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DeSena, Saladino, Slam Hochul's PSC Over Water Rate Hikes

By Thomas Nothel

"Long Island is not your money tap" declared North Hempstead Supervisor Jen DeSena and Oyster Bay Supervisor Joe Saladino in denouncing Governor Kathy Hochul for hitting Long Islanders with another massive increase in water rates.



Jennifer DeSena



Joseph Saladino

DeSena and Saladino were joined by Hempstead Town Supervisor John Ferretti and many other Long Island officials gathered to denounce the latest rate hikes from Liberty Water, which are being fast-tracked by the Hochul-appointed NYS Public Service Commission.

The PSC scheduled only two – inconveniently timed - public hearings for Long Island customers.



Kathy Hochul

Calling the Hochul PSC's green-lighting of rate increases an "act of cowardice," the Supervisors called out Liberty Water and the Public Service Commission for their underhanded efforts.

Supervisor Ferretti is demanding that the Hochul PSC should outright reject these proposed rate hikes - and tell Liberty to go back to the drawing board.

"The proposed rate increases are both alarming and tone-deaf at a time when Long Island families are already struggling with a very real affordability crisis," said DeSena. "Demanding they pay hundreds of dollars more for an essential service shows a troubling lack of concern for our hardworking families."

"Residents should not have to worry about whether they can afford something as basic as water," added DeSena.

Liberty New York Water serves parts of the North Shore (Sea Cliff) District, which includes communities like Sea Cliff, Glen Head, Glenwood Landing, and parts of Roslyn and Roslyn Harbor.

"The Public Service Commission has approved over 48 rate hikes in recent years, and people are being forced out of their homes because of soaring utility rates," added Saladino. "It's time Albany listens up and puts a stop to this nonsense."

"Long Island residents deserve safe drinking water and dependable infrastructure, but they also deserve a voice in decisions that will drive up their bills," noted Supervisor DeSena. "Our residents shouldn't be forced to shoulder these excessive costs without a meaningful opportunity to be heard."

Liberty Water customers could soon see higher monthly bills, with residents in Sea Cliff forced to pay an additional $26.89 - or more - per month.

The average Liberty Water customer in Nassau County already pays nearly $2,000 annually.

The Supervisors called for all residents to sign a petition against these rate hikes at "Change.org/StopLiberty-RateHikes."

Two Juveniles Abandon Field Trip at Bayville Scream Park

Friday evening Bayville residents woke up to the sound of a helicopter flying low, and searching for 2 youths.

According to the Nassau County Police Department, two male, 16 year old juveniles were on a group trip from Brooklyn on Friday, October 23, 2026 with approximately twenty other juveniles at Bayville Scream Park, 8 Bayville Avenue, when they abandoned their group. The two males returned to Brooklyn later that night.



The Bayville Scream Park

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Jen DeSena for North Hempstead Supervisor



Jen DeSena

Elected just five short years ago, North Hempstead Town Supervisor Jennifer DeSena has transformed the Town into serving our homeowners and residents first.

When DeSena took over, North Hempstead was mired in decades of Building Department corruption so bad that businesses just stayed away. And taxes just went up - year after year - to fund the Democrats' self-serving patronage swamp of highly-paid, do-nothing political hacks.

DeSena has been a burst of sunlight and fresh air. She is a Democrat, who is elected on the Republican line. She brings a professional and bipartisan style of management to the town.

The Building Department was cleaned-up - with corrupt and useless hacks fired and a "residents first" one-stop-shop reform of the department's services to local property owners.

DeSean has frozen or cut taxes every year she has been Supervisor - not an easy feat when some towns in Suffolk are now demanding 19% tax increases.

And DeSena's environmental record is pristine - whether by raising and seeding shellfish to clean our harbors, or releasing quail to naturally control insects.

The Leader endorses Jen DeSena for North Hempstead Supervisor.

Paolo Pironi for NYS Assembly

With the Assemblyman Jake Blumencranz running for the open NYS Senate seat in Oyster Bay and North Hempstead, the Assembly seat is open, and a heroic local firefighter, Paolo Pironi has stood up to run for the seat.



Paolo Pironi

Pironi pledges to make Long Island more affordable, by working to lower taxes, controlling NYS runaway spending, and fighting the out of control costs of local utilities - electricity and water.

He is the only candidate in the race backed by all Nassau county law enforcement groups - the PBA, Detectives and Superior officers - and pledges to ensure Long Island families feel secure in their homes and neighborhoods.

Pironi is backed by the New York league of conservation voters, supports open-space preservation, clean water initiatives, and responsible development that safeguards our environment.

Pironi's opponent is a non-serious, marginal candidate.

The Leader endorses Paolo Pironi for NYS Assembly.

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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.

My Record Speaks for Itself

To the Editor:

As I conclude six years representing more than 120,000 residents of New York's 12th Assembly District, I want to set the record straight about my efforts to bring state funding home to our community.

Recent statements by Craig Herskowitz suggesting that I failed to bring funding into AD12 are simply incorrect.



Keith Brown

During my tenure, I secured more than $850,000 in State and Municipal Facilities (SAM) grants for local governments and more than $225,000 in Bullet Aid for schools and libraries. Among the projects I supported were ShotSpotter technology for the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office in Brentwood, a highway grinder machine for the Town of Huntington and emergency seawall repairs in Asharoken.

I also played a pivotal role in securing $12 million in the 2026 state budget for reconstruction of the Asharoken seawall. Most recently, I participated in the bipartisan effort to secure $3 million for the Deer Park School District's pool renovation.

But my record goes well beyond funding.

As Ranking Minority Member of the Assembly Committee on Alcoholism and Substance Use, I made mental health and substance use prevention a priority. My accomplishments include:

• Drafted legislation calling for a school cellphone ban in schools and legislation providing property tax relief to surviving spouses of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty.

• Helping establish high school mentoring programs in eight of AD12's 10 school districts.

