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(L-R) Nassau County Comptroller Elaine Phillips, Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman and Nassau County Clerk Maureen O'Connell



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N Hempstead Officials Sworn In at 2026 Inauguration Ceremony



Jennifer DeSena officially begins her third term as Supervisor

North Hempstead Town Supervisor Jennifer DeSena and members of the North Hempstead Town Board were sworn in on Wednesday, January 7, as more than 300 people representing every community in North Hempstead packed the room for an inaugural ceremony at Harbor Links Golf Course in Port Washington. DeSena officially began her third term as Supervisor, and the town's re-elected officials - Town Clerk Ragini Srivastava, District 1



Yaron Levy with his family.

Council Member Robert Troiano, Jr., District 3 Council Member Dennis Walsh - and newly elected District 5 Council Member Yaron Levy were inaugurated at the ceremony as well.

Supervisor DeSena was administered the oath of office by Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman. "I have a wonderful team who are truly dedicated to making local government accountable to its residents and who get more done with less," DeSena said. "It's not only about how we rebuild a town, but also how we rebuild faith in local government."

Town Clerk Ragini Srivastava was sworn in for her second, four-year term. "I'm very grateful to our residents for putting their trust in me," Srivastava said. "My team is energized for another

four years, and I'm excited to continue reshaping our office to better serve our neighbors."

Council Member Robert Troiano, who first served as a North Hempstead Town Council Member from 2004 to 2010, was re-elected in both 2022 and 2026. "This represents my 15th swearing-in to elected positions ranging from school board to the County Legislature to the Town Council," Troiano said. "I treat this one as seriously and solemnly as my first. It provides an opportunity to publicly renew my commitment to my residents to serve them to the best of my ability."

Council Member Dennis Walsh was re-elected to his second four-year term and added, "I can't wait... we've already done some great things, and now we're going to spend the next four years building an even better, more livable town for everyone."

Yaron Levy was sworn in to his first term as the representative of North Hempstead's 5th District.

"I am honored by the faith my neighbors have placed in me," Levy said. "I'm ready to continue the town's excellent work and help this administration achieve even greater accomplishments."

The ceremony included the Presentation of

Colors by the Westbury High School ROTC, the Pledge of Allegiance by Ret. United States Navy officer Fred Shaw, and the National Anthem performed by Melanie Luis of Westbury High School. Spiritual leaders joined the event as well, with an invocation by Rabbi Dale Polakoff of Great Neck Synagogue, and Reverend Monsignor Thomas More Coogan of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Manhasset gave the benediction. North Hempstead Receiver of Taxes Mary Jo Collins served as the Mistress of Ceremonies.



District 1 Council Member Robert Troiano Jr.



Town Clerk Ragini Srivastava (third from right) was all smiles with her family after being sworn in for the second time.



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Town Of Oyster Bay Hosts 2026 Inauguration Ceremony



Town of Oyster Bay Supervisor Joseph Saladino is sworn in with his family by his side.

The Town of Oyster Bay recently hosted its 2026 Inauguration Ceremony with the swearing-in of Supervisor Joseph Saladino, Councilman Lou Imbroto, Councilman Tom Hand and Councilman Andrew Monteleone. The event was held at South Woods Middle School in Syosset.

Former NYS Supreme Court Justice and Town Supervisor Angelo Delligatti served as Master of Ceremonies, and remarks were provided by South Woods Principal Michelle Burget and Nassau County Republican Chairman Joseph G. Cairo. Attendees also enjoyed musical

selections from performing artists Tammi Wolfartz-Flyntz and Nick Attila, as well as the Syosset High School Adelettes.

“This ceremony is a celebration of service, community and the Town we are all so proud to call home. I couldn’t be more honored to lead a Town filled with such extraordinary people, and we always remember why

we are all here – the incredible residents of the Town of Oyster Bay,” said Supervisor Saladino. “Our success is really built on collaboration – everyone from our first responders, local unions and trade groups, school district, chambers of commerce and civic organizations. Our guiding principles are simple: protect taxpayers, preserve quality of life, deliver results and represent everyone – from every walk of life. Those principles have delivered real results, thanks to ongoing cooperation and collaboration we have with community stakeholders.”



(L-R) Councilman Andrew Monteleone, Councilman Thomas Hand, Councilman Louis Imbroto, Supervisor Joseph Saladino, Councilwoman Vicki Walsh, Councilwoman Laura Maier, Councilman Steve Labriola, and Receiver of Taxes Jeffrey Pravato

Supervisor Saladino and the Town Board have returned fiscal stability to the Town of Oyster Bay, all while cutting taxes and protecting services. The Saladino administration turned an operating deficit into a multi-million-dollar surplus, receiving nine upgrades from two independent Wall Street credit rating firms. This financial turnaround was accomplished while also increasing services, upgrading parks and playground, and repaving over 40% of town roadways.

Throughout the ceremony, the Supervisor pointed to projects and improvements made in various communities throughout the Town, recognizing local residents and community representatives, as well as partners in government. “Tonight isn’t about celebrating us as officials, it’s about celebrating what we all have achieved together. Together, we’ve tackled challenges. Together, we’ve delivered results. And together, we will achieve even more, much more, in 2026.”

Robbery at the Apple Store in Manhasset

The Nassau County Police Department reports a Robbery that occurred on Saturday, January 3, 2026 at 8:05 AM in Manhasset.

The Sixth Precinct Officers responded to a robbery that occurred near the Apple Store located at 1900 Northern Boulevard. Officers were met by two 65-year-old male victims who while attempting to make a delivery, were approached by several men wearing all black clothing and holding what appeared to be handguns. The subjects took multiple boxes of merchandise from the truck before fleeing the



The Manhasset Apple Store

scene in unknown direction. No injuries reported at scene. No further description of the subjects available at this time. The investigation is ongoing.

Syosset Man Arrested for a Weapon and Dugs

The Nassau County Police Department reports the arrest of a Syosset man for an incident that occurred on Sunday, December 21, 2025 at 12:30 a.m. in Syosset.

According to detectives, officers responded to the South Service Road of the Long Island Expressway in the vicinity of exit 43 for an auto accident. Upon arrival, officers observed defendant, Kevin Byong Koon Yim, 45, of 32 Walters Avenue, seated in a 2024 Chevrolet. An investigation at the scene led to the recovery of a Sig Sauer firearm and a white powdery substance



Kevin Yim

believed to be cocaine. The defendant was placed under arrest without incident. No injuries were reported at scene.

