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Split Vote as Huntington Votes to Raise Taxes

BY LEADER STAFF

A divided Huntington Town Board voted - by a split vote of 3 to 2 - to back Supervisor Ed Smyth's (R-Halesite) demand that they raise taxes and pierce the 2% state tax cap.

Voting "Yes" to pierce the tax cap were Smyth, and Councilmembers Theresa Mari (R-Centerport) and Dr. Dave Bennardo (R-Greenlawn); Voting "No" were Councilwomen Brooke Lupinacci (C-Lloyd Harbor) and Jen Hebert (D- Huntington Village).

New York State imposes a limit of no more than 2% on all tax increases, unless the municipality specifically votes to "pierce" the tax cap.

Smyth must present a budget to the Town Board by September 30th, but has claimed that the budget is now \$16 million in deficit on a total budget of about \$250 million.

Spending has exploded under Smyth, with large salary increases for his immediate staff, and such "perks" as life-time health insurance for Smyth and his political appointees, and a new luxury \$85,000 Tahoe SUV for Smyth's personal use. Smyth arranged for another luxury SUV to go to his staff.

Recent news reports in the Northport Observer detail that Smyth's Supervisor's office coats the taxpayers over \$6 million, whereas the neighboring Smithtown Supervisor's office cost Smithtown taxpayers only about \$800,000.

NO	YES
 <i>Brooke Lupinacci</i>	 <i>Ed Smyth</i>
 <i>Jen Hebert</i>	 <i>Theresa Mari</i>
	 <i>Dr. Dave Bennardo</i>

Transgender, “Only Fans” Controversies Roil Locust Valley



The Bayville Primary School.

BY LEADER STAFF

The Locust Valley-Bayville school district has been rocked by two simultaneous controversies regarding teachers in the school system.

The School Board met in an emergency meeting right before the start of school and terminated a teacher after she was caught appearing on the “Only Fans” video streaming service.

Only Fans is described as a “subscription-based video on demand service... mainly used by pornographic creators, both amateur and professional, but it also has a market with other content creators—including chefs, fitness trainers, and musicians...”

According to multiple sources, the teacher, who taught at Bayville elementary school, was using the site for pornographic purposes.

The Locust Valley School Board terminated the teacher, a few days before the start of school. The Board also hired a civil rights attorney at the same meeting.

At the same time, it was disclosed that a 24-year-old “transgender” person had been hired by the district to teach Kindergarten in the district. Sources report that the 24-year-old will be teaching children in Bayville.

At a Board meeting to address the issue, about a dozen parents attended, with several expressing opposition to a transgender teaching their young children.

The transgender teacher was allegedly born as a female, but “transitioning” to a male, and was only recently qualified by the state to teach K to 2.



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Saritha Komatireddy

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Saritha promises to re-orient the Attorney General's office to fight crime and protect people. That is a refreshing change.

The incumbent, Letitia James (D-Brooklyn) is a national embarrassment. She ran for office pledging to use her office to target her political opponents - and did exactly that.

James' outrageous "fraud" suit against then private citizen Donald Trump and his family, named no "victims" of the alleged fraud - because there were none. James gleefully bragged she was going to seize Trump's home, and - with a sycophantic Manhattan judge doing her bidding - obtained an unprecedented \$500 million Judgment.

That was too much even for the all-Democrat Appeals Court (1st Department), which reversed the trial court, and threw it all out.

James' political "lawfare" is an attack on the Rule of Law. She violated her oath, and the law, committing a crime - a federal felony - by using her governmental office and spending millions in taxpayer money, to try to influence a federal election. That's illegal.

It's time to take party politics out of law enforcement - and actually fight crime. The Leader endorses Saritha Komatireddy for NY Attorney General.

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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.

HUNTINGTON TOWN TAX INCREASE IS
"OUTRAGEOUS"

To the Editor:

The Huntington Town board officially passes legislation to pierce the state tax cap by a vote of 3 to 2. I find it outrageous that they cannot find a way to cut spending but chose to increase everyone's tax bill instead.

How much more can the average Long Islander take?

Utility bills increased, food prices increased, gas and home heating oil increased, just to name a few. This is out of control.

Michael Podlaski
Huntington

SCHOOL DISTRICT: HUNTINGTON
IGNORING LEGAL PAUSE, TO RUSH
CORNERSTONE APARTMENT PROJECT

To the Editor:

The Half Hollow Hills Central School District is appreciative of the efforts of the Town Council to consider the concerns of the school district and to require a Benefit Agreement for all new developments within the Melville Town Center Overlay District. However, as new specific applications are brought forward, we feel compelled to reiterate our foundational concerns.

