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**Baymen Fire Broadside  
at Dredging**



*The Baymen are joined by US Rep Tom Suozzi. (L-R) Baymen Association President Doug Rogers, hydraulic shellfish dredger, Adrienne Esposito the Executive Director of Citizens Campaign for the Environment, and Ashley Gregor from Earthjustice. (Story on page 3)*



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# Glen Cove Honors WWII Veteran Bob O'Neill

**By VICTORIA CROSBY**  
Miller Street, on the corner of North Street in Glen Cove, was recently renamed in honor of WWII Veteran Bob O'Neill of the Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 502nd Parachute Infantry Regiment of the 101 Airborne Division, who passed away last month at the age of 95. The ceremony was attended by his daughter Kerri O'Neill, family, friends, and neighbors, all wearing masks.

PFC O'Neill parachuted into enemy territory twice in WWII, into Normandy on D Day and in the Netherlands for Operation Market Garden, and fought at the Battle of the Bulge.

Also attending were Glen Cove Mayor Tim Tenke and City Council Members, Dr. Eve Lupenko-Ferrante,



(Centered) Glen Cove Mayor Tim Tenke with Kerri O'Neill and elected officials.

Photo: Victoria Crosby



Street sign renamed in hi honor.

Gaitley Stevenson- Matthews, Marsha Silverman, Nassau County Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton, Congressman

Tom Suozzi, Assemblyman Chuck Lavine, Senator Jim Gaughran and Nassau County Executive Laura Curran.

“The many dignitaries, neighbors, and relatives who attended the beautiful ceremony showed Kerri O'Neill just how much we all appreciate the tie and service her father gave to our city and to our country,- he was the ultimate example of the Greatest Generation,” said City Councilwoman Eve Lupenko-Ferrante. A luncheon hosted by Kerri O'Neill was held at Pat's Place, a restaurant which is around the corner from the newly named street, following the ceremony.

City Councilman Gaitley Stevenson- Mathews knew Bob O'Neill quite well, said, “Bob O'Neill was a patriot, a hero,

and loved by so many. While our world is a little dimmer with the passing of this great, the heavens have gained a bright star. I will miss him greatly as I know will be the case for many. My dad was also a WWII vet. I lost both my mom and dad in

a car accident in 1997. My dad served in the navy and mom was in the Cadet Nurse Corps. Not having had the time with my dad in his later years, made the time with Bob all the more precious. He really was the best.”

## Locust Valley Barber Honored

**By VICTORIA CROSBY**  
Layton Hunt, a member of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina and a U.S Army veteran who served in Korea, moved to Long Island, New York, in 1958. He had grown up in Robeson County, North Carolina, in the town of Pembroke, before entering the service in 1954.

Having worked as a barber for many years, in May of 1966 he purchased the shop where he currently works in Locust Valley at the corner of Birchhill Rd. and Buchram Rd. He renamed the shop “Hunts Hair Styling.” Hunt owned and ran the shop until September of this year when he sold it to Brain Basile, a long time friend and owner of Strong Island Styles in the neighboring municipality of Glen Cove. Hunt will continue his work as a barber at the shop and Basile has committed to keeping the historical nature of the 109-year-old shop as he brings in addition barbers in continuing the long tradition of quality hair styling in Locust Valley and on the North Shore of Long Island.