Defendant Kevin Byong Koon Yim is charged with two counts Criminal Possession of a Weapon 2nd Degree, two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon 3rd Degree, Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 3rd Degree and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 7th Degree. He was arraigned on Sunday, December 21, 2025 at First District Court, 99 Main Street, Hempstead.

Delia DeRiggi-Whitton Sworn in as Democratic Leader



Delia DeRiggi-Whitton taking the oath of office.

Nassau County Legislature Minority Leader Delia DeRiggi-Whitton (D – Glen Cove) was sworn in for her second term as Minority Leader of the Legislature’s Democratic caucus during inaugural ceremonies held at Uniondale’s Cradle of Aviation Museum on Thursday, Jan. 8.

In taking the oath of office, she also embarked upon her eighth term as a Nassau County Legislator. The 11th District is comprised of Glen Cove, Sea Cliff, Port Washington, Glenwood Landing and portions of Glen Head, as well as the Villages of Port Washington North, Roslyn Harbor, Baxter Estates, Manorhaven and Sands Point.

With supporters, friends, and family, including husband, Richard Valicenti and mother, Dr. Millie DeRiggi, looking on, Minority Leader DeRiggi-Whitton was sworn in by her father, former Glen Cove Mayor and Nassau County Judge Donald DeRiggi.

“A new year always gives me a spark of hope, and that fuels my determination to see Nassau County operate in a more equitable and responsible manner,” Minority Leader DeRiggi-Whitton said. “I am thrilled to welcome Legislators Viviana Russell and Cynthia Nuñez to our caucus, and I know our entire team is ready and eager to work collaboratively on behalf of the residents of Nassau County.”



Delia DeRiggi-Whitton with her parents. Photo: Peter M. Budraitis

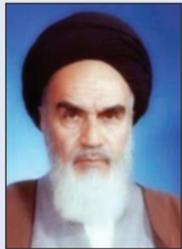
Editorial

THE US - AND ISRAEL SHOULD STRIKE IRAN NOW

For over 45 years, the "Islamic Republic" of Iran has made hatred of America and death to Americans its national ideology.

In 1979, a popular Revolution overthrew the Iranian monarchy - the Shahs of Iran - but power was then seized by a ruthless gang of medieval Muslim clerics and their fanatical followers.

Once the Shah was expelled, the Shiite Muslim clerics seized total power - setting up a "Mullah's Dictatorship" and quickly killing or jailing the "liberal" and "socialist" opposition to the Shah.



Khomeini

The Shiite Islamist dictatorship was set-up by Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini - and his political operative thug Ayatollah Mohammed Beheshti - and continues under current "Supreme Leader" Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.



Beheshti

Iran went from being a US ally under the Shahs - to a bitter enemy, with Iran sponsoring terrorism, guerilla attacks, airline hijackings, random missile attacks on civilians and commercial ships - and mass murder within Iran.



Khamenei

The regime set-up a system of brutal prisons and Islamic Courts to - as described by one Islamic judge - "kill, kill, kill..." After 45 years, the regime has executed over 100,000 people.

Iran has been developing nuclear weapons for the past 20 years - and was only stopped by last year's air strikes by the US and Israel.

Since then, Iran has been rapidly rebuilding its missile systems - while ordinary people go hungry.

Now the people of Iran are rising up in the streets: Millions of people are marching in every major city and town, and have attacked - and been attacked by - the Islamic Republic's terror squads - the "Revolutionary Guard."

President Trump has warned the regime to stop mass-executing civilian protestors, but the regime is a regime of blood.

One young protestor, 26-year-old Irfan Sultani, was arrested last week for speaking for "freedom" - and has already been sentenced by the Iranian regime to death - for "waging war against God..."

There is no negotiating with a fanatic regime that believes in messianic annihilation - and that wants nuclear weapons to help it kill millions.

The time is now. The regime is tottering and the people of Iran want their freedom and their country back from the Islamist dictatorship.

Air strikes by the US and Israel - to support freedom and end the Islamic Republic tyranny - will succeed.

It is time to act.

The Publisher

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

NEW YORK IS WORSE OFF TODAY THANKS TO KATHY HOCHUL

To the Editor;

New York is worse off today than it was four years ago, thanks to Kathy Hochul. That's why I'm running against her to be New York's next Governor.

Under Kathy Hochul, taxes are higher, crime is up, and Albany keeps passing laws that protect criminals while families and small businesses pay the price.

Cashless bail and other pro-criminal policies have made communities less safe. New Yorkers are leaving because they cannot afford to stay.

That record is why conservative leaders across New York are supporting my campaign for Governor.

They know what I delivered in Nassau County.

I cut taxes. I hired hundreds of new police officers. I backed law enforcement instead of weakening them. I worked with federal authorities to remove dangerous criminals.

This race is a clear choice.

Kathy Hochul raised costs and weakened public safety. I will put taxpayers, families, and public safety first.

If you want lower taxes and safer streets, I am asking you to stand with me today.

It is time to fix what Albany broke.

Bruce Blakeman
Nassau County Executive
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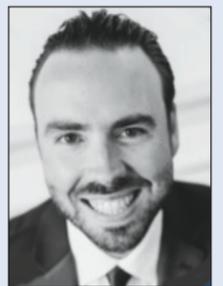
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LICADD Welcomes Executive Director Chris Kelly

The Leader would like to apologize for posting the wrong photo of Chris Kelly in our last issue.

The Long Island Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence (LICADD) announced today the appointment of Chris Kelly, M.A. as its new Executive Director, as the organization enters its 70th year of service to the Long Island community.



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Op-Ed: Why Do Democrats Want to Weaken Voting Safeguards?

By STEVE LEVY

We feel compelled to ask the leadership of the Democratic Party why they push proposals to weaken the integrity of the voting process, despite the fact that rank-and-file Democrats want secure elections.

More specifically: Why would they oppose voter ID?

Why would they automatically register illegal aliens upon their getting a driver's license?

Why would they promote same-day voter registration with no time to properly vet voters?

Why would they support ballot drop boxes which eliminate the ballot's chain of custody?

Why would they mail out ballots to people who didn't request them?

Why would they allow someone to register to vote by simply having someone else vouch for them, as they do in Minnesota?

