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Remembering city's heroes on Memorial Day

By **ROKSANA AMID**

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Glen Cove residents turned out in a hushed, resolute display of gratitude and grief on Memorial Day to honor the courage of ancestors, relatives and neighbors who never returned from war.

At the heart of the city's observances was a personal story of sacrifice — Army Specialist Four John “Jack” Niles McCarthy, a Glen Cove native — reminding attendees that freedom is preserved by real people, remembered in the faces of families and the wreaths laid at the city's veterans memorial on Continental Avenue.

“Jack was one of our own,” Marsha Silverman, co-chair of the Memorial Day Parade Committee, told the crowd at Monday's gathering. “He planned to come home and go to college. Instead, his life became part of our city's history — and our obligation to remember.”

Silverman also paid tribute to the late Tony Jimenez, calling him “a tireless advocate for veterans and a dear

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Veterans, elected officials, members of the McCarthy family and residents gathered after Glen Cove's Memorial Day ceremony at the veterans memorial on Continental Avenue, honoring the life and sacrifice of Army Specialist Four John “Jack” Niles McCarthy and all those who died in military service.

Education foundation to host 12th annual golf outing

By **ROKSANA AMID**

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When Andres Sanchez's two children come home from Deasy Elementary School talking about Lego engineering clubs, cooking activities and colorful classrooms with flexible seating, they know who helped make those experiences possible.

“Papa, you have to go to the golf outing because if not, we're not going to be able to raise enough funds for more activities in the next year,” Sanchez said, imitating his children with a laugh.

Now, Sanchez plans to

return for the Glen Cove Education Foundation's 12th annual Spring Golf Classic on June 8, an event that organizers say has become one of the community's biggest annual fundraisers, supporting students in the Glen Cove City School District.

The outing will take place at Glen Cove Golf Club, with registration and lunch beginning at 11:30 a.m. and tee times beginning at 1 p.m. Dinner will follow at 5:30 p.m. at The Marker.

City Councilwoman Danielle Fugazy Scagliola, president of the foundation, said that last year's event raised about \$25,000, with proceeds directly benefiting students and educa-

tional programs throughout the district. “All of that money goes back to the kids,” she said.

According to Fugazy Scagliola, proceeds from the outing have funded a wide range of projects over the years, including flexible seating for elementary schools, after-school enrichment clubs, outdoor learning spaces and student lounges.

The organization also helped fund a high school girls' softball team trip to the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum in Cooperstown this year, and purchased games and activities for students following the pandemic and the institu-

tion of cellphone restrictions in schools.

“The principal of the high school wanted to make sure the kids had some things at lunchtime, like icebreakers, because they were so used to being on their phones,” Fugazy Scagliola said, referring to Principal Allen Hudson. “We purchased thousands of dollars' worth of

games for the kids to play at lunch, like Uno and Connect Fours and Genius Square.”

The education foundation, an independent, community-based nonprofit, supports projects designed to enhance student experiences throughout the district. Past contributions have included a \$50,000 elec-

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Wellness Day Saturday in downtown

The Glen Cove Downtown BID will host a Wellness Day event on May 30 from 9 a.m. to noon at Village Square, bringing together fitness instructors, wellness professionals and local businesses for a morning dedicated to health, exercise and community engagement.

The free event will feature a series of fitness and mindfulness classes open to residents of all ages and experience levels. Organizers said participants who attend classes throughout the morning will also have the opportunity to win prizes while learning more about local wellness resources and businesses in the Glen Cove area.

Several local vendors specializing in health, recovery and fitness services are expected to participate, including Gracie Fights Food Noise, Dynamic Physical Therapy, Glen Cove Massage, Leah Bush Pilates, BRC Physical Therapy and Glen Cove Fitness. Vendors will provide information about their services while also offering products and wellness-related resources to attendees.

The class schedule begins at 9 a.m. with Level Up, which will take place at its studio located at 10 School St. At 9:30 a.m., participants can take part in Screaming Pigeon Yoga, followed by a 10 a.m. session hosted by X Legion Fitness. Leah Bush Pilates will lead a

Pilates class at 10:30 a.m., and the morning will conclude with Living Lotus Sound Bowl Meditation at 11:30 a.m.

Organizers are encouraging participants to bring a mat and towel to the event to comfortably participate in the classes and activities. Refreshments during the event will be provided by Rumble Boxing Glen Cove.

The event reflects the BID's ongoing efforts to create community-centered programming in downtown Glen Cove while also supporting local businesses and encouraging residents to explore wellness opportunities close to home. Similar seasonal events organized by the BID have helped draw visitors into the downtown area while highlighting businesses, organizations and activities available throughout the city.

Village Square, located in the center of downtown Glen Cove, has become a frequent gathering place for outdoor events, performances and community programs. Wellness Day is expected to offer residents a relaxed and interactive environment where they can learn more about fitness, mindfulness and healthy living while connecting with local wellness providers.

Additional information about the event can be found on the Glen Cove Downtown BID's social media pages and website.

—Roksana Amid

Council approves borrowing plan

The Glen Cove City Council approved a \$4.9 million borrowing plan on Tuesday to fund a wide range of infrastructure upgrades and public safety improvements throughout the city after the proposal initially failed earlier in the month.

All six council members and the mayor were present for the vote approving the bond ordinance, which includes funding for water treatment projects, drainage improvements, parking garage repairs, emergency services equipment and upgrades to city facilities.

The borrowing plan had previously failed at the council's May 12 meeting after Democratic council members John Zozzaro and Danielle Fugazy Scagliola abstained, saying they needed additional time to review the proposal. Mayor Pamela Panzenbeck and Republican council members Mike Ktistakis and Kevin Maccarone voted in favor, but the measure did not receive the supermajority required for passage because two council members, Grady Farnan and John Perrone were absent from that meeting.

Panzenbeck later expressed disappointment over the failed vote and said she expected the council to revisit the borrowing plan at its next meeting. The proposal ultimately returned later in May, when the full council approved

the measure.

A significant portion of the borrowing plan is dedicated to Glen Cove's water infrastructure. The ordinance allocates \$905,000 to install treatment systems at the Seaman Road station designed to remove toxic PFAS chemicals — often referred to as “forever chemicals” — from drinking water supplies. Another \$385,000 is earmarked to complete the Nancy Court water well system.

Additional funding includes \$500,000 for repairs and upgrades to the Brewster Street parking garage and \$100,000 for improvements to the Pulaski Street garage. The city also plans to spend \$575,000 on roadway and drainage improvements throughout Glen Cove.

The bond ordinance further includes approximately \$730,000 for police, fire and EMS upgrades, including new defibrillators, an emergency generator for the firehouse and two new Ford Interceptor patrol vehicles. Other planned expenditures include a \$340,000 boiler replacement at City Hall, a \$275,000 truck for tree work and \$331,000 in stormwater infrastructure improvements aimed at addressing persistent flooding problems in parts of the city.

—Roksana Amid



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Veterans, families, elected officials and community members gathered beneath the gazebo at Morgan Memorial Park during the fifth annual Glen Cove Salutes Military Tribute Banner Program unveiling ceremony on Memorial Day weekend. Banners will remain displayed throughout the park this summer.

Banner program returns to celebrate veterans

By **ROKSANA AMID**

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Under gray skies and steady rain, Morgan Memorial Park became a place of remembrance and gratitude on Sunday as the Glen Cove Salutes Military Tribute Banner Program unveiled dozens of banners honoring local veterans and active-duty service members during its fifth annual ceremony.

The event, co-sponsored by the Tribute and Honor Foundation and James E. Donahue VFW Post 347, brought together veterans, families, elected officials and community members over Memorial Day weekend to celebrate the sacrifices and legacies of those who served the country.

This year's ceremony also highlighted the city's younger generation, with Glen Cove High School senior Michael Renga announced as the winner of the annual "Echoes of Freedom" essay contest.

In his essay, Renga reflected on the ideals of the nation's founding and the responsibility carried by American citizens and veterans alike.

"We often take that word — citizen — for granted," Renga wrote. "Take a moment and think about the radical weight of it. It means that power does not flow down from a throne; it rises up from the hands of ordinary people, like you and me."

Renga also wrote about the sacrifices made by veterans and the ongoing effort to preserve American ideals.

"When a soldier stands at a post, they are not just defending a map or a border," he wrote. "They are standing guard over the intangible belief that a people can — and should — govern themselves."

Lydia Wen Rodgers, a board member of the Tribute and Honor Foundation and organizer of the banner program, said the project was created to put faces



High School senior Michael Renga, left, is the winner of the annual "Echoes of Freedom" essay contest. Renga is with Tribute and Honor Foundation board member Lydia Wen Rodgers, right, and foundation President Gaitley Stevenson-Mathews.

to the names of local veterans.

"Our city has always honored its veterans through memorials and plaques, but this project added something deeply meaningful — it brought the faces of our veterans to the forefront," Rodgers said.

Rodgers reflected on beginning the program alongside the late Tony Jimenez five years ago, noting that the photographs displayed throughout the park show veterans at different moments in their lives and military service.

"These banners allow us to see the individual behind the uniform," she said. "They humanize military service, reminding us that these were not just service members — they were neighbors, friends, classmates, and family."

Howard Stillwagon, commander of VFW Post 347 and a Vietnam veteran, thanked attendees for supporting the veterans honored throughout the park.

"It's such a great honor to be a part of this program," Stillwagon said. "I thank you all from my heart, recogniz-

ing us as veterans."

Tribute and Honor Foundation President Gaitley Stevenson-Mathews spoke about his own family's military background and the broader impact veterans have on communities across the nation.