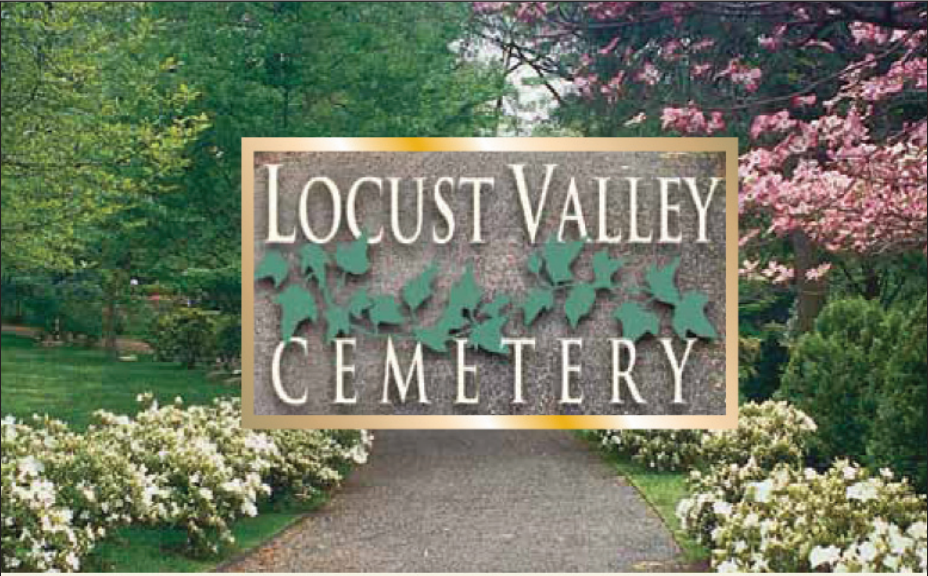


Layton Hunt  
Photos courtesy of Carla D'Ambra

Glen Cove City Councilman Gaitley Stevenson-Mathews, also originally from Roberson County, North Carolina, first met Hunt thanks to a mutual friend, Glen Cove EMS member Steven Gordon. “When Steve mentioned that Mr. Hunt was from Robeson County and that he thought he might be Native American, I thought he must be a member of the Lumbee Tribe.” When the Councilman and Hunt first met they discussed many topics, including how they both came to live on Long Island, Hunt’s military service (the councilman’s brother is a retired Colonel), and that Hunt was, indeed, of Lumbee ancestry. “With 37% of the population of Robeson County identified as Lumbee, the influence of those of Lumbee ancestry was significant growing up, and I was honored to have many friends of Lumbee heritage,” Stevenson-Mathews said. “While I love Glen Cove, Locust Valley, and the North Shore of

Long Island, like Mr. Hunt, I grew up farming tobacco, eating pork BBQ, and enjoying other Southern traditions. It’s nice to have a friend who understands the culture of one’s childhood, and I could not have been more pleased when the Lumbee Tribe reached out asking me to make a presentation to Layton on their behalf. Layton is truly a gentleman, an exceptional barber, and one of the finest people you will ever meet.”

Councilman Gaitley Stevenson-Mathews, in his capacity as a resident of the North Shore and incoming from a Military family, joined with his brother, Ret. Col. J. Hunter Mathews, via face-time in presenting Hunt with a “Proud Military Family” challenge coin. Stevenson-Mathews was also honored to present a Letter of Merit on behalf of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina and the tribe’s chairman, Harvey Godwin Jr. The new owner of the shop, Brian Basile, was presented with a bottle of champagne on behalf of all gathered as a congratulatory gift. Others in attendance included Glen Cove residents Carla D’Ambra and Joseph Moores, a member of Glen Cove James E. Donahue VFW Post 347, and of the Glen Cove American Legion Post 76.



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# Baymen Clash With Flower Over Hydraulic Dredging

The independent Baymen, who harvest oysters and clams from Oyster Bay harbor and the surrounding waters, are upset over the oyster harvesting techniques used by Frank. N. Flower & Sons. And now US Congressman Tom Suozzi (D-Glen Cove) has gotten involved.

The Baymen charge that Flower is using a method called “hydraulic dredging” that uses pressurized water to harvest oysters in the Mill Neck Creek. They claim that the high-pressure water, which is applied to the bottom so that the oysters can be more easily scooped-up in a bucket, destroys the natural habitat and kills young shellfish.

The shellfish harvested from Mill Neck Creek, which lies between the villages of Mill Neck and Bayville at the western end of Oyster Bay, are then transported to more open deeper water, where they filter and clean themselves. The water in Mill Neck Creek is shallow, and contains high levels of bacteria - particularly in the summer - according to the Baymen.

Congressman Suozzi has written to the US Army Corps of Engineers, which issued a permit to Flower to conduct the oyster harvesting in the creek, demanding that they revoke Flower’s permit.

“We are very concerned about destroying the biodiversity, destroying the sea life, especially during nursery



Tom Suozzi talking with local Baymen.

times, when young sea life is first growing,” stated Suozzi. “We are very concerned about this hydraulic dredging taking place and killing the life that’s there...”

Suozzi further alleged that Flower should never have been granted a permit, because they never obtained a separate permit under the Clean Water Act.

Flower denies that its harvesting techniques damage the environment, with their attorney stating that “the adverse environmental impact that Rep Suozzi suggests in the estuary is not supported by science or fact...”

The Town of Oyster Bay has a program of raising and releasing baby oysters into Oyster Bay to support a healthy population of oysters. Oyster Bay Supervisor Joe Saladino (R-Massapequa) supervised the release of over 20,000 baby oysters into the bay just last month.

# GOP Congress Candidate Nearly Died From COVID

BY NOLAN CLEARY

He’s running to make history: Openly-gay George Anthony Devolder Santos, of Queens, the 32 year old son of Brazilian immigrants, is running to unseat US Congressman Tom Suozzi (D-Glen Gove) in the North Shore 3rd Congressional District.

"I am a gay Republican in New York State" exclaimed Santos, who has called himself a “walking, living, breathing contradiction” in past interviews. If elected, Santos would be the first openly gay Republican elected to Congress.

Santos is also unique in that he is the only US congressional nominee who nearly died from the deadly COVID virus. In February, Santos’ career - and life - as put on the line when he tested positive for COVID. He was one of the first residents in Queens to test positive for the virus.



George Santos

Santos’ symptoms became progressively worse, and he went through what he describes as “hell.” He was treated at Elmhurst Hospital and then at home, staying with his partner, a pharmacist. Due to an underlying pre-existing medical condition, Santos life was even more at risk.

Over several months, Santos’ health stabilized, and he slowly recovered, but was left with just 70% lung function. He lost over 20 pounds. and still suffers fatigue from the virus.

Santos graduated from Baruch College, and has had a career in real estate and finance. He is campaigning on reducing spending. Santos supports President Trump, and’ has called the Russia investigation “a hoax”. He describes himself as “more fiscally conservative but socially liberal.”