• Establishing the Long Island Drug Coalition, organizing four co-occurring disorder conferences and forming the Long Island Co-Occurring System of Care Committee.

• Working with Western BOCES to develop a co-occurring disorder curriculum for Suffolk County schools.

• Establishing a Veteran Mental Health Coalition focused on integrating care and preventing veteran suicide.

• Working to strengthen local laws addressing vaping, kratom and nitrous oxide access by minors.

My office also worked every day to help constituents navigate state government, resolve problems and access services. I partnered with local officials and community organizations on waterfront revitalization, coastal resiliency, public safety and historic preservation. I also helped to organize the restoration of Revolutionary War cemeteries and helped create the Huntington Revolutionary War Trail application in time for our nation's 250th anniversary.

I was recognized as one of the most bipartisan members of the Assembly for two consecutive years. These results came from persistent advocacy, collaboration and a willingness to work across party lines.

That same commitment to community service is why I believe Dave Weber will continue this work. Dave has served as a Northport Village Trustee, volunteers as a firefighter and supports organizations such as Paws of War. He also rallied residents to support Coast Guardsmen at Eaton's Neck during the federal government shutdown.

Meanwhile, his opponent does not belong to one community organization.

I have kept my promises to our community. I have worked hard. I am proud of what we accomplished together and grateful to the residents who placed their trust in me. Dave understands the importance of showing up, working with our neighbors and delivering results. I am confident he will build on the progress we have made over the past six years.

Sincerely,
Hon. Keith P. Brown
New York State Assemblyman,
12th District

Halloween Costumes and Political Candidate's Masks

To the Editor:

Halloween and the election are really close. People will hardly have time to take off their scary costumes before entering the voting booths. It is unclear as to what will be the most frightening, the scary costumes or the candidates. The outcome of the election will be the scariest because after the election the candidates will take their costumes off. Currently, we aren't totally sure who they really are. We know what they say and what the opposition says but we won't really know them until a year or two later.

Halloween costumes conceal a lot. A mask covers the face and an outfit can make you think someone is a monster or an angel. That is one of the reasons Halloween is so much fun. The children can become their favorite character or make up a character. The children try to be scary, funny or a super hero. The fun is dressing up and going out. The goodies received from generous households are cool but the adventures lie in dressing up and going out.

Fortunately, I don't remember anything too frightening about Halloween and that's a good way for us to celebrate the day. Keep it fun and very safe. Stay close to your children and be very cautious and on the look out for the little ones.

Unfortunately, Halloween won't be over for the political candidates until after the November election. They will be in their finest costumes and promising better treats than the opposition. Will they really deliver the treat or are they tricking us for our votes? The scary part is we never know for sure who and what we will have until way after the election. Most of the candidates believe what they are saying at the time, but delivering what they are promising is different.

Try your best to determine who the people are and what they stand for.

Dr. Glenn Mollette

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Op-Ed: Hochul's Claim That NY is 'Not a Sanctuary State' Is the Lie of the Year

By Steve Levy

Governor Kathy Hochul is lying when she falsely claims that New York is not a sanctuary state.

The state has refused to work with the federal government on 16,000 cases to deport criminal illegal aliens within our midst.



Steve Levy

But that's what a sanctuary city does: it gives sanctuary to people here illegally, even those who are violent criminals and threats to our communities.

We are talking about 16,000 specific instances of illegal aliens with criminal records who could've been deported, but, instead, were placed back on the streets as per the directives of Democrats throughout the state.

Every crime committed by these 16,000 individuals in New York were preventable — that includes felony assault, drug dealing, rape and murder.

How in the world can any elected official justify keeping these people here, rather than working with the federal authorities to deport them?

Hochul continues to spout the lie that, while New York law enforcement will not cooperate with the feds in deporting the typical illegal immigrant, they will do so with criminals. However, that statement was proven to be a lie when the feds reported that there are over 16,000 such criminal aliens whom blue state and city officials let back out on the street after their criminal processing, rather than alerting the federal authorities to remove them.

The latest ICE data reveals that, from January 20, 2025, to October 8, 2026, there were 16,070 detainers that were not honored by the state.

There are 52,503 total criminal charges and convictions associated with the detainers that were not honored in New York. These crimes include:

- Homicides: 131
- Kidnappings: 132
- Sexual offenses: 1,017
- DUIs: 1,561
- Burglaries: 1,631
- Robberies: 1,776
- Weapons offenses: 2,198
- Dangerous drugs: 4,324
- Assaults: 9,502

Some recent illegal alien crimes in the sanctuary state include:

1) In June, ICE lodged a detainer for Aureliano Melendez, an illegal alien from El Salvador, after he was arrested for raping a 16-year-old girl in Huntington, New York.

2) In April, the New York City Department of Corrections refused to honor an ICE detainer for Roman Ceron, an illegal alien from Mexico, who was charged with murder and arson in Queens County, New York.

3) In March, ICE arrested Bryan Tasiguano, an illegal alien from Ecuador and Latin Kings gang member, who had been released by New York sanctuary politicians despite being charged with assault.

4) In March, ICE lodged a detainer for Bairon Posada, a four-times deported illegal alien from Honduras, after he was arrested for shoving two bystanders, including an 83-year-old Air Force veteran, onto subway tracks in New York City.

5) In January, ICE arrested Rafael Rubio, an illegal alien from Venezuela, who was working as a New York City Council employee despite having a criminal history that includes an arrest for assault.

6) In January, ICE arrested Geraldo Miguel, an illegal alien from Mexico, after he had been released by New York sanctuary politicians despite having a criminal history that includes arrests for strangulation, rape, sexual assault, burglary, grand larceny, and drug possession.

7) In April 2025, ICE lodged a detainer for Felix Jeronimo, an illegal alien from Mexico, after he was arrested for raping and robbing a corpse on a New York City subway. Jeronimo was sentenced in June 2026 to five years in prison.

We now know Sanctuary Democrats say one thing in public, but do another behind the scenes.

