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Locust Valley Community Remembers 9/11



Michelle Johnson, Shay Mahon, Kaye Weninger, Brian Nolan, Beth Mahon, Joseph Gallo, Mario Gallo, Anna Gallo Villella and Lt. Ryan Viessicelli.

On Saturday, September 11th, the community gathered at the 9/11 Memorial & Garden in Thomas Park to honor the memory of the victims that

were lost on this day 20 years ago. Together they gathered on the hill overlooking the Boys & Girls Club and looked out onto the blue sky as it was that fateful day. Each person walked up and embraced each other as in a small community, as this what it was all about- reflection, remembrance and community.



Locust Valley Fire Department and Lt. Ryan Viessicelli salute the raising of the flag by American Legion Post #962 Veteran Joe Ryzdewski

Three community members, Kaye Weninger, Anna Villella and Mario Gallo decided that a ceremony needed to be held and reached out to the Town of Oyster Bay for support. The gathering was impromptu but needed to be done. The morning began as a quiet solemn day but one by one the crowd grew larger and the heart of Locust Valley was beating together to say we will never forget. Music was being played on guitar by Hans Kiessling as the crowd gathered on this day.

Ms. Weninger welcomed everyone and introduced the American Legion Post 962 to raise the flag. Shay Mahon presented the Veterans, Joe Ryzdewski and LT. Ryan Vessichelli the flag for the ceremony. Shay lost her father, Tom Mahon in the attacks at the World Trade Center. Brian Nolan, spoke on behalf of the Locust Valley Fire Department remembering the day and speaking about how our community fire department participated and where they were stationed on that day. Councilwoman Michelle Johnson thanked everyone for coming and stated how the TOB was happy to have dedicated this piece of land on this hill in honor and remembrance of 9/11.

In a moment of remembrance the 19 names were read out loud and a moment of silence was held. Amazing Grace was sung by Linda Cirigliano and during this beautiful song, Beth and Shay Mahon placed a basket of flowers in remembrance of all the victims of 9/11. The ceremony ended after Beth, thanked everyone involved and spoke about Shay and what a lovely young lady she has become and is so much like her father. Beth said that after 20 years she is so appreciative to all who write cards, make the phone calls but most importantly how meaningful it is that we were all here together as a community and remember this day and vow to never forget the victims, she ended with that she wants everyone to remember her husband and all the others but from her heart thanks everyone for taking the time today to remember.

A bronze plaque will be placed in honor of the 20th anniversary at a later day. The plaque will include the 19 victims who lost their lives on September 11, 2001. This plaque is being graciously donated by Operation Democracy, the

Matinecock Neighborhood Association, the Locust Valley Chamber of Commerce and the LV Rotary. A special thank you to the following for their donations for the ceremony: Glen Cove Printery/ mock up plaques, Country Plaza Deli/coffee and Loafers/Cookie platter.

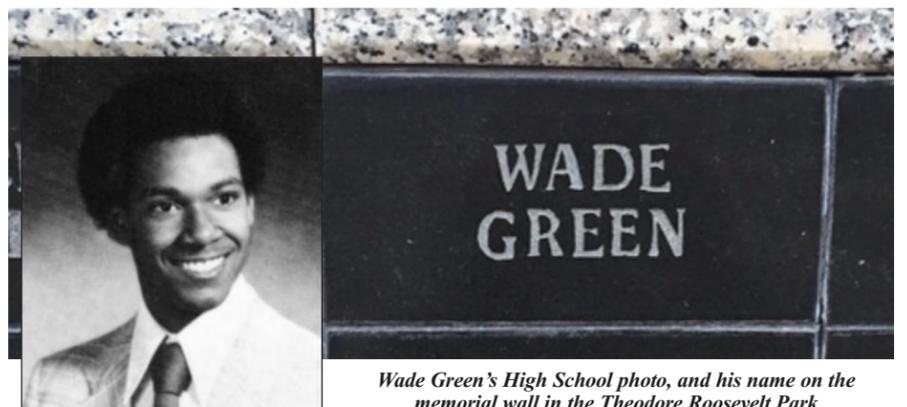


Beth and Shay Mahon laid flowers in honor and memory of all the lives lost.



Each person represented the community: TOB, Operation Democracy, MNA, LVChamber, LV Fire Dept. and the American Legion. Beth Mahon lost her husband in the attacks at the World Trade Center, Shay was an infant at the time.

Oyster Bay Remembers Wade Green



Wade Green's High School photo, and his name on the memorial wall in the Theodore Roosevelt Park

By PATRICIA MAVROS BREXEL

Saturday, September 11, a ceremony was held at Theodore Roosevelt Park's 911 Memorial. This year they added Wade Green's name to the 911 Memorial.

Wade Green grew up in Muttontown, and was a 1976 Graduate of Oyster Bay

High School. Wade was working in the North Tower at Windows on the World Resturant on 911. He was a technician and was setting up equipment for a conference that day.

Wade leaves behind his wife Roxanne, and a daughter Danielle, who is now 24 years old.

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Lafazan Flips Again - Opposes His Own Bill

BY MAUREEN DALY

Nassau Legislator Joshua Lafazan (D-Syosset) has flipped again, this time on a controversial bill that he sponsored to allow the police to sue or arrest anyone who “annoys” or “discriminates” against them.

Lafazan’s controversial bill was vetoed by County Executive Laura Curran (D-Baldwin), and denounced by US Congressman Tom Suozzi (D-Glen

Cove). Lafazan now says he will vote against his own bill, in the event of a vote to override.

“Josh Lafazan proposed that bill to try to cozy up to the police unions to get their endorsements and campaign money,” noted attorney Mark Demetropoulos. “But the police weren’t fooled. Lafazan accused the police of being ‘White Racists’ in 2020, and attacked our residents for ‘white privilege.’ He even coor-

dated with BLM and the Long Island Communist Party. Lafazan thinks people are stupid, but people don’t forget.”

