IS all about us - as we see ourselves in the complex fabric that makes up this and every family. Highly recommended!

Would you like to ask the Great Book Guru for a book suggestion? Contact her at annmdipietro@gmail.com.

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Suozzi, Fitzpatrick on DHS funding plan

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U.S. Rep. Tom Suozzi is advancing a bipartisan proposal to fund the Department of Homeland Security through the end of the fiscal year while imposing new federal standards on Immigration and Customs Enforcement, as a prolonged stalemate in Washington continues to disrupt airport operations and leave key agencies underfunded.

Suozzi, a Glen Cove Democrat, said in a March 27 interview with the Herald that public frustration is growing as partisan gridlock persists.

“People are just fed up with this, the government,” Suozzi said. “All we’re hearing from Washington is finger pointing — Democrats versus Republicans.”

The proposal, developed with Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick, a Pennsylvania Republican and former FBI agent, would restore funding for agencies including the Transportation Security Administration, Federal Emergency Management Agency and Coast Guard through September 2026. The measure also includes a series of reforms aimed at bringing ICE in line with other federal law enforcement agencies.

“Protecting the American people is among the first obligations of govern-

ment,” Fitzpatrick said in a joint release. “This effort would restore DHS operations, reinforce clear and uniform standards across federal law enforcement, and keep enforcement focused on the most serious threats to public safety.”

Among the proposed changes are requirements for ICE agents to wear body cameras, display visible identification and limit the use of masks during enforcement operations except in specific tactical situations. The plan would also mandate cooperation with state and local authorities in use-of-force investigations and impose penalties for individuals who target federal officers at their homes.

Suozzi said the broader aim is to increase transparency and accountability while maintaining effective enforcement.

“The overriding theory behind what we’re proposing is that ICE should do what all the other federal law enforcement agencies do,” he said.

He also raised concerns about disparities in training standards, noting that ICE agents receive significantly less preparation than officers in other federal agencies, which typically require months of training.

The legislation comes as Congress remains deadlocked over DHS funding. Suozzi said the department’s annual

budget is approximately \$97 billion, with roughly \$87 billion allocated to agencies outside of ICE, including FEMA, the Coast Guard and TSA — many of which have been directly impacted by the funding lapse.

“While TSA agents are not getting paid and people at FEMA are not getting paid ... ICE is getting paid,” he said, noting that ICE continues to operate with funds from prior legislation.

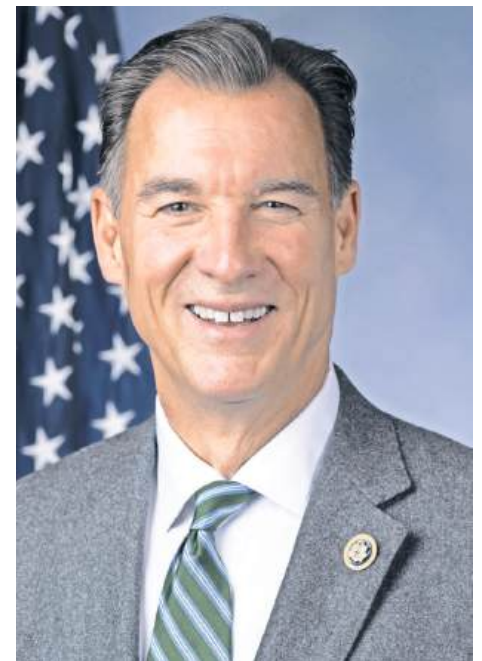
The funding gap has led to long lines at airports and raised concerns about emergency preparedness and national security, issues Suozzi said should not be caught in partisan disputes.

“We want to see these folks that deserve to be paid to be paid. We want to see the airports operating,” he said.

Beyond the immediate funding issue, Suozzi said the proposal reflects a broader effort to refocus immigration enforcement priorities. He reiterated his support for targeting violent offenders while reducing enforcement actions against non-criminal immigrants who are working and supporting their families.

“I’m all for securing the border ... but let’s stop taking parents away from their children,” he said.

The bill is still being finalized, with legislative language under review. Suozzi said he and Fitzpatrick are



Herald file photo

U.S. Rep. Tom Suozzi spoke about a bipartisan proposal to fund the Department of Homeland Security and implement reforms to ICE.

working to build support among colleagues in both parties, arguing that a bipartisan solution is necessary to restore government operations and rebuild public trust.

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By Celeste Gullo – Celeste & Co. Insurance Group

When people shop for insurance, price is often the first concern. But the real value is having the right coverage with the right carrier.

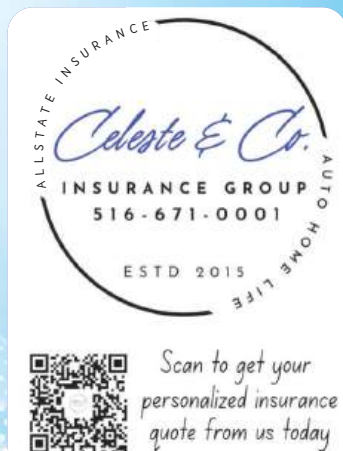
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HERALD SPORTS

Hofstra baseball impacted by weather

By ANDREW COEN

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The Hofstra baseball team is looking to take flight in the heart of spring after it was largely grounded to open the season in the dead of winter.

After opening the 2026 season with a three-game series at then fourth-ranked Mississippi State from Feb. 13-15, the Pride were only able to play three games over the next three weeks as mother nature unleashed historic snow totals across the Long Island region.

"You count on those early games to be able to evaluate the team and see where we're going into conference play," said fifth-year Hofstra head coach Frank Catalanotto. "It's tough to replicate that when you're inside in the gym or in the bubble."

Playing just six games in the first three weeks of the season didn't give Hofstra much preparation before starting the critical Coastal Athletic Association (CAA) portion of its schedule on March 6 at College of Charleston. The Pride took one of three games in series at Charleston and Monmouth to open conference play before taking two of three against Northeastern last weekend to move to 4-5 entering April.

Hofstra is looking to reach the six-team CAA tournament with 21 returners from last year's disappointing 18-36 team that went 8-19 in the league to miss out on the postseason. The Pride can assure a CAA playoff spot by placing among the top two in the league's north division featuring Monmouth, Northeastern, Stony Brook and Towson or by having one of the two highest NCAA RPI ratings at the end of the regular season for the remaining teams.

Leading Hofstra's charge for some late May baseball is red-shirt senior center fielder Tyler Cox, who hit .276 last season after transferring from West Virginia. The local lefty product from Clarke High School is second on the team in hitting as of March 30 with a .304 average and four home runs.

"He's probably my best hitter in the



Carlos Martinez is back on the mound after missing 2025.

lineup and his approach has gotten better as lately he's been more aggressive in hitting counts," said Catalanotto of Cox. "He's a leader on the team."

Junior shortstop Michael Brown who leads the Pride in hitting with a .361 average and two home runs. Brown drove in the winning run in Hofstra's 5-4 11 inning win against Northeastern on March 27.

Sophomore catcher CJ Griggs entered the final week of March hitting .304 and recording the winning RBI in a dramatic 11-10 win against Northeastern Sunday in which the Pride rallied for four runs in the bottom of the ninth.

JJ DeVito, a graduate student transfer from St. Johns, who was a former standout at Wantagh High School, has added some offensive punch to the lineup with a .268 average including four hits in a 5-4 loss at Charleston on March 8.

The pitching staff got a boost to start the season with the return of 2024 First-

Team All-CAA honoree Carlos Martinez, who missed last season due to Tommy John surgery. Martinez missed some early non-league action as he worked his way back from injury and Catalano is hoping he can peak during the crucial CAA portion of the schedule in April and May.

"He was struggling a little bit early with some pain in his arm, but now he's feeling close to 100 percent," said Catalanotto of Martinez.

The starting rotation for weekend CAA games also features sophomore Chris Bedford and senior Sean Hamilton. Key hurlers out of the bullpen include Nick Reese, Deuce Musial, Maddon McArthur, Tanner Sanderoff and Brayden Gregg.

Sophomore Michael Heyman, a Hewlett High School graduate, is another relief pitching option who could be called upon in non-league midweek games this season.



Photos courtesy Hofstra Athletics Communications

Clarke High School product Tyler Cox is a key piece for the Pride in the lineup and center field.

The Pride will look to get the April part of their CAA schedule off on the right foot with a series at Towson this weekend before hosting Long Island rival Stony Brook for three games from April 10-12. Hofstra will host series against Towson from May 1-3 and Monmouth from May 8-10 before closing the regular season at Stony Brook.

Hofstra dug itself an early hole to gain a playoff spot by dropping four of six CAA games to start the season, but taking two of three from Northeastern gives the Pride a winning foundation to build off with plenty more conference games left to finish strong.

"There are a lot of games left and we've got to go take care of business," said Catalanotto, a former 14-year Major League Baseball player who led Hofstra to a CAA title in his season as head coach in 2022. "We've got the talent to do it."

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A 'meaningful achievement' for the city

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ronment and enriches the lives of everyone.”

City Councilman Mike Ktistakis, liaison to the Beautification Commission, stressed the intergenerational duty to protect green spaces and described plans to expand neighborhood engagement.

“It’s our responsibility to keep our green spaces alive, thriving and clean so we can pass them on to future generations,” Ktistakis said. He described being a Tree City as “one of the most exciting aspects of life in Glen Cove,” and outlined his intentions to host monthly community pop-ups — short Sunday-morning gatherings at which young people and families can pick up litter, plant flowers or tend public plantings.