# Dozens Protest Laura Curran "Mega Homeless Shelter"



Protesters outside Curran’s office.

Nearly 100 Oyster Bay residents descended upon the Nassau County Legislature this past Monday to protest County Executive Laura Curran’s (D-Baldwin) decision to put a 300-man homeless shelter into the now-closed Hampton Inn on Jericho Turnpike in Jericho.

Curran planned for months with the White Plains-based homeless housing corporation Community Housing Innovations, Inc. ("CHI") to locate the homeless shelter at the Hampton Inn. Residents are particularly incensed that Curran conducted her plans in secret, and never advised the community, until springing it upon Jericho residents as a “done deal” in July.

"We are gathered here for one reason,” stated Jennifer Vartinov of Concerned Jericho Parents. “That is to once again ask Laura Curran to come forward and answer the many questions we

have about the installation of the first “Mega Homeless Shelter” in our community...”

Attorney and Jericho parent Marc Albert was even blunter, “We have sent Laura Curran countless e-mails asking her to explain. She hasn’t responded to one of them.

Curran plans to spend \$6million in taxpayer money subsidizing the homeless shelter, which she says will house 300. The Hampton Inn is a nearly new hotel, which was shut by Governor Cuomo as part of his COVID emergency orders.

Jericho parents are particularly concerned because Curran has lied to them in the past, and refuses to disclose the impact on the Jericho School District. The district includes the communities of Muttontown, Brookville, Old Westbury and Jericho, and is currently ranked as one of the best school districts in New York.

# RXR Files Amended Plans for Garvies Point



A rendering of the Garvies Point development.

RXR, the developer of the Garvies Point development in Glen Cove, has filed amended plans with the Glen Cove Planning Board, for the final stages of the development.

The amended plans consolidate an office building, apartment building and condominium building into a single block of condo buildings with less mass, more view corridors, more contiguous park space, and better views of the water.

The amended plans call for three phases to complete the construction of the remaining 346 condo units. Phase 1 will be a 10 story building with 136

condo units; Phase 2 will be an eight story building with 75 units; and Phase 3 will be a nine story building of 135 units.

RXR asked for the amendment to its original master plan, due to the massive economic impact of the COVID epidemic. There is now much less demand for commercial space, and - on Long Island - more demand for residential housing.

Joseph Graziose, the Executive Vice President of RXR made the virtual presentation to the Glen Cove IDA, which heard the application on September 9th. The IDA will vote its recommendations and forward those to the Planning Board.

EDITORIAL

Peace in the Middle East

For decades the Middle East has been a synonym for bitter and intractable conflict. The two great peace breakthroughs - the Egypt-Israel Peace Treaty of 1979 and the Israel-Jordan Peace Treaty of 1994 - were followed by decades of stalemate. The Palestinian Intifada of the 1990's and 2000's killed over 6,600 people, and soured a generation on further peace deals.

That is why the two new peace agreements - between Israel and the United Arab Emirates, and between Israel and Bahrain - dubbed the "Abraham Accords" - are such a "big deal."

The tragedy of the post-WWII Middle East is that the rebirth of Israel as the ancient homeland for the Jewish people, was so violently rejected by the new Arab states - themselves only recently freed from under the colonial rule of the Turkish Ottoman Empire.

Four wars, and tens of thousands of deaths later, only Egypt and Jordan reached peace agreements with Israel. Much of the rest of the Arab world is still technically at war with Israel. The reality, of course, is that many Arab states have secret diplomatic and sometimes even close economic and military relations with Israel. But the "taboo" of normal relations kept even those nations at a distance.

Thanks to US diplomacy, that "taboo" is now broken. Four Arab states now openly recognize Israel, and a dozen others have secret but extensive relations. The Middle East is becoming a "normal" region, and people can travel, study, and trade across national lines with their neighbors. Regional rivalries still exist, but the common interests of Israel and many Arab states now outweigh those differences.

Let us hope that the Abraham Accords portend an even broader normalization of relations with some of the more reasonable governments in countries like Morocco, Tunisia, and Lebanon. A big announcement is expected soon from Sudan. And the ethnic-Albanian and majority-Muslim state of Kosovo - not yet recognized by the UN - also reached a mutual recognition agreement with Israel this month.

Whether Donald Trump is deserving of the Nobel Prize for negotiating these accords is a matter for debate - and the Nobel committee. But let there be no doubt that the accords represent a major shift - for peace - in the Middle East, and open a whole new chapter of opportunities, where none existed before.

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OPINION

The 2017 Trump Tax Cuts: Wages Up, Poverty Down

By STEVE LEVY

Two important statistics issued last week by the Census Bureau underscore just how effective the 2017 federal tax cuts were in spurring our economy. Poverty went down, while wages increased at one of the fastest rates in US history.

"The nation's median household income increased nearly 7% between 2018 and 2019, to more than \$68,700 — among the highest increases on record — while the nation's poverty rate decreased a little more than 1 percentage point during the period..." U.S. Census Bureau.

