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## Back-To-School Backpack Giveaway



More than 400 Glen Cove students received backpacks filled with school supplies during a Tuesday, Aug. 19 back-to-school backpack giveaway at The Landing School hosted by Nassau County Legislature Minority Leader Delia DeRiggi-Whitton (D - Glen Cove) and the Nassau County Police Benevolent Association (PBA). The PBA donated backpacks and school supplies for the event, which helped to equip students for success in the 2025-26 school year. Event-day logistical support was provided by the Glen Cove PBA, Glen Cove Auxiliary Police Department, and the City of Glen Cove Department of Public Works.



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# Preservation LI holds “Country House Benefit” in Locust Valley



The light-filled Living Room of Cuyoco

By THOMAS NOTHEL

Preservation Long Island held its 2025 Annual Country House Benefit at the meticulously restored Locust Valley home of designer Alfredo Paredes. The event was a celebration of Long Island’s incredible architectural history, to supports its mission to celebrate and preserve Long Island’s diverse cultural and architectural heritage. “We were thrilled to celebrate Alfredo Paredes and Brad Goldfarb’s incredible restoration of their 1928

Harrie Lindeberg house in Locust Valley,” stated Jackie Powers, Executive Director of Preservation Long Island. “The sold-out evening raised critical funds to support PLI’s growing programs.” The Locust Valley home—now known as “Cocuyo,” meaning “firefly” in Spanish—was thoughtfully restored by Paredes to pay homage to the home’s original architecture. Cocuyo was a natural choice of venue for PLI’s Annual Country House Benefit, as the architect Lindeberg, was a pioneer of the American Country House movement, and designed the home for 20th-century portrait artist F. Edwin Church. Paredes carefully preserved many of the home’s original details—including frescoes of birds painted by Church on the loggia walls, original ceramic tile floors, and cast-iron dragon lanterns. With utmost respect for the home’s her-

itage, the original architectural design has been preserved while infusing it with personalized design choices. The hosts opened their home to party guests, who enjoyed cocktails and hors d’oeuvres while taking in the spectacular interiors, beautiful gardens, and exquisite exterior details. PLI’s curatorial and historic preservation staff were stationed throughout the property to share information about the house’s history and architectural features. In the living room of the home, an original Art Deco portrait by Church, named “Lady in Charlotte’s Dress,” as well as other Church paintings, were on



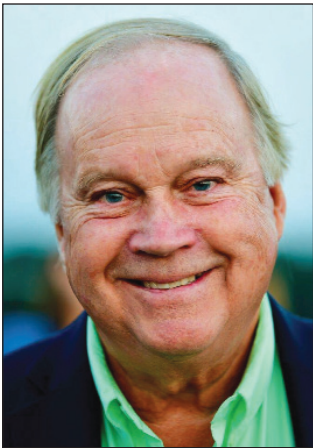
The Vaulted Library of Cuyoco



The back Veranda of Cuyoco

## Centre Island Mayor Lawrence Schmidlapp - RIP

Lawrence Cooper Schmidlapp (“Larry”), 80, passed away peacefully, surrounded by his family, at his long-time home on Centre Island on Saturday, August 16, 2025. Born on February 5, 1945, in Brigham City, Utah, to Carl Jacob Schmidlapp II and Barbara (McKissock) Schmidlapp, Larry grew up with a deep love of family, community, and the outdoors. He attended The Green Vale School, Millbrook School and Kenyon College. Larry proudly served his country in Army Intelligence during the Vietnam War. After returning home, Larry began a successful 38-year career in municipal bond sales, spending the majority of his career at Merrill Lynch and JPMorgan Chase. Larry dedicated much of his life to Oyster Bay and the North Shore community. He credited his education at Millbrook School for instilling in him the value of community - a principle he carried throughout his life. Larry was a founding member of the Centre Island Land Trust and Friends of the Bay. He also served as a trustee of the North Shore Land Alliance, The Green Vale School, Oyster Bay Boys & Girls Club, The Waterfront Center and Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club. He was the past president of the Beaver Dam Winter Sports Club and most recently held the position of Commander of the Locust Valley American Legion. Having moved to Centre Island with his family in 1948, Larry served the Village for 20 years, first as Trustee, then as Mayor for 15 years, following in the



Lawrence Cooper Schmidlapp

footsteps of his father who served as Mayor in the early 1980s. As Mayor, Larry was “community (and action) above self” - residents may have seen him clearing blocked roadways after a storm with his chainsaw or plowing driveways in the winter with his Suburban. Larry had a lifelong love of the water, spending countless hours with family and friends aboard his boats, Shadow and Gatsby. He was happiest on the water - Larry’s most cherished time of the year was the week-long family cruise up the Long Island Sound, a tradition the family kept well beyond the “kids” being kids. His favorite place in the world was on his deck looking out over Oyster Bay Harbor, which is where he spent his final days. Known for his humor, charisma, and easy-going nature, Larry was deeply loved by everyone he met. His family and friends will miss him deeply but find inspiration and remembrance of Larry all around this community. Larry is survived by his wife of 40 years, Carol; his children Charlotte E. Schmidlapp (Kelly), Lawrence M. Schmidlapp (Caroline), and Carl J. Schmidlapp IV; his grandchildren Ivy E. Schmidlapp, and Archer L. Robinson; and his siblings Carl J. Schmidlapp III, Barbara S. Dembergh, and J. Alison Douglas. Larry was preceded in death by his brother, Allan C. Schmidlapp. In lieu of flowers, the family would request any memorial donations be made to Friends of the Bay ([www.friendsofthebay.org](http://www.friendsofthebay.org)). [www.oysterbayfuneralhome.com](http://www.oysterbayfuneralhome.com)

## Disgraced Fraudster George Santos Reports to Prison

By LEADER STAFF

Disgraced Ex-Congressman George Santos (NY-3) reported to federal prison to begin serving his 7-year prison sentence for criminal fraud, theft and filing false documents. The truth about Santos’ frauds and crimes was broken before the November 2022 elections by investigative reporters from the North Shore Leader - and later picked-up by the New York Times and other national media after Santos became the surprise winner in the election to Congress. “I went from standing at the pinnacle of power and prestige, attending galas, navigating multimillion-dollar fundraisers in glittering Manhattan apartments and Long Island mansions, to the rock bottom of federal confinement,” cried Santos from prison. Santos was indicted in May, 2023, on 23 felony counts by the US Attorney in the Eastern District of New York, and plead “guilty” to two counts - but admitted to committing the other 21 counts in an elocation at his plea agreement last August. Santos checked into prison and began serving his sentence at the medium-security FCI Fairton prison in Fairfield Township, New Jersey. Santos was seen entering the prison grounds crying, and being greeted and hugged by five supporters carrying signs claiming Santos was innocent. Santos has been described as “a one man international crime spree.”



