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The Italian American Club of Oyster Bay's Bocce team beat Bayville's Oak Neck Athletic Council's team, Saturday August 2, 2025.  
(L-R) The winning team; Steve Coschignano, Tom DellaRotta, Billy Giddens, Mike DelColle;  
Al Staab founder of Oak Neck Athletic Council; Carol and John Kennedy president of the Oak Neck Bocce League. Story on page 6.



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## North Hempstead Releases 50 Quail to Combat Ticks

Town Supervisor Jennifer DeSena and members of the North Hempstead Town Board joined Ranger Eric Powers on Thursday, July 24, at the North Hempstead Aerodrome for the Town's Ninth Annual Quail Release. The event saw 50 Northern Bobwhite Quail released into Hempstead Harbor Woods to combat ticks.

The town has raised Northern Bobwhite Quail for the past nine years to help several town parks control tick populations without using pesticides. North Hempstead is the first municipality on Long Island to deploy quails in stifling ticks, and the release is part of the town's broader environmental initiative to use natural, non-toxic methods to control invasive species and disease-carrying pests.

"The quail we released today are our superheroes in the fight against ticks and the diseases they carry," said Supervisor DeSena. "By finding a natural solution without pesticides, North Hempstead remains a leader in environmental sustainability... fun, unique initiatives like this can help keep us ahead of the curve."

Town staff, volunteers, and leaders from the Center for Environmental Education & Discovery (CEED) raised the quail this year in the Clark Botanic Garden quail flight pen. The flight pen



Town Supervisor Jennifer DeSena holds one of the quail before releasing it into the wild.

was built by Eagle Scout Daniel Reilly of Troop 423 from Plainview-Old Bethpage as part of his Eagle Scout project.

The North Hempstead quail program is led by Ranger Eric Powers, CEED, and host of the town's nature program "Off the Trail." Mr. Powers also collaborates with dozens of Long Island schools to establish incubators in their classrooms and raise quail as part of an animal life cycle studies program that teaches science, environmental studies, and responsible stewardship. People can visit [www.CEEDLI.org](http://www.CEEDLI.org) to learn more about the program.

For more information, call the Town's 311 Call Center.



A fleet of Northern Bobwhite Quail takes off into Hempstead Harbor Woods to combat ticks.

## Attempted Burglary Arrest in Bayville

The Nassau County Police Department reports the arrest of a 57-year-old Bayville man, Kevin Linstrom for an incident that occurred on Monday, July 28, 2025 at 9:17 pm in Bayville.

According to detectives, officers responded to a Creek Ridge Road residence for an Attempted Burglary. The homeowner, 36, observed on her surveillance system an unknown male subject attempting to



Kevin Linstrom

gain entry into her home. The victim immediately called 911. Prior to police arrival, the subject fled scene in a gold-colored Suzuki Grand Vitara in an unknown direction.

The police department thanks the public for your likes, comments, shares and tips on our original post. They helped NCPD solve this crime.

Nassau County Crime Stoppers at 1-800-244-TIPS. Callers will remain anonymous.

## LIRR Port Washington Service Washes-Out in Storm



Port Washington LIRR Station

(Photo courtesy Wikipedia)

By ISHAN SHAH

Last Friday, Long Island experienced one of the strongest rainfalls within the last decade, causing mayhem to commuters based out of the Port Washington Line of the Long Island Railroad (LIRR).

Passenger cars with over 100 people were reported to be stranded on flooded tracks for over an hour.

The MTA reported that the trains heading both East and West from Port Washington were cancelled until early Saturday morning, with railroad and structural technicians called-in to evaluate and resolve the flooding issues.

After the flood waters receded, and the "all-clear" from the LIRR, one LIRR commuter from Bayside, Dan Sheffer, stated, "Yeah, we're in good shape, and back to work. It's the most exciting thing to happen to Bayside".

He was an optimist compared to the many others whose commute was either delayed or canceled.

The LIRR reports that service has been fully restored, and that the causes of the flooding are being addressed so that torrential rains will not cause dangerous flooding and a suspension of service again.

## 4 Women Arrested in Glen Cove

The Glen Cove Police Department has recently concluded an investigation into several local businesses suspected of offering massage services without the required licenses.

As a result of the investigation, four individuals were arrested and charged with Unauthorized Practice of a Profession, and two were additionally charged with Prostitution.

This investigation was conducted in coordination with the Glen Cove Building Department and Code Enforcement, as part of the city's ongoing effort to safeguard public health and uphold business regulations.

Arrests and Charges:

July 3: A 50-year-old woman from Fresh Meadows was arrested at the Seven Day Foot Spa, located at 29 Glen Cove Ave. She was charged with Prostitution and Unauthorized practice of a Profession.

July 9: A 39-year-old woman from Brooklyn was arrested at the Aperle Spa, located at 5 Dosisor Way. She was charged with Unauthorized Practice of a Profession.

July 24: A 39-year-old woman from Oakland Gardens was arrested at the New Spa Castle, located at 122 Forest



Glen Cove Police Department SUV

Ave. She was charged with Unauthorized Practice of a Profession and Resisting Arrest.