According to the Environmental Protection Agency, trees and vegetation reduce urban heat by shading surfaces and cooling air through evapotranspiration. Strategically placed trees can cut building energy use for cooling and heating, reducing utility costs and emissions. Trees also offer economic advantages thanks to those energy savings as well as the increased attractiveness of tree-lined commercial and residential areas.

“Customers who strategically plant trees in their yards can save up to 20 percent on their home’s summer energy bills once the trees are fully grown,” Scott Jennings, president and chief operating officer of PSEG Long Island, wrote in a statement, “while also improving air quality and reducing storm water runoff for all residents across Long Island and the Rockaways.”

The EPA site also notes that vegetation

improves air quality by filtering pollutants and particulates, helps manage stormwater by intercepting rainfall and promoting infiltration, and reduces runoff and flooding. Trees also sequester carbon, offer animal habitat and biodiversity benefits, dampen noise, and enhance neighborhood aesthetics and property values. They contribute to public health by lowering the risk of heat-related illnesses and improving residents’ mental well-being.

The EPA emphasizes that maximizing the benefits of trees requires careful planning — the right species, the proper siting, adequate planting space and longterm maintenance — and that prioritizing greening in heatvulnerable and underserved communities can advance climate and health equity.

“We all have a role to play in shaping our future and tree champions like City of Glen Cove are leading the way,” Michelle Saulnier, the Arbor Day Foundation’s vice president of programs, wrote in a statement. “Trees are critical infrastructure, building resiliency and fostering good health in our nation’s cities. We’re proud the City of Glen Cove is among the Arbor Day Foundation’s growing network of communities dedicated to creating positive impact through trees.”

“Reaching our 25th year as a Tree City USA is a testament to Glen Cove’s dedication to environmental stewardship,” Mayor Pamela Panzenbeck wrote in a statement. “I am incredibly grateful to the members of our Beautification and Tree Commissions. Their commitment to protecting and enhancing our local ecosystem is what makes this recognition possible year after year.”



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This sign marks the community’s commitment to caring for its trees.

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Water economics: balancing need with cost

The politics of profits, taxes and surcharges have roiled the debate over public and private service

By ALLYSON FERRARI & CHRIS COLUCCI

of the Herald

Fifth installment in a series about water.

Water is a business.

Advocates argue that water is a basic human right. It's also a product, provided for a cost and purchased by consumers. Whether filling a 40-ounce water bottle, taking a long, relaxing shower or running the tap for two minutes of teeth-brushing, water consumption is an often overlooked part of our everyday lives.

Like other expenses considered essential for life such as food, electricity and a Wi-Fi signal, the water bill is a recurring payment. And just like other utilities, residents sometimes have limited options for their service provider.

Long Island residents are served by either public water districts or private water suppliers and, depending on location, some pay significantly more for the same basic necessity — often with little or no ability to choose their provider. While a majority receive water from public providers, a smaller portion of the population is served by private companies, often at higher cost.

The dollars and cents

When their water bill comes in, many ratepayers feel a sharp pain in the wallet. Costs can fluctuate based not only on how much they use, but what they use it for.

Several water districts estimate that the average use for a family of four is nearly 400 gallons per day. In some cases, especially in private service areas, water bills can range from \$500 to \$800 per month during peak summer periods, according to longtime advocate Agatha Nadel, a resident of Glen Head.

Pricing differs sharply between public and private water systems. According to Pamela Bellings, a communications specialist at Liberty Water, “Residential water rates are set through a regulatory process overseen by the New York Public Service Commission.”

“Rates are designed to recover the cost of operating, maintaining and upgrading water infrastructure while ensuring service remains safe and reliable,” Bellings said of how Liberty determines its residential rates.

“Rates do not fluctuate month to month, but they may change over time following regulatory review and approval,” she added. These proposed changes require detailed justification and include opportunities for public input before a decision is made, which helps balance customer affordability with the need to maintain and modernize critical water infrastructure, according to Liberty.

Critics argue that despite regulatory oversight, the structure of private water systems can lead to significantly higher costs due to general service charges, meter charges, regulatory charges and other fees.

Public water suppliers typically pro-



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Water towers are one highly visible part of every water district's infrastructure — and there's no hiding their physical condition.

vide a standard water usage rate, a conservation rate — a type of sliding scale applying higher fees to higher use, intended to encourage judicious water use — and an irrigation fee for dedicated sprinkler systems, which are presumed to be relatively lower priority than consumption.

“We feel water is a basic need. You need it for drinking, cooking and bathing,” said Robert McEvoy, chairman of the Oyster Bay Water District. “Once you get past that, whether you're putting 15,000 gallons on your lawn in the course of a quarter or you're drinking every last drop, it has to meet the same standards, health-wise. We have to treat all our water the same way.”

While treatment standards remain consistent for public safety, pricing can vary significantly depending on the provider. In some towns, prices may even vary between houses on the same block due to water zoning boundaries or the homeowners' use of private or public water supplies.

“Water districts are determined or created as part of town law,” McEvoy explained. “A lot of the boundaries pre-exist the Nassau Subdivisions Act and the Nassau County charter — when they were established. Some of them run sort of coterminous with school district lines.”

Nadel's residence, for example, is in the Liberty Water service area, while homes just 100 feet away are served by the public Jericho Water District.

“My neighbor pays a fifth of what I pay in an entire year,” Nadel said. “No taxes, no surcharges, nothing.”

Pricing differences, advocates say, are driven largely by the structure of private systems, which include profit margins and surcharges and have limited access to the government funding that public providers rely on to offset costs.

Residents in a private system can pay three to five times more than those served by public water providers, according to Nadel. Private water companies are guaranteed a baseline profit

of about 9.75 percent per project by the New York Public Service Commission, and that can rise to as much as 12 to 15 percent.

According to Nadel, a four-year rate cycle in the mid-2010s brought an increase of about 120 percent, significantly driving up household water costs.

A major issue voiced by private water customers is the amount they pay in fees added to their water bills, which typically include base usage rates and additional charges such as taxes and surcharges. In some cases, nearly half of the bill is not for water usage. Surcharges can include the cost of infrastructure projects such as filtration systems, water towers and other capital improvements.

“It's an absolute sin,” Nadel said of the surcharges. “Forty-one percent of a typical water bill goes to charges and taxes that have nothing to do with the actual water usage. It really is an absolute sin.”

Public vs. private water suppliers

While most Long Island homeowners rely on public water services from their local municipality, private water suppliers may be an option for certain service areas. Liberty Water is one of the area's

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Public, private water rates differ drastically

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largest private alternatives, currently supplying water to nearly 120,000 Nassau residents, primarily in the Town of Hempstead. A homeowner who wants an alternative to either public or private water suppliers would need to install and maintain a private well, subject to local and state requirements.

“For most customers, remaining connected to a regulated public water system provides reliability, water quality oversight and long-term infrastructure support,” Bellings said.

As a result, most Long Islanders continue to receive water service from the provider assigned to their area, even if they are dissatisfied with it. Because water is tied to geographic districts, homeowners typically cannot choose their provider.

As a matter of public safety, water suppliers — public and private — must adhere to state and federal guidelines to monitor and remove waterborne contaminants. “Private suppliers have the same health department and [Department of Environmental Conservation] requirements — federal, state and local requirements for pure water,” McEvoy said. “They have the same maximum contaminant levels for the same contaminants. Their testing requirements are the same as us, whether it’s a public or a private water supplier.”

McEvoy has decades of experience in the water industry, having previously served as chairman of the Long Island Water Conference and president of the Nassau Suffolk Water Commissioners’ Association — both organizations dedicated to ensuring water quality, safety and affordability across the Island.

Nadel explained that the Water Authority of North Shore has two main options to deliver public water: build and operate its own system or contract with an existing public provider. In her own research with North Shore Concerned Citizens, she has concluded that contracting with nearby systems — such as Jericho, Glen Cove, or Roslyn — would be the fastest and most practical approach because those providers already have infrastructure in place.

Long Island’s water systems are interconnected, allowing supplies to be rerouted during emergencies such as contamination events or periods of high demand, demonstrating that a transition from private to public supply may be feasible. Nadel said the shift would not be overly complex, but rather a matter of political will.

Homeowners having scant options is an issue on both shores, but potential alternatives have been considered for several years. The South Nassau Water Authority was created in 2021 to potentially offer Town of Hempstead residents an alternative to Liberty Water. A plan to establish a new water authority and create a sustainable, efficient and effective alternative to Liberty has been in the works for years. Residents and legislators are eager to move forward, but negotiations to transition away from the current water supply are complex and have moved slowly.

“Right now, the options are very limited,” explained Assemblywoman Judy Griffin, who represents District 21, which encompasses Baldwin, East Rockaway, Lynbrook, Malverne, Rockville Centre, South Hempstead and parts of Freeport and Valley Stream. “Residents that live in the Village of Rockville Centre and the Village of Freeport have municipal water; however, those who live anywhere else in AD-21 are served by Liberty Water with no ability to opt out, unless the municipalization of South Nassau Water Authority becomes a reality. The primary goal being to transition these private customers to public control to lower costs.”

Public funding for some, but not for others

“Strong communities start with a strong infrastructure,” Gov. Kathy Hochul said in a 2024 news release. “Clean water is a basic human right.”