George Santos Reports to Prison

Santos was involved in a 2018 credit card fraud ring in Orlando, Florida; a 2020 “ponzi-scheme” involving a looted \$20 million investment fund called “Harbor City Capital” out of Melbourne, Florida; and a 2016 charity scam where Santos used the plight of a sick dog named “Sapphire” belonging to US Navy veteran Richard Osthoff to steal the \$3500 raised to save Sapphire’s life. Thanks to Santos’ cruelty and greed, the dog died, leaving Osthoff alone, broken and suicidal. “George Santos is a sociopathic, cruel man, who has preyed upon decent people - and the weak and wounded - for decades,” stated Grant Lally, the Publisher of the North Shore Leader. “I am glad we had the courage to expose his evil and corruption, and that he is now behind bars, where he can’t hurt innocent victims anymore.”

EDITORIAL

THE MADNESS OF MAMDANI  
- AND LONG ISLAND’S  
OPPORTUNITY

New York City is being hit with a perfect political storm that is about to sweep-in Zohran Mamdani - a 33-year old radical socialist - as Mayor of America's greatest city.

The prospects for NYC are horrific:

For law-abiding citizens, he offers a demoralizing blow to the NYC Police; and a green light to all sorts of criminals, muggers, scammers and thieves that it will be “open season” in NYC.

For parents, Mamdani promises an attack on educational hope: from his hostility to charter schools and what he calls the "racist" competitive NYC public high schools.

For already struggling businesses, he promises more red tape, more draconian squeezing; and more forced “sharing” of often non-existent profits. And even the promise of bleak “government-owned” grocery stores - communist Cuban-style.

For property owners, he promises more taxes, and more power to deadbeat tenants and squatters.

For Jews he offers the antisemitism of the “global Intifada;” and for white homeowners he promises "higher taxes on the white areas..." Pure racism.

These policies will be a disaster for New York City - but with an equally radical City Council - now just barely restrained by Mayor Eric Adams - the policies will become a reality.

But with every crisis comes opportunity - and Long Island’s County Executives - Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman and Suffolk County Executive Ed Romaine - are calling for NYC’s business community to look east - and move their corporate headquarters to Long Island.

NYC's loss can be Long Island’s gain. But it will take real planning, and a coordinated marketing effort to communicate that message to New York business leaders.

Regional hubs - like Mitchell Field; downtown Hicksville; the Melville commercial corridor; the Ronkonkoma renaissance; and the Stony Brook research triangle - are all ripe for an infusion of new headquarters and top-paying jobs are businesses flee from a nightmare NYC.

Let us take maximum advantage that NYC’s looming tragedy can afford us here on Long Island.

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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.

LATE-NIGHT CAR RACING  
IN MILL NECK

Dear Editor;

I am writing on behalf of very concerned residents of the Village of Mill Neck.

During the last three years, Frost Mill Road and adjoining streets in the Village have been and are continuously being misused as sites for motor vehicle racing.

Dozens of cars often speed over the Village’s streets in conspicuous disregard of the posted speed limit and the safety of adjacent homeowners. These motorists have created a serious threat to pedestrians, cyclists, other motorists and private property.

The character of the Village is defined by its quiet residential streets and scenic beauty. Excessive speeding is defiling that character and creating a public safety nightmare. Accidents have already occurred. The streets are in danger of appearing on NEWSDAY’s next list of the Most Dangerous Roads on Long Island. Ring cameras on homes have captured the reckless driving through the community.

The Village and the County of Nassau must, at a minimum, install speed bumps, install speed cameras to identify speeding vehicles, and issue violations so that the dangerous and reckless condition can be removed.

Respectfully  
Kenneth Robinson, Esq.

MAKE AMERICA SAFE AGAIN

Dear Editor;

I would love to go back to Washington, D.C. and feel like my wife and I could safely stroll the city at 9:00 or 10:00 at night. Actually, I would like to feel like we could safely walk the city at 10:00 in the morning. I am grateful that President Trump is taking a pro-active approach

to making D.C. as safe as possible.

In 2024 there were over 14 million criminal offenses reported in the United States. (US Crime statistics, Bing.com)

How many cities, towns or even rural areas do you feel safe in today? My son and I were in NYC a few years back. We toured the Empire State building and it was almost 1:00 in the morning by the time we left the building and started looking for New York pizza. We walked back to Times Square and of course there were still people out but not that many. There wasn’t a minute that I wasn’t constantly looking around and wondering if we were safe. We had a good evening but it’s aggravating to have to be concerned.

What town or community in America can we go and not have to be concerned? Even in the smallest villages in America who knows if there is a mentally deranged person out and about looking for something bad to do or someone to hurt? Drunks and drug heads drive our roads. The mentally sick choose unpredictable times to unleash their problems on unsuspecting victims.

From just recent events, we know

that you might be shopping at a Target store, sitting in a classroom, worshipping in your church or just walking down the street for something bad to happen to you or any of us. No one is immune in any place in America.

It hasn’t always been this way. I remember that I was a child when my parents started locking the doors of our house. There was a time we didn’t even lock the doors. That was another era. Wouldn’t you love to once again live in a country or an area where you felt so safe that you didn’t bother with locking your doors? Wouldn’t it be great if you didn’t have to lock them during the day? What if you didn’t have to keep a loaded gun close by or even lock your car?