In 2024, the District respectfully submitted a letter to this Council expressing concerns with the proposed zoning changes and creation of the Melville Town Center Overlay District (MTCOD). In response to community concerns relating to the adverse impacts of overdevelopment, the Town publicly referenced and codified the following language:

The Town Board will pause the acceptance of new applications after the submission of the first application(s) totaling four-hundred (400) residential units in the Melville Town Center, and thereafter each successive submission of application(s) totaling four-hundred

(400) units in the Melville Town Center, to assess the cumulative impact of the developments on traffic conditions, fire/emergency and educational services. The total number of residential units in the Melville Town Center shall not exceed one thousand five hundred (1,500) units.

As a District, we understood this pause to be the primary mechanism by which the Town could guide or dictate future development based on real analyses of the actual cumulative impacts to our educational services. Reliance on projected cumulative impacts would base future decisions of the Town Council on the same data that we believe may be unanalogous to our unique circumstances.

Central to all of our concerns regarding the MTCOD is the possibility and risk that the industry standard projections for student yield per development do not adequately apply to Half Hollow Hills. The reality of this risk was made clear to us after proposing an agreement that would have required developers to ensure full funding for all students generated from their properties. This proposal was summarily rejected, as we were assured that no lender would incur that level of risk. If the developers themselves, or a financial institution with a significant potential benefit will not take that risk, it seems reasonable that a school district would operate similarly.

Over the next several weeks and months, the Half Hollow Hills Central School District will be engaging in a public dialog with our residents about our inability to maintain current programs and operations without proposing a tax levy that is in excess of the mandated 2%. We are faced with the reality of reducing our expenses by either cutting programs or "piercing the cap," which will require a supermajority vote of our community. These problems will be exacerbated by any influx of new students that are not fully funded by

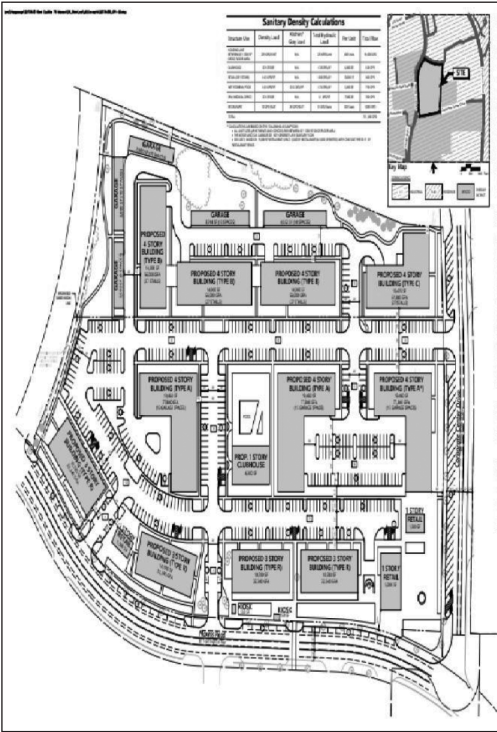
new PILOT payments.

As part of this public conversation, we will be discussing the impacts of the Canon PILOT, the LIPA PILOT, MTCOD developments and other municipalities "piercing the cap." Although we have no authority to affect these decisions, we are obligated to communicate their impacts on the tax levy and educational services.

With that information as context, we respectfully ask the Town Council to adopt a more conservative interpretation of the "pause" referenced in Town Code 198-34.1 and delay the consideration of the Cornerstone Melville project until such time as we can measure the actual cumulative impacts of the Melville Crossing development on the Half Hollow Hills community.

Very truly yours'
John O'Farrell
Superintendent

Dr. Stephanie Gurin
Half Hollow Hills Board
of Education President



The "Cornerstone" Apartment Project

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Op-Ed: America Didn't Invent Slavery - But We Did Help Abolish It

BY STEVE LEVY

How many times have we heard the “blame America first” crowd that America is an evil nation because slavery once existed within our shores?

Without question, slavery was a stain on any nation, but it's not as though it was unique to this country.

To the contrary, it was practiced just about everywhere long before it came to the Americas and long after it was abolished here.

The far-left, Marxist perspective in America is exemplified by the writings of New York Times columnist Nikole Hannah-Jones, who wrote a blatantly false historical narrative entitled "The1619 Project," which claims that America was not founded for the purpose of establishing religious and political freedom, but rather to establish and perpetuate a slave colony.

This historically inaccurate trash is being taught in over 4,000 schools in America today, and is helping to raise a generation who think quite badly about the nation in which they live.

These leftists preach the Marxist-based concept of critical race theory, which claims that the world can be divided into two sectors: those who exploit (primary white Christian straight males) and those who are exploited (people of color, women and gays).

White is bad; brown and black are to be given empathy and a presumption of victimhood.



A marvelous article by David Harsanyi in the Washington Examiner cites a United Nations resolution seeking reparations for the transatlantic slave trade, which they claim was the “greatest crime” ever committed against humanity. (Of course, the Holocaust and the Gulag are not mentioned.)

Nowhere in the UN resolution is there any mention of the fact that, in Athens - the birthplace of democracy - there were more slaves than free citizens.

There is also no mention that black Africans were victims of Arab slave traders (ie: the Sultanate of Zanzibar) who enslaved black Africans and transported and sold them around the world from the seventh to the 20th centuries.