It is the underlying policy of the Democratic Party to gum up the works on deportations, even for criminal illegal aliens, so that the feds are forced to encounter huge delays and utilize tremendous resources to deport just about anyone. The fewer illegal aliens deported, the more who remain that can be counted in the census to bolster Democratic districts that otherwise might be drawn out of existence when a new census is developed and redistricting occurs.

New York Congresswoman Yvette Clark (D-Brooklyn) acknowledged this when she admitted that there was a need for more illegal immigrants in her district to make sure that her congressional seat was not eliminated.

And then, of course, there is a hope that, once they take power, the Democrats will provide mass amnesty and have these illegal immigrants voting. They have little doubt that the illegal immigrants, once given the franchise, will vote for the Democrats who let them in and allowed them to stay.

So, for the short-term political power that the sanctuary city will give the Democrats, they are willing to sacrifice the long-term welfare of their nation.

Hochul should be ashamed of the sanctuary policy that she endorses, and ashamed further for lying about it.

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Hochul Restricts Upstate Farmers and Rural Businesses



Assemblyman Chris Tague and Alexandra Fasulo

By Chris Tague

October 15, 2026, the ranking member of the Assembly Agriculture Committee, Assemblyman Chris Tague, joined the United States Department of Agriculture Special Envoy for American Landowners John Rich, rural activist Alexandra Fasulo, local leaders, and farmers at a press conference in Schuylerville to call out the loss of American farmland and Kathy Hochul's Office of Renewable Energy Siting and Electric Transmission (ORES) overreach that eliminates local control and puts rural, upstate New York last.

"Time and again, Kathy Hochul and her cohorts in Albany have pushed restrictive mandates and regulations down on farmers and rural businesses in Upstate New York. This Governor has said, on live television no less, that Upstate communities "lack the sophistication" to negotiate on their own behalf. Upstate New Yorkers will not forget that when they go to the polls. We need to vote out Hochul and vote against her legislative lackeys as well. As Assemblyman, I have fought these bills when they come up on the floor, I have debated ORES and advocated for shutting it down; and as your State Senator in District 51, I will bring that same fight to the Senate Chamber." Assemblyman Chris Tague said.

New York State Assemblyman Chris Tague represents District 102 (covering Greene and Schoharie counties, plus parts of Albany, Delaware, Otsego, and Ulster counties)

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Cold Spring Harbor Celebrates Homecoming with a Drone Show



The Drone Show.
Photos: CSHCSD

The Cold Spring Harbor Central School District celebrated a memorable homecoming on Oct. 16, bringing together students, staff, families and community members for an evening of Seahawk spirit, football and patriotic tributes. Also for the first time, it included a drone light show featuring a musical soundtrack created by district students.

The festivities kicked off with a spirited pep rally in the Ralph Whitney Field House, where students cheered on the Seahawks ahead of the homecoming game. The celebration featured performances by the pep band and cheerleaders, team costumes, spirited banners, team dances, senior recognitions and the annual student-favorite pie-eating contest.



Students worked on the accompanying music for the homecoming drone show.

The excitement continued with a pregame carnival featuring inflatables, face painting, a dunk tank, music and dancing. As game time approached, the varsity football team made its entrance through the Seahawk tunnel, accompanied by the district's youngest cheerleaders. The varsity cheerleaders carried the American flag to center field as the choir performed the national anthem before a packed crowd. The Seahawks went on to defeat Carle Place, 42-20.

A highlight of the evening was the district's first-ever drone light show, featuring more than 200 illuminated drones choreographed to music created by Cold Spring Harbor students. Originally planned for halftime, the show was moved earlier due to expected high wind gusts. Produced in collaboration with Grizzly Entertainment, the aerial display celebrated America's 250th anniversary, the 25th anniversary of Sept. 11 and the district's proud athletic traditions.

Approximately 30 students in grades 7-9, under the guidance of K-12 Music Department Chair Mr. James Guarini, helped develop the accompanying soundtrack through their music studio and classroom music classes. Using a time-stamped rendering of the show, students synchronized musical selections and original arrangements with the choreographed drone formations, applying their creativity and technical skills to a real-world production.



Members of the Cold Spring Harbor football team listened with reverence to the national anthem.

"Our CSH music students are thrilled to be a part of this," Mr. Guarini shared during preparations for the show. "The students brainstormed based on images from the drone show to create a seamless music/audio accompaniment that included compiled music selections (patriotic, sports-themed, etc.) as well as some original arrangements."

The district recognized the Cold Spring Harbor Educational Foundation for its ongoing support of innovative music technology and enhanced studio equipment, which helped make this unique learning experience possible.

The evening also featured patriotic tributes, including a "Wall of Heroes" honoring local service members and commemorating the anniversaries of Sept. 11 and the nation's founding. The walkway was illuminated with patriotic bags decorated by K-12 art students, while the Cold Spring Harbor and Huntington fire departments contributed an American flag aerial arch.

"Together, we celebrated our schools, our community, and our nation," Superintendent Mr. Joseph Monastero shared, "while ensuring that we never forget the courage, sacrifice and unity that define us."

The district extends its appreciation to the Parent Teacher Groups of all four schools, the Cold Spring Harbor Athletic Booster Club, district staff, administrators and volunteers for making Homecoming 2026 a memorable celebration of school spirit, student creativity and community pride.