It is almost unheard of for a politician to sponsor a bill, take a high-profile role as its author, and then flip-flop and oppose his own bill.

“Lafazan has alienated almost everyone with his slippery false promises and betrayals,” added Demetropoulos. “Everyone has had it with him - Republicans, Democrats, liberals and conservatives.”



Nassau Legislator Joshua Lafazan

It’s Pumpkin Picking Season !



Pumpkin picking on the North Shore.

BY RUPERT DEEDES

It is that time of year again – the time to plan a trip to the nearest pumpkin farm to pick up a pumpkin or two.

It would be a good idea make the trip sometime during the next two weeks, before the October “pumpkin rush” really begins.

Pumpkin pickers should be a bit more selective this year: Experts say that the

heavy rains during the summer have caused a fungus called phytophthora to spread into the pumpkin patches.

The fungus is not dangerous, but it causes unsightly discoloration and ugly blotches on the skin of the pumpkins.

Most of the area pumpkin farms have hay rides and corn mazes – fun for the whole family, and many have hot cider, and baked goods – a warm treat as the

days get cooler.

There are many pumpkin farms on Long Island. Here is a list of the leading farms on the North Shore:

- Young’s Farm, Brookville
- Elwood Pumpkin Farm, Huntington
- Kaufolds Farm Festival, Ridge
- Bennner’s Farm, Setauket
- Schmitt’s Family Farm, Melville

Sea Cliff FD’s 125 Years of Service



The Enterprise Hose Company in of Sea Cliff Fire Department.

PHOTO: Office of Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton

Nassau County Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton (D - Glen Cove) joined the Sea Cliff Fire Department’s Enterprise Hose Company on Tuesday, September 14th, for their celebration of 125 years of service to the Village of Sea Cliff. During her visit, Legislator DeRiggi-Whitton presented a Nassau County Legislature Citation in recognition of their outstand-

ing achievement in public service.

“For generations, Nassau County residents have benefited from the selfless culture of volunteerism that continues to sustain our local fire departments,” Legislator DeRiggi-Whitton said. “Thank you to all first responders for all you do, and here’s to another 125 successful years for Sea Cliff’s Enterprise Hose Company!”

Oyster Bay Man Guilty of Covid Price Gouging

BY MAUREEN DALY

An Oyster Bay man and his brother pled guilty last week to hoarding PPE face masks and price gouging customers during the Covid pandemic.

Allen Goldmeier, age 68, of Blueberry Lane in Oyster Bay, and his brother Steven, 64 of Plainview admitted to using their toy company Millennium Products Group of Hauppauge to obtain millions of protective facial masks from China and then reselling them to public sector hospitals at exorbitant mark ups, according to prosecutors.

Their actions were in violation of the Defense Production Act of 1950, which was invoked by President Trump in March 2020 due to the public health crisis.

Each mask cost the Goldmeiers as little as \$0.18, but the brothers then sold them to customers — including the State of Oklahoma hospital system — for over \$1.65 per mask, prosecutors said. In

many cases, that indicated a markup of more than 900 percent.

“The Defendants selfishly sought to make millions of dollars in profits during an unprecedented public health crisis by hoarding and selling at exorbitant prices personal protective equipment that was desperately needed by the State of Oklahoma to protect the public health and safety, and save lives,” said U.S. Acting United States Attorney Jacquelyn M. Kasulis. “This Office will continue to do everything in its power to enforce the Defense Production Act

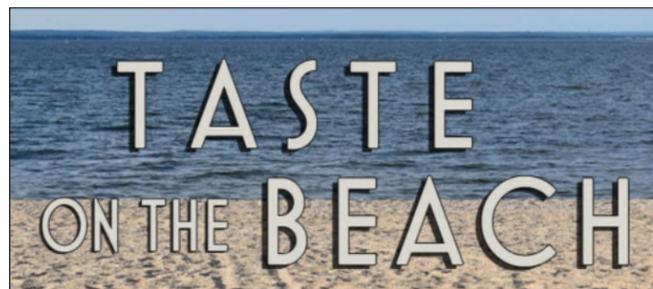
and ensure that opportunists like the defendants are held accountable for their indiscriminate acts of greed.”

According to prosecutors the Goldmeier brothers will pay the state of Oklahoma one million dollars in restitution before they are sentenced in this matter. The brothers each face up to a year in jail and up to \$10,000 in fines at sentencing.



Face mask shortages in 2020.

Dead Body Floats into Bayville Beach Party



Sign for the event at Stehli Beach.

Last Sunday, the “Taste of the Beach” wine tasting event at Stehli Beach in Bayville, got an unexpected guest. The party took a twisted turn, just before noon, when a dead body floated ashore at the event.

The Nassau County Police Officers,

by Nassau County Police Medics. The investigation is ongoing.

Detectives request anyone with information regarding the above incident to contact the Nassau County Crime Stoppers at 1-800-244-TIPS or call 911. All callers will remain anonymous.

the Bayville Fire Department, and the Nassau County Police Helicopter all responded to the beach for an unresponsive adult female in the water. She was brought to shore and soon after pronounced at scene

EDITORIAL

A VOICE OF REASON - AND SCIENCE - ON COVID

Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis appointed a new Surgeon General this week. Dr. Joseph Ladapo, earned his MD from Harvard, and is a professor at the University of Florida, College of Medicine. In his first speech on Covid, Dr. Ladapo stated - with refreshing clarity:

"We're done with fear. That's something that's been, unfortunately, a centerpiece of health policy in the United States ever since the beginning of the pandemic. It is over here, expiration date, it's done."

"The state should be promoting good health. Vaccination isn't the only path to that. It has been treated almost like a religion, and that's just senseless. There are a lot of good pathways to health, and vaccination is not the only one. We support measures for good health, vaccination, losing weight, eating more fruits and vegetables."

"We need to respect human rights. People do have autonomy over their lives. It's not OK, it's not virtuous, and it's not right to just take away those rights from individuals."

