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Members of the 2019 graduating class of Public School 175. Bottom row (l. to r.): graduates Marc Lomonaco, Christopher Crowe, Jhadelyn Castillo, Alexandra Santa Maria, Desyrae Rosario; Kathleen Wiehler, asst. principal; Amy Lipson, principal; graduates Leslie Castro, Kenzi St. Clair, Jose Rosario, Max Wiehler, Bernard Paloka. Second row: faculty Kathleen Vaughan, Karen Heil; graduates Laila Alghazaly, Kimberly Ventura, Benjamin Malejko, Adam Garforth, Rolando Rodriguez, Evamarie Bellocchio, Fiorela Miria, Brendyn Kong, Kyle Facchiano, Marc Browning, Robert Baumann, Katherine Mashchenko, Jania Perry, Isabella Fragola; faculty Giuliana Addesso, Danielle Minor. Third row: graduates Raena Quiles, Matthew McGaughan, Gebriel Roberson, Thomas Forliano, Victoria Alicea, Dnyza Grady, Esthefanny Vargas, Laci Howard, Isabela Voka, Heaven DeCuffa, Nicolette Proscia, Jayden Rogers, Nathan Paloka, Colin Kenny; faculty Anthony Esposito. Top row: graduates Mikalah Cancel, James Shaw, Ezra Oquendo, Natalia Tranquillo, Taylor Schnatz, Lia Schnatz, Oscar Etzel, Marco Mazzella, Patrick Livingston, Peter Luderman, Gwen Boyle, Genesis Quinones, Ciara Lyver, Nicholas Baratta, Ryan Whelan, Hope Rosado.

Graduation and a Farewell

By VIRGINIA DANNEGGER

At her final graduation ceremony at P.S. 175 on June 21, 2019 (see story on page 7), Principal Amy Lipson told the students that "The future is yours. Take charge and walk boldly, with your head held high and enjoy all that life has to offer." She then went on to say "This graduation marks a new beginning for you, as well as a closing for me. I would like to sincerely thank all of the wonderful parents and families for the support you have given me over the years. I would never have been as successful without you!"

Ms. Lipson then made the following presentations: The City Island School Principal's Award for Excellence was presented to Laila Alghazaly; the City Island Chamber of Commerce Award for General Excellence went to Taylor Schnatz; and the Mary P. Fitzpatrick Award for Academic and General Excellence was given to Lia Schnatz. Patrick Livingston was the recipient of the Dr. Ed Rothschild Award for Citizenship and Community Involvement; the Lucrezia A. Fusco Award for Effort and Perseverance was given to Laci Howard.

At the Awards Dinner on June 12, the following presentations were made: the NYS Senator Alessandra Biaggi Civic Award for Student Leadership went to Pat-

rick Livingston; the Assemblyman Michael Benedetto Award for Academic Achievement was given to Gebriel Roberson; the City Council Citation for Achievement was awarded to Gwen Boyle and Lia Schnatz; Kenzi St. Clair received the City Council Speakers Achievement Award for Academic Excellence.

The NYC Comptroller Award for Special Scholastic Achievement was presented to Marc Browning and Oscar Etzel; the City of New York Commission on Women's Issues Junior High Leadership Award went to Isabela Voka; the NYC Public Advocate Award for Academic Achievement was given to Nicholas Baratta and Matthew McGaughan.

Evamarie Bellocchio received the Philip J. Abinanti Award for Service and Leadership; the Blanche Schwartz Award for Effort went to Laci Howard; the Alice Persteins Award for Community Involvement was given to Laila Alghazaly; the Catherine Scott Literary Award from *The Island Current* went to Genesis Quinones.

Three awards were presented for Community Service: The City Island Civic Association Award went to Colin Kenny; the Alice Connolly Award to Christopher Crowe, and the Christine Jorgensen Hansen Award to Raena Quiles.

Taylor Schnatz received the P.S. 175 Young Scholar's Award; the UFT Citizenship Award for Academic Achievement went to Heaven DeCuffa and Kyle Facchiano; the Andrea Horowitz English Language Arts Award was given to Adam Garforth; the District 11 ELA Superintendent Award was presented to Taylor Schnatz.

The United Federation of Teachers pre-

sented awards in individual subject areas: English Language Arts, Heaven DeCuffa and Isabella Fragola; Math Superintendent Award, Lia Schnatz; UFT Math Award, Isabella Fragola and Max Wiehler; Regents Math Award, Ezra Oquendo; Regents Math certificates, Nicholas Baratta, Evamarie Bellocchio, Gwen Boyle, Marc Browning, Oscar Etzel, Adam Garforth, Colin Kenny, Marc Lomonaco, Katherine Mashchenko, Fiorela Miria, Matthew McGaughan, Ezra Oquendo, Lia Schnatz, Taylor Schnatz, Kenzi St. Clair, Isabela Voka; Music, Fiorela Miria, Jania Perry, Genesis Quinones, Gebriel Roberson, Thomas Forliano, Katherine Mashchenko; Science, Jhadelyn Castillo and Kyle Facchiano; Regents science, Adam Garforth and Kenzi St. Clair; Regents science certificates, Nichola Baratta, Gwen Boyle, Marc Browning, Adam Garforth, Colin Kenny, Matthew McGaughan, Fiorela Miria, Lia Schnatz, Taylor Schnatz, Kenzi St. Clair. Social Studies, Marc Browning and Oscar Etzel; Computers, Matthew McGaughan, and Kenzi St. Clair; Physical Education, Jhadelyn Castillo and Marco Mazzella.

The P.S.175 Perseverance Award was

given to Thomas Forliano, Jayden Rogers, Ryan Whelan; the Linda Brown Thomsen Award went to Kenzi St. Clair; Service Awards were presented to Laila Alghazaly, Victoria Alicea, Leslie Castro, Christopher Crowe, Adam Garforth, Patrick Livingston, Katherine Mashchenko, Jania Perry, Raena Quiles, Jose Rosario, Esthefanny Vargas, Isabela Voka; Color Guard, Nicholas Baratta, Robert Baumann, Gwen Boyle, Heaven DeCuffa, Laci Howard, Matthew McGaughan; Tutors, Evamarie Bellocchio, Laci Howard, Lia Schnatz, Taylor Schnatz, Kenzi St. Clair.

Students on the honor roll were: (Gold) Nicholas Baratta, Evamarie Bellocchio, Gwen Boyle, Marc Browning, Oscar Etzel, Adam Garforth, Laci Howard, Matthew McGaughan, Fiorela Miria, Ezra Oquendo, Lia Schnatz, Taylor Schnatz, Kenzi St. Clair, Isabela Voka, Max Wiehler; (Silver) Victoria Alicea, Robert Baumann, Heaven DeCuffa, Kyle Facchiano, Isabella Fragola, Colin Kenny, Patrick Livingston, Marc Lomonaco, Katherine Mashchenko, Raena Quiles, Ryan Whelan.

Congratulations to Ms. Lipson, the award winners and all the 2019 graduates!

MTA Bus Service Improvement Getting Closer

By BARBARA DOLENSEK

The Bronx Bus Network Redesign Plan, which was first proposed in August 2018, followed by workshops and presentations to Bronx community boards and open houses, is reaching its final stage. At first glance, the changes proposed for Bx29 look like welcome news for those who use the bus to travel to and from City Island,

although there are some parts of the plan that may not find favor with Islanders.

The redesign is intended to increase the hours that the bus services City Island, to provide more direct service and to improve bus stop spacing, crosstown connections, bus speeds and service reliability for

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REMINDER

The next issue of *The Island Current* (September 2019) will be published and on sale at the end of August.

BRIEFLY...

THE ANNUAL BOOT HILL CUP KAYAK RACE, a four-mile circumnavigation of Hart Island, will be held on Saturday, Aug. 10, at 205 Beach Street. The race starts at 10 a.m. and it will be followed by a \$15 beer and barbecue and other events. Medals will be awarded in all classes, and the name of the overall winner will be engraved on the Boot Hill Cup. Registration begins at 8 a.m. The race is sponsored by the Touring Kayak Club, which is celebrating its 92nd year on City Island, and the American Canoe Association. The race fee is \$15; \$10 for ACA members.

CITY ISLAND ROCKS presents its schedule for live music on Sundays starting at 5 p.m. in Hawkins Park this summer. June 23: Mard Ward and the Blueberry Jam Band; July 7: Frank Strazzeria and the Blue Collar Band with special guests; July 14: Beatles Tribute Band; July 21: Sue Kawczynski and Innuendo; July 28: Joseph Tribuzio and Vinyl Countdown, with special guests; Aug. 4: Jeff Gariola and Runaway Train; Aug. 11: Papa Guyo with Days of Wild and guests; Aug. 18: Randy Borra and the Potato Heads. Sponsors are City Island Realty One/AER Property Mgt, the City Island Diner, Lickety Split, Ted Pryor, Esq., Island Pharmacy, Man Overboard Sports & Music Bar, Anthony Roccamo, accounting, Seafood City, JP's Restaurant, Filomena's Pizza and the City Island Chamber of Commerce. Four more dates in the works; for more information, call 718-885-1111 or 347-242-4393.

COASTAL FLOOD RESILIENCY will be the subject of a presentation by the Department of City Planning (DCP) at the July 25 meeting of the City Island Civic Association, which will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center at 190 Fordham Street. After Hurricane Sandy, DCP created special zoning rules for the floodplain to allow for recovery and promote rebuilding and undertook several studies to understand resiliency issues relating to residential, commercial and industrial areas. DCP is now seeking feedback from homeowners for a permanent zoning text amendment before launching a formal public review process later this year. For information on the text amendment, visit <https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/planning/download/pdf/plans-studies/climate-resiliency/outreach-summary.pdf>.

THE 10TH ANNUAL GILDER LAWN PARTY will be held at the Morris Yacht and Beach Club on Saturday, July 27, from 2 to 6 p.m. This is a major fundraising event of the John Gilder Memorial Scholarship Trust, which brings together more than 100 family members, friends and supporters to celebrate the life of John Gilder and to support the group's important work, including scholarships. The majority of funds comes through raffle ticket sales, and in the past, sponsors have offered gift certificates to their stores, gifts and gift baskets and cash prizes. If you have any questions or would like to make a contribution or donate a raffle item, please contact Lauren Nye at 646-530-2128 or lnye610@gmail.com or Mallory Byrnes at 914-819-7561 or mbmallorybyrnes@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY DANCE WORKSHOPS FOR MAMBO. One World Arts and Retumba invite City Island residents of all ages to join the fun of learning to dance, play an instrument or choreograph a mambo dance production. Sundays, starting July 7, at 3:30 p.m. at the Community Center on Fordham Street. The workshops are made possible by a Bronx Council on the Arts Community Arts grant, supported by the New York State Council on the Arts Decentralization Program.

'MAMMA MIA,' the musical by Catherine Johnson, will be presented by the City Island Theater Group in November as the group's final production of its 20th year. Auditions will be scheduled to take place in for late summer. For more information, visit the website www.cityislandtheatergroup.com.

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Complaints reported from City Island to the 45th Precinct during May and June 2019. Unfounded complaints are not included in the list.

- 2 - LEAVING THE SCENE OF AN ACCIDENT
- 1 - THEFT OF SERVICE
- 1 - AGGRAVATED HARASSMENT
- 1 - RECKLESS ENDANGERMENT
- 1 - GRAND LARCENY
- 4 - CRIMINAL MISCHIEF GRAFFITI
- 3 - DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED (DWI)

Police provided details on the following arrests and incidents for the period from May 21 to June 18, 2019.

5/24 to 6/3 - Multiple acts of criminal mischief graffiti were reported along City Island Avenue and behind P.S. 175. Unknown person(s) vandalized mailboxes and traffic control boxes, as well as the walls and playground equipment in the schoolyard with graffiti.

5/25 - At 12 p.m., a male Islander on Fordham Street reported an act of grand larceny. He told police that he received a phone call threatening to expose his internet activity if he didn't pay money to the unknown caller.

6/1 - On Winters Street and City Island Avenue at 6:20 p.m., an unknown male was observed by police driving recklessly with a

female passenger in the car. Police pursued the vehicle, and the driver fled the scene by driving against traffic.

6/2 - Police arrested an off-Island male, 21, and charged him with DWI at 12:53 a.m. on City Island Avenue. The vehicle was pulled over after police observed the driver making improper turns.

6/3 - At a commercial establishment on City Island Avenue at 2:30 a.m., an off-Island female, 30, was arrested and charged with theft of service. She refused to pay the bill at a City Island restaurant and was arrested when police investigated and found an open warrant for the defendant.

6/8 - On Pilot Street at 8:30 p.m., an Island male was riding his bicycle when he was struck by a vehicle, causing minor injuries. The unknown driver fled the scene of the accident.

6/9 - An Island male, 49, was arrested and charged with DWI on Tier Street and City Island Avenue at 2 a.m. Police observed the defendant driving in and out of the fire lane without signaling.