Wouldn’t that be a wonderful world?

Criminals stole 2969 cars in D.C. in 2024 and 2944 cars so far in 2025. This is bad for everyone, the victims, the insurance companies and the city.

God bless President Trump for trying to make America and D.C. safe again. I pray that God enables him to make every town in America a place where we feel safe.

Dr. Glenn Mollette

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## Op-Ed: Illegal Aliens on Medicaid are Busting the System

By STEVE LEVY

It sure is interesting to see how the biased media deals with the Medicaid explosion.

They publish one article after another with a negative slant as to how the administration and congressional leaders are throwing people off of Medicaid... to die.

But then there was an article that snuck in noting how three liberal states, which engaged in malpractice by enrolling illegal immigrants onto the Medicaid rolls, are now having second thoughts because the cost is getting so prohibitively expensive.

The cost is so high that illegal aliens are crowding out money that is needed for American citizens.

So news reports now say that that the states of Illinois, Minnesota and California are now telling the undocumented aliens that they'll no longer be eligible. (California will not kick off existing illegals, but only stop adding more on after the year ends.)

That sounds like common sense. It was a travesty that illegal aliens were ever allowed onto Medicaid in the first place, but it also debunks the hyster-

ical theory that congressional leaders were trying to destroy Medicaid.

The Congress was actually were trying to SAVE Medicaid by preventing millions of people from the third world coming over to the United States, and then automatically going into the Medicaid system.



Steve Levy

But even when the liberal media is finally bringing out this fact, it's still presented with a negative spin.

Of course, one recent article was written from the perspective of the illegal immigrant who will no longer be covered with this public insurance.

There is a solution: Go back to your original country and fill out a form to come here legally.

Then, wait on line like the millions of others around the world looking to do it the right way.

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## Grand Opening of the Republican Headquarters

Tuesday, September 9th, 2025, at 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm, everyone is invited to the Grand Opening of Republican Headquarters at: 227 Forest Avenue, Glen Cove, NY.

Come meet Mayor Pam Panzenbeck and the 2025 Republican City Council Candidates: Councilmen Grady Farnan, Mike Ktistakis, and Kevin Maccarone along with candidates James Greenberg, Dan Grabowski and Ellen Pantazakos.



Come and meet your favorite Candidates

County Executive Bruce Blakeman and County Comptroller Elaine Phillips will be here!

Join us for friendly conversation and light refreshments will be served.

## Major Infrastructure Upgrades at Northport VA Medical Center

By NICK LoLOTA

The Northport VAMC will receive a portion of an additional \$800 million in federal funding for VA infrastructure upgrades nationwide. The funds come as a result of cost-saving reforms within the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) and will support a series of key improvements to enhance care and safety for Long Island Veterans.

These investments are a direct result of recent reforms to make the VA more efficient and Long Island Veterans are seeing the benefits. From critical facility upgrades to expanded clinical space and improved safety systems, this funding will help the Northport VA deliver on its promise to those who served. Our Veterans on Long Island deserve first-class care in a 21st century facility. This is a win for Long Island's Veterans and I'll continue fighting for them in Washington.

### Background:

The Department of Veterans Affairs will realign an additional \$800 million this fiscal year as part of the Veterans Health Administration's Non-Recurring Maintenance (NRM) program, which makes infrastructure improvements to health care facilities to ensure safe and effective patient care.

The additional funds will come from savings gleaned from various Veterans Health Administration (VHA) reform efforts. The additions will bring total NRM program spending for fiscal year 2025 to \$2.8 billion — a nearly \$500 million increase from fiscal year 2024. The funding will support a wide range of projects at the Northport VAMC, including:

- Upgrade Emergency Generators, Phase I – Electrical Infrastructure Improvements (Construction)
- Renovate for Nuclear Med Tomography – Medical Equipment Site Preparation (Construction)



Nick LaLota

- Improve Bldg. 200 Pipe Basement – Utility System Upgrades (Design)
- Repair PV Solar Carport System – Site and other Structural Improvements (Construction)
- Map Wastewater and Stormwater Collection System – Utility System Upgrades (Design)
- Renovate Dialysis – Renovation of Clinical/Support Space (Construction)
- Complete Sprinklers in Buildings 63, 64, 65 – Life Safety Systems, Sprinkler/Fire Alarm (Design)
- Roofs and Facades, Building 12 – Site and other Structural Improvements (Construction)
- EHRM Infrastructure Upgrades – Electronic health record modernization (Design)
- Replace Primary Electrical Distribution, Phase I – Electrical Infrastructure Improvements (Construction)
- Replace Roofs and Facades, Phase I of Buildings 61/62 – Site and other Structural Improvements (Construction)
- Renovate Sterile Processing Department 200 – Renovation of Clinical/Support Space (Construction)
- Replace Boilers – Central Utility Plant - Boiler & Chiller Systems (Construction)

Since January, I introduced five pieces of legislation aimed at improving care for our nation's Veterans, including the bipartisan PFC Joseph P. Dwyer Peer Support Program Act with Congressman Jimmy Panetta (D-CA), the bipartisan Vietnam Veterans Liver Fluke Cancer Study Act with Congressman Pat Ryan (D-NY), the Supporting Veteran Families in Need Act with Congressman Ed Case (D-HI), and the Veterans Foreign Medical Coverage Equality and Modernization Act, and the Troops Before Politicians Act, which mandates pay suspension for Members of Congress when pay is suspended for Servicemembers.

Congressman Nick LaLota, Representing the 1st District, is a U.S. Navy Veteran.



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## Culper Spy Day Tour in Setauket

Preservation Long Island to Host Special Culper Spy Day Tour in Setauket at Sherwood-Jayne House on Saturday, September 6, 2025

Visitors will meet Loyalist William Jayne, who will share his views on the legendary Long Island-based Patriot spy ring.

