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Oyster Bay Town Supervisor Joseph Saladino at the Raynham Hall Museum invited history enthusiasts to participate in The Long Island History Hunt. (L-R) Director of the Oyster Bay-East Norwich Chamber Amy Hanley, Historian Dr. Justinne Lake-Jedzinak, Town Clerk Rich LaMarca, Joseph Saladino, Raynham Hall Museum Director Harriet Gerard Clark, North Shore Historical Museum Director Christopher Judge, Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary and Audubon Center Director Kathryn D'Amico, and the Oyster Bay Railroad Museum President John Specce. Story on page 2.



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Residents Invited to ‘History Hunt’ in Oyster Bay and Throughout Long Island



Participants can scan the QR code to in front of Raynham Hall to register, or go online.

Oyster Bay Town Supervisor Joseph Saladino and Town Clerk Rich LaMarca invite history enthusiasts to participate in The Long Island History Hunt, a special summerlong event that will run from Brooklyn to Montauk featuring a dozen historical locations where selfie challenges can be completed. This epic adventure, sponsored by the Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation in partnership with New York State Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, runs from July 1st through September 30th.

Supervisor Saladino stated, “From the Revolutionary War and the Culper Spy Ring, to being the home and final

resting place of President Theodore Roosevelt, The Town of Oyster Bay has an incredibly rich history to be proud of. The outstanding museums and historical sites in Oyster Bay that will be participating in the Long Island History Hunt include: Raynham Hall Museum (30 W Main St, Oyster Bay), the Oyster Bay Railroad Museum (1 Railroad Ave, Oyster Bay), and the Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary and Audubon Center (134 Cove Rd, Oyster Bay).”

Additional sites in the Hunt will include Montauk Historical Society, Ketcham Inn in Center Moriches, East Hampton Historical Society, Oysterponds Historical Society in

Orient, Three Village Historical Society in Setauket, Shelter Island History Museum, Smithtown Historical Society, Meadow Croft Estate in Sayville, and Green-Wood Cemetery in Brooklyn.

Executive Director of the event’s sponsor, The Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation, Kathryn Curran stated, “The Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation’s mission is to support the advancement of Long Island’s important historic role in the American experience. All Long Islanders, as participants in the daily events of their towns and neighborhoods, are builders in the legacy and heritage of the places we call home.”

Participants can scan the QR code to register, and then visit a designated museum, landmark, monument, historic home, park or colonial tavern. At each location, visitors are invited to take a selfie challenge and upload their photo. Visitors who complete a challenge at any site are automatically eligible to win a prize. Those who complete a challenge at all 12 sites will earn the title of ‘Revolutionary Trailblazer’ and be entered into the grand prize drawing that includes \$500, an 18th century-style luncheon at the Ketcham Inn tavern,

family museum memberships, and a basket of curated surprises.

For more information and to register, please visit www.oysterbaytown.com/LIHistoryHunt, or email longislandhistoryhunt@gmail.com.



Supervisor Joseph Saladino takes a selfie with Christopher Judge, and Dr. Justinne Lake-Jedzinak. Photos: Patricia Brexel



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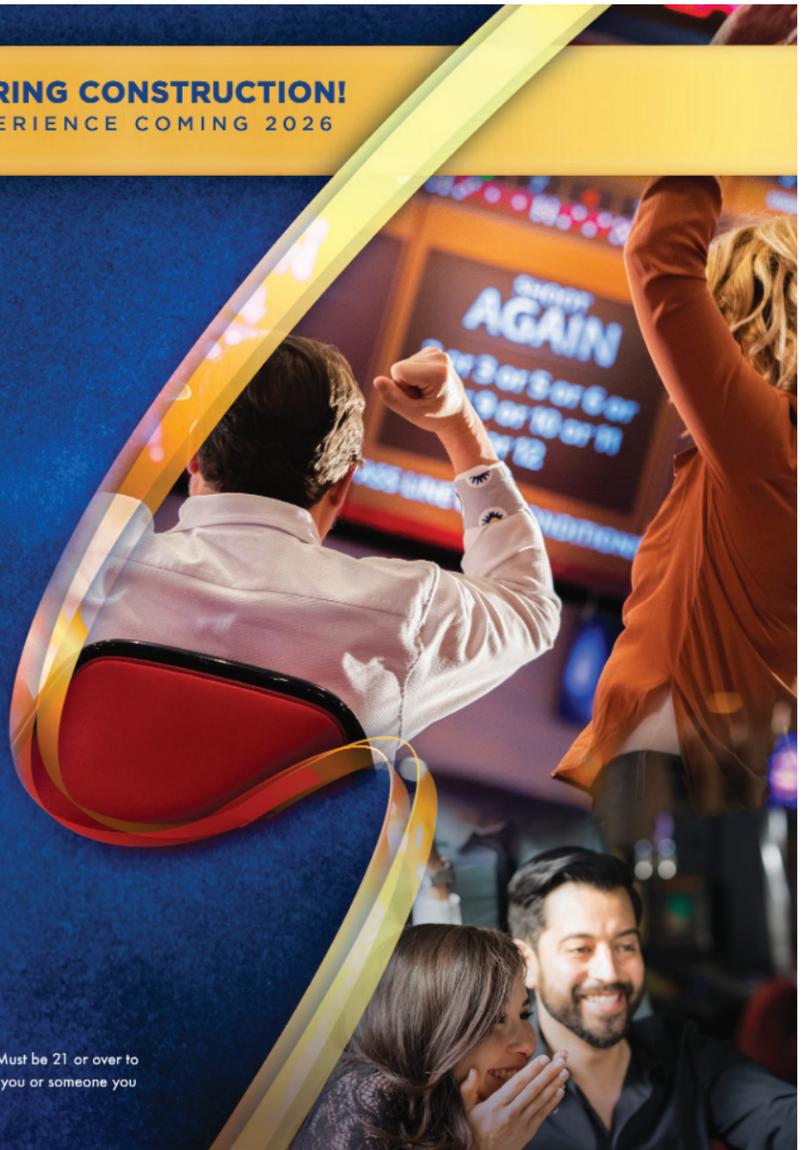
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FBI Joins Manhunt for Missing Old Brookville Parents



The \$4 million Home in Old Brookville (courtesy Zillow)

BY RUPERT DEEDES

A Chinese couple vanished - disappeared - over three months ago from their Old Brookville mansion, leaving two young sons behind, and the FBI is on the case looking for answers.

