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CILL: Post-Pandemic First Pitch

By KAREN NANI



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City Island Little League's 2022 opening day on April 2 welcomed back players and fans for a traditional ceremony led by President Dom Esposito (top photo). With support from the American Legion color guard and the loyal sponsors, teams in four different age groups (major, minor, junior minor and t-ball) will play on the refurbished Ambrosini Field during May and June. The ceremonial first pitch was thrown by Gus Esposito to Luca Mazzeo (second photo above). Let the games begin!

The 2022 City Island Little League season began with a more traditional opening day ceremony on April 2 at Ambrosini Field. President Dom Esposito announced the start of the season with cheers from coaches, players and parents who all hoped for a "return to pre-Covid times" following two years of the coronavirus crisis.

While there was baseball on City Island last year, the 2021 opening day ceremony was scaled down in line with safety guidelines. This year, all 70-plus players and coaches were invited to attend the ceremony, and masks were not required.

Following the presentation of the colors by members of the Leonard Hawkins American Legion color guard and the playing of the national anthem, Mr. Esposito led players and coaches in the

Little League pledge: "I love my country and will respect its laws. I will play fair and strive to win. But win or lose, I will always do my best."

Mr. Esposito showcased the refurbished infield and extolled the virtues of youth sports and the wonderful City Island facilities. "We have the best view of any ball field in the city, including Yankee Stadium and Citi Field," he exclaimed as he looked out on Long Island Sound right behind the field. Island boys and girls will play games against each other, as well as teams from nearby neighborhoods in the Bronx and lower Westchester.

Special thanks were then given to City Island Little League's loyal sponsors for their continued support, especially when business declined for many Island establishments during the pandemic. Those



who make the 2022 season possible are: Pryor Law, Leonard Hawkins Post 156 of the American Legion, JP's Restaurant, Sea Shore Restaurant, Jack's Bait and Tackle, Crab Shanty, A Taste of Italy, City

Island Theater Group, Local 79 Laborers, Sammy's Fish Box, Man Overboard, the Gilder Scholarship Fund, Seafood City, Dugout Sports and Artie's Steak and
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Hart Island Ferry Options

By BARBARA DOLENSEK

On March 30, the Department of Parks and Recreation held its second and final virtual meeting for the community to learn about plans that are being proposed for improving access to Hart Island now that the island has been transferred to Parks from the Department of Correction. At the present time, the only public access to Hart Island is from the Fordham Street dock on City Island, but many Island residents have expressed concern about this, as there is little parking available near the ferry dock.

The engineering firm NV5, which was hired by Parks to explore the possible access routes to Hart Island, presented several concepts developed on the basis of results of a survey taken in January, when it was noted that 80 percent of gravesite visitors drive cars to the Fordham Street pier and that only 3 percent use public transportation. A majority of those surveyed felt that transit access and parking facilities should be available at new ferry departure locations.

However, it was noted that there is no existing NYC ferry service to City Island or Hart Island and that docks on both islands are not compatible with the city ferries. Reconstruction of the Fordham Street dock to accommodate a terminal for a city ferry would not be possible because of limited space in adjacent tax lots, and in any case such reconstruction would involve prolonged disruption to existing burial services and visitation.

Four suggested concepts were proposed. The first short-term option would

continue the use of the Fordham Street dock for the existing ferry to Hart Island but would encourage visitors traveling by car to park at the Orchard Beach parking lot and take a jitney to east Fordham Street. The second option would offer a shuttle bus from Pelham Bay Station to Orchard Beach for transfer to the ferry. Studies have shown that the Orchard Beach parking lot has never filled up, even during the summer months, so extra parking there would be feasible.

Two long-term alternatives would call for ferries to Hart Island provided by New York City, one a standalone service from Ferry Point Park and the other a service integrated with the NYC Soundview ferry route. These alternatives would not preclude the existing DOT ferry service from City Island but would greatly increase the traffic alternatives for the visiting public. In order to implement one or both of these alternatives, a new ferry-compatible terminal dock would have to be constructed on Hart Island, and feasibility studies would have to be carried out by other city agencies.

Before any decisions are made, the solutions proposed by NV5 will be studied by various city agencies, including the Department of Transportation, the Human Resources Administration, the Medical Examiner's office, the Economic Development Corporation and City Hall. A final report will be submitted in May, and it will be delivered to the City Council by July 1, 2022. The city will not make any decisions until the city agencies have been able to assess all possible alternatives.

BRIEFLY...