Or that:

- Black Africans were nearly always first rounded up by OTHER black African tribes and nations - ie: the Kongo Kingdom, the Ashanti Kingdom, the Dahomey Kingdom - to later be sold into the transatlantic slave trade.

- Slavery in Saudi Arabia was still legal up until the late 20th century.

- Slavery wasn't abolished in China until 1910, and China continues to place Muslim Uighurs in today's equivalent of concentration camps.

- The Japanese practiced slavery up until World War II, when the West stopped it.

- Fewer than 5% of the African slaves who came across the transatlantic slave trade route ended up in the US. Far more were sent to Spanish, Portuguese, British Caribbean and French colonies in the western hemisphere. (388,000 to British North America out of 12.5 million total)

- The South American Aztecs not only enslaved their captives, but also sacrificed and murdered them.

- Greeks, Hungarians, and Russians were captured from Europe and enslaved by the Seljuk and Ottoman Turks.

- Nearly 1.5 million people in Spain, Italy, Greece, and other Mediterranean countries were captured and enslaved by the Ottoman-Barbary states of North Africa between 1530 and 1800.

And of course, there were the white European Slavs who were taken by Viking raiders and sold to the Ottomans and various Islamic outlets in Asia. Did you ever wonder where the word "slave" came from?

Yet Hannah-Jones, Mamdani, the socialists, the leftist media, and the left in general, talk about how slavery only existed over 160 years ago in America, thereby making America and Americans forever unworthy.

Every nation has its flaws. All human beings, regardless of which continent we are born within, share the same DNA. And throughout the globe, all

people can exhibit enormous positive behavior, as well as sinking into the depths of loathsome, reprehensible actions.

We Americans are no better in the eyes of God than any other human being. We are not born better than others. We have, however, built a system that is far and away better than most other systems on earth.

It is a system that allows for change
and a bending of the arc towards justice

When people are allowed to speak freely, atrocities such as slavery can be denounced and challenged. And abolished.

When we celebrate America, we are not celebrating our superiority as human beings on this planet. We are celebrating how lucky we were to have a system that allows for our better angels to flourish.

A system that enables us to combat the more evil inclinations that exist within every human being.

It is OK and even obligatory, to beat on slavery. It is not OK to incessantly beat on the nation that sacrificed 700,000 of its people in the Civil War to end this scourge.

Of course, none of these enslavements are hyped by the characters who dominate the UN because their ultimate goal is to seek reparations from the nations with deep pockets to transfer money to their favorite nations.

Despite all their contradictions they feel pretty confident. They believe they have an ace in the hole — white guilt.



The advertisement features a dark blue background with a repeating pattern of hearts, diamonds, and spades. On the left side, there is a large circular graphic resembling a roulette wheel or a game board, with segments containing the Jakes 58 logo and dice icons. Inside this circle, a photograph shows several people playing slot machines in a casino setting. The top right corner has a white-bordered box with the text "OPEN DURING CONSTRUCTION!" and "NEW EXPERIENCE COMING IN 2026!". Below this, the headline "WHERE LONG ISLAND WINS!" is written in large, bold, yellow letters. Underneath the headline, the amenities "Slot Machines • Electronic Table Games" and "Off-Track Betting • Dining • 200+ Hotel Rooms" are listed. The Jakes 58 logo is prominently displayed in the center-right. At the bottom right, the website "Jakes58.com", phone number "631.232.3000", and address "3635 Express Drive North | Islandia, NY 11749" are provided. In the bottom right corner, there is a New York Lottery logo and a QR code.

Barbara Prey’s Artwork Displayed on the National Mall



“God and Country”
watercolor.



“250th”
watercolor.

By LEADER STAFF

Oyster Bay artist Barbara Ernst Prey brings three of her most evocative paintings *Gallantly Streaming*, *God and Country*, and *250th*, to Washington, D.C., as part of our nation’s 250th Anniversary Exhibition, Passport to Patriotism: 250 Years of Diplomacy, a major exhibition celebrating American history, identity, and creativity organized by the U.S. State Department’s Art in Embassies Program at the Art Museum of the Americas. On view through October 18, 2026.

Prey’s career has been deeply intertwined with the visual expression of American life painting the American story for over four decades. Her paintings are in some of the country’s most important public and private collections including the National Gallery of Art, the Smithsonian American Art Museum, the Brooklyn Museum, Kennedy Space Center, and the White House (where she is one of just two living female artists represented) and U.S. diplomatic posts around the world.

Two of the paintings included in the exhibition are from Prey’s 9/11 series including *Gallantly Streaming*. Her town lost 43 lives in the attacks “During that time, flags were everywhere, it was a collective show of mourning but also about the quiet strength that emerges during difficult times,” Prey said.

A painting created from a very specific place can become part of a much

gesture spoke to a shared sense of remembrance and resilience. Light streams across the weathered, hand-built structure, transforming an ordinary moment into something quietly profound. *250th* brings that visual language into the present, commemorating the nation’s 250th anniversary.