When: Saturday, September 6, 2025, 10:00 AM – 3:30 PM Where: Sherwood-Jayne Farm, 55 Old Post Road, Setauket

Culper Spy Day Tour Schedule: The property opens at 10:00 AM. The first guided tour begins at 10:30 AM. Tours continue every half hour with the final tour at 3:00 PM.

Tickets: \$5 General Admission; FREE for Members & Children 9 and under. Reserve tickets in advance at <https://preservationlongisland.org/culper-spy-day-2025/>

Join Preservation Long Island at Sherwood-Jayne Farm on Culper Spy Day 2025 for interactive tours with a different spin on George Washington’s Revolutionary War Spy Ring. Visitors will meet a Setauket British Loyalist known as “Big Bill the Tory”, who will share his views on the legendary Long Island-based Patriot spy ring.

During the American Revolution, New York City and Long Island had the highest concentration of Loyalists. Why did so many Long Islanders remain



Loyalist William Jayne

loyal to the King of England? What happened to them after the war? Stop by Sherwood-Jayne Farm on September 6th to meet Setauket Loyalist William Jayne (aka “Big Bill the Tory”), and hear his side of the story!

The Sherwood-Jayne property opens at 10:00 AM. The first special Culper Spy Day guided house tour begins at 10:30 AM. Tours continue every half hour with the final tour at 3:00 PM. Free self-guided grounds tours all day.

Culper Spy Day is presented by Three Village Historical Society and Tri-Spy Tours. Visit Three Village Historical Society for a full list of the day’s events.

For more information contact: Andrea Hart, Public Affairs Director, Preservation Long Island [ahart@preservationlongisland.org](mailto:ahart@preservationlongisland.org), (631) 692-4664

### Locust Valley Library

#### SEPTEMBER PROGRAMS

For more information visit us at: [www.locustvalleylibrary.org](http://www.locustvalleylibrary.org)

##### Aromatic Rice with Grilled Chicken & Sweet Potatoes

Wednesday, September 10 at 2:30 PM

Join Chef Robert Dell'Amore for a wholesome meal. \$10 ingredients fee is required to participate.

##### Laughter Yoga for Wellness

Monday, September 15 at 7 PM

Led by Joanie Accolla. Laugh your way to wellness! A fun blend of breathwork, movement and laughter without physical demands of traditional yoga.

##### Birding on Long Island

Saturday, September 20 from 9 - 10:30 AM

Join Andrew Leidig as we tour through Coffins Woods. Rain date September 21.

##### Rock the Gazebo Presented by

The Friends of the Library

Thursday, September 25 at 6 PM

The How is a six piece band which plays the blues, country and rock & roll. Performance will be held at our back-parking lot.

##### Sound Bath Meditation

Wednesday, September 24 at 11 AM

Led by Andonia Fthenakis. Experience the healing power of crystal bowls and vibrational instruments for rest, support, or spiritual reset. Bring a yoga mat, blanket, eye covering and pillow.

##### Meditative Workshop

Saturday, September 27 at 11 AM

Join Diane Kurtz Calabrese for a guided meditation workshop to reduce stress and stimulate your emotional well-being.

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# Raynham Hall “A License to Quill” Gala at Rynwood Estate



Dr. Abby Aronowitz

BY VICTORIA CROSBY

Raynham Hall Museum held a fundraising gala event, “A License to Quill,” with a “Casino Royale” theme. The event honored Rita and James Roselle and Brian Kilmeade at the fabu-

lous Rynwood Estate in Old Brookville.

The co-chairs were Colette Buzzetta, Elvire Daniels Carolyn Mott and Claudia Taglich, with a large committee who worked hard to create a successful event.

The event was catered by Robbins Wolfe, who served a delicious repast, which included sliced steak, salmon and vegetables.

Executive Director Harriet Gerard Clark introduced the honorees and presented them with their awards.

Brian Kilmeade is a TV and radio presenter for Fox News and an author of eight books including The Spy Ring that



Brian Kilmeade

Saved the American Revolution, which featured Robert Townsend. This led to many more visitors to Raynham Hall, and the gratitude of the museum staff and members.

James and Rita Roselle and family have been dedi-

cated supporters of Raynham Hall Museum for more than twenty-five years. One of the companies owned by the Roselles, J.T. Roselle Lighting, donated the distinctive lighting for the Visitors Center at Raynham Hall Museum.

Music was provided by John Schwartzberg on the piano and the Nick Massimo Quintet jazz group.

The live auction, with auctioneer Peter Bahr, featured amazing items including a golf outing, a private museum tour, a diamond necklace, a vacation in the Bahamas and much more.

Rynwood was built in 1927 for Katherine and Samuel Salvage by architect Roger Bullard in the style of

a Cotswolds Tudor. Salvage was a British born founder of the U.S. rayon industry.

Raynham Hall Museum is located at 30 West Main Street in Oyster Bay. For further information visit [raynhamhall-museum.org](http://raynhamhall-museum.org).



James and Rita Roselle with Harriet Gerard Clark.



Guests enjoying the party at the beautiful Rynwood Estate. Photos: Dr. Abby Aronowitz

## Planting Fields Top 3% of Museums in the Country



The Planting Fields Foundation, led by Gina Wouters, center, has been accredited by the American Alliance of Museums.

Photo: PLANTING FIELDS FOUNDATION

Planting Fields Foundation is now officially accredited by the American Alliance of Museums (AAM), placing them among the top 3% of museums across the United States!

This prestigious recognition is awarded only to museums that meet the highest national standards for excellence, accountability, and public trust. It reflects the dedication of staff, board of trustees, volunteers, and community supporters who care deeply about preserving this extraordinary place.

What makes this even more special? Planting Fields is the very first New York State Parks site to earn this prestigious accreditation.

As a privately funded 501(c)(3) non-profit organization working in close partnership with New York State Parks, Planting Fields Foundation is committed to maintaining and sharing this historic site with the public. This accreditation underscores their promise to provide you with a world-class experience while safeguarding their collections and natural treasures for generations to come.