"The men and women who went to war to fight for us and to fight for Glen Cove, fought for our entire nation," Stevenson-Mathews said.

Mayor Pamela Panzenbeck said many of the names and faces displayed throughout Morgan Park were personally meaningful to her.

"They're my friend's fathers, my father's friends," Panzenbeck said, adding that she continues to sponsor banners honoring veterans Dan Daly and Ralph Young because "they are real true heroes."

The military tribute banners will remain displayed throughout the summer at Morgan Memorial Park as a continuing reminder of Glen Cove's veterans and their service.



Banners honoring Capt. Maryellen Vogt Wetmore of the U.S. Marine Corps and Charles Stanco of the U.S. Army were displayed at Morgan Memorial Park. Military Tribute Banner Program.



Banners honoring Vincent Martinez, who served in the United States Navy during the Korean War, and Vincent Martinez Jr., a lance corporal in the United States Marine Corps.



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Maternal mayhem

Dear Great Book Guru,
We were at a rehearsal for Fred Stroppel's upcoming "Twisted Shorts" at Sea Cliff Arts Council when someone brought up a new book about a family of revolutionaries and how they fared over the generations. Sounded interesting!

Fan of Twisted Shorts

Dear Fan of Twisted Shorts,

"The Hill" by Harriet Clark is her first novel and in many ways autobiographical.

Clark's mother was a member of the Weathermen and when Harriet was ten months old, her mother was the getaway driver in a bank heist gone wrong and two policemen and a security guard were killed. She was sentenced to life in prison and Harriet visited her for forty years.

The story mirrors all this but focuses and fictionalizes the relationships she has with both her mother and those around her - friends and family. The

Hill is the name she gives to the prison, and the novel opens with Suzanna - the daughter - being taken for her weekly prison visit by her grandfather.

When he dies, she continues on her own because her grandmother - her mother's mother - refuses to see or write to her daughter. Throughout, Suzanna is bewildered by her emotions - she loves her mother and feels loved but knows there are families devastated by her mother's deeds. So, how can she herself forgive or by proxy be forgiven.

As we go through the years with Suzanna, we see that her bewilderment and grief continue to grow. The novel captures the beauty and brutality that she experiences because of a decision made long ago and still - to this day - beyond her understanding. A painful read but highly recommended.

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Burnight writes, "To thrive in old age means to live a fulfilling, purposeful, and satisfying life despite the challenges of aging. It involves maximizing physical health, cognitive function, emotional well-being, social connections, and a sense of meaning. Thriving doesn't mean being free of all health problems or challenges, rather, it emphasizes resilience, adaptability, and the ability to find joy and value in life."

Research shows that those who thrive late in life:

Grow: They continue to explore and expand
Connect: They put time into new and existing relationships

Adapt: They adjust to changing and challenging circumstances

Give: They share themselves

As a Professor of Geriatric Medicine and Gerontology, Dr. Burnight was struck by the radical difference in how people experienced their own aging process. "For some it is a frustrating, degrading, painful trajectory of ever-increasing decline. For others, there is visible delight, spirituality, and joy in occupying their eighth, ninth, and tenth decades."

The thieves of joy are (1) comparison with others (2) frustration with health and mobility limitations (3) feeling like you are a burden (4) feeling heartbroken over the loss of a loved one, and (5) feeling defeated as if your best days are behind you. Nevertheless, she says, "Like the sun, joy is always there. But when it's hidden by clouds, we mistakenly say it's gone. Joy is resilient and can break through the clouds because it's an innate part of the human experience."

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CRIME WATCH

ARRESTS

■ Police Officer O'Neill arrested a 31-year-old Glen Cove man on May 19. The man was charged with driving while intoxicated, and Improper left turn on Charles Street.

■ Police Officer Digregorio arrested a 27-year-old Glen Cove woman on May 20 on Bridge Street. The woman was charged with Glen Cove City Court warrants for three counts of aggravated unlicensed operator in the third degree, three counts of uninspected vehicle, three counts of unlicensed operator and multiple equipment violations.

■ Police Officer W. Telese arrested a 28-year-old Glen Cove man on May 21 on Seaman Road. The man was

charged with criminal mischief in the fourth degree.

■ Detective Heffernan arrested a 56-year-old man from Huntington on May 22 on Bridge Street. The man was charged with grand larceny in the third degree.

■ Police Officer Sanchez arrested a 50-year-old man from Locust Valley on May 22. The man was charged with public lewdness.

■ Police Officer Mozer arrested a 45-year-old man from Brentwood on May 24. The man was charged with Glen Cove City arrest warrants for criminal possession of a controlled substance in the seventh degree and multiple Vehicle and Traffic Law violations.

People named in Crime Watch items as having been arrested and charged with violations or crimes are only suspected of committing those acts of which they are accused. They are all presumed to be innocent of those charges until and unless found guilty in a court of law.

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Foundation continues to support students

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tronic sign at the school's entrance, air purifiers and touchless water filtration systems.

Sanchez, whose children attend Deasy, said he took part in the golf outing for the first time last year after being invited by Fugazy Scagliola, and was impressed not only by the fundraiser itself, but also by the impact the organization has had on local students.

"My children actually know that, for example, the flexible seating at the school — they have these fun chairs where the kids could choose every single day where they're going to spend their time reading," Sanchez said. "They know personally that it came from the Glen Cove Education Foundation."

He added that the after-school programs funded by the foundation have extended beyond the classroom and into family life at home.

"One of my sons is currently in the Lego after-school activity club, while my other one was in a cooking club," Sanchez said. "Previously, they were in a card game club and board game club, which has transitioned into a weekly game night at our house where we play

gin rummy or Go Fish with the kids."

For Sanchez, the event also serves as a showcase for the broader Glen Cove community.

"A lot of people that I'm inviting come from other parts of Nassau County," he said. "They're happy to donate, but also play a round of golf and see what the golf course is like here at Glen Cove and how the community comes together."

We appreciate their trust and support of the work taking place across the district.

ALEXA DOESCHNER
Superintendent

Fugazy Scagliola said she hoped this year's outing would continue to build the foundation's momentum while bringing families, educators and community supporters together for a shared cause. "Supporting your local school district is one of the most important things you could do as a community member," she said.

District Superintendent

Alexa Doeschner said the foundation's support has continued to expand opportunities for students outside the traditional classroom setting.

"The foundation supports extracurricular opportunities for our students, including running elementary clubs in all four of our elementary schools," Doeschner said. "These clubs give students opportunities to engage in activities beyond the school day."



Courtesy Glen Cove City School District

In 2024, Connolly Elementary students Kalinda Mejia and Avianna Washington read in class while using more comfortable chairs purchased by the education foundation.

She added that the organization also supported this year's Wind Ensemble Disney World trip, the district's ski club, the softball team and the laser light show featured during the district's seventh annual STREAM Night.

"The golf outing is another example of the education foundation bringing the community together," Doeschner said. "We appreciate their trust and support of the work taking place across the district."

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Learning with Ed Lieberman

By JULIA CAPITELLI

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Former Sea Cliff Mayor Ed Lieberman held a presentation May 14 in honor of the United States' semi quincennial anniversary. With more than 25 people in attendance at the Village Library, Lieberman spoke about the nation's history. He highlighted many significant people and events and included personal and historical anecdotes. Local musician Frank Ferrara accompanied Lieberman, performing throughout the presentation.

Here are three facts about the United States' history.

1

■ John Locke inspired Founders

John Locke, an English philosopher and physician of the 17th century, authored "Two Treatises of Government" in which he wrote about natural rights and government's role in defending them.

Lieberman said Locke, who had lived through the execution of King Charles I and the English Civil War, was the most influential philosopher of the Enlightenment.

"He believed government legitimacy comes from the consent of the governed," Lieberman explained, "to protect our natural rights, those being life liberty and property."

The Founding Fathers later adopted "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" as rights delineated in the American Declaration of Independence.

2

■ Aaron Burr was tried for treason

After losing the presidential election of 1800 and killing Alexander Hamilton in a duel in 1804, Aaron Burr traveled to Marietta, Ohio in 1806. The former vice president attempted to create an empire out of the Western states and Louisiana which would have meant detaching them from the Union. This event would later be known as the Burr conspiracy.

"That's his staging ground," Lieberman said, "to commit this conspiracy."

Burr was captured in early 1807 and tried for treason but was acquitted by the Supreme Court. There was not enough evidence for a conviction, though Lieberman said that Chief Justice John Marshall's hatred for Jefferson played more of a role in the decision than any evidence of Burr's innocence.

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■ Adams predicted holiday, not perfect

The Second Continental Congress voted for independence for the colonies on July 2, 1776. Adams recounted the events of that day to his wife, Abigail, in a letter on July 3, 1776 in which he predicted the date of the annual independence celebration.

Adams also wrote in the letter that he expected celebrations to include parades, shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations.

"He got everything right," Lieberman said, "except the date."

July 4 was later chosen to commemorate the Second Continental Congress' unanimous adoption of the Declaration of Independence. A celebration broke out in Philadelphia on July 4, 1777 which marked the first anniversary.



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Israeli Elite hockey comes to UBS arena

With late third-period rally, Jerusalem Capitals capture Challenge Cup, defeating HC Tel Aviv 6-5

By HAILEY FULMER

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No matter who scored, fans throughout UBS Arena jumped to their feet, waving Israeli flags, proudly cheering on competitors from the Israeli Elite Hockey League last week during the Challenge Cup championship between the Jerusalem Capitals and HC Tel Aviv.