The only reason you could support these crazy propositions is if you know that they would increase the amount of fraud in our elections, and that fraud would benefit your side of the aisle.

Democratic leadership knows that these horrible policies can only help them in elections, which is why they are willing to sacrifice the integrity of the process simply to enhance their own power.

But beware. While a weakened electoral system might help one side today, it could help your political enemies down the road.

When Americans don't trust the results of an election outcome, the glue that binds us together disintegrates.

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Steve Levy

Hochul's Plan Forces Suburbs & Upstate to Pay for NYC Kids

Hochul's NYC-Only Child Care Plan Is a Slap in the Face to Upstate and Long Island Families.

Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman today reaffirmed his strong support for universal child care and pre-K as a critical investment in working moms and dads, while sharply criticizing Governor Kathy Hochul's plan to offer the program only in New York City and force suburban and upstate taxpayers to pay for it.

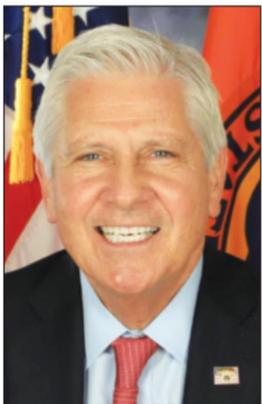
"Universal child care and pre-K help parents stay in the workforce and give children a strong start, and I support making those programs available to working moms and

dads across New York State," Blakeman said. "What I do NOT support is an Albany scheme that asks suburban and upstate taxpayers to pay for a program which excludes their children."

Governor Hochul has not yet disclosed the full cost of her loosely defined proposal, but advocates and fiscal watchdogs estimate that universal child care could cost more than \$15 billion annually, creating a massive new recurring expense for the state budget. Despite that price tag, the Governor's plan would limit expanded services to New York City, leaving families outside the five boroughs paying in while receiving no benefits.

"This is a familiar pattern,"

Blakeman continued. "The suburbs and upstate New York are treated as a blank check for policies designed exclusively for New York City. At a time when families are already struggling with the highest taxes and cost of living in the nation, this approach is both unfair and discriminatory."



Bruce Blakeman

Blakeman also questioned how the proposal will be received by lawmakers whose districts would bear the financial burden without seeing equal returns.

"If universal child care is truly a priority for this administration, then it should be implemented fairly and statewide," Blakeman said. "One New

York means one system—where every family contributes and every family benefits. Anything less is an insult to hard-working taxpayers outside New York City."

Blakeman called on Governor Hochul to abandon what he described as an inequitable, city-first approach and instead work collaboratively with suburban and upstate leaders on a fiscally responsible, statewide child care solution.

"Working moms and dads everywhere deserve support," Blakeman said. "What they don't deserve is to be used as a bankroll to finance a day care program for New York City which excludes their children."

Glen Cove Announces Retirement of Chief Whitton



Chief Whitton's ceremonial walkout
Photo: Gill Asso. Photography

The City of Glen Cove announces the retirement of Chief William F. Whitton after 41 years of service, including 18 years as Chief of Police. His retirement marks the conclusion of one of the most distinguished and impactful careers in the history of the Glen Cove Police Department — a department that has had only ten Chiefs since the City's founding.

Chief Whitton began his service in 1984 after graduating from the Nassau County Police Academy. Over four decades, he rose through every rank in the department, serving in undercover narcotics, motorcycle patrol, the Defensive Tactics Unit, and as a PRIDE instructor in local elementary schools. His commendations include the Nassau County Police Reserves Top Cop Award, the National Night Out Person of the Year honor, and 36 Excellent Police Duty Citations.

Chief Whitton's ceremonial walkout on November 14 was attended by officers, city officials, community members, and visiting agencies. A two-helicopter flyover recognized his long and dedicated service. His children and family stood with him, highlighting the personal legacy behind his career.

During the retirement tribute, Chief Ortiz said, "Chief Whitton is my mentor and my friend, and he will forever be that to me. He is an incredible man, and I congratulate him on an extraordinary

career. I am honored to follow in his footsteps and to continue serving the people of Glen Cove with the same integrity and dedication he exemplified."

At a special City Council meeting on Tuesday, Christopher Ortiz was officially sworn in as Glen Cove's new Chief of Police. A lifelong Glen Cove resident, Ortiz brings more than 25 years of experience in law enforcement. He began his career with the NYPD before joining the Glen Cove Police Department in 1997, rising through the ranks from police officer to sergeant, lieutenant, deputy chief, and now Chief. He holds a PhD in Criminal Justice, has taught as a professor, and has authored multiple academic publications.

During the special council meeting, former Chief Whitton spoke about the transition, saying, "In the history of Glen Cove, there have only been ten Chiefs, and that's something to be proud of. I've had the good fortune to work with Chris for the last eleven years, traveling and training together, and you learn who a person truly is when you spend that kind of time with them. I know Chris to be highly intelligent, with a great moral compass — loyal and logical — and he has the attributes needed to succeed in this job."

Speaking about the new appointment, Mayor Pamela Panzenbeck said, "I never have to worry when it comes to our police department. They handle every situation with expertise and calm, and when Chris says he's taking care of something, he does. I'm grateful to serve as mayor during this moment, and the deputy mayor and I are here to fully support you."

Mayor Panzenbeck added that the city "commends Chief Whitton for his years of extraordinary service and proudly supports Chief Ortiz as he leads the department forward."



Stephanie Bontempi

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A New Year's Message from Syosset Equities LLC



Christmas Tree lighting at Syosset Equities LLC

As we welcome the New Year, everyone at Syosset Equities LLC would like to wish our friends and neighbors in Syosset and the surrounding communities a happy, healthy, and prosperous year ahead. For more than 55 years, it has been our privilege to live, work, and grow alongside this wonderful community we are proud to call home.

Giving back has always been at the heart of what we do. One tradition especially close to us is our annual Christmas Tree Lighting, a beloved event we have proudly hosted every year since 1998. Founded by Sally and Michael Biondo, the tree lighting has become a cherished community gathering that celebrates the

spirit of the season and brings neighbors together year after year.

Beyond the holidays, Syosset Equities LLC remains committed to supporting those in need. We actively work with many local and national charities, including food pantries, homeless outreach organizations, and Toys for Tots, helping to make a positive difference whenever and wherever we can.

