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City sees increase in fiscal stress

By **ROKSANA AMID**

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Glen Cove is back on the state's fiscal stress list, as the city grapples with an operating deficit from 2025 and a separate, roughly \$3.1 million, revenue shortfall in its current budget.

The state comptroller's office designated Glen Cove as "susceptible to fiscal stress" after analyzing the city's 2025 financial performance with its Fiscal Stress Monitoring System. The city received a fiscal stress score of 47.1, just above the 45-point threshold for the designation.

The monitoring system, created by Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli in 2013, is intended to provide local governments and taxpayers with an early warning of deteriorating financial conditions. It examines factors including year-end fund balances, operating deficits, cash on hand, short-term borrowing and fixed costs.

"Local governments are facing increased fiscal pressures," DiNapoli said, citing inflation, rising operating costs, slowing sales tax growth and the end of federal pandemic aid.

Glen Cove was one of four cities statewide designated as susceptible to fiscal stress in the latest round of monitoring, along with Elmira, Johnstown and Schenectady.

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Glen Cove Rapid Response Network

Nelson Melgar spoke passionately about his experience growing up in Glen Cove as an immigrant.

At Glen St. station rally, support for immigrants

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More than 75 people gathered last Saturday in the parking lot of the Glen Street Long Island Rail Road station, where speakers called attention to the effects of federal immigration enforcement on local families and the fear they say has spread through immigrant communities.

The rally, organized by the Glen Cove Rapid Response Network, brought together residents and advocates amid continued concern about U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement activity. Some attendees carried signs reading "We are all immigrants."

For Nelson Melgar, the

issues discussed at the rally were deeply personal. Melgar, 36, came to Glen Cove from Honduras with his family when he was 13. He lived in the United States without legal status before receiving protection under the policy of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals. He went on to graduate from Glen Cove High School, attend college and law school, and become a family and immigration attorney.

Melgar's goal in speaking at the rally, he said, was "to put a face to those immigrant neighbors."

"Glen Cove is quite literally the first place that we came to," Melgar said. "We came here for economic reasons."

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Cornell assault lawsuit names Glen Cove man

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Orazio Petito, of Glen Cove, is among the defendants named in a civil lawsuit filed by a former Cornell University student identified as Jane Doe, who alleges she was drugged and sexually assaulted by seven men at a fraternity house in October 2024.

Petito, a Chaminade High School graduate and member of Cornell's Xi Chapter of Chi Phi fraternity, is named in the 101-page lawsuit filed Sept. 16 in State Supreme Court in Manhattan. The complaint identifies him as president of the fraternity's executive board "at all relevant times" and alleges that he failed to properly supervise the fraternity house and its members.

Petito is not one of the seven men whom Doe accuses of sexually assaulting her.

The lawsuit has renewed scrutiny of Cornell's handling of Doe's allegations and the original criminal investigation, prompting Gov. Kathy Hochul to appoint state Attorney General Letitia James as special prosecutor.

"The allegations in this case are nothing short of horrifying," Hochul said Sept. 29. "For any student to come forward after an experience like this takes extraordinary courage."

Hochul initially supported

Tompkins County District Attorney Matthew Van Houten's decision to reopen the criminal investigation. Two days later, she said newly released information raised "serious questions" about the Cornell University Police Department's investigation and the district attorney's original decision not to prosecute.

Hochul issued an executive order Oct. 1 appointing James special prosecutor. James said her office would conduct an investigation "guided by the facts and the law."

The case has also drawn the attention of state lawmakers, including Assemblyman Charles Lavine, whose district includes Glen Cove.

Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie appointed Lavine to a 14-member working group examining issues surrounding New York's sexual assault laws.

The group is tasked with developing legislative recommendations by the end of the year for consideration during the 2027 legislative session.

In a phone call with the Herald, Lavine said he expects lawmakers to address what he called the "so-called defense of voluntary intoxication."

"We can certainly modify our laws to make sure that victims are protected and that voluntary intoxication no longer is a bar to prosecution," Lavine

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THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT ADHD AWARENESS MONTH

ADHD awareness month

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October is ADHD Awareness Month, an annual observance focused on increasing understanding of attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder and providing accurate information about a condition that affects millions of children and adults. The ADHD Awareness Month Coalition says the observance is intended to share reliable information, elevate the experiences of people with ADHD and improve access to support throughout a person's life. The coalition includes Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder, the Attention Deficit Disorder Association and the ADHD Coaches Organization.

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■ What is ADHD?

Attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder, commonly known as ADHD, is a developmental disorder characterized by ongoing symptoms of inattention, hyperactivity or impulsivity that can interfere with every-day life.

ADHD symptoms begin in childhood, but the disorder does not affect only children. Symptoms can persist through adolescence and adulthood, and the way ADHD presents can change as a person gets older. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention notes that ADHD can look different in adults than it does in children.

ADHD can affect people at school, at work and in their relationships and daily routines. Diagnosis is made by a health care professional and involves determining whether symptoms meet established criteria and interfere with functioning.

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■ How common is ADHD?

TMillions of Americans have been diagnosed with ADHD. According to the CDC, an estimated 7 million U.S. children ages 3 to 17, or 11.7 percent, had a current ADHD diagnosis based on data collected in 2024.

Another CDC measure found that 12 percent of children ages 3 to 17 had received an ADHD diagnosis at some point in their lives in 2024. The rate was 15.6 percent among boys and 8.2 percent among girls.

ADHD also affects adults. More than half of adults with ADHD included in a CDC national survey reported receiving their diagnosis during adulthood, illustrating that the condition may not always be identified during childhood.

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■ Why is ADHD Awareness Month important?

One goal of ADHD Awareness Month is to counter misconceptions about the disorder with evidence-based information.

The ADHD Awareness Month Coalition describes awareness as a way to reduce stigma and conflict experienced by people with ADHD. Its 2026 mission emphasizes sharing accurate information, increasing connection and helping people find appropriate support.

Throughout October, the coalition encourages schools, libraries, community organizations and individuals to distribute educational materials, hold programs and direct people to reliable ADHD resources.

The coalition also encourages people with ADHD to share their own experiences. Organizers say combining scientific information with the experiences of people living with the disorder can help families, educators, employers and communities better understand ADHD.

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Attendees gather during the FAME event honoring Chris Barry and his contributions to Glen Cove High School's television production program.

30 years of shaping young broadcasters

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Alex Martinez was 15 when she first met Chris Barry as a student at Glen Cove High School. Nearly three decades later, her son is a junior at the school — and now takes Barry's television production class.

For Martinez, the coincidence illustrates the reach Barry has had across generations of students.

"I feel so grateful to have witnessed the entirety of Mr. Barry's career," Martinez said.

Barry, 58, was honored Oct. 5 by Friends of Arts & Music Enrichment GC during the organization's annual fall fundraiser at the Sea Cliff Yacht Club, recognizing a career that has spanned professional television and nearly 30 years educating students through Glen Cove TV.

Maria Laino DeLuca, FAME GC's vice president of marketing and events, said Barry has "helped shape generations of students through media, broadcasting and television production." He took over the program established by longtime educator Thom Ruckert, carrying forward a legacy that helped make GCTV an early innovator in school-based television production.

Barry's path to the classroom was not one he initially expected.

A former Queens resident who now lives in Glen Cove, Barry attended what was then C.W. Post College intending to study radio. After taking television courses, however, he found himself more interested in production and switched his major.

While at Post, Barry met adjunct professor Dan Cox, who also worked at Glen Cove High School. Cox encouraged his college students to use GCTV's equipment for their senior projects because the high school's facilities were better than what they had available at college.

The experience stuck with Barry.



Chris Barry, a longtime Glen Cove High School television production teacher, speaks with a former student during the FAME event honoring his career.

After graduating, he interned with Jim Henson and the Muppets while Henson was still alive and was later hired. Barry went on to spend about seven years working in professional television, including freelance jobs with AMC, MTV, VH1, Nickelodeon, Comedy Central, ABC and CBS.

But the long hours and uncertainty of freelance television eventually made him reconsider his career.

"I just started to feel like I wanted something with a little bit more purpose," Barry said. "That's what I found here."

Barry began taking graduate education courses at Queens College and contacted Cox to ask how he could make the transition into teaching. The timing proved fortuitous: Cox told him he was leaving his position and would recommend Barry for the job.

Barry said he arrived without a traditional background in education and leaned heavily on Ruckert's example.

"I didn't know how to do this at all when I got here," Barry said. "I found out how to do this the right way from Tom Ruckert."

Ruckert believed GCTV should be a home for the students who entered the studio each day, Barry said, a philosophy he adopted throughout his own career.

That impact was reflected during the fundraiser when students presented a video thanking Barry. Former students described the studio as a place where they could be themselves and spoke about the influence Barry had on their lives.

Martinez was among them. Inspired by Barry, she studied mass media and communications in college and later worked alongside him for about five years.

"Mr. Barry has a photo of me on the wall with my big belly," Martinez said, recalling her pregnancy. "Now my son is a junior and is taking Mr. Barry's class."



Allen Hudson speaks to attendees during the FAME event honoring Chris Barry.