In a thrilling game, the Capitals mounted a late comeback to win 6-5.

The Challenge Cup, originally scheduled for February but postponed because of a blizzard, finally brought the two teams together on the ice in Elmont for a hard-fought game.

The atmosphere inside the arena on May 17 felt like more than just a hockey game. Families packed the stands dressed in blue and red, and there was loud chanting and spirited flag-waving throughout the crowd, creating a strong sense of pride and unity among fans celebrating both the sport and Israeli culture.

"It's nice when you get to see support a lot for Jews and the country," said spectator Hillel Kober, who was rooting for HC Tel Aviv.

Brooklyn resident David Silverberman said the game provided a comforting atmosphere amid a culture of rising antisemitism. "It's a good game," he said. "It's very competitive scoring, but not too much. The fans are into it. It's an exciting day, and you know, if you're Jewish, there's so much antisemitism going on right now, it feels very comfortable to be here. It's nice to see the families too."

The IEHL, founded in 2020 and approaching its sixth season this summer, was founded by Marc Brunengraber, a former goaltender for the Israeli national team. Brunengraber said the league was created not only to develop hockey talent in Israel, but also to highlight another side of the country.

"The goal is to raise Israel from the world championship Division II level to Division I," Brunengraber said. He added that the league aims to positively represent Israel beyond the conflict-focused narratives that often dominate coverage of the country, emphasizing that its citizens continue to live everyday lives as ordinary people.

The championship game was intense from start to finish, marked by heavy physical play, shifting momentum and a UBS Arena crowd that fed off every moment of drama. Tel Aviv controlled play for much of the first two periods, keeping Jerusalem players on their heels and forcing them to fight just to stay within reach heading into the third.

Capitals player Nathanel Peretz described the surreal feeling of stepping onto the ice at UBS Arena.

"There's kids growing up dreaming of this moment, and you're seeing Jerusalem against Tel Aviv, and a bunch of Jewish people just playing the sport they love," he said.

Peretz admitted that the locker room atmosphere was tense after the second period with Jerusalem trailing by two goals. "It's the second year that we [were down by] two goals going into the third," he said. "We trusted our coaches, we trusted our captain, we trusted our players, and we got out there in the third."

Late in the third period, the Capitals suddenly took over. Two goals came just seconds apart, and suddenly Tel Aviv was scrambling to keep up. The energy in the arena flipped instantly as fans rose to their feet, and the game intensified dramatically in the final minutes.

Capitals head coach Craig Brunengraber said the team had to manage intense emotions to complete the comeback. "You have a lot of strong personalities," he said. "At the end of the day, we won the game, and that's the hardest part about being a coach."

He also praised Peretz's performance, saying, "Peretz is all heart and soul. He shows the world he can do this on a world stage."



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The Jerusalem Capitals and goaltender Yonatan Reisinger pulled out a win over HC Tel Aviv on May 17 at UBS Arena.



HC Tel Aviv's Johnny Lazarus controlled the puck, with Jerusalem's Zach Sprung on his heels.



HC Tel Aviv's Zach Freeman, right, collided with Jerusalem's Jeremy Sprung.

Despite the loss, Tel Aviv captain Mike Gennello reflected on the broader meaning of the game. "Guys can get on the ice and it can be an absolute war out there, and then we get off and it's all smiles," he said.

As Jerusalem celebrated its comeback victory on the ice, fans throughout the arena remained standing, waving Israeli flags, giving the scene a powerful sense of pride in their country — and the game of hockey.

'His life became part of our city's history'

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friend to this community," and asked the crowd to share a moment of remembrance for the longtime parade committee member and former city councilman.

Family members stood near the memorial as speakers recalled the lives behind the names. "Jack loved Glen Cove," McCarthy's brother, Tim, told the attendees. "He was proud to serve. Thank you for remembering him all these years." McCarthy's voice cracked as he spoke of grandchildren who never knew their uncle but inherit his memory. "It means everything to us," he said.

The program balanced ceremony with calls to action. Charlotte Decker, a Glen Cove High School junior chosen to deliver the student oration, urged her peers to translate gratitude into civic responsibility. "Because of their sacrifice," she said of the city's war dead, "we have the freedom to pursue our dreams. Let us honor them by engaging in our communities and protecting the values they fought for." Decker's words underscored the intergenerational thread running through the day: remembrance paired with duty.

Major Fred R. Nielsen, who served in the Marines and was the grand marshal of the parade connected the day's remembrances to the living needs of veterans. "Glen Cove is a place veterans come to heal," Nielsen said, describing



Joanne Yee/Herald

Tim McCarthy, brother of Army Specialist Four John "Jack" Niles McCarthy, spoke during Glen Cove's Memorial Day ceremony at the veterans memorial, thanking the community for continuing to honor his brother's memory and sacrifice.

his work mentoring youth and supporting veterans services. He highlighted the Suicide Awareness and Remembrance Flag initiative, and pressed a sober statistic of veteran suicide. "We lose 22 a day. Remembering the dead means caring for the living."

Nielsen's words served as a reminder that commemoration should be accompanied by care for those who return from war. Thanks to his efforts, the city was recognized in April as the first in the nation to formally acknowledge the

veteran suicide crisis, as a Suicide Awareness and Remembrance City. It received the Mental Health Advocate Award from the Long Island Marine Corps League, in partnership with the Military Order of the Purple Heart and the Suicide Awareness and Remembrance initiative.

Rep. Tom Suozzi framed remembrance as a civic responsibility that extends beyond ceremony. "We have asked young men and women to give up everything," he said. "If we really want

to honor our veterans, we must uplift the conversation in this country — respect one another, engage in democracy and make life better for our neighbors." Suozzi's remarks underscored a recurring theme: public memory should inspire public service and better civic discourse.

Nassau County Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton offered a heartfelt remembrance of Tony Jimenez, a Vietnam war veteran who died in April, whom she described as someone who "lived his life in service to others." She recounted holding Jimenez's hand in his final moments and the painful reality she witnessed as a reminder of the lasting toll of war.

"Tony was more than a veteran — he was a pillar of this community," DeRiggi-Whitton said. "He loved Glen Cove, he loved its veterans, and he never stopped showing up."

Throughout the ceremony, speakers highlighted McCarthy's humanity. Silverman related the details of his life — Glen Cove High graduate, sanitation worker, a young man who enlisted with plans for college — to show the audience the person behind the medals. She said the stories of soldiers like McCarthy continue to resonate with the families and communities they left behind.

"Each one is a hero," she said. "And each one leaves a family who remembers them by name."

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Members of the Glen Cove Police Department lined up before the start of the Glen Cove Memorial Day Parade on Monday.

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The Memorial Day Parade is rain or shine

Hundreds of residents gathered in downtown Glen Cove on Monday as the city honored the nation's fallen service members during its annual Memorial Day ceremony and parade. The remembrance ceremony was held before the parade began, with speakers paying tribute to those who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces and emphasizing the importance of honoring their sacrifice and preserving their legacy. Following the ceremony, the parade route began at Cottage Row and Forest Avenue and proceeded through downtown Glen Cove, with veterans, local elected officials, first responders, school groups, marching bands and community organizations marching alongside American flags as spectators lined the sidewalks and applauded throughout the morning.

—Roksana Amid



Members of Glen Cove Junior Soccer League marched in the Glen Cove Memorial Day Parade on Monday.



Howard Stillwagon, commander of the Glen Cove VFW, marched alongside his dog, Cruiser, during the Glen Cove Memorial Day Parade on Monday.



Members of Team EVA — which stands for Every Veteran Appreciated — marched through downtown Glen Cove during the city's annual Memorial Day parade on Monday.



Members of the Morgan Park Summer Music Festival board marched through downtown Glen Cove during the city's annual Memorial Day parade on Monday,



THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT PTSD

Understanding PTSD

By **ROKSANA AMID**

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June is Post Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Month, and New York State's Trauma-Informed Network & Resource Center urges communities to broaden their understanding: PTSD can result from many events beyond combat—car crashes, medical trauma, abuse, or repeated stress—and affects people of any age, background, or profession, underscoring need for trauma-informed support and care.

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■ Broad Causes and Common Misconceptions

PTSD is often linked in popular imagination to military combat, but it arises from many kinds of traumatic experiences. Car accidents, medical emergencies, domestic abuse, betrayals, and witnessing violence can all precipitate symptoms. Furthermore, PTSD may have delayed onset: months or even years can pass before signs appear, complicating diagnosis. Recognizing diverse causes helps reduce stigma and encourages people to seek help. Mental health providers and communities that adopt trauma-informed approaches are better positioned to identify hidden or late-emerging PTSD, offer appropriate interventions, and support healing across different populations and life stories. Early education and outreach save lives and resources.

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■ Signs, Brain Changes, and Child Presentations

PTSD manifests beyond cinematic flashbacks: emotional numbness, detachment, dissociation, hypervigilance, insomnia, nightmares, and physical symptoms like chronic pain or digestive problems are common. Brain imaging shows biological correlates—overactive amygdala, reduced hippocampus volume, and decreased prefrontal cortex activity—reflecting altered fear response and memory processing. Children often present differently, reenacting trauma through play, regressing developmentally, or becoming clingy or withdrawn rather than describing events. Awareness of varied symptoms across ages is essential for accurate screening and for tailoring trauma-informed therapies that address both psychological and physiological dimensions of post-trau

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■ At-Risk Workers, Health Risks, and Help

First responders, journalists, therapists, and others repeatedly exposed to traumatic material face secondary or vicarious trauma and remain at risk for PTSD. Long-term post-traumatic stress elevates risk for autoimmune disorders, heart disease, chronic pain syndromes, and gastrointestinal illnesses, linking mental and physical health. Complex PTSD, arising from prolonged or repeated harm, adds persistent shame, emotional dysregulation, and identity disturbances. Trauma-informed workplaces, accessible treatment, and community resources reduce harm and promote recovery. New York State's Trauma-Informed Network & Resource Center offers tools for individuals and organizations to identify trauma and connect to care and resources.