Last month, Hochul announced a plan to direct \$28 million in state and federal grants to Long Island to help facilitate water infrastructure upgrades. The



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Customers who received water from Liberty Utilities opposed a 2023 rate hike that potentially saw bills in Nassau County increase by a cumulative 34.2 percent. The increase ultimately went into effect in August 2024.

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funds are part of a \$250 million statewide project to improve water infrastructure.

The plan follows similar financial support in January of this year, when Hochul sent \$18 million to Long Island — one part of a \$288 million project — with the similar aim of making water and sewer infrastructure improvements.

In a statement supporting the most recent funding, Village of Hempstead Mayor Waylyn Hobbs Jr. wrote, “We know that access to clean water is not a luxury, but it is a necessity.” Hobbs continued, “Upgrading our aging water system, replacing outdated pipes and improving the overall system is critical to protecting public health.”

The influx of funds can play a significant role in maintaining and upgrading anything from deteriorating equipment at water treatment plants to damaged

underground supply lines. As government agencies, water districts can benefit from funding directly from the state, while private businesses cannot. The trickle-down effect, so to speak, of extra governmental funding is that cost savings can be passed to residents. More important, water quality and safety can be more easily maintained. Private suppliers address potential safety issues at their own expense, without state or federal aid.

“Currently they’re not available for private water companies,” McEvoy said. “But the Long Island Water Conference has put it on their agenda to seek legislation that would give them access [to public funds] only for treatment of the contaminants. Not for any other purpose.”

Due to the unequal funding for environmental upgrades, public water providers are in a stronger financial position to improve infrastructure and remove contaminants using state and federal funds, while private systems are excluded from receiving them — meaning costs are passed on to residents.

The Environmental Protection Agency requires community water systems — public and private — to publish “community confidence reports,” most commonly in the form of yearly water-quality reports that reveal test results for contaminants, as well as facts and figures detailing overall water consumption.

The Jericho Water District Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for 2024, for example, highlighted nearly 4.9 billion gallons of water provided to 58,000 customers, averaging 13.4 million gallons per day. Jericho Water charges a minimum of \$13 per calendar quarter, at a rate of \$1.30 per 1,000 gallons up to 10,000 gallons. Fees increase on a sliding scale with usage — similar to the conservation rate used in other municipalities — reaching \$3.90 per 1,000 gallons for usage above 200,000 gallons per quarter.

According to the 2025 Liberty Annual Water Quality Report for the Sea Cliff Operations District, the average customer used just under 95,800 gallons of water, at a cost of about \$1,340, or \$3.67 a day. Liberty also revealed that it served roughly 4,388 customers, at a total cost of \$5.9 million.

The reports highlight how costs and scale can vary widely between systems, even as both draw from the same regional water supply.

For many residents, the issue is not just how much water they use, but who controls the system that delivers it.



Photos courtesy Lisa Viscovich

The cheerleaders brought boundless energy to the stage during the *Legally Blonde* production. Their bright smiles and synchronized moves kept the audience cheering all night.

'Legally Blonde' charms GCHS audience

Glen Cove High School's Masquers Society took center stage this past weekend with a lively production of *Legally Blonde The Musical*, delivering three high-energy performances that showcased the depth of student talent. Bringing Elle Woods' journey from Malibu to Harvard Law to life, the show highlighted themes of self-discovery, perseverance and sisterhood through strong vocals, dynamic choreography and polished performances. The production was directed by Jared Ross, with Edward Norris as music director and Renee Sussman as choreographer, supported by production stage managers Kasey Miller and Gianna Gonzales and assistant stage manager Julianne Capitly.

Leading the cast, Paige Jimenez starred as Elle Woods alongside Aiden Van Ommeren as Emmett Forrest and Carolyn Datkhayeva as Paulette Buonofonte, with supporting roles performed by Parker Bennett, Leo Goldstein, Charlotte Scutifero and others. The production's success reflected a collective effort, with contributions from the featured dance ensemble, full cast and student crew, as well as the pit band orchestra and audio engineers. From performers on stage to those working behind the scenes, the Masquers Society's latest production underscored the students' dedication and teamwork in delivering another memorable season.

—Roksana Amid



Left to right: Aiden Van Ommeren, senior (Emmett Forrest); Max DeLuca, freshman (Cezar Tepesh); Charlotte Scutifero, senior (Vivienne Kensington); Lilyana Duenas, freshman (Ensemble); Donato Grella, freshman (Aaron Schultz); Parker Bennett, junior (Warner Huntington III); Natalie Macnow, senior (Ensemble); Ella Nossa, sophomore (Ensemble); Emery Eschenauer, freshman (Ensemble). The cast delivers an energetic, stylish performance in the school production of *Legally Blonde*.



Left to right: Paige Jimenez, junior (Elle Woods); Payton Horton, junior (Pilar); Sophia Zapata Diaz, senior (Margot).



Left — Isabella Dilgard-Clark, sophomore (Pforzheimer/Ensemble), and Victor Leone-Stanco, freshman (Winthrop/Ensemble).



Left to right: Katherine Gebhardt, sophomore (Chutney Wyndham/Elle's Mom); Rose Sullivan, freshman (Judge/Kate). Their scene adds humor and heart to the school production of *Legally Blonde*.

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WHITTING FUNERAL HOME

Climate activists rally against Hochul plan

By JOSEPH D'ALESSANDRO

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Dozens of advocates and concerned residents gathered at the Theodore Roosevelt Executive and Legislative Building in Mineola last month to protest Gov. Kathy Hochul's proposal to revise New York state's 2019 Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act.

The CLCPA is an environmental policy that requires greenhouse gas emissions in the state to be reduced by 40 percent from 1990 levels by 2030 by replacing much of the state's fossil fuel electricity with renewable energy. Hochul wrote about the policy in an opinion essay published by the Empire Report on March 20, titled "Climate Action and Affordability Must Go Hand-In-Hand."

Following the loss of federal support for solar, wind and other energy initiatives and the rapid increase of oil prices, Hochul suggested that the climate act could lead to severe utility cost increases if it is not revised.

"So much has radically changed since the climate act was enacted, necessitating common-sense adjustments that keep us on our path to a greener future in a way that is affordable for New Yorkers," Hochul wrote. "We need more time, and so I am proposing we amend the law to require regulations to reduce statewide greenhouse gas emissions to



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Eric Weltman, a senior organizer for Food and Water Action, led the crowd in urging legislators to defend the state's climate law on March 20.

be issued at the end of 2030."

Eric Weltman, senior organizer of the national nonprofit Food and Water Watch, led a group of protesters urging state legislators to defend the climate law later that day.

"We are here because Governor Hochul, unfortunately, is threatening to weaken New York's landmark climate law," Weltman said, "and we're here to urge our legislators to stand up and

defend and protect the climate law. Hochul is embracing policies that would promote fracking and more costly fossil fuel pipelines and power plants."

The CLCPA, Weltman said, reduces costs related to fossil fuels, decreases air pollution and supports a shift toward renewable energy sources such as wind and solar power.

Joe Sackman, executive director of the Long Island Progressive Coalition,

said the 2019 legislation "fully expressed New York's willingness to take on climate change and move us toward a just and working-class-centered economy."

"Governor Hochul, by demanding rollbacks to the CLCPA, you are playing politics with our future," Sackman added. "It's time to do what is right. No rollbacks on New York's climate law."

T.J. Shivers, representing New York Communities for Change, focused on the climate crisis's direct effects on Long Islanders' budgets.

"Energy burdens are crushing families from many low- and moderate-income communities," Shivers said. "People are paying 6 to 10 percent or more of their income just on energy bills, far above what is considered affordable ... When my bill goes up, it's not just the number on paper, that's food off the table."

A number of community organizations joined the protest and spoke against revisions to the CLCPA, including the New York Public Interest Research Group, Transition Town Port Washington, the South Shore Audubon Society, the Green Party of Nassau County, All Our Energy, Grassroots Environmental Education, Renewable Heat Now and Bend the Arc Jewish Action: Long Island, calling for Nassau County residents to contact their local elected officials to advocate for preserving the climate act.

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Religion and Community

By **ROKSANA AMID**

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The arrival of spring marks the celebration of Passover, a significant Jewish holiday observed by families on Long Island and around the world. Locally, synagogues and households are preparing for the eight-day festival, which commemorates the Israelites' liberation from slavery in ancient Egypt. From traditional Seders to community gatherings, Passover remains a time of reflection, storytelling and connection.

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■ Seder traditions bring families together

Passover begins with the Seder, a ritual meal held on the first one or two nights of the holiday. Families gather around the table to read from the Haggadah, recounting the story of the Exodus.

Symbolic foods play a central role, including matzah, bitter herbs and charoset, each representing different aspects of the Israelites' journey. Children often participate by asking the Four Questions, helping to keep the tradition engaging for younger generations.

Many families in the area continue to blend longstanding customs with modern interpretations, creating meaningful and personal celebrations. The seder is a meal serves as an active multi generational experience that brings families together.

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■ Local synagogues host community events

Synagogues across the North Shore are offering a range of Passover programming, including community Seders, educational events and holiday services.

One such event is a Zoom Passover Yizkor Service hosted by North Country Reform Temple on April 8 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. The virtual service provides an opportunity for participants to remember loved ones and take part in a key Passover tradition from home.