6/12 - At 12 p.m. on Pilot Street, a female Islander reported an incident of aggravated harassment. She told police that an unknown person put pictures of her and her husband on Instagram without permission.

6/15 - On Bowne Street and City Island Avenue at 9:05 p.m., the vehicle of an off-Island male was struck in the rear, causing property damage. The unknown driver fled the scene of the accident.

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City Council Considers Transfer of Hart Island to Parks Department

By KAREN NANI



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Aerial view of Hart Island

On May 30, 2019, the New York City Council held a public hearing at City Hall on new legislation calling for the transfer of jurisdiction for Hart Island, the city's potter's field, from the NYC Department of Correction to the Department of Parks & Recreation. Although earlier attempts at transferring the island to Parks have not been successful, it is more likely to pass this time, because of the strong advocacy of Council Speaker Corey Johnson and the support of the Mayor's Office.

The City of New York purchased Hart Island in 1868 and placed it under the control of the Department of Charities and Correction. That department was divided in 1896, leaving the Department of Correction in charge. At the time the city had several potter's fields, cemeteries where the indigent or unidentified dead were buried, but now Hart Island is the city's only potter's field, where by some estimates nearly a million people have been buried since the 1860s.

Although for many years there were hospitals, prisons and other facilities on the island, none are active at the present time, and no one is allowed to visit the island without the permission of the Department of Correction, which provides inmates from Riker's Island to bury the dead. The island's historic buildings have deteriorated, burial records have been destroyed and parts of the island's natural landscape, including graves, have been damaged by



Photo courtesy of CATHY CEBEK

Historic buildings on Hart Island, like the chapel above, have deteriorated over time.

storms. Hurricane Sandy in 2012 caused parts of the shoreline to erode, exposing skeletal remains; this area is currently being remediated with over \$13 million funding from FEMA, which was awarded several years ago.

In addition to the transfer of jurisdiction, the legislative package also includes a study of ferry service to Hart Island, the establishment of an office of burial assistance to help low-income New Yorkers and the creation of a task force to study public burial and related issues. Matt Drury, Director of Government Relations for NYC Parks, said that the transfer of the island to the agency could occur once the city established a process to end future burials on the island. The island is estimated to be able to support burials for only 10 more years unless the practice of recycling graves, which ceased some years ago, is reinstated. However, the Council Speaker, who recently visited the island and its graves of people who died of AIDS, spoke strongly in favor of a more immediate transfer of jurisdic-

tion.

Because of the historical connection and close proximity of City Island to Hart Island, Islanders have been voicing opinions on this issue for years (see January and July/August 2015 issues of *The Current*). Three residents spoke at the council hearing on May 30: Cathy Cebek, Cathi Swett and Barbara Dolensek. All expressed concern that the transfer to Parks and the opening up of the island to the general public could cause traffic and parking problems for City Island, especially on Fordham Street, which is very narrow.

Ms. Cebek and Ms. Swett gave testimony at the council meeting opposing transfer of jurisdiction to the Parks Department because of the potential negative impact on quality of life, traffic and public safety on City Island. Ms. Cebek submitted a 2016 petition from 800 residents who opposed the transfer.

Ms. Swett testified in favor of preserving Hart Island as a sacred burial ground for the city's impoverished and forsaken. She prodded the bill sponsors to admit that there was "no plan" for public burials when Hart Island burials cease. Ms. Swett chastised the council for not inviting a single current or former Riker's Island inmate to testify about their experience working at the potter's field and in a horticultural program established by DOC on Hart Island.

Ms. Dolensek, on the other hand, believes that Hart Island's fascinating history

needs to be preserved and respected, which could only happen under Parks Department jurisdiction. She is preparing an application to place Hart Island on the National Register of Historic Places, which is supported by the NYS Department of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation but not by the Department of Correction. Since graves cover much of the island, she believes it should be given the same attention and care as any private cemetery in the city, and that making Hart Island a public park does not mean that it would become a playground or entertainment center.

After the hearing, Ms. Cebek and Ms. Swett went to Hart Island on June 8 and visited gravesites. Ms. Cebek told *The Current*, "the island was serene, well-manicured, peaceful and dignified. The DOC officers are amazing. They are respectful and treat the island with care and reverence for the dead." She emphasized that she and other Islanders are not opposed to people visiting deceased loved ones. Ms. Cebek found the procedure to obtain permission to visit Hart Island easy to navigate and available to anyone. However, the DOC continues to monitor its visitors carefully by removing all cameras and cell phones and restricting access to a small section of the island.

At the May 30 hearing, Council Speaker Johnson asked the DOC to provide a plan within 90 days so that the legislation may move forward to a vote from the full Council in a timely fashion this fall.



Photo courtesy of JOHN DOYLE

Members of the City Island community met with representatives of the Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA) last October to discuss issues relating to bus service to City Island. John Doyle (center) and Maggie Higgins (right) were among the Island residents who spoke up in favor of better service. The latest MTA plan includes many of the requests from Islanders.

MTA

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customers. The good news for City Island is that the MTA proposes eliminating the Co-op City route from Bx29, which would then provide service directly between City Island and Pelham Bay station. And, as has been requested by Islanders, bus service would be available between 1 and 5 a.m.

Islander John Doyle worked on this issue for many years as an officer of the City Island Civic Association. He told *The Current* that nearly 250 complaints about the service from Pelham Bay station to City Island have been collected since 2015 on the Civic Facebook page and passed along to MTA officials, and a petition signed by more than 750 Islanders was followed up by meetings he organized with representatives of the MTA. "Younger working residents were stuck waiting at Pelham Bay for long times, then several buses would show up at once," Mr. Doyle told *The Current*. He explained that this was due to "bunching" of buses that had to travel to Co-op City via I-95, which was often bottlenecked off the ramp from Pelham Bay during rush hour.

Adding to the frustration with the delays was the reduced late night service. The Bx29 had stopped running after midnight, and this lack of service was considered a factor in the tragic death of Gabriella Aguilar-Vallino in 2015. Ms. Aguilar-Vallino and other restaurant workers were forced to ride bicycles to work because there was no

other affordable way for them to get home after their shifts ended. As she was riding home one night, she crossed the road from the south bike path to the north bike path around midnight. She was struck by a vehicle and later died from her injuries.

The Bx29 service was extended from midnight to 1 a.m. in 2017, but the new plan calls for the bus to run between City Island and Pelham Bay station 24 hours a day, seven days a week. What may not be welcome to Islanders is the proposal to eliminate bus stops on both sides of Cross Street, Schofield Street and Pell Place, presumably to improve bus service and shorten travel time. Of particular concern is the fact that many older Islanders use the bus to travel on the Island, and these eliminations may result in their having to walk greater distances to reach bus stops.

The plan calls for the removal of eight stops from the 21 stops currently made by Bx29 going on and off City Island. The entire plan can be reviewed at this website: <https://new.mta.info/bronxbusredesign>. The website includes details about Bx29 and offers a survey that will allow members of the public to register their objections to or approvals of the plan. The final version of the plan will be released in September this year, followed by more presentations at Bronx community boards and public open houses. Residents of City Island are encouraged to speak up and inform the MTA where the community stands on these proposed changes.

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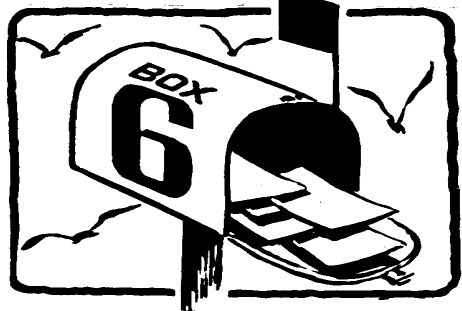
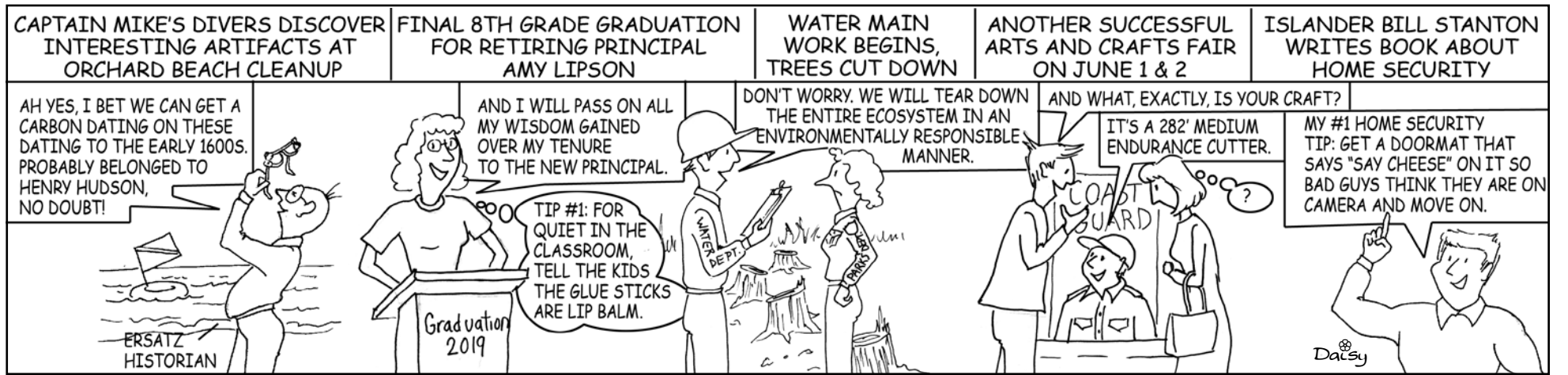
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Grief Support Group on City Island

To the Editor:

Hello, fellow City Islanders and friends. I am happy to announce the launching of a community grief support group, Compassionate Journey. The group is open to anyone who has lost a parent, sibling, child, spouse or loved one at some point, because I believe it is important for anyone who is grieving to have a support system in his or her life.

The goals of Compassionate Journey are to create a safe, empathetic and supportive environment for those who are working through bereavement. Thanks to the work of the facilitator, group members will have better insight on their grief, support system and coping mechanisms.

Compassionate Journey is projected to launch on Wednesday, July 10, at 7 p.m. in the City Island Community Center. The session will last about an hour. If you are interested in attending, please sign up with me at jcea024@gmail.com or 718-885-1954. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me.

Jillian Cea

A Fond Farewell

To the Editor:

June is a time for weddings and graduations and the start of summer vacations, but for some the time is for retirement. And so Patrizia, better known to all as Pat Cambria, will be joining the ever-growing population of retirees.

Perhaps, given a choice, I would prefer just to wish her well rather than to unearth the full story behind her journey to this point, but a few stories can be told. Pat taught for a while in Westchester County before making the decision to teach closer to home in the Bronx. As I listened to her story and sensed her excitement in telling it, I knew right away that she belonged to our educational community.

My first observation of her formal interaction with young children was when she sat on the classroom floor surrounded by children for a reading session. Then I heard her ask each child to put his finger on some subject in the book the group was holding, and I heard her say to one of them: "No, sweetheart, that's the wrong finger," and she moved right on.

When her son, Michael, was born and she couldn't find a babysitter one day, she brought in Barnum and Bailey-like equipment for Michael, who then played with many of us during the day as Pat happily continued to share her enthusiasm and her care for children in her P.S.

175 family.

Pat embodies the imagination and willingness that allow a child to follow his dreams. She is spontaneous and creative. Sometimes she engaged in activities that appeared to be square pegs attempting to fit into round holes, and this was fun. Her highest judgment of a child was indicated in the pride she showed each one when a task was finished.

Pat may be "retiring" from these child-oriented activities, but she will never retire from being "Patrizia," a woman with an imaginative spirit who will work to reach beyond the obvious. I look forward to welcoming her into the choir of P.S. 175 retirees who have enjoyed working by her side.

Ena Ellwanger, former principal, P.S. 175

Annual Gilder Lawn Party is Coming Up!

To the Editor:

The John Gilder Memorial Scholarship Trust is seeking your support for the 10th annual Gilder Lawn Party with a charitable raffle donation of your choice. We are a local group with the mission to have the name of a dearly missed son, brother, grandson, nephew and friend live on in a positive manner, while giving back to a community that meant so much to him.

This past year, the John Gilder Memorial Scholarship Trust (JGMST) sponsored a City Island Little League team for the eighth year in a row and offered two scholarships to students who represent John Gilder's interests and help keep his legacy alive. The Greenwich High School scholarship went to Oliver White, who will use the scholarship to attend the University of Vermont. Our Fordham Scholarship award this year went to Geoffrey Reyes, who will be a Senior in the Gabelli School of Business Class of 2020, studying Business Administration. Geoffrey is a Bronx native and an avid Yankee fan.

The summer lawn party this year will be held on Saturday, July 27, from 2 to 6 p.m. at the Morris Yacht and Beach Club. This is the largest of our fundraising events, bringing together 100+ family members, friends and supporters to celebrate John's life and to raise funds to sustain the important work we do throughout the year memorializing John's life. Last year, we were able to raise \$6,800, and the overwhelming majority of funds came through raffle ticket sales. In the past, sponsors have offered amazing prizes to raffle off, including gift certificates to their stores, gifts and gift baskets, and cash prizes. We hope you will consider making a donation for this year's lawn party.