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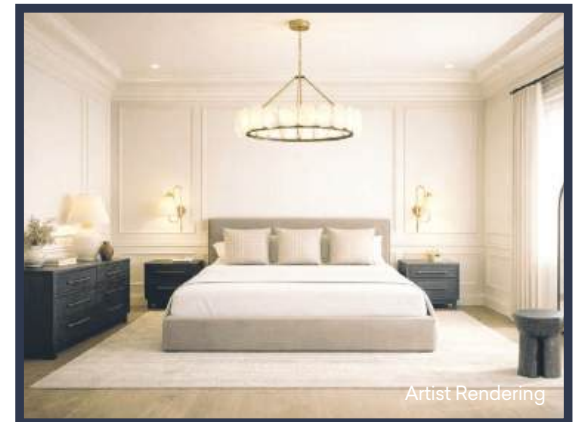


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Nassau BOCES George Farber Outstanding Student Award winners celebrate with Nassau BOCES Board members at a special ceremony held earlier this month.

BOCES students win Outstanding award

A Glen Cove student was among 17 students from across Long Island recognized this spring with the Nassau BOCES George Farber Outstanding Student Award, an honor celebrating perseverance, character and dedication to helping others.

Alex Rubio Palacios, of the Glen Cove City School District, received the award as a student at the Nassau BOCES Carman Road School. He was honored alongside students representing several Nassau County school districts during a special ceremony attended by Nassau BOCES administrators and members of the Board of Education.

The George Farber Outstanding Student Award is presented annually to students enrolled in Nassau BOCES programs who demonstrate qualities including scholarship, enthusiasm, resilience, leadership and compassion. Nassau BOCES officials said the recognition highlights students who have overcome challenges while making a positive impact in their schools and communities.

The award is named after former Nassau BOCES Board President George Farber, who served on the board from 1971 to 2009. According to Nassau BOCES, Farber was the longest-serving school board member in Nassau County history and was known for his deep commitment to improving the lives of students.

For the past 19 years, Nassau BOCES has presented the award in Farber's memory to recognize students whose accomplishments reflect the values he championed throughout his decades of public service.

Palacios was one of several students from specialized Nassau BOCES programs to earn the recognition this year. Other recipients included Jordan Stewart of the Baldwin Union Free School District, who attends the Nassau BOCES

Iris Wolfson High School, and Giulianna DiSalvo of the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District, a student at the Long Island High School for the Arts.

Additional honorees included Rocky Partusch of the East Meadow Union Free School District, who attends the Children's Readiness Center; Nicholas DeBono of the Oceanside Union Free School District, a student at Barry Tech; and Alan Diaz of the Valley Stream Central High School District, who was recognized through the Rosemary Kennedy School program.

Two students from the Uniondale Union Free School District also received the award: Lesther Cardona Iraheta, a student at Seaman Neck Middle School, and Tatiana Zepeda Banos, who attends the Twilight Alternative High School Program.

Nassau BOCES, which serves school districts across Nassau County, offers educational programs and shared services for students of all ages and abilities. Its programs include career and technical education, alternative education, special education, arts instruction, outdoor and virtual learning opportunities and adult education.

The organization also provides professional development for educators and technology services that support school districts throughout the region.

In a statement, Nassau BOCES described itself as "a vital regional resource" committed to helping students achieve their maximum potential while supporting the educational and economic needs of Long Island communities.

The annual awards ceremony celebrated not only academic success, but also determination, kindness and personal growth among students enrolled in Nassau BOCES programs.

-Roksana Amid



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Nature, brick by brick

Wild wonders in LEGO form at Old Westbury Gardens

By Christie Leigh Babirad

Art, nature and imagination come together this summer at Old Westbury Gardens with the arrival of Sean Kenney's Nature Connects Made with LEGO Bricks, an outdoor exhibition that transforms familiar scenes from the natural world into larger-than-life works of art.

Now on display through Sept. 7, the exhibit features 17 larger-than-life intricate sculptures crafted entirely from LEGO bricks, many inspired by the landscapes, wildlife and beauty found throughout the historic gardens. Blending creativity with environmental themes, the installation invites visitors of all ages to experience the grounds in a fresh and unexpected way.

For Maura Brush, president and CEO of Old Westbury Gardens, bringing the exhibition here has been especially rewarding after years of planning and anticipation.

"We're really excited to be hosting this exhibit," Brush says, explaining that whenever she and her team choose a temporary exhibit, they strive for the display to blend with the grounds — and this does exactly that.

"When you see the exhibit and you see the sculptures it really fits so beautifully within the landscape," she continues. "Old Westbury Gardens is home to foxes, butterflies and hummingbirds, and to see these exaggerated, large-scale sculptures in the landscape, it feels like it fits pretty beautifully."

All of the displays are tucked into natural places throughout the garden areas where visitors might see these creatures and flora naturally. Each includes a sign that indicates how many bricks were used, how many hours it took the artist to make each one and facts about the creature or flora.

Angela and Martin Pavlovic attended the preview opening with their 5-year-old son Niko who was excited to see the hummingbird and gave rave reviews for the wheel barrel made completely out of LEGOs.

"I like the wheel barrel," Niko enthused. "It's a 10 out of 10."

Anne Caminiti, who attended with her daughters Nina and Mia, noted their eagerness to see the exhibit as her eldest daughter loves LEGOs.

"I'm excited to see this display in one of our favorite places and see how many LEGOs it took to make each one," Caminiti says, adding that she appreciates how many great family programs are offered at Old Westbury Gardens.

Ashley Friel, spokesperson for Imagine, which manages the exhibit, explains that Sean Kenney, who has been involved with Imagine for over 10 years now, is an artist who likes to invoke a sense of whimsy and fun for the whole family.

"Nature Connects is a super inspiring show and really about how the beauty of nature is interconnected in the same way that LEGO bricks are," Friel says.

She added that she is eager to hear visitors' reactions to the sculptures and hopes the exhibit encourages guests to see the natural world through a new and more imaginative lens.

The fun does not stop with the sculptures. Throughout the Nature Connects' duration, Old Westbury Gardens will host a series of LEGO-themed events and programs designed to inspire creativity and bring

together visitors of all ages.

Laura Erwin, education manager, explained that the exhibit will be complemented by a variety of special events, including Family Nights and the Seasonal Sprouts program, held on select Wednesdays from July 1 through Sept. 2. Created for children ages 4 through 10, Seasonal Sprouts combines exploration and creativity through guided outdoor tours of the exhibit followed by hands-on activity in a LEGO free-play space.

"There are a lot of fun events coming up and the Family Nights are going to be big," Erwin says.

Another preview visitor, Claudine Krause, stopped by with her son Tatum, who she said loves LEGOs and goes to all the master LEGO events and has been following Sean Kenney's work.

"There's a lot you can learn through LEGOs and they have a lot of great events for children here," Krause says.

Adults can also join in the creativity when Bricks and Brews returns on Aug. 6, 6:30-8:30 p.m. The adults-only evening pairs art and socializing, beginning with a guided tour of the exhibition and continuing at the Barn at Orchard Hill, where guests will build with official LEGO Botanical Daisies kits while enjoying refreshments in a relaxed setting.



- Sean Kenney's Nature Connects open daily, except for Tuesdays, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., through Sept. 7
- 71 Old Westbury Road, Old Westbury
- For more information and program/events schedule visit oldwestburygardens.org or call (516) 333-0048



South Shore Symphony

The beloved orchestra, under direction of Adam Glaser, returns to St. Agnes Cathedral for its annual spring concert, joined by St. Agnes combined choirs, directed by Michael Bower. The inspiring program showcases beloved masterworks, including Mozart's Regina Coeli, and Bach's Mass in B Minor: Dona Nobis and Beethoven's Christ on the Mount of Olives: Hallelujah. The evening culminates with Beethoven's monumental Symphony No. 9, the groundbreaking 1824 masterpiece that transformed symphonic music by introducing a chorus in its final movement and giving voice to Friedrich Schiller's enduring "Ode to Joy," a celebration of unity and shared humanity. More than 65 musicians and approximately 75 vocalists join acclaimed soloists soprano Risa Renae Harman, mezzo-soprano Elizabeth Sarian, tenor Eric Finbarr Carey, and baritone Scott Lefurgy. Admission is free, with donations requested.

Friday, May 29, 7:30 pm. 29 Quealy Place, Rockville Centre. Visit sssymphony.org for more.



Gary Clark Jr.

The blues-rock guitarist-singer-songwriter has built a reputation as one of the most exciting live performers of his generation. Blending electric blues, rock, soul, R&B, and hints of hip-hop, Clark's sound is both rooted in tradition and boldly modern. His guitar tone often recalls legends like Jimi Hendrix and Stevie Ray Vaughan, but his songwriting, socially aware lyrics, and willingness to experiment make him stand out as a contemporary artist. On stage, he is known for extended solos, dynamic arrangements, and emotionally charged vocals that move from soft falsetto to gritty growls, making every concert feel unforgettable. Anyone who has listened to a Gary Clark Jr. album or watched the four-time Grammy Award winner perform live knows that he's a gifted multi-instrumentalist, songwriter and performer.