These gatherings provide opportunities for individuals and families who may not have a place to celebrate to take part in the tradition. Rabbis and community leaders often emphasize themes of freedom, resilience and gratitude, connecting the ancient story to present-day experi

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■ Preparing homes and meals for the holiday

In the weeks leading up to Passover, families take part in extensive preparations, including cleaning their homes to remove chametz, or leavened products.

Grocery stores and local markets stock Passover-specific items, such as kosher-for-Passover foods, to accommodate dietary restrictions observed during the holiday.

Traditional dishes like matzah ball soup, brisket and gefilte fish are commonly served throughout the week, often bringing multiple generations together in the kitchen.

As Passover begins, the combination of preparation, tradition and community helps mark the holiday as both a historical remembrance and a living celebration.

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From sketchbooks to the spotlight

Young artists stand out in 'Long Island's Best'

By Abbey Salvemini

Fresh talent is in full bloom this spring at Heckscher Museum of Art. For three decades, the Heckscher Museum of Art has served as a prestigious launchpad for the next generation of visual storytellers. "Long Island's Best" is back, marking its 30th anniversary as it spotlights emerging high school artists throughout Nassau and Suffolk counties, now through May 3.

As the only juried exhibition of its kind on Long Island, this program offers high schoolers the rare distinction of seeing their work hanging in a professional museum and memorialized in a full-color commemorative catalog. The selection process is famously rigorous: For the 2026 season, 84 finalists were curated from over 400 submissions representing 63 schools across Nassau and Suffolk. Tasked with this challenge were jurors Meredith Brown, Ph.D., the museum's consulting curator of contemporary art, and guest juror Aaron Feltman — an accomplished artist and a proud Long Island's Best alumnus.

"It is never an easy process," says Brown, who explained that the strongest pieces combine technical skill with originality and meaningful themes.

This year's exhibition included an unusually high number of sculptures — more than in any previous "Long Island's Best" exhibitions — that reflect both the students' ambition and influenced by the recent exhibition "Emma Stebbins: Carving Out History."

"I was surprised by the number of sculptural submissions," Brown adds. "Sculpture is tricky, and many schools don't have the resources, but these students took the challenge on and produced really compelling work."

Among standout pieces is Luminous Harvest, a ceramic sculpture by Lyla Pinto, a senior at Long Beach High School, which earned fourth place and the Stan Brodsky Award. Inspired by painter Darragh Park's "To Here/From Here," Pinto created a tree-like form composed of branches holding symbolic fruit and candles.

"I was drawn to Park's artwork because it seemed alive, as though the forms are changing and expanding rather than remaining still," she explains. "The handcrafted fruits represent abundance, sustenance and the various attributes each branch offers. I made seven branches because the number seven represents completeness and balance, suggesting a full cycle of growth rather than a single moment. Like Park, I wanted to convey a sense of natural rhythm through organic shapes as demonstrated in the abundance and repetitious organic greenery."

For Director of Education Joy Weiner — whose program leadership is being honored at a "30th Birthday Bash" on April 18 — the most rewarding aspect of her involvement is observing students experience the thrill of having their work displayed in a museum.

"Just watching their faces as they show their parents how special this opportunity is, that's one of the happiest memories every year," she relates.

"Long Island's Best" has evolved considerably since its early years.

"Years ago, there were landscapes, still lifes and portraits. That was pretty much what you got," Weiner



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Tiffany Yam, of John F. Kennedy High School in Bellmore, contributed "Encased," using colored pencil on illustration board.



Lyla Pinto: Lyla Pinto's ceramic sculpture "Luminous Harvest" was awarded Fourth Place and honored with the Stan Brodsky Scholarship Award.



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adds. "Over the years, the different kinds of materials became something that students were interested in exploring. And they're also much more aware of the world around them, tackling social issues, personal experiences and big-picture ideas through their art."

While the program certainly sharpens their technical craft, its true value lies in instilling the professional rigor required of a working artist. It also underscores the lasting influence of arts education, with many alumni pursuing careers in art, design, filmmaking, and teaching.

"The whole process from beginning to end involves meeting deadlines, working with teachers, creating the work and writing about it," Weiner says. "That's very important as they continue in their careers, to not only create a work of art but to be able to speak about it and share it with others."

Looking ahead, both Brown and Weiner encourage students to embrace the process, even if their work isn't selected.

"Sharing your work is a powerful experience. It helps students grow as artists and lets others engage with their vision," Weiner adds. "Even if your piece isn't chosen, you learn something about yourself and your art. And when people connect with your work, it's a truly rewarding experience."

Teachers, Long Island's Best alumni and the community are all invited to the stylish "Birthday Bash" celebrating this momentous milestone. Alumni and local artists will contribute works for a fundraiser, underscoring the lasting influence of "Long Island's Best" throughout the region. The gathering includes an opportunity to meet students and hear firsthand how the program shaped their creative journeys.

"I've been privileged to watch the growth of Long Island's Best," Weiner says. "I have seen elementary school students eventually become LI Best finalists, have watched students' progress to becoming Long Island Biennial artists as professionals; and have been lucky to work with students who now teach art in our community, inspiring the next generation."

This milestone exhibit not only celebrates the talent of today's students but also emphasizes the enduring value of arts education in shaping Long Island's creative future. It's an opportunity to explore a wide variety of media and themes while experiencing the fresh perspectives and voices of the next generation of artists, gaining insight into how young people interpret the world around them through art.



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Place

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Step into a multisensory exploration of the

plants that shape global cuisine and the cultural stories they carry at Planting Fields Park. This guided tour weaves through the gardens, greenhouses, and exhibition spaces, connecting the living history of the gardens with the 2025 Catalyst installation, Sam Van Aken's The Planting Fields Stand, a grove of four multi-grafted fruit trees. Drawing on the estate's agricultural history from Indigenous stewardship to present day, the tour traces how food has been grown, shared, and celebrated here for generations. Blending horticulture, history, and contemporary art, this tour invites guests to reflect on the fruits, both literal and cultural, that nourish us. \$25.

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

APR Spring Egg
Hunt

4

Join in the annual Spring Egg Hunt at Morgan Memorial Park. Families are

**APR** Mike DelGuidice

10

Local favorite Mike DelGuidice returns to the Paramount stage with his popular residency, delivering the high-energy, feel-good performances that have made him a hometown standout. Backed by his powerhouse band, DelGuidice brings the music of his idol, Billy Joel, to life with passion and precision, celebrating decades of iconic hits in a rousing, crowd-pleasing show. A multi-instrumentalist who grew up immersed in music, DelGuidice's deep knowledge of Joel's catalog ultimately led to sharing the stage with the Piano Man himself, touring around the world. Alongside beloved classics, he weaves in his own original songs, showcasing the songwriting that has earned him a devoted following. His releases include My Street, Miller Place and Mask Production, and his track "Ordinary Guy" was featured as the theme for Kevin Can Wait starring Kevin James. Whether performing on stage or connecting with fans through his "Live on the Porch" series, which brought audiences together during the pandemic, DelGuidice continues to share his love of music in ways that resonate far beyond the Long Island community.

- **Where:** The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington.
- **Time:** 8 p.m., also Apr 11
- **Contact:** ticketmaster.com or paramountny.com

encouraged to arrive early, as the hunt begins promptly at 11 a.m.

- **Where:** Morgan Memorial Park, Germaine St., Glen Cove
- **Time:** 11 a.m.
- **Contact:** glencoverlibrary.org or (516) 676-2000

Art exhibit reception

Artist Nabil Azamy welcomes all to a special exhibit reception at Glen Cove Public Library. "The Art of Genomics" showcases works inspired by genomics. Open to the public for an in-person viewing and discussion.

- **Where:** 4 Glen Cove Ave.
- **Time:** 2-4 p.m.
- **Contact:** glencoverlibrary.org or (516) 676-2130

APR Pre-Council
Meeting

7

City officials hold a pre-council meeting to review upcoming agenda items and discuss matters scheduled for the next City Council session.

- **Where:** Glen Cove City Hall, 9 Glen St.
- **Time:** 6:30-8 p.m.
- **Contact:** (516) 676-2000

APR Friends of the
Glen Cove
Library meet

8

The Friends meet to support and promote programs, services and resources at the library. Open to all interested in getting involved.

- **Where:** 4 Glen Cove Ave.
- **Time:** 11 a.m.-noon
- **Contact:** glencoverlibrary.org or (516) 676-2130

APR Art
explorations

11

Converse, collaborate and create with kids and adults connect while talking about and making art together. A new project is featured every week. \$20 adult, \$10 child. For ages 2-14. Registration required. \$20, \$10 child; members free.

- **Where:** 1 Museum Drive, Roslyn Harbor
- **Time:** Noon-3 p.m.
- **Contact:** nassaumuseum.org or (516) 484-9337

APR Curator's Talk

12

Join Nassau County Museum of Art Chief Curator Franklin Hill Perrell for an illuminating talk on the current exhibit "250 Years of Art on Long Island." Drawing on his deep knowledge of the region's artistic heritage, Perrell explores how Long Island has both reflected and shaped the story of American art over the past two and a half centuries. From Revolutionary-era portraiture and nineteenth-century landscapes to Impressionism, Abstract Expressionism, and Pop Art, he traces the artists, communities, and movements that flourished from Brooklyn to Montauk. \$20, \$15 seniors, \$10 students (members free). Limited seating, advance registration required.