These latest tax cuts were the impetus for type of GDP growth and across the board wage increase that occurred after other major tax cuts enacted by Presidents Kennedy and Reagan. It's now hard to deny that tax cuts make America stronger and enhance quality of life for people on all levels of the economic spectrum.

GDP growth in 2016 was an anemic 1.6%. We just suffered through the



Steve Levy

slowest economic recovery since World War II. Policymakers increased taxes in 2013 hoping it would erase the deficit, reduce income inequality, and spur the economy. The opposite occurred.

Then came the tax cuts in 2017, which lowered the corporate tax rate from 35% - one of the highest in the world - down to 21%. It brought corporate dollars back to the US and spiked investment from the corporate sector. The resulting enhanced profits filtered down as increased wages to employees.

While income tax rates for individual income were cut, the federal treasury actually saw more money flow into its coffers. This is because fewer people were on unemployment and more people were working. The higher wages led to a higher base that could be taxed. More money came in, even though the tax rate was

reduced on individuals.

Conventional wisdom among many in the old guard is that you fight poverty by increasing taxes and doling out more federal and state programs. But history has shown the best remedy to poverty is a good paying job. More plentiful jobs at higher salaries that became available after the 2017 tax cuts actually led to a reduction in poverty.

We can continue to have respectful debate as to how to best spend money in our government coffers, but it doesn't seem debatable any more that lower taxes improve the quality of life for all Americans. The extra disposable income in our pockets and the additional revenues generated into the government that is spurred by the resulting economic growth can then be used to help enhance the quality of life for people in every income bracket.

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## Village Election Results

Village elections were held across the area over the past week. Unlike many prior years, most of the village elections on the north shore went uncontested, with only one slate of candidates - usually the incumbents - on the ballot.

In two north shore villages - Northport and Huntington Bay - there were contested elections, and the results follow:

Huntington Bay Mayor  
Herb Morrow - 284  
Michael Frawley - 251

Northport Village Trustees (2 seats)  
David Weber, Jr. - 609  
Mercy Smith - 497  
Joseph Sabia - 455  
Jerry Maline - 63



Herb Morrow



Mercy Smith



David Weber, Jr.

## "MAGA-gras II" Trump Rally Draws Thousands



It was a beautiful day for a peaceful parade.

Over 3,000 participants turned out for a Trump Rally car and truck parade this past Sunday, that began in East Northport in Huntington, and traveled over 60 miles to end in Riverhead.

Shawn Farash, the 29-year-old organizer of what he called "MAGA-gras II" said the car and truck parade exceeded his expectations.

"I set it up on the fly," stated Farash. "I posted it on Long Islanders for Trump, asking if anyone be interested in a Trump

parade on Long Island - and people responded..."

If you missed last weeks rally, don't worry, there are several more being planned. The next parade will be this Sunday, September 27th, at 1PM. The parade will gather at the Home Depot at 4000 Jericho Turnpike in East Northport. The parade will then wend its way through Northport, Centerport, and will end at Main Street in Huntington village near St. Patrick's church.

## Bolender New Head of Glen Cove Holocaust Center

BY NOLAN CLEARY

Andrea Bolender has been selected as the new chair of the Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center in Glen Cove. The 58 year old is herself the daughter of a Holocaust survivor.

Bolender officially took-over the position on September 1st, and succeeded Steven Markowitz, who had held the position for the past eight years.

Markowitz praised the selection of Bolender, noting that the fact that her father survived the



Andrea Bolender

Holocaust, and her kind personality, made her the perfect choice for the center.

Bolender was born in Brooklyn and was third of four children. Bolender says she always knew her father survived the Holocaust, because of the "86786" tattoo on his arm. She reflected that she had never appreciated the realized the gravity and horror of what her father experienced, until taking classes on the Holocaust as a teenager. "He really is my hero to this day." Bolender concluded.

## Schools Close Over Positive COVID Tests

A series of positive COVID tests among students and/or staff at several local schools has resulted in the school administrations shutting the schools and sending all students home.

In Oyster Bay-East Norwich, all three schools in the school districty - the Theodore Roosevelt Elementary School; the James Vernon School; and Oyster Bay High School - were closed on Tuesday, September 15th, after three students - one at each school - was identified as testing positive for COVID. All students at all three schools were sent home, and the school district alerted government "contact tracers" to locate people who might have come in close contact with the students. Anyone suspected by the County contact tracers would have to be quarantined for 14 days.

Accordeing to OB-EN Superintendent Laura Steinfeld, the "schools were all closed as a precaution... Our medical team took swift action by intitiating the District's health response plan and is working closely with the Nassau County Department of Health during its investigation." The



Cold Spring Harbor High School

schools were all opened the next day.

In Cold Spring Harbor, the High School and Middle School were shut down on Friday, September 18th, after a student tested positive for COVID.

CSH Superintendent Robert Fenter notified parents that "a student at Cod Spring Harbor Jr/Sr High School tested positive for COVID-19. In accordance with our health response plan, the Suffolk Department of Health was immediatwely contacted to initiate a tracing investigation. If you are considered a close contact, someone will be in contact with you...."