Wednesday, June 3, 8 p.m. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. Tickets available at ticketmaster.com or paramountry.com.

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Detailed LEGO sculptures are displayed among the Old Westbury Gardens landscape, transforming the grounds into an outdoor gallery. The sculptures range in complexity from 2,875 bricks to 60,549 bricks.

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MAY On Exhibit

28 Nassau County Museum of Art joins in the celebration of America's 250th anniversary. Its landmark exhibition explores how Long Island has reflected and shaped the story of American art. From Revolutionary-era portraiture and folk art to nineteenth-century landscapes, Impressionism, and the bold innovations of Abstract Expressionism and Pop Art, the exhibition highlights how every major art movement found expression here. From Brooklyn to Montauk, Long Island's natural beauty, coastal light, and close connection to New York City inspired generations of artists and gave rise to thriving art colonies and postwar creative communities. Featuring paintings, decorative arts, and historical objects displayed together in immersive settings, the exhibit celebrates the region's enduring influence and its rich artistic legacy. On view through July 12.

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

Knitting/Crocheting Club

Meet up with other knitters or crocheters at Glen Cove Public Library on Fridays. Whether you're new to knitting or you've been doing it for years, it's always more fun with friends! Start a new project or bring a current one. Participants should bring their own needles and yarn.

- **Where:** 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove
- **Time:** 10 a.m.
- **Contact:** glencovelibrary.org or (516) 676-2130

MAY Deep Roots Market

30 The weekly farmers market returns with fresh produce and local goods at Garvies Point.

- **Where:** Garvies Point Road
- **Time:** 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
- **Contact:** deeproots@glen-covechamber.org

Notes In Nature: String Quartets

Visit Planting Fields for the next concert in the "Notes in Nature" series. Celebrate the coming of summer under the open sky at the Main House's Cloister Garden with a captivating evening of string quartets inspired by nature and romance. Experience the

**JUN** David Lee Roth

7 Get ready to jump! Diamond Dave is back! The iconic, high-flying frontman of Van Halen is bringing his legendary swagger and a massive arsenal of rock anthems to the Paramount stage. Fans can expect a high-octane night packed with timeless hits like "Jump," "Panama," and "Runnin' with the Devil." This tour marks a massive return for the rock legend, who officially ended a five-year hiatus from the stage last May with a triumphant, headline-making debut at the M3 Rock Festival. Far from a stripped-down nostalgic act, Roth is backing up his signature showmanship with a powerhouse new eight-piece band to perfectly replicates those massive, classic Van Halen harmonies. Between the fresh musical muscle and Roth's undiminished, charismatic stage presence, this promises to be an unforgettable night of nostalgia and high-energy rock 'n' roll. If you're looking for a night of pure, unadulterated arena-rock energy right in our own backyard, this is the ticket of the season.

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vocal and virtuosic essence of the Long Island Chamber Music collective set against the picturesque backdrop of Planting Fields.. \$45 per person in advance, \$50 at the door if seats are available. Includes a complimentary glass of wine.

- **Where:** 1395 Planting Fields Road, Oyster Bay
- **Time:** 7-8:30 p.m.
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The Nassau University Medical Center mobile unit visits Glen Cove Library offering free mammograms. Appointments are required and must be scheduled in advance. Eligibility requirements include being 40 years of age or older. Women without health insurance are eligible to participate, and women who do have health insurance must bring a prescription from their healthcare provider. To schedule an appointment, call (516) 444-8752.

- **Where:** 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove
- **Time:** 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
- **Contact:** glencovelibrary.org or (516) 676-2130

Art explorations

Converse, collaborate and create with kids at Family Saturdays at Nassau County Museum of Art. Get inspired by the art and objects in the galleries and then join educators at the Manes Center to explore and discover different materials to create your own original artwork. 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

MAY Ice House Jams

31 Enjoy live music (free with park admission) at Sands Point Preserve's new outdoor gathering space in the woods behind Castle Gould: the Ice House! Curated by Homebrew Music, these sessions bring the best local artists to the cozy pond-side spot for select Sundays all spring and summer. Relax on lounge furniture, explore the trails and let the music set the mood. Weather permitting.

- **Where:** 127 Middle Neck Road, Sands Point
- **Time:** Noon-3 p.m.; also June 14
- **Contact:** sandspointpreserveconservancy.org or call (516) 571-7901

JUN Harmonize With Long Island Harmonizers

2 Love to sing? So do the Long Island Harmonizers. The chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society is a chorus of more than 20 singers, now welcoming new members. The ensemble performs four-part a cappella harmony in the barbershop style, entertaining audiences at libraries, assisted living facilities, hospitals, and local events. All are welcome to visit one of their weekly rehearsals. Come listen, meet the chorus, and — if you'd like—join in and sing. No musical experience is necessary, just a love of singing and a desire to have fun making music together.

- **Where:** Faith Lutheran Church, 231 Jackson Ave, Syosset
- **Time:** Tuesdays, 7:30-9:30 p.m.
- **Contact:** Call: Rich, (516) 521-4779, or Dennis, (516) 680-8036, or visit longislandharmonizers.org

JUN Monthly meditation

4 Sands Point Preserve's historic mansions and waterfront

grounds are the backdrop for an evening of nature-based mindfulness and meditation with Hildur Palsdottir, first Thursday monthly. Classes are held in the beautiful rooms of the Preserve's mansions, or in the Hempstead House Garden when weather permits. Explore techniques specifically aimed at stress reduction. Hildur adapts ancient Buddhist teachings to modern applications for calming the mind. In addition to facilitating these monthly groups, Hildur offers support with establishing a home meditation practice. No feeling is final. \$17 per class.

- **Where:** 127 Middle Neck Road, Sands Point
- **Time:** 6-7 p.m.
- **Contact:** sandspointpreserveconservancy.org or call (516) 571-7901

JUN First Fridays: Secrets of the Synoptic Garden

5 Step into one of the most unique gardens in the region with Arboretum Director and expert horticulturist Vincent Simeone when Planting Fields First Fridays series continues. In this engaging guided tour, Vincent brings the Synoptic Garden to life, an extraordinary living collection planted in the 1960s and arranged alphabetically from A to Z by scientific name. As you explore, you'll discover a curated "best of" selection of ornamental trees and shrubs that thrive on Long Island and throughout the greater New York area. This tour offers expert insight, seasonal highlights, and inspiration you can bring back to your own landscape. \$25 per person. Registration required.

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

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.



Courtesy Office Mayor Pamela Panzenbeck

Kiwanis wheelchair basketball game

The Kiwanis Club of Glen Cove hosted its Wheelchair Basketball Challenge Tournament at Glen Cove High School last week, bringing together students, community members and volunteers for an event focused on teamwork, inclusion and adaptive athletics. Participants competed in wheelchair basketball games designed to raise awareness and appreciation for the skill and athleticism involved in adaptive sports.



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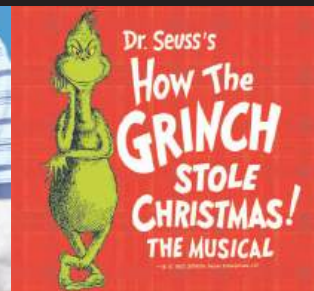
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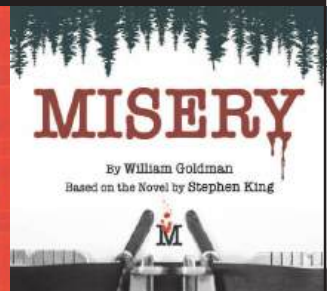
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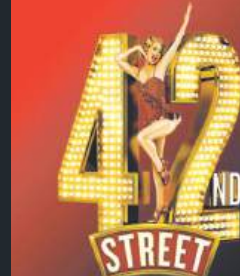
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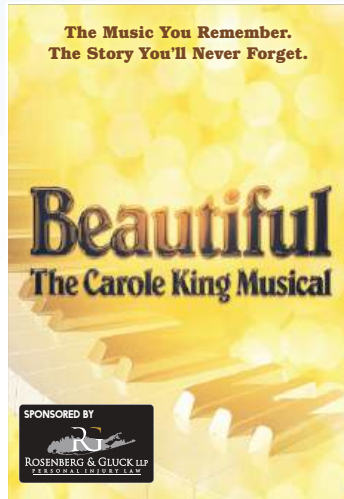
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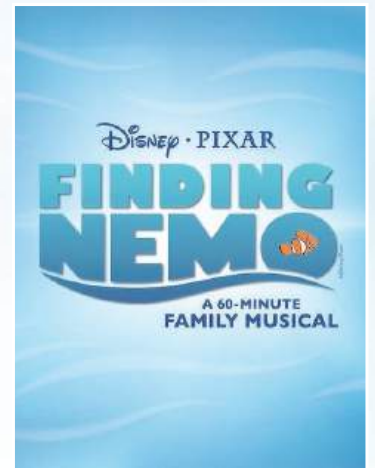
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AVISO DE REUNIÓN
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GLEN COVE EL 2 DE
JUNIO DE 2026 PARA
VOTAR SOBRE EL
PRESUPUESTO DE LA
BIBLIOTECA PÚBLICA Y
ELEGIR A UN
MIEMBRO DEL
CONSEJO DIRECTIVO
DE LA BIBLIOTECA
PÚBLICA DE GLEN
COVE

POR LA PRESENTE SE NOTIFICA que se celebrará una reunión especial de los votantes calificados de la Biblioteca Pública de Glen Cove de conformidad con las disposiciones de la Sección 260 y 2007 de la Ley de Educación del Estado de Nueva York en la Biblioteca Pública de Glen Cove, 4 Glen Cove Avenue, Glen Cove, Nueva York, en dicho distrito el 2 de junio de 2026, entre las 9 a.m. y las 9 p.m. Dicha reunión se celebrará con los siguientes propósitos:

RESUELTO que el presupuesto propuesto para la Biblioteca Pública de Glen Cove, Distrito Escolar de la Ciudad de Glen Cove, preparado por los Fideicomisarios de dicha Biblioteca Pública, para el año 2026/2027, y según haya sido enmendado, queda aprobado por la presente; y que el monto del mismo, menos los ingresos, se recaude mediante la imposición de un impuesto sobre los bienes inmuebles gravables en dicho distrito escolar.