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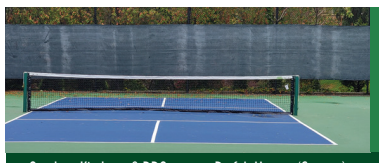
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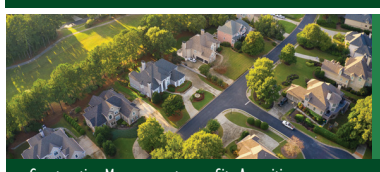
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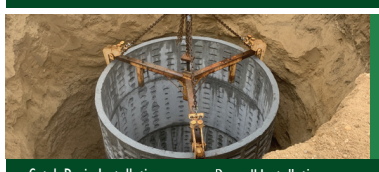


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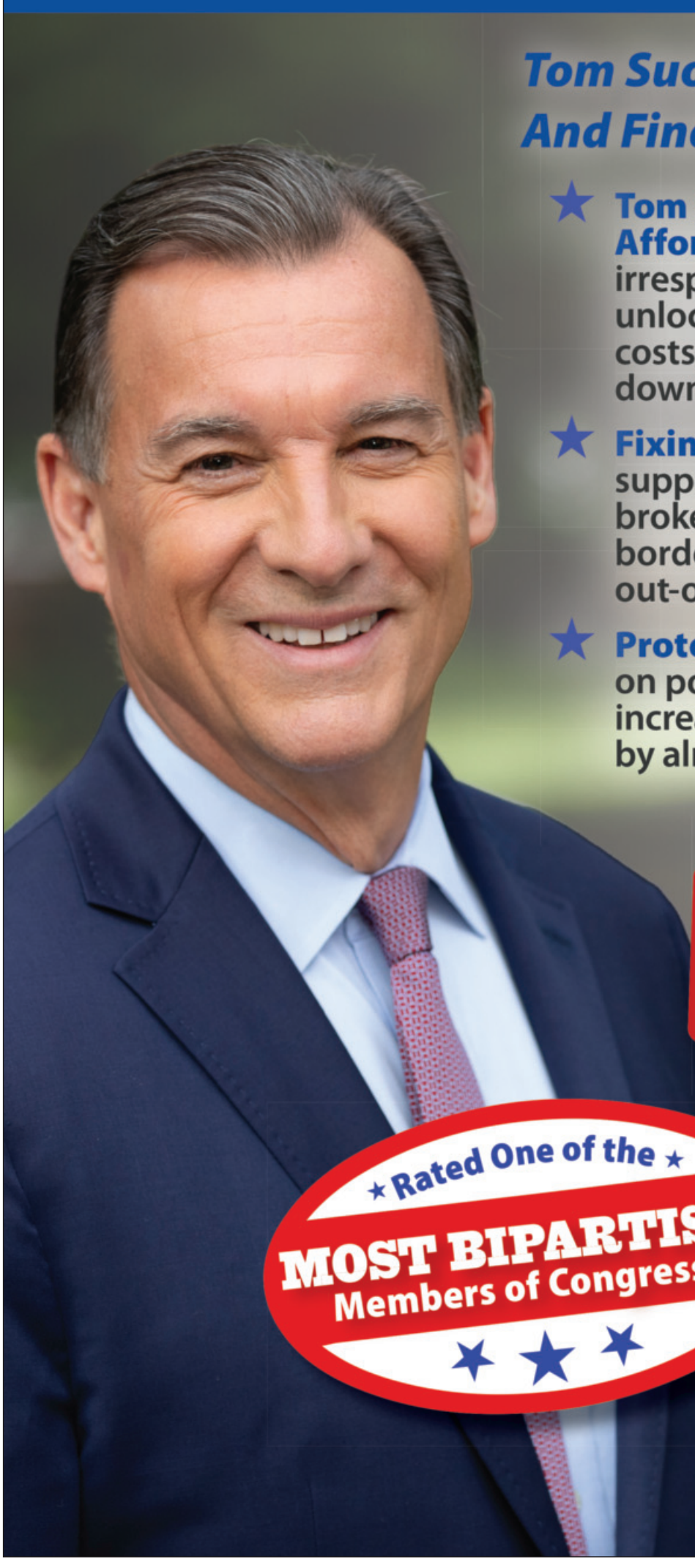


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"Wood And Water: Furniture On Long Island, 1660–1860"



The Wood and Water exhibit.
Photo: Preservation Long Islandl

By Leader Staff

Preservation Long Island's exhibition, Wood and Water: Furniture on Long Island, 1660–1860 explores two centuries of Long Island history through furniture and related decorative arts. On view through November 22, 2026, the exhibition opened this summer at Preservation Long Island's Gallery in Cold Spring Harbor. Special exhibition-related tours and experiences will be offered throughout the remainder of the exhibition's run, both at the gallery and at offsite locations.

Incorporating objects ranging from high-style chests to everyday seating furniture, Wood and Water interprets a cross-section of Long Island society during these formative centuries in American history, allowing for a furniture-led reflection on our nation's past. Visitors to the exhibition will discover the work of the region's unsung craftspeople, including Quaker joiners, Black makers, women upholsterers, Dutch turners, and Indigenous weavers, alongside the furniture they crafted and used. From the workshop to the home, these objects reveal global networks of exchange, identity, and innovation during a period of profound change.

"Wood and Water reflects our commitment to promoting Long Island's role in American history and the decorative arts. We have been thrilled to welcome more than one thousand visitors from across the region to the exhibition since its opening day. Interest in early Long Island furniture also extends beyond the region, as demonstrated by the many people from outside the area who participated in the exhibition's virtual program," said Jackie Powers, Executive Director of Preservation Long Island. "By highlighting furniture made on Long Island and the many skilled craftspeople who contributed to this tradition, we hope visitors and program participants will gain a deeper appreciation for the region's furniture-making history and a better understanding of how, over two centuries, Long Islanders made and used furniture to engage with the wider world."

"More than half of the forty objects on display have never been exhibited and span two centuries, from the English conquest of New Netherland to the eve of the American Civil War," said Lauren Brincat, Preservation Long Island's Chief Curator and Director of Collections. "Wood and Water draws from Preservation Long Island's extensive holdings, incorporating recent research that has identified previously unknown makers and owners, as well as objects on loan from regional public and private collections."

"Some of Long Island's earliest European colonists made furniture for a living," noted Steven Baltsas, Preservation Long Island's Peggy N. Gerry Curatorial Fellow. "Long Island furniture design reflects the economies, customs, and fashions of places near and far, while drawing upon materials sourced from the Island's natural landscape."

