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September 20, 2025, the Matinecock Quaker Meeting House held a special event marking 300 years of unbroken worship, service, and fellowship at this historic Quaker Meeting House. Story on page 8.



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City of Glen Cove Achieves First Surplus Since 2017 and Earns “No Fiscal Stress” Rating from State Comptroller

The City of Glen Cove is proud to announce two significant milestones that underscore the city’s continued financial turnaround. For the year ending December 31, 2024, Glen Cove achieved its first accumulated surplus since 2017, closing the year with an \$87,556 positive balance. In addition, the New York State Comptroller’s Office, under Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli, has once again designated Glen Cove as having “No Fiscal Stress” based on their independent, objective review of the city’s financial results.



Pamela Panzenbeck

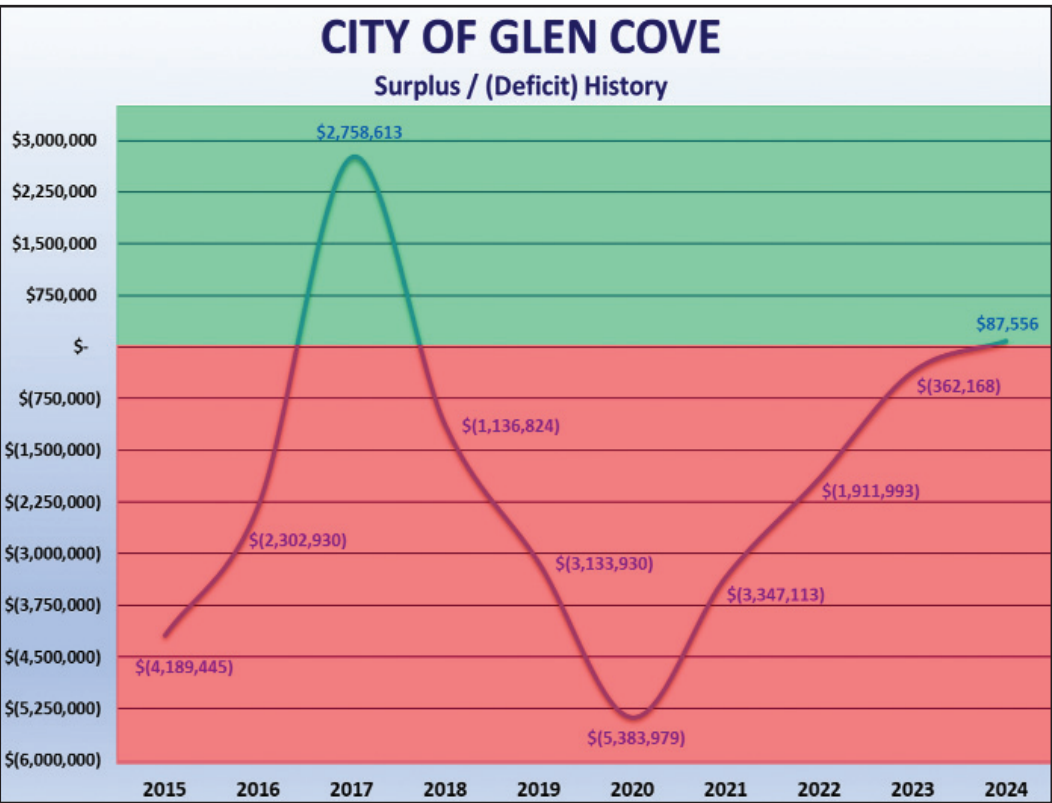
These results mark a dramatic improvement from years of deficit, with Glen Cove carrying negative balances from 2018 through 2023. Under the leadership of Mayor Pamela D. Panzenbeck, and thanks to the dedication of City Comptroller Michael Piccirillo and his team, as well as the collaboration of all city department heads, Glen Cove has steadily strengthened its finances—moving from a deficit of more than \$5 million in 2020 to today’s accumulated surplus.

“Glen Cove’s finances are stronger

than they have been in many years,” said Mayor Panzenbeck. “This accomplishment is a direct result of the teamwork, responsibility, and fiscal discipline practiced by our city’s leadership. I especially want to recognize Comptroller Michael Piccirillo and his team, who work tirelessly each day to safeguard taxpayer dollars and ensure accurate, responsible financial management. I also thank Comptroller DiNapoli and his office for their thorough review and recognition of our progress.”

City Comptroller Michael Piccirillo added, “Turning a \$5 million deficit into a surplus took persistence, discipline, and teamwork. I am proud of my staff and grateful for the support of Mayor Panzenbeck and city leadership as we continue strengthening Glen Cove’s financial position.”

The last time Glen Cove held an accumulated surplus was in 2017. After seven



A City-prepared chart summarizing Glen Cove’s fiscal results from 2017–2024.

years of deficits, the city’s return to surplus in 2024 is both a symbolic and practical milestone, reinforcing its improved fiscal health and long-term stability.

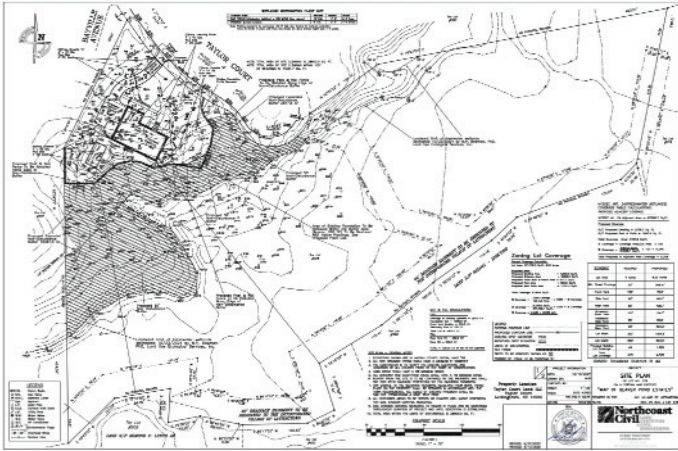
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Suffolk GOP Chair Blasts Newsday for Charlie Kirk Smear: Paper Retracts and Apologizes

By CHRIS O'NEILL
In a quick “about-face” the daily Long Island newspaper Newsday pulled down an offensive cartoon against the assassinated conservative activist Charlie Kirk, and publicly apologized.

The newspaper’s actions were prompted by a public demand for retraction from Suffolk Republican Chairman Jesse Garcia.