Several other distriocets reported school closures, including Port Washington and Huntington. One district reported that a school janitor tested positive for COVID.



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# Reflections of a Bygone Era

## The Killenworth Estate (Part 1)



BY: ORIN Z. FINKLE

To my valued readers, during our global, very distressing environment; we have to make the best outcome of each day, prize our health, remain smart, stay cautious and be very strong.

Anyway, the details of this article are entirely true. I'd like to relate a daunting experience which occurred upon a visit to the strictly "off limits" huge estate known as Killenworth, located in the once "remote" countryside of Glen Cove. It was a memorable interval, from my hundreds of private "Gatsby Era" mansion expeditions which occurred oh so many moons ago.

I've always invited friends to tag along and share many wonderful exploits of my Gold Coast Estate pilgrimages, but no one ever seemed to show an interest. So, traveling alone, I viewed firsthand how the wealthy folks in the suburbs of Long Island had once lived. It was eye-opening to actually see fabulous, large estate properties, befriending interesting and often, well-known people along the way. These outings have been memorable, unique experiences. They continue to add fullness to daydreams and life.

Each year, when winter's dreary chill blankets the beautiful North Shore of Long Islands topography, I look forward spending more cozy quality time indoors, daydreaming of the classic "roaring twenties" period grand mansions. But as always, time passes quickly and at last another spring will bloom into view.

Lately, these absurd times of proceeding through our lives with masking restrictions, quarantines, social distancing, daily political aggravation and a frustrating plethora of safety measures, activities and interruptions, cancel many regular, once normal human pleasures. In time, hopefully, we'll be able to safely get past consuming global hazards and life will settle down. Look folks, it's the only planet for the time being upon which to survive, find human contentment and derive pleasure during a relatively brief existence

Therefore, I typically utilize precious periods to compose bygone Long Island country estate related articles while lounging peacefully by the fireplace with its relaxing, delightful warmth radiating comfort. It's also enjoyable digging up the past, undertaking research and then



*Killenworth ariel view. Circa 1950.*

placing findings into writing. So when the warmer weather had arrived way back then, what arose was a bright, balmy spring day in Mid-May of 1985.

I was actually invited to visit the well concealed Killenworth estate for a few cherished but peculiar hours. Carefully, I detailed and set aside a journal of this appointment, because of its significance. Presently I'm attempting to uncover accurate records, secured and somewhat yellowing within this vast, close at hand collection. So, let's bring to the forefront this trove of material just gathering dust over the years.

If we don't take time, besides smelling those proverbial fragrant roses, to reasonably date, try to preserve our appreciated photographs and record distinctive details of interesting exploits, those "special" moments to remain in focus, life can easily become dispersed

within one's mind. It's quite common to look at an interesting photo from ages ago and think "When or where was this picture snapped? Oh, we appeared so young back then, with a full head of hair and a trim body". No matter what our age, we've experienced wonderful remembrances and eventually look back to recall some good ole times. I relish those strong inner vibes when past moments of nostalgia suddenly rise to the surface and bring events into clear focus.

There exists in my mind a distinct labor of love for architectural gems which compel exploration and research of charming, timeworn Long Island imposing estates. For example, the Killenworth property has always displayed an exclusive "triumph" in the construction of a grand country mansion. All of Long Island was considered to be the verdant countryside to city folk over a century ago. During the mid-1980's, It was exciting to become one of the few Americans permitted to set foot, size nine E actually, on the securely guarded thirty six acre compound, belonging at that time to the Soviet

government or USSR.

The eventual route to Killenworth in 1985 commenced while delving through my growing private collection of architectural period magazines, postcards, press photos, realty brochures and rare books dating from the early 1900s. It probably even now, represents the largest private documentation of its kind in the nation. Discovered were rare period photos along with fascinating data concerning Killenworth.

During the mid-1980s, probably before many present readers were born, there existed lots of tension existing between the Soviet government and the United States. Guess not much has really transformed on that front. Private archival research revealed dozens of documents circa 1914 through 1925, overlooked black and white photos intertwined with fascinating published text regarding the former George DuPont Pratt property in Glen Cove NY. It was well known that the estate property was in Soviet territory and strictly off limits to uninvited American guests.

As always, with a "try to give it a shot" personality and curiosity, it compelled a "nudging" attempt to gain access to this secure, secluded compound. The worst that could happen was that I'd receive a resounding "Niet" response or be simply rubbed out one night by the KGB. No, they didn't carry Pink Pearl erasers.

Most likely my private cache of rare mansion photos, had never been seen by soviet occupants and might be utilized as access as a rare admission ticket. Usually, the more that people remark not to try and attempt something out of the ordinary, or "don't waste your time" the harder I'll take a stab at doing the opposite. I would certainly find some degree of independent triumph, whether eventually succeeding or not.

After months of numerous, determined phone calls to the United Nations, being kept on hold at times for what seemed like an eternity, mailing and faxing mansion photocopies, writing long explanation letters, describing historic property research to diplomats at the Soviet Mission in New York City, it finally happened! Along came a positive reply letter written in Cyrillic (just kidding) and a late evening return deep voice phone call. Their powers that be, undoubtedly supposed that this writer was a certified nuisance, but I didn't give a darn. I just wanted exclusive entry into that classic

Gatsby Era enclave and wore them down.