Exhibition Location: Preservation Long Island Exhibition Gallery, 161 Main Street, Cold Spring Harbor, NY 11724

Dates and Hours: Now through November 22, 2026. Hours: Thursday-Sunday from 12:00 pm–5:00 pm

Visit the Exhibition page for additional opening hours that may be scheduled during the exhibition. https://preservationlongisland.org/wood-and-water/

Town Board Honors Soccer Prodigy Ahead of World Cup



(C) Loradana Paletta, of Syosset with her family and town officials.

By Leader Staff

Oyster Bay Town Supervisor Joseph Saladino and his colleagues on the Town Board recently honored Loradana Paletta, of Syosset, who is currently playing soccer for the U17 National Team and was recently called up to train with the U20 National Team. Loradana will also be playing in the World Cup in Morocco, with the FIFA U17 Women's Team in their first game on Monday, October 19, 2026.

Supervisor Saladino stated, "Loradana's hard work, determination, and commitment to soccer have truly paid off, and we are so proud to see her reach this incredible milestone. Congratulations, Loradana- you've earned this opportunity to represent us on the world stage. To Morocco and beyond, we will all be here wishing you tremendous success and cheering you on every step of the way!"

Loradana is an accomplished midfielder and has played on numerous elite soccer teams including East Coast Surf Soccer Club and the U16 New York City FC of the MLS, where she is the only girl in New York State history to compete at the MLS level with the Boys team.

Oyster Festival 2026

Despite the cold and windy weather the crowds still came to the 43rd Oyster Festival. The streets of downtown Oyster Bay and Theodore Roosevelt Park were alive with music, great food, and creative crafts.

There was something there for every one, seafood, gyros, and even fried pickles. Kids enjoyed the Kid Zone where they had a chance to meet two Savannah Bananas pitchers, Frankie Mosatiello, and Trystan Levesque.



(C) Shawn Leonard from Cold Spring Harbor won the Oyster Eating Contest.



Getting Frankie's autograph



Oysters, the star of the festival.





Paolo Pironi:

"As a first-generation Italian Immigrant, I've lived the American Dream. *I'm running to make sure our families and children can live in a safe, affordable community.*
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- ***REPEAL*** ***bail laws that free dangerous criminals.***
- ***CUT TAXES*** ***on income, gasoline and commuting to help combat inflation.***

Election Day is Tuesday, November 3rd *Early Voting is from October 24th to Nov. 1st*

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Old Westbury Gardens Hosts Book Launch Party

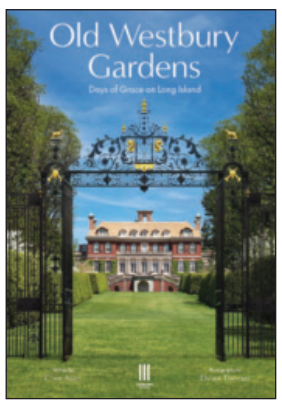
By Leader Staff

On October 6, 2026, Old Westbury Gardens hosted a launch party for the release of a new book the ***Old Westbury Gardens: Days of Grace on Long Island***. The book was written by Clive Aslet and the beautiful photography by Dylan Thomas. The book officially launched last Tuesday.

The evening event took place at the gardens of the mansion. People enjoyed sparkling wine and light hors d'oeuvres, while having conversations with Clive Aslet and DylanThomas. After the cocktail hour, Clive and Dylan gave a lecture about how they compiled all the information on the Phipps family, and the architecture. After the lecture Clive and Dylan signed their books, many people purchased several books because they make great gifts. If you missed this great event, there are still books available in the gift shop at Old Westbury Gardens.



Dylan Thomas and Clive Aslet



The New Book

About the Author: Clive Aslet is a visiting professor of Architecture at the University of Cambridge and the publisher of Triglyph Books. For many years he worked at the magazine Country Life, where he was editor from 1993 until 2006. Since publishing The American Country House with Yale University Press in 1990 he has written widely about American architecture. In 2025 he was awarded the Board of Directors Honor by the Institute of Classical Architecture and Art as part of its Arthur Ross Awards. Clive has authored more than thirty books, including The Story of the Country House (Yale) and Sir Edwin Lutyens: Britain's Greatest Architect? (Triglyph Books).



Author Clive Aslet signing his books.
Photos: Patricia Brexel

About the Photographer: Dylan Thomas is an internationally renowned photographer of architecture, interiors, and gardens. His images capture the complex interplay between light and shadow, communicating a sensitive interpretation of his environment and transforming spaces into compelling and emotive visual experiences.

Dylan has forged a reputation for highly detailed work with a meticulous approach to framing and composition. His photographs have been published in books and magazines worldwide and his collaboration with a range of private clients is testament to the investment and artistry he brings to any project.

Banned Books

By Victoria Crosby

While I was visiting Long Island this summer I ventured into Theodore's Books, the bookstore owned by former Congressman Steve Isreal, who has written several books of political satire. Shelby, the young saleswoman, was very friendly and welcoming and we chatted about books. I was most fascinated with a special section of Banned Books. The area was humorously marked with police tape warning "Caution." Shelby gave me a pamphlet listing the banned books, which was a very interesting read. It gives the states where they were banned and the reasons why. Some books were banned in schools and/or libraries in several states, others in different states, but mainly in the US southern states, and some in other countries. Many are available at Theodore's Books.



The banned bookshelf

The titles of some of these books were surprising as they had been best-sellers since they first were published, including the Harry Potter series of books, To Kill a Mockingbird and The Great Gatsby. The reasons vary, but for many of these books it was bad language and sexual, racial and political content. Many of these classic novels have been made into successful movies, including A Clockwork Orange, The Shining, A Farewell to Arms, The Color Purple, and The Handmaid's Tale, which was a TV series.