Jesse Garcia.

“Newsday - the only daily paper on Long Island - has crossed a line,” stated Garcia. “By publishing a vile cartoon about the political assassination of Charlie Kirk, the paper has mocked tragedy, stoked division, and poured

gasoline on the flames of political violence.”

“This isn’t journalism. It’s a reckless, partisan attack that blames the victim, silences free speech, and shames everything this country should stand for,” added Garcia.

The offending cartoon was drawn by Chip Bok of Creators.com, and mocked the conservative Charlie Kirk, implying that he was “proven wrong” with a fatal shot to his neck. The cartoon portrayed a “blood spatter” behind an empty chair where Kirk was killed.

Garcia demanded that the cartoon be pulled, the “artist” be fired, and an apology made to the Kirk family, Newsday’s

readers, and to every American who believes in freedom of speech.

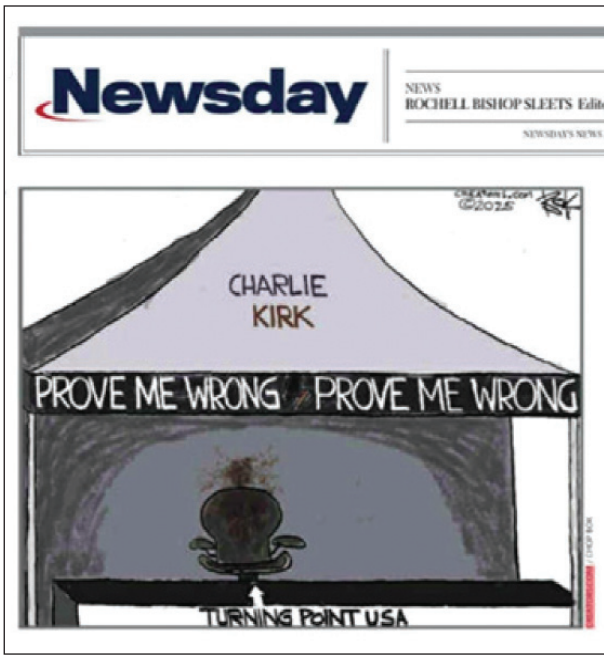
Within hours of Garcia's letter and press release, Newsday pulled the cartoon, and issued a public apology.

“Newsday published a syndicated editorial cartoon referring to the assassination of Charlie Kirk that was insensitive and offensive,” wrote Newsday’s Publisher. “We deeply regret this mistake and sincerely apologize to the family of Charlie Kirk and to all.”

“We made an error in judgment,” added Newsday. “The cartoon has been removed from our digital platforms.”

Garcia accepted Newsday’s apology, exclaiming “Decency prevails !”.

“Today, a little more than 19 hours after the statement from our Suffolk GOP condemning this disgraceful political cartoon, Newsday has publicly acknowledged its mistake, apologized to the Kirk family, its readers, and the broader public, and removed the cartoon



Newsday's Charlie Kirk Blood Spatter Cartoon

from its platforms.” stated Garcia.

“On behalf of the Suffolk County and Brookhaven Republican Committees, I accept this apology.”

“We recognize that owning up to such an egregious error is not easy, and we hope this moment serves as a reminder to every newsroom in America that words and images matter,” added Garcia.

Oyster Bay Planting “Rain Gardens”

By LEADER STAFF
Oyster Bay Councilwoman Vicki Walsh and Town Clerk Rich LaMarca are inviting volunteers to help plant and maintain the Town of Oyster Bay’s “Rain Gardens,” to prevent runoff and build healthy soil and native plants in our parks and waterfronts.

“A rain garden is a collection of native plants placed in a small depression to temporarily hold rain water runoff from roofs, driveways, patios, or lawns,” explained Vicki Walsh. “They have numerous environmental benefits, such as filtering pollutants, reducing flooding, and providing food and habitats to wildlife.”



A Rain Garden (courtesy TOB)

This event is being held in partnership with Friends of the Bay and The Nassau County Soil and Water Conservation District.



Vicki Walsh



Rich LaMarca

During the Rain Garden Work Party scheduled for Saturday, October 11th, volunteers are needed to assist with weeding, raking, pruning, mulching, and transplanting existing rain gardens, while learning about the environmental benefits these structures offer.

The Rain Garden Work Party will be held from 9am to 12pm at the Western Waterfront in Oyster Bay.

“This is a critical element of the Town’s pollution prevention strategy,” added Walsh. “And they must be maintained regularly to ensure healthy soil, healthy plants, and a healthy community, which is why we’re seeking volunteers to assist with our existing rain gardens at the Western Waterfront in Oyster Bay.”

The Rain Garden Work Party will be held on Saturday, October 11th from 9am to 12pm at the Western Waterfront, located at 1 West End Ave, Oyster Bay (Larrabee entrance of TR Park, to the left).

Volunteers should bring gloves, and community service hours will be offered to participants.

As an added bonus, participants can learn how to apply for the new Long Island Garden Rewards program, which offers up to a \$500 reimbursement for installing rain gardens and incorporating native plants on your property.

“From helping to capture runoff so it does not pollute our waterways to preventing the breeding of mosquitoes, rain gardens have a tremendously positive impact on our environment and water quality,” added Town Clerk Rich LaMarca. “We hope to see you on October 11th at the Western Waterfront to help maintain these gardens.”

For more information, please call the Town of Oyster Bay’s Department of Environmental Resources at (516) 677-5730 or email environmental@oyster-bay-ny.gov.

Baby Osprey Rescued in Oyster Bay

By ISHAN SHAH
A baby Osprey was rescued in Oyster Bay by a community effort that saved the young bird, nurtured it back to health, and returned it back to its family nest in Oyster Bay.

The baby Osprey was rescued in July, and it was one of three chicks being raised by the Osprey parents in Oyster Bay.

The parents have nested on the PSEG Long Island-sponsored nesting platform just off the beach near Theodore Roosevelt Park in downtown Oyster Bay.

PSEG maintains a 24/7 webcam on the Osprey nest, which is a major indicator of the health and well-being of these birds – specifically this one.

When scientists noted that the baby Osprey looked listless and malnourished, a team from PSEG, the Town of Oyster Bay, and the Sweetbriar Nature Center sprang into action and quickly rescued the baby bird.



Sweetbriar took-in and cared-for of the baby osprey, where it spent the next five weeks, as it was fed and nurtured back to full health.