Regardless of your capacity to make a donation, we extend the invitation for you to attend the party on July 27. If you have any questions or would like to make a contribution, please contact Lauren Nye at 646-530-2128 or lnye610@gmail.com or Mallory Byrnes at 914-819-7561 or mbmallorybyrnes@gmail.com.

Lauren Nye

Brotherhood Tree Restoration

To the Editor:

In response to the article entitled "Let It Flow: Water Main Update" in the June issue of *The Current*, we would like to clarify some points.

The Brotherhood Tree is not being removed because it is dead, although now it is, but because that piece of DOT land will be used for the new subaqueous water mains and storm sewers being installed for City Island.

The Garden Club of City Island is responsible for the care of the tree, planted in 1968 by Sam Bierman, who was then president of the City Island Trade Association (now the City Island Chamber of Commerce). We were assured in early 2014 that the tree and its plaque, an official New York City memorial, would be moved and replaced.

The Department of Design and Construction team included the removal of the tree in its scope of work for the installation of the new water mains, and they were reminded at the June meeting of Community Board's Municipal Services Committee that the tree should be replaced and that the Garden Club will be part of the planning for its new location, where the plaque will be restored.

Ad hoc Brotherhood Tree Committee of the Garden Club of City Island

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Islanders who walk along Orchard Beach's clean, sandy shores this summer can thank Mike Carew of Captain Mike's Diving of City Island, along with the United States Auxiliary Flotilla 54 (led by Commander Joe Pena), and the Dive Club of Long Island. The hard-working group (top photo) held the Orchard Beach Dive and Cleanup on May 19, 2019, and removed some very interesting refuse from the beach and surrounding waters.

MORE WATER, FEWER TREES

By BARBARA DOLENSEK



Photo by MATT PANZA

Work on the water main replacement began in June 2019 with the removal or pruning of more than 250 trees near the entrance to the City Island bridge.

The long-awaited water main replacement, sponsored by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and managed by the NYC Department of Design and Construction (DDC), has finally begun, with the removal of trees from the wooded area in Pelham Bay Park near the entrance to the bridge. Because of an embargo on lane closures on City Island that runs from Memorial Day until Labor Day, work on the Island will not begin until September.

DDC representatives presented details of the project, which is anticipated to be completed in the fall of 2021, at the Municipal Services Committee meeting at Community Board 10 on Wednesday, June 12. DDC will also present at the meeting of the City Island Civic Association on June 25. The total cost of the project is \$26,294,396, and the contractor is Northeast Remsco Construction, Inc.

Water is delivered to City Island at the present time through the unlined steel pipe visible on the bridge, which will be removed after the new water main has been installed. The two new, 20-inch, concrete-lined ductile iron water main pipes, which are each 2,000 feet long, will be placed inside two 32-inch steel underwater tunnels that will extend at least 70 feet below the surface of the water from the park to the space between Catherine Scott Promenade and the Seashore parking lot.

The 20-inch concrete-lined ductile iron pipes (inside the two 32-inch steel tunnel pipes) will be laid out, or staged, in the park and then run underwater and beneath the river bed in the rock floor itself to the Island once the tunnels have been bored through the rock. To make room for the staging, more than 250 trees in the park are now being cut down or pruned by a certified arborist through the Parks Department. New trees will eventually be planted, and trees not slated for removal will be protected.

This project, which is a replacement for the 100-year-old unlined cast-iron water mains, will improve the water distribution system, and it will also provide new storm sewers in order to improve drainage in and

around the Catherine Scott Promenade on City Island. Work to be undertaken during the summer will include surveys, test pits for water tunnel entry and exit, tree removals and site cleaning. In the fall the bus stop will be relocated in front of the Seashore Restaurant and fences will be installed.

Since most of the work involves work on the pipes and tunnels, there will be little interference with City Island traffic until the project reaches the point where work on the water main tie-ins, the storm sewers and catch basins must take place on City Island, when the existing temporary main will be removed from the bridge, and affected areas restored. It is unlikely that this stage of the project will be reached until 2021.

There may be times when traffic will be slowed because of the work, but at no time will traffic to the Island be stopped. Work is scheduled to take place between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and occasionally from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays when necessary. Pedestrian and sidewalk access will be maintained, and street parking in the area may be temporarily restricted in 2021 when the final water main tie-in work is completed. When water service to City Island is interrupted, a community advisory will be issued 72 hours in advance; water shut-down will occur during the day from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. unless otherwise specified, and water will be restored as quickly as possible.

In order to keep the City Island community fully informed about the progress of the project, a Community Construction Liaison (CCL) will be assigned to this project. The CCL will make door-to-door visits in order to obtain e-mail addresses and telephone numbers from all businesses and residents and to work with anyone with special needs who might be uniquely impacted by the project.

The telephone number of the CCL is 929-447-5407 and the e-mail address is CityIslandCCL@gmail.com. During non-working hours, Islanders should call 311 and give the project identification number, which is HED564.



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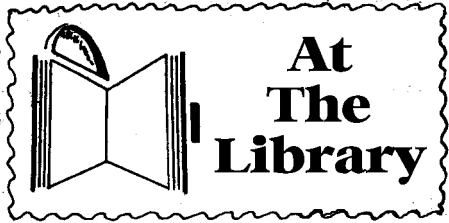
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New: Fun in the Sun! You can have it made in the shade with a book or magazine while your little one cools off on our interactive water table, or makes some cheerful chalk art in our garden area. Ages 2 through 5. Every Saturday at 11 a.m.

Circle Time: Children from birth to 3 years old and their caregivers can enjoy stories, songs and finger plays while spending time with other toddlers. Limit of 15 children with their caregivers. Craft included. Every Tuesday from 11 to 11:45 a.m.

Play-Doh Time: Have fun exploring sensory dough as well as making your own creations with Playdough by knead-

ing, rolling and molding it! Ages 2 to 5. Playdough does contain wheat products. Every Thursday at 11 a.m.

Read & Play: Children from birth to 3 years old and caregivers can take part in wonderful stories, discover amazing toys and meet new friends in this fun, informal program. Limit of 15 children with their caregivers. Every Friday from 11 to 11:30 a.m.

Craft-A-Way: Drop in and participate in creating projects related to a theme or holiday. Ages 2 to 5. Friday, July 12, at 11:30 a.m.

Latin Fiesta with Flor Bromley: A Summer Reading Celebration: Mission Complete! Ready to dance? This concert for the whole family brings together songs from all of Latin America as well as some little one's favorites. Flor will create an interactive experience for children and families of all ages that will end in a big fiesta. A perfect kick-off show for the season. Songs include "Crazy for Books/Amo los Libros" a song that encourages kids to read. Best for children of all ages. Wednesday, Aug. 21, at 11 a.m.

Stories In The Shade: Join us at Pelham Bay Park for stories and fun as part of the New York Public Library Summer Reading Program: Blast Off! Under the Gazebo at the Playground for All Children (along Bruckner Blvd. near Middletown Road). Every Thursday in July and Aug. 1, 8, 15 and 22, from 11 to 11:30 a.m.

JULY-AUGUST TEEN AND TWEEN PROGRAMS

Tell Stories with Paper Dolls and Creatures for Teens and Tweens: Join us for a paper doll-making program where we make our own paper dolls and creatures, then tell stories with them. All materials will be provided. Wednesday, July 17, 3 p.m. Summer Reading Program

Teen Unwind: On Fridays, at 3 p.m.,

we plan a series of special activities to celebrate the beginning of the weekend so check out this month's events and come hang out with us! July 5: Paint a Rocket! July 12: Wii and Board Games; July 19: Suncatchers; July 26: Wii and Board Games

JULY-AUGUST ADULT PROGRAMS

Mensa Mondays: Doing puzzles has been linked to improved memory, better problem-solving skills and even lower stress levels. Let us help you work off those Monday blues by providing you with riddles, crosswords, word searches and number puzzles to train your brain! Every Monday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

City Island Scrabble Club: If you're looking for some friendly competition, then join our Scrabble Club! Come in and flex your vocabulary muscles. Note: Limited to 12 participants, registration required. Thursday July 11 and 25, and Aug. 8 and 22, at 1 p.m.

City Island Book Club: Call or stop by the branch for more information. Monday, July 1, 15 and 29; and Aug. 12 and 26, at 5 p.m.

The Island Writers: This is a group for all who are interested in writing professionally or personally. All are welcome, so come join in on the literary fun! Every Tuesday from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

One-on-One: Computer, Tablet, and Resume Instruction: Stop in, or call to make an appointment for one hour of personalized instruction that addresses your questions and concerns. No computer? No problem! We have computers available for instructional use. Registration required.

ACC Adoption Van: Saturday, Aug. 10, at 12 noon.

Saturday Afternoon Movies: Feature movie titles, varying in length, at 1 p.m. July 6: "God Bless the Broken Road"; July 13: "Suburbicon"; July 20: "Unbroken: Path to Redemption"; July

27: "Darkest Hour"; Aug. 3: "The Hitman's Bodyguard"; Aug. 10: "The Big Sick"; Aug. 17: "Bullet Head"; Aug. 24: "Green Book,"

Some programs require advance registration, which can be done in person, or by phone. All programs are free!



As a service to our readers, *The Island Current* will periodically list recent sales of residential and commercial property as found in the public record. This feature is designed to give a general idea of the fair market values of property on City Island. An update will be published every few months at our discretion. The following information was collected by Janie Blanks, associate broker with Exp Realty, LLC. *The Current* is not responsible for errors or omissions in the data.

Address	Sale Price	Closing Date
One-Family Houses		
37 Bay Street	\$240,000	4/11/19
100 Horton Street	\$449,000	4/12/19
176 Kilroe Street	\$600,000	4/24/19
596 Minneford Avenue	\$500,000	4/25/19
660 King Avenue	\$1,075,000	4/26/19
104 Bay Street	\$565,000	4/29/19
720 King Avenue	\$1,875,000	5/15/19
314 King Avenue	\$390,000	5/15/19
Multi-Family Houses		
24 Pell Place	\$620,000	4/3/19
37 Centre Street	\$662,000	4/16/19
Condominiums		
5 Deepwater Way	\$520,000	4/5/19
26 Deepwater Way	\$505,000	4/5/19
152 Tier Street, 207B	\$420,810	4/9/19
190 Fordham Street, 6	\$329,000	4/9/19
17 Landing Way	\$470,000	4/10/19
11 Island Point	\$618,000	5/20/19
152 Tier Street, 107B	\$233,220	5/30/19
170 Schofield Street	\$236,500	6/07/19
45 Island Point	\$730,000	6/11/19
Cooperatives		
30 Carroll St, Unit B	\$320,000	5/21/19

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P.S. 175 PRINCIPAL ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

By KAREN NANI



Photos by KAREN NANI

After 14 years as principal of P.S. 175, Amy Lipson will retire on July 1, 2019. She is shown above left with longtime parent coordinator, Tina Gisante, and at the right with Ekie, a dog adopted from Hawaii who sits in her office to comfort students struggling with different issues.

July 1, 2019, will mark the last day of school for Amy Lipson, who has served as principal of City Island's public school since 2005. She presided over her last eighth-grade graduation on June 21 (see cover story).

Although a lot has changed at the school and on City Island during the last 14 years, Ms. Lipson's mission has never wavered: "To educate and raise the students to be functional human beings," she told *The Current*.

She took over the reins of P.S. 175 in September 2005, following the controversial three-year tenure of principal Milagros Efre-Lopez. Ms. Lopez had taken over the helm of City Island's highly ranked kindergarten-through-eighth-grade school following the retirement of long-time popular principal Ena Ellwanger in 2002.

Ms. Lipson was raised in Rockland County, NY. She was a teacher for 13 years in District 12 in New York City and served as assistant principal at P.S. 178 in Co-op City from 2000 to 2004 (Co-op City and City Island are in District 11). In 2005 she told *The Current* that she was delighted to receive the call from then regional superintendent, Laura Rodriguez, who said "I think I have a school for you," referring to the job of principal at P.S. 175.

When Ms. Lipson arrived on City Island, there was another K-through-8 school here, St. Mary, Star of the Sea. After an unsuccessful campaign by Islanders and St. Mary's parish to keep it open, the parochial school closed in 2013 after serving the community for 82 years.

The P.S. 175 building at 200 City Island Avenue was very different in 2005 than it is now. The second floor was still arranged in an open classroom format with almost no walls enclosing the different grades. There was air conditioning only on the main floor, and portable classrooms outside behind the school building had been in place for a couple of years. At that time the school enrollment was more than 500 students, and the "cottages" had been installed to relieve the overcrowding.

Adding to these challenges, Ms. Lipson took over the helm of P.S. 175 during a period of major renovation. Work had begun on a new roof for the school during the spring of 2005, and the building had been shrouded in scaffolding throughout the summer.