Ms. JuanJuan Zwang, age 44, and Mr. Peishuan Fan, age 48, were last seen on March 30th at their Old Brookville home at 7 Maria Lane.

The couple's two sons - age 20 and 12 - left early the next morning for a trip to the Catskills, and never saw their parents again. The older son is a college student.

According to the elder son's attorney,

John Carman, the family moved to the United States from China in 2022, first settling in Jersey City and then purchasing the \$4 Million mansion in Old Brookville.

The family's home is located just off Cedar Swamp Road, near the intersection with Chicken Valley Road.

The two sons reported their parents missing later in the day on March 31st.

The Nassau County Police Department has been working on the case, and brought in the FBI in early June, according to Carman.

Family members and neighbors of the couple say that they are worried about the couple's fate.

Local and federal investigators say they are not ruling anything out in the search for Fan and Zwang, including the possibility that they were abducted or voluntarily fled for financial or political reasons.

Neighbors and friends fear foul play.

The Communist government of China has attempted to blackmail, threaten, and force local Chinese into espionage.

China even set-up "Police Stations" operating out of anonymous storefronts in Manhattan to spy and threaten local Chinese in New York. China tracks immigrants and even native-born Chinese-Americans and will threaten their children and family members back in China to make them into local spies or agents.

"They are very, very nice," stated Judith Moran, a neighbor.

The couple's sons have not heard from their parents in more than three months. After being interviewed by the police, the older son said he did not feel comfortable going public with pleas for help, but he appeared visibly shaken.

Nassau officials have not released



JuanJuan Zwang



Peishuan Fan (courtesy NCPD).

much information about the case, but did say that the deed to the couple's home is in JuanJuan Zwang's name.

"We have no other information that we are going to reveal at this time, because it is an ongoing investigation and an active investigation," stated Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman.

Nassau County Missing Persons Squad is actively investigating and urges anyone with information to call (516) 573-7347 or dial 911.

Saladino Announces Launch of Hicksville Beautification



TOB Supervisor Joe Saladino and Tax Receiver Jeff Pravato break ground on the "Hicksville Renaissance" (courtesy TOB)

BY MAUREEN DALY

After an eight-year process of plans, studies, environmental evaluations and community input, the Town of Oyster Bay is breaking ground on a series of projects to beautify downtown Hicksville and make it more resident-friendly.

"With millions of dollars from the public and private sectors being invested into Hicksville," stated Oyster Bay Supervisor Joe Saladino, "We are enhancing and transforming the business district into a vibrant downtown."

"All of the public improvement projects will soon be complimented with various beautification and pedestrian improvements along Broadway," added Saladino. "That includes an upgraded

median, landscaping and decorative crosswalks that will also improve pedestrian safety."

Saladino secured a \$10 million grant from New York State, that will be used to:

Festival Plaza, that involves the construction of a raised walking path with landscaping, seating areas, and safer pedestrian connection to the Hicksville LIRR station;

The Kennedy Park Expansion, that will transform an existing parking lot into green space for outdoor activities such as concerts and pop-up vendors; and:

The Underline, which will involve the transformation of the area under the train tracks and bridge - between Newbridge Road and Broadway - with new pavers, lighting and amenities for pop-up shops and outdoor cafes.

Starting in 2017, Saladino and the Town Board worked with local organizations to spearhead the planning and design process for the "Hicksville Renaissance."

Saladino convened dozens of planning meetings, community workshops and public input sessions, to get the maximum input from local residents, and ensure that the Town and local residents worked together to design how they wanted the future of the community to develop.

Water Rescue in Bayville

Sunday, July 6, 2025 at 4:00 PM the Police, Marine 11 of the Nassau County Police Marine Bureau Unit was actively monitoring VHF radio frequencies when they heard reports of an overturned Jet Ski with three people in the water off the Soundside Beach, Bayville.

Marine 11 along with the Town of Oyster Bay Constables did respond and located the three individuals and overturned jet ski. Both crews were able to assist the three people and their jet ski back to the boat it was launched from.

No injuries were reported.



The rescue was about a quarter mile off of the Bayville Soundside Beach. Photo: Patricia Brexel

E-Bike Warning from the Glen Cove PD



An illegal e-bike

Your electric bike/motorcycle is likely ILLEGAL to operate on public roadways. Illegal e-bikes include the following brands: Surron, Talaria, Eride, and Tutto, but any electric powered bike that can achieve a speed above 25 MPH is considered a limited use motorcycle and must be registered with the NYS DMV, carry liability insurance, have license plates issued and be driven by a licensed driver. If any of these require-

ments are not followed, the operator of such e-bike is subject to receive a traffic citation under the NYS VTL and the e-bike is subject to impound. The current impound fee begins at \$350 and increases \$30 each day in storage. Please do not allow your children to operate these e-bikes on public roadways. A simple way to determine if your child's e-bike is illegal is to check for a traditional bicycle pedaling system and determine top speed. If it lacks pedals, its illegal. If it goes faster than 25 MPH, its illegal.

In ALL CASES, reckless operation is ILLEGAL and will not be tolerated. This is a public safety issue and is becoming a larger problem as the summer begins. The Glen Cove Police Department will be actively enforcing all laws and regulations when it comes to e-bikes on public roadways to include issuing summonses and impounding illegal e-bikes.

EDITORIAL

RAISING THE SALT DEDUCTION TO \$40,000

With all the competing news coverage, it is easy to miss a major reform in American tax policy - the increase of the federal State and Local Tax ("SALT") deduction from \$10,000 to \$40,000.

The new Trump budget accomplishes that long-sought and important policy objective - one that goes to the heart and viability of the suburbs in America.

America funds its local schools mostly through local property taxes, which on Long Island now average over \$14,000 per year. Add in state income and sales taxes, and an average family can be spending over \$30,000 in state and local taxes.

That \$30,000-plus comes off the top of people's incomes, leaving people with far less to pay their federal taxes.

That's why the maximum \$10,000 deduction under the old tax law was so damaging and unfair for suburban homeowners - and why raising the SALT deduction was so important.

Long Island has some of the best public school systems in America - school districts built upon generations of dedicated school board members, and millions of man-hours of dedication and caring by parents. And by local property taxes.

Special thanks should go out to Congressmen Nick LaLota (R-NY1) and Andrew Garbarino (R-NY2) for fighting to put an increased SALT deduction in the new Budget.

And thanks should go to President Trump for supporting the suburbs and reaching a deal on the SALT deduction increase.