"As a perfect example of how glaringly we've ignored what public health really means is how we've just brazenly pulled children, who need the structure of school and need the structure of a routine in their lives, out of school. It's terrible to do it for all kids, but we've also done it for kids with disabilities, and people have hardly even batted an eye."

"Part of why fear is an issue is because of the climate of distrust that has been engendered over the past year and a half, and that was the direct result of scientists - my colleagues, some of them - taking the science and basically misrepresenting it to fit their agendas, their interests, what they wanted to see people do."

"Natural immunity is one of the most startling aspects of the pandemic... There's really great protection, terrific protection, durable protection, robust protection, variant protection that confers some resistance to variants... There's tremendous data that supports the fact that natural immunity protects people from getting very ill and also protects people from being infected again..."

Gov. DeSantis blasted the Biden administration for attempting to seize medicines and limit Florida doctors' use of monoclonal antibody treatment for Covid patients.

"One of the reasons why monoclonal antibody treatment was not something that was put out there very publicly by the experts and by the powers that be in DC, is because they feared that if you tell people there's an effective treatment, you tell people COVID's a treatable illness, they feared some people would say, 'Well, you know, maybe I won't get vaccinated, I'll just get the treatment,' and so they didn't want that message out because they feared how people would behave."

"There's a time for politics, I get that, but to be so obsessed with trying to take away life-saving treatments," said DeSantis. "Some things should be beyond politics."

The Publisher

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Leader has received several unsigned letters to the editor. We will respect an author's request for anonymity, but must have your name, address, and phone number. We want to hear from you and publish your opinions, so in the future, kindly include the above requested information.

WOKE-COME BACK TO SCHOOL

To the Editor;

I have been a vocal advocate for private, independent education for decades, and have studied educational paradigms as the founder of the Inter-School Exchange. All three of my grown children attended the GreenVale School.

I had heard that radical "woke" education was taking over in other places, but never believed that it could come right here, to our community. Now, literally, it is in our back yard.

Unbeknownst to many, most of our major prestigious local private schools have adopted the so-called "Diversity, Equity and Inclusion" (DEI) curriculum, along with mandated faculty instruction (indoctrination) by newly-hired, WOKE, DEI and Critical Race Theory consultants.

Even the most basic search of "Critical Race Theory and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion" will show the admitted and self-proclaimed Marxist origins of this "movement."

The National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS) seems to be the culprit. It is infested with "WOKE" philosophy. The NAIS holds the power of accreditation, which can be withheld if a school refuses to adopt DEI. So much for "Independent"

schools.

Commendably, the Principal of Locust Valley High School has not fallen for the new DEI Wokeness. He encourages dialogue and discussion surrounding issues of race - and a critical review of all aspects of history. Unlike their private school counterparts, the Locust Valley School Board has not adopted an integrated curriculum of DEI.

We should not have our children subjected to blatant politically motivated propaganda. Go on the different school websites and see for yourselves.

One local school website includes new vocabulary, and defines "racism" as "a white supremacy system."

Another local teacher told me that during a required faculty instruction (indoctrination) in DEI that the Headmaster, declared that he is "embarrassed to be a white man."

Diversity of appearance or ethnicity is not "Diversity" if everyone has to think the same. I object strongly to the "Golden Rule" and Simple Good Manners being replaced and supplanted by DEI and "Woke." Joining the maddening crowd in some bizarre group charade of attempting to "signal virtue."

I am issuing a clarion call of warning: Wokeness is here. Now. We must actively resist this long-planned, unrelenting, insidious and malignant

encroachment of Marxism into our school curriculum. Or our children - and our country - will be lost.

Cathy Cyphers Soref
Locust Valley

OUTRAGEOUS AMERICAN WATER BILLS

To the Editor;

I moved to Old Brookville this year and we had our first experience with American Water.

My last three months American Water bills were \$1,000 each.

Upon inquiring with the company and reviewing the bills, over \$500 is due to "surcharges" and "make whole" charges.

I am flabbergasted.

Tamra Postiglione
Old Brookville

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Op-Ed: Schools Are Ignoring State Reserve Limits

BY STEVE LEVY

A recent news article noted that "Mineola school officials consistently accumulated unneeded cash surpluses over a four-year period even as they provided extra services required by the COVID-19 pandemic..." The school district accumulated surpluses totaling more than \$20 million over a four year period. the district's current budget is \$111.8 million, and its unrestricted reserves, known as fund balances, ranged from 6.2% to 9.3% annually - well over the state's 4% legal limit.



Steve Levy

Mineola is just the latest of more than 30 districts in the region flagged by the comptroller's office for collecting what is described as "excessive reserves."

The Comptroller notes that "districts pad budgets by overestimating expenses or listing employee positions they do not intend to fill."

The state legislature needs to put teeth into this 4% reserve cap law. Give the Comptroller the authority to claw-back tax dollars that are placed in reserve beyond the 4% limit. That money would

be returned directly to the taxpayers in the form of tax relief.

This year was an exception, because of the huge amount of state and federal money that came flowing into school districts because of the Covid stimulus plans. Spending increased dramatically in these districts as a result. If there is extra money, it should be used to

provide a cushion down the road when these "one shots" dissipate.

But notice that these huge reserves of over 9% were occurring well before Covid. This means that districts were actually over-taxing residents unnecessarily by that amount for all those years. Long Island's property tax rates are four times the national average. This is one of the reasons why taxes are so high in our region.

Steve Levy is a former Suffolk County Executive; NYS Assemblyman; and Suffolk County Legislator. He is currently head of the Center for Cost Effective Government, and President of the consulting firm Common Sense Strategies. (commonsensestrategies.com).America

Op-Ed: America Needs to Regain the Lost Unity of 9/11

BY MARK DEMETROPOULOS

This month - September 2021 - marks the 20th Anniversary of the deadliest attacks on American soil - the 9/11 terrorist attacks on New York City, Washington D.C. and Shankesville, Pennsylvania. After that horrible day, our nation came together as one - Not as Red State and Blue State America or any other hyphenated America. Just one America - E. Pluribus Unum - "Out of many, One."