SHIPSHAPE 22, CI COMMUNITY CLEAN UP. On Saturday, May 14, the City Island Civic Association, the City Island Strong Coalition, and the NYC Department of Sanitation will present a community clean up beginning at Hawkins Park at 10 a.m. Clean-up tools and equipment will be provided, along with water, music and entertainment. For more information, call 718-885-1139.

DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM, sponsored by Assemblyman Michael Benedetto, will provide a New York State Insurance Reduction Program approved by the Department of Motor Vehicles on Saturday, May 21, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The course will refresh your driving knowledge with a review of time-tested safe driving tips, and those who complete the course will receive a reduction of about 10 percent off the base rate of automobile and motorcycle liability premiums each year for three years. The course will be held at Fort Schuyler House, 3077 Cross Bronx Expressway. The cost is \$30. To register, call Assemblyman Benedetto's office at 718-892-2235.

QUICKSTART TO KAYAKING. A free clinic will be held on Sunday, May 15, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Touring Kayak Club, 205 Beach Street. You will learn about choosing the right kayak for yourself, trip-planning essentials, what gear you will need, how you can have more fun on the water. Bring your questions (not your boat) to the club. Space is limited, so register now by e-mailing touringkayakclub@gmail.com.

THE CITY ISLAND GALLERY at 278 City Island Avenue will open on Saturday, May 7, with a collaborative exhibition of photo transfers by Ron Turner and haiku by David Ellis that will remain on view through May 29. An opening reception will be held on May 7 from 5 to 8 p.m., and for every photo transfer sold, David will create a haiku on the spot. Proceeds from sales will help support the new gallery, which will be available for artists to showcase their work. For more information, go to www.cityislandgallery.com.

THE CITY ISLAND NAUTICAL MUSEUM'S WEBINAR SERIES is starting up again on select Sunday afternoons and Tuesday evenings this spring. The first webinar will be on Tuesday, May 3, at 7 p.m. featuring Notable City Island Architecture, with the museum's vice president Barbara Burn Dolensek and Robert Arthur King, FAIA, a City Island architect who has a special interest in historic buildings. Other planned webinars include City Island's Boatyards: Past & Present; the Artists of City Island; and City Island Yacht Clubs Through the Years. Stay tuned for details and use social media to register for these conversations: @CityIslandNauticalMuseum on Instagram, City Island Nautical Museum on Facebook or the museum's website, www.cityislandmuseum.org. If you have any questions or wish to sign up for the museum's e-mail list, e-mail CINM.Programs@gmail.com.

CITY ISLAND THEATER GROUP: will present Rick Abbot's "Play On!" on Friday and Saturday, May 13 and 14, at 8 p.m. There will also be a matinee on Saturday, May 14, at 2 p.m. with no performance on Sunday, May 15. Additional performances will be on Friday and Saturday, May 20 and 21, at 8 p.m. and on Sunday, May 22, at 3 p.m. All performances will be at Grace Church Hall, 116 City Island Avenue, at Pilot Street. For reservations, please call 718-885-3066 or e-mail tickets@cityislandtheatergroup.com. Tickets may be purchased on line by visiting our website www.cityislandtheatergroup.com.



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On March 30, 2022, a truck and car collided near the City Island bridge. Drivers are reminded to drive slowly along City Island Avenue and to watch for cars making turns coming over the bridge.

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MASKS OFF, TRADITIONS RETURN AT P.S. 175

By KAREN NANI



Photo by ELLEN GRACE ZALTAS

Now that the mask mandate for NYC schools has been lifted, class trips and group activities with visitors have resumed at P.S. 175, such as the Teach-In for Climate Justice on April 22, 2022.

By March 4, 2022, all mask requirements were lifted by the New York City mayor and chancellor of the Board of Education for most New York City schools, including City Island's elementary school, P.S. 175. As soon as both indoor and outdoor masking became optional for students ages five and older, and social distancing rules were relaxed, plans for some long-standing school traditions could be made, according to principal Julie Porras.

"The staff is excited to resume activities, but they also understand that things will be somewhat different moving forward after the pandemic," Ms. Porras told *The Current*. For example, the eighth-grade graduation dance is once again being planned for June, but there is not enough time to bring back the traditional fifth-grade play in 2022. The play was suspended during the last two years because of the coronavirus crisis, along with many cherished school activities, including the Science Fair, Field Day, class trips, eighth-grade graduation dance and more.

