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The East Coast's largest waterfront festival will return this fall to the streets of Oyster Bay. Story on page 18.



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# Nassau GOP Boycotts Newsday over Bias, Credibility: “Trust the Herald and Leader Newspapers”

**BY LEADER STAFF**

The Republican candidates in Nassau County held a press conference announcing a boycott of Newsday’s editorial board endorsement process after the paper published a cartoon mocking the assassination of political commentator Charlie Kirk, instead urging voters to read and trust the North Shore Leader and Herald newspapers as more reliable sources of news.

Newsday published an offensive cartoon mocking the assassination of Kirk - featuring a drawing of a blood-spattered podium and chair. After a firestorm of criticism led by Suffolk GOP Chair Jesse Garcia, Newsday retracted the cartoon and issued a public apology.

“This was domestic terrorism — a man was killed for his beliefs. And Newsday thinks that’s funny?” County Executive Bruce Blakeman said. “We won’t dignify a



County Legislator Mazi Pilip



County Executive Bruce Blakeman

process run by people who mock tragedy.”

“This isn’t politics. It’s about decency,” added Nassau DA Anne Donnelly. “When a major newspaper makes light of an assassination, it fails its readers, it fails our community, and it fails the standard of journalism itself.”

Republicans highlighted past controversies from Newsday, such as an openly racist 2024 cartoon depicting County Legislator Mazi Pilip as an “African elephant” (Pilip was born in Ethiopia); and allegations of covering-up anti-semitism linked to a Democrat fundraiser.

“The Kirk cartoon was the last straw,” noted Republican leaders.

“They [Newsday] reduced me to racist stereotypes in 2024, and now they’ve mocked the assassination of Charlie Kirk,” stated Mazi Pilip. “This is not journalism - it’s cruelty.”

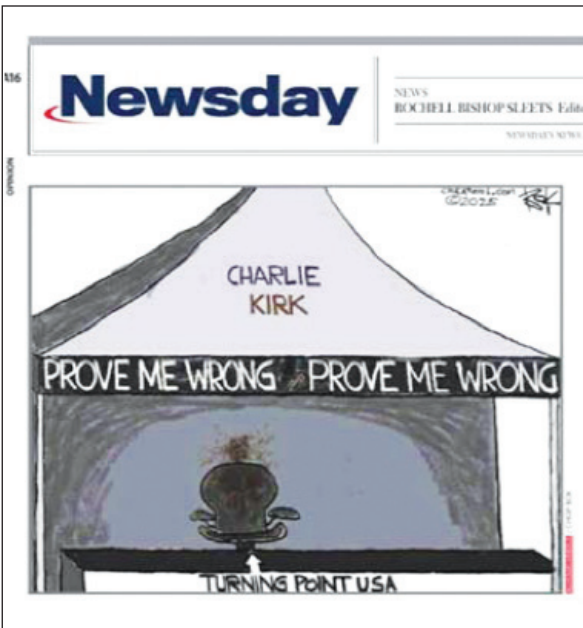
North Hempstead Supervisor Jennifer DeSena accused Newsday of showing “a disregard for honesty, integrity, and respect.”

The boycott reflects a declining trust in Newsday as an institution. Once the arbiter of Long Island politics, Newsday’s endorsement was considered a coveted prize. Now, GOP candidates are openly rejecting it.

“That vacuum is being filled by community-based outlets such as The North Shore Leader and other town papers,” noted the Nassau GOP in a press release. “Candidates would rather be on the front page of the Herald than get a pat on the head from Newsday.”

“The story here isn’t Republicans versus Newsday,” one media analyst explained. “It’s about the paper losing credibility, and with it, its monopoly. The balance of power in Long Island journalism is shifting to smaller, nimbler, more community-grounded outlets.”

The fact that the North Shore Leader



Newsday’s Charlie Kirk Blood Spatter Cartoon.

exposed the frauds of Congressman George Santos - breaking a major national news story - reflects that shift in good journalism to more locally-connected newspapers.

Newsday’s role as the once-dominant voice in Long Island’s political and cultural conversation is being challenged — and local papers such as the North Shore Leader and other weekly papers are now filling the gap.

# Five Story Apartment Controversy Roils Huntington Elections

**BY LEADER STAFF**

A 45 foot high, five-story apartment construction at 580 New York Avenue in Downtown Huntington has generated election controversy, as the current Town Code only allows for 2 1/2 stories and a maximum of 38 feet.

Incumbent Huntington Supervisor Ed Smyth (R-Halesite) approved the construction by his Building Department, claiming that a 9-year-old expired building permit - issued in 2016 when the Town Code was different -



Ed Smyth



Jen Hebert



Hebert Counts out Five (5) Stories in Huntington Apartment Building

allows for the much larger construction.

The controversy has entered this year’s elections, as Democratic Town Board candidate Jen Hebert (D-Huntington) challenged the legality of approving what is clearly not legal under the current 2020 amendments to the Town Code.

“The current town code says that mixed use buildings can be a maximum of 2 1/2 stories; this one is five stories,” stated Hebert in a posted video.

“That same code says that there is a maximum height of 38 feet for a building in town, to keep the charm and historic quality of our town: this building is 45 feet,” added Hebert.

Hebert also pointed out the new construction’s lack of adequate parking.

“Parking is also a problem: The code says that all parking must be on site: there are eight (8) apartments - but only six (6) parking places,” added Hebert.

Huntington zoning has a requirement of 1.5 parking spaces per one bedroom apartment - meaning there should be a

minimum of 12 parking spaces on site, not six.

Smyth pointed fingers, blaming the administration of former Supervisor Frank Petrone - who left office in 2017 - for having granted a building permit back in 2016. Smyth claimed he had “no choice” but to re-grant the high-density apartment development.

Town building permits have a life of only 12 months - after which they expire, and must be re-filed and renewed.

Smyth also claimed that the obviously five-story building is really “only 2/12 stories” - claiming that the middle floors are just “balconies...”

Smyth received nearly \$1 million from the builders and apartment developers lobbyists during this year’s Republican primary elections.

# NYS Comptroller Says Nassau County in Strong Fiscal Health

**BY LEADER STAFF**

Nassau County Comptroller Elaine Phillips (R-Manhasset) was delighted with the latest audit report from New York State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli (D-Great Neck) confirming that Nassau County is in excellent fiscal health.

Under the Comptroller’s Fiscal Stress Monitoring System, Nassau County achieved a solid fiscal stress score of 3.3, earning the status of “No Designation,” meaning that the County is not under any fiscal stress and is not susceptible to any fiscal stress at this time.

Last year, Nassau received a fiscal stress score of 9.6, also in the “No Designation” category, continuing a trend of improved fiscal performance.

“These results are another clear indicator of Nassau County’s strong financial condition,” stated Nassau Comptroller Elaine Phillips.

“Under the fiscal oversight of my office, working closely with County Executive Bruce Blakeman, Nassau has maintained stable budgets, preserved reserves, and achieved a sustainable financial trajectory that ben-

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Nassau County Comptroller Elaine Phillips



# ENDORSEMENTS

## North Hempstead

**SUPERVISOR - JEN DESENA**



Jennifer DeSena

After just four years in office - only two years with a Board majority - Jen DeSena has transformed town government. The notoriously corrupt Building Department has been reformed - with new people, better technology and a new spirit of serving the public. New environmental protections; roads repaired and repaved; and public services brought into the 21st century. DeSena has clearly earned another term. *The Leader* endorses Jen DeSena for North Hempstead Supervisor.