Mark Demetropoulos

America sent its military forces to the Middle East - first in Afghanistan, then in Iraq - with primary purpose of stopping any future attacks on American soil. For 20 years our nation was exceptional successful - with no major attacks against America. That success came with a price - thousands of US Soldiers, Sailors and Airman killed and/or wounded. And out of that came the questioning of our Nation's objections and goals militarily in the Middle East.

As in the case of a free thinking and speaking Republic as ours, we questioned much of our society. Over the past twenty years, we have become an extremely divisive and divided nation. America in 2021 has transformed from America 2001 from a united country to one deeply divided: ideologically, tribally; economically; on sex, on race, socially and as well as on energy and foreign policy issues.

These divisions were starkly illustrated this past August with the Biden administration's sudden withdrawal from Afghanistan, and the disappearance of most American presence in the Middle East. This has signaled to the terrorist factions of that region that America has ceased to engage an enemy who are still fighting and killing Americans. It is also a signal to the world that America is not the strong united nation we once were in 2001.

Unfortunately, these divisions have put us on a course that may very well lead us to cease being a functioning nation as well as a force for justice and freedom in the world. As President Lincoln said, during the American Civil War - "A House Divided Against Itself Cannot Stand."

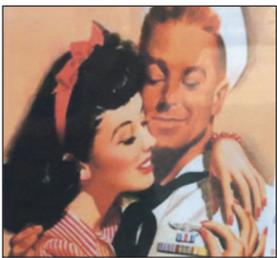
It is time to stop attacking fellow Americans and disparaging our history and culture. Like every nation, we are not perfect, but we have been a beacon for freedom and hope throughout the world. America saved the world from Fascism in WW2; and from Communism in the Cold War. Two evil ideologies that between them murdered 100 million people during the 20th century.

It is time to allow American citizens to live free of often politically-motivated and unnecessary restrictions and mandates, in the name of public safety and health. It's also, time for our nation to open a civil dialogue to voice our opinions and differences. It's time for our nation to once again allow our citizens to voice our differences, free of the perception of being "shut up, shut down or cancelled."

We owe this to the nearly three thousand Americans who perished on September 11, 2001 and did not get the chance to live in America the past twenty years.

Mark Demetropoulos, JD, LLM, a Long Island native, is a prominent tax attorney. He heads a boutique New York tax firm, and serves on several corporate and civic boards in New York and Long Island. He describes himself as "someone who still believes in the US Constitution."

Veterans Day Dinner Dance



Friday, November 12th at 7:00 PM The American Legion Robert H. Spittel Post 1285 is hosting a Veterans Day Dinner Dance. The event will take place at the Soundview Caterers, in Bayville. Tickets are \$85.00 each. It includes open bar, cocktail hour, sit down dinner, dessert, DJ and dancing, door prizes, basket raffles and a 50/50. Event is open to everyone!

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Fri, September 24	2:01 am	8:15 am	2:17 pm	8:45 pm
Sat, September 25	2:41 am	8:54 am	2:56 pm	9:27 pm
Sun, September 26	3:23 am	9:36 am	3:39 pm	10:13 pm
Mon, September 27	4:10 am	10:22 am	4:27 pm	11:03 pm
Tues, September 28	5:01 am	11:15 pm	5:19 pm	11:58 pm



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Grenville Baker Boys & Girls Club Holds Grand Re-Opening & Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies



The new facade at The Grenville Baker Boys and Girls Club.

Grenville Baker Boys & Girls Club in Locust Valley, held its official Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Friday, September 17, 2021 – celebrating the completion of its “Building Great Futures” expansion and renovation project. The Club broke ground on this project in 2019, and despite construction and fundraising delays due to the pandemic, opened its 42,000 square foot, state-of-the-art facility to children on September 13th. The Club expects to serve well over 1200 children between the ages of 5 and 18 this year, offering them afterschool homework help;



Executive Director, Ramon Reyes

College Prep; cultural outings; opportunities for community services; and programs in media and technology, the fine, performing and culinary arts, and sports and athletics. While construction is complete, the Club still has \$4 million yet to raise and invites the community to be a part of this landmark project.

Executive Director, Ramon Reyes, states, “On the heels of the pandemic, kids need Grenville Baker Boys & Girls Club more than ever before, as we nurture their emotional, mental and physical health, as well as support them academically. Even



The mural of the late chef Michael Maroni with his family in front.

though we hadn’t finished fundraising for this project, the Board of Directors were committed to ensuring our facility would be ready to support kids as soon as possible. With that said, we invite the community to invest in this project, which builds great futures for all children in our community.”

Several elected officials were present for the ceremonies and celebration, offering citations and commendations:

NYS Senator James Gaughran; Nassau County Legislator Josh Lafazan, Town of Oyster Bay; Town of Oyster Bay Councilwoman Michelle Johnson; Bayville Mayor Robert Natale; Town of Oyster Bay Supervisor Joseph Saladino.

provided the resources to launch this bold project. Naming opportunities are still available and can be found at <https://gbbgc.org/club-house/naming-opportunities/>

About Grenville Baker Boys & Girls Club

Established in 1950, Grenville Baker Boys & Girls Club’s mission is to inspire and enable all young people to realize their potential as productive, responsible, and caring citizens and community leaders of tomorrow. The Club has been at the forefront of youth development, working with young people of all economic, social and family circumstances but especially those who come from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Each year, our Club serves more than 1,200 children between 5 and 18 years of age from a diverse range of family circumstances, without regard to race, gender, or economic status. The Club provides the only affordable year-round after-school care for children in our area with more than 200 children coming through our doors each day. Many of our members come from single parent households, households where both parents work during the after-school hours. This growing and diverse population of children are coming to the Club more often and staying longer and the demand for the Club’s youth development programs and services has never been greater.