Together, the three paintings demonstrate Prey’s ability to take subjects that are familiar and deeply embedded in American culture and make them newly visible through her distinctive approach to light, color, scale, and observation.

A Career Painting America;

Her career has also taken her into some of the most consequential spaces in American public life. For more than four decades, Prey

has established herself as one of America’s leading contemporary watercolor artists. Her work challenges conventional assumptions about watercolor and has changed the perceived possibilities of the medium.

Among her most ambitious achievements is an 8-by-15-foot watercolor commissioned by MASS MoCA, recognized as the largest known watercolor created for public display becoming part of the history of American watercolor. She was commissioned by NASA four times to document space history and by the President in 2003 to create the painting for the official White House Christmas card.

larger human conversation

Prey’s work always begins with careful observation and a genuine emotional response to a place. *God and Country*, from an island off the Maine coast and one of her first paintings in the 9/11 series shows a small American flag someone had tucked into the memorial ribbons on its façade. Although the church is far removed from the events of September 11, that simple

40th Annual Oyster Bay Bluefish Tournament

It was a rainy Sunday for the 40th Annual Town of Oyster Bay’s Bluefish Tournament that was held on September 20th, at Theodore Roosevelt Park in Oyster Bay.

This years bluefish were very small. The big winners of the day were Ryan Piper from Huntington who won first place, with his blue



(L-R)Winners Mike and Matthew Rose, Ryan Piper and Nassau County Legislature Rose Marie Walker



Kenzie with the grand prize!

fish weighing 7.94lbs. 2nd weighed 6.97lbs, caught by Matthew Rose from Greenlawn. 3rd place was Mike Rose, from Greenlawn, his fish weighing only 5.74lbs.;

The big winner of the day was young Kenzie from Bayville, she won the boat and motor in the raffle. After the awards and all the great raffles, everyone enjoyed the tailgate party.

Photos: Patricia Mavros Brexel

Book Launch Party at Old Westbury Gardens

Old Westbury Garden’s is hosting a launch party for a new book “Old Westbury Gardens: Days of Grace on Long Island” October 6, 2026, 6:00 - 8:30 PM. The evening event at the Gardens will feature sparkling wine and light hors d’oeuvres, followed by a conversation with Clive Aslet and Dylan Thomas, moderated by noted interior designer Thammanoune Kannalikhham, and a book signing.

“Old Westbury Gardens: Days of Grace on Long Island” honors the life and legacy of the house that Jay Phipps built to woo his English love, Dita Grace. In his efforts to secure her hand in marriage, he promised to recreate the world of elegance, gardens, and dogs that she had known in Sussex. She said “Yes”—and the rest is Westbury.

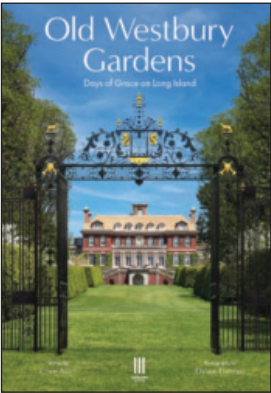
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Seawanhaka Sweeps Douglaston Opti Regatta



Seawanhaka Opti Team Celebrates Victories at Douglaston Yacht Club

By Leader Staff
The Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club's Youth Opti Race Team swept the 2026 Douglaston Junior Yacht Squadron Optimist Regatta - held at the Douglaston Yacht Club on Little Neck Bay - finishing first and second in the White Fleet; and taking nine out of the top 11 finishers in the Blue Fleet.
Out of a racing fleet of about 60 boats, the Seawanhaka team dominated the results in both divisions, taking 1st and 2nd place in the White Fleet and completing a remarkable 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place sweep in the Blue Fleet.
In the Blue Fleet: Anderson Packard finished 1st; James Bell finished 2nd; Mia Fuschetto finished 3rd; Brahm Lally finished 4th; Emilia Syvertsen finished 5th; Mimi Amante finished 6th; Giuseppe D'Anna finished 7th; Tea

Witzenburg finished 9th; and Amelia Fenn Siegel finished 11th.
In the White Fleet: Nico Urdea finished 1st; and Rocco Amante finished 2nd.
The results highlighted the depth of training and teamwork of the Seawanhaka Optimist Race Team and the significant progress its sailors have made throughout the 2026 summer season under the coaching team of Carlos Insa Fabregat and Inés Billoch.
Coach Fabregat, who hails from Barcelona, Spain, implemented a structured training approach focused on boat speed, technical development, tactical decision-making, race strategy, and developing sailors' ability to independently analyze changing conditions on the racecourse.
Working alongside Fabregat, Coach