**TOWN CLERK - RAGINI SRIVASTAVA**

Four years ago, Ragini Srivastava was the surprise upset winner in an office that had become an ossified Democratic patronage sump. Ragini has cleared out the useless deadwood, brought in new talent, modernized and computerized records, and made the office resident friendly. Ragini deserves re-election. *The Leader* endorses Ragini Srivastava for North Hempstead Town Clerk.

**TOWN BOARD - DENNIS WALSH**

Dennis Walsh of Mineola is completing his first term. He has been a courageous councilman - tackling building department reform; cleaning up residents property titles; most people fighting to reduce taxes. *The Leader* endorses Dennis Walsh Mariafor North Hempstead Town Board.

**TOWN BOARD - YARON LEVY**

Yaron Levy of Great Neck is a first time candidate. He is following Councilman David Adhami who was a model of intelligence, decency, and courage in his four year term on the Town Board. *The Leader* endorses Yaron Levy for North Hempstead Town Board.

**NASSAU LEGISLATURE - MAZI PILIP**

Mazi Pilip represents the Great Neck-Manhasset seat in the Nassau Legislature, where she has been a leader for women and families, the environment, and stopping antisemitism and discrimination. Mazi is a key member of County Executive Bruce Blakeman's team - and has earned reelection. *The Leader* endorses Mazi Pilip for Nassau Legislature.

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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.

### LV SHOULD END THE INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE (IB) PROGRAM

To the Editor;

The latest US News and World Reports High School Rankings have been released. Locust Valley has plummeted to #232 in NYS. People ask, "Why?" We spend over \$53,000 per student, how can we possibly be worse than so many other surrounding schools?

I can tell you why. Do you want to know how to fix that and save money? It's called do what the other districts do: Offer only AP (Advanced Placement by the College Board) and Regents level classes - and get rid of International Baccalaureate (IB). NONE of the top schools on Long Island (ie: Jericho, Syosset, Half Hollow Hills West, Cold Spring Harbor, Wheatley, Manhasset, Roslyn, Great Neck) have IB.

LVHS didn't attract more students, it didn't rise in the rankings, there were never consistently 40 or more full IB Diploma students in the program every year. It didn't do any of the things promised to us when LVCSO first bought into IB.

LVHS does not offer many of the AP courses available at many of the top high schools listed above, and does not offer AP US History or AP US Government and Politics.

IBO is an NGO of UNESCO. We are a small high school with only 605 students. Instead of having one great AP program like almost every other Long Island high school, LVHS runs two programs, poorly.

AP now has the AP Capstone Program, nowhere near the cost of IB. Enrollment in LVHS has steadily declined over the years as our taxes have steadily risen.

Stop sending our taxdollars to Geneva, Switzerland, and make Locust Valley High School American again.

Lisa McLoughlin  
Bayville

### "THE ASSASSINATION OF CHARLIE KIRK"

To the Editor;

So refreshing to see an honest article from any sort of a media outlet these days... Your editorial on "The Assassination of Charlie Kirk" was excellent, perfect. Thank you so much for publishing this. I am going to cancel my subscription to The Herald, and subscribe to your fine paper.

Warm regards,  
Katie Byrne, Bayville

### DEMOCRATS' PLAN WOULD RESTORE GIVEAWAYS TO ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS

To the Editor;

House Republicans did our job. We passed a clean, no-strings funding bill to keep the government open. Democrats? They've now voted three times in a row to keep it closed.

Why? Because they demanded to roll back provisions that protect Medicaid for American citizens and stop states from funneling taxpayer money to illegal immigrants. According to watchdog reports, nearly 1,000 illegals with criminal or terrorist records already received Medicaid benefits—and those are just the ones we know of. Biden's open border has brought in more than 5 million asylum seekers, making them eligible for taxpayer-funded health care.

Democrats' plan would restore those giveaways. When they say "cancel the cuts," they mean restoring free health care for illegal aliens. And that's just the beginning: their \$1.5 trillion proposal also funneled money into radical media projects and climate schemes overseas while cutting historic investments in rural health care.

This shutdown has real consequences:

- Families and seniors face delays in Social Security and Medicare services, while food assistance programs like WIC and SNAP risk running dry.
- Veterans and Law Enforcement are asked to serve without pay, putting safety and benefits on the line.
- Travelers will endure longer lines, delays, and closures at national parks and airports—costing our economy \$1 billion per week.
- Farmers and homeowners lose certainty, especially during hurricane season, with programs like flood insurance left in limbo.

The last major shutdown permanently cost taxpayers \$3 billion in lost economic output. Every day Democrats prolong this crisis, the damage grows.

Republicans are united. We delivered a clean bill to keep the government open. Democrats chose a shutdown for their base—not for the American people.

Rep. Nick LaLota



Nick LaLota

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## Op-Ed: This is the way to save Social Security

By STEVE LEVY

When the Social Security system was established in 1935, it had 42 workers for every retiree. Today, the ratio is a mere 2-to-3. At this rate, the system must reduce benefits to every retiree by about 21% in 2033 if nothing is done to shore it up.

Proposed fixes include significant tax increases on all taxpayers, raising the retirement age and further taxing Social Security recipients. Each of these options would be painful.

There is a better way.

For decades, some analysts have recommended allowing for investment of at least some Social Security funds in the stock market, as opposed to very conservative Treasury notes.

Unfortunately, this suggestion has dead-ended, primarily because of the irrational fear that any investment in equities would inject too much risk into the stability of the Social Security trust funds.

Even officials supporting investment diversity hold back, fearing claims from the opposition party or media that the pro-investment officials are seeking to risk or cut the Social Security payments for millions of Americans.

A quick analysis clearly proves that these concerns about system losses resulting from stock investments are

totally unfounded. In fact, it is shocking how much money has been lost to the system over the past 20 years because of the overly cautious investment schemes propagated by those managing the Social Security trust funds.

Despite the market's most volatile times, such as the aftermath of 9/11, the pandemic or the real estate crash of 2007, had the trust funds been invested in a Standard & Poor's index fund in 2005, they would now be flush with \$6.4 trillion more than they are. Privatizing just 25% of the funds would have resulted in an additional \$13,775 per person.

In 2005, the Social Security trust funds held \$1.81 trillion. In 2025, the funds were at \$2.8 trillion. This is an increase of 55.6%, a paltry 2.2% per annum.

Meanwhile, the Standard and Poor's Index rose an average of 9.82% over that period. The index was 1,181 in January 2005. By January of this year, it was 5,979, an astonishing 406% increase.

There are two ways to seek greater returns through the market to strengthen the Social Security system. One mirrors that prescribed by former presidential candidate Steve Forbes, whereby younger Americans would be empowered to have greater control over the taxes they lay out for the Social Security system.



Steve Levy

Instead of all their FICA taxes going to the government, a portion could remain under the control of individuals, who could open their own 401(k)-type account that would grow over the years.

Concerns regarding a potential wipe-out of the pension funds are unfounded because the money isn't all invested or withdrawn at the same time, and the performance in a single year is not make-or-break.

Versions of this program have been successfully implemented in other nations, including Sweden and Australia:

If a person began contributing to Sweden's Premium Pension system in 2005 and invested in the default government-managed fund, their money would have grown substantially over the past 20 years, averaging about 14% annual returns. In some standout years, such as 2021, 2023 and 2024, the fund returned 31.5%, 18.4% and 27.3%, respectively.

The other option, taking a portion of the fund reserves and placing it in a stock market index fund, is not new. It was one of several recommendations proposed in a federal panel, the Social Security Advisory Council, in 1996.