Undaunted, she enthusiastically went to work and presided over a number of improvements and changes that were made during the last 14 years. The current enrollment is 314 students, and class sizes have

been reduced. The second floor has been completely remodeled into separate classrooms and other specialized areas, including a new dedicated library. Working with parents, including Dr. Ed Rothschild, and the NYC Board of Education, Ms. Lipson oversaw the replacement and updating of the schoolyard playground equipment, along with historic additions, such as the model of Henry Hudson's ship, *Half Moon*, in front of the school.

But Ms. Lipson's focus remained on student success. "All of Amy's decisions are about the children—their social and educational development," longtime Parent Coordinator, Tina Gisante, told *The Current*. One of the programs the principal championed is "Student of the Month," which recognizes academic and other accomplishments by students on every grade level.

Ms. Lipson also dealt with numerous staff changes. Many longtime P.S. 175 teachers reached retirement age during her tenure, so she oversaw the hiring of more than 30 new educators and staff members. "I am grateful to all the teachers I worked with, especially those who have been with me the entire time: Pat Cambria, who is retiring this year as well, Karen Heil, Danielle Ramos and Karen Mazzella." Ms. Lipson also promoted talent from within, including the current assistant principal, Kathi Wiehler, a former teacher at the school.

Ms. Lipson acknowledged the changes that have taken place on City Island over the last 14 years. "The demographics of the neighborhood have changed, and there are students with many different needs. I have tried to create a caring environment for all children." She introduced Virginia Danneger, the *Current's* School News editor, to a recent "staff" addition: Ekie, a dog adopted from Hawaii who sits in the principal's office and is available to comfort students struggling with different issues.

So what are her retirement plans? Ms. Lipson is married and has a daughter and a granddaughter living on the West Coast. "We will probably move to California soon to be close to our daughter and her family."

Among her other legacies, she will likely hold the record as the tallest woman principal in the history of the City Island School for a long time to come (she is six feet tall).

The C-30 process required by the Board of Education will be initiated in the fall to select a new principal for P.S. 175. As was the case with Amy Lipson, there may initially be an interim acting principal, who can then apply for the full-time position. "I aspired to be principal of a school of this type, and I knew that if selected, I would make a long-term commitment," After 14 years as principal of the City Island's only public school, she definitely fulfilled her promise.



Photos by KAREN NANI and MATT PANZA

The annual Blessing of the Fleet, a City Island nautical tradition, took place on Sunday, June 23, off Fenton's Dock sponsored by the City Island Power Squadron. Boats from all over Long Island Sound received individual blessings from clergy from Grace Episcopal Church, St. Mary, Star of the Sea Church, Temple Beth-El, and Trinity United Methodist Church. Color guard from the Leonard Hawkins American Legion Post were faithfully on hand to salute the many vessels and wish them fair winds in 2019.

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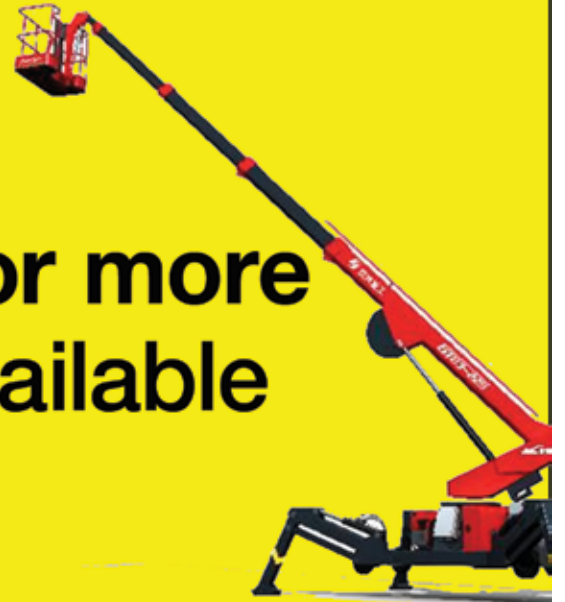
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OYSTER REEF PROJECT WELL UNDER WAY

By BARBARA DOLENSEK



Photo by MARIA CARUSO

Stephanie Miano and Ted Port are two of the active volunteers helping to move oyster and clam shells to places where they will rest for several months before being placed in the water to create oyster reefs in Long Island Sound. The shells are now being moved from local restaurants to the dock at the Gateway and to the City Island Marina, although the oyster reef group is also looking for other suitable locations as the number of shells continues to grow.

Thanks to the volunteer efforts sponsored by the community organization City Island Drift, headed by Maria Caruso, the City Island Oyster Reef project has made a strong start. Every week, oyster and clam shells collected from six restaurants on City Island are transferred to the dock next to the old Worm Bar building at the north end of the bridge to lie in the open air and “cure” for several months before they can be placed in the water.

After several attempts to find a suitable place for the shells, which tend to emit a pungent odor for the first few days after leaving the restaurants, Maria Caruso was delighted when, with the help of Mark Gjonaj and Teddy Pryor, the owner of the private lot behind the old building agreed to let the shells be placed on his dock. Haim Joseph, owner of City Island Marina at Cross Street, has also generously allowed the oyster crew to use part of his property as a temporary station for the shells, where they may be washed and put into bags before being transferred to a more permanent site.

Other restaurants have expressed interest in contributing to this community-wide effort, and when the volunteer crew becomes large enough, their participation will be eagerly accepted. More resting places for the shells will eventually be needed, and the group is working with the Parks Department

and the Department of Transportation to locate suitable sites.

In the meantime, the group is preparing scientific information from various sources in order to educate itself and the rest of the community as to the purpose of this effort. It is already known that the cured shells, once they are placed in suitable locations under the waters of Long Island Sound, will attract oyster larvae, which will eventually mature and help to clean the waters and minimize storm surges. The ultimate goal is to extend this oyster “reef” from David’s Island off New Rochelle all the way down to Throggs Neck, with a special emphasis on Eastchester Bay, which was rich in oysters during the 19th century and put City Island on the oyster map, so to speak.

The construction of suitable oyster reefs may be a necessary step in finding suitable locations for the shells, since the bottom of much of Eastchester Bay consists of silt rather than the rocks and ledges to which oyster shells can adhere.

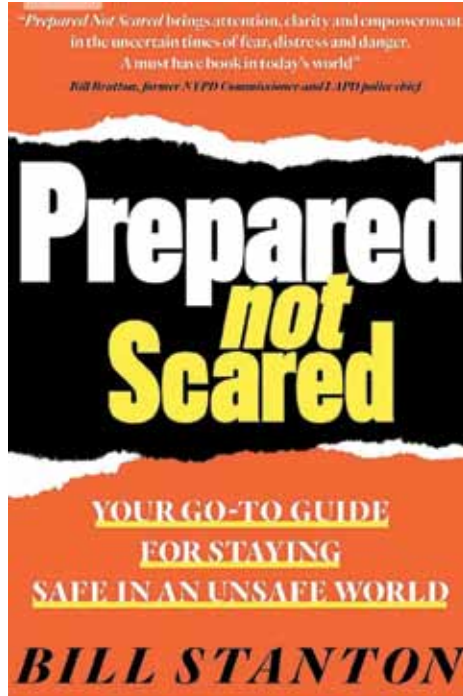
City Island Drift is also working with other organizations that have successfully launched oyster plantings, including Coastal Steward on Long Island and the Billion Oyster Project on Governor’s Island in New York Harbor.

Those who are interested in contributing their time and energy to the oyster reef project are asked to email cityislandoysterreef@gmail.com.

A Current Review

PREPARED, NOT SCARED

By BILL STUTTIG



Bill Stanton

Lifelong City Islander Bill Stanton is a household name in the field of safety and security. The former NYPD officer, whose career was cut short in his 20s by a permanent injury sustained while chasing a suspect, went on to become a leading spokesman promoting everyday common-sense security measures that every man, woman and child should follow.

In addition to being a principal in a leading private investigation and security firm, Mr. Stanton’s outgoing personality has led to his being featured in numerous nationally televised segments specifically designed to point out common lapses in both public and private security that allow criminals to prosper, and how to take simple steps to thwart those criminals. His segments have been nationally televised morning news programs and evening news specials on ABC and NBC, as well as in interviews on cable news and syndicated talk shows.

Last month Bill Stanton released a book entitled “Prepared, Not Scared,” in which he has compiled leading expert testimony on a wide array of situations, from mundane to rare, and details the simple steps that can be taken to avoid harm and/or loss in each of those situations.

In a recent interview with *The Island Current*, Mr. Stanton, the current and long-time president of the City Island Civic Association, said that much of the book applies to City Island and many other small, welcoming communities like it. “Many people on City Island and elsewhere have a false sense of security. We leave the front door open, and we leave the blinds open. Big, beautiful bay windows give us a nice view of our beautiful neighborhood, but you have to remember that if you can see out, someone on the outside can see in. We are a very welcoming community, but many times it’s good not to be too welcoming.”

Throughout the book, Mr. Stanton, along with the dozens of professionals he consults (including experts in crime and fire prevention, psychology, medicine, pain management, child safety and technology), repeatedly points out that a small amount of vigilance, common sense and pre-planning can prevent you and your loved ones from harm.

Although he is a big believer in utilizing all modern technology, including instant messaging, GPS and the latest in sophisticated alarm systems for the home, car and business, Mr. Stanton points out that the most important factor in safety is awareness. “Although there are many gadgets out there,” he says, “the best defense weapon you have is knowledge and common sense. If you use those two basic traits correctly and consistently, you’ll never know the harm that you have avoided over time.”

The book features personal stories about mistakes that Mr. Stanton has made in his

own life regarding his own personal safety, and how he learned never to repeat them.

While safety and security has been the central professional focus of his life for more than three decades, his book does not rely solely on his own amassed general knowledge, and he frequently calls on the specific knowledge of accredited experts he has befriended throughout his career. More than 30 of them are featured, and he notes that “there is not a lightweight in the group. Altogether, the book represents more than 500 years of collective experience in crime and accident prevention and personal safety.”

Mr. Stanton adds that while most of the experts are duly credited for the advice they provide, one such expert declined being given such credit. Chief Steve Silks, who for years commanded the Rodman’s Neck police training facility, wrote a section of the book that explains how to handle a police encounter with utmost safety for you, your family and the officers involved. Chief Silks passed away just weeks after the book was released. Mr. Stanton said he is dedicating his ongoing promotion of the book to his late and dear colleague and friend.

Although crime prevention is an important feature of the book, it is not the major focus, which is that a general sense of preparedness and personal safety techniques should be put into effect in all situations. These include avoiding confrontations, preventing opioid addiction through effective natural pain management, how to best increase your chances of surviving a mass shooting and how to train your children to be as safe as possible in situations when you are not with them, such as at school or during public outings with friends, and keeping your beloved pet safe, to name just a few.

Mr. Stanton told *The Current*: “This book was a lifetime in the making and took a year and a half to write and compile. . . . I trace much of my love and dedication to safety and security to many of the teachers and administrators at P.S. 175 who encouraged me to be part of the school’s students’ safety patrol. They instilled in me the values that carried me through my career and through this book.”

He added that “Prepared, Not Scared” is selling very well in its initial weeks on the market, and that he has begun work on a second book focused on keeping children safe. He calls his writing “a labor of love—spreading a positive message, giving the gift of safety and security, and making sure that the odds are in the favor of all who choose to read and listen.”

In the conclusion of his book, Mr. Stanton writes: “We prepare by practicing. We commit to keep up with our safety and security education, practicing and enhancing our situational awareness and critical and strategic thinking, knowing that our mind is our best defense against becoming a statistic.”

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Current Calendar

JULY

Sat., July 27, **Gilder Scholarship Fund-raising Lawn Party**, Morris Yacht & Beach Club, 2 to 6 p.m. (See *Letter to the Editor* for contact information).

Sat., July 27, **POTS Program**, St. Mary's School Yard, Minneford Avenue and Kilroe Street, drop-off between 4:30 and 5 p.m. Menu: ziti or rotini with meatballs or meat sauce.

Tues., July 30, **City Island Civic Association meets**, 7:30 p.m., Community Center, 190 Fordham Street.

AUGUST

Sat., Aug. 10, **Annual Boot Hill Cup Kayak Race**, 205 Beach Street, 10 a.m. (see *Briefly* this issue).

Sat., August 31, **POTS Program**, St. Mary's School Yard, Minneford Avenue and Kilroe Street, drop-off between 4:30 and 5 p.m. Menu: chicken with rice and beans.

SEPTEMBER

Sat. and Sun., Sept. 14 and 15, **Fall Arts and Crafts Fair**, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. City Island Avenue.

American Legion Post #156

Our next meeting, the first after the summer break, will be on Sunday, Sept. 8, at 12 noon. We will open the nominations and conduct elections, so please make every effort to attend. Dues are \$55 for the 2020 year. Please drop your dues off at the Post, and be sure your name is on the envelope. The hall is available for your next party. We can accommodate up to 80 people, and members receive a discount on all hall rentals. Please call our Activities Vice Commander Joe Goonan at 917-825-9576 for availability. All retired flags should be dropped off in the former mailbox, by the post's flag pole.