The Soviet ambassador to the United Nations had agreed to a negotiated exchange involving a dozen 8x10 period photos of the Killenworth estate in return for providing a private tour of the mansion and surrounding gardens. It almost sounds like a scenario from a spy movie, where opposing sides involved slowly walk towards each other, across a rickety bridge on a dark misty night to create the ultimate switch of prisoners or top secret documents. They eventually make the encounter cautiously on a prearranged mid-point line. It would have been interesting if some low volume exciting, haunting background music was also involved. But, at times I realize what pure determination and a constant grandma like ploy called "nudging" is able to accomplish. Also, mom's strict commands years ago were, "Put on your coat, zip it up, tie your shoe laces, brush those teeth", "better be home on time" and lots more demanding, but I understand that they were caring, loving commentaries.

To continue on, the entire Glen Cove compound served as a year round weekend retreat and summer camp for the Soviet delegation UN diplomats and related families. For years,

the reigning Soviet ambassador to the UN had utilized Killenworth as his private personal residence. In 1960, Premier Nikita Khrushchev, on his brief visit to the US, preferred to stay at this discreet country mansion instead of an elaborate hotel in very stressful New York City. I figure that the estate was certainly a good location for him to "kick off ones shoes." (some may recall the incident). Other charming dignitaries that had at one time spent days delighting in the

estates charm were Cuba's Fidel Castro, the soviet First Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Andrei Gromyko and First Deputy Premier Vyacheslav M. Molotov. Maybe the name Orin Z. Finkle would be placed firmly upon this noted short list. But probably not!!

As the warm sunny day finally arrived when the "great exchange" was to take place, I gathered together the promised period photos and set out, a bit apprehensive, for the wilderness of Glen Cove. I had asked close friends if they would care to tag along for the unique mansion experience, but no takers. So I arrived at the estate entrance gates right on time. Anatoly Khoudiakov, then the First Secretary to the United Nations embassy, being prompt also, was chauffeured out to Killenworth from NYC in a long black limo by a rather bulky, tough looking driver who appeared to be packing. (Not a brown paper lunch bag either.)

Anatoly, well dressed with suit and tie, slid out from the rear of the car, greeted me warmly with a firm handshake and

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*Circa 1925. Front facade of Killenworth.*



*George Dupont Pratt. Circa 1915*



## GRENVILLE BAKER BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

### BACK TO SCHOOL AND BACK TO THE CLUB

On Monday of this week, all of us at Grenville Baker Boys & Girls Club were so excited to open our doors and welcome kids back for the fall! As you may know, we are operating out of three off-site locations, as we are still in the midst of our construction project. At each location, our staff had smiles, fun activities, and homework help at the ready for 130 kids between in the ages of 5 and 18.

All summer long, we planned for this moment, knowing that the COVID 19 crisis would challenge us to rethink all our operations while

maintaining the “magic” of the Club. I’m proud to say that we landed on a set of focus areas that we think of as our “E’s for Excellence.”

#### These include:

- Promoting Emotional Wellness,
- Fostering Engagement and Exploration, and
- Ensuring Efficacy and Efficiency in our Programs and Safety Protocols.

In this issue of the Pilot, we will take a closer look at these areas, and I hope you will agree that we are truly on the path of Excellence.

Ray Reyes

## Oyster Bay Encourages Dog Licensing



#### BY NOLAN CLEARY

Oyster Bay Town Clerk Richard LaMarca is encouraging residents who have recently adopted dogs, or have never licensed their dog, to please license their dog.

The Town's concerns arise over the increase of dog adoptions that have taken place since March, following the beginning of the COVID-19 lockdown.

Any dog over the age of four months must receive a license or dog tag, according to a statement from the Town. The dog license lasts a year. Licenses for any service dog, guide dog, hearing dog, war dog, detection dog, police dog or therapy

dog come at no price.

According to LaMarca, dog licenses encourage safety, and can help get a lost dog back to their owners.

“Each year, hundreds of beloved family dogs are lost because these animals do not have identification tags and cannot be identified and returned to their owners,” said LaMarca. “A dog license allows everyone to know your dog has a home, and also signals that your dog is up-to-date on its rabies shots.”

Information on filing for a dog license can be obtained from the Town Clerk, or from the Town of Oyster Bay website.

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## Locust Valley Students Named National Merit Semifinalists



Jenna Halpin



Emily Barosin

Photos Courtesy of LVCSD

#### BY NOLAN CLEARY

Two students from Locust Valley High School have been named the National Merit Scholarship Program Semifinalists. The title went to Emily Barosin and Jenna Halpin for exceptional scores on their respective PSAT exams.

The contest was held with an estimated 1.6 million students participating. Barosin is a candidate for International Baccalaureate Diploma. Her interests include math, science and politics. Barosin is also a member of the model

United Nations club.

Halpin is a member of the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. She is also a volunteer coach for a youth field hockey team.

Both are members of the National Honor Society and the Foreign Language Honor Society.