Inés Billoch from Argentina contributed to the team's training and development, supporting the preparation of the young sailors both on and off the racecourse.
Coaches Carlos and Inez were each given a special Award for Outstanding Coaching, after their sailors swept the Douglaston regatta.
Rather than simply teaching young sailors to follow instructions, the coaching approach emphasizes understanding the conditions, identifying opportunities on the racecourse, and making effective decisions independently.
The results at Douglaston provided the measurable evidence of the effectiveness of this training approach.
Seawanhaka's sailors demonstrated strong boat handling, speed, consistency, tactical awareness, and the ability to adapt to changing conditions while competing against a strong regional fleet.
The five podium finishes also demonstrated the growing depth of the program. With sailors achieving top results across both the White and Blue Fleets, Seawanhaka showed that its

recent progress extends beyond individual performances and reflects the development of a strong and competitive team.
The Douglaston results add to a successful 2026 season for Seawanhaka's Optimist sailors, who have continued to achieve strong finishes at junior sailing events throughout Long Island Sound.
For the coaching staff, the performance at Douglaston provided a strong indication that the team's structured training program is translating into measurable results on the racecourse.
“Our goal is to develop sailors who understand what is happening around them and can make good decisions on their own,” said Coach Fabregat. “Results like these show that the sailors are beginning to put that work together when it matters most.”
With the fall sailing season upon us, Seawanhaka's Optimist Race Team will be competing at the Atlantic finals in New Jersey, and then back in home waters for an October regatta race at the Oyster Bay Waterfront Center.



Getting ready to launch at the Douglaston Yacht Club on Little Neck Bay

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Glen Cove Remembers September 11, 2021



Family members of 9/11 victims and Mayor Pam Panzenbeck place the wreath.

By OLIVIA EVERETT
The City of Glen Cove held a moving sunset Remembrance Ceremony at Pratt Park, which is organized every year by The Mayor’s office and Department of Public Works. The park is adjacent to the Glen Cove Fire House and EMS Building, and a new gazebo was erected in the park on July 4 of this year near the 9/11 memorial sculpture. The gazebo was donated by the Glen Cove Beautification Litter Prevention Program Inc., in celebration of America’s 250th birthday, and dedicated to the Glen Cove’s first responders.



Camille Cudra-Chalen reading the poem by Victoria Crosby

The Color Guard opened the ceremony with the presentation of the flags. Mayor Pamela Panzenbeck welcomed the families of the 9/11 victims, veterans, police, EMS, US Coastguard, firefighters, harbor patrol, Nassau County Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton, Assemblyman Chuck Lavine and members of the Glen Cove City Council, local government officials and members of the community.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vincent Martinez Jr. then an opening prayer led by Rev. John Burns of the Community Gospel Church in Glen Cove.

Briana Pietri sang the National Anthem, the Star-Spangled Banner. The mayor then shared remarks about the day of remembrance and the four men from Glen Cove who lost their lives that day.

Kieran Lynch, son of bagpiper Bob Lynch, played Amazing Grace on the bagpipes. Matthew McCormack played Taps on the trumpet, followed by a moment of silence.

Glen Cove High School student Camille Curtis-Chalen read “A Tribute to Heroes,” a poem written by Glen Cove’s Poet Laureate Victoria Crosby in 2002 and read at every 9/11 remembrance ceremony in Glen Cove since then. Victoria reads a modified version of her poem each year at the remembrance ceremony in the City of Tucker, Georgia, where she now resides.

Glen Cove native, Felix Cruz, a member of the NYPD spoke about his emotional experience on 9/11.

The mayor and family members of the men placed a memorial wreath in front of the memorial sculpture. The

sculpture was created by a Sea Cliff resident, the late Tom Molloy, from part of one of the beams from the Twin Towers.

Closing prayers were offered by the Rev. Shawn Williams of St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Glen Cove

Glen Cove will never forget the residents who died that day, Edward Lerhman, Matthew McDermott, John Puckett and Joseph Zucalla.



Gazebo Dedication rock



Mayor Pam Panzenbeck and City officials

Photos: Joanne Yee

Firefighter’s Display of 9/11 Memorabilia

By LEADER STAFF
Locust Valley Firefighter Jeff Converse has shared his experiences on and after 9/11 at the World Trade Center - doing search and rescue and assisting with clean-up - by hosting an exhibit at the Locust Valley Library.

Everyone remembers where they were on 9/11, 2001, as the Twin Towers fell, but Locust Valley’s Jeff Converse’s memories are more personal. Then, as a Brooklyn fireman, he arrived in the third wave of the search and rescue operation and helped in the cleanup of what we now know, was a toxic site.

His collection of memorabilia is on display at the Locust Valley Library. It is a place to see a personal story, 25 years later, and would be an informative way for students to understand the devastation of the event.

Curator of the display, Kassie Roth said listening to his stories had her in a rollercoaster of emotions. At the time his



Locust Valley Firefighter Jeff Converse with his 9/11 memorabilia in the display case.

unit was based in Brooklyn and one of the photos shows FDNY Engine 252, after responding to the Twin Tower site for search and rescue and later for the cleanup.