The FAME honor follows another recognition for Barry. Earlier this year, he received the Broadcast Alliance for Senior High Lifetime Achievement Award, recognizing his work in student broadcasting and media education.

Now in his 30th year at the school, Barry is eligible for retirement and said he is strongly considering it.

His immediate plans, he said, would be simple: stay in Glen Cove and enjoy the home and community that he has had little time to experience outside of work.

"I want to live in my home in Glen Cove and see what that's like when I'm not working," Barry said.

Looking back, Barry said teaching provided something he had begun searching for during his television career.

"You're an important part of someone's life," he said. "I found a lot more purpose being here in my life than what I thought I was doing in the TV biz."

We want our deck back

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Q. We have a large deck that finally needs to be repaired, and some parts replaced. It is wood with some steel beams, and we wanted to do the boards that look like wood but are made from plastics and supposedly last longer. We looked at several brands and aren't sure what is best, but it probably doesn't matter now. The prices came in very high for the work, and each contractor we have spoken to said we were only going to save money if we use all wood, including the beams. The beams are steel, as we understand, since they extend farther without as many columns. The funny thing is that we were replacing the wood because it started rotting and twisting after 15 years, bad enough that we don't feel comfortable using the deck — it's on our second floor, which is why we want fewer columns, so we can continue to use the ground level as an outdoor dining space. What can you recommend that we do? The cost makes it impossible to move forward, and we really want our deck back.

A. I like to quote the oil filter commercial we used to hear all the time: "You can pay me now or pay me later." In this case, you can spend the money on the less-costly wood, and then spend more money on re-treating the wood and repairs. As for the steel beams being replaced, it should be understood that steel is more compact for its strength, and the equivalent ability to span longer distances with wood requires much more wood, and it will more than likely be taller, meaning the beams will extend lower.

The synthetic decking materials are a much better choice, and the ones that are recycled resin-based, without the wood component parts in their composition, are at the top of the list of low maintenance, deterioration and replacement that you have with wood mixtures and wood deck materials. I have seen the difference many times over the years, including the landing deck in my own yard.

I originally built it out of cedar, which was supposed to be resistant to insects and, if stained properly, would last a long time, or so I thought. After just four years, the wood posts and the properly stained decking had become distorted with warping, twisting and some end rotting. I replaced the materials with synthetic decking and rails, and after 26 years, it's still in great condition.

This problem of not factoring in the cost of maintenance, accessibility and the increase in material costs over time has often led to much greater expense in the life of buildings. You have to question yourself as to which is more affordable, the continued maintenance or initial cost. Remember that the people you are speaking to will do either system, wood or synthetic, because for them it's a current job that they will leave behind and that you have to live with. Good luck!

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Prenuptial Agreements

Prenuptial agreements ("prenups") are contracts entered into by a couple before marriage setting out the rights of the parties in the event of divorce or death. Less common is the postnuptial agreement, with similar terms, but executed by the parties after marriage.

Who signs these types of agreements and why? Often couples marrying for the second or more time will have children and/or substantial assets at the time of remarriage. They may wish to insure that all or some of their assets go to their children and not to the new spouse, who may have children and assets of their own.

Even with a will which leaves everything to one's children, without a prenup the surviving spouse is legally entitled to claim about one-third of the deceased spouse's estate. Having been married before, these couples know that sometimes things do not work out and wish to simplify matters in the event of a divorce, including whether or not alimony will be payable.

In the prenup there must be full disclosure of each other's assets so that each party knows what they are giving up. A necessary

component is a schedule whereby each party sets out a list of their separate property, i.e. what they owned prior to entering into the marriage. The agreement then sets out the division of property in the event of divorce as well as the inheritance rights between the parties. While prenups often provide that neither party will inherit from the other, it is not unusual for the parties to partially waive those provisions after a few years and execute a will or trust leaving assets to the spouse despite the prenup. Other ways to leave assets to the spouse are by making some assets joint or naming the spouse as beneficiary on IRA's, investments, bank accounts, annuities or insurance policies. The prenup may also contain a "sunset provision" that it expires after a set number of years.

For younger people, who do not have significant assets but may receive a substantial inheritance, the Inheritance Protection Trust is preferable since the intended spouse need not be involved, no disclosure of assets is required, and the assets pass by blood, instead of by marriage, at death.

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OBITUARY

Edna Dorfman Freeman dies at 97

Edna Dorfman Freeman (nee Donaldson), a lifelong resident of Glen Cove, died Sept. 15, 2026, at age 97.

Freeman was the beloved wife of the late Nathan Dorfman and the late Gilbert Freeman. She was the loving mother of Lisa (Chris), David (Nancy) and Tracy (John); sister of the late Billy Donaldson (the late Virginia) and the late Doreen Donaldson; grandmother of David, Hilary, Sara and Kylie; and great-grandmother of David N. Jr., Nathan, Jack, Mia, Angeline and



EDNA DORFMAN
FREEMAN

Sophia.

Freeman was a longtime Glen Cove property owner and remained involved in her family's real estate business. Her daughter, Lisa Dorfman, has managed the family's Dickson Garden Apartments.

Freeman was known as a longtime member of the Glen Cove community, where she lived throughout her life.

Services were entrusted to Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home in Glen Cove.

—Roksana Amid

NEWS BRIEF

Blood donations desperately needed

The Glen Cove Fire Department will host a community blood drive on Saturday, Oct. 17, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., giving residents an opportunity to help replenish the blood supply and support patients who depend on transfusions.

The blood drive will be held at the Glen Cove Fire Department, 10 Glen Cove Ave. Breakfast will be served by the fire department during the event.

Residents interested in donating can sign up by calling Pete at (516) 606-0014 or by scanning the event's QR code. All donors will also receive a voucher for a "Pint for a Pint" from Garvies Point Brewery in Glen Cove.

Blood donations are an essential part of health care because donated blood cannot be manufactured and must come from volunteer donors. Hospitals rely on blood donations for patients undergoing surgery, receiving treatment for serious illnesses, recovering from traumatic injuries and facing medical emergencies.

Maintaining an adequate blood supply is especially important when emergencies occur. Serious accidents, traumatic injuries and other unexpected events can create an immediate need for blood, while hospitals must continue treating patients who require transfusions as part of planned procedures or ongoing care.

Blood also has a limited shelf life, making regular donations important. Waiting until an emergency occurs to donate may be too late for patients who need blood immediately. A consistent supply allows hospitals to respond to emergencies while continuing to meet the needs of patients receiving routine and specialized medical care.

For eligible donors, giving blood is a relatively simple way to help people in the community. A single donation can be separated into components that may be used to help different patients, depending on their individual medical needs. The upcoming blood drive will provide Glen Cove residents with an opportunity to contribute to the local blood supply while taking part in a community event. Breakfast will be available to donors, and the "Pint for a Pint" voucher offers an additional thank-you for those who participate.

The drive will take place from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Oct. 17 at the Glen Cove Fire Department, 10 Glen Cove Ave. Those interested in donating can register by calling Pete at (516) 606-0014.

—Roksana Amid

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Chamber Fall Festival gathers families

The Glen Cove Chamber of Commerce held its fifth annual Fall Family Festival Oct. 3 at the YMCA at Glen Cove, bringing families together for an afternoon of seasonal activities, entertainment and community fun. The free event featured giant inflatables, carnival games, a pumpkin patch and decorating, a Touch-a-Truck display with police, fire and EMS vehicles, airbrush body art, a photo booth, live music and performances by New York Dance Theatre and Jazz Hands Youth Theatre. The festival also included a raffle featuring prizes such as \$500 cash, a 70-inch Samsung HDTV and a Nintendo Switch 2, with proceeds benefiting the Dr. Glenn Howard Jr. Scholarship. The event was originally scheduled for Sept. 27 but was postponed because of the severe weather forecast.

—Roksana Amid



Sandy Ceislak, from the New York Dance Theater, wore a vibrant red dress for the festival.



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Teenagers gather with pumpkins during the Glen Cove Chamber Fall Fest.



Anja O'Hara, Harry, 2½, and Lexi Hermann attend the Glen Cove Chamber Fall Fest.



Mario Marin and Celeste Gullo enjoy the Glen Cove Chamber Fall Fest.

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Dunleavy is the GOP challenger in District 13

By JULIA CAPITELLI
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Republican Assembly candidate Conner Dunleavy is running for office for the first time. He lives in Glen Cove with his wife, Gabriella, and their son, Matteo. He listed public safety and the cost of living as two of the main reasons he is running, and said that New York is “in a state of decline,” pointing to crime as a major reason.

“When I was a kid, you could go into a CVS and there were no glass panels,” Dunleavy, 31, said. “You didn’t have to ask for an assistant to get a razor blade, right? That’s an example of actual decline in our quality of life.”

He said he opposes the Local Cops Local Crimes Act, a state law banning state and local law enforcement agencies from entering into agreements with Immigration and Customs Enforcement. “I think our communities are safer when law enforcement works together,” Dunleavy said.

He added that he believes banning agreements between ICE and local law enforcement is unhelpful, especially for “the most vulnerable people” in the community. As of September, more than 1,400 people had been detained by ICE at the Nassau County Correctional Center in East Meadow.