Author Toni Morrison is on the list twice with Beloved, which was a movie produced by Oprah Winfry, and The Bluest Eye, which was featured on Oprah's Book Club. Other well-known authors included on the list are Maya Angelou, Judy Blume, John Steinbeck and George Orwell. Banning books has always created an interest in readers, a sort of forbidden fruit if you will. As the author of three political, satirical poetry books, banning them would certainly help with my sales!

Many books which were famously banned years ago didn't appear on the list. Censorship and freedom of speech always come at a price.

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The Holiday Boutique and Thrift Store is open Saturday, October 31, from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM.

The Reformed Church is located at 115 Ryefield Rd, Locust Valley, NY 11560. Phone: (516) 676-6130.



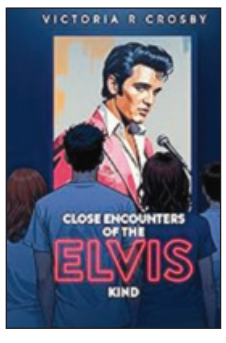
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Louis Comfort Tiffany Exhibit at the Nassau County



One of the many lamps



Egyptian Pyramids framed by Temple Columns, 1908. Water color on paper.

Louis Comfort Tiffany: Artist of the Gilded Age brings together the Nassau County Museum of Art's unparalleled collection of more than 130 oil and watercolor paintings by one of America's most celebrated artists. This landmark exhibition marks the first time the Museum will present the full scope of its Tiffany paintings — an extraordinary group made possible through a generous, anonymous gift that represents the largest private collection of Tiffany paintings.

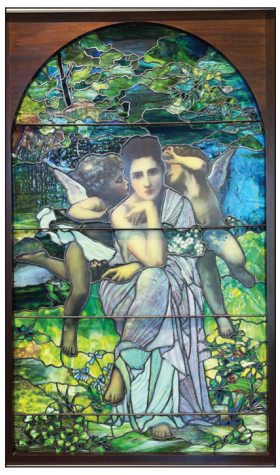
Louis Comfort Tiffany: Artist of the Gilded Age is made possible by a generous grant from the Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation of New York.

While Tiffany is best known for his stained-glass windows, lamps, and decorative objects, this exhibition highlights a rarely seen dimension of his artistic practice: the paintings that he personally created at the beginning of his career. These works reveal the artist's hand more directly than those of any other time in his career and illuminate the ideas, colors, and motifs that later shaped the iconic decorative arts produced in his studios.

Louis Comfort Tiffany: Artist of the Gilded Age offers a rare opportunity to explore the full breadth of Tiffany's artistic vision — to see how his paintings served as a powerful catalyst for the originality, invention, and enduring beauty of his decorative arts.

The exhibit will be open till November 8, 2026. The Museum is open Tuesday – Sunday 11 am to 4:45 pm. Last entry is at 4:15 pm. Location: Nassau County Museum of Art One Museum Drive Roslyn Harbor, NY 11576.

Benefit for the Nassau County Museum of Art Gala will be held on Saturday, November 7, 2026.



Chanson de Printemps, Leaded and plated glass.

Photos: Patricia Brexel

This current exhibition of Louis Comfort Tiffany will be the magnificent setting for this exciting evening in the museum mansion. Save the date and explore Sponsorship Options for our annual gala that supports the museum's mission to provide multiple exhibitions and educational programs each year, connecting art and nature for all on the 145-acre preserve.

For tickets to the Gala and more information call (516) 484-9338, info@nassaumuseum.org.

Obituaries

CZECHURA, Zofia (Kotlarz) – on Oct. 12, 2026, age 70, of Plainview, NY. Beloved mother of Dominika Jozwiak (Kamil), and Piotr Czechura (Karina). Devoted daughter of Czeslawa and the late Piotr Kotlarz. Cherished grandmother of Kassandra Czechura. Dear Sister of Regina Kotlarz, Zygmunt Kotlarz (Aneta), and Tadeusz Kotlarz (Bozena). Devoted aunt of Aleksandra Kaszuba and Anna Kotlarz. www.oysterbayfuneralhome.com



LUPINACCI, Salvatore (1951 – 2026)

Father; Husband; Grandfather; Great-grandfather; Uncle; and Beloved Friend to Many

In loving memory of Sal Lupinacci.

Sal Lupinacci will be remembered for his unwavering loyalty, generous spirit, and lifelong commitment to serving others.

Sal was a loving husband to the late Susan, devoted father to Allison Belfiore (Sal) and Chad Lupinacci, proud grandfather to Paul Joseph and Salvatore Anthony, and great-grandfather to Gianluca. Sal was also a cherished son to the late Margaret and Anthony Lupinacci, brother to Dr. Louis Lupinacci, brother-in-law to Dr. Dolores Kenny (David), Constance Di Spirito, Edward Di Spirito, and the late Agnes Lupinacci, and a beloved uncle. His life was defined by kindness, compassion, and dedication to the people he loved.

A lifelong resident of Huntington Station and parishioner of St. Hugh's Roman Catholic Church, Sal was a graduate of Huntington High School (Class of 1969), where he played on the school's varsity football team, and St. John's University (Class of 1973).

After graduating from St. John's, Sal embarked on a successful 34-year career in international banking. After retiring from banking, Sal chose to continue making a difference in his community. For eighteen years, Sal was a valued employee of the South Huntington School District family, where his warmth, kindness, and dedication left a lasting impression on colleagues, students, families and community members alike, resulting in him being honored by the Board of Education with the Above and Beyond Award. In his spare time, Sal also worked with adults with special needs through SCO Family of Services, forming meaningful bonds with those whom he assisted.

Sal will long be remembered as someone who gave freely of his time, greeted everyone with a big smile, offered his attention wholeheartedly, and found fulfillment in helping others. May Sal's memory be a blessing to all whose lives he touched.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations made to: SCO Family of Services in Sal's name would be greatly appreciated by the family.