To schedule a private tour, contact: Ramon Reyes, Executive Director (516) 759-5437 x217

For more information about the Club, visit: gbbgc.org



The new “Tween” room.

About the Building Project

The new Clubhouse, still located at 135 Forest Avenue, features: 4 dedicated Homework Help Classrooms; 2 renovated Gymnasiums; a Teaching Kitchen named “Maroni’s Kitchen” after the late Chef Michael Maroni, who grew up in Locust Valley and belonged to the Club as a youth. There is also a dining area with a beautiful mural created by Andalvz The Artist, which depicts children dressed in superhero costumes and a portrait of Michael Maroni. Dedicated Tween and Teen Centers; 2 Fine Arts Studios; Dance and Creative Movement Studios; a Gamesroom; a Quiet Reading Room; a Community Room; and refurbished athletic fields and play areas. Improved safety features were also part of the \$10 million project. To date, the Club has raised \$6 million in funding. The Club is especially grateful to a number of foundations and lead donors who



The new computer center. Photos: Patricia Mavros Brexel

Locust Valley Library

October Events

REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR ALL EVENTS

Haunted Long Island Mysteries: Online
Wednesday, October 13 at 7 PM
Presented by Kerriann Flanagan Brosky and Joe Ciaquinto.

Art of Long-Term Care Planning: Online
Thursday, October 14 at 6:30 PM
Presented by Mark Papani.

The Great Giveback
Saturday, October 16 from 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM
Collecting unwanted denim for bluejeansgogreen.org

Cacao & Dance Celebration: Outdoors
Sunday, October 17 at 2 PM
For kids ages 8 and up.

Basics of Medicare: Medicare Made Clear: Online
Monday, October 18 at 1 PM
Presented by Joy Poupko.

Minecraft Mania: Online
Monday, October 4 at 7 PM
For Grades 5 and up.

Tarot Workshop: Outdoors
Thursday, October 28 at 7 PM
For grades 6 - 12.

Ongoing Zoom Programs

MONDAYS
Virtual Game Time
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Teddy Bears Attract Locust Valley Library Patrons

BY DAGMAR FORS KARPPI

Teddy Bears from the collection of Ellie Pucciariello of Bayville are featured in the Locust Valley Library display case, courtesy of the Locust Valley Garden Club. Members Kassie Miller Roth and Marcy Meyer visited Ellie to choose from her vast collection. They packed them up, drove them to the library and set up the exhibit outside the Community Room.

LV Children's Librarian Leslie Armstrong said, "Our staff feels so fortunate that the garden club puts up the exhibits." She called it an added dimension to the reading experience and to support that, each month, she displays books on the given subject.

Ellie bought the first Teddy Bear of her collection several years ago from the Teddy Bear store in Oyster Bay. The store featured bears



Ellie Pucciariello and Kassie Miller Roth by the display case.

Photos courtesy of Kassie Miller

themes including her favorite President, Theodore Roosevelt. TR is shown as the NYC Police Commissioner, on Safari gear, and as a Rough Rider. Ellie's son is a pilot so she added that costume to the mix.

On exhibit are bears bought while traveling: ones carved out of minerals; China bears, miniatures, etc. She has a Teddy Bear made in 1903 and a "Tickling Teddy Bear" from England which sings a lullaby. A Teddy Bear made from Kuala bear fur plays "Waltzing Matilda".

Leslie Armstrong said one of her favorites in the exhibit sits on top of the case, with a sign: "Please don't feed the bears, they're stuffed."

The LVGC currently meets in the newly refurbished Locust Valley Grenville Baker Boys & Girls Club on the second Wednesday of the month, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (bring a paper bag lunch). The program on Oct. 13 is Fall Bulbs. The fee is \$15. For information about the club, contact Dean Yoder at dyinteriors@yahoo.com.



Ellie's 1903 Teddy

dressed in costumes. Ellie told LVGC members, "After 25 bears you have to call it a collection."

With that in mind, she focusing on



Children's Librarian Leslie Armstrong displays books on bears.

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Theodore Roosevelt Police Association Awards



(L-R) Nassau County Police Department Deputy Chief Bartscherer and Deputy Inspector Costello, and from the Suffolk County Police Department, Police Officer Dennis Hendrickson and Detective Sergeant James Cerone.

Photo: NCPD & SCPD

Theodore Roosevelt Police Association Award is given annually to officers nationwide, the award honors those who have overcome a major physical challenge or handicap as Theodore Roosevelt did, and who remain on active duty to continue to provide outstanding service to their departments and the public. Following a one-year hiatus due to COVID-19, the ceremony at Sagamore Hill National Historic Site, recognized the 26th 2020, and 27th 2021, annual honorees. Two officers from Nassau and two from Suffolk.

From Nassau, Deputy Chief Bartscherer has been with Department for 34 years and has overcome several illnesses over the past 10 years. He had a heart defect in May 2010 that required surgery and a lengthy rehabilitation and a severe intestinal blockage that resulted in hospitalization and a two-month recovery. He then returned to full duty. In 2019 Deputy Chief Bartscherer faced another health crisis when he was diagnosed with bladder cancer. Following surgery, Deputy Chief Bartscherer returned to work in February of 2020, to lead the Fifth Precinct.

Deputy Inspector Costello has 16 years with the NCPD and in 2016 was involved in a serious auto accident while off-duty. Then a Sergeant, Costello was at a red light when he was rear-ended by a speeding vehicle. He sustained multiple injuries, including cervical and lumbar spine fractures. He spent two days in the neurological intensive care unit before he was airlifted to Weill Medical Center for surgery to repair his spine. This was followed by six months of gru-

eling physical therapy to learn to stand and walk again. Deputy Inspector Costello just after five months was ready to go back to full duty, where he has remained ever since as the Deputy Commanding Officer of the Second Precinct.