Thank you for your continued support and trust over the decades. We look forward to another year of community, connection, and shared success.

Warmest wishes for a wonderful New Year from all of us at Syosset Equities LLC.

Accomplished Composer Soon Hee Newbold at LVHS

Locust Valley Middle School and High School orchestras spent the school day learning from composer and conductor Soon Hee Newbold on Jan. 9, culminating with a concert that evening.

Fresh off of their brilliant winter concert performances, the middle school's sixth grade string orchestra, seventh and eighth grade and high school string orchestras worked with Newbold as individual groups and an ensemble, getting constructive feedback on their work and picking up new techniques. Over the course of the day, the groups mastered new selections,



Composer and conductor Soon Hee Newbold. Photo: LVCSO

including a rock-infused piece, and showcased their abilities for the school community at a concert in the school's Howard A. Schmock auditorium.

Newbold is a composer, conductor, musician, film director and producer who has appeared in famous venues such as Carnegie Hall, The Kennedy Center, Disney World and Aspen Music Festival. She was inducted into the Women Songwriters Hall of Fame in 2024 and now travels to schools across the country helping spread her love of music to the next generation of artists.

Baymens Heritage Assoc. Inc. Memorial Monument Update

Baymens Heritage Assoc. has commenced work in the Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Park in Oyster Bay at the site of the Baymens Memorial Monument. In the past month, pilings were placed, 32,000 lbs of concrete were poured for the foundation and the 20,000 lbs granite base (created in Norway) was placed. The entire project, in the works for over five years, was created as a memorial honoring all baymen throughout the United States. The placement of the monument is scheduled for this spring.

Memorial bricks are still available for purchase. A 4X8 brick cost is \$100, and an 8X8 brick is \$300. Order forms are available on the website at Baymensheritage.org. The form can be



Placing the base

printed and mailed to Baymens Heritage at PO Box 4, Bayville, NY 11709 or Venmo is accepted for payment @baymensheritageassocinc. and forms can be emailed to baymensheritage@gmail.com. Bricks will be ordered soon!

The Association is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that supports and protects the Bay's natural resources and

looks to educate future generations to safeguard our ecosystem and maintain shell fishing heritage. Additionally, contributions continue to be accepted to complete the landscaping at the Park and further develop the educational programs being created.



The 20,000 lbs granite base was placed.



A rendering of the Baymens Memorial Monument

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Glen Cove to Celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day



Photo from last years ceremony

The City of Glen Cove, in partnership with the Glen Cove City School District and the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Commemorative Commission, will host the 42nd Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Commemorative Program on Monday, January 19, 2026. This year's theme is "Dr. King's Dream: Equality and Inclusion for All!"

Participants will begin gathering in front of First Baptist Church, 7 Continental Place, at 8:30 AM, with a symbolic march starting at 8:45 AM, weather permitting. The march will proceed to Finley Middle School, where the formal program will begin at approximately 9:15 AM.

The program will include welcoming remarks and greetings, followed by student and community performances, including a poem by Victoria Crosby, selections by the Glen Cove High School Select Chorale, Drumline, and Orchestra, and a special performance by the ESOTA

Dance Company. The Glen Cove City School District is also exploring the revival of a district-wide Dr. King essay contest, with the potential to recognize student participants during the program.

"We must all stand up and speak out against injustice, especially injustices that threaten the guiding principles of equality AND inclusion for all- and all means ALL!," said Sheryl Goodine, chairperson of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Birthday Commission.

Mayor Pam Panzenbeck emphasized the importance of the annual observance and its message of unity. "This program has long served as a meaningful opportunity for our community to come together in remembrance and reflection,"

The event will again include a Dr. King Day of Service, encouraging attendees to donate non-perishable food items to benefit NOSH, in partnership with AHRC. Donations may be dropped off at First Baptist Church or at Finley Middle School (horseshoe area).

Locust Valley Students Earn Nassau Zone Award



Locust Valley High School seniors Liam Baker and Sophia Georgiopoulos were named 2025-2026 Nassau County Zone Winners for their physical education performance.

Photo: LVCSO

Locust Valley High School seniors Liam Baker and Sophia Georgiopoulos have been recognized as the winners of the Nassau Zone Award for their exemplary efforts in their physical education classes.

Baker and Georgiopoulos checked off every box of the award's criteria, demonstrating a physically active lifestyle both during and outside of school, responsible personal and social behavior, leadership

and being a positive influence on their peers. Beyond the gymnasium, both students excel academically, with Georgiopoulos earning a place on the honor roll and Baker achieving high honor roll distinction.

Though not a requirement for the award, Baker and Georgiopoulos are also known for their dedication playing varsity football and baseball and flag football, respectively. "Sophia and Liam are the true embodiment of the student leadership and exemplify excellence in physical education," Locust Valley Athletic Director Danielle Turner Cosci said. "Their peers naturally look to them for guidance, motivation and support, as Sophia and Liam model respect, responsibility and perseverance both in individual activities and team environments."

GBB&GC 4th Annual Guest Bartender Night

Get ready for an unforgettable evening at The Marker as Grenville Baker Boys & Girls Club hosts its 4th Annual Guest Bartender Night on Wednesday, January 28, from 6:15 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. This high-energy fundraiser will feature a lively lineup of guest bartenders, each bringing their own unique flair behind the bar.



Photo of The Marker from last years event.

Returning to defend her title is last year's winning bartender, Liz McGoldrick, now joined by new partner Julie Mark. Challenging the reigning champions are Linda Cirigliano and Michael Frey, as well as mother-son duo Margaret Trautmann and Cole Trautmann. Known for their engaging personalities and competitive spirit, each team will be shaking and stirring signature cocktails in pursuit of the most tips. The team with the highest total will be crowned Grenville Baker Boys & Girls Club's 2026 Guest Bartender Night winners.

All tips raised throughout the evening will directly benefit the 1,400-communi-

ty youth who participate in Grenville Baker Boys & Girls Club's high-quality youth development programs.

Guests can expect a fun, festive atmosphere filled with great drinks, light bites, exciting enter-to-win raffle prizes, and plenty of opportunities to sip, socialize, and support the Club. Those wishing to be seated for dinner are encouraged to contact The Marker directly for reservations.

For more information, please contact Stephanie Moran at 516-759-5437, Ext. 219. To learn more about Grenville Baker Boys & Girls Club, visit www.GBBGC.org.