July 24: A 42-year-old woman from Flushing Queens was arrested at the Kay Spa, located at 10 Cedar Swamp Road. She was charged with Unauthorized Practice of a Profession and Prostitution.

"The City of Glen Cove remains committed to ensuring the health, safety and well being of the community by enforcing laws that protect both residents and legitimate business owners," said Detective Lieutenant John Nagle.

The Glen Cove Police department encourages community members to report any suspected unlicensed activity to the Glen Cove Police at 516-676-1000.

## EDITORIAL

### ENJOY THE CLOSING DAYS OF SUMMER ON THE NORTH SHORE

August is known as the crazy season in the news cycles - as so many people take vacations and news stories get blown-up beyond all prediction: An infestation of squealing and frolicking Rats in Huntington; a Shark siting in Laurel Hollow that triggers the panic closing of beaches in Lloyd Harbor, Cold Spring Harbor and Oyster Bay; and yet another story about Chinese spies living amongst us operating secretly out of yet another north shore mansion.

But the real story is that life on the north shore can be delightful - and that it is during the height of the summer that Long Island's north shore really shines.

We are now in August, and the days are slightly cooler, and just a little bit shorter, which presages the closing weeks of summer.

But these are the best weeks here on the north shore.

Life is just a little bit slower, as people take vacations - many of them "Stay-cations" on boats or by the pool.

The frenetic yacht racing season is coming to a close. Just look out at any of our bays and harbors, and you can see a sailboat race - Opti dinghy races for the young sailors; laser and sonar races for the teenagers; and full-fledged 6 meter and racing yacht races for the adults.

Families are more settled into going out on the town for dinner or just a stroll.

And the 90 degree dog days of July have eased into the cooler 80 degree human days of August.

Take advantage of this time to really enjoy the north shore. Stroll our lovely downtowns - from Northport to Great Neck.

Grab an iced tea or an iced latte. Sit outdoors for dinner or lunch.

Take a cruise or rent a kayak from any of the numerous marinas across the north shore.

Shop in our local shops. Grab a movie or a show at one of our cinemas or theaters.

Most of all, enjoy your families and friends.

Please take the time to enjoy the rest of the summer.

*The Publisher*

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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

### WE NEED CLEAN ENERGY

Dear Editor;

We continue to read about devastation from wildfires and strong storms. Climate scientists say we will see more as a result of climate change.

To reduce air pollution that causes climate change we must reduce carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions. Senator Lindsey Graham said, "CO2 emissions generated by man is creating our greenhouse gas effect that traps heat, and the planet is warming."

Our government needs to do much more to promote clean energy, such as wind, solar, and geothermal, and reduce our dependence on fossil fuels. This includes restoring tax credits for clean energy--not reducing them.

I encourage readers to email their U.S. Senators and Representative. Joining Citizens' Climate Lobby and similar groups is another great way to fight climate change.

Make earth great again. There is no planet B.

When our grandchildren ask what we did about climate change, let's have an answer.

Sincerely,  
 Gary Jump, Itasca, IL

### SOCIALISM ON THE RISE

The Democrats in New York State have lost their minds!

They've embraced radical socialists like Zohran Mamdani, who wants the government to run grocery stores, freeze rents, make transportation free, and defund the police without a plan to pay for any of it.

In Buffalo, State Senator Sean Ryan is just as extreme—he hides it better.

Governor Hochul, Chuck Schumer, Hakeem Jeffries, and AOC are all marching in lockstep with this dangerous new Left. They are pushing New York toward full-blown socialism—and eventually, something even worse.

However, the Conservative Party

of New York State is fighting back.

We're running candidates across the state this year, building toward a major push in 2026, and holding the line where others have given up.

Sincerely,  
 Chairman Jerry Kassar  
 Conservative Party of  
 New York State

### TRUMP AND THE SALT TAX

To the Editor;

To your Editorial comment on the Salt tax, Trump did the dedication of tax in his first term to \$10,000 so making it \$40,000 now is not an accomplishment. Please do not praise Trump for making America better or getting credit for this now, because he was the one who messed it up in the first place .

Thank you,  
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## Op-Ed: Developers Should Consider Two-Family Housing

By STEVE LEVY

Once again, we see a developer proposing the construction of a large housing complex on Long Island and local civic associations are coming out against it.

I am referring to the proposal for 890 units to be built on the 114-acre site of the former Island Hills golf and country club in Sayville. Of these units, 576 are for homeownership and the remaining 314 for rentals.

This proposal has been languishing for about a decade. The original mammoth plans have been scaled down a bit, but local residents still feel that the size and scope of the project is too much for the local roads and schools to bear.

It's a constant refrain throughout the island. But most of us agree that there is a need for more housing, especially the type that would help our young people in

their 20s establish a foothold on the Island

Each side has legitimate concerns. That hasn't changed much in the last few decades. It's why, as county executive, I proposed adopting a new paradigm when it comes to housing construction.



Steve Levy

Where developers were going to be constructing a new self-contained development, I recommended that they be encouraged to build two-family housing.

That would provide the same amount of units sought by the developers, but with a smaller footprint. More importantly, it helps accomplish a number of goals at the same time.