Suffolk County Officer Dennis Hendrickson, who joined the force in 2006, was recognized as the 2020 recipient of the award, earning the honor for his determined recovery from injuries sustained when he was struck by a drunk driver in March 2015. Officer Hendrickson was on the shoulder of the Long Island Expressway at the scene of a motor vehicle crash when he was struck, suffering injuries that required multiple surgeries. Officer Hendrickson returned to work just four months after the accident and retired from the department in June 2021.

Suffolk County Detective Sergeant James Cerone, a member of the department since 2000, was presented with the 2021 award for his courageous battle against multiple occurrences of cancer. In 2009, Detective Sergeant Cerone was diagnosed with a cancerous tumor in his leg muscle and underwent treatment. After several years living cancer-free, the cancer resurfaced in 2018 as he was diagnosed with myxoid liposarcoma, an aggressive soft tissue cancer. D/Sgt. Cerone continues to serve with the department in the Criminal Intelligence Section.

Through it all, the determination of these police officers is amazing. They have inspired their colleagues, friends and family.

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ROBERT EALY, MD
June 30, 1956 – September 1, 2021
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Doctor Ealy passed away after an illness surrounded by his wife Robin, son Jakob and siblings.

Robert was born to his loving parents, Samuel Ealy and Daisy Carline Ealy in Glen Cove, NY. As a child, the inspiration to become a doctor came from watching the type of care his family physician gave to people in the neighborhood.

He graduated from Franklin and Marshall College and Penn State Medical School. During his time, he developed principles that would guide him throughout each stage of his life - one of determination, discipline, and purpose. After completion of his US Public Health Service obligation at Bethany Hospital (Chicago), he went on to assist in other hospitals from Massachusetts to Illinois. As a member of the American Medicine Physicians, he worked tirelessly to improve the standards of care by saving the lives of countless patients.

Robert married after graduation and took on one of the most important and fulfilling roles of life, fatherhood to his children Jakob and Cacille. Though the marriage ended, his love for his children never waned, and being known as “POP” remained one of his proudest achievements. He remarried the love he was destined for, Robin Bernal Ealy.

His parents Samuel and Daisy preceded him in death. He is survived by his children Jakob, Cacille, Niles Bell and Julian Bell; his siblings Anthony (Dollena), Ronald, Jeffrey, Ann Jeanette (Rodney) Brooks and Kenneth (David) Kjellander, as well as a host of aunts, an uncle, nieces, nephews, and their families.

As an Emergency Room Physician, Robert assisted patients on the frontline with other Physicians, Nurses and Caregivers during a raging pandemic and should be remembered as a true hero. His legacy began the moment his purpose here on Earth was fulfilled. Let his memory serve as an inspiration for those who knew and loved him, so that they can pursue life's every moment with dignity, compassion, and love.

In lieu of flowers or gifts, the family requests all donations be directed to: Brothers Keepers 2120 Broadway, Gary, IN 46407.

BOISITS, Carole L. nee Larson of Bayville passed away peacefully with Bob by her side on September 1, 2021. Beloved wife of Robert Sr., and sister of Nancy (Fessel). Loving mother of Carl, Karen (Dan), Christopher, Bonnie, Bridget, Robert Jr. and Carolyn. Grandmother of Gabrella, Daniel, Justine (Albert), Brett, Patrick, Carley and Robert. Great-grandmother of Aj and Kennedy. Carole was a very Loving and generous person and loved by all. Interment private. Donations in her name may be made to the Memorial Fund of the Reformed Church of Locust Valley or a charity of your choice.

BOWER, Peter R. Esq. – on Sep. 10, 2021, age 67, of Laurel Hollow, NY. Beloved husband of Donna. Loving father of Mackenzie, and Caroline. Dear Brother of Thomas (Sharon). Adoring pet dad of Ina, Zoe, and Charlotte. Also survived by many loving relatives and friends. Interment is private. www.oysterbayfuneralhome.com

DIGIOVANNI, Robert S. of Bayville, NY on September 14, 2021 age 68. Beloved son of the late James and Rosalie. Loving brother of Carl (Patricia), Janet Wallick (Bradford) and the late Susan. Dear uncle of Amanda Harding (Keith), Alexandra Wallick, Gregory Wallick, and Douglas Wallick. Interment Holy Rood Cemetery. www.Dodgethomas.com

KERESEY, Jane Draper, passed peacefully in the morning on August 30th. Jane's life was long, charmed and filled with elegance, spirit and kindness to all she met. Jane was both a beauty and an athlete, winning many club championships at The Creek and gracing the cover of Town and Country magazine. Jane leaves behind a legacy of the many lives she had touched over the years, a broad circle of friends, a growing family and the 90 years of laughter and wit she shared with the world. Jane was predeceased by her husband James Farrell Keresey, daughter Virginia and son Michael. She is survived by her brother Jerome, son Kevin, grandchildren Kirstin, Nick, Emily, Claire and Cooper and her great-grandchildren Anika, Georgia, Fisher, Potter, Bryce, Michael, Caroline and Catherine.

LAWLESS, Eugene Patrick, 68 of Monrovia California died on May 22, 2020, after a year-long illness. Gene was born in Jamaica, New York, to Eugene and Elaine (McManus) Lawless. He was raised in Glen Cove, New York and attended St. Patrick Elementary School

and was an altar server at St Patrick Church. Gene was a graduate of Glen Cove High School, SUNY Cobleskill, and Rochester Institute of Technology.

Starting in high school Gene immersed himself in the hospitality industry and during and after college he worked in food service management at Rochester Institute of Technology, Cornell University Department of Dining Services, and as Associate Vice President for Auxiliary Services at the University of Southern California. He worked in master planning for food services for the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles and the 1988 Winter Games in Calgary. Prior to his retirement he consulted in strategic planning for the hospitality industry as Vice President and Senior Consultant for Fessel International.