Of the estimated 33,000 museums in the country, only about 1,100 hold this distinction. Planting Fields Foundation is now one of 70 museums across New York state to receive this honor. See the full list of accredited sites here.

“Achieving AAM accreditation is a profound milestone that underscores the dedication of the team, board, and partners to thoughtful stewardship, inclusive interpretation, and creative program-

ming,” said Gina J. Wouters, Ph.D., President and CEO of Planting Fields Foundation. “This honor affirms the Foundation’s mission to preserve and activate this extraordinary site through the lenses of history, art, horticulture, and community. It also signals our readiness to grow boldly into the future as a national model for the reimagining of historic and cultural sites.”

The American Alliance of Museums’ rigorous, multi-year accreditation process assesses every aspect of a museum’s operations, from governance and collections care to financial health and public service. It includes a comprehensive self-study and an intensive site visit by independent museum professionals. Final decisions are made by the AAM Accreditation Commission, composed of leaders from across the field. “Accreditation is a monumental achievement,” said Marilyn Jackson, AAM President and CEO. Learn more about AAM here.

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Planting Fields, 1395 Planting Fields Road, Oyster Bay, is currently open from 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM, 7 days a week. Read about parking fee policies here. Information on the Visitor Center operations and tours can be found here. The Main Greenhouse and the Camellia Greenhouse are open 10am – 4pm every day except Tuesday.

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# OB-EN ESY Students go for Gold at Annual Olympics



Students rotated through stations that challenged both their minds and bodies

As part of a beloved summer tradition, Oyster Bay-East Norwich’s Extended School Year (ESY) program hosted its annual “ESY Olympics” on Aug. 11 at Theodore Roosevelt School.

The spirited event brought together students from both Theodore Roosevelt

and James H. Vernon Schools for a day of engaging activities that blended physical exercise with learning opportunities. On the school’s blacktop and field, students rotated through stations that challenged both their minds and bodies — matching sight words before sinking a basketball shot, bowling and then counting the pins still standing and crawling through a tunnel while carrying a puzzle piece to complete a puzzle at the finish.

Families and caregivers lined the sidelines to cheer on the young athletes, while one-on-one aides offered encouragement and support at each station. Laughter, applause and high-fives filled the air as students proudly demonstrated their skills and teamwork.

The ESY Olympics is more than just a fun summer tradition — it’s a celebration of learning, perseverance and community.

# Historic Walking Tour

Join Raynham Hall Museum for a 2 hour stroll of Oyster Bay. The historic walk, a 1.5-mile loop that takes you to multiple historic sites, each holding stories of the town’s vibrant colonial roots and its role in America’s formative years. From the Fort Hill Cemetery to the bustling waterfront, these tours offer a rich and complex history, including those of notable figures like George Washington’s spy, Robert Townsend, and President Theodore Roosevelt. Whether you’re a history buff or seeking a pleasant walk through a charming town,



Fort Hill Cemetery

Oyster Bay’s Historic Walking Tour is for you!

Saturday, September 13, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm, \$20 member, \$25 nonmember. The tour begins at the Raynham Hall Museum Visitors’ Center, 30 W Main St, Oyster Bay.

Due to the popularity of the Walking Tour, a second tour has been added, Saturday, October 11.

To register go to: [raynhallmuseum.org/events](http://raynhallmuseum.org/events).

# Fun Feline Fundraiser and Movie Premier



Noreen and Eugene Canty with Connie Cincotta

*By VICTORIA CROSBY*

A cocktail party fundraiser was held at Highwood, the fabulous home of Connie Cincotta in Oyster Bay Cove, to benefit Paw Projects, a charity that cares for animals.

The hostess wore a cat themed sheath dress as cocktails and plentiful delicious hors d’oeuvres were served.

Following the cocktail hour, a vintage trolley car transported the one hundred guests to a nearby carriage house, which was decked out with a red carpet, and spotlights, as it was a premier of the movie “American Cats; the Good the Bad and the Cuddly, the History of Cats.”

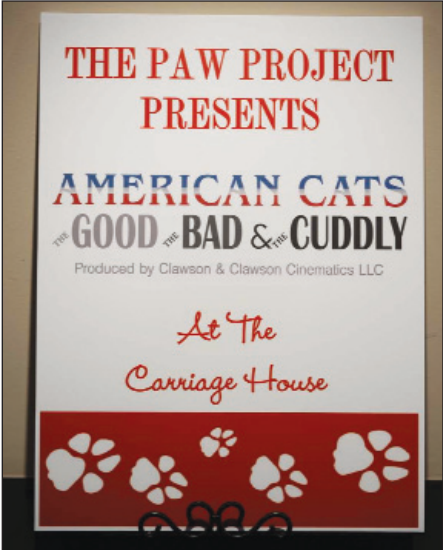
Champagne and popcorn were served during the show.The basic theme of the

documentary was the banning of declawing cats.Several of the people featured in the film were there and spoke about their involvement. One veterinarian started working with big cats, including lions and bob cats, and then with domestic cats, and started the movement to ban declawing cats.

Curtis Sliwa, founder of Guardian Angels, was interviewed in the movie, he

has over twenty cats of his own.

After the showing of the film the guests were transported back to



Poster for the movie.



Chris and Liz Boylan
Photos: Nicholas Robert Photography

Highwoodfor a wonderful selection of yummy desserts.

Paw Projects is a non-profit 501c3 organization dedicated to helping local animals in need of medical treatment, food, and to find them a forever loving home. They seek to rescue and rehabilitate neglected, abandoned and abused animals, to find people to foster animals temporarily, and to encourage spay and neutering.

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# PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf,  
40 Frost Mill Rd., Mill Neck, NY 11765  
August 2025

The *Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf* today announced an amendment to its policy for serving meals for children served under the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program for the 2025/2026 school year, which would allow for all children at all schools/sites to be served meals at no charge.