Con el propósito de elegir a un (1) Fideicomisario para la Biblioteca Pública de Glen Cove por un período de cinco (5) años.

La votación sobre los asuntos antes mencionados se realizará mediante papeleta en una urna.

POR FAVOR, TOME NOTA ADICIONAL que la Junta de la Biblioteca de conformidad con las disposiciones de las Secciones 260 y 2007 de la Ley de Educación por la presente convoca dicha reunión especial del distrito.

SE NOTIFICA LO SIGUIENTE que las peticiones que nominan al candidato para el cargo de

Fideicomisario de la Biblioteca Pública de Glen Cove deben presentarse ante el Secretario de la Biblioteca entre las 9 a.m. y las 5 p.m., a más tardar el 15 de mayo de 2026. En ese momento, el candidato nominado será elegido. Cada petición de nominación deberá dirigirse al Secretario de la Biblioteca, deberá estar firmada por al menos veinticinco (25) votantes calificados del Distrito, deberá indicar la residencia de cada firmante y deberá indicar el nombre y la residencia del candidato.

Se pueden obtener modelos de formularios de solicitud en la oficina del secretario de la Biblioteca Pública de Glen Cove, ubicada en 4 Glen Cove Avenue, Glen Cove, Nueva York.

SE NOTIFICA LO SIGUIENTE que una copia de los gastos estimados propuestos para su votación estará disponible en la Biblioteca Pública de Glen Cove, 4 Glen Cove Avenue, Glen Cove, Nueva York, entre las 9 a. m. y las 5 p. m. todos los días, excepto sábados, domingos y días festivos, durante los catorce días anteriores a dicha reunión.

SE NOTIFICA LO SIGUIENTE que la Junta Directiva de la Biblioteca Pública de Glen Cove celebrará una audiencia especial sobre el presupuesto el martes 19 de mayo de 2026, en la Biblioteca Pública de Glen Cove, 4 Glen Cove Avenue, Glen Cove, Nueva York, a las 19:00 horas.

SE NOTIFICA LO SIGUIENTE Los votantes calificados del Distrito pueden registrarse entre las 9 a.m. y las 4 p.m. en la Biblioteca de Glen Cove, 4 Glen Cove Avenue, Glen Cove, Nueva York. La fecha límite para registrarse para la reunión que se llevará a cabo el 2 de junio de 2026 es el 19 de mayo de 2026. Si un votante ha votado en alguna elección en los últimos 4 años (2022) o si es elegible para votar según el Artículo 5 de la Ley Electoral, es elegible para votar en esta elección. Todas las demás personas que deseen votar deben registrarse. La lista de registro preparada por

la Junta Electoral del Condado de Nassau se archivará en la Oficina del Secretario de la Biblioteca Pública de Glen Cove, 4 Glen Cove Avenue, Glen Cove, Nueva York, y estará disponible para su consulta por cualquier votante calificado del distrito entre las 9 a.m. y las 4 p.m., hora local, cualquier día después del martes 19 de mayo de 2026, y cada uno de los días anteriores a la fecha fijada para las elecciones de la biblioteca y la votación del presupuesto, excepto sábados, domingos o días festivos, incluida la fecha fijada para la reunión.

POR FAVOR, TOME NOTA ADICIONAL Se puede solicitar una boleta de voto en ausencia para las elecciones y la votación del presupuesto de la Biblioteca en la Oficina del Secretario de la Biblioteca Pública de Glen Cove, ubicada en 4 Glen Cove Avenue, Glen Cove, Nueva York. Dichas solicitudes deben recibirse al menos siete (7) días antes de las elecciones si la boleta se enviará por correo a los votantes, o el día anterior a las elecciones si se entregará personalmente al votante. No se contabilizará ninguna boleta de voto en ausencia a menos que se haya recibido en la Oficina del Secretario de la Biblioteca Pública de Glen Cove, ubicada en 4 Glen Cove Avenue, Nueva York, a más tardar a las 5:00 p. m., hora local, del día de las elecciones.

Ida Johnson
 Auxiliar de biblioteca
 159571

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF SPECIAL
LIBRARY DISTRICT
MEETING ON JUNE 2,
2026 OF GLEN COVE
PUBLIC LIBRARY TO
VOTE ON THE PUBLIC
LIBRARY BUDGET AND
ELECT ONE TRUSTEE
OF THE GLEN COVE
PUBLIC LIBRARY

NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN that a special
meeting of the
qualified voters of the
Glen Cove Public
Library will be held
pursuant to the
provisions of Section
260 and 2007 of the
Education Law of the
State of New York at
the Glen Cove Public
Library, 4 Glen Cove

Avenue, Glen Cove, New York, in said district on June 2, 2026, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. Said meeting will be held for the following purposes:

RESOLVED that the
proposed budget of the
Glen Cove Public
Library, Glen Cove City
School District, as
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Trustees of the said
Public Library, for the
year 2026/2027, and as
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been amended, by and
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said school district.

For the purpose of electing one (1) Trustee for the Glen Cove Public Library for a five-year (5) term.

The vote on the aforesaid matters will be cast by ballot in a ballot box.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER
NOTICE that the Library
Board pursuant to the
provisions of Section
260 and 2007 of the
Education Law hereby
call said special district
meeting.

FURTHER NOTICE IS
HEREBY GIVEN that
petitions nominating
the candidate for the
office of Trustee of the
Glen Cove Public
Library must be filed
with the Clerk of the
Library between the
hours of 9 a.m. and 5
p.m., no later than May
5, 2026, at which time
the candidate so
nominated is to be
elected. Each
nominating petition
shall be directed to the
Clerk of the Library,
must be signed by at
least twenty-five (25)
qualified voters of the
District, shall state the
residence of each
signer, and must state
the name and
residence of the
candidate.

Sample forms of the petitions may be obtained from the Clerk of the Library at the Glen Cove Public Library, 4 Glen Cove Avenue, Glen Cove, New York.

FURTHER NOTICE IS
HEREBY GIVEN that a
copy of the proposed
estimated expenditures
to be voted upon shall
be made available at
the Glen Cove Public
Library, 4 Glen Cove
Avenue, Glen Cove,

Outdoor dining returns to Sea Cliff Avenue

By **JULIA CAPITELLI**

jcapitelli@liherald.com

Sea Cliff is bringing back outdoor dining on a series of Wednesdays throughout the summer. The first night, May 20, was interrupted by rain, but business owners are looking ahead to the remaining dates.

The event, "Sea Cliff Summer Nights," started last summer to bolster local businesses. The inspiration came from the Covid-19 shutdown, when restaurants were allowed to set up outdoors to maintain business.

Restaurants on the avenue set up tables outside their storefronts. The street is closed for the duration of the event and other businesses stay open past their typical closing time. Live music was included in the first night of the series.

Raquel Wolf-Jadeja, owner of The Onion Tree, said that last year the restaurant saw many diners from Sea Cliff and elsewhere.

"It was a wonderful experience," she said, "for us and for our guests."

Wolf-Jadeja said that she does not plan to do anything differently from last year and that her restaurant will offer its regular menu. The Onion Tree, along

with Sea Cliff Daily Grind and Foster Restaurant, is waiving the corkage fee on outdoor dining nights when customers buy wine from the Village Wine Merchant.

Though it rained on the first night, Wolf-Jadeja said The Onion Tree had a good turnout.

"With a little bit of effort," she said, "we were able to get (customers) switched from outside to inside."

Joe and Julia Grassa, owners of the Village Wine Merchant, said their goal is to bring in new customers, which is something they got out of the event last year. They also said they plan to have t-shirts made that they typically give out to customers who spend \$35 or more.

The Village Wine Merchant can apply for a permit to sell wine by the glass, but this can only be done four times a year. Joe explained that if they did apply for the permit, it would only be on one or two of the nights the event is held, and they would have to hope for clear weather to bring in more customers.

"I think (the permit is) worth it to give it a shot," Joe said, "just so we can see what it's like."

Other retail businesses on Sea Cliff Avenue are also open during outdoor dining. Glowinskin Esthetics is open.

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FURTHER NOTICE IS
HEREBY GIVEN that the
Board of Trustees of the
Glen Cove Public
Library will hold a
special budget hearing
on Tuesday, May 19,
2026, at the Glen Cove
Public Library, 4 Glen
Cove Avenue, Glen
Cove, New York at 7:00
p.m.