“It truly takes a village,” a representative of Sweetbriar Nature Center said, describing the team effort to save the young Osprey, adding that “the young osprey may not have been getting an ample amount of food.”

After the bird was able to fly on its own, the PSEG group released the osprey, back in Oyster Bay, which has



An Osprey Nest (courtesy DEC)

EDITORIAL

JAMES COMEY DESERVES JAIL

This newspaper has published many articles blasting “Lawfare” - the political weaponization of law enforcement and the justice system against political opponents.

Under the Biden administration, Lawfare went wild. Over 5,000 Republicans were targeted, arrested, criminally prosecuted, civilly charged, fined, and often bankrupted by a Democratic Party gone berserk.

Engaging in normal election litigation - something that the Publisher, Editor and several reporters of this newspaper have done for the NYS GOP; the NYS Republican Senators; the Huntington GOP; President George Bush, and countless others - became a basis for criminal charges, fines and disbarment.

So when we applaud the arrest and charges against former FBI Director James Comey, it is with some trepidation and a real sadness.

But Comey is a monster - who waged Lawfare for decades - and perverted the due process, fairness and equal justice guarantees of our Constitution - in an endless quest for his own personal power.

Every reader should read the fraudulent 2016 Affidavit filed by Comey with the FISA Court to obtain an illegal warrant to wiretap Donald Trump's campaign. A bundle of lies, material omissions, and false manufactured "facts."

Every reader should study the 2017 “unannounced visit” by Comey FBI Agents to newly-appointed US National Security Director Mike Flynn, to entrap Flynn, make-up charges, and force him from office. And bankrupt him.

Every reader should understand Comey’s scheming to “leak” fake media stories - that he planted - and then use those false “facts” to get warrants and open Grand Juries.

Every reader should understand how Comey's close friend (from SDNY) Patrick Fitzgerald blackmailed President Barack Obama (after “investigating” Obama's Rezko Chicago land kickback scheme - but then NOT indicting Obama) into appointing Comey as FBI Director.

Every reader should recall Comey’s 2003 “trophy hunting” arrest and prosecution of Martha Stewart - a case where Stewart was charged with "making false statements to federal officials" - ironically the very charges that Comey has now been indicted on.

Unlike Comey's numerous political targets like political consultant Roger Stone - who faced a 5AM SWAT police raid (with CNN media on site !) on this home - doors smashed in, furniture destroyed, windows smashed - Comey was given the courtesy of turning himself in quietly and peacefully.

Comey is a monster - someone who targeted and abused people for his own political benefit - even when those people were innocent. His destruction of America’s justice system is a national crime.

Comey is charged with two counts of perjury - lying in sworn Testimony before the US Congress. Small charges after a lifetime of crimes and fraud - most of which is unfortunately now time-barred by the statutes of limitations.

We have no sympathy for Mr. Comey: Let justice be done.

The Publisher

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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

FREE PAPER SHREDDING SERVICES AVAILABLE DURING HOMEOWNERS CLEANUP

To the Editor

Town of Oyster Bay announce sthe Town’s S.T.O.P. (Stop Throwing Out Pollutants) and Homeowners Cleanup programs will hold their final drop-off days this October. Residents can drop off materials at the Old Bethpage Solid Waste Disposal Complex, located at 101 Bethpage-Sweet Hollow Road in Old Bethpage.

Homeowners Cleanup Day - Saturday, October 4th from 8:30am - 4pm: residents can bring non-hazardous waste only, including: air conditioners; all e-waste; campers; boats and boat trailers (proof of ownership required - oil, gas, other fluids and batteries removed); clean, broken concrete; large metal items; propane tanks and propane torches; tires; and yard waste.

The fall season often brings with it the cleaning of our yards and winter preparation, and many residents may have significant amounts of non-hazardous debris to dispose. Residents can bring items such as used tires, fence posts, clean broken concrete or yard waste to our Homeowners Cleanup, as well as unwanted documents to be disposed in a safe and secure manner through our free shredding services.

Free Paper Shredding Services - Saturday, October 4th from 8:30am - 4pm: provides residents an opportunity to destroy unwanted documents in a safe and secure manner. Residents only, no businesses, can bring up to four bankers' boxes of paper to the shredding program. Residents can bring up to four bankers’ boxes of paper for the Town's paper shredding program, held during Homeowners Cleanup Day

S.T.O.P. program - Saturday, October 18th from 9am - 4pm: collects various hazardous materials, including: asbestos material (double bagged); automobile batteries; automobile tires

(with or without rims); brake and transmission fluids; drain and oven cleaners; fire extinguishers; fares; fluorescent bulbs; gasoline; pesticides and insecticides; oil-based and latex paint; outdoor gas grill propane tanks; photo chemicals; rechargeable and button batteries; small aerosol cans; smoke detectors; solvents; spot removers; thermostats; waste motor oil and antifreeze; and wood preservatives.

Improperly disposing of products such as waste oil, oven cleaner or paint thinner could contaminate your water supply. Anything poured on the ground or put into cesspools, storm drains, or recharge systems can work its way down to the aquifer or our waterways.

The Town’s S.T.O.P. and Homeowners programs are open to residents within the Town’s Solid Waste Disposal District. Proof of residency is required. For more information, including a full list of what is accepted at these programs, visit www.oysterbaytown.com/cleanup or call (516) 677-5848.

Joseph Saladino,
Town of Oysrer Bay Supervisor
and Councilman Tom Hand

TOWN OF NORTH HEMPSTEAD TO HOST ITALIAN HERITAGE MONTH CELEBRATION

To the Editor

The North Hempstead Town, in partnership with the John Michael Marino Lodge #1389 and Cellini Lodge #2206 of the Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America, will host the third annual Italian American Heritage Month celebration on Thursday, October 9 at 6:30 p.m. The event will be held at Clinton G. Martin Park at 1601 Marcus Avenue in New Hyde Park.

Italian American Heritage Month is celebrated each October, a month-long celebration that honors the rich history, traditions, and contributions of Italian Americans. It was first celebrated in

1989 by a special proclamation of both Congress and President George H. W. Bush.

The event is free to residents and will include a cultural exhibit highlighting traditional Italian crafts, artwork, and books. An Italian dinner will then be served as participants enjoy a performance by Antonio Guarna, known as “The Voice of Naples.”