For additional information please contact the following person:

*Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf*  
Attention: *Dr. Bradley Porche*  
*Superintendent*  
40 Frost Mill Road  
Mill Neck, NY 11765  
[Bradley.Porche@millneck.org](mailto:Bradley.Porche@millneck.org)

# PUBLIC NOTICE

**LOCUST VALLEY WATER DISTRICT**  
**PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED**  
**REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR 2026**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that pursuant to Town Law §215-9(a), a public hearing on the District’s proposed budget for the 2026 fiscal year, will be held at District Headquarters, 226 Buckram Road, Locust Valley, New York on Thursday, September 4, 2025at 4:00 P.M. A copy of the proposed budget will be made available to the public for inspection at District Headquarters, Monday through Friday from 9A.M.- 4 P.M.

Board of Commissioners  
Locust Valley Water District

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Dated: August 19, 2025  
Locust Valley, New York

## Obituaries



**BERTIN**, Raffaella Bertin of Glen Cove, New York died on August 17, 2025 at the age of 96. Raffaella was born on August 11, 1929 in Portogruaro, Italy, the daughter of Giovanni and Antonietta Liut. She was raised in Valeriano, Friuli, Italy, where in 1955 she married Mario Bertin of Glen Cove and formerly of Castelnovo del Friuli. She was active in the parish of St. Patrick's RC Church and the Mothers Club of its elementary school for many years. After the death of her husband in 1979, she also worked as a seamstress. Raffaella was dedicated to her family, friends and neighbors, having lived in the house built by her husband Mario for 70 years until her death. Nothing made her happier than cooking a meal made with vegetables from her garden and sharing it with family around the kitchen table. She celebrated the coming of summer and big and small moments in the lives of her loved ones.

Mrs. Bertin is survived by her four children: Lou (Janet) of Alexandria, VA and Middletown, RI; Paola Carey (James) of New Canaan, CT; Sandra Pfeiffer (David) of London, UK and Peconic, NY; and Patricia Bertin of Darien, CT; as well as five grandchildren: Michael and Thomas Carey, and Emma, Camilla and David Pfeiffer. She was the eldest of five children and is survived by her sister Ilde of Padova, Italy as well as numerous nieces and nephews there. She will also be missed by her nieces Mary and Franca Franz of Ridgefield, CT.

Interment at the Cemetery of the Holy Rood, Westbury. Donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital ([www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org)). [www.DodgeThomas.com](http://www.DodgeThomas.com)

**CASSIDY**, William Joseph, a native New Yorker who spent the last few years of his life residing in Vernon, CT, passed away on the evening of Sunday, August 17, 2025 at the age of 84. William, known to his family and friends as Bill, was a devoted husband, father, and PopPop. With a jovial spirit, a huge warm heart, and charismatic charm, Bill was the anchor of the family, filling his home, and our hearts, with love and laughter.

Born in Brooklyn, NY, on August 3, 1941, Bill lived an adventurous life. A natural storyteller with the "gift of the gab" he loved to share his tales with family and friends, but saved his best stories for his three girls. Ripe with tales of 1940's NYC, Bill would share his many escapades from what it was like being on rations during the war, how his Uncle Jim would take him to see his beloved Brooklyn Dodgers (and help him get his ball signed), swimming in the Hudson river, chasing frogs, watching the St. Patrick's day Parade from the stock room of Saks Fifth Avenue with his father, to the sheer horror and embarrassment of walking with his grandmother as a child when she told off Joey Gallo on the streets of Brooklyn.

His father, William Patrick Cassidy, passed away when Bill was sixteen years old. It was then that he and his mother, Mary Cassidy (nee Cornely) moved to Bellerose, NY with their cousins. Having been born with retinitis pigmentosa, a severe eyesight impairment, Bill attended school in the NYC Vision Conservation program which saw him through elementary school at PS 95 and then on to William Cullen Bryant High School in Astoria, NY where he developed a love for photography and took photos for the school newspaper. After graduating high school, Bill went on to work at Saks Fifth Avenue like his father and grandfather before him. A savvy salesman with an eye for design, Bill rose up to work as a buyer for the jewel-

ry department. Some of his favorite stories come from his time at Saks, from charming Edie Adams (and her dog) and curating selections for Barbara Streisand, to assisting his fellow colleagues during the great NYC blackout of 1977.

It was during his time at Saks that he met his wife, Barbara, a nursing school student who was on rotation at Creedmore Hospital, while he worked there curating a library for patients. The two would eventually get married in Bayonne, NJ and make the papers for having every member of their wedding party get married afterwards, including the priest! The young couple settled down in Yonkers, NY and started a family of their own, welcoming their first child, Kathleen, in 1971, and their second, Maureen in 1975. In the later seventies, they moved to Rego Park, NY where they lived with Bill's mother and where Bill would move on from Saks to work for Kosta Boda, a Swedish Glass company.

His work for Kosta Boda would take him all over the world as he would meet with artisans to secure unique and beautiful glassworks for Kosta Boda to carry. In the fall of 1980, after welcoming his third child, Kimberley, he would lay his beloved mother Mary to rest. One year later, the family would find themselves moving to the suburbs of NYC to Lindenhurst, NY, a town his cousin Patricia Rooney helped him vet. Bill loved tending his vegetable garden and enjoying the pool in his own backyard. A dedicated father, he always devoted his one day off a week, in addition to vacation, to his family. From the arrival of his first, he always enjoyed taking his girls

on adventures into NYC where they would explore the Bronx and Central Park Zoo, the aquarium, The Museum of Natural History, watch the Thanksgiving day parade, and one of their favorites, FAO Schwartz (where toy dogs may have been purchased and summarily walked down Fifth Avenue followed by Bill's raucous laughter.)

Not wanting to relocate his family to Texas to continue working for Kosta Boda, Bill moved on to the position of VP for COPCO for a short time before settling into Vice President in charge of Sales and Personnel for JPM. This position required Bill to leave the house at 5 a.m. to take a train and several buses (as his vision kept him from driving) to the factory in New Jersey. He loved to take his girls to work with him, though his youngest was afforded this opportunity the most. Those moments riding the train and bus (always with a stop for coffee and buttered roll first) are among her most cherished memories. He was loved and respected by everyone at JPM, but he loved to joke with the factory guys in the break room and they were always happy to sit and chat with him, as his stories were always the best.