FURTHER NOTICE IS
HEREBY GIVEN that the
qualified voters of the
District may register
between the hours of 9
a.m. and 4 p.m. at the
Glen Cove Library, 4
Glen Cove Avenue,
Glen Cove, New York.
The final date to
register for the meeting
to be held on June 2,
2026, is May 19, 2026.
If a voter has voted in
any election within the
last 4 years (2022) or if
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vote under Article 5 of
Election Law, he or she
is eligible to vote at
this election. All other
persons who wish to
vote must register. The

list prepared by the Board of Elections of Nassau County will be filed in the Office of the Library Clerk of the Glen Cove Public Library, 4 Glen Cove Avenue, Glen Cove, New York and will be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the district between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. prevailing time on any day after Tuesday May 19, 2026, and each of the days prior to the date set for the Library Election and Budget Vote, except Saturday and Sunday or holiday, including the date set for the meeting.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER
NOTICE that an
application for an
absentee ballot for the
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budget vote may be
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Library, 4 Glen Cove
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before the election if
the ballot is to be

delivered personally to the voter. No absentee voter ballot shall be canvassed unless it shall have been received at the office of the Library Clerk, Glen Cove Public Library, 4 Glen Cove Avenue, New York, no later than 5:00 p.m., prevailing time, on the date of the election.

Ida Johnson
 Library Clerk
 159569

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OF
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OF
TENTATIVE
ASSESSMENT ROLL
(Pursuant to Section
506 of the Real
Property Tax Law)
NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN that the
Assessor of the City of
Glen Cove has
completed the
Tentative Assessment
Roll of Real Property
for the year 2026. A
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2026, where it can be
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and in
person at the City of
Glen Cove Assessor's
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On Grievance Day, Tuesday, June 16, 2026, the Board of Assessment Review will meet during the following times: 10am-12pm; 2-4pm; 7-9pm. To hear and examine all complaints in relation to assessments. The Board of Assessment Review will convene at the City of Glen Cove, City Hall, 9 Glen Street, Glen Cove, NY 11542. Grievances must be filed by end of day at 9pm on Grievance Day. Property owners are not required to be present during the Board of Assessment Review hearings.

The Grievance application (RP-524) and instructions are available at <https://glencoveny.gov/assessment-department/> and in person at the Assessment Office during normal office hours. Dated: May 28th, 2026 Thomas Donato, IAO, CSA-G City Assessor 160461

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OPINIONS

Let's take our daughters outside

Ask a girl in Elmont, Freeport or Hempstead what she did last weekend, and chances are her answer would sound a lot like that of girls across Long Island. She spent time scrolling on her phone.

Maybe on social media. Maybe texting friends. Maybe watching a show.



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What she likely wasn't doing was exploring the outdoors, or simply lying in the grass and watching the sky. June is National Great Outdoors Month, and as CEO of Girl Scouts of Nassau County, I want to say something plainly:

Girls need to spend more time outside, unplugged and reconnecting with the world around them.

The good news is we already have the solution, one that has been working for more than a century. According to the Outdoor Foundation, participation in outdoor recreation among girls ages 13 to 17 has fallen to roughly 50 percent. Research published in the *Journal of American College Health* confirms that screen time is a significant predictor of

higher anxiety, depression and stress in young people, while time spent outdoors predicts lower rates of stress and depression. Nature is good for girls, and the absence of it is doing harm.

What makes this urgent is that girls are disproportionately affected. Studies show that girls spend less time outdoors than boys, and that the drop-off accelerates sharply in early adolescence — the years when confidence, identity and resilience are being forged. At a time when we're already grappling with a youth mental health crisis, this is a trend we can't afford to ignore.

Outdoor experiences don't just reduce anxiety. They actively build the skills girls need to lead. The Girl Scout Research Institute has found that girls who regularly spend time outdoors are better problem solvers, more likely to seek out challenges and stronger environmental stewards. They develop leadership skills, forge deeper friendships and report greater happiness overall.

For girls from lower-income communities, access to the outdoors is even more transformative. Research shows that they are significantly more likely to credit outdoor experiences with helping

them become leaders.

Nassau County Communities are home to thousands of girls who deserve every opportunity to experience the outdoors. Many of them face real barriers, including fewer green spaces, limited transportation and tighter family budgets. The idea of sending a daughter to sleep-away camp in the Hamptons can feel like a luxury that belongs to someone else's life.

Every girl, regardless of Zip code, family income or whether she has ever seen a tent stake, deserves the chance to discover what she's made of when the Wi-Fi is gone and there are stars overhead.

Across acres of woods, trails and private beachfront, girls spend summers canoeing, swimming, building fires, sleeping under the stars, and doing something that is increasingly rare in young people's lives: being fully, completely present.

The girls I see during the school year undergo a transformation at camp. They become — dare I say — wild and free. They are independent, curious and brave. The girl who was nervous about sleeping away from home discovers she can navigate a trail. The girl who

thought she was “not outdoorsy” finds herself paddling a canoe across open water and realizing she loves it. These are moments that shape who a girl believes she can be, and that belief follows her home.

Every girl should have the chance to get outside in a meaningful, supported, joyful way. Not just girls whose families can easily absorb the cost of summer camp. Not just girls who already love hiking or have spent weekends on trails. Every girl, including the one in Elmont who has never left Nassau County, the one in Hempstead who thinks camping sounds miserable, the one in Valley Stream who just needs someone to hand her a canoe paddle and say, “You've got this.”

Heading into summer, I'm asking Long Island families, school leaders, community organizations and businesses to join us in making the outdoors accessible to every girl in Nassau County. Because the research is clear, the need is urgent and the girls are ready.

The girl who builds a fire, sleeps in a tent and wakes up to birdsong instead of notifications isn't just having a fun summer adventure. She's becoming a leader for Long Island, for our communities, for the future. Those leaders start here.

Rande Bynum is CEO of Girl Scouts of Nassau County.

Bill Bleyer knows Long Island history like few others

“Long Island Naval History in Wartime” was the title of a recent presentation by Bill Bleyer, the author of “Long Island and the Sea,” from which much of his talk was drawn. It is among seven books written by Bleyer published by The History Press.



**KARL
GROSSMAN**

For 33 years, Bleyer was an award-winning *Newsday* reporter with a specialty in history and maritime issues. He has a deep personal involvement in the marine world, literally — as a diver. Indeed, in his talk earlier this month he told of diving to and

exploring several boats sunk in waters off Long Island. Also, on the surface of area waters he has long operated a sail-

boat. Bleyer, of Bayville, is a former president of the Press Club of Long Island. His gave his talk at the Sag Harbor Whaling and Historical Museum.

It came as the museum features a number of events tied to the nation's semiquincentennial. Bleyer will be back

at the museum on June 28, speaking on “Long Island in the American Revolution.”

He started his most recent talk by relating the first naval battle in Long Island history, which was also the first amphibious landing of troops in U.S. history. The British, Bleyer said, were using Gardiners Bay, and taking provisions from lands around it. So, George Washington, commander and chief of the Continental Army, ordered a landing of troops on Plum Island to remove livestock that otherwise would be taken by the British.

Bleyer detailed the subsequent Meigs Raid, also called the Battle of Sag Harbor, in which, in 1777, Continental soldiers, under the command of Lt. Col. Jonathan Meigs, a veteran of Bunker Hill, journeyed from Connecticut and attacked a British outpost in Sag Harbor.

During the Civil War, the Confederacy deployed “commerce raiders” to prey on Union shipping — including off Long Island. Bleyer spoke of the Confederate ship *Jefferson Davis* snaring the schooner *S.J. Waring* in 1861, southeast of the Island. The southerners, he said, put a five-man crew of their own on the

schooner, removing most of those on board but leaving four, including a free African American, William Tillman, the steward. They told Tillman they would sell him as a slave for \$1,000 or more when they reached Charleston, S.C.

Subsequently, Bleyer related, Tillman led the recapture of the vessel, grabbing a hatchet on the boat and killing the Confederate captain and two officers with it. The ship went on to New York and, Bleyer said, Tillman's actions and the recapture were celebrated throughout the North at a time when the Union had few victories to celebrate.

It was on Long Island in the late 19th century, Bleyer said, that submarines, and torpedoes that could be fired from them, were developed. He told of how submarine builder John P. Holland worked in New Suffolk, which became America's first submarine base. Meanwhile, to the south, the E.W. Bliss Company was experimenting with torpedoes in Noyac Bay, off Sag Harbor.

During World War I, the only sinking of a U.S. capital, or main, warship by the enemy happened eight miles off Fire Island, Bleyer said. The vessel was the

The naval battles fought off our shores? Sunken ships? He knows about them.

USS *San Diego*, a cruiser that ran into a mine laid by a German U-boat.

Bleyer noted how, during World War II, there was an “unorthodox” U.S. wartime move: the formation of the Picket Patrol. With the U.S. Navy and Coast Guard short on warships and intense German U-boat activity in the region, a fleet of civilian sailboats, longer than 50 feet, were used. The absence of engines allowed them to patrol silently without detection by U-boats. They were painted battleship gray, and crewed by Coast Guard Reserve members who were connected by radio to military forces.

Meanwhile, this area became a major center for the construction of landing craft, minesweepers and rescue boats. They were built in Freeport, Greenport, Huntington, Oyster Bay and Port Washington.

“Long Island and the Sea” goes way beyond the Island's wartime history and is a great read, full of photos, like Bleyer's excellent talk. He's on the lecture circuit — he told me he has 68 bookings ahead on subjects he has written about. Catch a talk — and his books.

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HERALD EDITORIAL

Water safety starts with vigilance

As summer approaches on Long Island, our communities eagerly embrace the joys of swimming, boating and waterfront leisure. From backyard pools to the vast expanse of the Atlantic Ocean, aquatic activities are woven into our seasonal traditions.

With those pleasures, however, comes a paramount responsibility: ensuring water safety for all.