America - and Long Island - are the better for it.

The Publisher

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LA LOTA HELPS PASS BUDGET BILL

To the Editor;

It's now official, Congressional Republicans' signature budget bill passed the House and is heading to President Trump's desk. This bill quadruples the SALT cap for five years, boosts the Child Tax Credit, eliminates taxes on tips and overtime, and delivers the biggest middle-class tax cut in decades. Just the SALT provision alone means that a Long Island family earning \$250,000 and paying \$18,000 in property taxes will get \$5,000 more back when they file their 2025 taxes—real relief I fought tooth and nail to deliver.



Congressman Nick LaLota

A taxpayer can calculate his or her gain under the new SALT cap here.

This is a pro-worker, pro-family, pro-growth bill. It avoids the \$1,700 Biden tax hike that would have taken the equivalent of eight weeks of groceries from many households. Instead, it expands 529 education savings, creates newborn savings accounts, and protects Social Security and Medicare—while finally ending the provider tax scam that let states game Medicaid. Taxpayers deserve transparency, not gimmicks.

Raising the SALT cap was the toughest legislative fight of my time in Congress. Some on the right called it a 'blue state bailout.' Many on the left dismissed it as welfare for the wealthy and refused to fix it—despite years of empty rhetoric. But despite opposition from 213 Members and 53 Senators, I didn't blink. The SALT cap is now \$40,000. That's a hard-earned win for Long Island families.

What's in the One Big, Beautiful Bill. The legislation delivers direct, measurable benefits to Suffolk County and middle-class families across the country.

State and Local Tax (SALT)

Deduction Relief. Raises the SALT deduction cap to \$40,000 for five years for households earning under \$500,000, indexed to inflation. For many Long Island families, this restores nearly all the tax relief lost in 2017.

Direct Tax Relief for Working Families. Eliminates taxes on tips, overtime, and car loan interest—putting more money back into workers' paychecks. Prevents the \$1,700 tax hike previously projected under the Biden administration.

Pro-Family Provisions. Increases the Child Tax Credit to \$2,200, expands 529 accounts to cover apprenticeships and job training, and establishes childcare and newborn savings accounts.

Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT) and PTET Fixes. Permanently raises the AMT exemption and phase-out thresholds to prevent surprise tax hikes for upper-middle-income families. Fixes the Pass-Through Entity Tax (PTET) to help small businesses grow and reinvest locally.

Deficit Reduction Without Touching Social Security or Medicare. Closes the Medicaid provider tax loophole that allowed states to inflate federal reimbursements—ending a long-running budget gimmick. Requires able-bodied adults to work, volunteer, or train to receive Medicaid benefits, promoting accountability while preserving care for those truly in need. All without touching a penny of Social Security or Medicare.

Defense and Workforce Investment.

\$18.5 billion in warship procurement and \$3.8 billion to expand the maritime industrial base—supporting local shipbuilding. Also includes:

- \$750 million for supplier development
- \$450 million for maritime workforce development grants
- \$250 million for Training in Defense Manufacturing Program Support for Long Island Agriculture
- \$3.3 billion for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program
- \$1.375 billion for the Conservation Stewardship Program
- \$100 million in Specialty Crop Block Grants
- Expanded crop insurance access for small and specialty growers

Healthcare and Hospital Funding. Delays harmful Medicaid DSH cuts through 2029, preserving critical funding for hospitals like Stony Brook. Extends Medicare telehealth access and expands Medicaid flexibility for outpatient and behavioral health care.

Border Security and Immigration Reform. Adds immigration judges and infrastructure to clear case backlogs. Enhances ICE capacity and legal resources to adjudicate up to 1 million removal cases annually.

Critical Infrastructure and Safety Investments

- \$12.5 billion to modernize air traffic control and hire more controllers
- \$625 million to support law enforcement and emergency coordination for the 2026 FIFA World Cup

Nick LaLota
 Congressman

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Op-Ed: Don't Begrudge Bezos His \$25 Million Wedding

BY STEVE LEVY

A lot of my friends have expressed to me their utter disgust that one of the world's richest men, Jeff Bezos, just shelled out at least \$25 million on his wedding. How insensitive and inconsiderate, they say. That money could've been put to much better use helping people.

But I asked them to slow down for a second and consider a different perspective.

First of all, it has always been embedded within our American freedoms that an individual is free to spend his or her money anyway they so desire, as long as it's legal.

It's a slippery slope when we dictate what they can and cannot spend their money on.

But there's another reason why we should not look down on his spending. That's the filtering-down effect it has on so many people. Bezos is not just flushing this money down the toilet. He's spending it on a whole host of things that will endure it to benefit others.

According to Italy's Ministry of Tourism, the wedding could generate an economic impact of more than \$1 billion, equivalent to some two-thirds of

the city's annual tourism revenue.

The caterers will make enough money on this gig to pay their rent for the next year.

All of their working-class cooks and servants will make out quite well. Same goes for the bartenders, and even the guy who provides the porta-potties.

And what about all the security people who will make a week's salary this one evening?

And then there is the private valet service that will be called in.

Then there's the folks who produced the fireworks.

Then there's the cleaning folks, and we're not just talking about those who are already paid to service Bezos' homes.

The shops in Venice owned by small business owners will profit handsomely from all the celebrity spending.

That's the beauty of the free market. There is indeed such a thing as a trickle-down effect. We see that when successful people build big mansions in Southampton. Yes, we can begrudge them all of their fancy stuff, but when they're constructing their home, they're making laborers wealthier. Money is made by the realtor, the title company, the home inspectors, the attorneys and

all their staff. And what about all the furniture companies that will be making out quite well due to this new home on the market? That's called priming the prompt in a capitalistic system.

So don't begrudge the successful when they spend money. Worry when they stop spending money.

As I noted in my book, *Solutions to America's Problems*, the issue of income inequality shouldn't be looked at how many billionaires we have, but rather how the middle and working classes are faring. Taxing billionaires to the hilt to lower their income and wealth is self-defeating if simultaneously there is a loss in income and upward mobility for

the middle and working classes.

On the other hand, if an across-the-board tax cut helps propel higher wages and employment for the average person (which occurred each time they were implemented in the Kennedy, Reagan and Trump administrations), who cares if Bezos is earning more as well?

North Korea has much more income equality than South Korea - but who on earth would prefer the former?