The Propel NY Energy project, a \$3.26 billion underground and submarine powerline project that received approval from the state Public Service Commission last month, remains a major concern for many Long Islanders. Before it was approved, Dunleavy said the project should not move forward because too many questions remained unanswered. He described it as “putting the cart before the horse” because no specific



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This is Conner Dunleavy's first run for office.

source had been chosen to provide power to flow on Propel’s lines.

“People don’t know what’s going on,” he said. “They hear conflicting messaging, and they’re afraid because they don’t want their town to be torn up for giant, high-voltage energy transmission cables to be built right below their street, and I think it’s important for elected officials in the area to really speak out.”

As affordability and cost of living continue to be widespread concerns as well, Dunleavy said he sup-

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ported County Executive Bruce Blakeman’s plan to eliminate state income tax on the first \$50,000 of income for single filers and the first \$100,000 for married filers. Dunleavy added that he believes in increasing the Empire State Child Tax Credit, which currently provides up to \$1,000 per qualifying child under age 4 and up to \$500 per qualifying child aged 4 to 16.

Dunleavy is a communications specialist for the Town of Hempstead, and his work includes planning events like Narcan trainings, senior scam-prevention seminars, car seat safety checks and cultural events. He described the job as “rewarding.”

This year he was appointed to the City of Glen Cove’s Planning Board. He explained that he believes local planning and zoning boards should maintain control of development.

“Whether it’s Sea Cliff or Hicksville,” Dunleavy said, “the local municipalities should be in control of what their character of the community looks like, what the style of the community is.”

Dunleavy has also worked for the Town of North Hempstead, helping with projects like tree removal and planting, pothole repair and paving. He said he believes it is important to be “in tune” with constituents and responsive to them.

Lavine is seeking re-election to a 12th term

By JULIA CAPITELLI
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Assemblyman Charles Lavine, a Democrat from Glen Cove, is currently serving his 11th term, and is running for re-election in the 13th District. He was first elected to the Assembly in 2004, and has since worked on legislation on guns, veterans’ services and marriage equality, among other issues.

Lavine, 79, chairs the Assembly’s Judiciary Committee, which reviews and handles proposed legislation impacting the state’s courts. Enacting legislation for courts to function, he said, would be a priority if he is re-elected. He also listed restoring faith and trust in government, and developing a budget with sufficient funding for residents’ needs, among his objectives.

The budget, Lavine said, must include sufficient funding for education, health care and environmental protection. “Public education is one of the major reasons that people live on Long Island,” he said, noting the grants he has secured for districts, like North Shore, to make capital improvements and help pay teachers and social workers. One grant facilitated the purchase of a press box at North Shore High School.

Lavine has recently been outspoken about Immigration and Customs Enforcement activity as well as anti-semitism and Islamophobia. He is a member of the National Board of Directors of Jewish Legislators, and president of the National Association of Jewish Legislators’ New York chapter.

He supports Gov. Kathy Hochul’s plan to revitalize downtown areas and incorporate transit-oriented



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Assemblyman Charles Lavine is running for re-election in the 13th District, and lists education, health care and environmental protection as key budget considerations.

development. Legislators, he said, must work to make housing more affordable, with seniors and young people, in particular, struggling to find places to live.

“This is basic economics,” Lavine said. “It’s supply and demand. We do not have enough supply. As a consequence, remembering Economics 101 when I was in college, the expense of housing becomes greater and greater and greater.”

With ICE activity continuing in Nassau County, Lavine said he believes it is important to speak out “in favor of fairness.” He added that undocumented immigrants who are committing violent crimes should be removed, but he asserted that the majority of those being held at the Nassau County Correctional Center have not been convicted of violent crimes.

“I know people who are in the Latino community and in other immigrant communities who live in fear,” Lavine said. “They’re afraid to travel.” He acknowledged that other communities, such as the South Asian community, are affected as well.

Many of Lavine’s constituents oppose the Propel NY Energy project. Public advocates have called on elected officials, including Lavine, to fight the project. He has met with those constituents, he said, and sent a letter to the state Public Service Commission expressing concerns.

Nonetheless, he said, “I am a legislator. I am not a magician.”

Lavine added that he believes the state needs to modernize its infrastructure, and cited underground pipes in Glen Cove as an example of that need. Flooding has been a repeat issue for the city’s residents, and he said he would continue to work to secure funding to update infrastructure but that tackling the flooding issue will require the city and state to work together.

Town unveils tax-freeze spending proposal

By JULIA GILLEGIO
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Town of Hempstead Supervisor John Ferretti unveiled a proposed \$591.7 million budget for 2027 that he said would freeze town taxes while maintaining municipal services, funding infrastructure improvements and preserving a \$5 million tax cut enacted earlier this year.

The proposal follows a 2026 budget that reduced general fund taxes by 18 percent. Ferretti noted that the proposed tax-freeze budget comes as Hempstead faces rising costs, including the overall 3.4 percent increase in the consumer price index over the past year. Other increases have also impacted the town, such as a 23 percent increase in utility costs and pension costs rising 10 percent over the past two years.

“It is on us as elected leaders to demand accountability, boost efficiency, and ensure smart budgeting within governmental operations,” Ferretti said on Sept. 30. “Families should not be left to shoulder burdens that should be addressed through responsible governance.”

The proposed budget aims to maintain all town services and programs while addressing rising operating costs, public safety needs and infrastructure improvements. Ferretti said that it prioritizes affordability for residents amid rising living expenses across New York.



Hempstead Town Supervisor John Ferretti, center, unveiled a nearly \$592 million budget for 2027, noting that it maintains all of the town’s programs and services.

Brian Devine, the town’s communications director, said the tentative budget projects the use of \$30 million in reserves. Devine emphasized that the figure is only a projection, and that the final amount would not be known until the town closes its books for 2027.

“It is entirely possible that the town will use no reserves at all in our 2027 budget due to strong fiscally conservative management,” he said.

Devine pointed to the town’s most recent audited financial statements for the 2025 budget as an example. That spending plan projected \$22.9 million in reserve use, but the town ended the year with a \$20 million surplus.

Joseph Scianablo, the Democratic candidate challenging Ferretti for supervisor, released an analysis of the proposed budget, identifying what he described as concerns with projected revenue, fund transfers and reserve use.

Scianablo said he identified \$26.75 million in miscellaneous revenue, an increase of \$24.25 million from 2026, a

\$17 million part-town transfer to the Highway Department and proposed use of fund balances that need further explanation.

“Without reliable, recurring revenue, today’s tax freeze can become tomorrow’s tax hike,” he said, adding that if elected, he would require documented revenue sources, realistic cost estimates and a multiyear financial plan.

Scianablo also said he would protect essential services while reviewing contracts and spending for savings, pursuing outside funding through a proposed Grant Capture Unit and prioritizing preventive maintenance. He called for greater transparency through quarterly budget updates and clearer explanations of revenue and fund-balance use.

While Scianablo outlined his plans to preserve essential services, the town currently provides a wide range of services to residents, including sanitation, water, highway maintenance, parks and senior enrichment programs.

Town spending accounts for about four cents of every property tax dollar. For residents living in incorporated villages, the town’s share is even lower, less than one cent per dollar. The proposed spending plan would also maintain a municipal workforce at its lowest level in more than a decade.

“The 2027 tax-freeze budget keeps more of your money where it belongs,” Ferretti said.

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How will the city manage revenue shortfall?

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ed figures included in a city bond offering show that Glen Cove ended 2025 with an operating deficit of roughly \$1.52 million after four consecutive years of operating surpluses. The city had reported operating surpluses of approximately \$789,000 in 2024 and \$1.7 million in 2023. City officials attributed the state designation to the 2025 operating results and a negative unassigned fund balance.

“Fiscal year 2025 did not end as we had intended and unfortunately, we realized an operating deficit for the first time in four consecutive years of operating surpluses,” officials said in a statement provided by Roni Jenkins, the mayor’s executive assistant.

The latest designation comes as the city confronts a separate issue in its 2026 budget involving roughly \$3.1 million in anticipated sales tax revenue. The City Council voted in July 2025 to impose a 1.5 percent city sales tax, effectively taking half of Nassau County’s 3 percent sales tax on transactions in Glen Cove. The change ended a decades-old arrangement under which the county collected the sales tax and provided the city with revenue through a property tax credit. The 2026 budget relied on approximately \$3.1 million from the new revenue source.

But the city did not receive a required waiver from the county in time for the change to take effect this year.



Courtesy Glen Cove City Hall

Glen Cove is back on the state’s fiscal stress list, as the city grapples with an operating deficit from 2025 and a separate, roughly \$3.1 million, revenue shortfall.

The sales tax delay was also cited earlier this year when Moody’s Ratings downgraded Glen Cove’s credit rating to Baa2. Moody’s pointed to structurally imbalanced budgets, the city’s reserve position and elevated leverage among its financial challenges.

Anthony Basile, a professor of accounting at Hofstra University, previously told the Herald that Moody’s assessment reflected concerns about both the city’s budget deficit and its rising debt obligations.