- **Where:** 1 Museum Drive, Roslyn Harbor
- **Time:** 3 p.m.
- **Contact:** nassaumuseum.org or (516) 484-9337

APR Locust Valley
Garden Club

15

The Locust Valley Garden Club returns! All gardening lovers are welcome to attend the monthly meeting at

Locust Valley Library. Featured speaker Steve Dougherty presents "Pruning 101," a primer on waking up trees and shrubs from winter dormancy. A themed lunch of members' home dishes follows each meeting. Join in and consider membership in the future. Meetings are held monthly, generally on the third Wednesday.

- **Where:** 170 Buckram Road, Locust Valley
- **Time:** 10 a.m.
- **Contact:** ltassis@aol.com

**Writers & Readers
Festival**

Hofstra University alumna and novelist Alice Hoffman hosts the third annual Writers & Readers Festival, brings together students, teachers, librarians, emerging writers and the local community for an immersive celebration of storytelling—both the craft of writing and the realities of publishing. Attendees connect with fellow book lovers and hear from prominent authors, including Hoffman, who will share stories from her new anthology, "The Best Dog in the World: Essays on Love." Hoffman's forthcoming novel, "Witches of Cambridge," will be published this August (and is now in development for a television series), followed by the much-anticipated film Practical Magic 2, with Sandra Bullock and Nicole Kidman returning as the Owens sisters in September. Notable participants include "All My Children" star Susan Lucci, in keynote conversation with bestselling author and podcaster Adriana Trigiani about her new memoir, "La Lucci;" Jodi Picoult in keynote conversation with Alice Hoffman about storytelling in a time of book banning, musical director Tim Weil, who talks about his new book, "Making Rent: The Story Behind the Music That Changed Broadway." Registration is limited and is now open.

- **Where:** Adelphi University Performing Arts Center, 1 South Ave., Garden City
- **Time:** Ongoing through April 17
- **Contact:** adelphi.edu/pac or (516) 877-4000

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.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

April 2, 2026 - GLEN COVE HERALD

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION AND BUDGET VOTE GLEN COVE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT GLEN COVE, NEW YORK

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual School District Election and Budget Vote for the qualified voters of the Glen Cove City School District, Glen Cove, New York, will be held in the following locations:

School Election Districts A, B, C, D
Location of Polling Place
Glen Cove High School,
150 Dosoris Lane, Back
Gym - Door # 13
Connolly School, 1 Ridge
Drive - Back Gym

in said district Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at 6:00 a.m. prevailing time, at which time the polls will be open to vote by voting machine upon the following items between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., prevailing time.

**PROPOSITION 1 -
SCHOOL DISTRICT
BUDGET**
To adopt the annual budget of said school district for the fiscal year 2026-2027 and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District.

**ELECTION OF BOARD
MEMBER(S)**
To elect two (2) members of the Board of Education of said School District as follows:

A. Two (2) members to be each elected for a term of three (3) years, commencing July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2029.

B. AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that for the purpose of voting at such meeting, on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, the polls will be open between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. prevailing time to vote upon such propositions by voting machine.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Budget Hearing will be held on Wednesday, May 6, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at the Glen Cove High School Auditorium, 150 Dosoris Lane, Glen Cove, New York prior to the regular Board of Education meeting.

AND FURTHER NOTICE

IS HEREBY GIVEN that petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education shall be filed between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. prevailing time with the District Clerk of said School District at the temporary location of Deasy school new extension, 1 Forest Avenue, Glen Cove, New York, on or before Wednesday, April 29, 2026, by 5:00 p.m. prevailing time. Such petitions must be directed to Ida Johnson, District Clerk and must be signed by at least one hundred (100) qualified voters of the district; must state the name and residence of the candidate.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the qualified voters of the District may register between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. with the District Clerk located in the temporary location of Deasy school new extension, 1 Forest Avenue, Glen Cove. The final date to register for the annual meeting to be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, is Tuesday, May 5, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. (personal registration day). If a voter has heretofore registered pursuant to the resolution of the Board of Education, and has voted at any Annual School District Election and Budget Vote or special district meetings within the last four (4) years or if he or she is eligible to vote under Article 5 of the Election Law, he or she is also eligible to vote at this election. All other persons who wish to vote must register. Any person will be entitled to have his or her name placed on such register, provided that he or she is known or proven to the satisfaction of the District Clerk, Ida Johnson, and the Board of Registration to be then or thereafter entitled to vote at such Annual School District Election and Budget Vote for which the register is prepared and that the register is prepared pursuant to Education Law and the registration list prepared by the Board of Elections of Nassau County will be filed in the Office of the District Clerk of the Glen Cove School District, in the temporary location of Deasy school new extension, 1 Forest Avenue, Glen Cove, New York, and will be

open for inspection by any qualified voter of the district between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. prevailing time, on and after Tuesday, May 5, 2026, and each of the days prior to the date set for the Annual School District Election and Budget Vote, except Saturday and Sunday, including the day set for the meeting. Any person otherwise qualified to vote who is not currently registered under permanent personal registration in the District by the last date found on the original or duplicate registers, or records, or list furnished by the Nassau County Boards of Elections, and has not voted at an intervening election, must, in order to be entitled to vote, present himself or herself personally for registration or otherwise register with the Nassau County Board of Elections.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Registration of the District will also meet from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on May 19, 2026, at each of the polling places to prepare the register for meetings and elections held subsequent to such annual meeting or election.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that applications for absentee and early mail ballots for the election of a school board member and proposition(s) may be applied for at the Office of the District Clerk at the temporary location of Deasy school new extension, 1 Forest Avenue, Glen Cove, New York, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., prevailing time on any school day. Applications for absentee and early mail ballots must be received by Ida Johnson, District Clerk no earlier than thirty (30) days before the election. Furthermore, such application must be received by Ida Johnson, District Clerk at least seven days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter or his/her designated agent. Upon receiving a timely request for a mailed absentee or early mail ballot, Ida Johnson, District Clerk will mail the ballot to the address set forth in

the application no later than six (6) days before the vote. No absentee or early mail ballot shall be canvassed unless it is received in the office of the District Clerk (Thayer House at 154 Dosoris Lane, Glen Cove, New York) of the said School District no later than 5:00 p.m., prevailing time, on the date of the election. A list of all persons to whom absentee and early mail ballots shall have been issued will be available in the said office of the District Clerk on each of the five (5) days prior to the day of the election, during regular office hours until the date of election.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that military voters who are not currently registered may apply to register as a qualified voter of the school district. Military voters who are qualified voters of the school district may submit an application for a military ballot. Military voters may designate a preference to receive a military voter registration, military ballot application or military ballot by mail, facsimile transmission or electronic mail in their request for such registration, ballot application or ballot. Military voter registration forms and military ballot application forms must be received in the Office of the District Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 5, 2026. No military ballot will be canvassed unless it is (1) received in the Office of the District Clerk (Thayer House - 154 Dosoris Lane, Glen Cove, New York) before the close of the polls on election day and showing a cancellation mark of the United States postal service or a foreign country's postal service, or showing a dated endorsement of receipt by another agency of the United States government; or (2) received by the Office of the District Clerk (Thayer House - 154 Dosoris Lane, Glen Cove, New York) by no later than 5:00 p.m. on election day and signed and dated by the military voter and one witness thereto, with a date which is associated to be no later than the day before the election.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required for the ensuing year for

school purposes may be obtained by any resident in the district during the fourteen (14) days immediately preceding such Annual School District Election and Budget Vote except Saturday, Sunday, or holiday, and at such Annual School District Election and Budget Vote at the Administration Building - 154 Dosoris Lane, Glen Cove High School - Dosoris Lane; Robert M. Finley Middle School - Forest Ave; Deasy School - Dosoris Lane; Gribbin School - Walnut Road; Landing School - McLoughlin Street; and Connolly School - Ridge Drive, Glen Cove, New York during regular school hours; and on the Glen Cove City Schools website (www.glencoveschools.org).

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in accordance with the rules adopted pursuant to 2035 of the Education Law, any qualified voter may have a proposition or an amendment placed upon the ballot, provided that such amendment (a) be typed or printed in the English language; (b) that it be directed to Ida Johnson, District Clerk of the said School District; (c) that it be submitted to Ida, Johnson, District Clerk no less than sixty (60) days preceding the date of the Annual School District Election and Budget Vote, i.e. no later than Friday, March 20, 2026, 3:00 p.m. prevailing time, at the District Office, at the temporary location of Deasy school new extension, 1 Forest Avenue, Glen Cove, New York; and (d) that it be signed by at least one hundred (100) qualified voters of the district. However, the school board will not entertain any petition to place before the voters any proposition for the purpose of which is not within the powers of the voters to determine, nor any proposition or amendment which is contrary to law.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Real Property Tax Exemption Report prepared in accordance with Section 495 of the Real Property Tax Law will be annexed to any tentative/ preliminary budget as well as the final adopted budget of which it will form a part; and shall be posted on District bulletin board(s) maintained for public notices, as well as on

the District's website.