Preservation Long Island Awarded a \$25,000 Grant

Preservation Long Island has received a grant award totaling \$25,000 from the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) to support the arts and culture sector. Through New York State's continued investment in arts and culture, NYSCA has awarded \$80.9 million in FY 2026 to arts and culture nonprofits across all 10 regions and a historic number of artists.

"New York's arts and culture sector is a cornerstone of the state's identity, and we're making bold investments to ensure it remains strong," Governor Hochul said. "These grants will lift up artists and organizations in every region, fueling local economies and expanding access to the arts. Congratulations to all the grantees – your talent and dedication help power New York's future."

New York State Council on the Arts Executive Director Erika Mallin said, "During these challenging times, the New York State Council on the Arts has been a stalwart and innovative funder. These grants will serve artists and organizations in every region and county, fueling our economy and serving our communities. We know this support isn't just an investment in the arts; it's an investment in New York's future."

Congratulations to Preservation Long Island and thank you for your perseverance, your creativity, and your tireless service to New York State."

New York State Council on the Arts Chair Patrick Willingham said, "With the unwavering support of Governor Hochul and our Legislature, the Council is proud to congratulate this year's grantees, whose collective efforts strengthen and benefit us all. I also want to recognize the work of NYSCA's panelists, staff, and the entire Council, whose dedication has ensured that this critical support will reach every corner of New York State."

Preservation Long Island Executive Director Jackie Powers said, "We are delighted to be a recipient of a

Support for Organizations grant from the New York State Council of the Arts. In 2026, we look forward to continuing our work to recognize and protect significant historic places and engaging residents and visitors in our public programs that interpret and celebrate Long Island's rich cultural and architectural history."

For more information on NYSCA, please visit arts.ny.gov, and follow NYSCA's Facebook page, on X @NYSCArts and Instagram @NYSCouncilontheArts.



Preservation Long Island Cold Spring Harbor

Locust Valley DECA Students Qualify for State Competition



Locust Valley High School's DECA club members made a great impression at the regional competition at Plainview-Old Bethpage in December. Photo: LVCS D

Locust Valley High School's Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) club members competed in the regional competition at Plainview-Old Bethpage High School in December, with three earning a spot in the state competition in March.

Club members participated in role play events from a variety of career clusters including entrepreneurship, hospitality and tourism and marketing,

where they had mere minutes to prepare a response to a business scenario. Students thought on their feet to provide a solution to the judges.

Locust Valley junior Mia Lu and seniors Vito Ricciardi and Wyatt Thorgramson distinguished themselves in the regional and will spend the winter preparing for the state competition in Rochester, New York this coming March 2026.

First Sea Cliff Jazz Fest Takes Place On Sunday, January 18

Produced by the Sea Cliff Arts Council in partnership with Love Your Neighbor Project, the free festival features performances by student and professional jazz musicians at village venues from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Sea Cliff, NY.

Sea Cliff will be swinging on Sunday, January 18 as local businesses and venues welcome performances by student and professional jazz musicians for the first-ever Sea Cliff Jazz Festival. Starting at 2 p.m., students from local high schools and several rising stars, including online sensation Ruby Laks, will perform at establishments Sea Cliff Daily Grind, Village Wine Merchant, Moonshot Emporium, and Still Partners.

Headliner James Cammack, who has recorded and toured with jazz legends including Ahmad Jamal and Nancy Wilson, will

play with his trio from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Sea Cliff Arts Council. The Meridian Jazz Trio (Frank Ferrara, James Guarneri, and Matthew Schneider) will close the festival from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at Foster, where the group held a monthly residency when the restaurant was the Metropolitan Bistro. For festival details and schedule, click here.

Sea Cliff resident Will Winchester, a jazz bass student at Oberlin Conservatory, approached the non-profits Love Your Neighbor Project and the Sea Cliff Arts Council, with his ideas for creating the inaugural festival and the importance of making it accessible to all. Winchester played bass throughout his time in the



Ruby Laks



James Cammack

North Shore Schools and studied in Sea Cliff privately prior to his conservatory training. For the past two summers, he interned for the Tilles Jazz Fest at Long Island University Post campus.

"I feel grateful to have grown up in a musical community where friends and teachers gave me opportunities to play and learn, and I wanted to offer those same opportunities to the next generation of musicians while also generating support for professional role models," said Winchester. "I'm excited that the festival is free because I want it to be accessible to all. I hope that those who are able to will support our local businesses and donate to the nonprofits that made the festival possible."

Throughout the event, festival sponsors will be acknowledged and thanked for their

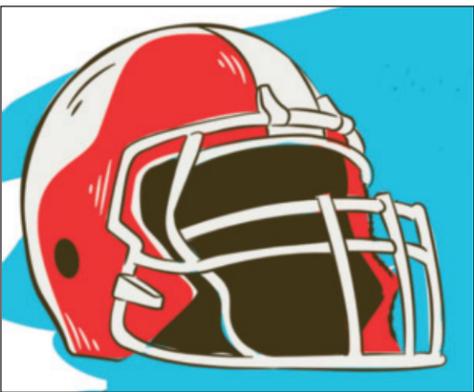
support, which allowed the festival to be a free event while also compensating performers for their work: Love Your Neighbor Project, Branch Realty, Long Island Bagel Cafe, Rising Tide, and the Village Wine Merchant.

For details about the Sea Cliff Jazz Festival, visit www.seacliffartscouncil.org and contact Will Winchester at wwinchester14@gmail.com or 516-273-2709.

Love Your Neighbor Project is a 501c3 non-profit about community supporting community.

Sea Cliff Arts Council is a 501c3 non-profit dedicated to supporting the local arts community.

Winter Tailgate Party Republican Fundraiser



Tailgate Party, to watch conference championships. The event will take place at the Italian American Club in Oyster Bay on Sunday, January 25, 2026 at 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm.

Admission is \$100.0 each, which includes a delicious BBQ, open bar, a game box, and a chance to win a flat screen TV door prize.

The Italian American Club is located at 48 Summit Street, Oyster Bay.

For more information contact Gary Terrell (516) 606-6586, or Rob Plummer (516) 644-9582. Sponsorships are also available.