The Town will then honor the contributions of two distinguished local Italian Americans, Alfonso Squillante and Carlo Gennarelli. Mr. Squillante is a long-time member of the Cellini Lodge, widely recognized for his philanthropic work with various charities. Mr. Gennarelli is professor at Hofstra University, and the creator of the award-winning documentary, “Made by Immigrants.”

If we were to really list all of the contributions of Italian Americans, we’d need more than a month. This is just North Hempstead’s way of saying thank you and celebrating the culture we all love.



Jennifer DeSena

So many of our Long Island communities were shaped by Italian Americans, we couldn’t be prouder to celebrate my heritage and honor that legacy with my neighbors.

More than 16 million people in the United States identify themselves as Italian American and New York State is home to more than 3 million of them. Italian Americans are also one of the largest ethnic groups on Long Island with more than 1 out of 4 residents claiming Italian heritage. Most of these families originally settled in New York City’s five borough between 1890 and 1920 and, along with others, eventually migrated to the city’s suburbs.

Jennifer DeSena,
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Op-Ed: Alternative Electors Case Yet Another Example of “Lawfare”

By STEVE LEVY

The Courts recently dismissed all charges against the “fake” electors for Michigan from the 2020 election. The dismissal was barely reported by the media.

But as I wrote over a year ago, the very bringing of that case was a travesty.

Even now, as illustrated in multiple headlines, the mainstream media continues to spread the false narrative that these were “fake” electors.

In the history of our country, those objecting to the electoral process were always properly categorized as “alternative” electors. It’s a system embedded in the U.S. Constitution and federal law.

Where state officials believe that there was chicanery in the electoral process, they have the legal authority to send to the electoral college a slate of electors who will refuse to certify the process, and, instead, make the claim that fraud was involved in the ultimate outcome.



Steve Levy

This is not something that was unique to 2020.

In 1876, various states objected to the process that gave Samuel Tilden the victory in the electoral count. The supporters of Rutherford B. Hayes sent their own slate of alternative electors to be prepared to issue a vote for Hayes once the congressional and judicial process of sorting out the allegations was complete.

The matter was eventually settled in the Compromise of 1876, which gave Hayes the presidency.

In 1960, Democratic presidential candidate John Kennedy objected to the tally in Hawaii, which was originally won by Richard Nixon.

His alternative slate was established. They were not called “fake” electors. Upon the recount, the state was given to Kennedy.

Never in our history before 2020 have these alternative electors been labeled “fake” electors and charged with a crime.

It was absolutely disgusting that

Biden’s Justice Department and Democratic prosecutors teamed up with a willing liberal media to target those exercising their constitutional prerogative of creating alternative electors.

They unjustifiably labeled the alternative electors as being part of an insurrection, thereby leading to the prosecution of everyday people who simply wanted their voices heard.

We’re not talking about rioters at the Capitol on January 6th. We’re talking about average citizens and campaign lawyers ready to appear at the electoral college to cast the vote for their candidate — if and only if the courts were to determine that the original count or process was invalid. (Had they not established the alternative slate of electors, they would not have the ability at the electoral college to vote for their candidate if a court indeed ruled that he had won the election in that state.)

As noted in a recent BBC article on the court’s dismissal: “District Court Judge Kristen D Simmons dismissed forgery, conspiracy and other charges against the group and ruled they had legally exercised their constitutional rights.”

Those people - exercising their consti-

tutional rights - were prosecuted and put through hell.

Many of them were harmed economically, lost their jobs or were shunned from society. But now, without a whimper, a court has agreed that there was no merit to these prosecutions.

Just as there was no merit in bringing charges against Trump’s lawyers, from Rudy Giuliani to John Eastman, for giving their advice that President Trump could use the alternative elector process, just as Presidents Kennedy and Hayes did previously.

Now that these electors have won their case, we hearken back to Ray Donovan, a former Reagan Labor Secretary, who was exonerated in a case brought against him. He asked after his trial: “Which office do I go to to get my reputation back?”

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Op-Ed: Shutdowns Should Never Be Used for Partisan Leverage

By CONGRESSMAN NICK LALOTA

Democrats Suozzi and Gillen previously said no, I said no in 2023, but today’s Democrats are saying yes to force through pandemic-era Obamacare subsidies.

In 2018, during the longest government shutdown in our nation’s history, my colleague Rep. Tom Suozzi (D-Glen Cove) said plainly: “We shouldn’t be holding all these people’s lives hostage because [the President is] trying to negotiate a deal for an issue he wants.”

In October 2023, Rep. Laura Gillen (D-Rockville Centre) echoed that view, warning shutdowns “put millions at risk and [waste] more time from Congress actually doing the work of the American people.”

They were right to make those statements. Shutting down government operations as a bargaining tactic is reckless, it hurts ordinary Americans, and it undermines national security.

That’s why, in 2023 and 2024, despite strong disagreements with President Biden’s open-border policies, I refused to use a shutdown to fight that battle.

Along with other responsible Republicans—including fellow Long Islanders Andrew Garbarino (R-Bayport) and Anthony D’Esposito (R-Island Park)—I voted to continue funding the government. We knew who



Nick LaLota

would get hurt if we didn’t: our troops, our veterans, and the 31,000 federal employees on Long Island who keep critical services running.

Our fight over border policy belonged in the legislative and electoral arenas—not on the backs of families and federal workers.

Now, in 2025, DC Democrats are taking the opposite approach.

Just last week, House Democrats—including Suozzi and Gillen, who themselves once warned against shutdowns—voted to shut down the government outright by rejecting a clean 52-day funding bill with no partisan riders that simply extended existing Biden-era spending.

Why? To use a shutdown as leverage to extend pandemic-era Obamacare subsidies, by their own admission.

The consequences would be felt here at home. At Brookhaven National Lab, 3,000 scientists and engineers could see their work disrupted.

Newsday has reported that shutdowns risk leaving troops, air traffic controllers, and tens of thousands of federal workers on Long Island without pay—creating financial hardship for families and delays in air travel.

Services at the Northport VA Medical Center - relied on by thousands of veterans - could be disrupted.

For seniors, while Social Security checks would continue, a shutdown

would delay local services, threaten nutrition programs, and weaken oversight of nursing homes.

The double standard is striking. When it was President Trump’s border wall, Democrats argued shutdowns were reckless.

When it was President Biden’s open border, Republicans still chose to fund the government. But now, with

Democrats’ own priorities on the line, they are willing to grind government to a halt.

The American people deserve better. Shutdowns should never be a partisan tool.