The first is that it would open the door to homeownership for various couples who otherwise might be shut out because they couldn't afford the mortgage. Showing the bank that you'll have an additional \$2,000 a month coming in

from your rental could now qualify you for that loan.

And, of course, it would provide needed rental housing, which we are so sorely lacking on Long Island. Nearby, the New York City suburb of Westchester has rental stock comprising 38% of all the county's housing. Here in Long Island, it's about 15%. This is why our rents soared into the stratosphere.

But homeowners are understandably concerned that allowing every home in their existing neighborhood to have rentals could dramatically change the concept of the neighbor into which they originally moved.

That's not what we're talking about here. In this case, we're referring to self-contained gated communities not existing at this time. Why not allow for 450 units of these two-family homes on the premises rather than 900 sought by the developer?

Concerns about renters not having a stake in the property would be unfounded, given the fact that the owner of the home would have to live on the premises if they rent out the apartment unit. No

homeowner is going to allow their renter to engage in improper activities or to allow the premises to degrade, when they themselves are living on the site.

This concept can reserve more buffer and open space within the community and have a good mix of the young and the old.

I get it that people don't want two-family housing in their existing single-family neighborhoods, but when it's new construction, why not encourage two family housing? It's a win-win for all.

I tried to get such a project passed in Yaphank during my tenure as county executive. We would've had 1,000 units of two-family homes with a nice community center and possibly a convention center and a small soccer stadium for sports and entertainment.

Unfortunately, not-in-my-backyard legislators killed the project. It's not too late to try it now. A smart developer will latch onto it and so will be a smart town board. And the local residents will have a place where their 25-year-olds can go rather than their basements.

## LaLota Calls for Justice for Executed Long Island Albanian-Americans

By CHRISTOPHER O'NEILL

US Congressman Nick LaLota has introduced House Resolution 41, a bipartisan resolution marking the 26th anniversary of the murder of three Long Island brothers Ylli (25), Agron (23) and Mehmet (21) Bytyqi (pronounced Bootoochee), and to demand that their murderers be brought to justice.

The brothers were all born in the US - and grew-up on Long Island - but were of Albanian descent.

During the 1999 Kosovo War - where Serbia engaged in mass murder and "ethnic cleansing" to drive over 2 million ethnic Albanians out of Kosovo - the three brothers volunteered for the Kosovo Liberation Army to help with humanitarian efforts.

(Disclosure: During the 199 Kosovo War, the author of this article, along with the Leader's Publisher, headed a humanitarian aid convoy into Albania with food, medicine and blankets for the refugees who had fled there from Kosovo).

The three brothers arrived in the summer 1999, too late to see any combat, as the war had ended in mid-June.

The brothers were assigned the duty of escorting a Roma family from Kosovo to Serbia, because the Roma - also known as Gypsies - were being targeted for ethnic oppression by Serbia.

The three brothers were almost immediately arrested by the Serbs for crossing the border. They had KLA dog-tags, US passports, as well as New York driving licenses on their persons.

They were taken to a Serbian prison for two weeks, and were then taken in an unmarked car by men in plain clothes to a Serbian special police base: They were never seen alive again.

Two years later their bodies were found buried in a "mass grave" pit - along with about 70 other bodies - not far from the police camp.

Their bodies showed signs of torture, their hands were bound behind their backs, and they had been shot at close

range in the back of the head. Those responsible have never been held to account.

The prime suspect in the murders - according to younger brother Fatos Bytyqi, who was 19 at the time and is now a 37 year-old manager of a 7-Eleven convenience store in Hampton Bays - is retired Serbian general Goran Radosavljevic.

Radosavljevic was commander of the Serbian police base at the time and is now a member of the executive board of the Serbian Progressive Party - the party of Serbia's President Tomislav Nikolic and Prime Minister Aleksandar Vucic.

Fatos takes off from work every year and visits Serbia to lobby for justice for his brothers. He regularly meets with high Serbian officials during his visits,



Congressman LaLota with the Bytyqi Family (courtesy Office of US Rep LaLota)

including with the prime minister, but believes the Serbs are stonewalling and protecting the murderer General.

Congressman LaLota's resolution states that progress in solving this case or lack of such progress "should remain a significant factor in determining the further development of relations between the United States and the Republic of Serbia."

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## Family Fun at Cruise Night



Checking out an Volkswagen Bus

**By PATRICIA MAVROS BREXEL**

It was a beautiful summer evening in Oyster Bay to stroll around and look at classic cars, antique and new modern models.

Music that night was by singer and musician Jack Megale. He performed a wide variety of favorites from Johnny Cash to the Allman Brothers.

There is also a great Kid Zone at 35 Audrey Avenue, Sponsored by Stellina Hospitality, courtesy of Brooks Robb & Callahan.

Kids enjoyed Carnival games by All-Star Party and there was special visit by the Oyster Bay - East Norwich Public Library!

The show begins at 5:30 every Tuesday till September 16th, weather permitting. The event is free, but to show your car it costs \$5.00.

• **Dancing In The Street** is every Friday thru August 15th. Sponsored by the Oyster Bay Main Street Assoc.



Jack Megale entertained the crowd.