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Obituaries



FREEMAN, Edna Dorfman (nee Donaldson). Lifelong resident of Glen Cove, on September 15th, 2026 in her 98th year. Wife of the late Nathan Dorfman and the late Gilbert Freeman. Mother of Lisa (Chris), David (Nancy) and Tracy (John). Sister of the late Billy Donaldson (the late Virginia) and the late Doreen Donaldson. Grandmother of David, Hilary, Sara and Kylie. Great-grandmother of David N. Jr, Nathan, Jack, Mia, Angeline & Sophia. Interment at East Hillside Cemetery. www.Dodgethomas.com



KTISTAKIS, Kathleen E. of Glen Cove, on September 17th, 2026 at age 80. Beloved wife of John. Loving mother of Michael I. (Bessie) and Evangeline (Neal). Dear sister of Despina Mellis (the late Nicholas) and the late Fr. John Kefalas (Anita). Proud grandmother of John Michael, Khloe A. and Olivia E. Also survived by several nieces and nephews. Interment Nassau Knolls Cemetery. Donations may be made in Kathleen's memory to the Church: 1400 Cedar Swamp Rd. Brookville, NY 11545. www.DodgeThomas.com

LOUIE, Keung, on Sep. 21, 2026, age 67, of Bayville, NY. Loving brother of Choi, Tom (Mew), Shing, and the late Charles (Fanny), Frankie and Ping McCarthy (John). Devoted uncle of Vicky, Liz, Brandon, Christopher, Denise, Peter, Jimmy, Megan, Tara. Also survived by many loving cousins, relatives, and friends. Visiting Oyster Bay Funeral Home, 261 South St., Oyster Bay, NY, on Saturday from 2-5 p.m. Inurnment will be held at Locust Valley

Cemetery at date and time to be announced. www.oysterbayfuneralhome.com

LUYSTER, Elizabeth "Liz", longtime resident of Huntington, NY at age 84 on September 13, 2026. Loving wife of the late Chuck. Beloved mother of Carrie (Michael) Meyer & Todd (Tracy). Proud grandmother of 5. Interment Brookville Cemetery.

Donations may be made in her memory to Alzheimer's Association Alz.org. www.Dodgethomas.com

MULLALY, John Francis, passed away in his sleep on Friday, September 18th at his Bayville residence at the age of 91. Born on March 26, 1935 in New York City, John was the fifth child of Louis and Mary (May) Mullaly. After graduating from Newtown High School, he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps in June, 1955. Skills learned while working in the family restaurant led him to cooking all over the world for hungry troops. Deployments included Italy, Turkey, and Japan. Upon John's honorable discharge from the Marines in 1963, he took over as owner of Mullaly's Restaurant.

He was a well-loved son, brother, husband, and uncle. He was known for calling his ten nieces and nephews "Kid", possibly because he couldn't keep all their names straight. He loved skiing, biking, and traveling with family and friends to Vermont, Maine, Canada, and Europe. After retirement, he enjoyed his standing Thursday night dinners with his close friends and in summer the twice weekly sails on Long Island Sound.

John was predeceased by his parents, his wife, Joanne, and his four siblings, Eileen & James Mullaly, Patricia (Tom) Foley, and Mary (Tom) Dunn, and his goddaughter and niece, Nora Dunn. He is survived by his nine nieces and nephews, Maryann, Beth (Betsy), Eileen & Thomas (Pegeen) Foley, and Kathleen

(Mark) Rehm, Thomas (Maureen), Marybeth, Jim (Beth) Dunn and Catherine (Pete) Gellas and nine grand nieces and nephews and five great nieces and nephews.

The family wishes to thank Dr. Michael DeAngelis for his years of excellent care to our uncle. The Foleys and Dunns also offer their great appreciation for the wonderful care given by family friend, Jenny McAvoy-Anteau and niece, Eileen during his final days. www.oysterbayfuneralhome.com

NUNES, Kenneth of Albertson, NY on September 9, 2026 at Age 94. Beloved husband of the late Girzil. Also survived by loving nieces, nephews and cousins. Interment is Private. www.DodgeThomas.com

PARISI, Talenti, Lucille, on Sep. 12, 2026, age 82, of Glen Cove, NY, formerly of Locust Valley, NY. Beloved wife of the late Salvatore Parisi. Loving Mother of Gina Talenti, and Anthony Talenti (Kathleen). Cherished grandmother of Raymond Catala, Charles Catala, Thomas Talenti, and Ryan Talenti. Also survived by loving relatives and friends. Interment is private. A Memorial Service will be held at a later date. www.oysterbayfuneralhome.com



RUGGIERO, Vincent, longtime resident of Long Island on September 15, 2026 at age 86. Beloved Husband of Carole. Devoted Father of Joseph (Amy), Louis, Erik (Lynn) and Jordan (Irene). Loving Grandpa of Elena, Lucas, Noa and Yoni. Adored Poppie of Alison and Julianna. Cherished Brother of Jeannie and the late Mauro. www.Dodgethomas.com