City Councilwoman Danielle Fugazy Scagliola said the state designation was not unexpected. “It is not surprising that

we received a credit downgrade by Moody’s and have been given the Susceptible to Fiscal Stress designation by the state,” Fugazy Scagliola said.

She argued that the city relied too heavily on aggressive revenue projections without maintaining sufficient reserves for unexpected expenses.

City Controller Michael Piccirillo wrote in an email that the city’s expenses cannot easily be reduced. “A significant amount of our expense base comes from uncontrollable expenses related to our workforce, such as NYS pension employee contributions, employee health care and related benefits and

expenses.”

Piccirillo said that Mayor Pamela Panzenbeck’s administration works to eliminate wasteful and nonessential spending. The city has also re-evaluated fees for building and filming permits, parking tickets, property rentals and cellular antennas, he said, while pursuing additional recurring sources of revenue.

Former Councilwoman Marsha Silverman said the city needs recurring revenue to keep pace with expenses rather than relying on temporary sources of money. She questioned whether increases in fees represent the kind of new revenue the city needs, noting fees are largely still paid by residents and other local taxpayers.

County Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton criticized the sales tax plan the city incorporated into its 2026 budget. “It was never brought before the County Legislature,” she said, “and taxpayers should never have been asked to rely on millions of dollars in revenue from a plan that had neither the votes [in the Legislature] nor the approval needed to become reality.”

Asked whether the sales tax revenue expected in 2027 would offset the current shortfall, Piccirillo wrote, “We are hoping it yields better-than-anticipated results to help partially offset the shortfall.”

ICE agents can still be seen on local streets

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“We came here to escape poverty.”

When he arrived, he said, one of his first obstacles was learning English. He taught himself, carrying a dictionary, learning a new word each day and listening to English-language music. He repeated words to himself as he walked home from school to learn how to pronounce them.

It took him a year, Melgar said, to complete his school’s English as a Second Language program and moved into honors classes.

When his classmates began considering college, he faced another barrier. Because he was undocumented, he said, financial aid was largely unavailable to him, and his family and friends questioned whether pursuing a degree made sense when his immigration status could prevent him from getting a job.

A guidance counselor encouraged him to apply to Nassau Community College where earned an associate degree before continuing his education at Hunter College, where he studied political science and international relations.

Melgar recalled working low-paying jobs, including at a car wash, and riding his bike to work before taking a lengthy bus ride from Glen Cove to NCC.

His circumstances changed after he received DACA protection, which gave him authorization to work legally in the U.S. “It did change my life,” Melgar said.

With the ability to earn better wages and spend less time working, he said, he was able to focus on his education, and got involved in community advocacy, particularly issues affecting immigrants and immigrant students.

Melgar later attended New York Law School’s evening program while working during the day. He spent four years in law school, and got involved in student



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Young attendees expressed their solidarity with Glen Cove immigrants as the community faces challenges created by ICE activity.

government before he graduated. He now operates his own practice, focusing primarily on family law and immigration.

Despite everything DACA made possible for him, Melgar said, the program did not provide him with a path to citizenship.

At the rally, he pushed back against the association of undocumented immigrants with crime Melgar cited a 2020 study published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences that analyzed Texas Department of Public Safety data from 2012 through 2018. Researchers found that U.S.-born citizens were more than twice as likely as undocumented immigrants to be arrested for violent crimes, 2.5 times as likely to be arrested for drug crimes and more than

four times as likely to be arrested for property crimes.

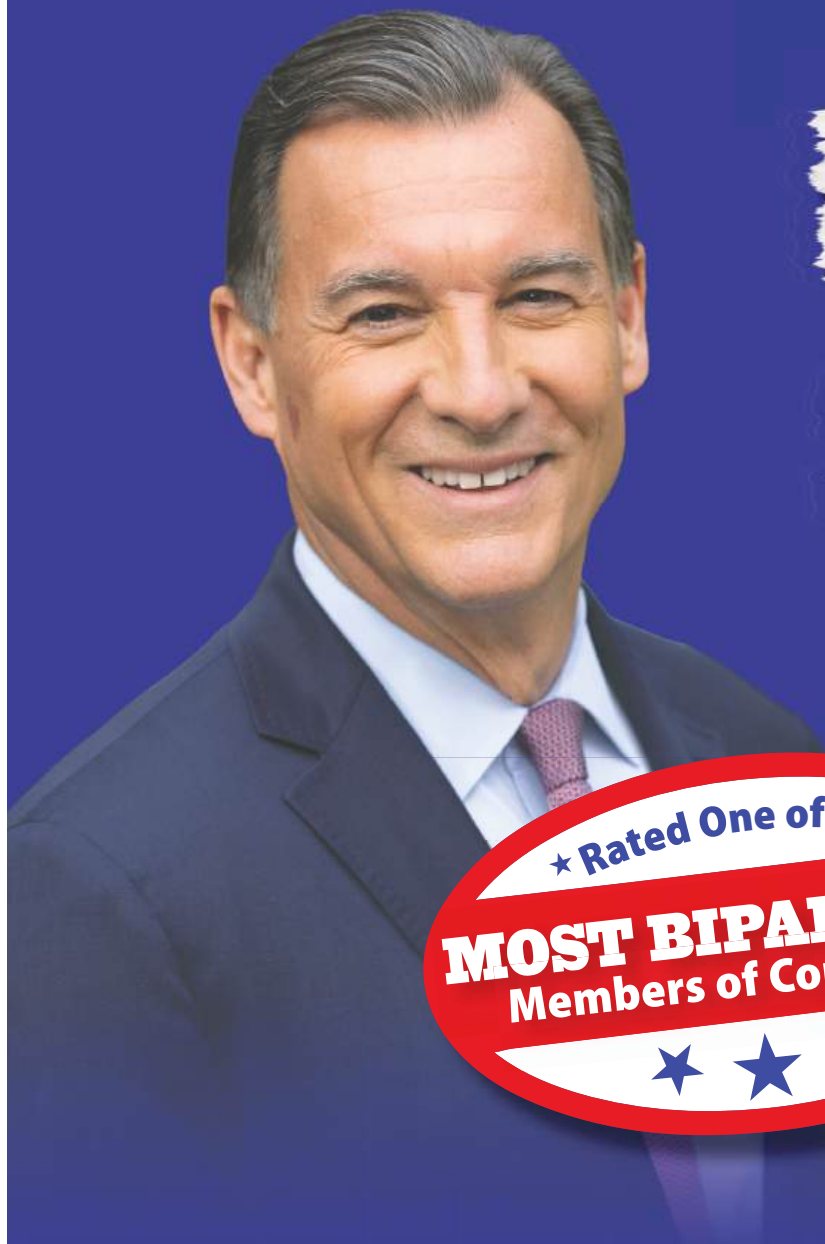
The Glen Cove Rapid Response Network said that fears surrounding immigration enforcement have increasingly affected the daily lives of immigrant residents. Nabil Azamy, of Glen Cove, a network member who emceed the rally, said the Glen Street station was chosen as its location in part because of its symbolism. The area was the site of ICE activity during an earlier surge of immigration enforcement in Nassau County last year.

“Some of the people this poem welcomes are now being treated as if they don’t belong,” Azamy said, referring to Emma Lazarus’s “The New Colossus,” the sonnet inscribed on a plaque inside the Statue of Liberty. “We’re here because they do belong. They are our neighbors, our co-workers, our friends and the parents of our children’s classmates.”

The Glen Cove group is part of a larger network of volunteers across Long Island who respond to reports of ICE activity. They document what they observe, alert people nearby and distribute information about their rights.

Mike White, a Sea Cliff resident and a network member, described responding to a report of ICE activity in Glen Cove about a month before the rally. White said that volunteers photographed suspected ICE vehicles and, after confirming the agents’ presence, began alerting people in the neighborhood and distributing know-your-rights cards. “We don’t interfere,” White said. “We’re just warning the neighbors.”

White recalled warning a young woman leaving an apartment building. After looking around and seeing several vehicles that White said belonged to ICE agents, she thanked him and went back inside. Encounters like that, White said, illustrate the fear he believes immigration enforcement has created locally.



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Pironi wants to bring local values to Albany

By WILL SHEELINE
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Paolo Pironi, the Republican candidate for New York's 15th Assembly District, is running on a platform centered on affordability, public safety and restoring local values to government, drawing on his experience as a third-generation Long Island home builder.

Pironi, 38, lives in East Norwich and grew up in Glen Head. He studied architecture at the New York Institute of Technology in Old Westbury and works as a developer building single-family homes throughout Nassau County through his family's business, Pironi Homes.

Pironi said he decided to run because he wants future generations to be able to afford to remain on Long Island.

"I want my kids to live here. I want them to be able to afford to live here," Pironi said. "I've had family and friends move out of Long Island and New York because they just can't afford to live here."

Affordability is one of Pironi's three central campaign issues, along with crime and safety and "having (constituents') values back in government."

As a business owner, Pironi said he would bring a customer-service mindset to the state assembly and focus on maintaining a direct connection with constituents.

Pironi added that he wants to ensure police departments have the support they need and that residents feel safe in their communities.