The Oyster Bay-East Norwich Library.



Just one of many antique cars.



Children enjoying games in the Kids Zone. Photos: Patricia Mavros Brexel

## Battle of the Bay Bocce Challenge



Bocce ball is a game of skill and strategy that involves rolling balls towards a target ball.

Photos: Patricia Mavros Brexel

Saturday August 2nd, two bocce leagues came together for a challenge. The Oak Neck Athletic Council team from Bayville competed against the Italian American Club at their home court in Oyster Bay. Twelve teams participated, six from each league. Thru the process of elimination the Italian American club won the Challenge.



The winners trophy.

The event was spearheaded by Al Staab, the founder of the Oak Neck Athletic Council, and he is also a mem-

ber of the Italian American Club.

While watching the games on the 3 bocce ball courts, players and spectators enjoyed a BBQ. The food was courtesy of the Oak Neck Athletic Club, and John Schaefer from Bayville, was the grill master!

The Challenge was so much fun, that it will now be an annual event.

The winning team gets to display the trophy in their club, and it will be engraved with the winners names.

## LICADD's 38th Angel Ball in Huntington



(L-R) Honorees John Pastula and Patricia Marcin, Paulette Perrault Phillippe, and Sheriff Errol Toulon

Long Island Council on Alcoholism & Drug Dependence (LICADD) celebrated their 38th Annual Adele C. Smithers Angel Ball. The event took place at the Oheka Castle, Huntington.

What a night it was celebrating this year's honorees:

• 2025 Founder's Award Recipient Paulette Perrault Phillippe. She is founder of Gabriel's Giving Tree (GGT), a Memorial Recovery Garden.

Paulette was chosen of the recipient in recognition of her unwavering compassion and commitment to supporting families who have lost loved ones to substance use disorder. GGT was founded in 2010 in honor of Paulette's grandson, Gabriel Phillippe, who passed away due to accidental overdose.

• 2025 Humanitarian Award Recipients Patricia Marcin and John Pastula. John and Tricia believe it is important to spread the word about this worthwhile organization, as so many families are suffering with substance abuse issues.

Tricia focuses on trusts and estates

and has been named to the Best Lawyers in America®

• 2025 Community Champion Award Recipient Suffolk County Sheriff Errol Toulon. He was recognized for his steadfast leadership, community engagement, and efforts to bring awareness and support to those impacted by addiction.

LICADD also celebrated the 90th Anniversary of the Alcoholics Anonymous!

Support towards this year's Angel Ball will ensure that LICADD's life-saving programs and services remain accessible and affordable to individuals and families in crisis.

The evening brought together advocates, leaders, and supporters committed to the organization's mission of providing life-saving addiction and mental health services across Long Island.

To make a contribution, visit [www.licadd.org/make-donation/angel-ball2025](http://www.licadd.org/make-donation/angel-ball2025). For more information, call (516) 747-2606 or email them at : [abrooks@licadd.org](mailto:abrooks@licadd.org)

## Free \$25 Farmers' Market Coupons for Seniors Citizens

Oyster Bay Town Supervisor Joseph Saladino and Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman announce that income-eligible adults aged 60 and over can now receive free \$25 coupon booklets from the New York State Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP). These coupons can be used to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables at authorized farmers' markets and farm stands.

"We are committed to enhancing the quality of life for our senior residents," said Supervisor Saladino. "The Farmers' Market Nutrition Program is an excellent initiative that helps seniors maintain a healthy diet while enjoying the fresh produce our local markets have to offer. It is important for us to provide opportunities that support the well-being of our older adults, and this program does just that by making nutritious food more accessible."

The \$25 Farmers' Market coupon distribution will take place on Monday, August 11th from 10 AM to 12 PM at the Hicksville Community Center, located at 28 West Carl Street, Hicksville and Thursday, August 21st from 10 AM to 12 PM at the North Massapequa Community Center, located at 214 North Albany Avenue, North Massapequa. Coupons will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis, with a limit of



Coupons can be used at the Deep Roots Farmers' Market, Glen Cove.

Photo: facebook

one booklet per person per year.

Coupons can be used at the Country Fresh Farmingdale Farmers' Market, located at Village Green, 316 Main Street, Farmingdale, open Sundays from 10 AM to 2 PM (June 1 - November 23), at Deep Roots Farmers' Market, located at 100 Garvies Point Road, Glen Cove, open Saturdays 9 AM to 1 PM (May 31 - November 1) and at the Seaford Farmers' Market, located at Seaford LIRR Parking Lot 3, Sunrise Hwy. & Washington St., open Saturdays from 7 AM to 12 PM (June 7 - December 27).

"By participating in this program, our seniors can enjoy the benefits of fresh, locally grown fruits and vegetables, while supporting the local economy. I encourage all eligible seniors to take advantage of this wonderful program and experience the health benefits."

## Friends of the Bay Conducted an Underwater Cleanup



They collected 20 pounds of shooting targets

On Saturday July 19 Friends of the Bay conducted an underwater cleanup on the north side of Oyster Bay with the Mill River Rod and Gun Club in Bayville. Five divers (Martin Straw, Norma Leon, Kim Valente, John Chiappardi, and Robert Hecht) were underwater for over an hour and collected 20 pounds of shooting targets.