Had we adopted those proposals in the 1990s, or even in 2005, as suggested, the trust fund would have been far richer today, alleviating the need for panic.

Since then, the reserves have slowly been depleting. They peaked at approximately \$2.908 trillion in 2020, declining to approximately \$2.721 trillion in 2024, a depletion of approximately \$187 billion in just four years. Consequently, immediate action is required.

New York's flush pension fund has grown exponentially more than the Social Security fund. That's because its sole fiduciary, the state comptroller, diversifies the fund's investments. Bonds constitute a mere 22.07% of the overall assets, and real estate investments diversify the portfolio even more.

Despite investing 57% of the fund in equities, the state has never reached a point where the fund was in jeopardy. The rates of return for the New York Pension System from 2005 to 2025 were relatively healthy, at 4.2%, as opposed to 2.2% from Social Security. In 2023-2024, the fund brought in a more than 11% return.

A typical portfolio adviser will recommend that senior citizens place the majority of their money in safe bonds but have at least some funds in higher-growth options to expand the aggregate while hedging against downturns.

That's the route our government should take.

Even if we had started with just 25% of the trust funds invested in a Standard and Poor's index, it would solve many of the problems plaguing the system.

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## Op-Ed: The Security Industry's Blind Spot - Management

By PIERRE ALCANTARA

The global security industry is one of the fastest-growing sectors in the world. Driven by rising crime rates, growing urbanization, and heightened awareness of personal and property safety, the demand for private security services continues to soar.

Despite its growth and importance, the security industry faces a significant shortfall that undermines its effectiveness: the lack of skilled management with proper knowledge on how to lead security personnel.

Security guards are not just accessories to infrastructure; they provide an invaluable service. Their visibility, conduct, responsiveness, and professionalism directly shape how clients perceive the quality of security service.

Yet the managers responsible for leading and developing these frontline workers are often underprepared, undertrained, and sometimes entirely unequipped for the role.

Management in many security firms tends to focus narrowly on the logistics of the day-to-day, for example, scheduling posts and special assignments. This oper-

ational mindset leaves little room for strategic thinking or talent development, resulting in low morale, high turnover, and inconsistent quality of service.

Skilled management is critical in any industry, but in security, its importance is magnified. Guards are frequently placed in high-pressure environments where they must use discretion, maintain professionalism, and respond quickly to incidents. Without strong managerial support, guards are more likely to become disengaged, reactive, and prone to burnout.

Moreover, the lack of a clear career path or professional development plan often leads guards to view their roles as "temporary jobs" rather than long-term careers. Effective managers can help change this perception by mentoring, providing feedback, recognizing achievements, and offering growth opportunities.

Some ways to Strengthen Management in the Security Industry:

Enhanced Training & Development: Security companies must invest in continuous management training. This should include people management, conflict resolution, motivation strategies,

performance evaluation, and leadership development. Many managers are promoted from within without formal training in these areas, leaving them ill-prepared to effectively guide and inspire their teams;

Stronger Accountability Systems: Upper management must ensure managers are held accountable for their actions. Too often, poor leadership behaviors—such as favoritism, neglect, or retaliation—go unchecked. Establishing clear accountability measures not only promotes fairness but also builds trust among security staff;

Shaping a Positive Culture: The security industry often struggles with the "Golem Effect," where low expectations from leaders result in poor performance

from staff. To counter this, organizations should foster a culture of encouragement and recognition. Simple gestures of appreciation and consistent positive reinforcement can significantly boost morale, confidence, and overall performance.

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Pierre Alcantara

## Mill Neck Manor's Apple Festival

October 11 & 12, 9am-4pm, the Apple Festival has been a beloved tradition for more than six decades, drawing thousands of Long Island families year after year. It holds a special place in the hearts of Mill Neck Manor alumni and members of the Long Island Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing community, who see it as an annual "homecoming". This year's festival promises to capture the essence of the fall season; showcasing an assortment of

apple varieties, Karl Ehmer specialty meats, a wide variety of gourmet cheeses, plenty of mouth-watering baked goods, jams and preserves, fudge, and strudel. Also local vendors showcasing their handmade quality crafts, apparel, wood-working products, and jewelry.

All proceeds from the festival support the Mill Neck Family of Organizations. Mill Neck Manor is located at 40 Frost Mill Road, Mill Neck.



# Locust Valley Garden Club Members Create Japanese Flower Art



*Allyn Swenson Adams and Terri Swenson  
having fun. Note the hammers.*

BY DAGMAR FORS KARPPI

The Community Room at the Locust Valley Library was unusually noisy recently. “All you could hear was the pounding of hammers as members worked to extract color from flower petals, in the Japanese art of pounding flowers— Tataki-zome,” said Sallie McNeill Rynd, Locust Valley Garden Club president. She wanted to thank Heritage Farm and Garden, for donating the Pansies and Violas needed for the process. Using the correct flowers is crucial to the success of the art. Roses, ferns and mint also work great, she added.

The remaining Pansies were planted in Barbara's garden located on the third tier of the Locust Valley Library, that the garden club maintains throughout the year.

Program Director Jane Benstock organized the centuries old Japanese art form, and showed a video to members to see how fresh flowers and plants are pounded onto fabric or paper to transfer their natural pigments onto a medium, creating one-of-a-kind prints and patterns.

The natural dyes in the plant create the designs. They can be made permanent with the use of a mordant like alum, or they can be allowed to fade over time.

Member Kassie Miller used the technique earlier, when she visited her family in Trinidad. She took flowers from their garden and pounded the pigments onto a skirt and a blouse, that she wore that day, as an example.

President Rynd brought along a white t-shirt and pounded the colors onto it with great results.

Member Irene Duque created a Birthday card for a friend. It was lovely and demonstrated her skill as an artist. She added just a few ink touches to make the piece come alive.

Besides working on this project this month, members continued to



*Locust Valley Garden Club members hold up their Pounded Flowers artworks.*

**Photos: Ronnie Feeg**

maintain Barbara's Garden at the library and the Raynham Hall Museum's historic reproduction as an 18th and 19th century garden in Oyster Bay.

The LVGC meets the third Wednesday of the month in the Community Room of the Locust Valley Library. Meetings include a program and luncheon for a donation of \$15. Doors open at 10 a.m. New members are always welcome.

At the next meeting the garden club is continuing their artistic projects with "Seashell Decoupage Art". Wednesday, Oct. 15 should be great fun day, with its theme of a "Scary Luncheon," chaired by Eileen Keating. Costumes



*Susan Keller of Port Washington and Barbara De Martini working on their projects.*



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We will identify wasteful spending, and operate our city like a professional business. Priorities will include a revitalized downtown, reducing tax-breaks for developers and generating revenue streams that do not burden taxpayers such as the recently imposed sewer lateral fee or the water infrastructure charges.

## TRANSPARENCY

Standard operating procedures are a vital component of a well-run business. The city does not have enough across all departments. We will do a day-one review and ensure that all city processes are fair for staff, residents and business owners. We will govern proactively with longer term planning.

## ACCOUNTABILITY

We will base decisions on reputable data, another hallmark of a well-run business that is not always evident in our city now. Residents need to know why one financial decision is made versus another, and it should come down to the data and the facts, not who you know.

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## Tribute and Honor Announces 2026 Honorees



The board members and honorees of the Tribute and Honor Foundation  
Photos: Tribute and Honor Foundation

**By VICTORIA CROSBY**

The 2026 honorees of the Tribute and Honor Foundation were recently announced at The North Shore Historical Museum in Glen Cove.