Steve Levy is President of Common Sense Strategies, a political consulting firm. He served as Suffolk County Executive, a NYS Assemblyman, steve@commonsensestrategies.com



Steve Levy

Oak Neck Falcon's Alumni Lacrosse Game



Saturday, July 19th, the Oak Neck Athletic Council will be hosting an Alumni Lacrosse Game and BBQ. The

game will consist of former Oak Neck players from ages 18 years old and up.

Many of players also played for the colleges they attended.

The game will take place at the Centre Island field, and starts at 4:00 PM. The whole community is invited to attend. For more information call: (516) 624-0608

Op-Ed: New York's "Unsustainable" Medicaid Crisis

BY NASSAU COUNTY COMPTROLLER ELAINE PHILLIPS

There is a fiscal crisis unfolding in New York—and it's emptying the pockets of Nassau County residents.

Medicaid is consuming a staggering 41.8% of the state's \$252 billion budget, amounting to \$105.4 billion annually. That's not a typo!

More than two of every five dollars spent by New York State now funds a Medicaid program that is growing far faster than our population or our ability to pay for it. And in Nassau, we're footing an unfair share of that bill because of decisions made in Albany and costs driven by New York City's reckless policies.

In 2025 alone, Nassau will be forced by New York State to spend \$254 million of local taxpayer dollars on Medicaid. That's money coming directly from your property taxes. It's roughly \$544 per household—the equivalent of a monthly grocery bill, car payment, or several utility bills.

Simply put, you're subsidizing a Medicaid system that lacks transparency, is riddled with budget gimmicks, and is expanding with no end in sight.

Since 2010, the cost of Medicaid has

increased by a whopping 300%, yet the number of people enrolled has increased by 50%. The cost burden has exploded, driven by a mix of unchecked reimbursements, benefit expansions, and Albany's refusal to implement meaningful cost controls.

Despite having fewer residents than either Texas or Florida, New York spends much more on Medicaid than both states combined—highlighting just how outsized and unsustainable Medicaid has become.

New York's Medicaid program now covers more than 1 in 3 New Yorkers. Add in the Essential Plan, and nearly 43% of the state's

population is on a public health plan. When almost half the population is on government-funded health care, and a shrinking base of taxpayers are footing the bill due to a mass exodus for southern states, the math no longer works. Even the NY State Comptroller has stated that this growth is "unsustainable."

New York continues to push the envelope. As of 2024, the state now provides full Medicaid benefits—including long-term care—to undocumented immigrants aged 65+. That's a benefit most states don't offer even to legal res-

State	Population	Annual Medicaid Spending
New York	20.2 MM	\$105.4 B
Florida	21.5 MM	\$34.7 B
Texas	29.1 MM	\$57.3 B

idents unless they meet strict criteria.

New York's Medicaid costs dwarf those of nearly every other state. Only California—more than twice our size—spends more. But New York offers more generous benefits than most states, pays providers more per service, and covers more categories of care. That might make Albany lawmakers feel good, but it puts Nassau taxpayers in a financial chokehold.

Let's be clear: Nassau isn't the driver of excessive spending. Explosive costs are coming from New York City (nearly 60% of enrollees statewide) - expanded eligibility and dense populations result in soaring Medicaid disbursements.

Yet, New York State expects counties like Nassau to contribute just the same—without any local control, without the proportional benefit, and without the ability to say "enough."

A safety net for those in need is essential, but New York needs serious Medicaid reform. That means restoring fiscal discipline, increasing transparency, stopping benefits for illegal migrants, and pursuing efficiencies that other

states have already achieved. And above all, it means respecting all of New York's taxpayers.

In Nassau County, we've done the hard work of holding the line on the County portion of property taxes for the past 3 years and budgeting responsibly, while providing top-tier services and properly funding police. Albany continues to make our job more difficult as they use Nassau taxpayers as a piggy bank.

It's time for the State to protect all New Yorkers from a fiscal crisis of its own making. Nassau families deserve better.

Elaine Phillips is the Comptroller of Nassau County. She previously served as a NYS Senator and as Mayor of the Village of Flower Hill.



Elaine Phillips

County	% of Population Enrolled in Medicaid
Bronx	68.2%
Kings	50.5%
Queens	49.3%
Richmond	37.1%
New York	30.1%
Nassau	22.3%

Nassau BOCES Gala



(L-R) Robert "B.A." Schoen, Eric B. Schultz, Alexis Roderick Joel, Billy Joel, Deborah Coates, Martin R. Kaye, and Michael Weinick

By VICTORIA CROSBY

The 2025 Nassau BOCES Education Awards Gala was recently held at the Crest Hollow Country Club. There were five categories of awards; Education Partners, Renee J. Blumstein Ph.D., Tomas P. Dolan Ed.D and Diane Provvido. Organizations, The Joel Foundation, Hangout One Happy Place and Long Island Association. Nassau BOCES Employees, Mindy Davidson, John Fretz, Christine Kavanagh, Robert McKay, Joanna Malament and William Monahan. School Board Members, Charmise P. Desire, Uniondale UFSD, and Lawrence F. Zaino, Carle Place UFSD. Students, Ashley Fucarino, Nassau BOCES, Long Island High School for the Arts; Wantagh UFSD.

Deborah Coates, president of BOCES (Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Nassau County) welcomed honorees and guests.

Anthony N. Fiero, Chairperson of Nassau County BOCES Foundation, and Larry J. Leaven District Superintendent and CEO of BOCES also greeted the attendees.

A delicious buffet dinner offered Italian, Spanish and American foods, including steak, seafood, macaroni and cheese, eggplant parmesan, fruits and vegetables and much more.



Honoree Renee J. Blumstein Ph.D.

There was a silent auction with many donated prizes from a variety of organizations and companies.

Nassau County BOCES is the largest in New York State serving fifty-six school districts. Established in 1967 their mission is to enhance public education and the opportunities available to students of all ages and abilities by providing access to innovative and cost-effective services.

For further information visit www.nassauboces.org

Locust Valley Garden Club Awards Scholarships

By DAGMAR FORS KARPPI

One of the favorite events for the Locust Valley Garden Club is meeting the recipients of their scholarship program.

The Garden Club awards scholarships to local students who attend SUNY Farmingdale, in the agricultural department, and who plan to go on to careers in horticulture.

This year the Kathy Pufahl Scholarship went to Mary Whelan.

Mary is majoring in general horticulture with a concentration in landscape development.

The Kathy Pufahl Scholarship was started by former LVGC President Flo Pufahl (1973-1975) in memory of her daughter Kathy, who was famous for container designing. The award is funded by the club members.