"I want to make sure that our police are taken care of," Pironi said, "and that our streets are safe for my kids to walk down."

On Propel NY Energy, the proposed transmission project that has drawn opposition from some North



Will Sheeline/Herald

Paolo Pironi said he plans to translate his experience working for his family's construction business to addressing the housing issue on Long Island if elected.

Shore residents, Pironi said constituents should have a significant voice in determining how the project proceeds.

"I want to make sure my constituency is heard," he said. "I want to make sure they get what they want."

Pironi said he believes more housing, including single-family homes, could be a better use of land in the district.

He also connected housing affordability to the permitting process, arguing that local governments

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should retain control over development decisions rather than face additional state oversight.

He spoke about aquifer protection as a major environmental concern and said Nassau County could consider incentives for more advanced septic systems that protect groundwater.

"As a home builder, I have come in contact with aquifer issues," Pironi noted, "and we've done everything we can to work with environmental groups to make sure those aquifers are protected."

He also expressed support for protecting Long Island's waterways and wildlife, pointing to Oyster Bay's efforts to protect shellfish as an example of local environmental stewardship.

Pironi said veterans affairs would also be his top legislative priority if elected, ensuring that Veterans of Foreign Wars posts have the resources needed to support those seeking services and assistance.

Ultimately, Pironi said he wants voters to see him as an accessible representative who can combine his business experience with constituent advocacy.

"I want to make sure that those constituents have someone to go to when there is an issue," he said, "and that they know that there's going to be someone to fight for them in government, in state politics, in local politics."

Tarulli wants more funding for Long Island

By WILL SHEELINE
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Dean Tarulli, the Democratic candidate for New York's 15th Assembly District, is running on a promise to bring a government-insider's perspective to Albany, saying his experience in climate resilience, public policy and grant funding has prepared him to take on problems that he believes career politicians have overlooked.

Tarulli, 38, a Glen Head resident, works as deputy director of coastal resilience for the New York City Department of Design and Construction. He described himself as "a climate resilience, public policy and funding professional."

He said his decision to seek office grew out of years of working with elected officials and becoming frustrated with what he views as their focus on short-term political considerations.

If elected, Tarulli said one of his priorities would be establishing independent reviews of state capital infrastructure projects. He argued that stronger oversight could prevent cost overruns and save taxpayers billions of dollars statewide.

He also said he wants to use his experience securing federal and state grants to bring more funding to Long Island municipalities.

"I'll do the paperwork with my staff and get us more money," Tarulli said. "I don't even have to go to Albany and beg."

Tarulli said he would also prioritize meeting directly with constituents, proposing a walking tour of the district that could eventually involve knocking on resi-



Will Sheeline/Herald

Dean Tarulli believes his years of experience helping communities recover from and prepare for natural disasters will enable him to secure more money for L.I.

dents' doors.

"People should know their government officials," he added, "and they should be able to, every once in a while, yell at me at their own front door."

On the Propel NY Energy transmission project, which has drawn opposition from many North Shore residents, Tarulli said he believes the developers have

not adequately explained the project's construction impacts to residents.

His primary concern is the proposed construction through residential areas. Tarulli said directional drilling should be used more extensively to reduce disruption, particularly in Glen Head and Glenwood Landing.

"They're already doing it under the (Long Island) Sound," he said, "so I don't know why they need to rip up the one road through Glen Head and Glenwood Landing."

Affordable housing is another issue Tarulli said requires a different approach on Long Island. Rather than emphasizing traditional affordable housing, he said he wants to promote housing for young professionals near rail stations and major employment centers.

"We want young professional housing, not affordable housing," Tarulli said. "It's just decent, affordable condos or apartments that are near the railroad stations or near the LIE."

Throughout the interview, Tarulli returned to his criticism of Albany and what he described as a disconnect between state government and Long Island. He cited the staffing at environmental agencies as an example, adding that Long Island has too few marine biologists and other state employees to adequately handle the region's workload.

Ultimately, Tarulli emphasized that his campaign is about applying his government experience directly on behalf of district residents.

"I can advocate for us, and I can get us more, and it's just that," he said. "I'm unbought and unbossed, so no one's telling me what to do."

THE GREAT BOOK GURU

Savvy spy

Dear Great Book Guru,
October is filled with exciting events - the Cider Social at Central Park; Fred Stroppel's play about Lizzie Borden, FALL RIVER, at the Arts Council; the Village Halloween parade...so much fun, but I definitely need a good book for down time. Any suggestions?

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Dear Fan of the Fall,

I have just the book for you: "Sweet Tooth" by Ian McEwan. McEwan is a prolific writer ("Atonement," "Amsterdam," "Solar," "Saturday," "On Chesil Beach"....) whose works are known for their clever twists.

Told in the first person by Serena Frome, the novel takes place in 1970's England - an England of IRA bombings, Cold War spying, labor unrest, and a dreary economy. Frome ("rhymes with

plume") has just finished an idyllic summer with an older man who is married, a professor at Cambridge, and a former spy.

When he ends their romance abruptly, she finds herself courted by MI5 - the British equivalent of our FBI. Frome, the beautiful daughter of an Anglican bishop and a speed reader of novels, is assigned to recruit writers whose images of the West are known to be positive; the operation is known as "Sweet Tooth."

The novel is hilariously funny, occasionally bitter-sweet, and always intellectually stimulating. A great

read and only 300 pages so it should be perfect for the busy days ahead - 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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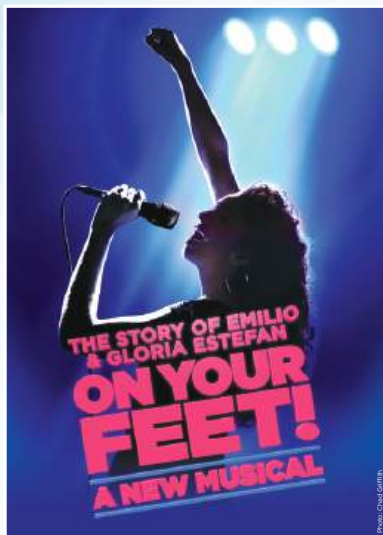
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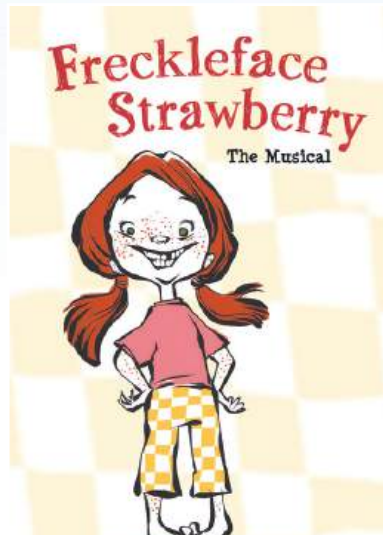


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Lavine joins review of sexual assault laws

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said.

Lavine, who worked as a public defender in New York City about 50 years ago, said New York’s rape laws have changed significantly during his legal career. He also said law enforcement can sometimes be hesitant to pursue rape charges.

Lavine stressed that he was not prejudging Doe’s case, but said such hesitation “may very well have been the case with the Cornell police who did the investigation” and the Tompkins County prosecutor.

The working group hopes to meet in the coming days, Lavine said. His experience representing people charged with sexual abuse and rape, he added, gives him insight into how changes in criminal law could work in practice.

“I sincerely doubt that it is only at Cornell where such conduct has occurred,” Lavine said. “And I am hopeful that an honest discussion of this issue is going to be very constructive in the long run.”

Doe reported the alleged assault to Cornell University Police in 2024, but no criminal charges were brought. Van Houten has said his office received a six-page signed statement from Doe but did not receive a transcript of her more extensive interview with Cornell police.

Doe alleges that she was intoxicated and given drugs before being sexually



Courtesy Office of Gov. Kathy Hochul

Gov. Kathy Hochul and state Attorney General Letitia James provided an update on the Cornell University sexual assault case. Hochul appointed James special prosecutor to oversee the renewed criminal investigation into the 2024 case.

assaulted at the Chi Phi fraternity house during the night of Oct. 19, 2024.

Doe is suing the seven men she accuses of sexually assaulting her: Matthew Ingalls, Johnathan Newell, Winston Lee, also identified as Lee Jun Hyung, Gillio Lopes, Diego Sarabia, Scott Norris and Scott Kretzschmar. None has been criminally charged.

The claims against Petito are different. The complaint alleges that, because of his purported leadership and supervisory responsibilities within Chi Phi, he had a duty to protect Doe from foreseeable harm and failed to exercise rea-

sonable care in supervising fraternity members.

It further alleges that Petito failed to investigate concerns about the seven men’s behavior, recognize signs of sexual abuse and warn Doe that they could pose a danger to her.

The complaint alleges that Doe was taken into a room believed to be the fraternity president’s office, where she alleges Ingalls and Lee gave her additional ketamine and sexually assaulted her while she was incapacitated. The lawsuit does not allege that Petito participated in those acts.

Petito is a defendant in the civil action, which seeks damages and other relief. James’ office has not publicly identified him as a target of the separate criminal investigation.