President of the organization, Gaitley Stevenson-Mathews, welcomed veterans, volunteers and board members of the Tribute and Honor Foundation and the North Shore Historical Museum. The fifth annual awards ceremony will be held at the Crescent Beach Club in Bayville on February 7, 2026.

Vice president of the Tribute and Honor Foundation, Harold Bolocci, acknowledged the elected officials and leaders of the community, including Mayor Pam Panzenbeck and members of the Glen Cove City Council.

The Pledge of Allegiance was let by boy scout troop 6, and Charlotte Dilgard-Clark sang the National Anthem.

Refreshments were provided by volunteers and The Atria Glen Cove and the Regency at Glen Cove Assisted Living.

The 2026 honorees are Peter Carbone, Robert Freeland, Owen Valance, Simone Renaud, Philip Como, Long Island Cares, and Scott Whitting.

Sponsorship opportunities are available. For further information visit [www.tributeandhonorfoundation.org](http://www.tributeandhonorfoundation.org).



Gaitley Stevenson-Mathews and Mayor Pam Panzenbeck

## Glen Cove High School Students Earn National Merit Recognition



Peyton Angalet, Nicolas Chicvak, and Saoirse Fiedor  
Photo: GCCSD

Three Glen Cove High School seniors have been recognized for their outstanding academic achievement on the 2024 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT). Peyton Angalet, Nicolas Chicvak, and Saoirse Fiedor each received a Letter of Commendation from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC).

This distinction is awarded to students who place among the top 50,000 scorers nationwide out of more than 1.3 million students who took the exam. Commended Students are recognized for their exceptional academic promise and achievement.

Superintendent Dr. Alexa Doeschner praised the students saying, “This recognition shows their academic excellence and hard work. We are very proud of Peyton, Nicholas, and Saoirse for representing Glen Cove at such a high level.”

The Glen Cove City School District congratulates Peyton, Nicolas, and Saoirse on this impressive honor and wishes them continued success in their academic journeys. The District also thanks their guidance counselors, Alyssa Andersen and Kristi McAuliffe, Principal Allen Hudson III, and Assistant Principal Victoria Franco for their continued guidance and support.

## North Hempstead to Host Annual Howl-O-Ween Dog Festival & Costume Contest

North Hempstead Town Supervisor Jennifer DeSena and the Town Board invite residents and their dogs to attend Howl-O-Ween on Sunday, October 19, from 12 to 3 p.m. at the Michael J. Tully Park Dog Park in New Hyde Park.

“With our newly upgraded dog park, North Hempstead is primed for another tail-wagging Howl-O-Ween event,” Supervisor DeSena said. “I know I’ll be bringing my dog Sandy, and I can’t wait to see all the fun costumes and canines!”

Howl-O-Ween is a fun-filled afternoon with music, crafts, creative costumes, giveaways, and more. Pet owners are invited to celebrate Halloween with their furry friends: there will be a costume contest for the best pet costume and the best pet/owner duo, with prizes given to the winners. All dogs must be leashed during the event. Registration is not required.

This will be the first Howl-O-Ween at the newly renovated Tully Dog Park. This Spring, the Town of North Hempstead officially reopened Tully Dog Park after extensive upgrades added 3,200 square feet of turf in which dogs can run and play.

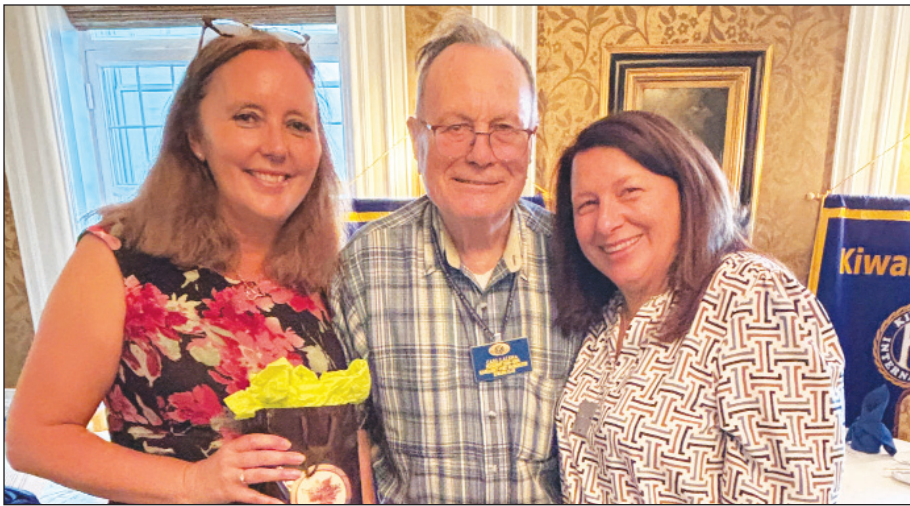
The Tully Dog Park features two separate areas, one for small dogs and one for larger dogs, both made of a combination of turf and pea gravel. It includes water stations for both dogs and owners, bag dispensers, waste stations, as well as benches. There is a tunnel, jump obstacles, and other play equipment for dogs to enjoy. Most of the uncomfortable stone surfaces have also been replaced with new turf. Funds for the renovations came from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

Michael J. Tully Park is located at 1801 Evergreen Ave, New Hyde Park, NY 11040. For more information, call (516) 869-6311 or 311.



Clever costumes

## U.S. Navy veteran Carl Lalena Celebrates His 99th Birthday

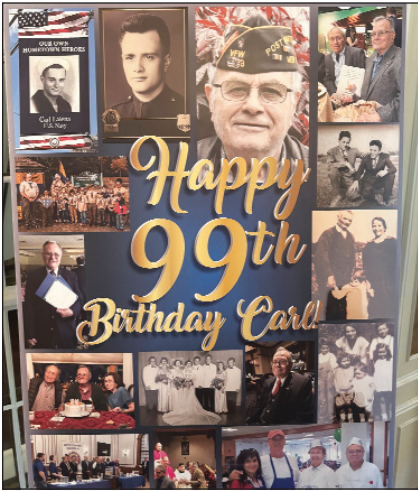


Delia DeRiggi-Whitton, Carl Lalena and Mariann Dalimonte

September 26th, Nassau County Legislature Minority Leader Delia DeRiggi-Whitton (D Glen Cove) and Councilwoman Mariann Dalimonte joined the community in celebrating U.S. Navy and World War II veteran Carl Lalena’s 99th birthday.

“What a pleasure it was to join U.S. Navy veteran Carl Lalena today at his 99th birthday celebration! You have given so much to our country through your military service and our community at the Kiwanis Club of Manhasset-Port Washington, and we all wish you many more happy and healthy returns on the day.” stated Delia DeRiggi-Whitton.

Photos: Delia DeRiggi-Whitton





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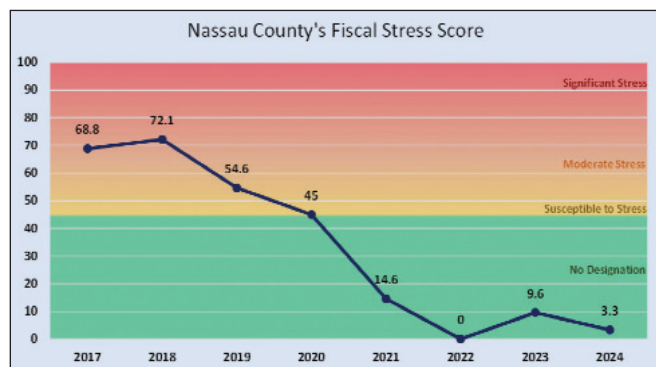
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# NYS Comptroller Says Nassau County in Strong Fiscal Health



*Nassau Fiscal Stress Scores Dropping (courtesy NYS Comptroller)*

(Continued from page 3)

“Our continued bond upgrades and solid fiscal foundation allow Nassau County to invest in critical services, infrastructure, and programs while maintaining balanced budgets and avoiding property tax increases and clearly indicates that the County should not be in a NIFA control period,” noted Phillips.