The Madeline Sorrenti Scholarship went to Kelly Parsley, who is in her second year at Farmingdale, with a dual major of biology and landscape architecture. The award was named for the late Madeline Sorrenti, former vice president, and avid gardener. The Scholarship



Scholarship winners Mary Whelan and Kelly Parsley
Photos: Veronica Feeg

Yoder who served for six years in the job, as did Jonathan Grimm, as vice president. Lucille DeVito is the new vice president.

The club honored Dean and Jonathan for their six years in office by having a brick with their names and dates installed in the courtyard of the Locust Valley Library where the club meets.

Jonathan was also awarded the



Incoming President Sallie McNeill Rynd accepts the gavel from Dean Yoder, past president, as vice president Lucy DeVito and Jonathan Grimm (center) look on.

Annual Perennial Bloom Award for service to the club. Dean received the same award last year. A buffet lunch was part of the event, with members supplying the delicious delectables.

The 2025 LVGC executive board includes Veronica Feeg, corresponding secretary, Allyn Swenson Adams, recording secretary, and Marie Zabielski, treasurer.

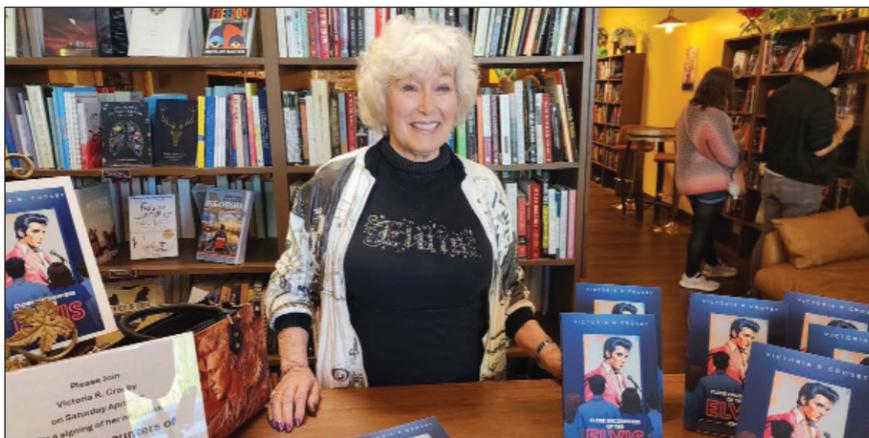
The Locust Valley Garden Club meets on July 16, to hear Rose Guzzardo talk on "Roses 101"; on Aug. 20 members will visit Landcraft in Mattituck; Sept. 17 features a workshop on The Japanese Hammer Art: Tatakizome.

Meetings are held the third Wednesday of the month at 10 a.m. in the LV Library for a program and luncheon for a donation of \$15. New members are always welcome. For informa-

tion contact the club president, Sallie McNeill Rynd, at sally@locustvalleygardenclub.com.

She is replacing Dean

Book Signing; "Close Encounters of the ELVIS Kind"



Victoria Crosby signing books in Atlanta.

Victoria Crosby will be in Glen Cove to give a talk about and sign copies of her latest book "Close Encounters of the ELVIS Kind" on Sunday July 20th at Jeanine's American Bistro.

The book features six short stories blending facts, fiction and fantasy for an enjoyable read anytime. Each story is set in a different location and each protagonist is an Elvis fan who has a fantastic encounter with The King.

Chef Jeanine will provide a Southern style Elvis-themed dinner starting with cocktails at 5pm.

Reservations are required for the price fixed dinner at \$40 per person which includes tax and gratuity. It doesn't cover alcoholic drinks. Books will be available for purchase.

Jeanine's American Bistro is located at 242 Glen Cove Avenue. Call 516-200-9603 for reservations.

9TH Annual Clam Bake



The Crescent Beach Club

The Bayville Chamber of Commerce is hosting their 9th Annual Clam Bake, Tuesday July 22, at 6:30 PM till 10:30

PM. The event will take place at the beautiful Crescent Beach Club, 333 Bayville Avenue, Bayville.

Join them for an evening of entertainment, great food and wonderful company. Various seafood and non-seafood delights along with an open bar.

Tickets are \$85.00 plus tax and Eventbrite Fee. Visit: www.bayvillechamberofcommerce.com for the EVENTBRITE link for tickets - Now available at the door. The Clam Bake is rain or shine.

Independence Day Celebrations on the North Shore

After so many weekends of rain, Friday, the July 4th was a beautiful day for the parade in Oyster Bay.

This year's Grand Marshall of the 4th of July parade in Oyster Bay was Vietnam War Veteran Specialist Fourth Class Bob Shelby of Oyster Bay. He served from 1967 to 1969.

The event was hosted by the Oyster Bay Fire Department and the AMVETS North Shore Veterans Memorial Post #21.

On a sad note, Reginald Butt Jr, age 87, passed away July 3rd, he organized and lead the July 4th parade for 26 years. A lifelong resident of Oyster Bay, he served 20 years in the US Navy as a Chief Petty Officer Radioman. He was missed.

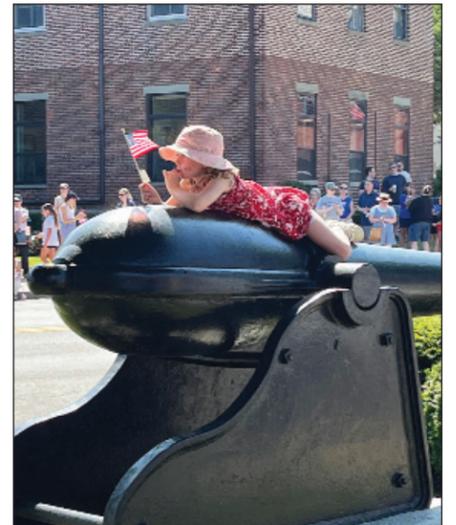
Following the parade, Raynham Hall Museum hosted an open house with crafts, and Ice cream.



Nassau County Legislature Samatha Goetz presents Bob Shelby with a Citation.



Children enjoying free ice cream at the Raynham Hall Museum



Listening to the speeches while resting on a cannon at the gazebo.



Military Blue Star Mothers marching in the Oyster Bay Parade.



Both the Oyster Bay and Atlantic Steamer Fire Departments participated



The Oyster Bay Community Band performed patriotic favorites.