Gene was a loving and charismatic parent, grandparent, partner, son, grandson, brother and friend. He is survived by his loving wife Edie Ramirez of Monrovia, daughters Erin Lawless (spouse Darryl Wagner) and Sarah Lawless (spouse Frank Fielder) of Denver, Colorado, sons Eoghan Lawless of San Diego, California and Conor Lawless of Chicago, Illinois, and grandson August Wagner of Denver. He is also survived by his sisters and brothers and their spouses, Elaine and Anthony McCann, Patricia and James Downey, James and Mary Lawless, Robert McManus, David and Lisa Lawless and many nieces and nephews. Gene was predeceased by his parents Eugene and Elaine Lawless, his brother Thomas and sisters Cathleen and Mary Lawless.

Donations in Gene's memory may be made to the Mary Lawless Employee Scholarship Fund attn. Saratoga Bridges, (Chapter of the NYSARC), 16 Saratoga Bridges Boulevard, Ballston Spa, NY 12020. www.dodgethomas.com

MOCCIA, Rocco of Glen Cove, NY on September 12, 2021 at Age 38. Beloved son of Angelina and Angelo. Loving brother of Maria Mateo (Johnny) and Angelo (Ashleigh). Also survived by niece Miranda and nephews Johnny Angel and Nico William and aunts and uncles. Entombment at Holy Rood Cemetery. www.dodgethomas.com

PULEIO, Angelina “Jean” (nee Russo) of Glen Cove, and Fort Myers, FL, 92. Born in 1929 to Anthony and Margaret Russo in Brooklyn, NY., Jean met her future husband, Ignatius (Iggy), when they were both children and lived down the block from each other. After graduating high school, they married in 1950, and she focused on raising their two children, Ronald (Eva) and Jane Benstock (John) in Hollis Hills, NY while helping her husband build his private investigation and insurance businesses. After retiring, she and her husband moved to Glen Cove and spent their winters at The Forest in Ft. Myers, Florida. An avid golfer, she was a longtime member of the Mill River Club, and also played at the Glen Clove golf course. Jean and Iggy also enjoyed traveling throughout the United States and the world, with their friends and much adored sister and brother-in-law, Gilda and Francis Russo, who predeceased her.

A talented painter, Jean created many beautiful paintings always continuing to advance her skills by taking classes and visiting museums to further her artistic understanding. Having a keen appreciation of architecture and design detail, Jean took great pleasure in planning, designing, and decorating many of the homes she lived in.

As a devoted grandmother, she reveled in the many hours she spent with her grandchildren, Peter DeCurtis (Nicole), Janine Edwards (Bruce), Lisa Eisenriech (Michael), and Elizabeth Puleio (Matthew Kalkinowski), playing games and offering advice. More recently, nothing gave her more joy than the time she spent with her eight great-grandchildren, Spencer Eisenriech, Charles Edwards, Emily Eisenreich, Cora DeCurtis, Oliver Kalinowski, Owen Edwards, William DeCurtis, and Benjamin Kalinowski. She is also survived by her beloved brother Michel Russo, and many much-loved nieces and nephews.

Those who had the privilege to know Jean will miss her clear-eyed observations, frank advice, and kind words, but will be comforted by the knowledge that she had a wonderful and full life, and that she is again with her husband Iggy in heaven.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital or The Wounded Warrior Project. For more information, please visit www.whitting.com

SOUGSTAD, Eleanor P. – on Sep. 11, 2020, age 87, of Glen Cove, NY, formerly of Hicksville, NY. Beloved wife of the late Anthony. Loving mother of James Bauman, Mark Bauman (Stacy), William Bauman (Michele), Elizabeth Bauman and the late Helene Bauman. Cherished grandmother of Michelle Bauman, William Bauman, Jr. (Kerianne), Sara Sherman (Jeffrey), and Mark Liam Bauman. Great Grandmother of Jude Bauman. Devoted stepmother of seven. Dear sister of Jack Neber. Also survived by many loving relatives and friends. In lieu of flowers donations in her memory can be made to, Island Harvest a Food Bank for Long Island, <https://www.islandharvest.org/>. VInterment St. Charles Cemetery. www.oysterbayfuneralhome.com

RICIGLIANO, Francis A. – on September 18, 2021, age 85, of Oyster Bay, NY. Beloved husband of the late Lorraine. Dear brother of Eileen Schnurr (the late Michael). Cherished brother-in-law of Sue McGee (the late Thomas Sr.) Also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. Interment Holy Rood Cemetery. www.oysterbayfuneralhome.com

STONE, Michael Elwood of Glen Cove, NY sadly lost his battle with cancer on January 11th, 2020 at the age of 56. Michael, the beloved son of the late Eileen Anne Stone (née Yaddow) and the late John Clarence Stone, was born June 7, 1963 at Glens Falls Hospital in Glens Falls, New York. Michael graduated from Queensbury High School and then enrolled in the Navy where he trained as an Air Traffic Controller. After complet-

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as an Air Traffic Controller. After completing his time with the Navy in 1987, he began his 36 year career with the FAA as an Air Traffic Controller and retired while employed at New York Tracon.

He was an avid gardener and loved working on his gardens at his home in Glen Cove.

Michael is survived by his husband James; his siblings John Stone (Renee) of N.C., Debbie Murphy (John) of S.C., Steven of Glen Falls, NY, Lisa Layton

(Rob) of Queensbury, NY, Lynda Parillo (Todd Flanigan) of Saratoga Springs, NY, and Mark Stone (Meghan) of Leesburg, VA. Also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Visiting at Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home of Glen Cove on Saturday, September 25th from 1-2pm with the Funeral Service to begin promptly at 2pm. Interment is private.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Northwell Health Hospice Care Network at www.hospicecarenetwork.org or by phone at 1-800-405-6731. www.Dodgethomas.com

VULPIS, Tracey Ann Ryder of Greenvale, NY formerly of Sea Cliff, NY on September 13, 2021 age 54. Beloved mother of Thomas and Paige. Interment is Private. www.Dodgethomas.com.