Please come in and play the Queen of Hearts game of chance each week. The weekly drawing is held at 7 p.m. on Saturday night. The jackpot grows each week until someone selects the Queen of Hearts. The game is open to all, and the proceeds help fund projects around the Post.

As the heat increases this summer, it's time to cool off at City Island's unofficial cooling center, so please feel free to stop by the Post for a cold drink and avoid the heat.

Thanks to all Legion family members and participants who joined us in honoring our City Island veterans who have gone before us. Reflecting on their loss during the Memorial Day Parade helped to remind us all of their supreme sacrifice. Whether you marched or watched while the parade came down City Island Avenue, we are grateful for your participation.

The annual clambake will be held on Saturday, Aug. 17; details to follow.

The American Legion Department of New York Family Visitation will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 10, with dinner to follow at the Morris Yacht Club.

The post will hold its annual Pumpkin Sale on Oct. 4, 5 and 6, and the Sons of the Legion-Squadron 156 will hold an Oktoberfest on Oct. 12.

Save the date! The 100th anniversary of the Leonard H. Hawkins Post 156 will be celebrated at the Servicemen's Dinner at Scavello's on the Island on Nov. 23; a mailing will follow.

Please visit our website, *Leonardh-hawkinspost156.com*, for the latest information and in order to e-mail the Post directly. Flyers of events are available for downloading.

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Peter C. Del-Debbio

Trinity United Methodist Church

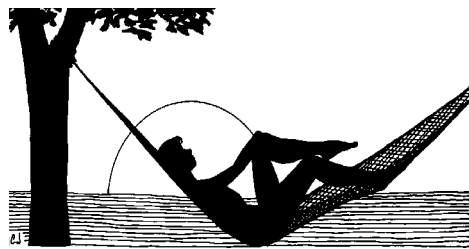
Our weekly worship service and Sunday school are at 10 a.m. Holy Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of each month. Trinity often has a coffee hour after the service. Come and join us for worship and fellowship. Children's Sunday school takes place during the 10 a.m. service. All children are welcome to attend.

Each weekday morning, we open the Sanctuary from 6:30 to 9 a.m. for people to stop and pray. During that time, we pray for the children, for schools, for families and individuals, for businesses, for those who are grieving, and for the health of any who we have heard are ill. If you would like to have yourself or someone prayed for, we have installed a prayer box on the fence in front of the church on City Island Avenue. Prayer requests can also be sent to *david.jolly@nyac-umc.com*. All persons matter, and prayer is powerful.

Mark your calendar now for Trinity's annual worship at the Fordham Street Beach Club on Aug. 4.

The Budget Shop is closed for the summer season. Please hold your donations for the fall. Trinity is thankful for City Island's continued support, both in volunteering time and in the generosity of the donations.

Rick DeWitt



Grace Episcopal Church

Grace Episcopal Church, a place of worship and fellowship, located at 116 City Island Avenue on the corner of Pilot Street, warmly welcomes you to the following:

Worship Schedule during the months of July and August. Sunday services at 10 a.m. are led by Father John Covington, Holy Eucharist Rite II. After the service, we offer coffee hour, a time for refreshments and fellowship. We have birthday and anniversary prayers during the service and healing prayers after the service on the first Sunday of each month.

You are invited to join Father Covington's Bible Reading Group, which meets during coffee hour on appointed Sundays. We are currently reading and discussing the Book of Joshua.

Sunday School will resume in September. The group meets on the first and third Sundays each month, led by Karen Nani. The students range in age from 2 to 13, and newcomers are welcome. No extra time is needed; students will begin the service with the entire congregation at 10 a.m. and then leave with Mrs. Nani for lessons and activities, including arts and crafts, for 30 minutes during the service. They will rejoin the congregation during the exchange of peace.

Music Ministry: The GraceTones are enjoying their fourth year! Composed of members of the church choir and singers from on and off City Island, they perform at area nursing homes and rehabilitation centers. They are taking a summer break and will resume performances in September. If you would like to sing with the GraceTones, remember that you don't have to sing like an angel, just have the desire to help lift the



City Island's Ladies Auxiliary Unit 156 welcomed Hudson Valley Honor Flite #16 on May 20, 2019, at Westchester County Airport. Honor Flite honors American Veterans for all their sacrifices and transports these heroes to Washington, DC, to visit their memorials at no cost to them.

spirits of those in need. Interested? Please call Sandy Dunn at 917-566-1296 or e-mail *accentfix@gmail.com*.

Sandy Dunn

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 156

The Auxiliary marched in the Memorial Day Parade behind our new banner and with the unit's junior members as color guard.

ALA Unit 156 is sponsoring a Patriotic Tile Bracelet Drive, and all proceeds go toward our Poppy Fund. All donations received will be used for our veterans, the military community and their families. We are currently sold out. Many thanks to Joanne Valletta, chair, and committee members Judy McCormick and Jill LaFontaine for distributing.

Many thanks to all individuals and businesses who participated in the Spring Bingo! We were able to donate the proceeds to five separate organizations, assisting children, veterans and the local Bronx VA.

On May 5, Quilters by the Sea QOV and the ALA awarded a Quilt of Valor to Jack Hartigan, Coast Guard, NYPD and long-time Legionnaire. Mr. Hartigan's family, friends and fellow Post members attended the moving ceremony. Contact Harlan Sexton at *harlan.sexton1@gmail.com* if you'd like to participate in a Sew Saturday.

The 99th ALA national annual convention will be held in Indianapolis on Aug. 23-29. This year is the centennial of both the national American Legion and of our own local Post 156. Save the date: The anniversary dinner will be held Nov. 23, 2019.

We closed out our 2018-19 year with a well-attended (and delicious) dinner at the Lobster House. Doreen Gallagher-Wall was installed as president by outgoing Laura Booth. Warm thanks and congratulations for a job well done to Laura, who made a difference over her three years as Unit 156 president.

After a summer hiatus, the new ALA board will convene the Sept. 3 meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Legion post. If you would like to research your eligibility to become a member, please contact Viki Trifari at *wik99@me.com*.

Harlan Sexton

St. Mary's Thrift Shop

The thrift shop will be closed for the summer and will reopen on Thursday, Sept. 19, with all new items. Have a great summer, and thanks to all for your support.

Arlene Byrne

P.S. 175 PTA

We are delighted to wrap up this wonderful school year with word that, once again, the P.S. 175 PTA raised enough money to cover an ambitious budget, which covered bus subsidies for out-of-town trips and numerous extra programs that make our school special. We are truly grateful to our City Island friends, neighbors and business owners, who always generously support our Election Day

Raffle Extravaganza and Pocketbook Bingo.

At our June meeting, a full Executive Committee for 2019-2020 was elected. The new co-presidents are Jessica Garcia and Kevin Fisher, and the treasurer is Michelle Cruz. Michelle Del Pozzo will serve as corresponding secretary, and Jonna Wepler will handle recording secretary duties. The new Executive Committee plans to set great goals for the next school year by increasing active membership, enhanced communication with families and inclusivity, in addition to the necessary fundraising.

On a final note, the PTA thanks retiring principal Amy Lipson for 14 years of dedication to our school and kids. She only missed 3 PTA meetings during her entire tenure, which means she attended 137! She will surely be missed, but we're delighted that she will have more time to spend with her West Coast family. We look forward to welcoming a new principal and seeing everyone in September. Happy summer!

Jonna Wepler

REGULAR MEETINGS

Weekly Twelve-Step Meetings
on City Island

Narcotics Anonymous:

Fridays at 7:30 p.m., St. Mary, Star of the Sea Church, City Island Avenue near the Bridge.

Thursdays at 8 p.m., Trinity United Methodist Church hall, 113 Bay Street.

Alcoholics Anonymous:

Mondays at 8 p.m., Trinity United Methodist Church hall.

Tuesdays at 8 p.m., St. Mary, Star of the Sea Church.

Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m., Grace Episcopal Church.

Saturdays and Sundays at 7:30 a.m., AA open meetings at City Island Community Center, 190 Fordham Street.

St. Mary, Star of the Sea Church: 718-885-1440

Trinity United Methodist Church: 718-885-1218

Grace Episcopal Church: 718-885-1080

Al-Anon

Wednesdays at 7 p.m., 331 City Island Ave, Bronx, NY 10464

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For additional information about the Community Center, or if you are interested in conducting classes here please call 718-885-1145.

This summer we have wonderful new classes including these, which are free: The History of Mambo: Community Dance Workshop starting Sunday, July 7, at 3:30 p.m. with Retumba; the support group Compassionate Journey beginning Wednesday, July 10, at 7 p.m. with Jillian Cea; and Regina Sanglier's Scrapbooking and Beginning Design, two exciting art programs for children beginning Aug. 6 and 7 at 9 a.m. In addition, Salsa on the Island launches on Tuesday, July 16, at 7:30 with Melissa Rosado. See the listings below.

Latin Night was a fabulous fun-filled success with wonderful people, music and food. Thank you to hosts Eva Bonilla and Cheryl Riordan and all the volunteers who put it together, including the extraordinary "Retumba."

Membership in the CICC is only \$30 for families and \$20 for individuals. Members are entitled to rent the Center for family events at reasonable rates. To join the Center and for up-to-date information visit www.cityislandcommunitycenter.org, or call 718-885-1145, or like us on Facebook and check FB for any changes in classes.

The Center is run by a volunteer board of directors who meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Community Center Main Room at 190 Fordham Street. All members are encouraged to attend this open meeting. We always welcome and really need volunteers and donations. And we always want to hear your ideas and thoughts about how to serve the community better.

NEW SUMMER

Mambo: Community Dance Workshops: Sundays, starting July 7 at 3:30 p.m. One World Arts and Retumba invite City Islanders of all ages to come join the fun of learning to dance, play an instrument or choreograph a mambo. "Let's create the

joy of community unity through cultural exchange." Workshops are made possible by the Bronx Council on the Arts. For details, call Yvette Martinez at 718-885-2574.

Compassionate Journey: Wednesdays, 7 p.m., beginning July 10. This is an open support group for anyone who has lost a loved one. The goals are to create a safe, empathetic and supportive environment and to offer coping mechanisms and insights for those working through bereavement. (See Letter to the Editor, page 6.) Please sign up with Jillian Cea via jcea@gmail.com or 718-885-1954.

Salsa Classes on the Island: Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m., starting July 16. This is a five-week beginner course perfect for the summer. Learn salsa, the moves and the steps, with Melissa Rosado. To register, contact www.melissarosado.com or call 347-739-2076.

Scrapbooking for Children: Tuesdays and Thursdays, Aug. 6-22, 9 to 11 a.m. Children ages 8 and up meet twice a week to create scrapbooks, family trees and origami with an emphasis on script lettering. To register, text Regina at 269-873-2385 or e-mail rsanglier10464@gmail.com. Six classes, free of charge, materials fee \$25.

Beginning Design for Young People: Wednesdays, Aug. 7, 14 and 21, 9 to 11 a.m. Ages 10 and up explore graphic elements with an emphasis on detail, organization and creativity. Projects include t-shirt design. To register, text Regina at 269-873-2385 or e-mail rsanglier10464@gmail.com. Three classes, free of charge, materials fee \$15.

Feldenkrais Class: New day and time. Mondays, 6:30 p.m. Find greater ease of movement, flexibility, relief from pain, relaxation and improved posture. Feldenkrais exercises involve a combination of gentle movements, rest and self-awareness, which give your brain and body access to helpful information to improve the way your body feels and functions. For information, please contact Julie Kavee at 347-266-6247 or juliekavee@gmail.com.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Bollywood and Indian Folk Dance: Fridays, 6 p.m. for teens and adults. Join Lalitha Cosme at this new time, to explore the dance, energy, movement and culture of India and Indian films. To register or for more information, call 646-269-2033 or

e-mail lalithadance@gmail.com.

Creative Arts Workshop: Children ages 4 through 6 have fun with collage, finger painting, mask-making and more. Call 914-837-6830 to register for this free class, which returns in the fall.

Irish Dance for Children: Mondays, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Step dancing for all ages taught by Caitlin Nora Kelly. To register for fall classes or information, e-mail caitlin.nora.kelly@gmail.com or call 914-262-4517.

Island Tots: Wednesdays, 10 a.m. Pre-school children get together to socialize, have fun and play. Off for the summer. Register for the fall with Barbara at 917-359-1871.

Spanish Classes for Children: Thursdays, 5 to 7:30 p.m. Conversational Spanish program for kids grades K - 8 of all skill levels. Off for the summer. Register for the fall at espanolexperience.com or call 917-889-4938.

Introduction to Art Portfolio Prep: For high school prep or just for fun! To enroll, call Geri Smith at 718-885-1503.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Aerobics with Mary: Sundays, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 9 to 10 a.m. Stay strong with cross fit/aerobic strength training. Call Mary Immediato at 718-885-0793 AFA Certified.

City Island Civic Association: Meets at 7:30 p.m. on the last Tuesday of every month except August and January. Join your community in action.