Flag raising ceremony on a beach in Bayville



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Oyster Bay High School Celebrates the Class of 2025 with Heartfelt Commencement Ceremony

On the morning of Saturday, June 28, Oyster Bay High School proudly celebrated the graduation of the Class of 2025. While early rain showers forced the ceremony indoors to the school gymnasium, the change in venue did little to dampen the spirit of the day, which was filled with tradition, pride and heartfelt reflection.

The graduates made their entrance to the familiar strains of “Pomp and Circumstance,” performed by the Oyster Bay High School Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble. Senior Class President Jenna Angelidakis led the Pledge of Allegiance, joined by fellow senior Anastasia Sakellis, who provided a translation in American Sign Language (ASL). The National Anthem followed, beautifully performed by the Oyster Bay Chamber Singers and signed by senior members of the ASL program, symbolizing the inclusivity and unity of the graduating class.

Principal Melissa Argaman opened the ceremony with welcoming remarks before Salutatorian Michael Olivero took the stage to deliver an address filled with energy and gratitude. He closed his speech with a spirited call to his classmates: “Bleed purple and gold, baby!”



Valedictorian Rose Lindstrom, Salutatorian Michael Olivero who both gave encouraging speeches.



Senior Anastasia Sakellis, who provided a translation of the Pledge of Allegiance in American Sign Language, led by the Class President Jenna Angelidakis.

Superintendent Dr. Francesco Ianni acknowledged the weather challenges that moved the ceremony indoors but reminded the graduates that “you are the sunshine,” emphasizing that their brightness and potential far outweighed any storm.

Valedictorian Rose Lindstrom delivered a powerful and personal speech encouraging her peers to take risks and embrace growth. Reflecting on her experience as one of only two girls on the

boys’ golf team, she urged her classmates to “learn how to be comfortable with your discomfort” and to “stay strong and dare to venture outside your box.”

Among the highlights of the ceremony was the presentation of the prestigious Beekman Medal, awarded to Nicole Walsh in recognition of her outstanding character and achievements. The National Honor Society’s Honorary Inductee award, given annually to an inspirational educator, was presented to Dr. Nicolle Sisia,

who leads the school’s ASL program.

Following the distribution of diplomas, Ms. Argaman formally introduced the Oyster Bay High School Class of 2025. In a joyful final moment, the graduates tossed their caps into the air, marking the end of one journey and the beginning of another.

The Oyster Bay-East Norwich School District congratulates the Class of 2025 and wishes them continued success, happiness and fulfillment in all the adventures that lie ahead.



Oyster Bay High School’s Class of 2025 receiving their diplomas.



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Obituaries

BUTT, Reginald Jr, age 87, lifelong resident of Oyster Bay, NY, less the 20 years he spent in the US Navy as a Chief Petty Officer Radioman. Husband of the late Maryanne (DiLorenzo). Predeceased by his wife, parents, siblings and grandson RJ, he is survived by his children Reginald (Heather), Philip (Carolyn), Carmela, and Elizabeth Brown (David). Pop Pop to grandchildren Christopher Restrepo (Victoria), Abigail Monette (Alex), Anna Brown (Will Gilmore) and Mia Basso. Great grandfather to Asher and Oliver Restrepo and Oliver Monette. Many nieces and nephews and a list of friends too many to count, but many of whom we call family.

“Reggie” was known for his commitment to honoring our local veterans. He organized and lead both the Memorial Day and July 4th parades in Oyster Bay for 26 years, flagged veteran graves at our local cemeteries and community monuments, and lead Veteran’s Day and December 7th events in town. A proud veteran he was a member of the American Legion, VFW, AmVets, Fleet Reserve Association, Forty & Eight, ANAVICUS (Army, Navy, Air Force Veterans In Canada US) and probably a few more we may have missed.

Funeral Service Monday 7/14/25 10:30a.m. at the Funeral Home. Interment to follow with Military Honors at the Memorial cemetery of St. John’s in Laurel Hollow.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests making a donation to your local veteran service organization, your local volunteer fire department, or any not-for-profit of your choosing.

FISCHER, Douglas C., on July 6, 2025, age 71, of Locust Valley, NY. Beloved husband of Mary for 41 years. Loving father Taylor Fischer-Allen (Zachary) and Bradley. Devoted grandfather of Aidan and Luca. Dear brother of Barbara Monti (Thomas) and Susan Witt (Arthur). Cherished brother in law of

Noreen Fallon-Sydor (John), Patti Quartuccio (Paul) and Geri Pivowar (Robert). Also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. Memorial Visitation Oyster Bay Funeral Home, 261 South St., Oyster Bay, NY, Saturday, July 19th from 10-11 a.m.

Inurnment to follow at Locust Valley Cemetery. www.oysterbayfuneralhome.com

FRANKUM, Shirley D., on June 23, 2025, age 92, of Huntington, NY. Beloved wife of Robert Lynwood for over 60 years. Loving mother of Adrian Robert (Maria Tiu) and Cecily Anne. Dear sister of the late Mary Elizabeth Rollins and Peggy Coomes. Devoted aunt of Judy Bohannon (the late Robert) and Sharon White (James). Also survived by many loving relatives and friends. A Memorial Service will be held at Christ Church in Oyster Bay, NY on a date to be announced. www.oysterbayfuneralhome.com

KELLOGG, Cynthia Lutz Kellogg passed away peacefully in her sleep in Oyster Bay, N.Y., on June 26, 2025, after a long struggle with Alzheimer’s Disease, at the age of 67.

Cynthia, or “Cyndy,” as most of her friends and family called her, was born on Aug. 14, 1957 in Woodbury, N.J. to Lorene and Edgar Lutz.

She graduated cum laude from Tufts University in 1979 with a Bachelor of Arts in Child Study. After graduating, she worked as a teacher in early childhood education and elementary school.

She met her future husband David Kellogg at a friend’s wedding and moved to Long Island, NY, before marrying, in 1985.

Nothing gave Cyndy more pride and fulfillment than raising her three children—Scott, Julia, and Laura.

On top of motherhood, Cyndy gave back to the community as a Girl Scout Leader, volunteering at the school, teach-

ing adult literacy and as a hospital volunteer.

Cyndy loved traveling, dancing, long lunches with her friends, and impromptu sing-alongs with her sisters in the kitchen. She was always there for her family and friends, such as during her father’s struggle with Alzheimer’s.

She broadened her husband’s horizons with plays in New York City and adventurous trips across the globe.