The Herald contacted Chaminade High School and Petito’s attorney, Eric Bernstein, for comment. Chaminade declined to comment.

Cornell conducted a separate Title IX investigation after the allegations were reported. The university has confirmed that its disciplinary process resulted in expulsions, suspensions and other sanctions, although outcomes differed among the students involved. The Chi Phi chapter was also barred from campus.

Cornell President Michael Kotlikoff addressed the case in an Oct. 3 video message.

“I believe we as an administration and we as a community must do better,” Kotlikoff said.

On Oct. 6, Cornell announced that a special committee of its board of trustees had retained former U.S. Deputy Attorney General Sally Q. Yates to lead an independent review of the university’s policies and response to sexual harassment, sexual assault and related misconduct. The review will include Cornell’s response to the allegations involving Doe and members of Chi Phi, as well as the university’s campus police practices and coordination with outside law enforcement.

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Suburban kid, theatrical force: Joe Iconis thrives in the spotlight.

Two worlds, one voice

Joe Iconis reconnects with his roots in an intimate showcase of his music and singular stage presence

By Iris Wiener

Joe Iconis returns to Long Island for a dynamic homecoming. The Tony-nominated writer, performer and Garden City native is set to perform his solo concert, "Joe Iconis: Live on Long Island," on Oct. 16-17. He'll bring the songs, stories and theatrical sensibility that have defined his career to East Rockaway's Strongbox Theater. For the writer behind Broadway's "Be More Chill," the occasion is both a long-overdue local debut and an opportunity to reconnect with the place that helped shape the songwriter and performer he would become.

"I can't believe it has taken me this long," Iconis says of bringing an entire concert of his own material back here. Although he has made occasional appearances in the area, including debuting a new musical in Babylon, he had never performed a proper solo concert on his home turf. The opportunity came together almost spontaneously after he became aware of the new Strongbox Theater and he knew it would be a good fit.

The significance of performing on Long Island goes beyond geography.

"Long Island is just kind of baked into who I am as a person," Iconis says. Growing up in Garden City, which he calls "the ultimate suburban area," he was surrounded by a large Italian family and the particular social dynamics of suburban life. Those experiences, he says, helped shape both his worldview and the people who populate his writing in musicals such as "The Black Suits" and "Love in Hate Nation."

"I write a lot about suburban characters and suburban ennui, as well as people who feel just outside of something," Iconis relates.

For him, that feeling is particularly connected to "being just outside of the city, so close that you can touch it, but not quite there."

The proximity to Manhattan was another formative part of his childhood. Iconis was able

to see theater frequently and became fascinated by the city and its creative energy. At the same time, he came to recognize that Long Island could feel like its own universe. That tension between the familiar world of the suburbs and the seemingly limitless possibilities of New York became part of Iconis' artistic DNA. Yet the younger Iconis might never have imagined that he would one day be performing his own songs in front of an audience.

"He would blush!" Iconis says when asked what his aspiring songwriter self from Garden City would think of his current career. "I was never someone who identified as a performer."

As a child, he participated in theater because it was a way to be a part of the environment he loved, but remembers being terrified onstage. Eventually his songwriting pushed him toward performing.

"I became a performer out of necessity when I got to grad school. 'It was like, 'I'm writing these songs, I have to be able to perform the songs, so I should try to get better at doing that.'"

Developing his craft as a writer also helped him find greater confidence as a performer, which is regularly exhibited at popular concerts at 54 Below and around the U.S.

"Finding my voice allowed me to start feeling comfortable in my own body and I started getting comfortable on stage," he says.

The Strongbox concert will offer audiences a glimpse at what is next for Iconis. He is currently writing an original musical inspired by Robert Altman, set in one weekend in the New York theater world in 1982. Other projects include "The Untitled Unauthorized Hunter S. Thompson Musical," which has already been presented in several locations and is now moving toward New York.

The exchange of energy between himself and his live audiences has also given Iconis the unusual experience of learning that his work has affected people he has never met.

"It's so strange to me to think that there are people whom I don't know, who listen to my stuff and it does something for them," he says.

Iconis wants his concerts to appeal not only to theater devotees, but to people who may not consider themselves musical-theater fans.

"I hope that the evening opens people up to different ideas to what musical theater can be and what it is," he says.

The thought of returning home carries a certain vulnerability for an artist who has spent so much of his career writing about outsiders and people searching for where they belong.

"My artistic home feels like it's New York City," he says. "I can't escape it." But Long Island remains an essential part of that story. "[Both places] are different parts of me."

Now those two worlds will meet on a Long Island stage. And perhaps, for two nights, the distance between Long Island and the city that inspired so much of his work will disappear entirely.

Visit strongboxtheater.com to purchase tickets for Joe Iconis: Live on Long Island.



Courtesy Austin Colbert



Courtesy Stephanie Wessels



A blast from the '80s

Tease that hair, dig out the neon and get ready to party like it's 1985. Jessie's Girl is back with their wildly entertaining "Back to the Eighties" concert experience — a high-energy blast of pop, rock and pure '80s nostalgia. The New York City-based band features top rock and pop musicians and four powerhouse vocalists who transform into the era's biggest icons, complete with signature looks, choreography and plenty of attitude. Expect hits from the decade's biggest stars, delivered with the kind of over-the-top production that makes Jessie's Girl a concert — and a party — rolled into one. Add audience participation, colorful costumes, props, bubbles and a blizzard of confetti, and you've got an all-out throwback celebration that keeps the crowd singing, dancing and reaching for those neon leg warmers.

Friday, Oct 9, 8 p.m. Tickets available at ticketmaster.com or paramountny.com. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington.



Melissa Errico

The Broadway star and acclaimed jazz vocalist Melissa Errico brings her celebrated album "I Can Dream, Can't I?" to the stage with longtime collaborator pianist Tedd Firth, bassist David Finck and drummer Eric Halvorson. "I thought I was making an album of old songs," she says. "Then the songs began telling me what they were really about: all the ingenious ways we reach for someone we love. I've spent my life finding stories inside music. This evening brings together Cole Porter's wit, Duke Ellington's tenderness and Joni Mitchell's wondering heart, with laughter, longing and a beautiful illusions along the way."

Friday, Oct 9, 8 p.m. \$86, \$79, \$67. Tickets available at landmarkonmainstreet.org. Jeanne Rimsky Theater at Landmark on Main Street, 232 Main St., Port Washington.

YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

CALENDAR

OCT 8

On exhibit
Louis Comfort Tiffany: Artist of the Gilded Age brings together the Nassau County Museum of Art's unparalleled collection of more than 130 oil and watercolor paintings by one of America's most celebrated artists. This landmark exhibition marks the first time the museum presents the full scope of its Tiffany paintings, an extraordinary group made possible through a generous, anonymous gift that represents the largest private collection of Tiffany paintings. While best known for his stained-glass windows, lamps, and decorative objects, this exhibit highlights a rarely seen dimension of his artistic practice: the paintings that he personally created at the beginning of his career. Through Nov. 8.

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

OCT 10

El Señor de los Milagros Procession
St. Patrick's Church holds its annual "El Señor de los Milagros" procession, bringing the community together for the traditional religious observance along Pearsall Avenue.

- **Where:** Pearsall Avenue, Glen Cove
- **Time:** 12:30-4:30 p.m.
- **Contact:** (516) 676-0276

Art explorations
Converse, collaborate and create with kids when Family Saturdays continues 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 at the drop-in program. 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

Deep Roots Farmers Market
Shop fresh, locally grown produce, baked goods, specialty foods and handcrafted products at the Deep Roots Farmers Market. The weekly market brings together local farmers, food vendors and artisans, offering residents a chance to support small businesses while enjoying a vibrant community



OCT 20

Daughtry 20 Years Unplugged
Experience Daughtry's catalogue in a stripped-back acoustic setting, reframing the songs that have soundtracked arenas, rock radio milestones, and some of the most defining moments of the band's career. The band's music takes on a different meaning in more raw and immediate space, where the weight of a lyric, the scrape of a guitar string, and the quiet before a chorus can hit as hard as the full-band impact. Their latest tour follows the release of "Shock To The System," the complete edition of Daughtry's two-part project via Big Machine Rock. The collection brings together "Shock To The System" (Part One) "Shock To The System" (Part Two) along with additional live recordings that capture the force and connection of the band's latest era. Across tracks including "Artificial," "Pieces," "The Bottom," and "Antidote," Daughtry continue to channel grief, change, confrontation, and self-reclamation into some of their heaviest and most emotionally direct work to date. For an artist whose songs have always lived at the intersection of power and vulnerability, 20 Years Unplugged sees Daughtry strip down some of their biggest and most meaningful tracks, distilling them to their purest form and bringing fans closer to the songs, the stories, and the unmistakable voice that have carried the band from one of the biggest rock debuts of the century through two decades of connection, evolution, and success.

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

gathering in downtown Glen Cove.