STANCO, Michael of Glen Cove, NY on September 17, 2026 at Age 85. Beloved husband of Lucia. Loving father of Alfredo (Tracy), John (Renee) and Maria (Peter). Dear brother of Frank (Grace) and Graziella (the late Antonio). Proud grandfather of Breanna, Alex (Jenna), Giovanna, Andrew, Ava, Luciano, Matt, Nick and Isabella. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Interment at Queen of Peace Cemetery Old Westbury. www.Dodgethomas.com

VETRANO, Joseph T., on Sep. 11, 2026, age 70, of Flushing, NY. Beloved brother of Lynne Larsen (Keith), and Mary Jo Vetrano (Robert Becivenga). Loving uncle of Tyler and Nicholas. Also survived by many loving relatives and friends.

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October 3RD Friends Academy Invites Surrounding Communities to Celebrate 150 Years at its Historic Fall Fair



Children enjoying the big slide.

By TOM NOTHEL
 Open to everyone, the annual Fall Fair at Friends Academy promises adults and children of all ages a spectacular day of family fun, thrilling rides, diverse culinary offerings, and spirited athletic events on the Quakers’ 65-acre campus. Held October 3 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., the cherished tradition takes on even greater meaning this year as Friends celebrates its historic 150th anniversary.
 The carnival portion of the Fall Fair will feature games and rides such as the Zipper, Super Slide, Cliffhanger, Tornado, Happy Swing, Dizzy Dragon, and Round-Up. Ride bracelets will be

available for purchase at the Fair or on the Friends Academy’s website, <https://www.friendsacademy.org/the-latest/school-events/fall-fair>.
 This year’s Fall Fair features an expanded and exciting lineup of food trucks and booths serving something for every appetite. Guests can enjoy empanadas, BBQ, ice cream, Italian-inspired favorites, Gourmasian, Caribbean cuisine, as well as classic treats from the Quaker Baker, Friends Fries, and Quenchers.
 Throughout the day, families can explore a wide variety of activities, including a petting zoo, the Grit Ninja Obstacle Course, face painting, a photo booth, airbrush T-shirts and hats, permanent jewelry, henna artistry, hair tinsel, candy sushi, trading cards, and more.
 While laughter fills the air at the carnival, the Friends Academy girls’ field hockey team will face North Shore High School at 1 p.m. on the Turf Field behind the school. At 3 p.m., the Friends Academy boys’ soccer team will host Clarke High School on the Turf Field.
 On October 3, Friends Academy will also honor the memory of Brian Hom, a track star who was a member of the Class of 2011 and tragically died in a car accident near the end of his senior year.
 The 15th annual Brian Hom Memorial Run & Walk will be held on campus at 8:30 a.m.; this event requires

advanced registration and proceeds will benefit the Brian James Hom Scholarship. Established in the spring of 2011, the scholarship honors Friends Academy students who embody Brian’s innate generosity, personal warmth, wonderful sense of humor, and live by

his motto, “I am the me I choose to be.”
 The Fall Fair will be held rain or shine. For more information, or to register for the Memorial Run & Walk, visit the Friends Academy website: <https://www.friendsacademy.org/the-latest/school-events/fall-fair>

Mill River Hosts Children’s Snapper Derby

By PATRICIA BREXEL
 The Mill River Rod and Gun Club held their 46th Annual Pat and Jimmy Carroll Children’s Snapper Derby. The Derby took place at the West Harbor docks in Bayville. It was a beautiful Saturday, the tide was right, and the docks were filled with children eager to catch some snappers. Snappers are baby bluefish.
 The club provided poles and bait for all the children. The fishing derby is held in honor of the late Jimmy Carroll and his wife Pat. Jimmy was one of the founders of the Mill River Rod and Gun Club. Jimmy and Pat wanted children to learn how enjoyable fishing can be.

Following all the fishing fun, kids and thier families went over to the club house for a delicious lunch of hot dogs, and snacks. Prizes were awarded, and raffles drawn.



The fish were biting!



Enjoying the beautiful day at the club.



Kids having lunch in the club house.

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Legal Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING LOCUST VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT PROPOSED BUDGET CALENDAR YEAR 2027

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS, at the September 9, 2026, regular meeting, approved a RESOLUTION authorizing a PUBLIC HEARING to be held on the PROPOSED BUDGET for the calendar year 2027. The hearing will take place at the Fire District Headquarters, 228 Buckram Road, Locust Valley, New York on October 20, 2026, at 6:30 P.M. for public comment and discussion of the proposed budget of the LOCUST VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2027.
 PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that copies of the 2027 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 12, 2026.

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
 James Bonislawski
 Secretary

Dated: September 14, 2026

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GBB&GC to Honor Camille and Lou Brienza



Camille and Louis (Lou) Brienza

Grenville Baker Boys & Girls Club (GBBGC) will host its Annual Alumni & Friends Golf Outing & Mahjong on Monday, October 5, 2026, at Glen Head Country Club. The annual fundraising event will honor Louis (Lou) and Camille Vigliotti Brienza, whose unwavering commitment and generosity have made a lasting impact on the Club and the thousands of young people it serves.