Cyndy is survived by her husband, David, her three children, Scott (Mariel), Julia and Laura, her grandson, Marco, and her siblings, Nancy, Debbie, Arlan and Mark.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Long Island Chapter of the Alzheimer’s Association, the Freedom From Religion Foundation, or the National Partnership for Women & Families in memory of Cynthia Kellogg. www.oysterbayfuneralhome.com



MCCONVILLE, Margaret Shay (“Shay”) of Locust Valley passed away peacefully on June 6, 2025, lovingly surrounded by her family, including her children,

siblings and partner.

Shay was born on Mother’s Day, May 12, 1968 in Glen Cove, NY, the youngest in her family. She spent her formative years in Locust Valley, attending Portledge School, before moving to Palos Verdes, CA where she went to Lunada Bay School. Shay returned to Locust Valley and attended St. Dominic’s High School before attaining her undergraduate degree at Curry College. After

graduating from Curry, Shay worked for CAA in Beverly Hills and Revlon in Manhattan before attending C.W. Post to earn her master’s in education. Shay was a devoted and loving mother to her children Kirsten Anne Scott and John Peter Scott. Shay was a beloved teacher in Locust Valley at St. John’s of Lattintown Nursery School and at Portledge School. Thereafter, Shay worked as an elementary school teacher for the North Shore School District in Glenwood Landing and Sea Cliff and as a Clerk for the Town of Oyster Bay.

Shay was a longtime resident of Locust Valley and, more recently, of Lattintown Harbor where she and her children lived with her loving partner Drew McMahon and his children.

Shay was the beloved daughter of the late John and Margaret (nee Anfang) McConville and is survived by her children Kirsten and John; her partner Drew McMahon and his children Michael and Alexandra; her siblings, Robert (Bob) McConville, Elizabeth (Liz) McConville (Michael McGroarty), Michael McConville (Nicole Grandelli), and Janet Ryan (Joseph) as well as multiple nieces and nephews, a grandniece, a grandnephew and one more on the way. She is also survived by her aunt Jean McConville, of Cleveland, OH, and her aunt Laura Anfang, of Chagrin Falls, OH, and many cherished cousins and friends.

Mass of Christian Burial was held at the Chapel of St. Dominic Church. A Trust has been established for the further education of Shay’s children, and in lieu of flowers, donations will gladly be

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accepted to "Trustee of the Estate of Margaret Shay McConville," c/o Elizabeth A. McConville, 46 Mayflower Drive, Wilton CT 06897.



ODDO, Anthony J. "Tony" of Glen Cove, NY formerly of Bayville, NY and Oyster Bay, NY on June 30, 2025 at age 88. Beloved husband of the late Grace. Loving father of Valerie Nolan, Liesl Berka, Glenn, Andrea DiPietro and the late Wayne. Dear brother of Jack (Chris) and the late Joe (Sandy). Proud grandfather of 11. Also survived by loving nieces and nephews. Mr. Oddo was a member of the Oyster Bay Anglers Club. He is an Army Vietnam Veteran, who will be receiving Military funeral honors, including the playing of taps and folding of the flag. Visitation at Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home of Glen Cove. Mass at St. Gertrude RC Church of Bayville. Interment to follow at St. Patrick Cemetery, Upper Brookville. www.DodgeThomas.com

RODRIGUEZ, Elsa M. of Niceville, FL. formerly of Glen Cove, NY on July 5, 2025 at Age 87. Loving mother of Efrain Morales, Isabel



Morales, Edvia Morales, Reymon Colon and the late William Morales. Dear sister of 2 brothers and 6 sisters. Proud grandmother of 15, great-grandmother of 20 and great-great-grandmother of 2. Visitation at Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home, Glen Cove on Sunday, July 13, 2025 from 2-6pm. Catholic Prayers at Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home on Monday, July 14, 2025 at 10:00am. Interment to follow at Holy Rood Cemetery. www.DodgeThomas.com



RESTREPO, Olga B. of Glen Cove, NY on July 7, 2025 at Age 64. Beloved wife of the late Jorge. Loving mother of Yuli Voulgarakis (Manoli) and Manuela Perez. Dear sister of Marta and Patricia. Proud grandmother of Valentina, George and Jocelyn. Visitation at Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home on Saturday, July 12, 2025 from 1-4pm. Prayer Service at Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home on Saturday, July 12, 2025 at 2:30pm. Interment in Colombia. www.DodgeThomas.com



THORNTON, Gerard J. of Glen Cove, NY on June 30th, 2025 at age 97. Beloved husband of the late Kathleen "Pat". Dear brother of the late Josephine Carmody (the late Bill) and the late James Jr. (the late Joan). Also survived by many loving nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews.

Gerard served in the U.S. Naval service for two years at the Amphibious Base in Norfolk, Virginia. He was recommended for re-enlistment before opting for discharge due his status as a newlywed. He received an Honorable Discharge in January 1953.

He enjoyed many shared experiences with McBrides and Thorntons as members of Hill Gun Club in Shandeele, New York. Gerry held official positions within the Club along with his father, James Sr., and brother, James Jr. He also enjoyed many happy weeks vacationing with wife, Pat, at Woodloch Pines in Pennsylvania's Pocono Mountains and family gatherings of all kinds over the years. He was a loving husband to Pat as her health declined, providing the support and care she needed until her passing in late December 2018.

Interment at Mount St. Mary Cemetery. www.DodgeThomas.com
Army Vietnam Veteran, who will be receiving Military funeral honors, including the playing of taps and folding of the flag. Visitation at Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home of Glen Cove. Mass at St. Gertrude RC Church of Bayville. Interment to follow at St. Patrick Cemetery, Upper Brookville. www.DodgeThomas.com

STACEY, Margaret, a longtime resident of Locust Valley, NY, passed away peacefully on June 30, 2025, at the age of 78. She was the beloved wife of the

late Thomas Lee Stacey, with whom she shared 51 wonderful years of marriage.

Born in 1947, Margaret was raised in Sands Point, Long Island, the cherished daughter of the late Frank and Margaret Schneider. A woman of deep intellect and generosity, Margaret dedicated her life to education, the arts, and community service.

She served as an adjunct professor at both C.W. Post and the New York Institute of Technology, where she inspired countless students. Her passion for learning and nature was evident through her decades of board involvement in numerous organizations. Margaret held leadership roles as President of the Sands Point Garden Club and served on the boards of the Girl Scouts of America, the Nassau County Museum of Art, Channel 13, Old Westbury Gardens, and Bailey Arboretum of Lattingtown.