Dated: Glen Cove, New York
April 2026
Ida Johnson
District Clerk
Board of Education
Glen Cove City School
District
Glen Cove, New York
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LEGAL NOTICE
AVISO SOBRE LA
ELECCIÓN ANUAL DEL
DISTRITO ESCOLAR
Y LA VOTACIÓN DEL
PRESUPUESTO DEL
DISTRITO ESCOLAR DE
LA CIUDAD DE GLEN
COVE
GLEN COVE, NUEVA
YORK

POR EL
PRESENTE, SE NOTIFICA
que la Elección anual
del distrito escolar
y la votación del
presupuesto de votantes
calificados del Distrito
escolar de la ciudad
de Glen Cove, Nueva
York, se realizará en los
siguientes lugares:

Districtos electorales
escolares
A, B, C
D
Lugar de votación
Escuela Secundaria
Glen Cove, 150 Dosoris
Lane, gimnasio de atrás,
puerta n.º 13.
Escuela Connolly, 1
Ridge Drive, gimnasio
de atrás

en el mencionado
distrito, el martes 20
de mayo de 2025 a
las 6:00 a. m., hora en
vigor, horario en el cual
se habilitarán las urnas
para votar mediante una
máquina de votación
sobre los siguientes
asuntos entre las 6:00 a.
m. y las 9:00 p. m., hora
en vigor.

PROPUESTA
I: PRESUPUESTO DEL
DISTRITO ESCOLAR
Adoptar el presupuesto
anual de dicho distrito
escolar para el año fiscal
2026-2027 y autorizar
que la parte requerida
de este se recaude
con impuestos sobre
la propiedad sujeta a
tributación del Distrito.

ELECCIÓN DEL/DE LOS
MIEMBRO(S) DE LA
JUNTA
Elegir dos (2) miembros
de la Junta de Educación
de dicho Distrito escolar
de la siguiente forma:

A. Dos (2)
miembros que serán
elegidos cada uno para
cumplir un cargo de tres
(3) años desde el 1 de
julio de 2026 hasta el 30
de junio de 2029.

POR EL PRESENTE,
TAMBIÉN SE NOTIFICA

que, con el fin de votar
en dicha reunión, el
martes 19 de mayo de
2026, las urnas estarán
abiertas desde las 6:00
a. m. hasta las 9:00 p. m.,
hora en vigor, para votar
sobre las mencionadas
propuestas mediante
una máquina de
votación.

POR EL
PRESENTE, TAMBIÉN SE
NOTIFICA que se llevará
a cabo una audiencia
del presupuesto el
miércoles 6 de mayo
de 2026 a las 7:00 p.
m., en el auditorio de
la Escuela Secundaria
Glen Cove, 150 Dosoris
Lane, Glen Cove, New
York, antes de la reunión
habitual de la Junta de
Educación.

POR EL PRESENTE,
TAMBIÉN SE NOTIFICA
que las solicitudes para
nominar candidatos
para el cargo de
miembro de la Junta
de Educación se deben
presentar entre las 9:00
a. m. y las 5:00 p. m.,
hora en vigor, ante de
la secretaria del Distrito
escolar en la ubicación
temporal de la nueva
ampliación de la escuela
Deasy, 1 Forest Avenue,
Glen Cove, New York, a
más tardar el miércoles
1 de mayo de 2026 a las
5:00 p. m., hora en vigor.
Dichas solicitudes deben
estar dirigidas a Ida
Johnson, secretaria del
Distrito, y deben estar
firmadas por, al menos,
cien (100) votantes
calificados del distrito, y
deben incluir el nombre
y la residencia del
candidato.

POR EL PRESENTE,
TAMBIÉN SE NOTIFICA
que los votantes
calificados del Distrito
se pueden registrar
entre las 9:00 a. m.
y las 2:00 p. m. en la
oficina principal de
cada uno de los edificios
escolares del distrito
y en el despacho de la
secretaria del Distrito en
el edificio administrativo
durante el año escolar,
y en el despacho de la
secretaria del Distrito
únicamente durante
los meses de verano de
julio y agosto. La fecha
límite para registrarse
en la reunión anual que
se celebrará el martes
19 de mayo de 2026 es
el martes 5 de mayo
de 2026, de 9:00 a. m.
a 7:00 p. m. (día del
registro personal). Si
un votante se registró,
hasta ahora, según la
resolución de la Junta
de Educación y votó
en alguna Elección
anual del distrito
escolar y votación del
presupuesto o en una
reunión especial de
distrito en los últimos

cuatro (4) años, o si
la persona es elegible
para votar en virtud
del artículo 5 de la Ley
de Elecciones, también
es elegible para votar
en esta elección. Todas
las demás personas que
deseen votar deben
registrarse. Cualquier
persona tendrá derecho
a que su nombre
se incluya en dicho
registro, siempre que se
sepa o se demuestre,
a satisfacción de la
secretaria del Distrito,
Ida Johnson, y de la
Junta de Registros, que
tiene o tendrá derecho a
votar en dicha Elección
anual del distrito
escolar y votación del
presupuesto para la que
se prepara el registro. El
registro debe prepararse
de conformidad con
la Ley de Educación
y la lista de registro
preparada por la Junta
Electoral del condado
de Nassau se presentará
en el despacho de la
secretaria del Distrito
escolar de Glen Cove, en
la ubicación temporal
de la nueva ampliación
de la escuela Deasy,
1 Forest Avenue, Glen
Cove, New York. Estará
disponible para la
inspección de cualquier
votante calificado del
distrito entre las 9:00
a. m. y las 3:00 p. m.,
hora en vigor, desde
el martes 5 de mayo
de 2026 y cada uno
de los días anteriores
a la fecha establecida
para la Elección
anual del distrito
escolar y la votación
del presupuesto,
excepto el sábado y el
domingo, incluido el
día establecido para
la reunión. Cualquier
persona que de otra
manera califique para
votar y que no esté
actualmente inscrita
en un registro personal
permanente en el
Distrito hasta la última
fecha que se encuentra
en los registros
originales o duplicados,
o en los archivos, o en la
lista proporcionada por
las Juntas Electorales
del condado de Nassau,
y que no haya votado en
una elección intermedia,
debe, para tener derecho
a votar, presentarse
personalmente para
registrarse o inscribirse
de otra manera en
la Junta Electoral del
condado de Nassau.

POR EL PRESENTE,
TAMBIÉN SE NOTIFICA
que la Junta de Registros
del Distrito se reunirá,
además, el 19 de mayo
de 2026 de 6:00 a. m.
a 9:00 p. m., en cada
uno de los lugares de
votación para preparar
el registro para las
reuniones y elecciones
que se celebren después

de dicha reunión o elección anual.

POR EL PRESENTE, TAMBIÉN SE NOTIFICA que las solicitudes de boletas electorales por ausencia y boletas electorales anticipadas por correo para la elección de los miembros de la junta escolar y las propuestas se pueden solicitar en la oficina de la secretaria del distrito en la ubicación temporal de la nueva ampliación de la escuela Deasy, 1 Forest Avenue, Glen Cove, New York, entre las 9:00 a. m. y las 3:00 p. m., hora vigente, en cualquier día escolar. La secretaria del distrito, Ida Johnson, deberá recibir las solicitudes de boletas electorales por ausencia y boletas electorales anticipadas por correo no antes de los treinta (30) días previos a la elección. Además, la secretaria del distrito, Ida Johnson, debe recibir esta solicitud al menos siete días antes de la elección si la boleta electoral se enviará por correo al votante, o el día antes de la elección, si la boleta electoral se entregará personalmente al votante o a su representante designado. Al recibir una solicitud oportuna para enviar por correo una boleta electoral por ausencia o una boleta electoral anticipada por correo, Ida Johnson, la secretaria del distrito, enviará por correo dicha boleta a la dirección indicada en la solicitud a más tardar seis (6) días antes de la votación. Los votos por ausencia o las boletas electorales anticipadas por correo se escrutarán a menos que se hayan recibido en la oficina de la secretaria de dicho distrito escolar antes de las 5:00 p. m., hora vigente, del día de la elección. Durante los cinco (5) días anteriores al día de la elección, en horario de oficina hasta la fecha de la elección, en dicha oficina de la secretaria del distrito se encontrará a disposición una lista de todas las personas a quienes se les hayan emitido boletas electorales por ausencia o boletas electorales anticipadas por correo.

POR EL PRESENTE, TAMBIÉN SE NOTIFICA que los votantes militares que no estén registrados actualmente pueden solicitar registrarse como votantes calificados del Distrito escolar. Los votantes militares

que sean votantes calificados del Distrito escolar podrán enviar una solicitud de boleta electoral militar. Estos votantes pueden indicar su preferencia de recibir un registro de votante militar, una solicitud de boleta electoral militar o una boleta electoral militar por correo postal, fax o correo electrónico en su pedido de dicho registro, solicitud de boleta electoral o boleta electoral. Los formularios de registro de votantes militares y los formularios de solicitud de boleta electoral militar deben recibirse en el despacho de la secretaria del Distrito antes de las 5:00 p. m. del 5 de mayo de 2026. Las boletas electorales militares no serán escrutadas a menos que (1) el despacho de la secretaria del Distrito las reciba antes del cierre de la votación el día de la elección y tengan una marca de cancelación del servicio postal de los Estados Unidos o del servicio postal de un país extranjero, o un endoso fechado de recepción por parte de otro organismo del gobierno de los Estados Unidos, o bien, (2) el despacho de la secretaria del Distrito las reciba antes de las 5:00 p. m. el día de la elección, y estén firmadas y fechadas por el votante militar y un testigo de ello, con una fecha asociada que no sea posterior al día previo a la elección.