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Obituaries

ABBONDANDOLO, Palmira of Glen Cove, NY on January 8, 2026 at Age 91. Loving wife of the late Michele. Dear mother of Nicola, Angiolina (Aniello) and Giuseppe. Proud grandmother of Luigi (Margaret), Michele (Elizabeth), Lucia (Carmine Portaro). Devoted great-grandmother of Olivia, Joseph, Giada and Aniello. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Palmira enjoyed gardening and cooking. She led life by prayer and faith. Entombment at Holy Rood Cemetery. www.DodgeThomas.com



GORDON, Annemarie, age 94, passed away peacefully on December 26, 2025, in Wilmington, North Carolina.

Annemarie was deeply loved by all who knew her and was often described as warm, kind, and truly fun to be around. Throughout her 94 years, she filled her life with adventure and purpose. She had a lifelong love of music, reading, gardening, and volunteering. In her later years, she joyfully pursued travel, visiting numerous countries abroad.

Annemarie was the beloved wife of the late William James Gordon, who preceded her in death on June 17, 1994. She is survived by her four children: Susan, Nancy, Christine and spouse Trey, her son William James Gordon III and spouse Carla. She was a devoted and loving Nana to nine grandchildren, Trevor, Tyler, Joseph, Daniel, Nikolai, Natalia, Johnny, Christopher, and Jennifer.

Born on June 25, 1931, in Glen Cove, New York, Annemarie was the daughter of Agatha and William Weiler. She grew up in Oyster Bay, New York, alongside her five siblings. Known as "Kitty" to her siblings, she cherished her close-knit

family and the many celebrations they shared, particularly in Oyster Bay and at Bayville Beach on Long Island.

Annemarie attended St. Dominic's Catholic School, studied at Katharine Gibbs, and later graduated from Fordham University with a degree in English. In the 1950s, she met her future husband, William James Gordon, following his return from World War II. Together, they built a life in Garden City, New York, raising four children—and a beloved cat named Molson.

Close friends fondly remember weekend adventures flying with Ann and Bill in their Cessna 150 or sailing in Oyster Bay. The annual Kentucky Day Party—not quite Churchill Downs, but a close resemblance—remains a treasured memory for many.

Annemarie was a lover of song and a true thespian at heart. The CYO talent show was a regular event for both her and her three daughters. She played the piano and filled her home with music and song. She also adored her garden—even the weeds—which each year bloomed with beautiful color.

As Annemarie is laid to rest, she leaves behind a legacy of love, laughter, and cherished memories. She lived life fully, and her spirit will live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved her.

Interment will be private.

LONGWORTH, Richard D., Esq. – on Jan. 10, 2026, age 87, of Oyster Bay, NY. Beloved husband of Janice. Loving father of Lisa Gatto (Charles), Cara Longworth-Israel (Steve) and Sandra Cook (Joseph). Loving grandfather of Anthony Gatto, Michela Gatto, Claudia Brady, Cameron Cook, Donovan Cook, and Declan Cook. Visiting Oyster Bay Funeral Home, 261 South St., Oyster Bay, NY, Sunday, January 18th from 3-7 p.m. Interment is private. In lieu of flowers donations in his memory can be made to First Presbyterian Church of Oyster Bay, 60 East Main St., Oyster Bay, NY

or Alzheimer's Foundation of America, www.alzfdn.org. For more information visit www.oysterbayfuneralhome.com

PATTI, Michael A., on Jan. 6, 2026, age 89, of Upper Brookville, NY. Beloved husband of Susan. Loving father of Mara and Michael Jr. Dear brother of Nicholas (Sophia), Ernest, Ellen (James), and Kenneth (Dorothea). Also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends. www.oysterbayfuneralhome.com



ROSS, Alice of Locust Valley, NY on January 10th, 2026 age 85. Devoted wife of Barrett. Beloved mother of Katy Weber (Dave), Jeanne and Jennifer. Proud grandmother of Meghan, Dave "Bert", Emily and Barrett. Great-grandmother of Bode and Natalie. Dear sister of the late John Birmingham (Joan), the late Helen Egan (the late Frank) and the late Kathleen "Chickie" McKenna (Bill). Fond sister-in-law of Maureen Ross. Also survived by loving nieces and nephews, and also special friends at The Regency.

Born on August 8, 1940, she took great pride in her birthday—the 8th day of the 8th month, at 8 minutes past the 8th hour. She lived her life with warmth, curiosity, and a deep love for family. An avid walker, she enjoyed staying active and giving back through her volunteer work at the library. A devoted reader and freelance writer, she found joy in words, stories, and travel.

Each winter, Alice and her devoted husband, Barrett, headed to Florida to spend a few months together and made new friends.

Family was her greatest pride. She and Barrett shared an incredible 63 years of marriage, raised three daughters she adored, and found endless joy in being a grandmother and great-grandmother. She treasured her sister-in-law, Maureen, who was her best friend till the end. Family reunions were always a highlight, and Christmas wasn't complete until she had decorated the tree.

Visiting at Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home of Glen Cove on Tuesday, January 20th from 3-7pm. Mass at the Church of St. Rocco on Wednesday, January 21st at 10am. Interment at Locust Valley Cemetery. www.Dodgethomas.com



STANCO, Celesta of Glen Cove, on January 13, 2026 at Age 92. Beloved wife of the late Luigi. Loving mother of Frank (Maria), Mike (Robin), Minina Bossiello and the late Nunzio. Dear sister of Consalvo Anzalone, Grazio Anzalone, Sal Anzalone, Tony Anzalone, Octavio Anzalone, the late Maria Camilla Costantino, and the late Domenico Anzalone. Proud grandmother of Christina, Lianna (Diego), Dylan, Michael, Paige (Tyler), Emily and Julia. Adored great-grandmother of Lorenzo and Kyler. Visitation at Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home, Glen Cove on Friday, January 16, 2026 from 4-8pm. Mass at

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10:30am. Interment to follow at the Locust Valley Cemetery. www.DodgeThomas.com

VARRICCHIO, Louis – on Jan. 14, 2026, age 94, of Locust Valley, NY. Beloved husband of the late Theresa. Loving father of Vincenza Dizazzo, and Maria Zangari (the late Frank). Cherished grandfather of Theresa Zangari and Frank Zangari (Nicole). Dear brother of Elizabeth Ford. Also survived by my many loving nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends. Visiting Oyster Bay Funeral Home, 261 South St., Oyster Bay, NY, Monday 4-7 p.m. Funeral Mass Church of St. Rocco, Roman Catholic, Glen Cove, NY on Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. Interment Locust

Valley Cemetery. www.oysterbayfuneralhome.com



W I N T E R, Theresa of Glen Cove, NY on January 8, 2026 at Age 74. Beloved wife of the late Miles. Loving mother of Edina and Nikolett. Proud grandmother of Daniel Miles.