Margaret loved gardening, reading, and spending time with her beloved cocker spaniel, Lady Molly who brought her great joy and companionship. www.oysterbayfuneralhome.com

WRIGHT, Thomas P. of Glen Cove, NY on July 5th, 2025 at age 87. Loving husband of Mary C. Wright, the love of his life for 63 years. Beloved father of Patrick (Maria), Kevin and the late Sheila. Proud grandfather of Brendan and Brian. Thomas was a graduate of All Hallows High School and Fordham University. He was a big fan of Notre Dame football, Mets baseball and New York Jets football. He enjoyed traveling to Ireland with his fellow Hibernians and loved discussing Irish history with friends and family. He will be missed by his family and all who knew him. Arrangements entrusted to Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home of Glen Cove. Graveside service and interment at Locust Valley Cemetery. www.DodgeThomas.com

NY 2021 "Youth of The Year" Graduates Adelphi

The Boys & Girls Clubs of America's Youth of the Year program is the organization's premier leadership initiative, celebrating young people who exemplify academic excellence, strong character, and a commitment to service. Evelyn Ortiz, the Boys & Girls Club of Oyster Bay and East Norwich's 2021 Youth of the Year and New York State Youth of the Year, has reached an exciting new milestone on her journey of leadership and inspiration: she has officially earned her bachelor's degree in communications with honors from Adelphi University.

As the first in her family to attend college, Evelyn's graduation is a momentous achievement—not just for her, but for her entire family and the community that supported her. Her dedication to academic excellence and her unwavering character continues to set an example for others, demonstrating the transformative power of Boys & Girls Clubs in shaping lives and futures.

Evelyn's journey with the Club began in 2017, when she joined as a teenager alongside her younger siblings, James and Brianna. With both parents working in the afternoons, Evelyn quickly became a natural mentor and leader, supporting her siblings while

actively engaging in the Club's Torch Club for teen volunteers. Her positive spirit and leadership qualities were apparent from the start and led to her being offered a position as a program assistant.



Evelyn Ortiz

Over the years, Evelyn took on increasing responsibilities, becoming the Club's Control Desk Attendant and eventually becoming the Club's first-ever Clubhouse Coordinator. Today, she is the welcoming face that greets families, manages daily operations, and ensures a smooth, supportive environment for Club members. Evelyn's presence brings warmth and structure, making a lasting impact on the lives of the children and families the Club serves.

"What Evelyn has accomplished is extraordinary," said Jean Marie Weiner, Executive Director of the Boys & Girls Club of Oyster Bay-East Norwich. "From a young teen seeking guidance to a confident leader and role model, Evelyn represents the very best of what our mission strives to achieve."

Outside of her professional and academic pursuits, Evelyn remains a dedicated family member and community participant. She enjoys singing in her church choir and spending quality time with her loved ones.

LLC

Notice of Formation of AM & UJ Enterprises LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York SSNY on May 2, 2025. Office located in Nassau County. SSNY has been designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail copy of any process served against the LLC 5 Westfield Pl Glen Cove, NY 11542.

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Angel Ping LLC, Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/24/2024, . Office: Suffolk County SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, at 1 Seven Springs Court, Lloyd Harbor, NY 11743. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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St Rocco's Festival this Weekend

BY LEADER STAFF

The annual St. Rocco's Festival is returning to downtown Oyster Bay this weekend at Fireman's Field by Theodore Roosevelt Park.

The Festival will be held from Thursday, July 10th to Sunday, July 13th, and will feature rides for the kids, food stands featuring a delicious variety of Italian, international and local sea foods, and lots of crafts and local interest booths.

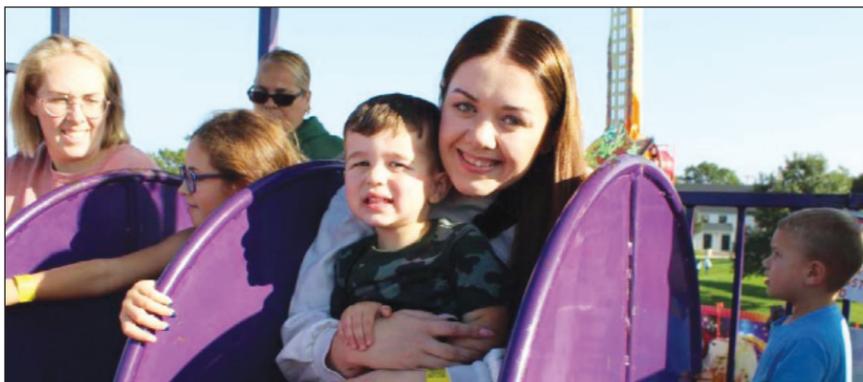
It will be four nights of rides, live entertainment and Italian cuisine, punctuated by a fireworks display filling up the sky on Friday night.

The Festival is hosted by the Oyster Bay Italian Club, which uses the proceeds to support local charities and scholarships.



Looking forward to a great Feast of St Rocco

"Don't miss the rides, such as the Rock Star, Roundup, Super Shot and Super Slide," urged the Italian American Club's spokesman, urging everyone to attend this family-friendly event.



Having fun at the St Rocco's Feast

(Photos courtesy IACOB)

Locust Valley Chamber of Commerce Donates \$2,500



(L to R) Julia Vilella, Melissa Rhodes, Executive Director of GBBGC, Anna Vilella, President of the Locust Valley Chamber of Commerce, and Greg Lanza, Vice President of the Chamber.

The Locust Valley Chamber of Commerce proudly donated \$2,500 to Greenville Baker Boys & Girls Club (GBBGC), raised through proceeds from its annual Cars&Coffee Car Show produced by Martino Auto Concepts as part of their philanthropic initiative.

The donation was presented to Melissa Rhodes, Executive Director of GBBGC, during a special gathering that included Julia Vilella, Anna Vilella, President of the Locust Valley Chamber, and Greg Lanza, Vice President of the Chamber.

The contribution will directly support the Club's mission to provide

enriching programs that empower and inspire local youth.

"The Chamber is thrilled to support such a vital community organization," said Anna Vilella. "We're proud that the success of Cars& Coffee helps make a positive impact in Locust Valley."

"We are incredibly grateful to the Locust Valley Chamber of Commerce for their generous support. This donation from the car show will make a meaningful difference for our club and the community we serve," said Melissa Rhodes.

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