Friends of the Bay would like to thank the club for its cooperation. They have made great efforts to be environmentally conscious. They switched to steel shot ammunition instead of toxic lead and are experimenting with using paper wads instead of plastic. FOB would also like to thank the divers for

picking up the targets and Captain Mitch Kramer for providing the barge.



Picking up the debris.



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## Lacrosse Alumni Game



The game was enjoyed by players and spectators!

Photo: FB

Saturday, July 19th, over 50 former lacrosse players with ages ranging from 19 to 50 played in the Falcons's Alumni Lacrosse game.

It was an exciting game that went into overtime. Luke Dellecicchi scored the

winning goal to end the game. The final score was 15 to 14.

The Oak Neck Athletic Council and Falcon Pride sponsored the event, at the Center Island field. They also donated and prepared all the food and drinks.

## LVHS Sophomore Completes 20 Bridges Swim for Charity



Nevzat swimming around Manhattan.

Nevzat Arda Agir, a sophomore at Locust Valley High School and a member of the school's first-ever Varsity Swim Team, swam around Manhattan Island in the prestigious 20 Bridges Swim on July 27, 2025, successfully completing the challenging 28.5-mile (46 km) course in 8 hours and 23 minutes. He also participated in Swim Across the Sound, August 2, in Glen Cove.

Swimming in support of Swim Across America, Arda's achievement helped raise awareness and funds for cancer research in the local New York community.



Nevzat Arda Agir

## The WaterFront Center's Junior Team Takes 2nd Place in Regatta



The Junior Big Boat team

The WaterFront Center (WFC) is proud to announce that our Junior Big Boat (JBB) team, with an average age of just 19, has made history as the first WFC junior team to compete in a coastal/offshore race at the Around Long Island Regatta (ALIR). Setting sail on July 24, 2025, from New York Harbor, the team conquered the grueling 205-nautical-mile course, averaging 6.2 knots, and celebrated an outstanding 2nd place in their division and 7th place overall at the awards dinner held on July 27, 2025, at Sea Cliff Yacht Club.

Led by coaches Cormac and Jon, the team of talented junior sailors—Olivia and Isabella Silvestrini (15), Dylan Longobardi (14), and Rowan Shenoy (17)—was the only junior program racing in this year's ALIR. They competed alongside four Youth Challenge Cup (YCC) teams, where 25% of the crew is under 18, proving their mettle against seasoned sailors. Despite facing a 50-knot squall off Huntington Harbor that tore their #2 jib and forced them to drop anchor to hold their ground, their resilience and skill secured this remarkable achievement.

"This historic finish showcases the incredible talent and determination of our junior sailors," said George Ellis, Executive Director at The WaterFront

Center. "To place 2nd in their division and 7th overall in such a challenging race is a testament to their training, teamwork, and grit. We're immensely proud of them."

The team's preparation was a labor of love, with coaches Jon and Cormac dedicating countless hours since winter to ready the boat—repainting the bottom, installing a chart plotter, and adding an AIS system. The WaterFront Center extends heartfelt gratitude to Sea Cliff Yacht Club Commodore Keith Maler and the ALIR Committee for waiving the team's entry fee.

The race, spanning July 24 to July 26, followed a course from New York Harbor along Long Island's South Shore to Montauk Point, through Plum Gut or The Race into Long Island Sound, and finished in Hempstead Harbor off Sea Cliff Yacht Club.

For more on this incredible achievement, visit our blog at [thewaterfrontcenter.org](http://thewaterfrontcenter.org) Relive the race through live tracking at <https://www.yachtscoring.com>.

About The Waterfront Center: The Waterfront Center, located in Oyster Bay, NY, is a nonprofit organization dedicated to connecting people to the water through education and recreation. For more information, visit [www.thewaterfrontcenter.org](http://www.thewaterfrontcenter.org).

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## Obituaries

**ARISTIDES**, Suzanne A., on August 5, 2025, age 78, of Northport, NY, formerly of East Norwich, NY. Beloved wife of the late John. Loving mother of Jonas Jeanty. Cherished daughter of the late Anne and Albert Loheide. Also survived by many loving relatives and friends. Interment is private. A Memorial Service will be held at a later date. [www.oysterbayfuneralhome.com](http://www.oysterbayfuneralhome.com)



**DUFFY**, Eileen, 82, died peacefully Wednesday, August 6, 2025, surrounded by her beloved husband James and two children, Elizabeth and David.

Born in New York, Eileen was the eldest of two children of Joseph and Rita Ponzini. A graduate of Mary Lewis Academy, Eileen went on to earn her bachelor's degree from Marymount College, during which time she met the love of her life, James.

The two married in 1964, beginning their life together in Flushing, NY before settling in Lattingtown Harbor, NY where they raised their family and built a home filled with love for the next 47 years.

Eileen dedicated more than 30 years to teaching mathematics at Valley Stream South High School, followed by five years working in staff development and teacher training. Her career culminated in the publication of a book on teaching mathematics, positively influencing educators and students alike.