City Island Culinary Club: Mondays, 7 p.m. Off for the summer. Share recipes and have fun with other Islanders who like to cook. For information, call Kenny Selesky at 917-533-7873.

City Island Indivisible: Join other concerned citizens who are supporting progressive action on issues such as health care for all, environmental protection policies, civil rights, women's rights and reproductive health choices, voter rights and public education. We come together to discuss actions, write letters, and work together to help find ways to preserve our democratic ideals. For more information and meeting dates contact Barbara Zahm at 914-882-7963 or e-mail cityislandtrg@gmail.com or like City Island Indivisible on Facebook.

City Island Knitting Club: Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. Off for the summer. Enjoy knitting with others. Beginners and all levels welcome. For information or to register for fall classes contact Dana Caton at 678-591-1846 or cddcaton@gmail.com.

Healing Service: Francesca Vitale, RPP, founder and director of The Healing Force, is a board-certified educator and practitioner in polarity/craniosacral/raindrop therapies. Formerly of the NY Open Center, Francesca is an intuitive healer and offers sessions in energy medicine that works to correct energetic imbalances and distortions which leads to clarity of mind and restored health. Partial proceeds given to C.I.C.C. Visit www.thehealingforce.net. For free consultation or an appointment, call 914-837-6830.

WW / Weight Watchers Meetings: Tuesdays, 5:15 to 6:30 p.m. We are an official WW site with a great new leader, Alex Sokoloff. New members are always welcome at any time. For more information, please call Patty at 914-882-9578.

Yoga with Jo Ann: Wednesdays, 7 to 8:15 p.m., and Saturdays, 8 to 9:15 a.m. Gentle level-one class. Please bring a mat, a strap and if possible, a yoga blanket. For information, e-mail joannngny@aol.com or call 917-853-4719.

Zumba with Julia and Lettie: Saturdays, 9:30 to 11 a.m. Want to lose those extra pounds and that belly fat? Well, here's your chance. Join this high-energy 90-minute workout with toning. For information, call Julia at 917-601-5514.

Zumba with Lettie: Thursdays, new time, 6:30 p.m. Lettie's very creative class is a real calorie burner and a blast. For information, call 917-292-4228.

Patty Grondahl

PSS Senior Center

The mission of PSS City Island Center is to provide neighborhood adults 60 and over with the tools to live life to their fullest, keeping them healthy, engaged and connected through innovative programs and classes. We are not your everyday senior center!

The center is located at 116 City Island Avenue and is open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. Programs are funded by PSS and the NYC Department for the Aging.

All programs and events are subject to change. To receive our newsletter and calendar of events send your e-mail to pattis@pssusa.org.

Highlights

NEW PROGRAM!

Mondays, 10:15 a.m.: Walk with Ease; van to Orchard Beach

Wednesdays, 1 p.m.- A Matter of Balance; eight-week program. You must sign up.

Thursdays, 1 p.m.: The Wonderful Crazy Brain

July 4, Thursday: Closed for Independence Day

July 11, Thursday, 12:45 p.m.: The History of City Island

July 19, Friday, 12:30 p.m.: Birthday Party with DJ

July 26, Friday, 12:30 p.m. Movie and Lunch, "The Green Book"; leave the Center at 12:15 to go to C.I. Library. Call to sign up.

Aug. 6, Tuesday, 12:30 p.m.: Nutrition Presentation with Torie from Shop Rite

Aug. 14, Wednesday, 12 noon: BBQ

Aug. 16, Friday, 12:30 p.m.: Birthday Party with Al Handfield

Aug. 23, Friday, 12:30 p.m.: Movie and Lunch: "The Big Sick"; leave the Center at 12:15 to go to CI Library. Call to sign up.

Please call for updated July and August events

Daily Programming

Mondays:

9:15 a.m. Tai Chi for Arthritis, for all exercise levels

10:15 a.m. Walk with Ease; van to Orchard Beach

11 a.m., 12 noon: Blood Pressure Screening on first and third Monday of the month

12 noon to 1 p.m. Lunch

1 p.m. Gardening Exchange

Tuesdays:

9:15 a.m. Cardio Fit: Vigorous aerobic and strength training

12 noon to 1 p.m. Lunch

1 p.m. Yoga Stretch

Wednesdays:

9 a.m. "Stuff: Let's Talk," discussion group with continental breakfast

10:15 a.m. Arthritis Workshop, exercises for all joints

12 noon to 1 p.m. Lunch

1 p.m. A Matter of Balance

1 p.m. Second and fourth Wednesday of the month: Haircuts by Brenda for \$10. Please call to sign up.

Thursdays:

9:15 a.m. Tai Chi for Arthritis, for all exercise levels

10 a.m. Acrylic Painting

12 noon to 1 p.m. Lunch

1 p.m.: The Wonderful Crazy Brain

Fridays:

9:15 a.m. Fit for Life: Vigorous cardio and toning

11:15 a.m. Yoga Stretch

12 noon to 1 p.m. Lunch

We have a social worker who visits every week on Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. to answer questions, apply for benefits and help in any other way. Call 718-885-0727 or drop by the Center.

Transportation Services. Off-Island shopping trips leave at 9 a.m. and include Shop Rite, Stop & Shop, Target, Farmer's Market, Trader Joe's and more. The suggested contribution for a round trip is \$1 on City Island \$2.50 for off-Island shopping trips and \$3.00 for longer off-Island trips. Anyone over 60 is encouraged to take advantage of our door-to-door transportation services. Call Alex at 347-834-6466 for more information or for pickup or trips.

Patty Attis

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A Selected Filmography of Mahershala Ali

Television

Mahershala Ali began his screen career in 2001 on television in season 1 of the American crime drama **Crossing Jordan**. Ali appears in the first season of the show as Dr. Trey Sander, a medical examiner working on a grant. Jill Hennessy stars as Dr. Jordan Cavanaugh, forensic pathologist in the Boston Chief Medical Examiner's Office. The show comprises an ensemble cast of Jordan's co-workers and police detectives. Obsessed with solving crimes after her mother's violent death, she often breaks rules, much to the consternation of her co-workers, the cops and her boss. Dr. Garret Macy (Miguel Ferrer). At home, her retired-cop dad Max (Ken Howard) provides crime-solving help.

Ali's next significant role was as a regular on **The 4400**, a science fiction series that ran for four seasons beginning in 2004. The premise is that on a single day, an enormous ball of light deposits a group of 4,400 people in the Cascade Range foothills near Mount Rainier, WA. Each of the 4,400 had disappeared at various times starting in 1946, never aged a day during the time they were missing, and have no memory of where they were.

The principal characters include Dennis Ryland (Peter Coyote), the local Homeland Security director. He is assisted by his agents Diana Skouris (Jacqueline McKenzie), who takes in Maia (Conchita Campbell), one of the youngest returnees; and Tom Baldwin (Joel Gretsch), whose nephew Shawn (Patrick Flueger) was also one of the returnees. Tom's son Kyle (Chad Faust) was there when Shawn was taken but left behind in a coma. Billy Campbell appears as Jordan Collier, a wealthy real-estate magnate and returnee, who becomes an advocate for others like himself. Featured characters include Richard (Ali—using his given biblical first name Mahershalalhashbaz) and Lily (Laura Allen), both of whom demonstrate the extreme difficulty faced by the returnees re-entering their lives. Plot contrivances include special powers, quarantine and a drug that either has powerfully positive effects or causes death. Many issues went unresolved when the series ended in season 4, but talks are under way for a new version.

House of Cards (2013–18) is a political TV drama set in Washington, DC. It is the story of manically ambitious South Carolina Congressman and Democratic House Majority Whip, Frank Underwood (Kevin Spacey). When he is passed over for appointment as Secretary of State, he initiates an elaborate plan to attain power, aided by his equally ruthless wife, Claire (Robin Wright). Ali appears as lawyer Remy Danton, a lobbyist who subsequently serves in important roles on Underwood's staff, including a stint as Chief of Staff. He has a secret affair with Jackie Sharp (Molly Parker), a Democratic congresswoman from California, who succeeds Underwood as Majority Whip. The excellent cast also includes Michael Kelly as Doug Stamper, Underwood's unwaveringly loyal White House Chief of Staff and confidant; Rachel Brosnahan as Rachel Posner, a prostitute trying to make a better life for herself with whom Stamper becomes obsessed; and Kate Mara as Zoe Barnes, a reporter for the Washington Herald, who forms an intimate relationship with Underwood and is used to leak stories to the press about his political rivals.

Marvel's Luke Cage is an American television series created for Netflix, based on the Marvel Comics character of the same name and set in the Marvel Cinematic Universe. Mike Colter stars in the title role as an escaped convict who has

been framed for a crime he didn't commit, and who has superhuman strength because of an experiment that went awry. He tries to quietly rebuild his life in Harlem. Unfortunately, the city is in chaos because of the activities of evil crime boss Cornell "Cottonmouth" Stokes (Ali), owner of the Harlem's Paradise nightclub. Alfre Woodard is on hand as Stokes's cousin, Councilwoman Mariah Dillard, who reluctantly deals in illegal operations in order to protect her family. Luke's conscience forces him to oppose the villainous Cottonmouth to save the people in his community.

True Detective (2019) is an HBO anthology crime drama television series whose third season stars Ali as retired Arkansas State Police Detective Wayne Hays, haunted for 35 years by the disappearance of a 12-year-old boy and his 10-year-old sister. The story is partly told in flashbacks as Hays is interviewed about the case in 2015. Hays investigated the gruesome crime with his partner. Roland West (Stephen Dorff), when it occurred in 1980. The children's parents, Tom and Lucy Purcell (Scoot McNairy and Mamie Gummer), had a terrible marriage, which of course was exacerbated by the loss of their children. In 1990, the unsolved case is reopened. At the time, Hays is married to English teacher Amelia Reardon (Carmen Ejogo), who has written a book about the case. In 2015, Amelia is dead and Hays is being interviewed for a true crime television program. Henry Hays (Ray Fisher) has followed in his father's footsteps by becoming a detective, and he must help his father, who is showing signs of dementia. Ali's performance is stunning, and there is considerable buzz that he's a shoe-in for an Emmy Award in September.

Film

Ali is one of those unique actors who has successfully traveled back and forth between television and movies. **The Curious Case of Benjamin Button** (2008) stars Brad Pitt in the title role as a person who is 70 years old at birth and grows younger throughout his life. It juxtaposes and recounts his relationship with Daisy (Cate Blanchett), a bohemian dancer who ages in the normal way. As an infant, he is left on the porch of a nursing home. Mr. "Tizzy" Weathers (Ali) and his wife, Queenie (Taraji P. Henson), find the baby and decide to raise him as their own, naming him Benjamin. The film received 13 Academy Award nominations including Best Actor for Pitt, Best Director for Fincher and Best Picture.

Set in the 1960s, **Hidden Figures** (2016) is the powerful recounting of the brilliant efforts of Katherine G. Johnson (Taraji P. Henson), Dorothy Vaughan (Octavia Spencer) and Mary Jackson (Janelle Monáe), intellectually gifted African-American women working at NASA. Facing discrimination of separate bathrooms, and even coffeepots, they each served as integral personnel in the launch of astronaut John Glenn into orbit. Ali is

memorable as National Guard Lt. Col. Jim Johnson, who romances and eventually marries Katherine, in a heart-warming proposal that includes her three daughters.

Moonlight (2016) is a heartbreaking film that tells the story of a young black man's search for love and connection and his struggle to find himself. It is told in three segments in the life of Chiron Harris: as a youth called "Little" (Alex Black), adolescent Chiron (Ashton Anders) and young adult called "Black" (Trevaunte Rhodes). Ali has an unforgettable role as Juan, a drug dealer who becomes a father figure for Little, demonstrating how it takes just one adult to give a child the confidence he needs to survive an abusive life. Naomie Harris is outstanding as Chiron's drug-addicted mother. The other most important person in Chiron's life is his best friend Kevin (youth, Jaden Piner; adolescent, Jharrel Jerome; young adult, Andre Holland). The film won three Oscars of eight nominations: Best Picture, Best Adapted Screenplay, and Best Supporting Actor for Ali, which made him the first Muslim to win an Academy Award.

The film **Green Book** (2018) is a comedy/drama biopic inspired by the true story of a 1962 tour of the Deep South by an African-American classical and jazz pianist named Dr. Don Shirley (Ali) and an Italian-American bouncer, Frank "Tony Lip" Vallelonga (Viggo Mortensen), who was hired to be Shirley's driver and bodyguard. When the Copacabana is closed for two months for renovations, Tony accepts the job with Dr. Shirley, because his family needs the money, although he has

misgivings about working for a black man. They begin their journey, wisely following recommendations in *The Negro Motorist Green Book*, a guide for safe travel through America's racially segregated states. The highly educated snobbish pianist and the crude bouncer have a very difficult time getting along, but eventually they begin to learn from each other. Tony misses his wife, Dolores (Linda Cardellini), very much, and Dr. Shirley begins to help him craft beautiful letters to her. As the two men experience America's atrocious racial injustices on the road, they find a newfound respect for each other. In so doing, they begin a life-changing friendship that endured for the rest of their lives. The script was written by Vallelonga's son Nick Vallelonga, Brian Hayes Currie and Peter Farrelly, in consultation with the Shirley family and estate. The film was nominated for five Academy Awards, winning for Best Picture, Best Original Screenplay and a second Best Supporting Actor award for the outstanding Mahershala Ali.