Nick LaLota is the United States Congressman representing New York’s 1st congressional district (North Shore and east end Suffolk County.)

Kayaking for PTSD Awareness

By VICTORIA CROSBY

Two Glen Cove police officers and Navy veterans, Derek and Owen Valance, along with many others, completed a twenty-two-mile kayaking journey, from Bridgeport, Connecticut, to Port Jefferson, New York, in support of awareness of PTSD, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and veterans’ suicide prevention. Derek Valance is a former Navy Seal and Owen Valance was a naval aircrewman operator. This was their second year of participation in this event, which is sponsored by the 22 PTSD Challenge and the Tribute and Honor Foundation in collaboration with the Glen Cove Police Department, and other veterans’ organizations.

Gaitley Stevenson-Mathews, president of The Tribute and Honor Foundation posted on their social media page saying, “Thanks to the efforts and generosity of the community just over \$2,300.00 was raised to combat PTSD in the veteran community- more than double the amount raised in last year’s initiative.”

The 22 PTSD Challenge was named in honor of the tragic, average number of



Derek and Owen Valance

veterans who commit suicide each day in this country. It was founded by veterans, Alex Rohman, Chris Levi and Frank Lombardi.

Those contributing to the support included Marylu Loria, William Kelly, Jessica Smith, Maria Strouzas, Alexis Valance, Joan Sinon, Gaitley and Jim Stevenson-Mathews, Councilman Michale Kitstakis, Judge Paul Meli and Jared Davin.

Crowds of people stood in Port Jefferson watching and cheering for the kayakers. Food and music entertainment followed.

Raynham Hall News and Events for September 2025



Katie Cynkar

Raynham Hall Museum is delighted to welcome Katie Cynkar as our Peggy N. and Roger G. Gerry Curatorial Fellow!

Cynkar earned her Master’s degree from the University of Delaware’s Winterthur Program in American Material Culture after starting her career as a lab technician in the Archaeology Lab at Colonial Williamsburg. Through her publications and presentations, her work focuses on analyzing objects to help ground the continuing study of America’s complex history in verifiable evidence. She looks forward to continuing this endeavor by researching and documenting Raynham Hall Museum’s rich collection.

Raynham Hall is enormously grateful to the Peggy N. & Roger G. Gerry Charitable Trust for their generous support of this fellowship!

“Road to Revolution” Exhibition Opening Party

Raynham Hall Museum invites you to the opening party of our exhibition, Road to Revolution, on October 22 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. The event is free and light refreshments will be provided. Businessman, father, public servant, and enslaver. Samuel Townsend was a complex individual whose life experiences made him adaptable to the changing world in which he lived. From his beginnings as a prosperous merchant to estab-

lishing his family as Patriots during the American Revolution, this is the story of Samuel Townsend’s Road to Revolution.

This event is brought to you with generous support from New York State with the assistance of Assemblymember Charles Lavine. More information go to www.raynhamhallmuseum.org/events.

Lavine Grant to Fund Raynham Hall Celebrations of the Nation’s 250th

With anticipation building towards the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, Raynham Hall Museum in Oyster Bay is already looking ahead to the historic occasion. With that in mind, Assemblymember Charles Lavine (D-North Shore) has secured a \$30,000 grant for the museum, which will go towards educational programs and events commemorating the momentous events of 1776 and of the Revolution. Lavine, a long-time supporter of the national landmark, announced the grant during a visit on September 19th, where he met with the museum’s executive director, Harriet Gerard Clark, and colleagues.

Assemblymember Charles Lavine said: “It is my honor to have secured this funding, which will help people of all ages learn about one of the most fascinating elements of our history: George Washington’s Culper spy ring, a key element in the Revolutionary War, which was centered right here in our own backyard. I am looking forward to seeing what special programs are arranged for this great and historic occasion.”

Harriet Gerard Clark said: “The 250th is the perfect occasion to celebrate the remarkable, resilient people whose actions helped our nation on the road to freedom from despotic rule. We are enormously grateful to Chuck Lavine for his steadfast support of this museum and for his love of history! We are planning a full calendar of events for next year, and we invite the public to keep an eye on our website raynhamhallmuseum.org for details.”



(I-r) Justinne Lake-Jedzinak, Raynham Hall Museum Director of Education and Public Programs; Theresa Skvarla, Raynham Hall Museum Assistant Director; Assemblymember Charles Lavine; Harriet Gerard Clark, Raynham Hall Museum Executive Director; Jessica Pearl, Raynham Hall Museum Collections Manager at Raynham Hall Museum in Oyster Bay, September 19, 2025
Photo courtesy of the Office of Assemblymember Charles Lavine

“History in the Making” Legacy Award Dinner



(L-R) Supervisor Joseph Saladino, Town Clerk Richard LaMarca, The Milana Family, and Councilman Andrew A. Monteleone.
Photos: Patricia Mavros Brexel

Wednesday, September 24th the Oyster Bay Historical Society held their Legacy Award Dinner “History in the Making” at the Crescent Beach Club in Bayville.

This year’s Legacy Award honored the Milana Family of Oyster Bay. They celebrated this remarkable family whose vision and dedication have transformed our down-



Denice Evans-Sheppard, Executive Director of Oyster Bay Historical Society

town district into a vibrant, welcoming community and was well-deserved of this recognition.

The Milana Family has made outstanding contributions to the Oyster Bay community and was well-deserved of this recognition.

Oak Neck Bocce Celebrates End of Season “Prom”



(Standing L-R) First place team #12, Billy, Winnie, Kiki, Suzette. (seated) Team Captain Theresa, Jenny, and Eddie.

The Oak Neck Athletic Council Bocce league started in 2004 by the late Anthony “Mr. G.” Grandienette, and Al Staab the founder of the Oak Neck Athletic Council. Today the Bocce league is run by John & Carol Kennedy.

Bocce started out small but now has grown to 22 teams that compete during the summer months. The teams play at the Centre Island Beach courts by the Oak Neck building.

The Oak Neck Athletic Bocce league celebrated their end of the season party at the Crescent Beach Club in Bayville, the party is fondly called “The Bocce Prom”.

This season’s first place winner was Theresa Brexel’s team #12, second place went to Lober’s team #16, third place

Trolio’s team #3, and Avazis’ team #5 took fourth place.

The evening ended on a fun note with Malinowski’s team #11, who every year composes two very funny song parodies. Everyone joined in singing and laughing.