Always an advocate for fellow teachers, Eileen was very involved in the New York State United Teachers union and served as the President of the South High School Union for many years.

Retirement did nothing to slow her down. Eileen poured her energy into the Greenville Baker Boys Club organizing the Annual Clothing Sale. Her decade of service and fundraising earned her

induction into the Boys Club's Hall of Fame. A passionate gardener, she didn't just join the Locust Valley Garden Club—she earned her Master Gardener certification.

When she wasn't working, volunteering, or tending her garden, Eileen loved to travel the world with her family. Vacations often included hiking, horseback riding, or skiing—always learning, exploring and seeking adventure.

Her energy and passion was undeterred by a pancreatic cancer diagnosis and ongoing treatment, during which she hiked the Dolomites, enjoyed the beaches of St John and fulfilled a lifelong dream of attending a Formula 1 race.

Eileen is survived by her husband, James; her daughter, Elizabeth (Nigel); her son, David; and her brother, Robert (Cathie).

Friends and relatives are invited to gather on Thursday, August 14, and Friday, August 15 (2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m.) at Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home in Glen Cove. A Funeral Mass will be held on Saturday, August 16, at 11:00 a.m. at the Reformed Church of Locust Valley.

As a longtime parishioner and former church elder, in lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations be made to the Reformed Church of Locust Valley. [www.DodgeThomas.com](http://www.DodgeThomas.com)

**GIRARDI**, Mary, on August 1, 2025, age 89, of Oyster Bay. Beloved wife of the late Alfred. Cherished mother of Alfred Charles (Christina) and Nicholas. Loving grandmother to August Alfred and Aemilia Lucia. Also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, relatives and friends in Oyster Bay and NY City.

The youngest of nine children, and the only girl, born to Francesco and Gulia Albergo (Pannebianco) of New York, Mary was a thoughtful and energetic homemaker, devout Roman Catholic and financially astute and disciplined businesswoman, passionately devoted to her

family, including her husband of 55 years, her eight brothers and their families, her two boys, and her two grandchildren, whom she watched over so lovingly and was so very proud.

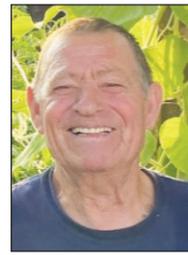
After nearly 90 years of travel and experiences in locales foreign and domestic, Mary was a charismatic raconteur, curious and interested in people and their stories, and never shy about telling her own. Blessed with a keen wit, she nonetheless was a warm-hearted, direct and unpretentious individual.

Mary loved making and eating good food. And her opinions, beliefs and practices in the kitchen presaged the contemporary emphasis on farm-to-table sourcing, fresh and organic ingredients and thoughtful preparation.

People who knew Mary best considered her a true original, whose eccentricities inspired admiration, appreciation and exasperation. Kind to strangers and generous to the poor, she was resourceful and creative, particularly in a pinch. Over the course of her life, Mary demonstrated time and again resolve and courage in the face of adversity, and unwavering commitment to those she loved. Mary Girardi will be sorely missed but not forgotten.

Funeral Services are private. Interment St. Charles Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to St. Jude's Children's Hospital. [www.oysterbayfuneralhome.com](http://www.oysterbayfuneralhome.com)

**GROE**, Gabriele of Glen Cove, NY on July 24, 2025 at Age 87. Beloved husband of the late Alfonsina. Loving father of Louis (Patricia), Maria (Michael Pascarelli), Salvatore (Victoria) and Josephine (Sal Epifania). Dear brother of the late Josephine Melfi and many



brothers. Adored grandfather of Lauren, Krystal, Jessica, Ashley, Amanda, Nicholas, Heather, Brian, Sal Jr., Matthew, Gianna and Andrew. Special great-grand-

father of 10. V Interment at Holy Rood Cemetery. [www.DodgeThomas.com](http://www.DodgeThomas.com)

**JOHANSEN**, Margaret Rose, in her 95th year, Our Beautiful Mother peacefully left us earthside in her home surrounded by the love of her cherished family. Family was everything to her. Heaven received an incredible Angel. She created quite the Legacy!

She preceded in death by husband, Anker; survived by children: Craig (Donna), Linda (Bobby), Karen (Peter), Peggy (Mark); grandchildren: Kelley (Rustan), Mark (Stephanie), Erika (Matt), Anker (Stephanie), Natalie and Bridget; great-grandchildren: Sansa, Robbie, Cher, Jackson, Vance, Wyatt, and 1 on the way!

To Margaret, each day was a new adventure consisting of friends and family, oftentimes both. Each moment was as bright as she was, frequently filled with music, laughter, and sunshine even on rainy days.