Visitation at Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home, Glen Cove on Friday, January 16, 2026 from 2-4pm and 7-9pm. Mass at St. Dominic RC Church on Saturday, January 17, 2026 at 9:30am.

Entombment to follow at Holy Rood Cemetery. www.DodgeThomas.com

LLC

Notice of formation of 27 BUTLER ST, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York SSNY on 9/2/25. Office located in Nassau. SSNY has been designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail copy of any process served against the LLC to 1A Magnolia Place, Glen Head, NY 11545. Purpose: any lawful purpose

LLC

Notice of formation of Tax Boss Advisors LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York SSNY on 09/16/2025. Office located in Nassau. SSNY has been designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail copy of any process served against the LLC to c/o Northwest Registered Agent, 8 The Green, STE B, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

LLC

Notice of formation of 168 Hegemans LLC Articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 12/11/25. Office location: NASSAUCOUNTY. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 7 Coriegarth Ln, Locust Valley, NY, 11560. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

LLC

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Locust Valley Central School District invites the submission of Sealed Bid Proposals to furnish materials and labor to complete the Elevator Refurbishment at Locust Valley Middle and High School in accordance with the plans and specifications for the following category(ies) of work:

**LOCUST VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
Locust Valley Middle School & High School
Elevator Refurbishment
NYS ED PROJECT NO.: 28-05-03-06-0-012-060
Bid # LV012-03
CONTRACT G-1: GENERAL CONSTRUCTION**

Sealed Bid Proposals will be received **until 10:30 am prevailing time on Tuesday, January 27, 2026** at the School District Administration Office, 22 Horse Hollow Rd. Locust Valley, N.Y. 11560, at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bid may be withdrawn without prejudice prior to the official bid opening time or any publicized postponement thereof. Any bid received after the time and date stated above will be returned to the bidder unopened. Bidders are solely responsible for the arrival of each bid at the School District Administration Office by the appointed time, regardless of the means of delivery.

Bids must be presented on the standard bid proposal form(s) in the manner designated therein and as required by the Specifications. All bids must be addressed to the Purchasing Agent, Justine Stringer, District Administration Building, 22 Horse Hollow Rd. Locust Valley, N.Y. 11560. All bids shall be sealed and in an opaque envelope that is distinctly marked on the outside as follows: **“Bid # LV012-0, Elevator Refurbishment at Locust Valley Middle and High School” as required by the Bid Specifications. The name of the bidder, bidders address, and the name of the contract, and/or contracts being bid must also appear on the outside of the envelope.**

The Contract Documents may be examined at the Office of the Architect, **Mark Design Studios Architecture, PC**, 270 North Broadway, Hicksville New York, 516-827-0240 (phone) during the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. excluding holidays. Bidders are encouraged to call ahead; however the Contract Documents may only be obtained through the Office of REVplans, 28 Church Street, Unit #7, Warwick, New York 10990 (877-272-0216) beginning on **Tuesday, January 6, 2026**. Complete digital sets of Contract Documents shall be obtained online (with a free user account) as a download for a non-refundable fee of One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars at the following website: revplans.biddyhq.com under ‘public projects’. Optionally, in lieu of digital copies, hard copies may be obtained directly from REVplans upon a deposit of One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars for each complete set. Checks for deposits shall be made payable to **Locust Valley Central School District**, and may be uncertified. Plan deposit is refundable in accordance with the terms of the ‘Information For Bidders’ to all submitting bids. Bidding Document costs are refundable provided the documents are returned to REVplans within thirty (30) days of the Bid Opening, and are COMPLETE, UNMARKED

and in NOT TORN condition. Any bidder requiring printed documents to be shipped shall make arrangements with the printer and pay for all packaging and shipping costs.

All bid addenda will be transmitted to registered plan holders via email and will be available at the above. Any bidder requiring documents to be shipped shall make arrangements with the printer and pay for all packaging and shipping costs. Plan holders who have obtained hard copies of the bid documents will need to make the determination if hard copies of the addenda are required for their use, and coordinate directly with the printer for hard copies of addenda to be issued. There will be no charge for registered plan holders to obtain hard copies of the bid addenda. The bid deposit for hard copies will be returned upon receipt of plans and specifications, in good condition, within thirty days after bid date, except for the lowest responsible bidder, whose check will be forfeited upon the award of the contract.

A Pre-Bid conference and walk-through will be held promptly at **3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 13, 2026** at the Locust Valley Middle and High School located at 99 Horse Block Rd, Locust Valley, NY 11560. All bidders shall meet at the front entrance of the school. Prospective bidders are strongly encouraged to attend. **Knowledge of the site is crucial to obtain a proper understanding of the Work. All bidders must be fully familiar with the site.** Bidders shall visit the sites of proposed work and be fully familiarized with conditions as they exist, as well as the character of the operations to be carried on under the proposed contract. All visits must be scheduled & coordinated with Brandon Steck, Director of Operations, at (516) 827 - 0240 or by email to brandon@markdesignstudios.com.

Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check payable to LOCUST VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT or by a Bid Bond in an amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the bid conditioned as set forth in the “Information for Bidders” of the Bid Specifications. All bid security, except those of the three lowest bidders will be returned within ten (10) days after bids are submitted. The bid security provided by the three lowest bidders will be returned after the execution of the Trade Contract. The District will require the successful bidder to provide separate Performance and Labor & Materials Payment Bonds in the amount of the contract price and in the form specified in the Bid Documents.

Each Bidder shall prepare their bid proposal, along with a bid security, in accordance with the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the “Information for Bidders” and Bid Specifications. Attention of bidders is particularly called to the minimum wage rates to be paid under the contracts. Wages to workers, laborers and mechanics employed to work on this project shall be paid in accordance with Section 220 of the Labor Law and in accordance with the Prevailing Rate Schedules found in the Project Manual. Proof of such payments will be required.