Todd watches as Jenny throws the ball for team #12.



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Calling All Crossfit Heroes and Supporters!

The 2nd Annual Sgt. Robert A Hendriks CrossFit Challenge WOD is officially on the board! Together we will honor Sgt Robert A Hendriks’ eternal sacrifice for his Country on Sunday October 26th from 11-3, at the Lacrosse Field at Locust Valley HS, where Robby played Lacrosse and graduated from in 2012 just before entering the USMC.

Please come and support Robby’s foundation, the Sgt Robert A Hendriks Veterans Memorial Fund Inc. A 501 (c) 3



Sgt. Robert A Hendriks

nonprofit organization dedicated to helping our local Veterans Organizations to continue the meaningful work they do to Honor and make all Veterans lives better. Come as a Spectator or come as a Competitor.

There will also be basket raffles, 50/50, a Food Truck, and awards for the top 3 finalists of the Challenge.

All proceeds will be donated to Paws of War, Cooking for LI Veterans, and hopefully a few more TBD. Go to <https://www.creeperwod.com/register> to Donate, Watch or Compete.

60th Anniversary of Friends Academy Fall Fair

Frends Academy is celebrating its 60th Anniversary of their Fall Fair and Homecoming, Saturday, October 18th. Friends, faculty, family, and community are all invited to enjoy your favorite traditions; reunions, FA Athletics, rides, games, campus tours, and more!

The Fall Fair begins at 11 am - 5 pm. Enjoy crafts, rides, games, and parent-hosted food booths. Each year, the Fall Fair, is one of the school’s largest events, it brings together faculty and families from all over the school for a day of fun, food, games, and sports.

Friends Academy is located at 270 Duck Pond Road, Locust Valley, NY 11560, (516) 676-0393.



The fair grounds at Friends Academy

Matinecock Quaker Meeting 300th Anniversary



The original building before the 1985 fire.

Saturday, September 20th, the Matinecock Quaker Meeting House held a special event marking 300 years of unbroken worship, service, and fellowship at this historic Quaker meeting house. The Meeting House is located at 267 Duck Pond Road, in Locust Valley. It was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1976.

The original building was built in 1725 and was a two-story, rectangular building was topped with a steeply pitched gable roof. But sadly in December of 1985 it was destroyed by fire, that left only one wall standing. It was rebuilt in 1986.

Many friends and families came to

celebrate three centuries of divine guidance at the historic Meeting House.

A presentation was given by Paul Buckley, a Quaker Historian and theologian visiting from Clear Creek Meeting in Richmond, Indiana. This milestone celebration honored their past while embracing their future as a vibrant Quaker community.



Inside the Meeting House

Photos: Patricia Brexel

Oyster Bay Rail Road Museum’s Rail Fest 2025 a Success

BY PATRICIA BREXEL

The Oyster Bay Railroad Museum held a successful Rail Fest 2025, Saturday, September 20th. Hundreds of train enthusiasts attended the event.

Visitors had an opportunity to “operate” a locomotive through our state-of-the-art simulators, take a short train ride on our restored 100 year old caboose situated on a historic turntable, experience historic exhibits and an operating Garden Railway.

There was live music, face painting, demonstrations, a food truck, vendors, railroad artifacts and museum merchandise was also available for purchase. This celebrated the Museum’s 25th



Waiting to take a ride in the caboose.

anniversary and dedication of the “Dinky” locomotive.

If you missed the event the Museum is open April through Mid-November, Saturdays and Sundays 12 noon to 4 pm. Stop by during the Oyster Festival!

Admission includes Railroad Station Museum and Rail Yard, Adults: \$7; Youth: \$5 (ages 6-12); Children: Free (ages 5 & under) Seniors: \$6 (ages 62 & older).

The Rail Road Museum is located at 1 Railroad Avenue, Oyster Bay. For more information contact: 516-558-7036 or www.obrm.org.



Model train set in the museum.

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Obituaries

CHRZANOWSKI, Bridget “Patti” (LaRocca) passed away peacefully on September 3, 2025, in Honolulu, Hawaii, at the age of 88.

Born and raised in Locust Valley, New York, she was the devoted wife of John Chrzanowski and the beloved sister of Mary Jo Rydzewski. She is also survived by her three children, four grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Patti led a vibrant life as a Navy wife, traveling the world with her family, serving as President of the Pearl Harbor Performing Arts Association, and excelling as a competitive bridge player. A dedicated homemaker, Patti especially treasured time spent with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, who brought her endless joy.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, September 30, at 11:00 a.m. at Holy Family Catholic Church in Honolulu.

FIGUCCIO, Erminia A. of Glen Cove, NY on September 26, 2025 at Age 85. Beloved wife of the late Albert P. Loving mother of Albert Jr. and Patricia. Dear sister of Catharina, Tiberio and Daniella. Proud grandmother of Antonio (Celines), Vincenzo (Danielle) and Claudio. Cherished great-grandmother of Emmanuele. Also survived by a loving family, nieces and nephews in Italy. Visitation at Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home, Glen Cove on Thursday, October 2, 2025 from 2-4pm & 7-9pm. Mass at the Church Of St. Rocco to be announced at a later date. Interment at St. Charles Cemetery to be announced. www.DodgeThomas.com

MILLER, Bernadette E. of Glen Cove, on September 21, 2025 age 78. Beloved wife of Fred. Loving mother of Sandra Shepard (Wayne), Colleen (Betty), Timothy & the late Frederick W. III. Proud grandmother of Danielle (Roman) & Samantha (Ross). Great-grandmother of Ava & Griffin. Also survived by loyal grand dog Sebastian. Interment is Private. www.DodgeThomas.com

MOCCIA, Lidia of Glen Cove, on September 20, 2025 at the age of 96. Loving wife of the late Tommaso. Beloved mother of Nicola (Teresa) and Filippo (Susan). Dear sister of Nicola Stanco, Antonio Stanco, and Adamo Stanco. Proud grandmother of Lidia, Tommaso, Maria, Lidia, and Thomas. Cherished great-grandmother of Emma, Luca, Zoey, Milo, Andres, Francesco, and Massimo. Entombment at Holy Rood Cemetery. www.DodgeThomas.com

TAYLOR, Vincent P. of Glen Cove, on September 27, 2025 afe 59. Loving husband of Nereida. Beloved father of Yolanda (Keith), Joslyne & Jasmine. Proud grandfather of Keionna, Keith Jr. & Carter. Adored great-grandfather of Mila. Dear brother of 6. Also survived by many nieces & nephews.