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Another successful Spring Arts & Crafts Fair, sponsored by the City Island Chamber of Commerce, was held on June 1 and 2, 2019. Colorful booths lined City Island Avenue from Bay to Schofield Streets featuring local artists and businesses selling food, paintings, jewelry, photography, textiles, clothing, handicrafts and more. There were also information booths for the City Island Nautical Museum, the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, the Hutchinson River Restoration Project and the City Island Oyster Reef. **Calendar Alert:** the Fall Arts and Crafts Fair, including the popular chowder contest, is scheduled for Sept. 14 and 15, 2019.

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In May, the City Island Nautical Museum mounted an exhibit of eight student designs focused on transforming the vacant land adjacent to the City Island Bridge, known as the City Island Gateway. The students developed their designs during a semester-long studio class at the Rhode Island School of Design (RISD). The students visited the City Island site in early March and met with Barbara Dolensek and Maria Caruso, who showed them around the Island and shared information about its nautical heritage. The students then worked with their professor, Dr. Caterina Tiazzoldi, an architect with extensive experience in community-informed design projects, and Island resident Linda Baldwin to develop innovative designs that would help connect the community to active water-based activities, develop passive and active recreational space and reuse the existing vacant building on the site to accommodate educational and cultural uses. During July, the student designs will be on display at the Bronx River Arts Center and will return to the Nautical Museum for the month of August.

Organization News

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Temple Beth-El

Temple Beth-El (TBE), “your shul by the sea,” 480 City Island Avenue, is a stimulating non-denominational, welcoming place for observance of Jewish traditions. Jewish Renewal is the style of our deeply spiritual, innovative, all-inclusive and open-minded worship. Twice a month Rabbi Shohama Wiener and/or Rabbi David Evan Markus lead services with music by Your Band by the Sea. Other times services are led by congregants in a joyful celebratory manner. Events begin promptly so please arrive 15 minutes early. Services are followed by an oneg* (refreshments). Reminder: for the health and comfort of all, please refrain from wearing perfume or cologne. We look forward to seeing you.

Services take place on Friday evenings from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Doors may be locked. Please knock and be patient. Thank you.

July 5: Kabbalat Shabbat with Rabbi David

July 12: Community-led services

July 26: Community-led services

Other Activities:

July 19: Shabbat by the Sea (2 Bay Street, home of Ken Binder and Steve Roth), 7 to 10 p.m. Rabbi Shohama and Rabbi David lead services. Poetry and music jam will start at 7 p.m. This is our annual mid-summer outdoor Shabbat extravaganza seaside on New York harbor at sunset. Dress in white and bring your dance shoes! Celebratory oneg to follow.

Aug. 2: Community-led services

Aug. 9: Kabbalat Shabbat with Rabbi David

Aug. 12: Tisha b’Av, Day of Depth with Rabbi David. Services are from 4 to 6 p.m.

Aug. 16: Community-led services

Aug. 23: Kabbalat Shabbat with Rabbi Shohama and Rabbi David

Aug. 30: Community-led services

TBE invites the City Island Community to join our yoga class on Monday evenings from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., led by Daniella

Haney (Patreasha Sat Inder Kaur), a certified instructor in spiritual disciplines of breath and body. Suitable for all persons, ages, body types and experience levels. Dress in loose-fitting clothes; participants can take session on the ground (mats and pillows provided) or sit in a chair. Tea and cookies served afterwards. Suggested free-will offering \$10 per session. RSVP to Daniella at kycnyc@aol.com.

Chesed Committee: Do you need a helping hand, a caring call, a ride to the doctor, then let us know. If you have love to give, we need your support. No experience required. To seek support and/or to volunteer, please e-mail us at yourshulbythesea@gmail.com.

Prayer Group: TBE has an informal prayer group to hold members, friends and family in prayer for healing. If you feel called to join this group, please e-mail us at yourshulbythesea@gmail.com.

*Oneg sponsorships: Onegs are joyful community celebrations, often sponsored by people commemorating special events to honor others or their own special occasion (e.g., birthday, anniversary, new job, yahrzeit, memorials, etc.) To sponsor one or to find out more information, please contact Violet Smith at violetsmi@aol.com or 718-885-0978.

For additional information, check out our website at www.yourshulbythesea.org.

Paul Klein

St. Mary, Star of the Sea

Our Thrift Shop will be closed during the months of July and August and will reopen on Thursday, Sept. 19, with all new items.

On Thursday, Aug. 15, we will celebrate the feast of the Assumption of Our Lady into Heaven. This is a holy day of obligation, and we encourage everyone to join us at one of our Masses. Masses are 7 a.m. and 12 noon.

Registration forms for the 2019/2020 Religious Education Program have been emailed to parents and distributed to students. Additional forms are available in the vestibule of the church. Early bird rate ends Aug. 31.

Have a blessed and safe summer!

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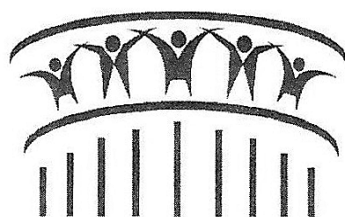
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Heights in feet above soundings printed on charts of water adjacent to City Island. Times shown are nautical times. For times on the table beginning with 1300, subtract 1200 to get ordinary PM time (e.g., 1625 - 1200 = 4:25 P.M.). Times less than 1200 are A.M. times (e.g., 1154 = 11:54 A.M.).

HH = hours; MM = minutes

Tide chart by Tom Smith

JULY 2019

DAY	TIME HH MM	HEIGHT FEET	TIME HH MM	HEIGHT FEET	TIME HH MM	HEIGHT FEET	TIME HH MM	HEIGHT FEET	DAY
01 Mon	0504	0.00	1045	7.23	1648	0.44	2250	8.44	Mon 01
02 Tue	0552	-0.33	1133	7.47	1740	0.23	2339	8.63	Tue 02
03 Wed	0640	-0.56	1222	7.68	1834	0.08			Wed 03
04 Thu	0029	8.70	0729	-0.66	1312	7.83	1929	0.02	Thu 04
05 Fri	0121	8.62	0820	-0.65	1405	7.90	2027	0.05	Fri 05
06 Sat	0216	8.40	0914	-0.51	1501	7.89	2131	0.14	Sat 06
07 Sun	0315	8.05	1014	-0.30	1605	7.83	2245	0.24	Sun 07
08 Mon	0424	7.66	1118	-0.06	1717	7.78			Mon 08
09 Tue	0000	0.26	0547	7.33	1225	0.14	1831	7.79	Tue 09
10 Wed	0110	0.18	0707	7.17	1330	0.27	1938	7.88	Wed 10
11 Thu	0215	0.01	0813	7.13	1432	0.30	2039	8.00	Thu 11
12 Fri	0315	-0.19	0913	7.18	1529	0.29	2134	8.13	Fri 12
13 Sat	0411	-0.37	1007	7.26	1622	0.26	2226	8.22	Sat 13
14 Sun	0502	-0.47	1058	7.35	1712	0.27	2315	8.25	Sun 14
15 Mon	0550	-0.46	1145	7.41	1758	0.33	2359	8.21	Mon 15
16 Tue	0634	-0.35	1229	7.44	1840	0.44			Tue 16
17 Wed	0040	8.10	0715	-0.14	1309	7.43	1917	0.60	Wed 17
18 Thu	0117	7.94	0752	0.12	1347	7.39	1947	0.77	Thu 18
19 Fri	0147	7.75	0821	0.40	1417	7.33	2003	0.91	Fri 19
20 Sat	0206	7.57	0833	0.62	1436	7.29	2024	0.98	Sat 20
21 Sun	0231	7.42	0847	0.73	1459	7.29	2100	1.05	Sun 21
22 Mon	0305	7.28	0920	0.81	1531	7.31	2142	1.12	Mon 22
23 Tue	0346	7.11	1000	0.91	1612	7.33	2228	1.19	Tue 23
24 Wed	0431	6.93	1045	1.01	1657	7.35	2319	1.23	Wed 24
25 Thu	0522	6.77	1134	1.11	1747	7.41			Thu 25
26 Fri	0015	1.22	0618	6.67	1227	1.16	1841	7.51	Fri 26
27 Sat	0117	1.11	0718	6.66	1324	1.12	1938	7.69	Sat 27
28 Sun	0228	0.86	0821	6.80	1424	0.98	2037	7.94	Sun 28
29 Mon	0341	0.49	0924	7.05	1528	0.73	2135	8.23	Mon 29
30 Tue	0443	0.05	1022	7.39	1632	0.41	2232	8.51	Tue 30
31 Wed	0538	-0.36	1117	7.74	1733	0.07	2327	8.72	Wed 31

AUGUST 2019

01 Thu	0629	-0.67	1209	8.05	1831	-0.21			Thu 01
02 Fri	0021	8.81	0718	-0.85	1301	8.27	1928	-0.39	Fri 02
03 Sat	0115	8.73	0808	-0.86	1353	8.36	2026	-0.43	Sat 03
04 Sun	0210	8.50	0900	-0.72	1448	8.33	2127	-0.35	Sun 04
05 Mon	0310	8.14	0955	-0.44	1548	8.19	2333	-0.18	Mon 05
06 Tue	0418	7.71	1056	-0.09	1655	8.00	2342	0.00	Tue 06
07 Wed	0534	7.34	1201	0.25	1808	7.86			Wed 07
08 Thu	0049	0.12	0648	7.11	1307	0.50	1916	7.82	Thu 08
09 Fri	0154	0.14	0754	7.05	1410	0.62	2019	7.87	Fri 09
10 Sat	0255	0.09	0854	7.12	1509	0.64	2117	7.97	Sat 10
11 Sun	0351	0.00	0948	7.26	1604	0.60	2209	8.08	Sun 11
12 Mon	0441	-0.06	1038	7.42	1653	0.54	2258	8.15	Mon 12
13 Tue	0528	-0.06	1124	7.56	1738	0.51	2342	8.16	Tue 13
14 Wed	0611	0.02	1207	7.64	1819	0.54			Wed 14
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17 Sat	0123	7.79	0743	0.53	1339	7.58	1934	0.73	Sat 17
18 Sun	0135	7.66	0747	0.62	1350	7.58	1954	0.72	Sun 18
19 Mon	0157	7.57	0809	0.63	1414	7.64	2028	0.73	Mon 19
20 Tue	0230	7.47	0843	0.67	1449	7.70	2107	0.79	Tue 20
21 Wed	0309	7.33	0923	0.77	1529	7.71	2152	0.89	Wed 21
22 Thu	0354	7.16	1007	0.92	1615	7.70	2241	1.01	Thu 22
23 Fri	0444	6.97	1057	1.08	1706	7.67	2337	1.11	Fri 23
24 Sat	0540	6.83	1151	1.21	1802	7.67			Sat 24
25 Sun	0039	1.12	0643	6.80	1252	1.24	1904	7.74	Sun 25
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30 Fri	0612	-0.73	1155	8.50	1827	-0.60			Fri 30
31 Sat	0014	8.84	0700	-0.92	1245	8.72	1922	-0.83	Sat 31

SEPTEMBER 2019

01 Sun	0107	8.77	0749	-0.92	1335	8.78	2016	-0.86	Sun 01
02 Mon	0201	8.52	0838	-0.72	1427	8.66	2113	-0.70	Mon 02



THE SUMMER SUN AND MOON

We made it! Another City Island summer is upon us. Fun in the sun. Barbecues and boats. The beach! And yet even as it begins, it slips away. With each setting sun, the days grow incrementally shorter. It does not seem so at first, but over time the reality sets in. It always does.

It must. The longest day of the year is the first day of summer, June 21. On that day there is more daylight than all others because on that day the sun shines directly above its northernmost point, the Tropic of Cancer. It is as far from the equator as it will get in the Northern Hemisphere. After that, the sun reverses course back towards the equator, shortening our days in the process.

The first day of summer is also known as the day of the summer solstice. Solstice means something like *sun stopping*, which, in a way, is what the sun appears to be doing when it reverses course. In the Southern Hemisphere, June 21 marks the first day of winter, or the day of the winter solstice. For those who call the other side of the equator home, June 21 is the shortest day of the year, after which the days grow longer. And they continue to grow

longer (or shorter, depending upon your side of the equator) until Dec. 21, when the sun "stops" above the Tropic of Cancer in preparation for reversing course once again.