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Courtesy Ed Lieberman

Mark Hagan, left, accepted a donation from the Sea Cliff-Glen Head Lions Club presented by former club presidents Ed Lieberman, Marc Neal and Al Dunseath.

Rabbit rescue fundraiser helps abandoned pets

By WILL SHEELINE

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Families from across the North Shore packed Still Partners for the 10th annual Rabbit Rescue fundraiser, an event that has grown into a community tradition while raising money and awareness for abandoned and abused domestic rabbits.

Founded and organized by Sea Cliff resident Mark Hagan, the event benefits Long Island Rabbit Rescue, a nonprofit that provides medical care, rehabilitation, temporary housing and foster placement for rescued or injured rabbits until permanent homes can be found. This year the event, held on Sunday, raised over \$5,000.

Held from 1 to 4 p.m., the fundraiser featured raffle baskets, themed merchandise, photos with the Easter Bunny and the event's now-signature "ambassador bunnies," live rabbits supervised for children and families to meet and pet.

"Originally, we just had merchandise to sale and we had an Easter Bunny, we had a little backdrop," Hagan said. "But it's evolved now that we have what we call ambassador bunnies."

Hagan said the fundraiser began as a way to thank the rescue organization for helping his late rabbit, Luci, who was special-needs. The annual event is dedicated in her memory.

The fundraiser also serves as an educational effort around Easter, when rab-

bit rescues often see a rise in abandoned pets.

"It's to raise awareness that these are animals," Hagan explained. "They're not playthings. They're not toys."

He noted that domesticated rabbits are often purchased impulsively during the holiday season and later abandoned when owners are unprepared for the responsibility.

"They get dumped in parking lots and public parks on the sides of roads," Hagan said. "Most of the domesticated rabbits are not built for being outside, and they die very quickly."

Former Sea Cliff Mayor Ed Lieberman, speaking on behalf of the Sea Cliff-Glen Head Lions Club, said the organization donated \$250 to support the event.

Lieberman said the event aligns with the Lions Club's mission of service, particularly in creating opportunities for children to connect with nature and learn compassion.

"Bringing young children into a situation where they can explore, where they could learn, where they can appreciate nature and have fun," he said. "It's always important smiles on children's faces."

Hagan said the strong turnout reflected Sea Cliff's close-knit spirit.

"Sea Cliff's a very unique town," he said. "It's very community oriented, and everybody chips in."

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OPINIONS

Blakeman doesn't know who planned Jan. 6?

County Executive Bruce Blakeman was the keynote speaker at a dinner honoring John Eastman — the disgraced attorney widely known as the chief legal architect of the Jan. 6, 2021, assault on the U.S. Capitol — and then claimed that he didn't know “who John Eastman is or what he stands for.”



CHARLES LAVINE

That is not ignorance. That is a calculated insult to every New Yorker who watched Jan. 6 on live television. It is classic deception.

Eastman drafted the memos telling Vice President Mike Pence he could simply discard the certified electoral votes of

states President Trump lost. He stood on the stage at the Ellipse on Jan. 6 and laid out his case for “fraud” and “dead people” voting — before thousands of Trump supporters stormed the Capitol, leaving multiple people dead and more than 100 police officers injured.

The man is not obscure. He is infamous.

And yet the Queens Village Republican Club chose to honor him with a “freedom fighter” award. And Blakeman, who's now running for governor, chose to be the keynote speaker.

The real “freedom fighters” of Jan. 6 are the law enforcement officers who put their lives on the line to save our democracy, not those who ginned up the crowd with lies.

This was not an isolated lapse. It was also reported that Blakeman was scheduled to be a featured speaker at a Long Island event at which Stewart Rhodes — the Oath Keepers founder who was sentenced to 18 years for seditious conspiracy — spoke, and which included a man who pleaded guilty to storming the Capitol. Blakeman's name was on the poster. His biography is on their website.

A pattern is not a coincidence. A design is not inadvertence.

Blakeman's blatant cynicism, so reminiscent of the man he holds the umbrella for, and that of so many of Trump's other sycophants, is why I am sponsoring legislation in the Assembly, along with Sen. John Liu in the Senate, which would require every public-

school student in New York to receive instruction on the Jan. 6 insurrection.

As Trump continues his self-serving effort to erase that infamous day from the memory of history, New Yorkers will fulfill our solemn obligation to teach our children the truth.

The legislation exists because the people responsible for Jan. 6 have spent years trying to make the country forget what happened. Trump has called it a “day of love,” and as he promised throughout the campaign leading to his second election victory, he made it one of his first actions to issue a proclamation pardoning more than 1,200 people who were

involved and halting the ongoing prosecution of many more. People convicted of violent assaults on police. Insurrectionists recast as heroes, and in Trump's own words, “patriots.”

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 to help them analyze the legacy of that historic moment.

Bruce Blakeman's bogus claim of ignorance, “I don't know who Eastman is,” is a continuation of the effort to make the public forget, and just another pretext to stay on Trump's good side while attempting to fool New Yorkers into thinking he isn't as extreme as the president.

If Blakeman genuinely doesn't know who Eastman is, New York's schoolchildren soon will. And if he does know, then he owes voters a truthful explanation of why he believes Eastman is an appropriate person to honor, and what that says about the kind of governor he would be.

New Yorkers don't forget. And we don't elect governors who pretend to.

Charles Lavine represents the 13th Assembly District.

Our legislation would ensure that New York's public-school children do.

The county exec fails to deliver on his big promises

On March 9, we all heard a polished speech, with a lot of promises, from Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman. But the county needs leaders that not only make promises, but keep them. Over and over again, Blakeman has failed to meet that standard.



DELIA DERIGGI-WHITTON

When he first ran for county executive in 2021, he promised to fix Nassau's assessment system. Fast-forward five years, and it's more broken than ever before. Why? Because Blakeman has kept the assessment rolls frozen ever since he took office.

Whether you challenge your assessment or not, this hurts all county taxpayers. However, it benefits the tax grievance firms that fund his political campaigns.

Blakeman promised to deliver tax cuts — but there hasn't been one. Rather than use \$385 million in federal pandemic relief funds to directly help families and small businesses, he used it to cover budget deficits. And instead of giving the people tax breaks, he wasted tens of millions of dollars on politically con-

nected lawyers, parades and galas. As families get crushed by soaring prices from the tariffs that Blakeman supported with his Rose Garden appearance, this is a critical failure.

That should make you ask, if he doesn't keep his promises at home, why should we believe that he'll do it for New York state?

During Blakeman's last campaign, he promised that his only focus was serving the people of Nassau County. Literally the day after being re-elected, he began talking about running for governor.

Now we're hearing new promises about working across the aisle to get things done. The truth is that Blakeman is one of the most partisan elected officials I have ever dealt with. He ignores requests from the Democratic caucus to meet on critical issues, like fixing aging roads and sewers and improving our parks. While Democratic lawmakers waited for vital public safety grants, Blakeman handed out big prop checks for election photo ops. Our lifesaving first responders are still waiting for the actual money.

Blakeman sat on nearly \$100 million in opioid settlement funds, intended to prevent addiction and save lives, just to

make his budget look better. Ninety percent of these funds remain unspent — while families continue to lose loved ones to addiction and overdoses.

These aren't the actions of a bipartisan leader, or someone who is focused on their job.

We're all very proud that, under former County Executive Laura Curran, Nassau became the safest county in America — and we need to make sure that it stays that way in the future. Today, police staffing is below required levels, and the number of 911 operators is far below safe levels. This will only get worse as a wave of early

retirements take effect. Blakeman continues to divert county detectives to assist ICE — all while a critical detective shortage remains unaddressed. There has been no transparency from the administration on why Nassau taxpayers should be covering the costs of an agency that just got \$75 billion in new federal funding.

And, he has refused to shed light on his dangerous, illegal armed militia — likely because court records showed that he is related to at least one member, and several have criminal and arrest records. As a fiduciary of this county, I question why Blakeman would

expose Nassau taxpayers to so much risk.

While all of this has been happening, he has failed the basics. He promised billions of dollars in economic development at the Hub and at Nassau Community College, but didn't deliver a dime. Nassau University Medical Center, our only safety-net hospital, was so dysfunctional that the state was forced to take it over to save it. Routine tasks, such as filling potholes in county roads, are ignored.

Nassau County deserves better.

Campaign promises are easy, but governing requires focus to succeed. Compare Blakeman's promises to what he has actually done. You will see the gap between rhetoric and reality, and how politics comes before public service. Nassau residents deserve leadership that is focused on their needs — not personal ambition.

We, the members of the Democratic caucus, will continue trying to work with this administration to get our fair share of funding, especially for our first responders. Again, the future is best predicted by the past. I encourage everyone to keep that in mind — especially later this year.

Delia DeRiggi-Whitton, of Glen Cove, represents Nassau County's 11th Legislative District and is the Legislature's minority leader.

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Smart housing reform needs local trust

New York's housing crisis is undeniable. Rents are high, supply is tight and too many families are struggling to find a place to call home.

In response, Albany is advancing proposals like the REVIVE Act alongside Gov. Kathy Hochul's Let Them Build agenda — efforts designed to cut red tape and accelerate development.

The goal is right. The challenge is getting the approach right, too. At the heart of the debate is a familiar tension: how to build faster without sacrificing thoughtful planning and public trust.

It's not just about process; it's about trust. Residents are more likely to support new housing when they believe their voices are heard. Developers are more likely to invest when rules are consistent. And elected officials are more effective when they can balance urgency with accountability.