His three girls were the center of his life, and his home in Lindenhurst was the center of his girls' activities. He prided himself in having an open door policy for all of their friends. Everyone felt welcome and enjoyed his kindness, and his culinary expertise. Everyone who knew Bill knew he enjoyed a good meal – many a story he told involved exquisite detail of the exotic meals he enjoyed while traveling the world. Once upon learning his wife had never had lobster,

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he jumped in the car and they drove all the way to Maine on a whim to enjoy the freshest lobster. He would later take his three girls on a more local (and ill fated) trip to Jordan’s Farm on Long Island where he would allow his children to hold the lobsters in the back seat on the ride home only to find they had named them (after the Fraggles) and thus refused to eat them.

Of all the hats he wore in his life, his most cherished was the one that made him PopPop. He adored his grandchildren and relished every opportunity to cook with (and for) them, joke with them, and go on adventures to the zoo, the beach, aquarium, museums, and especially enjoyed the adventures that ended (or began) with ice cream. He encouraged their mischief and was always willing to take the fall for their chaos. He shared everything he loved in his life with them and was always their biggest fan and cheerleader, as he was for his daughters as well.

Predeceased by his parents William P. Cassidy and Mary Cassidy (nee Cornely), Bill spent his final years living with his daughters and grandchildren in Oyster Bay, NY before retiring to Vernon, CT. He was married to his wife, Barbara Cassidy (nee Sieracki) for 62 years. He is survived by their children, Kathleen Cassidy-Brammer, Maureen Cassidy-Vera and her husband Marcelo Vera, and Kimberley Cassidy-Neff and her husband Aaron Neff; four grandchildren-Mary Elizabeth, Matthew William, and Michael Victor Vera, and Joshua Hugh Brammer. His family meant everything to him and he has left them with a legacy of love and laughter.

Bill is also predeceased by his cousin whom he grew up with, close as siblings, Mary Rooney (nee Cornely) and her husband Paul Rooney, his sister-in-law and brother-in-law Theresa and Robert McClean, and his dear Uncle James Cornely who stepped into the role of a father when he lost his own as a teenager. Bill is survived by his cousins Maureen Lipsky (nee Rooney), Patricia Rooney, and Julie Cornely.

Burial at Washington Memorial Park in Mt. Sinai. [www.oysterbayfuneral-home.com](http://www.oysterbayfuneral-home.com)

**CASTIGLIONE**, Andrew C., 65, of Bayville, passed away on August 11, 2025, at Good Shepherd Hospice at Mercy Hospital of Rockville Center after a courageous battle with Cancer. Born on November 11, 1959, in Brooklyn, New York, to Angelo and Antonina Castiglione, Andy was a graduate of the College of Old Westbury, where he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree. He worked in the Insurance Business for nearly 30 years, most recently having a State Farm Agency located in Queens Village. In addition, Andy was an Entrepreneur, where he built homes and owned a Daisy Cakes route. Andy was an avid Yankees Fan. He is survived by his wife, Tracie Castiglione, and his daughter, GiannaCastiglione.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in Andy’s honor to the Pancreatic Cancer Foundation. [www.Oysterbayfuneral home.com](http://www.Oysterbayfuneral home.com)

**KELLY**, Gerald E., on Aug. 9, 2025, age 84, of Bayville, NY. Beloved husband of the late Sharon. Loving father of Gerald J. (Gina) and James (Cara). Devoted grandfather of Ryan, Brianna, Quinn and Skylar. Also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. A Memorial Visitation will be held at a later date. [www.oysterbay-funeralhome.com](http://www.oysterbay-funeralhome.com)

**KONSTANTARA**, Chryssanthi of Hicksville, NY on August 21, 2025 at Age 94. Beloved wife of the late Demetrios. Loving mother of Aristidis (Fotini) and Eftihia K a r a c h a l i o s (George). Proud grandmother of Michael, Chryssanthi, Crissa and Demetrios. Adored great-grandmother of 4. Interment at St. Margaret Cemetery, Plainview, New York. [www.DodgeThomas.com](http://www.DodgeThomas.com)

**LaBELLA**, Christopher M. of Locust Valley, NY on August 17, 2025 at Age 53. Beloved brother of Deborah

Gaglio (the late Frank), Michael (Tina) and Robert (Dorothy). Loving uncle of David, Sebastian, Michael and Ryan. Chris was an animal lover, a devoted Ranger fan and the size of his heart was beyond compare.

Interment at Locust Valley Cemetery. [www.DodgeThomas.com](http://www.DodgeThomas.com)



**MATTNER**, Robert “Bob” of Sea Cliff, NY, on August 13, 2025. Beloved husband of the late Virginia. Loving father of Kathryn Rae Mattner and Jonathan Robert Mattner. Dear brother of the late Paul Mattner (Ellie) and Richard (Jacqueline) Mattner and brother-in-law of the late Donald Lichte (Kay) and Larry Lichte (the late Dolores). He is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Burial at St. Paul’s Church Yard, 28 Highland Road Glen Cove. [www.Whitting.com](http://www.Whitting.com)

**MAZURE**, Mary Jo of Glen Cove, New York on August 16, 2025 at 74 years. Beloved wife of Leslie. Loving mother of Brian (Wendy) and Melissa. Dear sister of Anna Rae Tumbarello (Joseph) and Lois Fink (Anne-Marie Blondin). Proud grandmother of Alexa and Logan. Also survived by four nephews. Fond sister-in-law of Fran Mazure. Mary Jo is a former member of Glen Cove's Women's Club, the Red Hats Society and the Glen Cove Retired Teachers Association. She was a founder and president of the Glen Cove Special Education Parent Teacher Association (S.E.P.T.A.). Interment at Locust Valley Cemetery. [www.DodgeThomas.com](http://www.DodgeThomas.com)



**POSTLEY**, Elaine Margaret McNicol Postley, Elaine Margaret McNicol Left this world August 20, 2025 in her own bed surrounded by her family. Born December 3, 1944 to Doris Egues McNicol and Donald E McNicol she was a graduate of the Chapin School, Wellesley College and Columbus School of Law of Catholic University. After retiring from the practice of law, she was President of the Board of Goddard-Riverside Neighborhood House, President of the Board of One East 66th Street. She was a loyal member of the Colony Club, Piping Rock Club and the North Country Garden Club. Predeceased by her sister Janet Barton, she is survived by her husband of 58 years, John, her brothers Donald (Christa) and Paul (Christena), her son John (Jolene) and grandchildren Beatrix and Griffin. Funeral Service will be at 10:30am Wednesday, August 27, St Dominc’s Oyster Bay, New York.