Legal Notice

VILLAGE OF MATINECOCK PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC NOTICE

A public hearing and meeting will be held by and before the Planning Board of the Incorporated Village of Matinecock, Nassau County, New York on October 5, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, the hearing will be conducted by Zoom videoconference. The link to participate in the videoconference <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81809388316>. The dial-in phone number for audio participation, or for computers without audio capability is 1-929-205-6099.

The hearing will be on the joint application of Isidore Mayrock, owner of a 6.19 acre parcel of land located on the northerly side of Duck Pond Road in the Village, designated as Section 23, Block K, Lot 535 and 395 Duck Pond Road, LLC, owner of a 26.3 acre parcel of land located on the northerly side of Duck Pond Road in the Village, designated as Section 23, Block K, Lot 10 on the Nassau County Land and Tax Map, and located within the Village's R-5A (5-Acre) zoning district. The Applicants seek final approval to partition the combined tax lots into two (2) building lots, as shown on the plat entitled *A Final Partitioning Map...* prepared by Northcoast Civil, L.S. & P.E. and last dated June 3, 2021.

The above application and plat are on file at 147 Forest Avenue, Locust Valley, New York, (516) 676-4600 where they may be seen by appointment only between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Mondays through Fridays, until the time of the hearing.

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Ben Stokes
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North Shore Soup Kitchen Receives Major Donation



(L- R) Glen Cove resident John Barra, manager of Bob's Discount Furniture's Nesconset location; Glen Cove Councilman Gaitley Stevenson-Mathews, a founding member of NOSH; NSSK/NOSH Chairwoman Christine Rice; Matt Catapano, NSSK/NOSH board member; Richard Muniz, district manager of Bob's Discount Furniture.

Watching News 12 one morning last month, Glen Cove resident John Barra learned that a catastrophic fire had destroyed the headquarters of NOSH, a program of the North Shore Soup Kitchen (NSSK). This fire at the food delivery service's home, the VFW Hall in Glen Cove, resulted in the total loss of NOSH's freezing and refrigeration equipment as well as its inventory of thousands of pounds of food, enough to feed NOSH's client base for two months. As were many area residents, Barra was determined to do something to meet this emergency. The manager of Bob's Discount Furniture's Nesconset location, Barra reached out to the furniture chain's management with the result that Bob's Discount Furniture presented NSSK/NOSH with a \$10,000 donation to help them recover.

Christine Rice, the chairwoman of NSSK/NOSH, expressed her thanks to Bob's Discount Furniture, to Mr. Barra and to Richard Muniz, the district manager of Bob's Discount Furniture. She also said that all of the volunteers associated with NSSK/NOSH have been very gratified by the widespread community

response to this emergency. There are several means of donation for those who wish to help with the recovery: The NSSK/NOSH website, www.northshoresoupkitchen.org/donation; by mail to The North Shore Soup Kitchen, P.O. Box 168, Glen Cove, NY 11542; via Venmo @NOSH-NSSK; or a dedicated GoFundMe campaign at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/fire-destroys-noshns-soup-kitchen-headquarters>.

NOSH was founded in March 2020 to meet greater food assistance needs arising from the COVID-19 pandemic. As a program of the North Shore Soup Kitchen, it is a not-for-profit organization staffed by volunteers--neighbors helping neighbors--who deliver weekly free emergency NOSHbags, groceries needed to prepare two meals for a family of four; additional NOSHbags are provided to larger families. These weekly deliveries are to homes in Bayville, Glen Cove, Roslyn, Locust Valley and Sea Cliff. The food distributed by NOSH is donated by Long Island charities and local businesses. More than 500 families are served each week.

"Making a Difference"



(l-r) Liam Reilly, Valerie Siliato, Sharon Reilly, Owen Reilly, Jeff Converse, and Owen Reilly, with dogs Bella and Halle that came along for the 2+ mile walk/clean up.

The Reformed Church now has a Children's Program called "Making a Difference". We had our first project/mission on Sunday, September 19th which was to clean up our community. A small group of us spent a couple of hours on Sunday removing garbage along

Bayville Rd., Buckram Rd., Baldwin Ave. and Ryefield Rd. We filled up a few garbage bags with bottles, food and candy wrappers, cups, and random car parts. Jeff Converse led us in this effort as he has been doing his part to clean up Locust Valley for many years now.

Oyster Bay's 2021 Bluefish Tournament Winners



Town of Oyster Bay Supervisor Joe Saladino (centered) with the top 10 winners.

Photos: TOB



Mike Hotine, from Bayville, with his sons, and Legislator Rose Marie Walker.

On Sunday, September 12th the Town of Oyster Bay held its 35th Annual Bluefish Tournament. The tournament ran from 4:30am to 4:00pm and was open to anglers of all ages. All contestants were treated to a tailgate party, and raffles of great prizes. Congratulations to all the winners of the Bluefish Tournament in Oyster Bay:

Joe Chirco, from Commack, took 1st Place, with the winning bluefish weighing in at 17 lbs.

- Jim Carroll, Bayville, 2nd Place
- Matt Peterson, Shirley, 3rd Place
- Mike Hotine, Bayville, 4th Place
- Pat Samone, Bayville, 5th Place
- Vin Celento, Syosset, 6th Place
- John Hotie, Bayville, 7th Place
- Rob Scadroski, Commack, 8th Place
- Robert O'Rielly, Port Washinton, 9th Place
- Patrick Carroll, Bayville 10th Place



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- Annual Village Tree Lighting
- LV Signal Tower Renovation

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- Birch Hill Rd Island Renovation

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RECENT PROJECTS

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- Rebuilding Thomas Park Gazebo
- Tree Planting in Thomas Park
- Gloves for Hugs: New coats, hats and gloves for local children

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