For more than 23 years, Lou and Camille Brienza have been devoted supporters of Grenville Baker Boys & Girls Club, contributing both their time and resources to help advance the Club's mission of inspiring and enabling young people to reach their full potential. Their connection to the Club is deeply personal, having witnessed its positive influence on their own family, as well as on the children of countless friends and relatives throughout the community.

"Lou and Camille exemplify what it means to give back," said Melissa Rhodes, Executive Director of Grenville Baker Boys & Girls Club. "Their generosity, leadership, and steadfast belief in our mission have strengthened the Club in countless ways over the years. We are thrilled to recognize them at this year's Alumni & Friends Golf Outing & Mahjong event."

As the owner of a Dunkin' restaurant in Bethpage, Lou has generously provided food and coffee for numerous Club programs and special events, including the Pancake Breakfast, Spook Alley, Summer Camp activities, the annual Thanksgiving Dinner, and

Holiday celebrations. He has also helped secure grants through the Dunkin' Joy in Childhood Foundation for several years, expanding opportunities for Club members, and has welcomed youth interested in learning about franchise ownership and entrepreneurship.

Together, Lou and Camille have supported nearly every aspect of Club life from assembling Thanksgiving baskets and volunteering at the annual Thanksgiving Dinner to contributing to capital campaigns, attending the annual GBBGC Gala, participating in the Golf Outing, and joining the Club's Loyalty Giving Society, their commitment has remained unwavering.

Family has always been at the heart of their support. Their children, Christopher Brienza and Nicole Rodio, both grew up at Grenville Baker Boys & Girls Club and cherish the friendships and memories they made there. Earlier this year, Lou and Camille proudly welcomed their first grandchild, making this year's recognition especially meaningful.

This year's event introduces Mahjong for the first time, expanding the annual fundraiser to welcome even more supporters. Alongside a day of golf, guests can enjoy an afternoon of mahjong, camaraderie, and community while helping raise critical funds for Grenville Baker Boys & Girls Club's youth programs.

Also, back by popular demand is the exciting Golf Ball Drop Raffle which will once again give participants the chance to win exciting prizes while supporting the Club's programs and services. The raffle promises to add even more excitement to this year's event.

Proceeds from the outing directly support Grenville Baker Boys & Girls Club's year-round programs that benefit more than 1400 of local children and teens annually.

For sponsorship opportunities, golf and mahjong registration, Golf Ball Drop raffle information, for additional event details, please visit www.gbbgc.org or contact Helen at 516-759-5437, ext. 230.

Friends Student Raises \$20K for Glen Cove B&G Tennis Clinic

By THOMAS NOTHEL

A 16-year-old Friends Academy student from Old Brookville, raised over \$20,000.00 to start-up a Tennis Youth Clinic in partnership with the Glen Cove Boys & Girls Club.

Olivia Lichota is a Junior, a varsity tennis player, and a participant in the Entrepreneurship Program and Social Innovators Program at Friends Academy.

The new Tennis Clinic, comprises of twelve children, ages 8 to 12 from the Glen Cove Boys and Girls Club.

The four-week Clinic provides transportation, racquets, equipment, program giveaways, and instruction from coaches at the Robbie Wagner Tournament Training Center.

"I've played tennis for most of my life, and being able to share that passion with the Boys & Girls Club kids has been incredibly meaningful," stated Olivia. "Seeing their excitement every week reminded me that sports are about so much more than winning. They are about building confidence, friendships, and creating opportunities."

"I hope this program not only helps them improve their tennis skills but also inspires them to believe in themselves and experience the joy that comes from learning something new," added Olivia.

"For generations, Glen Cove Boys &



Olivia Lichota

Photo: Friends Academy

Girls Club has inspired young people to discover their potential by providing opportunities to gain experience and explore new interests," stated a Glen Cove B&G Club spokesperson. "This summer, thanks to the vision and determination of one remarkable young teen, Club members stepped onto the tennis court for the very first time."

Olivia credits Friends Academy's Entrepreneurship Program, led by Upper School History teacher, Molly Foresta, and the Social Innovators Program, with inspiring her to think beyond traditional community service and create a sustainable program that addresses a real need.

Free 'Fright Nights' Coming to Syosset this October

Prepare for a real forest, real darkness, and real screams as Oyster Bay Town Supervisor Joseph Saladino and the Town Board announce three free 'Fright Nights' at Syosset-Woodbury Community Park. This event will feature a fully immersive outdoor haunted forest with actors and jump scares from Friday, October 9th through Sunday, October 11th from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. each night.

Supervisor Joseph Saladino stated,



"Syosset-Woodbury Community Park will be transformed into a haunted forest of scary scenes complete with witches, ghosts, zombies and more for the entire weekend as Halloween season

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