Over the past 3 1/2 years, Nassau County has earned seven bond upgrades from major Wall Street rating agencies.

Nassau County now holds “strong” ratings from Standards & Poors (AA, Stable), Fitch (AA, Stable), and Moody’s (Aa2, Stable).

These upgrades provide tangible benefits to taxpayers by lowering borrowing costs for key capital projects, including infrastructure improvements,

parks, and public facilities.

The Office of the State Comptroller (OSC) determines scores for each county, city, town and village within New York based on key financial indicators including year-end fund balance, operating deficits/surpluses, cash position, use of debt issuance

Nassau's low "fiscal stress" score reflects strong reserves, balanced operations, and a stable financial position—factors that Nassau County continues to demonstrate.

Nassau Comptroller Elaine Phillips is the fiscal manager and watchdog to protect the taxpayers and residents of Nassau County.

Information on the Fiscal Stress Monitoring System, and the local government's scores can be accessed at <https://wwe1.osc.state.ny.us/localgov/fiscalmonitoring/fsms.cfm>.

The Nassau County Comptroller's Office can be contacted at: <https://www.nassaucountyny.gov/1590/County-Comptroller> or emailed at [nccomptroller@nassaucountyny.gov](mailto:nccomptroller@nassaucountyny.gov).

# Locust Valley's Fall Fair

## Fun Time for All



*Artist Nancy Weber Aranda  
with her watercolor paintings.*



*Children enjoying the pumpkin toss  
bounce house.*

The Locust Valley Chamber of Commerce held its Annual Fall Fair Saturday, October 4th. The weather was beautiful for the sidewalk sale shoppers, and all the activities in Thomas Park.



*There were alpacas to pet.*  
**Photos: Patricia Brexel**



*Tara and Melissa from the Grenville Baker Boys and Girls Club.*

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**County Legislator Samantha Goetz is working to protect the North Shore.** Samantha is focused on stopping Hochul's push for overdevelopment and high-density housing that directly threatens our tree-lined streets, schools, and community resources like sanitation and water. At the same time, Samantha and County Executive Bruce Blakeman are increasing police patrols so response time is faster in an emergency.

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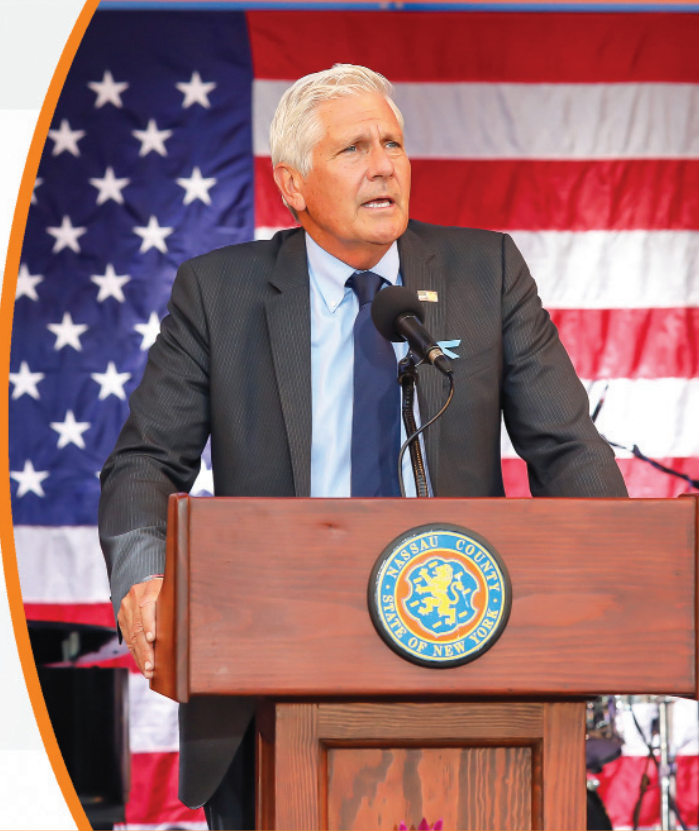
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When County Executive Bruce Blakeman took office, he inherited a budget with over \$150 million in property tax hikes scheduled by the previous administration. Bruce recognized the burden these tax increases would place on Nassau County families and residents, so Bruce made it his mission to kill these tax hikes and deliver a no-tax-increase budget that prioritizes affordability for homeowners.

 **FOUR BUDGETS, NO TAX HIKES**

As County Executive, Bruce Blakeman has delivered four-straight budgets with no tax increases while prioritizing your safety, well-being, and economic stability. Bruce has hired 300 new police officers to keep our streets safe and made additional investments in our parks, roadways, and community services to improve the quality of life for all Nassau County residents.



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On Election Day, Tuesday, November 4th...  
**Re-Elect County Executive Bruce Blakeman**  
**Re-Elect District Attorney Anne Donnelly**  
**Re-Elect County Comptroller Elaine Phillips**  
**Re-Elect County Clerk Maureen O'Connell**



# Glen Cove Student Represents Community at Historic Ceremony in Washington, D.C.



Some of the artifacts, and uniforms of the Harlem Hellfighters
Photos:GCCSD

Glen Cove High School student Benjamin Napolitano was invited to Washington, D.C., as a student representative of Glen Cove to attend the Congressional Gold Medal ceremony honoring the Harlem Hellfighters. Benjamin’s invitation followed his role delivering the Inaugural Rho Kappa speech at the Glen Cove Memorial Day Parade.

The event carried special significance for Glen Cove, as 40 Harlem Hellfighters were from the community. For years, their extraordinary bravery in World War I went unrecognized. Local veterans, including Major Fred Nielsen, raised concerns about this neglect, and Congressman Tom Suozzi, himself a Glen Cove native, championed legislation to secure long-overdue recognition.

Signed into law by President Biden in 2021, the Harlem Hellfighters Congressional Gold Medal Act culminated in this historic ceremony at the U.S. Capitol.

Reflecting on the experience, Benjamin shared, “I was incredibly grateful to have been invited to such a historic ceremony at the Capitol building. Being there and hearing all the speakers talk about the Harlem Hellfighters, I realized I didn’t fully know the sheer depth and history surrounding their brave and heroic service in WWI until I heard about the lengths they went to, coupled with their accomplishments in such a grizzly conflict that they were barely acknowledged for during their lifetime. They were the longest consecutive serving regiment in the United States Army for active combat with 191 straight days of no ground given and no man captured. Now, 100 years later, their families have a symbol to honor their legacy.”

At the ceremony, Benjamin was pictured with Congressman Suozzi, Sheryl Goodine of Glen Cove, and Major Nielsen, and he returned with a program for Glen Cove High School Principal Allen Hudson III.

The district is proud that



Benjamin Napolitano and Major Nielsen

Benjamin represented Glen Cove at this momentous occasion, connecting the community’s history with a national recognition of courage, sacrifice, and service.



Benjamin, Tom Suozzi, and Sheryl Goodine.