**UHLENDORF**, Maria Jovanna of Glen Cove, NY on August 12, 2025 at Age 77. Beloved wife of Ronny. Loving mother of Kurt (Brunella) and Katia Armata (Paul). Dear sister of Adriana and the late Giovanni, Pietro, Rosetta, Vinnie, Nicola. Cherished grandmother of Alexia, Bernardo, Manuela and Luca. Also survived by several loving nieces and nephews.

Inurnment at Locust Valley Cemetery. [www.Dodgethomas.com](http://www.Dodgethomas.com)



**UNDERBERG**, Alan H., died suddenly on June 30, 2025, a resident of Atlantis, Florida. Previously of Locust Valley, New York.

He leaves behind his wife, Elyse, of 55 years; his son, Marc (Dara) of Mill Neck, New York; his grandchildren Eleanor, Marc, Jr. and Audrey and his wonderful Service Dog Jasmine.

Alan loved all of his dogs but Jasmine was very special to him.

Alan graduated New York University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Economics, Roth Graduate Business School of Long Island University with a Master’s Degree in Accounting, Graduate of the Securities Industries Institute and Graduate of the Branch Management, Leadership Program the Wharton Business School, University of Pennsylvania.

He was a member of the New York National Guard 69th Infantry Division, the Fighting Irish and held many Senior Positions on Wall Street, most noticeably at Gruntal & Co. where he was Managing Director.

He loved living in Atlantis, riding on his golf cart with Jasmine by his side, watching the birds and the turtles. Funeral was private.



**WHEELER**, Jimmy of Glen Cove, NY on August 20, 2025 at Age 70. Soulmate of Pamela Hubbard. Loving father of Michelle Williams, Terrence Burnett (Tendra), Tanesha Wilson (Kevan), Tara Wheeler and Londale Hubbard (Lisa). Dear brother of Tom, Charlie and Mildred. Proud grandfather of 12 and great-grandfather of 7. Also survived by loving cousins, nieces and nephews.

Arrangements entrusted to Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home, Glen Cove. Visitation at the Salem Baptist Church, Glen Cove on Thursday, August 28, 2025 from 5-7pm. Service at the Salem Baptist Church on Thursday, August 28, 2025 at 7:00 pm.

Interment at Nassau Knolls Cemetery on Friday, August 29, 2025 at 1:00pm. [www.DodgeThomas.com](http://www.DodgeThomas.com)

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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.

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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.

# St John's Bids Farewell to Rector Mark Fitzhugh



*Ann Vessalico, Fr. Mark Fitzhugh and John Sheldon*

*BY VICTORIA CROSBY*

After ten years as Rector at St. John's of Lattingtown, Fr. Mark Fitzhugh has been called to Trinity Church, the church in Mobile, Alabama where he grew up, was baptized and married.

A farewell reception was held in the Parish Hall following Fr. Mark's final church service in July. At that service, which was packed with parishioners, Fr. Mark thanked his staff; Mary Savin Parish Administrator, Mary Syracuse Finance Administrator, Ruairaidh Sutherland Organist and Director of Music Ministry, Mat Stimola Sexton, Kate Scefonas General Manager at The Barn. He also acknowledged the late Frank Powers who served as acolyte for many years, and Courtney Callahan who was Director of Children's Ministry and Outreach until earlier this year and now works with NOSH. He also mentioned the assistant priests and curates he has worked with over the years, Mother Catherine Wieczorek, Father Stephan Tamke, Father Cameron Walker, and the

previous organist and Music  
Director Chris Brayne,

At the reception, which was catered by the Locust Valley Deli and Stewie's BBQ, Warden of the Vestry John Sheldon thanked Fr. Mark for his many years of service to the church, Acolyte Ann Vessalico and Vestry member Corrie Decker, presented a bouquet of flowers to Fr. Mark's wife Cheri

Smith, thanking her for her support of her husband during his years at St. John's.

Sunday School leaders Stephanie Zingale and Bree DeRoo gave Fr. Mark a large poster that the children had made, which was covered in hearts with messages from the Sunday School students.

A delicious chocolate cake with the words “Thank You Father Mark” was then cut and shared among everyone at the reception.



*Sunday School students.*

# Huntington Approves New 27,400 Square Foot Clubhouse at Indian Hills



*Approved New Indian Hills Club House*  
(courtesy G. Suddell Architects)

*By Niall Fitzgerald*

The Huntington Town Planning Board approved a plan submitted by the Indian Hills Country Club to tear-down their existing 7,882 square foot clubhouse in Northport, and build a new 27,395 square foot clubhouse and catering hall. The Planning Board meeting was held on August 20th.

The project has been opposed by the local Fort Salonga Homeowners Association, due to concerns about increased traffic and noise from a much expanded facility.

The existing facility can host events of 150 people, however the new facility will be able to cater two weddings of over 200 people, at the same time,

according to attorneys for the Homeowners.

At the August 20th meeting of the Town of Huntington Planning Board, the Board unanimously approved the plan submitted by the Country Club and its architects, George Suddell Architects.

The Fort Salonga Home Owners Association sued to block the initial development plans, but the case was dismissed.

The site plan calls for 144 paved parking spaces, and an additional 84 spaces in the front of the building.

As part of the development plan, the Club is restricting its membership to 425 members.

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