Contributions may be made to The American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 962 Treasurer, 35 South 4th St., Locust Valley, NY 11560. [www.Whitting.com](http://www.Whitting.com)

**NAJOVITS**, Olga of Glen Cove, on July 30, 2025 at age 71. Beloved wife of Peter. Loving mother of Andrew (Sara).

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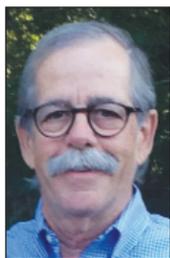
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Olivia and Jacob. Service at Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home of Glen Cove officiated by Rabbi Irwin Huberman of Congregation Tifereth Israel. Interment at New Montefiore Cemetery. In her memory a donation may be made to support.northwell@edu/cancer-institute. [www.DodgeThomas.com](http://www.DodgeThomas.com)



**VALENTINE**, Alfred Robbins Jr, age 74 of East Quogue, passed away on August, 6th 2025 after a long battle with cancer. Robbin was loved by everyone who knew him and maintained lifelong friendships that could only be a result of his friendly, kind and easy going nature. He held a Masters in Photography and moved on to take over the 110 year old family insurance business, The Valentine Agency. This business was located in Mineola, NY where he was a Kiwanis club and Nassau County Historical Society member.

Robbin was also a lifelong Rotary club member in Bayville, where he raised his family. A father who put family first, spent his spare time at the beach, on his boat or on the golf course, always with a smile and a laugh. Robbin is survived by his beloved wife of 50 years, Stefenie: His children, Jessica (Spouse Len Whitney) Abbie (M. Ashley Armstrong) Ashley, Grant (M. Hawley Walker) two grandchildren, Logan and Blakely, and his dog Noodles. Calling hours will be held in Westhampton Beach at the Werner-Rothwell funeral home on August 15th from 4 – 8pm with words of remembrance shared at 7pm.

**VARRICCHIO**, Theresa, on August 7, 2025, age 93, of Locust Valley. Beloved wife of Louis for 72 years. Loving mother of Vincenza Dizazzo, and Maria Zangari (the late Frank). Cherished grandmother of Theresa Zangari and Frank Zangari (Nicole Barci). Also survived by my many loving nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends. Interment Locust Valley Cemetery. [www.oysterbayfuneralhome.com](http://www.oysterbayfuneralhome.com)

## Walking Tour of Theodore Roosevelt of Oyster Bay

Join the Oyster Bay Historical Society for a fun and informative walking tour of Theodore Roosevelt's Oyster Bay - a great way to explore history!

This walking tour will take you through significant sites connected to the 26th President of the United States. Don't miss this opportunity to learn about Roosevelt's legacy in a fun and interactive way. Grab your walking shoes and come along for a memorable experience!

Saturday, August 30, 1:00-2:30 pm, the tour will start at the Oyster Bay Historical Society, 20 Summit Street Oyster Bay, NY 11771.

Ticket cost \$23.18 for adults, \$17.85 for seniors, children under 12 free. To register and purchase tickets go to: [obhsdirector@oysterbayhistoricalsociety.ccsend.com](mailto:obhsdirector@oysterbayhistoricalsociety.ccsend.com). Refunds up to 7 days before event.



"Teddy's 4th of July" painting by Mort Kunstler

Don't miss the Oyster Bay Historical Society's Legacy Award Dinner, Wednesday, September 24, 6:00 PM at The Crescent Beach Club, Bayville, NY Tickets starts at \$185.00

### LLC

Notice of formation of KTC Insurance Solutions LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York SSNY on 7/25/25. Office located in Suffolk. SSNY has been designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail copy of any process served against the LLC to 7014 13th Avenue, Suite 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228 Purpose: any lawful purpose.

### 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.

### PUBLIC NOTICE OF FOUNDATION TAX RETURN

The Annual Return of the Robert F and Joan M. Vizza Family Foundation for calendar year ending Dec. 31, 2024 is available at the office of Schaeffer & Sam, P.C., located at 1232 RXR Plaza, West Tower Uniondale. N.Y. 11556-1232, for inspection during regular business hours by any citizen who requests it within 180 days hereof. Principal Manager of the Foundation is Dr. Robert F. Vizza

## The Long Island Celtic Festival at Old Westbury Gardens



Harpers Ferry is Long Island's finest cover band performing Folk, Irish, Country, Classic Rock.

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The stone put

That's the spirit of The Long Island Celtic Festival and Highland Games, returning for its second year on Saturday, August 23, 2025, at Old Westbury Gardens. Formerly the Scottish Games, this isn't just a festival—it's a heartfelt gathering of heritage, artistry, athleticism, and joy, welcoming thousands of visitors to celebrate Celtic traditions both old and new.

"There's such a strong tradition behind this event—families have been coming to Old Westbury Gardens for years to enjoy what was the Scottish Games. Now, in our second year with the Long Island Celtic Festival, that same spirit is still very much alive. The music, the games, the food, the dancing, the sense of togetherness—it's all here, and it's been amazing to see the event continue to grow," says Maura Brush, President & CEO of Old Westbury Gardens.