Applying to be semifinalists requires writing several essays, receiving an endorsement from one member of the school and have consistently high SAT and PSAT scores.

## Jericho Students Raise \$430K To Fight Leukemia



Harrison Berger, Alexandra Gatoff and Jake Gershwind

#### BY NOLAN CLEARY

A group of students at Jericho High School has raised over \$430,000 for the benefit of the Long Island chapter of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

Students Harrison Berger, Alexandra Gatoff and Jake Gershwind were each named as a “Student of the Year” by the Society for their group “Just Cure It (2.0)” which raised the record amount of money for the organization.

The fundraising campaign was also

aimed at getting students to raise money for blood cancer research as well. The student group broke the prior local fundraising record of \$276,000. That record was set by Berger’s brother, Ryan.

“First we sent emails to friends and families, and then we arranged meetings with corporations and presented our idea,” Berger said in response to the fundraising efforts. “We were really surprised and happy.”

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# The Killenworth Estate



A back view of Killenworth

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said smiling, a few choice Russian words which hopefully meant “welcome” and not “frisk him”, or possibly even worse. He then waved to uniformed security guards within the grounds and the wrought iron entrance gates were promptly opened wide. Two large estate protectors swung back the iron gates in order for us to continue along the winding roadway through the compound.

During the next three hours, I would find myself on the same foreign territory which, at that time, many local newspaper articles had reported that top secret electronic spy equipment was being utilized daily. Newsday announced that there was spying from the mansions upper floors which overlooked the nearby Long Island Sound and onto distant shorelines. There was no way of knowing what the Soviets hoped to view, gather from the surrounding neighborhood or even from out upon the blue waters. Were they tapping into, sending various clandestine communications, hacking and receiving a secret assortment of

computer messages? Who knows? I imagined that they might be interested in the very seemingly unfriendly coast of a hostile Connecticut. Or, could they possibly be snooping on a few young, beautiful women in bikini’s partying happily aboard fancy luxury yachts slowly cruising along the Long Island Sound?

So, with trusty camera at hand and agog, I followed the stretch Limo, displaying diplomatic plates, slowly along the tree lined curving estate road leading towards the great mansions entrance. There were several security video camera apparatus mounted on six foot high green metal poles scattered throughout the grounds and all were gradually revolving in the direction of my auto. No, I didn’t wave or smile, although I should have displayed some well-known, standard hand signals.

After years of viewing those period photos of Killenworth, which were only in black and white, it was eye opening for me to actually view firsthand, the entire splendid setting displayed in striking natural color. It has always been a delight to be within the aura of majestic, historic private property. But when those iron gates that were left behind in the distance clanked firmly shut, I was confined and unaided on a daunting foreign nation’s soil.

More Killenworth activities coming soon within next month’s *Leader*.

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# Obituaries

**GORTAIRE**, Larie D. formerly of Glen Cove, NY on September 18th, 2020 age 61. Beloved wife of John. Loving mother of Sarah R. and Peter J. Caring daughter of Marie D. Ziegler. Dear sister of Harold Ziegler and Karen Bremer. Proud grandmother of Christian and Aurelia. Also survived by nieces and nephews. Larie was an administrative assistant for J. Tortorella Group of S. Hampton, NY. She loved to read books and educate her grandkids. Larie was faithful and loved the Lord. Arrangements by Dodge-Thomas. Interment East Hillside Cemetery.

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**SIMOROWSKI**, Wanda of Greenvale, NY; Glen Head, NY and Upper Brookville, NY died on Sept. 20, 2020 at the age of 100. Beloved wife of the late Joseph. Loving mother of Joseph (Barbara) and Helene Wierzbicki (the late Stanley). Cherished grandmother of 4 and great grandmother of 4. Interment Holy Rood Cemetery, Westbury, NY. [www.whitting.com](http://www.whitting.com)

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The next Regular meetings of the Board of Fire Commissioners are scheduled as follows:

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This notification is being given to the news media pursuant to the provisions of Section 94 of the Public Officers Law of the State of New York.

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The hearing will be on the site plan review application of Candace M. Arthur, Naim Abdul-Malik and Lydia Andrews, owners of a 2.9 acre parcel of land located in the Village at 105 Wheatley Road, known as section 18, block D, lot 34 on the Land and Tax Maps of Nassau County and located in the Village's R-2 Residence District which permits single family dwellings on lots having a minimum area of two acres.

Applicants seek site plan approval to construct a new single family dwelling on said property.

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known as section 18, block 7, lot 17 on the Land and Tax Maps of Nassau County and located in the Village's R-2 Residence District which permits single family dwellings on lots having a minimum area of two acres.

Applicants seek to amend the minor subdivision map approved by the Board on June 19, 2019 which provided for the creation of two lots, Parcel #1 having a lot area of 3.34 acres and Parcel # 2 having a lot area of 2.10 acres. Applicants propose to adjust the lot line between the two lots resulting in Parcel #1 having a lot area of 2.87 acres and Parcel 2 having a lot area of 2.57 acres.