Supporters of reform make a compelling case. New York's development process is notoriously slow and expensive. Reviews under the State Environmental Quality Review Act can stretch timelines by years, even for projects that ultimately pose little or no environmental risk.

According to state data, projects can take up to 56 percent longer to start compared with other states, and cost up to \$45,000 per unit on Long Island. Those costs are usually passed on to renters and buyers. In a state where affordability is already a crisis, those inefficiencies matter.

The REVIVE Act seeks to address this by targeting underused commercial properties — shopping centers, office

parks and large parking lots — and encouraging their conversion into housing. In concept, this is smart policy. Repurposing dormant or declining properties into vibrant residential communities can ease the housing shortage while revitalizing local economies.

But the concerns raised by local officials and residents are just as valid. Critics argue that the legislation could sideline local zoning authority, limit public hearings and reduce meaningful community input.

The inclusion of a "deemed approved" provision — allowing projects to move forward automatically if municipalities fail to act within an expedited timeline — is a flashpoint.

One side says projects would move forward without public hearings or meaningful community input. That might overstate the case, but it isn't entirely off base. The proposal appears to compress timelines and shift leverage away from local governments. If those timelines are too tight, or if municipalities lack the resources to review complex proposals quickly, the result could be approvals by default rather than by design.

And what about the timeline itself? That remains a critical detail. Without clear and reasonable deadlines, "expedited" can quickly become "unworkable." Municipal boards might need additional support to operate on state-imposed clocks. If they are rushed, oversight suffers. If they miss deadlines, community members may feel that decisions are being made for them, not with them.

Yet it would be a mistake to dismiss

the need for reform altogether. Doing nothing is not an option. The current system is too slow, too costly and too unpredictable. Developers face uncertainty and communities can miss opportunities.

The answer lies not in choosing sides, but in combining the best ideas from both. New York should streamline environmental review for projects that consistently demonstrate minimal impact, particularly those on previously developed sites. It should set clear, enforceable timelines for decisions.

Those timelines, however, must be realistic, and paired with resources, training and technical assistance for local governments. The state's proposal to modernize permitting and create a "permitting academy" is a step in the right direction.

At the same time, local decision-making must be preserved. Communities deserve a voice in shaping their neighborhoods, especially when it comes to density, infrastructure and quality of life. Public hearings should not be eliminated, but they can be made more efficient and focused.

If "deemed approved" provisions are included, they must come with safeguards: flexibility for municipalities acting in good faith, transparency in the review process and mechanisms to ensure that projects meet clear standards before moving forward.

New York doesn't need a rushed solution. It needs a smart one. Albany has an opportunity to get this right. By blending efficiency with oversight, and speed with community input, lawmakers can craft a housing policy that works for all.

LETTERS

Keeping things in numerical perspective in the Middle East

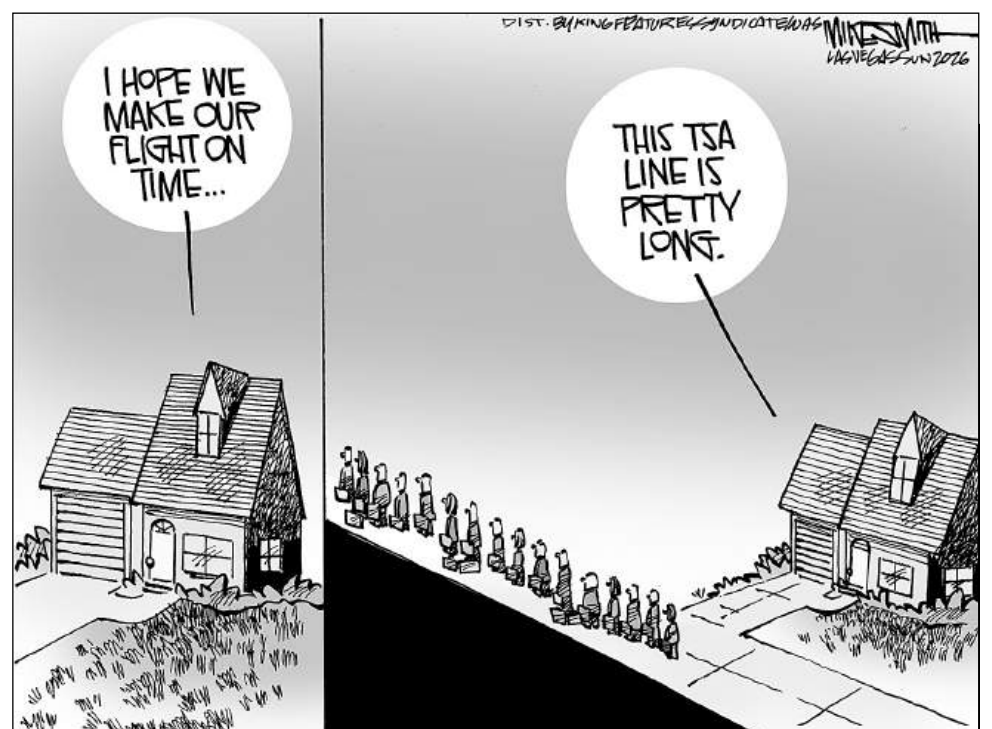
To the Editor:

With all the rhetoric being bandied about over the war in the Middle East, I would like to add something that rarely seems to enter into the discussion. That is the size of the various sides. My source is the 2025 World Almanac.

Israel has an area of approximately 8,470 square miles, which is about the size of the state of New Jersey. The West Bank and Gaza have a combined area of about 2,402 square miles, which is about the size of the city of Detroit and the state of Delaware.

The area of Israel's near neighbors — Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Syria and Lebanon — is just over 1.3 million square miles, or about one-third the size of the United States.

The population of Israel is just over 9.4 million. The population of the West Bank and Gaza is just



OPINIONS

Warm bodies don't add up to expertise

Most of the harm done by an incompetent cabinet doesn't show up on cable news. It shows up slowly — in weakened institutions, degraded norms and decisions whose consequences only become visible much later.

After a year of this administration, fatigue and noise have made it easier to stop paying close attention to who is actually running the federal government.



**MICHAEL
BLITZ**

That's understandable. The damage rarely arrives with sirens. But it does accumulate, quietly and bureaucratically, in ways that are difficult to reverse once they are finally recognized.

Every cabinet position, every agency head,

every senior appointment comes with an assumption baked in: that the person selected has some meaningful relationship to the work itself. Not perfection. Not brilliance. Competence — earned familiarity with the terrain. Anything less isn't leadership; it's negligence.

In a functional government, leadership roles are filled by people who have spent years grappling with the problems they are tasked to manage — often imperfectly, sometimes frustratingly,

but with a working knowledge of consequences. Increasingly, that assumption appears optional.

Consider Pete Hegseth, elevated to oversee military matters after a career defined more by media performance than institutional leadership. Public visibility isn't the same thing as operational command, and confidence on camera doesn't translate to managing the readiness and morale of millions of service members. Or take Kash Patel, whose record suggests a talent for political combat rather than institutional stewardship, now entrusted with matters of national security and justice that demand discretion, restraint and credibility.

Then there are those whose careers have been shaped by opposition to the very missions they are now meant to steward. Lee Zeldin, long skeptical of environmental regulation, is tasked with protecting it, which requires not merely administrative oversight, but belief in the legitimacy of the mission itself. Russ Vought has spent years arguing that much of the federal government shouldn't exist, and now occupies a position that allows him to weaken institutions from the inside. This isn't reform; it is inversion, with dismantling as a form of leadership and hostility as a governing philosophy.

Hypocrisy may be common in politics, but it becomes more troubling when it appears to be a qualification rather than a liability.

Other appointments raise different alarms. Robert F. Kennedy Jr. brings notoriety rather than scientific grounding to public health, an arena where misinformation has already proven deadly. Linda McMahon arrives with business credentials that bear little connection to education policy. Pam Bondi has repeatedly blurred the line between law enforcement and political loyalty, raising questions about whether the law is being served or selectively shielded.

The same pattern is visible even in Vice President J.D. Vance, whose rise has been fueled less by governing experience than by ideological performance. His background as a venture capitalist and culture-war commentator offered little preparation for executive leadership at the national level, where persuasion, coalition-building and institutional knowledge should matter more than rhetorical combat.

To be clear, the problem here is not ideology. Conservatives can govern. Liberals can govern. Outsiders can sometimes govern very well. The problem is indifference to competence itself — the idea that anyone can do anything

as long as they are loyal to the person at the top.

That's not how complex systems work. We understand this instinctively in ordinary life: Experience matters, familiarity matters, and the work itself sets limits on who can reasonably do it. Government is no exception.

What makes President Trump's pattern of appointments especially dangerous is that many of these offices exist precisely to restrain power — to enforce laws, protect public health, manage national security and safeguard the environment. When those roles are filled by people hostile to their purpose, the damage does not announce itself all at once. It accumulates quietly, and often irreversibly.

If these appointees were merely adequate, it would be far better than what we are seeing. Adequacy would mean respect for expertise, patience with complexity and an understanding that governing is not performance art.

Warm bodies don't add up to expertise. These positions are not symbolic, and they are not rewards. They are work — technical, demanding work that carries real consequences. Most of us would never accept lower standards in our own lives, whether at a hospital, a school or a job site. There is no legitimate reason to accept them here.

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