- **Where:** 100 Village Square, Glen Cove
- **Time:** 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
- **Contact:** deeprootsfarmersmarket.com

Sculpture and Movement
Experience Nassau County Museum of Art's Sculpture Garden in a whole new way as art comes to life through movement, creativity, and imagination! Join Dance Visions NY for an outdoor workshop and performance exploring sculpture and dance. Discover how sculpture inspires movement through activities and dancer demonstrations, then create movement responses! \$20, \$10 children and members. Rain date is Oct. 17.

- **Where:** 1 Museum Drive, Roslyn Harbor
- **Time:** 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
- **Contact:** nassaumuseum.org or (516) 484-9337

OCT 14

Historical Talk
Glen Cove City Historian Dave Nieri discusses how the Revolutionary War transformed everyday life on Long Island at Glen Cove Public Library. Through local

stories and historical accounts, learn how families coped with British occupation, divided loyalties and the challenges of daily survival as the conflict unfolded across the North Shore. Registration is required.

- **Where:** 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove
- **Time:** 2-3 p.m.
- **Contact:** glencovelibrary.org or call (516) 676-2130

OCT 15

'Brown Bag' Art Chat
Grab your lunch and join Nassau County Museum of Art Docent Riva Ettus for her popular "Brown Bag Lecture" at the museum. Discover the beauty, innovation and enduring legacy of the art of Louis Comfort Tiffany. Through Riva's engaging and insightful presentation, you'll gain a deeper appreciation for the exhibition and the remarkable artistry of one of America's most celebrated designers and creative visionaries. No reservations. First come, first seated.

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

OCT 17

Tiffany's Flowers: From Garden to Glass
Join Master Gardener and docent Terry Cavanagh for a special walk-through exploring the artistry and craftsmanship behind Louis Comfort Tiffany's iconic lamps at Nassau County Museum of Art. Discover how Tiffany's fascination with color and light led him to develop innovative approaches to glassmaking, and learn how flowers from the gardens of Laurelton Hall and beyond inspired some of his most celebrated designs. Through close looking, photographs, and a step-by-step exploration of the process, Terry will reveal how real flowers were transformed into intricate patterns, individually selected glass pieces, and ultimately luminous works of art. Space is limited. Registration required. \$20, \$10 members.

- **Where:** 1 Museum Drive, Roslyn Harbor
- **Time:** 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- **Contact:** nassaumuseum.org or (516) 484-9337

Oyster Fest
Join the Town of Oyster Bay and the Oyster Bay-East Norwich Chamber of Commerce for their annual Oyster Fest. Enjoy a waterfront weekend of family fun, food and festivities.

- **Where:** 63 Larabee Ave., Oyster Bay
- **Time:** Starting 11 a.m., also Oct. 18
- **Contact:** visitoysterbay.com or call (516) 259-1842

Blood Drive
The Glen Cove Fire Department hosts a community blood drive. Breakfast will be served, and donors will receive a voucher for a "Pint for a Pint" from Garvies Point Brewery in Glen Cove.

- **Where:** Glen Cove Fire Department, 10 Glen Cove Ave.
- **Time:** 8 a.m.-2 p.m.
- **Contact:** Pete at (516) 606-0014

OCT 18

North Shore Kiwanis Dog Show
Bring your four-legged friend to the North Shore Kiwanis of Long Island Dog Show for a morning of canine fun and community festivities at Garvies Point.

- **Where:** Garvies Point, Glen Cove
- **Time:** 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

OCT 23

Trick or Treat Tour
Bring your little ghosts, goblins, and superheroes for a spooktacular self-guided Trick or Treat adventure inside the historic Main House at Planting Fields State Park. Kids will use a Treasure Map to explore room by room, collecting candy, prizes, and fun facts about the Coe family and their home along the way. Costumes welcome! Whether spooky, silly, or sparkly, dress up for the occasion. \$15, \$15 seniors 62+, \$5 ages 6-12

- **Where:** 1395 Planting Fields Road, Oyster Bay
- **Time:** 1-4 p.m., also Oct. 24-25 and Oct. 30-3
- **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.

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Beer is served at the church during the Oktoberfest celebration at St. Patrick's Church in Glen Cove.

Oktoberfest returns for another festive year

St. Patrick's Church hosted its annual Oktoberfest Oct. 2 and 3, bringing families and community members together for a weekend of German food, music and fall activities. The celebration featured traditional German fare, pretzels, cider and doughnuts, live music, a free pumpkin patch and arts and crafts for children. The event also featured handcrafted beer brewed by Father Gabriel Rach. The Oktoberfest has become a popular fall tradition at the Glen Cove church, welcoming both parishioners and residents from throughout the community.

—Roksana Amid



Jenna Schultz, Mable Schultz, Matt Schultz and 6-month-old Loretta Schultz attend the Oktoberfest celebration at St. Patrick's Church in Glen Cove.



Oktoberfest celebration at St. Patrick's Church in Glen Cove.

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Clergy members gathered at a table during the Oktoberfest celebration at St. Patrick's Church in Glen Cove.

OPINIONS

Joining the crowd that honored the Mets' Howie Rose

Recently I had the chance to attend a tribute to Howie Rose at CitiField, honoring his almost four decades as the iconic voice of the Mets. Rosemary and I have enjoyed a friendship with Rose and his wife, Barbara, over the years, and Howie invited us to the ceremony.



PETER KING

Being a loving grandmother, Rosemary deferred to our grandson Jack, who's a dedicated Mets — and Howie Rose — fan.

Rose is a great guy who represents the very best of what New York baseball should be all about. Baseball

games have always been a great outlet for me, a place to relax and enjoy rooting for my favorite team, in good years and bad. When I was a kid growing up in Queens, that team was the Brooklyn Dodgers, and those seasons were all good, until they weren't. When team owner Walter O'Malley hijacked the Dodgers to Los Angeles in 1957, it left a

glaring void among many New York neighborhood-type fans who could never identify with the pinstriped Yankees.

That void was filled beyond expectations when the Mets came into being in 1962, and quickly developed a devoted fan base. I attended countless games at Shea Stadium, and Rose personified that new breed of fan, who lived and died with the Mets.

His dream was to be an announcer for the Mets. When he achieved that goal, first as a pregame broadcaster and then as a knowledgeable, highly skilled play-by-play announcer, he was still very much the neighborhood guy, the enthusiastic fan from the upper deck. He truly was the voice of the Mets.

Rose's declaration "Put it in the books!" after every Mets win has become part of New York baseball lore. He was also a longtime announcer for the NHL's Rangers and Islanders. His cry "Matteau! Matteau! Matteau!" after Stephane Matteau's double-overtime, sudden-death goal against the Philadel-

phia Flyers won the Eastern Conference Championship for the Rangers in 1994, is also part of New York sports history.

After all his years behind the microphone and his successful recovery from major cancer surgery, Rose announced that he would retire at the end of this season. To pay tribute to him, the Mets designated Sept. 20 Howie Rose Day at CitiField, and planned to honor him in a pregame ceremony on the field. It turned out to be the Mets' last home game, and the final Mets game Rose would announce.

Unfortunately, the day was dark and rainy, which forced the cancellation of the pregame festivities. The Mets decided to reschedule the ceremony on next season's Opening Day weekend, but went ahead with an indoor celebration for Rose and his invited guests in the owner's suite on the 20th. That was a win-win for Howie, Barbara and their two very accomplished daughters, Alyssa and Chelsea, because so many friends and notable people attended to show their strong friendship for him.

Among the many in attendance were

Art Shamsky and Cleon Jones, from the 1969 World Series champion Miracle Mets; Ron Darling, Lee Mazzilli and Howard Johnson, from the 1986 championship team; John Franco, from the 2000 National League champion squad; Terry Collins, from the 2015 National League champs; former New York City Police Commissioner Keechant Sewell, now the Mets' senior vice president for security; and Mets owner Steve Cohen.

It was baseball and New York at its best. No one spoke about themselves. It was all about Rose, his love of baseball and the fans and how he is such a lasting part of baseball, and New York. It was an honor to be there.

What has always impressed me the most about Rose is his genuineness. Whenever Rosemary and I went to dinner with Howie and Barbara, we had no advance thought of what we would discuss that evening, but we would end up talking into the night, being among the last to leave wherever we were. Thank you, Howie and Barbara. You're great friends.

Put it in the books!

Peter King is a former congressman, and a former chair of the House Committee on Homeland Security. Comments? pking@liherald.com.

The Republicans keep dropping easy passes

As we approach the November elections, a lot of words have popped into my mind. One of them is foolish, and another is stupid. I can easily apply those words to what has happened in politics that has made so many people angry.

The gripes come from both sides of the aisle. But there's a sports term that best describes what the Trump administration has been doing. Those words are unforced error.



JERRY KREMER

In football, if a receiver simply drops a pass, that's an unforced error. In politics, it means a self-inflicted wound that could easily have been avoided.

ed. Come Nov. 3, I think those words will best define what will happen and why it will happen. While it's true that the party in power tends to lose off-year elections, there have been too many unforced errors that will hurt the Republican Party.

In 1992, James Carville, then a strategist in Bill Clinton's presidential campaign, came up with the now famous

catch phrase "It's the economy, stupid," which cost President George H.W. Bush his job. Decades later, it did the same to President Joe Biden, who told America that things were just fine and the country was in good shape. And now President Trump calls affordability a "hoax," which everyone, including his most loyal supporters, knows isn't true.