The District reserves the right to award a contract to the lowest responsible bidder providing the required security within forty-five (45) days of the date opening of the bids. To the fullest extent allowed by law, the District further reserves the right to reject bids that contain conditions, omissions, exceptions or modifications, or in its sole discretion to waive any irregularities in the bids, or to reject any or all bids, or to accept any bid which in the opinion of the District is in its best interest.

By Order of Board of Education
Locust Valley Central School District

NS Historical Museum Celebrates Gatsby Centennial at Webb



Michael Rogers and Lydia Wen Rogers (NSHM trustee)
Photos courtesy of Gordon Allan

By VICTORIA CROSBY

The North Shore Historical Museum held a Gatsby Gala celebrating 100 years of the great American novel, *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald at the Webb Institute, formerly a mansion of the Pratt family in Glen Cove.

A vintage car on loan from Glen Cove City Councilman Michael Ktistakis, was at the entrance of Webb Institute and guests posed next to the car dressed in 1920's finery.

A bar was set up in the grand entry foyer, with NSHM board members serving, and several students acting as wait staff for the dinner.

The event, which was chaired by NSHM treasurer Laura Doughery and

NSHM president Georgie Connett, was very well attended with guests including the Glen Cove Mayor, Deputy Mayor and members of the City Council. Guests mingled during cocktail hour, with thirty-eight raffle baskets to bid on, a silent auction which included golf outings, facials, gift certificates to restaurants, wine and much more, plus a lottery board with over twenty lottery tickets attached.

During the evening, NSHM trustee and professor at Webb, Dr. Richard Harris gave a talk *The Great Gatsby and the American Dream*.

NSHM Trustee Koorosh Leibowitz entertained at the piano, while his girlfriend, Keara McNamara, sister Delilah

Leibowitz and NSHM trustee Dr. Eve Lupenko, all dressed flapper attire, posed for photos.

The tables were set with black tablecloth and gold organza table toppers with gold and black napkins, and beautiful feather centerpieces. Charcuterie boards and passed hors d'oeuvres included vegetable egg rolls, and sausage rolls. Following salad service, a delicious dinner was served buffet style offering many choices, chicken, beef, salmon, butternut Osso Bucco, vegetables, potatoes and bread. A selection of cookies was served with coffee and tea.

All students at Webb Institute are granted full tuition, and graduate with a BS in Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering. The renaissance style mansion was formally known as "The Braes," designed by James Brite in 1912 for Herbert L. Pratt, and is the largest of the six Pratt Estates in Glen Cove. Several movies have been filmed there, including three Batman movies.

NSHM is housed in the restored 1907



Koorosh Leibowitz, (NSHM Trustee) at the piano, Keara McNamara, Delilah Leibowitz, and Dr. Eve Lupenko (NSHM Trustee)

Justice Court building, which is on the National Register of Historic Places, and is located at 140 Glen Street in Glen Cove.

For further information visit northshorehistoricalmuseum.org.

"Bayville's Homes of the Gilded Age" Exhibit Opens

The Bayville Historical Museum will be open Sunday, January 18th 12:00 noon to 3:00 pm for their special exhibit "Bayville's Homes of the Gilded Age".

The exhibit was a joint effort with a young aspiring historian Jake Finamore and David Rapelje, the director of the museum.

After months of researching, scanning, printing, mounting and hanging over 130 photos and exhibiting many



A rare photo of the "Keyhole" from the Harrison William's Estate

artifacts, Jake and David created a very successful exhibit. They showcased many lesser known estates and mansions that once filled the small village of Bayville, back in the 1920's. Just to name a few; Cedar Cliff, Rainsforth Estate, Landro, and Nunnakoma Park on the Sound.

This is a great exhibit, that should not be missed. The Bayville Historical Museum is located at 34 School Street, Bayville. For more information call (516) 628-1720.

Tesla Science Center Welcomes New Executive Director

By VICTORIA CROSBY

The Tesla Science Center at Wardencllyffe, TSCW, recently announced the new Executive Director Kara Cannon following the nine-year leadership of former New York State Assemblyman Marc Allesi. The TSCW website includes the following information. As the former CEO of Enzo Biochem, Ms. Cannon brings over thirty years of global leadership, experience and a deep commitment to STEM education. She has also held key positions at Pall Corporation and Dynal Corporation. Ms. Cannon was selected from a highly competitive national pool of candidates; is a native of Long Island and a nationally respected life science executive who has served on the board of directors of TSCW for several years. She also serves on the boards of New York Bio and Farmingdale State University and was presented with the Tesla Innovator of the Year Award by TSCW at their gala in 2024.



Kara Cannon

TSCW was founded on the only remaining site of Nikola Tesla's laboratory, which was designed by Stanford White and built in 1901 and opened the following year. The brick building,

which was in the process of restoration, was destroyed by fire in early December 2023, with an estimated three million dollars' worth of damage. But with grant money and donations, it is in the process of being restored, with the original brickwork and a projected opening in 2028.

Ground was broken in September of 2025 for the new Eugene Sayan Visitor Center which is slated to open to the public this year.

TSCW is a non-profit organization established to develop a regional science and technology center, and museum. This will be a global Science center fostering STEM education and preserving the legacy of Nikola Tesla.

The public is invited to join as members of TSCW. Membership ranges from \$15 for seniors, students and veterans, \$25 for individuals and \$35 for family membership. Member benefits include tours, discounts on merchandise and events, member only events, email newsletters, and the satisfaction of knowing that you're part of history in the making.

For further information visit tesla-sciencecenter.org.

Michael Harrington to Perform in "Mary Poppins"

Michael Harrington a 2011 graduate from Locust Valley High School is performing in the production of "Mary Poppins". The performance is taking place at the Sid Jacobson Jewish Community Center, 300 Forest Drive, East Hills.

A perfect musical for the whole family. Enjoy your favorite toe-tapping songs like "A Spoonful of Sugar", and "Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious". This heartwarming musical will sweep



you off your feet and remind you that anything can happen if you let it.

Show times are Saturday, January 24, 7:30 pm; Sunday, January 25, 2:00 pm; Saturday, January 31, 2:00 pm and 7:30 pm; Sunday, February 1, 2:00 pm.

Tickets are \$29 for members, seniors and students; \$34 for nonmembers. Group discounts when purchased in advance. Purchase tickets at: sjjcc.org/marypoppins.



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