Visitation Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home Friday October 3rd from 4 to 8pm. A prayer service wil be held Saturday October 4th time TBA. Interment Saturday October 4th time TBA. www.Dodgethomas.com

Blakeman, Panzenbeck, Phillips Open Glen Cove Campaign HQ



(L-R) City Council Candidate Daniel Grabowski, City Council Candidate Ellen Pantazakos, City Councilman Grady Farnan, Mayor Pam Panzenbeck, Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman, City Councilman Michael Ktistakis, City Councilman Kevin Maccarone, and City Council Candidate James M. Greenberg

BY NIAL FITZGERALD

It was “all hands on deck” for the grand opening of the Glen Cove campaign headquarters for Mayor Pam Panzenbeck and County Executive Bruce Blakeman. The headquarters is located at 277 Forest Avenue in Glen Cove.

Nassau County Comptroller Elaine Phillips, State Senator Jack Martins and the “Team Panzenbeck” candidates running for City Council were all on hand, together with dozens of local supporters.

The Glen Cove City Council candidates are Councilmen Grady Farnan, Kevin Maccarone, and Michael Ktistakis, and candidates Ellen Pantazakos, Daniel Grabowski, and James Greenberg.

“Nassau County is leading the way for common-sense government,” stated

County Executive Blakeman. “With dedicated leaders like Mayor Panzenbeck and our strong team of local officials, we are delivering results. And voters are taking notice.”

“The energy we see here today shows that voters want responsible, effective government at every level,” added Comptroller Elaine Phillips. “Nassau County’s relationship with the City of Glen Cove - and specifically Mayor Pam Panzenbeck - has allowed us to provide additional resources.”

“We’re proud to open our headquarters right here in the heart of Glen Cove,” stated Mayor Panzenbeck. “This is a place where our community can come together, get involved, and support candidates who share our values of fiscal responsibility, public safety, and local accountability.”



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Blessing of the Animals

Saturday, October 4th, at 12:00 noon St. Gertrude’s Church will be hosting a Blessing of the Animals. The event will take place in front of the Blessed Virgin Mary Statue in the parking lot of the parrish center behind the church.

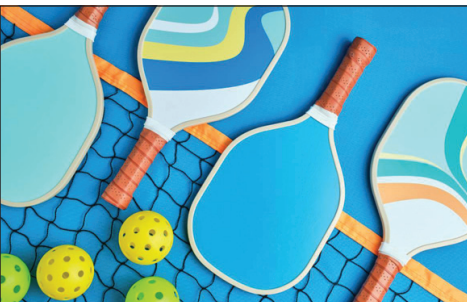
The event honors St. Francis of Assisi, who is considered the patron saint of animals, and celebrates all animals on Earth.

St. Gertrude’s Church is located at 28 School Street, Bayville.



Photo from last year’s blessing.
 Photo: Patricia Brexel

NOSH Pickleball Tournament



Pickle for a good cause.

On behalf of North Shore Long Island pickleballers, I’d like to invite you to our fifth annual NOSH Pickleball Tournament on Saturday, Oct. 4. We expect to exceed the \$15,886 raised last year to support NOSH Delivers!, the regional food bank that serves hundreds of needy families in what is otherwise a fairly affluent area. Here are the details:

When/Where: 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Stanco Park, Lattingtown Road, Glen Cove, NY

Why: To exceed the nearly \$16,000 raised last year for NOSH Delivers! (Nosh Delivers! – Nonprofit Food Pantry) the regional food pantry supporting hundreds of families in the region.

Why This Fundraiser is Different from Others:

- It was a grassroots effort started by

Glen Cove-area pickleballers after the pandemic to give back to the community.

- The past four tournaments have raised an increasing amount every year.
- The event is recognized by global pickleball manufacturers to the point that they now donate hundreds of paddles (to be raffled) and related equipment.

• Players from their teens to their 80s often face off on the courts.

• Glen Cove’s revitalization means there are now nine top-flight courts at the park for tournament and casual play.

• The revitalization (including the City’s recognition as a dining destination) also means more donations from area businesses.

• Custom-made tongue-in-cheek winners’ trophies feature a small jar of pickles from well-known local maker, Horman’s.

• The event is an unusual collaboration between the city government and local pickleballers.

• Many of the pickleballers perform double duty as NOSH Delivers! volunteers.

For more information contact David Fluhrer dfluhrer@optonline.net, 516-589-0778

Meet the Candidates at NFL Kickoff Brunch



Jets VS Broncos October 12th.

The Bayville Centre Island Republican Club is hosting a Meet the Candidates at an NFL Kickoff Brunch: Jets VS Broncos, Sunday October 12th, from 9:00AM - 12:00PM. The event will take place at the Mill Creek Tavern, 275 Bayville Avenue, Bayville. The cost is \$100.00 per person.

Sponsorships are available: Table:\$100 (1 TIX); Friend: \$250 (2 TIX); Bronze: \$500. (4 TIX); Silver \$750. (5 TIX); Gold:\$1000. (5 TIX); Titanium: \$1,500. (8 TIX).

For more information and tickets contact: Gary Terrell (516) 606-6585 or Rob Plummer (516) 644-9582

72nd Annual St. John’s Fair

BY VICTORIA CROSBY

The seventy-second annual Fall Fair at St. John’s of Lattingtown Episcopal Church’s was held on a beautiful weekend and was a very successful fundraising event. There were lots of people who attended and enjoyed all the fair had to offer, which included a petting zoo and pony rides, harvest games obstacle course, face painting and many more activities for the young children. Adults could browse tents and shop for antiques, collectibles and a myriad of interesting items at the Peddlers Market, the Gilded Age tent, the furniture tent, and at The Barn. Jewelry was in the pumphouse, curated by Helen Bonebrake, and unique clothing items styled by Parron Edwards-Stimola were available in a special tent.

The grill provided hamburgers and other delicious food and drinks for hungry fairgoers.

Chairmen and parishioners had worked for many months to ensure the



James Large and Jay Aston
 Photos courtesy of Carolyn Eipel



Katherine Dubicki, Harold Bollaci, Carolyn Eipel and John Sheldon

fair was a success. The chairmen of this year’s fair were Victoria Lentine, Susan Moore and Cat Colella Graham, with many others helping.