The war against Iran was supposed to last a few days, and is now in its seventh month. I think if I had been a fly on the wall when the decision was made to start bombing Iran, I might have heard the generals warn Trump that doing so would have more downsides than upsides. I love America, but the wars in Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan didn't go well, and a fight with a crazy enemy like Iran was a big gamble.

The proof of how badly it's gone is the sky-high price of gasoline and, especially, diesel fuel. The blockage of ships passing through the Strait of Hormuz has created a worldwide fuel shortage that has been costly for American consumers and damaged our credibility. It is noble to go after any enemy that

sponsors terrorism, but this "little excursion," as Trump once described our latest war, has badly damaged the party in power.

I's been one unforced error for another for the party, with big losses looming Nov. 3.

The next unforced error is the tariff war. I know the president loves tariffs, but using them to pick on our friends and help our enemies is bad politics. Why fight with Canada when you could end the war in Ukraine with high tariffs on Russia? The president can deny it all he wants, but consumers are paying for tariffs on almost every item on store shelves, and the price

increases are hurting people big time. Every president has the right to pick whomever he wants to be in his cabinet. Trump has made quite a few controversial appointments, but none have been more costly to him than Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. and "War Department" Secretary Pete Hegseth. Kennedy has caused the administration a great deal of grief with his anti-vaccine policies.

As of last week, there had been 3,659 confirmed measles cases in the United States this year. That marks the highest annual case count in the U.S. since mea-

sles was declared eliminated in 2000. Kennedy has denied all of the press claims about a measles epidemic, and chooses advisers based on their anti-measles policies.

Hegseth has made many enemies for the administration with his firing of a number of career military officials. In many of those cases, the ousted officials were women or Black. His handling of the issues aboard the USS Abraham Lincoln aircraft carrier has alienated countless members of the military. There have been reports of at least eight suicide attempts by members of the ship's crew because it was deployed far longer than normal.

Sadly, for those elected officials who have performed well in office, one unforced error after another will make it more difficult to get voter support. There's no doubt, however, that the state of the economy is the biggest of all of the administration's errors, and it's highly likely that, once again, James Carville will be proven right on Nov. 3.

Jerry Kremer was a state assemblyman for 23 years, and chaired the Assembly's Ways and Means Committee for 12 years. He currently chairs the Capitol Insight Group, a government relations firm. Comments? jkremer@liherald.com.

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HERALD EDITORIAL

Storm warning: Long Island should take stock

Two weeks ago, a storm with no name sat off our coast for three days and reminded us how little it takes.

It was a September nor'easter, the kind of system older Long Islanders might once have shrugged off as just a wet, windy weekend. This one sent wind gusts past 80 miles per hour in Montauk and pushed as much as two feet of water into coastal streets with a near-full-moon tide.

Freeport residents raced to move their vehicles before high tide, and some Long Islanders paddled kayaks down roads they normally drive to work. The Long Beach Branch of the LIRR went dark. Nearly 112,000 residents lost power at some point.

And we got off easy. The storm stayed offshore. If it had tracked a few dozen miles closer, we would be writing a very different editorial.

Some things went right, and they deserve recognition. Anyone who lived through Tropical Storm Isaias in 2020 remembers hundreds of thousands of households in the dark and an outage-reporting system that collapsed when people needed it most.

This time, PSEG had more than 850 workers in the field, plus nearly 300 brought in from off the island. Most customers had power restored in short order. Village crews, volunteer firefighters and highway departments worked

through the night clearing roads and pumping streets. Those men and women earned our thanks.

A fall storm that never made landfall is yet another wakeup call to the South Shore's vulnerabilities that we have known about since Hurricane Sandy: low-lying roads that flood with every strong tide, storm drains that back up instead of draining, aging bulkheads, and a single rail branch that cuts off a barrier-island city whenever Reynolds Channel rises.

Which brings us to our elected officials. In the days after a storm, Long Island's politicians are everywhere: touring flooded streets, standing beside downed trees, promising action. Their concern is real. But the photo opportunity is the easy part. The money that would have kept those streets dry is won or lost months earlier, in budget negotiations in Albany, in committee rooms in Washington, and in the unglamorous back-and-forth with federal agencies over which projects get funded first.

That's where our representatives need to be fighting, all year long. Resilience funding doesn't go to the region that suffered most. It goes to the region whose delegation shows up, makes the case relentlessly and doesn't let the issue drop when the skies clear.

Long Island's members of Congress, state legislators and county officials should treat flood mitigation, drainage,

bulkhead replacement and grid hardening as a standing priority, not a talking point that surfaces every time the water rises and fades once it recedes.

Voters can hold them to it. With Election Day weeks away, candidates for Congress, the State Legislature and local office will be knocking on doors and filling mailboxes. Ask them, specifically, what they plan to do about flooding and the power grid. Which projects will they fight for? How will they get them funded? What have they already delivered? A candidate who can answer in detail has been doing the work. One who can only talk about the last storm probably hasn't.

Long Islanders would like to see results on the ground: raised roadways and upgraded drainage in the neighborhoods that flood first, bulkheads that are replaced before they fail, and hardened transit infrastructure that doesn't shut down every time the tide runs high. Local governments have homework, too. Residents shouldn't learn that their street floods by finding their car underwater.

The next storm may have a name. It may track closer to shore, or arrive when the moon and tides line up worse. The nor'easter gave us a warning at a relatively low price. Our leaders' job is to make sure we heeded that warning, and that work starts now, in the quiet months, long before anyone needs a kayak.

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A.I. is opening new doors for Black entrepreneurs

There's something remarkable happening in New York and across the American economy: Entrepreneurship is booming, and artificial intelligence is driving it.

A recent Gusto survey found that 60 percent of founders used A.I. to start their businesses last year, and 50 per-



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cent said it made the process significantly faster or cheaper. That's monumental for New York's Black community, where new technology is helping clear economic hurdles that have held back Black entrepreneurship.

Our community has long struggled against barriers to the capital, resources, technology and opportunity needed to grow. A.I. is changing that equation, paving the way to economic independence and wealth creation for historically underrepresented Black entrepreneurs. New York should embrace that opportunity wholeheartedly.

Starting a business once required major upfront investment: a location, staff, a website and cash on hand to fund it. Today an entrepreneur can use A.I. to help develop a website, market a product and handle logistics, all while work-

ing from home.

Despite claims that A.I. will hollow out New York's workplaces, it is instead making it possible for more people to become entrepreneurs, and helping small businesses accomplish more with fewer resources.

As Entrepreneur recently reported, applications from one-person firms increased by more than 20 percent between early 2025 and mid-2026, as A.I.-powered tools increasingly allow individuals to accomplish work that once required entire teams. The priority shouldn't be undoing that progress. It should be making sure underserved and minority communities have the opportunity to share in it.

These benefits aren't limited to startups; A.I. is a genuinely powerful tool for our neighborhood businesses, too. Whether you're a restaurant owner, a contractor, a retailer or the head of a community nonprofit, the technology can help manage customers, analyze budgets and streamline operations. A.I. helps level the playing field, making capabilities once reserved for giant corporations available to the smallest storefronts and startups.

Small businesses are already putting these tools to good use. A recent U.S. Chamber of Commerce survey found

that A.I. adoption among small and medium-sized businesses has more than doubled since 2023. The tech is helping people become more efficient and develop new capabilities — and the more

widely available innovative A.I. tools become, the better off small businesses, operating on tight margins or with limited access to capital, will be.

Black entrepreneurs are already recognizing that potential. Recent research from the Urban Institute found that Black-owned businesses are more likely to use or test A.I., and more likely to view the technology as “highly important” to their companies. Researchers also noted that A.I. adoption could “increase the productivity of small businesses and significantly cut costs, improving competitiveness and reducing barriers to entry.”

Nonetheless, we should not assume that these benefits will reach every neighborhood equally. If access to A.I. tools, training and capital becomes uneven, our communities could miss one of the greatest economic opportunities of this generation. We can't let that happen. New York must embrace A.I. innovation and ensure that no one misses out on the unique advantages the technology provides. New Yorkers need practical opportunities to build A.I. skills, while

neighborhood businesses need access to the investment, infrastructure and expertise required to put those tools to work. Our leaders should recognize that widening access to innovation is an economic opportunity, not a threat.

The stakes extend beyond our own communities. Countries like China are rapidly closing the gap with the United States on A.I. If we make it harder for American innovators to develop and adopt these tools here at home, competitors like China will be more than happy to fill the void.

That's why city and state officials should focus on making A.I. adoption easier, fostering collaboration and education and removing unnecessary barriers. The more hurdles are erected against A.I. innovation, the fewer opportunities minority-owned businesses will have to get ahead. If, instead, we equip businesses with the A.I. tools they need to grow, local mom-and-pop shops will reap the benefits, and our neighborhoods will thrive.

A.I. is already expanding opportunities for Black entrepreneurs and business owners. New York must ensure that every community can participate, compete and flourish in our modern A.I. economy.

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