New York ranks fourth in the nation in drowning deaths. The state now requires all operators of motorized vessels, regardless of age, to possess a valid boating safety certificate. The requirement, established as part of Brianna's Law — named in memory of 11-year-old Brianna Lieneck, who lost her life in a 2005 boating accident in the Great South Bay — is intended to make waterways safer.

Boaters can enroll in approved safety courses available in person and online. The BoatUS Foundation offers a free, state-approved online course, and the New York State Parks Adventure License program encourages boaters to add an anchor icon to their driver's license to indicate completion of the course.

Water safety extends well beyond boats, to backyard and public swimming pools and Long Island's many miles of beaches. Drowning remains a leading cause of accidental death

among children.

Suffolk County reported 24 drownings in 2024, a 60 percent increase over the prior year, based on statistics from Stony Brook University. Experts noted what they called an "alarming shift," with 66 percent of drownings happening in backyard pools rather than open water, driven largely by a post-pandemic surge in pool installations. Nationwide, drowning remains a leading cause of unintentional-injury deaths among children ages 1 to 4.

To reduce the risks:

Always supervise children closely when they are in or near water. Avoid distractions, even when lifeguards are present.

Install fences with self-latching gates around pools to prevent unsupervised access. State law requires fences to be at least 4 feet high and to fully enclose pools.

Teach children to swim, learn yourself if you never have, and understand basic water safety rules.

Ensure that supervising adults are trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation so they can respond effectively in emergencies.

State law requires children under 12 to wear U.S. Coast Guard-approved lifejackets on boats smaller than 21 feet.

Lifejackets accessible to all passengers are essential on any vessel.

At public pools and beaches, pay attention to lifeguards, who are trained to identify hazards such as rip currents — fast-moving channels of water that can quickly pull swimmers away from shore.

Ask lifeguards about dangerous conditions, and swim only in designated areas. If caught in a rip current, stay calm and swim parallel to shore until free of the current.

Another major danger is after-hours swimming. When lifeguards are off duty, swimmers who are inexperienced, overconfident or impaired are left unmonitored, and that is when many drownings occur.

Early-season swimmers should also remember that ocean water remains dangerously cold well into late spring. Cold water quickly drains energy and increases the risk of distress, even for strong swimmers.

Water safety is everyone's responsibility. Whether you're watching children at a pool, enjoying a day at the beach or heading out on a boat, a few simple precautions can mean the difference between a close call and a tragedy. Long Island's waters are meant to be enjoyed, but only if we treat them with the respect they demand.

LETTERS

Where is Hempstead's affordable-housing plan?

To the Editor:

Re Joseph Scianablo's op-ed, "We can't solve a housing crisis with hypocrisy or politics," in the May 14-20 issue: Scianablo, the Democratic candidate for Hempstead town supervisor, clearly stated the issues involved in dealing with the housing crisis. He also delineated steps that need to be taken to solve the problem.

One must wonder, what has the town's leadership, under Supervisor John Ferretti, been doing about this housing crisis? No cogent plan has been followed to deal with the shortage of housing that's affordable for young families or seniors wanting to downsize. A predictable pattern has developed, which we have witnessed with the Woodmere Country Club and Inwood/North Hempstead projects: A project is proposed by developers, there is an outcry from community residents who have reasonable concerns, and then there is expensive litigation, paid for with taxpayers' hard-earned dollars.

Ferretti and the Town Board should have had a forward-looking housing plan in place. As proposed by candidate Scianablo, stakeholders



including developers, union workers and residents must be engaged in planning housing projects for the needs of each unique community.

Instead of blaming Albany, our town

leadership must take responsibility now to deal with the housing crisis.

PAMELA KORN
Hewlett

OPINIONS

The disappearance of embarrassment

Somewhere in Washington right now, custom bourbon bottles etched with FBI Director Kash Patel's name and title are being distributed as tokens of power and prestige at taxpayer expense. Strange as it sounds, those bottles tell a much larger story about contemporary politics and politicians.



**MICHAEL
BLITZ**

You don't have to be a political historian to know that democracies have always produced their share of vain, incompetent and corrupt political opportunists. What feels different now is the brazenness — the complete disappearance of embarrassment and restraint among leaders, as well as citizens' expectations that public officials at least *appear* to be answerable to the people they serve.

At a moment when millions of Americans are struggling to afford groceries, gasoline, rent, medication and health insurance, our "leaders" parade openly in a spectacle of self-glorification, ideological theater, open self-interest and flat-out contempt. The examples arrive almost daily:

A White House "ballroom" project that began as a supposedly privately

funded \$200 million undertaking has steadily ballooned to a taxpayer-supported \$1 billion monument to one man's excesses.

A sitting president and his family are profiting from business ventures made possible only through political power. Airports, cultural institutions, public spaces and even passports are being renamed and revised in ways that elevate and glorify that president.

Patel's custom bourbon bottles are etched with his name while taxpayers absorb the costs of an increasingly theatrical government culture.

Other cabinet officials and agency heads appear openly hostile to, or ignorant of, the very missions of the departments they oversee.

A secretary of health and human services attacks scientific consensus, vaccine trust and established medical knowledge during a period of growing public health anxiety.

A secretary of defense speaks less like a sober administrator than a cable-news warrior wannabe posturing for cameras and political allies.

Presidential social media tirades are aimed at journalists, critics, political opponents and private citizens — many dismissed as "low IQ," "stupid," dishonest, even treasonous.

Meanwhile, we are told every day that all is well, the economy is strong, the war is won, and that public concerns are exaggerated. Republican Sen. Tim Scott proclaimed on Fox Business last month that "You can even feel in our

environment how good things are getting. Gas prices continue to come down, which means that your groceries will come down a little bit as well." As Scott spoke, gas and grocery prices were rising dramatically in his home state of North Carolina and around the country. Without embarrassment, he invented a picture of America that has no basis in reality.

That same day, on CNBC, House Majority Leader Steve Scalise said, "You go back two years ago, we were paying almost \$6 a gallon for gasoline." Two years ago, in mid-2024, the nationwide average price of gasoline was \$3.66 per gallon. Without embarrassment, he made up a price easily disproved.

More and more Americans no longer believe what they are being told, because their own lives tell them otherwise. And alongside all of this come the vanity projects, the public self-glorification, the open profiteering, the personalized institutions, the theatrical insults and the endless performances of loyalty and power.

The deeper cultural shift isn't simply these behaviors themselves, but how little civic alarm they now produce. Why, we should ask, do these officials feel no shame, or even just a little embarrassment? But mostly we don't ask. Too often we give up on demanding competence, dignity and social awareness in our leaders.

Why? Or maybe the question should be how? How can people who call themselves leaders act with so much contempt toward the people who put them in positions of authority? A healthy republic depends on leaders understanding that public office carries obligations larger than ego, profit, loyalty rituals and self-celebration. It depends on some continuing sense that, at the very least, public suffering should impose limits on displays of extravagance and self-interest.

Evidently, our leaders feel no such constraints; they feel not one shred of embarrassment about the lies and excesses that have come to characterize them. For many of them, holding office means little more than having permission to engage in public spectacle, branding, self-celebration and acts of contempt in plain sight.

Which may be why those personalized bourbon bottles feel oddly — and sadly — emblematic of the political moment itself.

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Those personalized bourbon bottles seem sadly emblematic of the moment.

LETTERS

Voters deserve to hear more from the candidates on housing

To the Editor:

Mr. Scianablo is half right. Politics is the only means we have to reconcile civil issues. What is required is the sort of politics Mr. Scianablo describes, where leadership seeks to "rise above the noise" and "tell the truth" to promote "honest conversations" and form "partnerships" that will work toward "thoughtful, community-driven planning." That would mean a constructive confrontation with some hard words.

Nassau County's leaders must acknowledge the truth that the housing issue can't be "solved" at the county level, but progress can be

facilitated. Candidates for leadership must dismiss the noise to center the honest conversations on those few factors and limited partnerships within their purview and jurisdiction. This means devising a thoughtful plan for changes in zoning to encourage density at sites that provide transportation and public services — which will encourage builders and bankers to construct affordable units that make Nassau attractive to buyers, preferably families with children.

There are hard words here, but voters deserve to hear from each candidate some opening position from which they will begin their honest conversation, and what their vision is for a Nassau community plan to ameliorate its portion of the "crisis."

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At Molloy University's graduation, that's President James Lentini on guitar — Jones Beach

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Relocating is undoubtedly one of life's more overwhelming experiences — deciding what comes with us, what fits into the next chapter, and where everything belongs. Vivian knows this firsthand, having recently transitioned from a larger home into a smaller space. Much like our emotions, what once felt **big** — fear, stress, uncertainty — slowly settles into **smaller** emotions, such as clarity, peace and comfort. Piece by piece, our belongings find their place, and eventually, so do we.



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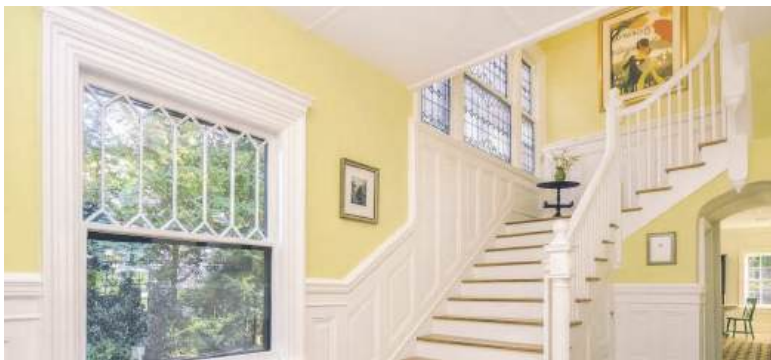
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