On the other side of the celestial spectrum, there is, of course, the moon. Most City Islanders know that it is the gravitational pull of the moon that accounts for the ebb and flow of the tide. Actually, though, it is the moon's gravity together with the sun's that accounts for the tidal highs and lows on Earth. When the moon works in concert with the sun, the extra high and low tides that are observed are known as spring tides. Spring tides occur when the moon is in its full and new phases. When the sun and moon's gravitational pulls are at odds, the moderately high and low tides that are observable are known as neap tides. Neap tides occur when the moon appears something like a half moon in the night sky.

Because City Island beaches experience two high and two low tides in a day, our tides are known as semi-diurnal. All tidal activity that originates in the Atlantic Ocean are semi-diurnal tides. Diurnal tides occur once a day, as they do in the Gulf of Mexico. Two other tides that City Islanders may be familiar with are brown and red tides. Both occur because of an excessive growth, or bloom, of algae in the water. The main difference is that red tides are much more harmful to people than brown tides.

Join us again next September when we will be conducting tidal terminology tests for our loyal readers. Until then, enjoy the summer. Be safe and responsible out there and remember that your neighbors are planning to enjoy it, too.

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In The Garden

By MARY COLBY



Photo by MARY COLBY

A delicate and fragrant climber, the sweet pea.

Gardening Up

Small gardens can be made more intimate and in a sense larger by gardening upwards. It is the climbers that accentuate the vertical, giving another dimension to the space. I have a garden divided with yew, holly and box and in the spring the clematis begin its tendrilled ascent, clinging to the taller hollies. By June the garden has become a framework for the purple and lavender blossoms. The clematis, perle d'azur, blooms June through July with its exceptional single blue blossoms. If you had to have only one clematis, this is it. From June through August, try Christopher Lloyd's favorite Prince Charles. Some say it is better than perle d'azur, but I love both. I have them twisting through climbing roses, and the autumn clematis paniculata scrambling through a maple tree.

When they were first planted, a gardener whacked them all to the ground, and this happened for three years until I protected them bodily every spring. But this is the way with clematis, you must be ruthless and chop chop for three years. They bulk up and instead of one spindly sorry shoot, you will have nine or ten floriferous vines on one plant. Bury the crown three inches and cover with a slate. They like cool roots and hot heads, so you may have clematis throughout summer and autumn. If your idea is to have them scramble up a wall, you must tack them east and west, for if left only due north you will have nothing but blossoms at the top.

Climbing hydrangea petiolaris is always beautiful to clothe a telephone pole, a tree or a fence. But the special shizophragma vine has larger blooms and many more florets per head. Use the variety moonlight if you love white. For the climbing hydrangea, a little help is needed for the first few years if you want them to dress the trunks of trees. I tack bird netting to the tree because the vine can

attach itself easily to this material. It is almost invisible and doesn't seem to harm the tree. Old rose varieties have very long canes and they can climb into trees. Rosa Cecile Brunner and new dawn will also adorn a large tree in time. Rosa kiftsgate will take over a neighborhood.

Wisteria and trumpet vine are beautiful, but to control them you must prune them to one stem. Also, be prepared for them to be popping up all over your yard in time. If you want to plant either of these beautiful, breathtaking thugs, please read up on the care and pruning of them. They can very easily get out of control, yet in a wild landscape or just in front of your house on a pergola there is little else that can be as beautiful.

The annual vines I love, and you can plant these from seed right in your soil from May 15 on, include nasturtium vine, morning glory, and cobeia. The seeds will benefit from an overnight soak in water. The nasturtium vine is stunning, weaving in and about shrubbery; plant three per shrub. Morning glories are great in the perennial garden. After a plant like phlox has finished blooming, you can pull the morning glory onto it and it fills the gap. These look good on pyramids (tuteurs) of sticks placed amidst the vegeta-

ble patch. A simple arch above a front gate filled with any of these climbers will make a home very special.

The idea of gardening up can be a metaphor for spiritually and intellectually reaching and expanding ourselves upward. I recently read the book "The Courage to Be Disliked." The title is misleading, for it is really about having the courage to be happy. I recommend this as great summer reading material, on the beach or in the garden.

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Summer: The Time to Experience the Flow of Creativity Outside

By JOHN SCARDINA

Flow, or “being in the zone,” is a state of energized focus with the euphoria of full involvement in the moment. This state—which we all experienced as children—can be found in those stunning days lost in creative play with no schedule, no electronics, no agenda and no place else to be.

The Czech psychologist Mihaly Csikszentmihalyi talks about “flow theory” as a part of the positive psychology movement, a school of thought that focused on “what’s right” rather than “what’s wrong” in one’s life. He posits that school should provide opportunities for “flow” in the school day, most recently seen in the “maker’s space” movement in many schools.

Each of us can experience flow and provide opportunities for our children to do so, too. Here’s a recipe for flow in the summer:

- Set aside a day with no schedule for you and your child;

- Brainstorm with your child about an activity you can do together that would be either new to each of you or enable you to become more skilled;

- Plan to go to a specific place (a park, a beach with some deserted shoreline, a river, a forest, the NY Botanical Garden);

- Begin the activity that you will focus on that day, such as running, yoga outdoors, swimming, playing music, rock climbing, sailing, kayaking, bird watching or flower identification, and plan specifically for that activity;

- Bring no electronics;
- Let the intensity and the novelty and the passion take over.

Start small, maybe just a morning, and see where “flow” takes you. It’s summer. What are you waiting for?



Photo by HEATHER BOYLE

Members of Grace Episcopal Church Sunday School led a special Youth and Father’s Day Service on June 16, 2019, under the watchful eye of teacher Karen Nani and Fr. John Covington (left). Shown above are the hard working students, who presented most of the liturgy, including the sermon (l. to r.): Emilio, Sofia and Jaden Aponte, Tyler and Hailey Bendler, Tyson Skinner, Naomi Boyle and Perla Lomba.

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From EDWARD D. HEBEN, C.P.A.

IRS Warns of Two New Tax Scams

Although the April filing deadline has passed, scam artists remain hard at work, and the IRS is warning of a spring surge of phishing emails and telephone scams.

The IRS is seeing signs of two new variations of tax-related scams. One involves Social Security numbers related to tax issues, and the other threatens people with a tax bill from a fictional government agency. Here are some details:

- **The SSN hustle.** The latest twist includes scammers who claim to be able to suspend or cancel the victim's Social Security number. In this variation, the SSN cancellation threat scam is similar to and often associated with the IRS impersonation scam. It is yet another attempt by con artists to frighten people into returning robocall voicemails. Scammers may mention overdue taxes in addition to threatening to cancel the person's SSN.

- **Fake tax agency.** This scheme involves the mailing of a letter threatening an IRS lien or levy, which is based on bogus delinquent taxes owed to a non-existent agency, the "Bureau of Tax Enforcement." The lien notification scam also likely references the IRS in order to confuse potential victims into thinking the letter is from a legitimate organization.

Both efforts display classic signs of being scams. The IRS and its Security Summit partners—the state tax agencies and the tax industry—remind everyone to stay alert to scams that use the IRS or that reference taxes, especially in late spring and early summer as tax bills and refunds arrive.

Phone Scams

The IRS does not leave prerecorded, urgent or threatening messages. In many variations of the phone scam, victims are told if they do not call back, a warrant will be issued for their arrest. Other verbal threats include law-enforcement agency intervention, deportation or revocation of licenses.

Criminals can fake, or "spoof," caller ID numbers to appear to be anywhere in the country, including from an IRS office. This prevents taxpayers from being able to verify the true call number. Fraudsters also have spoofed local sheriff's offices, state departments of motor vehicles, federal agencies and others in an effort to convince taxpayers that the call is legitimate.

E-mail Phishing Scams

The IRS does not initiate contact with taxpayers by e-mail to request personal

or financial information but makes most contacts through regular mail delivered by the United States Postal Service. However, there are special circumstances when the IRS will call or come to a home or business. These visits include times when a taxpayer has an overdue tax bill, a delinquent tax return or a delinquent employment tax payment, or when the IRS needs to tour a business as part of a civil investigation (such as an audit or collection case) or during criminal investigation.

If a taxpayer receives a fraudulent unsolicited e-mail that appears to be from either the IRS or a program closely linked to the IRS, report it by forwarding it to phishing@irs.gov. Complete details are provided on <https://www.irs.gov/privacy-disclosure/report-phishing>.

Telltale Signs of a Scam

The IRS (and its authorized private collection agencies) will never:

- Call to demand immediate payment using a specific payment method, such as a prepaid debit card, gift card or wire transfer. The IRS does not use these methods for tax payments. Generally, the IRS will first mail a bill to any taxpayer who owes taxes. All tax payments should only be made payable to the U.S. Treasury and checks should never be made payable to third parties.
 - Threaten to immediately bring in local police or other law-enforcement groups to have the taxpayer arrested for not paying.
 - Demand that taxes be paid without giving the taxpayer the opportunity to question or appeal the amount owed.
 - Ask for credit or debit card numbers over the phone.
- For anyone who doesn't owe taxes and has no reason to think they do:
- Do not give out any information. Hang up immediately.
 - Contact the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration to report the call. Use their IRS Impersonation Scam Reporting web page.
 - Report the caller ID and/or callback number to the IRS by sending it to phishing@irs.gov (Subject: IRS Phone Scam).
 - Report it to the Federal Trade Commission. Use the FTC Complaint Assistant on FTC.gov. Add "IRS Telephone Scam" in the notes.

For anyone who owes tax or thinks they do:

- View tax account information on line at IRS.gov to see the actual amount owed. Taxpayers can then also review their payment options..
- Call the number on the billing notice, or
- Call the IRS at 800-829-1040. IRS workers can help.

The IRS does not use text messages or social media to discuss personal tax issues, such as those involving bills or refunds. For more information, visit the Tax Scams and Consumer Alerts page on IRS.gov. Additional information about tax scams is also available on IRS social media sites, including YouTube videos.

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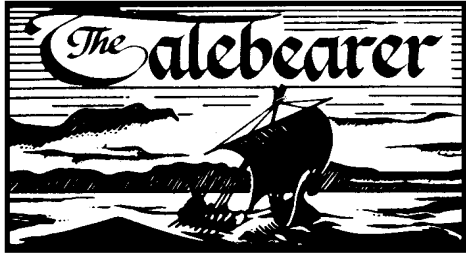
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Happy belated birthday wishes to our son, Philip Ribaldo, whose big day was April 1, and our daughters-in-law, Mere (June 3) and Danielle (June 15). And a very happy anniversary to Mere and Ant on June 21, with love from Mom and Dad! And special birthday wishes for our sweet granddaughter Alana, who turns nine on July 10. Alana, you are growing so quickly right before our eyes. Love, hugs and kisses, Nonni and Pop.

Special good wishes and best of luck to P.S. 175's Mrs. Pat Cambria, who is retiring after many years. Her students, their families and the staff will miss her enthusiasm, professionalism and warmth. She taught at P.S. 175 for 30 years. In her retirement, she plans to travel first to Aruba in July with her husband and then to Italy. We wish her safe travels and a happy retirement.

The little tykes of "Barbara's Kids" said goodbye to each other at the City Island Community Center last month. They've been meeting every Wednesday and will return after summer vacation. Have fun, kids!

Happy July 9 birthday greetings across the miles to former Bay Street resident Dr. Ellen Dierenfeld, with love from your City Island friends and neighbors.

Wishing Winters Street's Anthony and Stephanie Ribaldo a very happy 50th anniversary with all our love, from your family and friends.

Happy birthday wishes to our lovely granddaughters, Kayla and Alyssa, who will celebrate their July birthdays on the 4th and 23rd. Much love from Grandma and Grandpa Penny.

Happy Golden Wedding anniversary to Winters Street's Pete and Dina Patrenicola, who will celebrate their 50th anniversary on July 12. Cent'anni and all our love, Celeste, Anthony, Alana, Joey, Joseph, Monica, Luciano and Valentina.

Happy birthday on July 14 to Pilot Cove's Barbara Henreckson. We love you so much! Elzie, Ken and Deb.

Lots of summer birthdays: Jennifer Carman (7/21), Lori Travers (7/19), Mary Immediato (7/13), Nolan Quinn (8/16), Maria Christina Swieciki (8/22), Jo Heck (8/28), Hans Dannerger (8/28) and Samantha Emerick (8/30).

Happy third wedding anniversary on Aug. 26 to Bay Street's Luisa Benedetto and Tommy Delaney.



Photo by KAREN NANI

Longtime P.S. 175 teacher Pat Cambria will retire in June 2019 after 30 years of lovingly educating elementary school children. She is shown above (center) in 2015 at the retirement of school security officer Pete Toledo (at left, with his wife) with two of her colleagues, Karen Mazzella and Jeanne McDonald.



Photo by SUSAN RAUH

Arlo Rota having fun at Schofield Street beach.

Happy 6th birthday to our dear grandson, Arlo Rota! We're having so much fun with his visit to City Island. Happy July birthdays to his mom, Beth Rota and aunt, Susie Rauh. The month ends with Beth and Matt's 14th anniversary. Happy, happy all around!

Wishing all our readers, neighbors and friends a safe, fun and happy summer!

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Pete and Dina Patrenicola celebrate their 50th anniversary.



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