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## Free Family Halloween Portraits at Huntington Village



Nora Garcia and Iris De Vita

This Halloween, families in Huntington Village can enjoy a sweet treat beyond ice cream. On October 31st, a complimentary Halloween portrait session will be presented by Golden Iris, the creative brand founded by photographer and publicist Iris De Vita. The event will take place at Ben & Jerry’s at 298 Main Street, where families dressed in costume can stop by for a professional portrait and receive one free digital image by email. Pets are welcome as well!

This Halloween, families enjoying the Huntington Village Halloween Parade can stop into Ben & Jerry’s on Main Street for a special treat beyond ice cream: a free professional portrait by Golden Iris Photography.

Local photographer Iris De Vita, owner of Golden Iris, is offering complimentary digital images to families and individuals in costume on Halloween Day. Each guest will receive one free digital photo, emailed directly after the event.

“As someone who raised my kids here in Huntington, I’ve always loved Halloween and the spirit of community it brings,” said De Vita. “This is my way of giving back to the town that means so much to me. I’m excited to capture families making special memories together.”

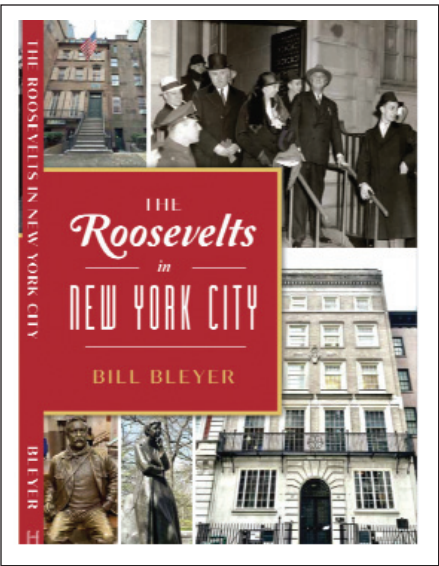
In addition to the free photos, Golden Iris Photography is extending a 10% discount on holiday portrait sessions booked by November 15, 2025.

The event is made possible through a community partnership with Ben & Jerry’s Huntington Village, who generously opened their space for the photo opportunity.



Ben & Jerry’s

## “The Roosevelts” Book Launch with OBay Historical Society



“The Roosevelts in New York City” book cover (courtesy OBHS)

BY LEADER STAFF

Local author and activist Bill Bleyer is holding a book launch event for the publication of his seventh book, “The Roosevelts in New York City.”

The book launch party will be held on Sunday, October 12th, at 1:00 PM, at the Life Enrichment Center at 45 East Main Street in Oyster Bay.

The event is free and is being co-sponsored by the Oyster Bay Historical Society and Theodore’s Books.

The fundraiser is for the benefit of the Historical Society, with Theodore’s

Books donating 10% of all book sale revenue to the society.

The event will feature a lecture by the author, Bill Bleyer followed by book sales and a signing. Refreshments will be served.

Bleyer was a staff writer for Newsday for 33 years specializing in history and maritime issues before retiring in 2014 to write books and freelance.

He is the author of “The Sinking of the Steamboat Lexington on Long Island Sound;” and “George Washington’s Long Island Spy Ring: A History and Tour Guide.”

The Historical Society asks people to pre-register at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdZAAgbTZ4fne9XH0soI9ohSwAsvJ4QTQb9ulKcXRfE0-wljQ/viewform?usp=header>



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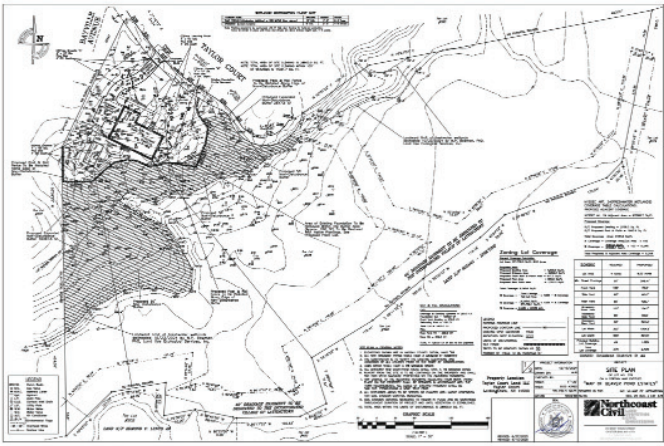


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## Seven Locust Valley Students Earn National Merit Recognition



(L-R) Locust Valley High School seniors Adhvaith Sreenivas, Evan Rafiy, Abigail Vuong, Evie Bergman, Eunseo Choi, Justin Kwok and Grant Creedon were recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Competition for their PSAT/NMSQT exams.

Photo: LVCS
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Locust Valley High School was well represented on the 71st Annual National Merit Scholarship Competition, with five students named semi-finalists and two earning commended student status. Seniors Evie Bergman, Eunseo Choi, Grant Creedon, Justin Kwok and Abigail Vuong are among 16,000 semi-finalists of the over 1.3 million students who

entered the scholarship program by excelling on the PSAT/NMSQT exams. These students have the opportunity to continue in the competition for 6,930 National Merit Scholarships worth nearly \$26 million. Fellow seniors Evan Rafiy and Adhvaith Sreenivas were recognized as commended students for their academic promise.

## Friends of the Bay to Host eDNA Presentation



Dr. Liz Suter

“From Microbes to Megafauna: How eDNA is shaping Oceanography” will be the topic of Friends of the Bay’s next presentation in its “Environmental News and Brews” series on Wednesday, October 15, at 6:00 pm.

Dr. Liz Suter, associate professor at Molloy University, will discuss how Environmental DNA (eDNA) fingerprinting allows scientists to uncover the secret lives of ocean organisms, from the tiniest microbes to the largest whales, giving us powerful new ways to understand and protect the marine environment.

This free presentation will take place at 6 p.m. at the Oyster Bay Brewing Company located at 36 Audrey Ave., Oyster Bay.

Registration is required at [www.friendsofthebay.org/events](http://www.friendsofthebay.org/events). For more information contact: Christine Suter, 516-922-6666.

The mission of Friends of the Bay is to preserve, protect and restore the ecological integrity and productivity of the Oyster Bay/Cold Spring Harbor Estuary and the surrounding watershed

## “Slimes by Sydney” Hosting Event on October 13th

By THOMAS NOTHEL

Imagine plunging your hands into a bucket of gooey slime – and being pleasantly surprised by the gentle massage-like texture and pleasant smell of the custom-crafted mix that relaxes and soothes your hands and muscles, and calms your senses.

That is what “Slimes by Sydney” is all about: a vibrant handmade slime brand, founded by a young entrepreneur, Sydney Stark.

Slime has a squishy texture. The soft, squishy texture provides gentle resistance to your hands. Slime combines touch, sight, and even smell. The soft, squishy texture provides gentle resistance to your hands; it doesn’t act like a



Sydney Stark

NY on Monday, October 13th, from 2:00 – 3:30 PM.

The event will feature Exclusive Slime-Making Workshops; a chance to shop seasonal slimes favorites; interactive crafting stations; and a family-friendly atmosphere designed to inspire creativity and sensory play

Slimes by Sydney began as a young girl’s after-school hobby, and grew into a beloved small business known for its imaginative, seasonal, and delightfully scented creations.

“Slime is more than just a toy, it’s an experience. I love creating textures, colors, and scents that spark happiness and creativity for kids of all ages,” stated Sydney. “Partnering with Krafty Hands, a place that has been bringing families together for decades makes this event even more meaningful.”

At the heart of Krafty Hands’ mission is Education through Art.