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Old Westbury Gardens Presents Autumn Serenade: An Evening of Piano and Song

By Leader Staff

Old Westbury Gardens will present Autumn Serenade: An Evening of Piano and Song on Saturday, November 7, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. The concert features classically trained soprano Amelia Milo and acclaimed concert pianist Philip Edward Fisher in an intimate musical setting at one of Long Island's distinguished historic estates.

Ms. Milo is a soprano, actress, singer-songwriter, and dancer whose repertoire spans opera, Broadway, and contemporary music. She recently starred as Christine Daaé in the first Italian and Monegasque productions of Andrew Lloyd Webber's The Phantom of the Opera and has toured throughout Europe with Andrea Bocelli. Her performances alongside artists including Ramin Karimloo, David Foster, Matteo Bocelli, and Kristin Chenoweth have taken her to renowned venues such as Carnegie Hall, Suntory Hall in Tokyo, and Yokohama Pacifico.

Joining Ms. Milo is internationally acclaimed concert pianist Philip Edward Fisher, known for his expressive playing and refined artistry. Fisher has performed with leading orchestras, including the Royal Scottish National Orchestra and the Copenhagen Philharmonic. His recordings span a broad repertoire, from Handel to Corigliano.



Philip Edward Fisher



Amelia Milo

The concert continues Old Westbury Gardens' presentation of exceptional live music in its distinctive historic setting. Autumn Serenade is generously sponsored by Drs. Louis and Julie Pannullo, whose continued support helps bring cultural programming to the Gardens.

Tickets are $65pp. OWG members will receive a 20% discount. Tickets can be purchased on our website here: https://bit.ly/4Bgzet4.

Cinema Arts Center Protest in Huntington



Bill Shelley and Billy Lamont

By Victoria Crosby

A protest was recently held by people angry over the firing of co-director Dylan Skolnick at the Cinema Arts Center in Huntington. Skolnick is the son of the founders of the Center, Charlotte Sky and Victor Slolnick. Several hundred people gathered with signs and flyers stating; Save Our Cinema and claiming that "We are outraged that the Cinema Arts Center Board is making reckless decisions that have thrown this treasured arts organization into chaos. The decision to fire long time CAC Co Director Dylan Skolnick without cause, then smear his reputation with vague innuendo, is unforgivable. Dylan has dedicated almost his entire adult life to the CAC and has played a key role in growing it into an internationally respected cinema.

Three demands were listed; 1. That Dylan Skolnick be reinstated immediately as co-director. 2. That co-directors Michael Kornfeld and Kelsie Greene resign, and 3. That the Board Chair, Matthew Diadola and the current CAC board members resign. The flyer listed the names of the current board members and requested letters or emails be sent to them and to the Huntington Town Board Supervisor and council members, whose names and email addresses were also listed. There was a QR code link to a petition that people are being asked to sign.

A former board member, Steve Fisch, was among the crowds there to show his support for Dylan Skolnick.

The flyer asked for a more diverse board to be reconstructed with some film industry professionals among them.

CAC was founded in 1973 and has over 10,000 members. Their mission is to bring the best and broadest range of film and cultural programs to all audiences, lifting spirits, expanding consciousness and building community. The Huntington building houses three theaters, the Sky Room Café and a multi-purpose space. Many local artists have exhibited their work in this building. Special events including film festivals, educational programs, guest speakers and discussions take place year-round at this non-profit venue. CAC event spaces can also be rented for private events.

For further information visit www.saveourcinema.org

Public Notice

Public Meeting – Locust Valley Fire District

The next Regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners is scheduled as follows:

October 29, 2026 at 6:00 P.M.

It is further noted that the Public Hearing on the proposed Fire District Budget for the calendar year 2027 shall commence at 6:30 P.M.

All meetings are open to the public and held at Fire Headquarters, 228 Buckram Rd., Locust Valley, N.Y.

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

By order of the Board of Fire Commissioners, Locust Valley Fire District.

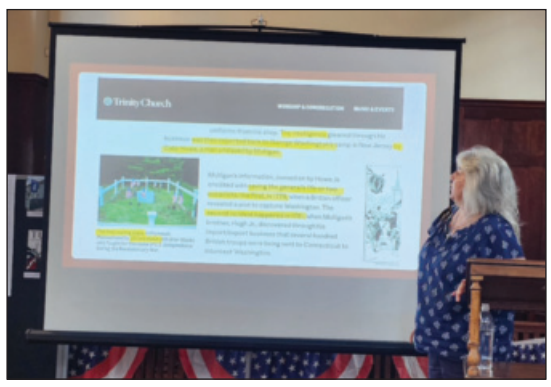
James Bonislawski
Fire District Secretary

Historian Claire Bellerjeau at North Shore Historical Museum

By Victoria Crosby

Historian Claire Bellerjeau recently gave a fascinating lecture at the North Shore Historical Museum in Glen Cove, titled Cato in the Revolution. With a power point presentation to illustrate, Ms. Bellerjeau spoke of an enslaved African called Cato. His birthdate is unknown, but he died in 1824 and served in the American Revolutionary War as a courier and a spy alongside his enslaver Hercules Mulligan. Mulligan was a tailor and his brother Hugh was in the import export business. Hugh learned through his business that the British troops were being sent to intercept Washington in Connecticut. Cato would pass this information on to George Washington's camp in New Jersey. It is speculated that Cato's actions saved the life of George Washington several times. "Hercules Mulligan has become more well known since the popularity of the musical Hamilton." according to Bellerjeau. In 1778 the Culper Spy Ring, Robert Townsend, Culper Jr. and Abraham Woodhull Culper Sr, wrote hundreds of pages of intelligence from Long Island to Connecticut.

One of the photos shown in the presentation was of a letter from Benjamin Tallmadge to George Washington in 1780.



Claire Bellerjeau with her power point presentation.

Cato became a chocolatier, which was at that time a complex process. Roasted cacao beans were ground into a powder with a machine that required skill and strength. Rendered beef tallow was used in the process which also required a certain amount of skill.