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING LOCUST VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT PROPOSED BUDGET CALENDAR YEAR 2021

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS, at the September 14, 2020 regular meeting, approved a RESOLUTION authorizing a PUBLIC HEARING to be held on the PROPOSED BUDGET for the calendar year 2021. The hearing will take place at the Fire District Headquarters, 228 Buckram Road, Locust Valley, New York on October 20, 2020 at 7:00 pm for public comment and discussion of the proposed budget of the LOCUST VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that copies of the 2021 Proposed Budget will be made available to the General Public for inspection at Fire District Headquarters, 228 Buckram Road, Locust Valley, New York (Dispatch Office) on and after October 14, 2020.

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
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# A New Look For the Empire State Building



360-degree view from the Empire State Building's 86th floor.

By VICTORIA CROSBY

The famous Art Deco Empire State Building, built in 1931, recently underwent a complete facelift, a \$165 million dollar renovation completed at the end of 2019. Visitors can now experience breathtaking 360-degree views after riding in a one of a kind glass elevator from the 86th floor to the Top Deck Observatory. Floor to ceiling glass windows all around allows guests to see all of Manhattan, the Statue of Liberty, Central Park, and beyond. On the clearest days, the visibility reaches across the river to up to eighty miles and six states.

"We removed all the obstructions and obstacles, giving guests access to a view that is centrally located and unrivaled in New York City," said Anthony E. Malkin, Chairman, CEO and President of Empire State Realty Trust. The Observation Deck on the 102nd floor is enclosed, climate-controlled for an all-weather experience. The experience includes a 25-foot Building Model sitting atop the Grand Staircase, a 10,000 square foot second-floor museum, the world-famous 86th Floor Observatory, and the crown jewel, the 102nd Floor Observatory with its floor-to-ceiling windows and an unrivaled view. From the base to the tip of the antenna, the Empire State Building soars 1,454 feet above Midtown Manhattan.

One of the most popular tourist destinations and one of the most famous buildings in the world is a short walk from the Penn Station on the Long Island Railroad. The King Kong film in 1933, the sequels and the remakes, which followed over the years, have become part of pop culture. King Kong returns to The Empire State Building inside a new immersive exhibit in which visitors can touch Kong's hands which have broken through the walls and feel them vibrate as he growls, huffs and puffs in frustration and anger. Planes circle outside the windows, just as they did in the original 1933 film. visit [www.empirestatebuilding.com](http://www.empirestatebuilding.com) Guest protocols will include a contactless temperature check (must have a temperature of less than 100.4 degrees) and the requirement to wear a facial covering

throughout their visit. Certain interactive exhibits will run on automatic and binocular viewers, which require close eye contact by visitors, will be closed. At the time of reopening, all Hosts, Cleaning, and Security personnel will be trained in additional customer service, use of PPE, new cleaning procedures, tracing, and back-of-house protocols.

## Empire State Building Photo Contest

The 9th annual Empire State Building photo contest is open to amateur photographers from all over the USA. The finalists will be selected from all the best shots of the iconic building.

For the first time, the contest will be interactive for Empire State Building's followers and fans, as they vote for their favorite submissions via [esbphotocontest.com](http://esbphotocontest.com). The Grand Prize winner will receive \$5,000 and two FlyNYON flight tickets to capture additional aerial shots of the World's Most Famous Building. The second-place winner receives \$1,500, and ESB will grant \$500 to eight additional finalists.

Finalists are selected from eight new categories: (1) General Entry, (2) Best Smart Phone Shot, (3) Best FlyNYON Shot, (4) Best Photoshop/Edit, (5) Best Weather Shot, (6) Best Quarantine Shot, (7) Best View Shot, and (8) Best Exhibit Shot. Photo submissions and for official contest rules and additional information about the photo contest, visit [www.esbphotocontest.com](http://www.esbphotocontest.com). The contest will also go interactive with the public voting for the Grand Prize Winner

"The Empire State Building proudly stands as the heartbeat of New York," said Jean-Yves Ghazi, President of the Observatory. "As a favorite subject of photographers from around the world, we are impressed by the submissions we receive every year. Our fans' talent is unparalleled, and we cannot wait to see the many ways they have celebrated the worldfamous Empire State Building in the ninth year of the contest."

The contest closes on November 5, 2020. Entrants must be over the age of 18 and legal residents of the United States.

# Baby Turtles at Cold Spring Harbor Hatchery



Baby turtle hatchlings.

By NOLAN CLEARY

Baby turtles are taking over the Cold Spring Harbor Fish Hatchery

The Cold Spring Harbor Hatchery has traditionally hosted a "Turtle Hatchery Day" in August, which had to be canceled this year due to the COVID pandemic.

So the Hatchery is instead hosting a new experience, to allow people to get art made from turtle hatchlings. The program includes two newborn baby turtles painting "abstract art" with their bellies.

The baby turtle experience, which lasts about 20 minutes, allows for a personal meet-and-greet with the baby tur-



Adult turtles basking in the sun on cedar logs.

gles. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the meet-and-greets will be completely private.

Director Steve DeSimone said that the outdoor spacing allows for more social distancing to occur. "It's a large outdoor space; we can space people out appropriately."



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