“Our mission for these special events is to highlight creative entrepreneurs in the studio and bring them front and center for the surrounding communities,” said Carly Meyer, owner of Education through Art. “Sydney embodies that spirit, and we’re thrilled to showcase her talent to families here on Long Island.”



Handling the slim

typical solid or liquid. It flows under low pressure but resists when you squeeze or pull it quickly.

Sydney designs slimes with scents, glitter and many colors. The soft, squishy texture provides gentle resistance to your hands; it doesn’t act like a typical solid or liquid. It flows under low pressure but resists when you squeeze or pull it quickly.

Sydney will be hosting a special “pop-up experience” at the “Krafty Hands” location at 49 Ira Road, Syosset,



The Slime by Sydney being pulled

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## Oyster Bay High School Student Earns National Merit Recognition

Oyster Bay High School is proud to announce that senior Julia Milos has been recognized as a Commended Student by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. This prestigious honor is awarded to students who rank among the top 50,000 scorers nationwide on the 2023 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT).

While Commended Students do not advance to the Finalist level, their performance on the exam demonstrates outstanding academic achievement and places them in an elite group of students across the country. Oyster Bay High School congratulates Julia on this significant accomplishment and wishes her continued success.



Julia Milos  
Photo: OB-ENCSD

## Huntington's Varsity Field Hockey Team on the Move

The Blue Devil varsity field hockey team has won five of its last six games, including a 2-0 shutout of visiting Centereach last Friday night at Alumni Field.

The recent streak has included wins over Commack (5-0), Bay Shore/Islip (1-0), Riverhead (1-0), Half Hollow Hills (4-0) and Centereach. The only loss during the stretch came at home to Walt Whitman, 3-2. The game saw Huntington rally from a three goal deficit.

Coached by Kathy Wright and Allison Conlon, Huntington has regular season games remaining with Lindenhurst, North Baylon, Ward Melville, Northport and Connetquot.

The Blue Devils scored twice in the first period against Centereach and made the advantage hold up as the two teams went scoreless the rest of the way.

Caroline Mitek and Norah Golden both tallied one goal and one assist. Katie



Caroline Mitek



Katie Cocoman  
Photos: Darin Reed

Cocoman had three saves in the cage. It was the senior's sixth shutout of the fall.

Mitek leads the Blue Devils with 12 goals and four assists, including a season high four goals and an assist against Copiague and three goals and an assist against Commack.

Golden has notched two goals and four assists. Cocoman has 61 saves this season in 10 games. Cocoman stopped a season high 15 shots against Walt Whitman. The Blue Devils are now 6-4.

## St. John's of Lattingtown Welcomes Priest in Charge

By Victoria Crosby

The Rev. Molly Jane Layton is the new Priest in Charge at St. John's of Lattingtown. She is a graduate of Virginia Theological Seminary with a master's degree in divinity, a master's in private school leadership from Columbia University, and a master's in classics from Cornell University. She taught history and classics at Tabor Academy in Merion Massachusetts, and the Brooklyn Prospect Charter School. Her most recent position was Associate Rector at Calvary St. George's in New York City.

The Vestry of St. John's announced the new leadership by stating, "Molly's ministry had already been enriched by a wide scope of service; from launching a weekly ministry to feed the homeless in Washington DC, to writing and editing recourses for The Living Church, to leading devotions for young adult ministries and supporting major capital campaigns. Rev. Layton brings



Rev. Molly Jane Layton

with her a vibrant combination of pastoral gifts, teaching experience and spiritual leadership."

The St. John's community welcomes Rev. Layton, her husband Andrew and eighteen-month-old son Caleb.

## St. Gertrude's Church To Host Italian Night

Italian Night at St. Gertrude's Parrish Center, Saturday October 18th, 6:00 PM till 10:00 PM, \$75.00 per person.

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Massimiliano Barbolini, and Claudio Mattiolo

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## Obituaries

**DESTEFANIS**, Angela, on October 6, 2025, age 97, of Bayville. Beloved wife of the late Alfred A., D.S.S. Loving mother of Ronald (Susan), Kenneth (Linda), Robert (Willie), Alfred Jr. (Christine), and Carl (Debbie). Cherished grandmother of Brandy Amodio (Phillip), Carl (Pamela), Erin Phelps (Joel), Kohl, Gia Oswald (Tommy), Angela, Danielle, Matthew, Rachel, and Lauren. Proud great grandmother of Ryan Amodio, Nova, Owen Phelps, Jack Oswald, Leo, Caleb Phelps and Quinn Oswald. Dear Sister of the late Rose Serra (Harold) Also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. In lieu of flowers donations can be made in her memory to the Bayville Public Library, 34 School St Unit B, Bayville, NY 11709. [www.oysterbayfuneralhome.com](http://www.oysterbayfuneralhome.com)

**MULLER**, Susan M., on Sep. 25, 2025, age 63, of Syosset, NY. Beloved wife of the late Anthony. Cherished daughter of Ruth and the late John Johnson. Dear sister of John Johnson, Jr. Devoted aunt of Arianna Johnson. Also survived by many loving relatives and friends. Funeral Services are private. A Memorial Service will be held at a later date to be announced. [www.oysterbayfuneralhome.com](http://www.oysterbayfuneralhome.com)

**TAYLOR**, Vincent P. of Glen Cove, on September 27, 2025 at Age 59. Loving husband of Nereida. Beloved father of Yolanda (Keith), Joslynn & Jasmine. Proud grandfather of Keionna, Keith Jr. & Carter. Adored great-grandfather of Mila. Dear brother of 6. Also survived by many loving nieces & nephews. Visitation Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home, Glen Cove on Friday, October 3, 2025 from 4-8pm.

Interment at Queen of Peace Cemetery. [www.DodgeThomas.com](http://www.DodgeThomas.com)

**VALENCIA**, Mirian of Glen Cove, NY on October 2, 2025 at Age 59.

Beloved wife of Miguel. Loving mother of Mitchell “fiance Natalia”. Dear sister of 12. Also survived by many loving nieces, nephews and cousins. Interment is Private. [www.DodgeThomas.com](http://www.DodgeThomas.com)

**WENZ**, Max Gottlob, a cherished member of the Glen Head community, passed away on October 1, 2025, at the age of 95. Born on July 15, 1930, in Jamaica, NY, Max lived a life filled with love, family, and commitment to his passions. He was the devoted husband of the late Lambarta Wenz, who predeceased him after 63 wonderful years of marriage. Max was a proud Marine veteran, having served as a 1st Lieutenant. His service to his country reflected his loyalty and courage, values he carried throughout his life.

Max was not only a successful businessman, owning the beloved G. Wenz and Son Jewelry Company in New York but also a dedicated family man. He is survived by his loving daughter Karen Wenz, his son Carlton (Diane) Wenz, and cherished grandchildren: Courtney, Andrew, Danielle (Jimmy), Stefanie (David), and Eric. He also leaves behind a great-grandson, James Lorenzo. Max is also predeceased by his mother, Helene Wenz, and father, Gottlob Wenz, along with his dear sister, Helen Rieger.

Max found joy in nurturing his yard, and he was passionate about the outdoors. He also enjoyed playing golf and tennis, sharing these pastimes with friends and family. Known for his kindness and nurturing spirit, he was a loving “dog father” to Jackson, his faithful companion.

Max Gottlob Wenz will be remembered fondly by all who knew him. His legacy of love, resilience, and dedication to family and friends will live on in the hearts of those he touched.