Tallow was also used in candle making. Cato was thought to have taken the last name Howe and is buried in Plymouth Mass, with other Black patriots.

Claire Bellerjeau is the co-author of "Espionage and Enslavement in the Revolution. The True Story of Robert Townsend and Elizabeth." Written with Tiffany Yecke Brooks with a foreword by Vanessa Williams. Ms. Bellerjeau is also the co-founder of Remember Liss, a nonprofit dedicated to researching and sharing the story of Elizabeth.

For more information visit www.northshorehistoricalmuseum.org.

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Notice of formation of LE GRAND CHALET LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 07/24/2026. Office location: Suffolk County, New York. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to: THE LLC, 366 Veterans Memorial Hwy, Suite 9, Commack, NY 11725. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

North Shore Land Alliance Celebrates Wine Auction & Dinner at Mill Neck Manor



(L-R) Event Chairs John Amante, Samantha Amante, Meg Tavani, Hanna Robinson, Brad Goldfarb, Momoko Myre and Alexis McAndrew

By Leader Staff

The North Shore Land Alliance welcomed more than 400 guests to Mill Neck Manor on Saturday, October 3, for its annual Wine Auction & Dinner. This year's event, Field & Feast: Honoring the Land, the Legacy and the Long View, brought together dedicated supporters, community leaders and friends of conservation for a spectacular evening in support of the Land Alliance's mission to protect and preserve Long Island's natural and historic lands, waters and environmental resources.

Set against the magnificent backdrop of Mill Neck Manor, the evening embraced the spirit of a traditional country gathering, with elegant autumn décor, exceptional wines and delicious cuisine catered by Sterling Affair. Guests arrived in their finest tweeds, tartans and country-inspired attire, bringing the Field & Feast theme to life.

The North Shore Land Alliance extends its heartfelt gratitude to Event Chairs Hanna Robinson, Meg Tavani and Alexis McAndrew, along with Samantha and John Amante, Alfredo Paredes and Brad Goldfarb, and Momoko Myre, for their extraordinary dedication, creativity and leadership in making the evening such a tremendous success. Special thanks also go to the dedicated Event Committee and the generous sponsors, underwriters and supporters whose unwavering commitment to the North Shore Land Alliance's mission helps protect and preserve Long Island's lands and waters for generations to come.

"We are incredibly grateful to everyone who made this year's Wine Auction & Dinner such a memorable evening," said Lisa Ott, Land Alliance President and CEO. " The annual Wine Auction & Dinner is the organization's signature fundraising event, and the generosity and enthusiasm of our community are truly inspiring. Every person who joined us, sponsored the event or contributed to our auctions is helping to protect the natural places that make Long Island so special."

A highlight of the evening was the highly anticipated live auction, led by auctioneer Patrick Tully, featuring an extraordinary collection of exclusive experiences and luxury getaways. Guests enthusiastically bid on coveted offerings including an alpine escape to Whistler, British Columbia, and a luxurious getaway to Coral Sands on Harbour Island in the Bahamas. The evening's silent auction offered an equally impressive selection of fine art, jewelry, golf outings, travel experiences and one-of-a-kind treasures.

Adding a playful touch to the festivities, guests embraced the evening's country-chic dress code, with Hanna and Taylor Robinson taking home Best Dressed honors for their outstanding interpretation of the Field & Feast theme.

In a particularly meaningful moment, guests came together for a special fundraising appeal at the end of the evening benefiting the North Shore Land Alliance's Long Island Water Education Program. Through engaging, hands-on lessons, the program teaches fourth, fifth and sixth graders about Long Island's underground aquifer system, the importance of protecting our drinking water and the vital connection between healthy natural landscapes and clean water. The enthusiastic response will enable the program to continue for an additional two years and underscores our community's commitment to inspiring the next generation of environmental stewards.



(L-R) Ashley and Joe Tyler, Meghan and James Widyn

Nolan at the Movies: Resident Evil Infects With Ambition



By Nolan Cleary

It was once said by the late US Secretary of Defense, Donald Rumsfeld, that, "There are known knowns; there are things we know we know. We also know there are known unknowns; that is to say we know there are some things we do not know."

As such, I should preface - before reviewing the 2026 reboot of Resident Evil - that I know very little about video games, and as a result, know as much about the video game series that Resident Evil is based upon, as I do about forensic entomology.

That should not however, deter any viewer's experience of a film, and as a bonified novice of this subject matter, I am happy to report that 2026's adaption of Resident Evil is excellent on all fronts.

The film follows a paramedic delivery driver named Bryan, who is hired to take a mystery package to the mysterious Raccoon City. Along the way, he runs a gauntlet of infected monsters and battles through a series of horrific and lurid misadventures.

That is about as much as can be said about the plot of Resident Evil without invoking plot spoilers.

This is the third film directed by Zach Cregger, who notably struck gold with his feature debut, Barbarian, and again with last year's follow up, Weapons, which famously earned Amy Madigan an Academy Award.

Resident Evil doesn't quite pack the punch of those excellent films, but Cregger still manages to deliver. The film takes full advantage of the grueling and depraved nature of its subject matter, imagining intimate moments of dread and gloom.

Creggor redefines the notion of what can be done with a video game adaption, capturing the brio and adrenaline of a first person shooter adventure. Yet, the film doesn't always survive like a bystander in a zombie apocalypse.

Unlike Creggor's previous efforts, which told their stories out of order, the screenplay for the latest adaption of the popular video game franchise largely operates by the books, devoid of Creggor's usual narrative quirks and tricks.

As a result, the film is lacks a lot of the creativity that defined those past endeavors. Also, Resident Evil is unlikely to appeal to moviegoers who lack a basic level tolerance for the gruesomeness of the body horror genre.

Yet, for those willing to stomach Creggor's blood curdling vision, Resident Evil is another impressive cinematic achievement in the up-and-coming director's film repertoire.




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