There was an opening night party the night prior to the fair, chaired by Susan Moore and Victoria Lentine, which featured music by the band Rays No Quitter, and cocktails and hors d’oeuvres catered by Rosie.

An online auction included many wonderful, donated items from many local businesses.

The funds to outreach in the past have included Living Water for Women, NOSH Delivers, Volunteers for Wildlife, and a variety of other charitable organizations.

On Sunday attendees could fill a bag for \$10. The traditional service, Mass on the Grass, was held outdoors led by Fr. Landon Moore.

For further information visit www.st.jlat.org.

Victoria Crosby Holds Two Book Signing Events

BY OLIVIA EVERETT

Victoria Crosby, Glen Cove’s poet laureate, held two book signing events in Glen Cove during a recent visit to Long Island.

The first event was a luncheon at Jeanine’s American Bistro, where guests enjoyed a delicious lunch prior to Ms. Crosby reading an excerpt of one of the stories in her book, then signing personalized messages in the books.

The other signing took place at The Shoppe by Trubee Hill in Village Square where Mayor Pam Panzenbeck stopped by to purchase her copy.

“Close Encounters of ELVIS Kind” is Ms. Crosby’s first book in prose and not in rhyming verselike her other books. Six short stories which blend facts with fantasy and fiction to enthrall



Author Victoria Crosby with Glen Cove Mayor Pam Panzenbeck

you, whether you are an Elvis fan or not. Hardcover, paperback and ebooks are available on Amazon, Barnes and Noble and Kindle.

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.

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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.

GBB&GC to Host a Forum on Youth Mental Health Crisis

Grenville Baker Boys & Girls Club will host a critical community forum titled “Social Media, Mental Health & the Crisis Facing America’s Youth.” The event to be held on Thursday, October 16th beginning at 7pm and will bring together leading experts in healthcare, education, government, and law enforcement to examine the growing mental and physical health challenges affecting young people—and the increasing central role of social media.

Dr. Laura J. Morizio, Clinical Director of Coast Psychology in Oyster Bay, will moderate the discussion, featuring the following panelists:

- Allison Eliscu, MD, FAAP – Division Chief of Adolescent Medicine, Stony Brook Children’s Hospital
- Dr. Kristen Turnow, Ed.D. – Superintendent, Locust Valley Central School District
- Charles D. Lavine – NY State



Dr. Kristen Turnow

Assembly Member, 13th Assembly District

- Justine L. Atwood – Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation
- Antonio Pagan – NYPD Detective, Special Victims Unit and Task Force Officer, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Discussion topics will include:

- The sharp rise in anxiety, depression and social isolation among youth
- The effects of social media on self-esteem, attention span and peer relationships
- How schools are adapting to mental health and digital safety strategies
- Government and law enforcement efforts to protect children online
- Practical safety tips for parents, educators and communities

This event is free and open to the public. Please RSVP to Tara at 516-759-5437 Ext. 214 or tara.butler-sahai@gbbgc.org to reserve your seat.

Cameron Carrella Wins Concerto Competition

Cameron Carrella was chosen as the winner of the North Shore Symphony Orchestra’s Concerto Competition for Long Island music educators. This is an exciting achievement for Cameron! Cameron will be performing his solo, Fantasia and Variations on the “Carnival of Venice” with the esteemed North Shore Symphony Orchestra on October 25th, 7:30 PM at Adelphi University Performing Arts Center, 1 South Ave, Garden City, NY.

Cameron is a Locust Valley HS Alumni, a graduate of the Conservatory of Music at Purchase College, SUNY, and he teaches at Bethpage Schools.

You can also hear Cameron perform at the Bayville Community Center on

October 17th, 8 PM with his Jazz quartet, and on November 7th, 8 PM the Cameron Carrella 17 piece Jazz Orchestra. The Bayville Community Center is located at 88 Bayville Avenue.



Cameron Carrella

From the NSSO competition has been established to recognize and celebrate the outstanding musical talent and dedication to education amongst in-service K-12 music educators in Nassau and Suffolk Counties. These educators have worked with countless talented students who have gone on to distinguished careers across the music world, with careers as performers, conductors, entrepreneurs, educators, and more.

Musicians Honoring the Memory of Amy Peters

By VICTORIA CROSBY

A celebration of the life of Amy Peters with a musical tribute was held at the Sea Cliff Beach, on the day before what would have been her sixty-third birthday. Peters was a Glen Cove resident and founder of the Deep Roots Farmers Market.

The event started with a drum circle and was followed by Peters’ husband Dave Berg’s band, the Rusty String Band, which Amy had been a part of as a string player on mandolin. A total of more than twenty musicians performed on the stage as many friends and family members came to share their memories of Amy.

The musicians included the Dave Diamond Band, Steve Finkelstein, Roger Street Freeman, and too many others to name each one individually.

A potluck dinner was provided by many of her friends and colleagues and the local community at large. Many of the foods prepared were from Amy’s own recipes, and Walleeta Ottar, one of Amy’s hospice-caregivers, brought trays of Jamaican food she had prepared.

A cake in the shape of a mandolin was made by local artist Lea Quint.



Enjoying the music at the Sea Cliff Beach.

Rising Tide health food store provided beverages in a giant size cooler.

“What an amazing turnout for our lovely Amy Peters. Love was everywhere; she touched so many and I’m fortunate to have met her way back in the day.” her friend Robin Stettner posted on her Facebook page, along with many photos she had taken.

Some women also chose to wear some of Amy’s clothes to the tribute.

Dave Berg said that “Amy’s beautiful spirit was a gift to this world and lives on in the hearts of the people she touched and influenced by her embodiment of kindness and selfless righteous action.”

The bittersweet concert continued into the evening as the crowds on the beach enjoyed the music, the memories and the beautiful sunset over the water.



Amy Peters

Locust Valley Fall Fair Saturday, October 4TH



Sidewalk sale shopping in Locust Valley.

The Locust Valley Chamber of Commerce is hosting its Annual Fall Fair Saturday, October 4th, from 11:00 am - 3:00 pm. The Sidewalk Sale shopping continues till 5:00 pm.

Shoppers and children will enjoy live music, festive food and drink, petting zoo, pony rides, henna artist and kids tattoos, antiques, artists and raffles.

Great sales will be through the town, children’s activities will be in Tomas Park, near the Railroad Station. The event is rain or shine! for more information: www.locust-valleychamberofcommerce.com.



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