Donations in Max’s name can be made to the American Heart Association. [www.Whitting.com](http://www.Whitting.com)

## Open House October 11th at the Bayville Fire House

The Bayville Fire Company is hosting an Open House & Fire Prevention Day, Saturday October 11th, from 11:00AM - 3:00PM. Come visit the firehouse, meet firefighters, and enjoy a fun day. Food and drinks are provided along with really cool stuff for kids. Admission is free and all are welcome.

Throughout the entire month of October, the men and women of the Bayville Fire Company visit schools around the Village schools, visiting school after school each week to give our kids the opportunity to see the men and women firefighters talking about and teaching them Fire Safety. During the school visits, the kids are all gathered around to see all of the gear our fighters need in case of a fire. They get the chance to see the gear, hear and see different smoke detectors and the fire trucks.

The Bayville Fire Company No.1 makes Fire Prevention Week fun and



Come and meet Pookie!

exciting in the way all ages can learn to understand the safety of fire.

Start of Fire Prevention Week was established to commemorate the devastating Great Chicago Fire. Began on October 8, 1871.

The Bayville Fire house is located at 258 Bayville Avenue.

## Blood Drive/Pancake Breakfast at St. Gertrude’s Church

New York Blood Center is holding a Urgent Blood Drive at the St. Gertrude’s Parish Center, 28 School Street, Bayville. Sunday October 19th, from 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM. The Knights of Columbus will be serving a *FREE* delicious Pancake Breakfast to all who participate.

Appointments are preferred however walk-ins are welcome. Contact Ed Willie at 516-776-0743 or [EJWillie@gmail.com](mailto:EJWillie@gmail.com) for more information.



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Public Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

At a Regular Meeting held September 8, 2025 by the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Locust Valley Fire District, the following RESOLUTION was adopted:

WHEREAS, the Locust Valley Fire District (LVFD) seeks to replace the existing 546 Ladder Truck and acquire a new Seagrave B-22 Capitol 75' Aerialscope Non-Quint Mid-Mount Platform apparatus (the "Ladder Truck"), and related tools and equipment, for the use in emergency response within the District; and

WHEREAS, the Locust Valley Fire District established an Equipment Reserve Account and set aside funds since 2005 in said account for the above stated purpose; and

WHEREAS, HGAC (Houston-Galveston Area Council), 3555 Timmons Lane, Suite 120, Houston, Texas, is a regional planning commission and political subdivision of the State of Texas which is authorized to contract with eligible entities and contractors for the purchase of goods and services, including fire apparatus such as ladder trucks and related tools and equipment; and

WHEREAS, HGAC has instituted a cooperative purchasing program, to serve as the designated purchasing agent, on behalf of participating end users, such as municipalities and fire districts, in connection with the competitive bidding process in the purchase of a ladder truck, and related tools and equipment; and

WHEREAS, HGAC is authorized to contract (HGAC Coop Contract #FS12-23) through manufacturer Seagrave Fire Apparatus, LLC (Seagrave), 105 East 12th Street, Clintonville, Wisconsin 54929-1518, for the sale of the above-mentioned Ladder Truck; and

WHEREAS, through the HGAC cooperative program, the Locust Valley

Fire District seeks to purchase from Seagrave, the new Ladder Truck, and related tools and equipment, for an amount not to exceed \$2,870,000, with funds payable from the Equipment Reserve Account and/or by the issuance of an authorized bond(s); and

WHEREAS, the HGAC cooperative purchasing program satisfies the requirements of the competitive bidding process of Article 5-A of the New York State General Municipal Law; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 5-A Public Contracts of the New York State General Municipal Law, Locust Valley Fire District seeks to enter into an agreement with Seagrave for the purchase of said new Ladder Truck,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Locust Valley Fire District is hereby authorized and directed to enter into an agreement with Seagrave for the purchase of the aforementioned new Ladder Truck, and related tools and equipment, and is further authorized to make payment for the abovementioned new Ladder Truck, and related tools and equipment, in an amount not to exceed \$2,870,000, upon presentation of a duly certified claim forms, after audit, with funds available from the Equipment Reserve Account and/or by the issuance of an authorized bond(s); and it be further

RESOLVED, That the Locust Valley Fire District hereby authorizes Commissioner Ralph Longo, and/or his designee, to enter into any purchase contract and to execute any other documentation necessary to facilitate the purchase of the new Ladder Truck; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this Resolution is subject to a permissive referendum, as required by New York State General Municipal Law.

James Bonislawski  
Secretary

LLC

Notice of formation of SANTA OF LONG ISLAND LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York SSNY on 07/18/2025. Office located in NASSAU. SSNY has been designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process served against the LLC 18 S 5TH STREET, LOCUST VALLEY, NY, 11560. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

LLC

Notice of formation of Lux IT Consulting LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York SSNY on 5/23/2024. Office located in Nassau. SSNY has been designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail copy of any process served against the LLC 41 High Farms Rd, Glen Head, Ny 11545. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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.

OysterFest 2025 is Coming on  
October 18-19th



Oyster Bay Supervisor Joe Saladino, Councilman Lou Imbroto, Town Clerk Rich LaMarca, Tax Receiver Jeff Pravato and the OBEN Chamber of Commerce Welcome You to Oyster Fest 2025

By LEADER STAFF

Oyster Bay Supervisor Joe Saladino has officially launched the first "Welcome" to OysterFest 2025.

The OysterFest is the the East Coast's largest waterfront festival, and will return this fall to the streets of downtown Oyster Bay. This year marks the 42nd annual OysterFest.

Saladino and his colleagues on the Town Board and organizers and sponsors of the 42nd Oyster Fest announced the return of the iconic seaside festival next weekend - on October 18th and 19th.

Supervisor Saladino, together with Councilman Lou Imbroto, Town Clerk Rich LaMarca and Receiver Jeff Pravato held a local press conference to formally launch the OysterFest season, and highlight their co-host for the OysterFest - Oyster Bay-East Norwich Chamber of Commerce.

And enjoy a taste of locally-grown oysters as a "pre-taste" of the bounty of the sea to be enjoyed at the OysterFest.

The Town officials, the Chamber of Commerce and several sponsors made the announcement along the waterfront at Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Park.

"The Oyster Fest showcases our beautiful Town and historic sites in Oyster Bay while helping to raise charitable funds for local non-profit organizations," stated Saladino. "So when you're eating an oyster from our water-

ways, drinking a beverage from the local brewing company, or shopping in our downtown, you can feel especially good knowing that a portion of your dollars supports local charities."

"We're also putting the local oyster back in Oyster Fest," added Saladino. "And we are thrilled that over a dozen Long Island oyster farmers are participating in this year's festival."

In addition to delicious food vendors, various merchandise exhibits, amusement rides and a waterfront family fun zone, this year's Oyster Festival will once again take

part in the Town's shell recycling program, through which the Town collects shells from local partners to strengthen the marine ecosystem.

Anyone interested in volunteering to take part in the shellfish recycling efforts during Oyster Fest can contact the Town's Department of Environmental Resources at (516) 677-5752, or email Environmental@oyster-bay-ny.gov.

The Oyster Festival is the East Coast's largest waterfront festival and attracts up to 200,000 people from all over the tristate area to Oyster Bay hamlet for this iconic event.

For more information on this year's Oyster Fest, which is taking place on the streets of Oyster Bay and throughout Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Park on Saturday and Sunday, October 18th and 19th, visit [www.theoysterfest.org](http://www.theoysterfest.org).



A plate full of fresh oysters

Public Notice

Public Meeting – Locust Valley Fire District

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

October 21, 2025 at 6:00 P.M.

The Public Hearing on the on the 2026 Budget of the Locust Valley Fire District shall commence as follows:

October 21, 2025 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



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