This family-friendly event runs from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM and features:

- Live music from Harpers Ferry, McLean Avenue Band, Charlie Zahm, and Jesse Ofgang and the Diaspora
- Highland Games demonstrations by the Empire Throwing Club—where sheer strength meets ancestral tradition
- Bagpipe and drum corps from across the island, stirring emotions with every note
- Traditional and modern

dance, from Shot of Scotch NYC to the Donnie Golden and Schade Academy dance schools

- Children's entertainment that delights all ages, including Wonderspark Puppets and The Amazing Ivan the Magician and whimsical face painting

- A Celtic marketplace filled with handmade crafts and imported goods

- Food (Truck) Court featuring a wide variety of cuisines and crowd-pleasing favorites—everything from savory bites to sweet treats, with the very best of festival fare on hand

- And More to Discover – Explore weaving demonstrations and a classic British automobile showcase, try your hand at curling, and be awed by presentations of live birds of prey

### A Festival for Everyone

Whether you're tracing your family tree or just tapping your toes to the beat, the Long Island Celtic Festival and Highland Games offers an unforgettable end-of-summer moment. Whether you bring a blanket, lawn chair, or pop-up tent, you'll find folks making a full day of it—snacking on festival fare, soaking in the sounds, and celebrating summer's last hurrah in true Celtic style.

### Tickets & Pricing

Early Bird Pricing (available online through Friday, August 22):

- Adults: \$25
- Seniors (62+): \$22
- Youth (Ages 7–17): \$12
- Ages 6 and under: Free

Day-of Admission (Saturday, August 23):

- Adults: \$27
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Early Bird pricing ends at midnight on August 22. Advance purchase is highly encouraged. Festival admission includes access to Old Westbury Gardens.

Tickets available at: [www.oldwestburygardens.org/celtic-festival](http://www.oldwestburygardens.org/celtic-festival)



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## Locust Valley Students Help Beautify Bayville Beach



Locust Valley High School students Mikayla Pacini, Christian DiPaola, Tyler Banks and Maneet Bedi with garden club coordinator Tina Hament, teachers Jessica DiPardo and teaching assistant Dianna Manning and Bayville Deputy Superintendent of Public Works Giuseppe Sicuranza.

During July, four students from Jessica DiPardo's Locust Valley High School classes spent time planting Japanese Purple Irises at Soundside



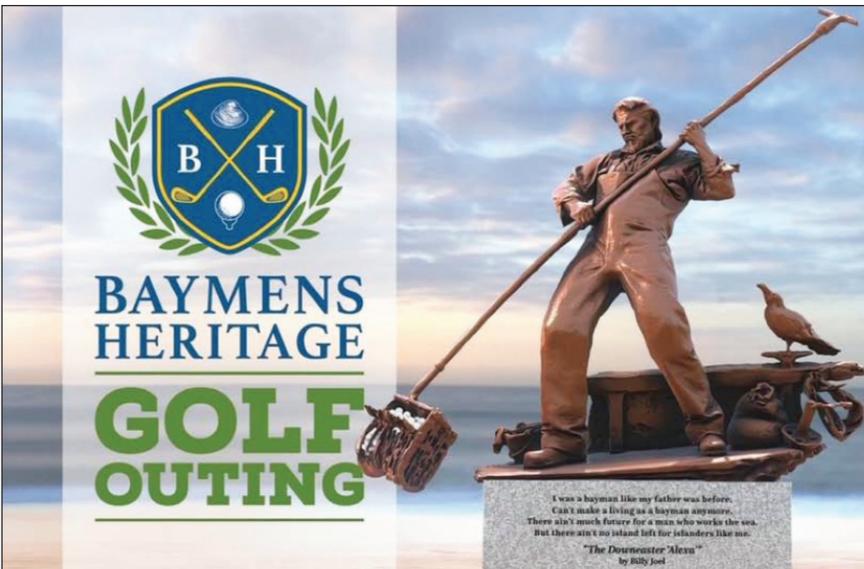
Students worked hard to make new floral additions to the beach. Photos: LVCS D

Beach in Bayville. The summer project came out of a collaboration between Village of Bayville Mayor Steve Minicozzi, Locust Valley Central School District Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction Dr. Janine Sampino and the schools' garden club coordinators Tina Hament and Patrick Silvestri.

Hament and Silvestri met with the mayor in May to see how their club could help in the community. The project was suggested by Mayor Minicozzi and district officials supported the project, which saw students Tyler Banks, Maneet Bedi, Christian DiPaola and Mikayla Pacini transport perennials and plant them in front of the beach playground. Bayville's Deputy Superintendent of Public Works, Giuseppe Sicuranza, met the group at the beach and helped with the plantings.

Perennial sharing is encouraged by Hament and Silvestri as a way for folks to support their community. District students can contact Ms. DiPardo or Ms. Hament to participate in future plantings.

## Baymens Heritage Golf Outing Fundraiser for Monument



The Monument will honor the memory, history and tradition of our Baymen.

The Baymens Heritage Association is hosting a Golf Outing fundraiser for the Memorial Monument. The monument will be constructed in the Theodore Roosevelt Park, in Oyster Bay, hopefully this fall.

Join them on Tuesday September 2, 2025 at the Town of Oyster Bay Golf Course, 1 South Woods Road, Woodbury, 9:00 am registration; 11:00 am Shotgun Start; 12-2:00 PM Grab & Go Lunch at Halfway House; 4:00 pm Cocktails; 5:30 pm Buffet Dinner & Open Bar at The Masion Restaurant at the golf course.

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To participate in the event, and register go to: [baymensheritage@gmail.com](mailto:baymensheritage@gmail.com). Donations to the Baymens Heritage Association are Tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law. IRS approved 501(c)(3) charity.



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