Since proof of vaccination remains required for visitors into the building at 200 City Island Avenue, the eighth-grade and kindergarten graduations will once again be held outdoors under a tent in the schoolyard, as they were in 2021 for the first time in school history. "The entire P.S. 175 staff is vaccinated, but we don't want to exclude parents from the June graduations who might not be vaccinated. The schoolyard ceremony solves this concern, since vaccinations are not required for outdoor activities," Ms. Porras explained.

During the pandemic, most school trips were cancelled for safety reasons. Now that school buses are once again available for trips, Ms. Porras and her assistant principal, Kathy Wiehler, are working with teachers to schedule a number of on- and off-Island activities. "Reward trips" for seventh- and eighth-graders resumed first on City Island with a special day of activities at the Morris Yacht Club in March. "It was a day of team building, games and collaboration encouraging positive behavior," Ms. Wiehler explained.

With the buses once again rolling, the

fourth and sixth grades went to the Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum for a program highlighting the local history and environment. Ms. Porras proudly explained: "We received a grant from CASA (Cultural Afterschool Adventures) that made the Bartow trip and an upcoming visit to Governor's Island possible."

Another longtime tradition, Field Day, will resume in June on Ambrosini Field next to the schoolyard. Field Day involves all classes and grades at the school and is a day of fun and games and team competition. And the graduating eighth-graders are delighted to have their senior trip scheduled once again, this year to Club Getaway in Connecticut. "It will not be an overnight trip as it was prior to the pandemic, but at least they will have a senior event to remember," Ms. Porras reported.

Although the traditional Science Fair cannot resume yet, other special science programs are taking place, including hands-on activities along the living shoreline behind the school with the City Island Oyster Reef (CIOR) team and participation in the Teach In for Climate Change.

"We are re-engaging in ways not possible during the pandemic," said the principal, who has had anything but a normal tenure in her first three years as head of City Island's only elementary school. "We even had Irish step dancers perform on St. Patrick's Day!"

Since P.S. 175 does not have a pre-K program on the premises, Ms. Porras does not have to worry about the continuing issue of relaxing the mask mandate for children under the age of five. This was scheduled to happen on April 4, 2022, but, as *The Current* went to press, the mayor and chancellor had delayed this decision because of the rise of Covid cases from the BA.2 variant.

While she and her staff plan for life after Covid, Ms. Porras is quick to acknowledge that guidelines from the Board of Education are updated weekly and can change again should cases and hospitalizations among New York City's elementary, middle and high school students begin to rise.

WELCOME TO CITY ISLAND!



Photos by RICK DeWITT

Bronx Borough President Vanessa Gibson attended a City Island Rising meeting on April 14, 2022, at the Island Gallery. The newly elected borough president spoke of her goals for Bronx businesses and residents and took questions from Islanders about pothole repairs, the City Island Gateway project, Rodman's Neck noise abatement, environmental and waterfront issues, ferry service from City Island to Manhattan, possible locations for a City Island dog run, and more. She pledged the support of her office on a number of these issues and promised to facilitate interagency cooperation to get projects completed.



Photo by KAREN NANI

City Island Little League teams, like the Junior Minors above, will compete against teams from the Bronx and lower Westchester during the 2022 season.

CI Little League

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Seafood. "We couldn't do this without the support of our sponsors, so please support these restaurants and businesses in return," Mr. Esposito reminded those fans in attendance.


The 2022 CILL coaches and teams were introduced and took the field for the ceremonial first pitch. They include T-ball (five- and six-year-olds), coached by Sean Dennehy and Paul Simon; Junior Minors (seven- and eight-year-olds), coached by Greg Clancy, Arturo Mazzeo, Tommy John McMahon, Tom Goldberg and Jon Quinlin; two Minors teams (nine- and ten-year-olds), coached by Dom Esposito, Alex Linzer, Rene Matos, Ginutis Sipas and Corley Schaller; and Majors (11- and 12-year-olds), coached by Arturo Mazzeo, Brian Moynihan, Brendon Delaney and Rene Matos. Dr. Jeanine Giacobelli is the league's safety officer.

The ceremonial first pitch was enthusiastically thrown by Gus Esposito to

catcher Luca Mazzeo. Fans who came out on the blustery Saturday were thrilled to see the season begin. "This is a great group of players. That is why we are all here," cheered Elaine Matos. Patricia Penny told *The Current*, "it's great to see kids being able to play baseball . . . a more normal springtime."

Mr. Esposito stressed the importance of welcoming the community back to watch and participate in baseball. So head down to Ambrosini Field by P.S. 175 and cheer for the girls and boys of the summer of '22. T-ball meets on Saturdays at 9:30 a.m., and Junior Minors start after that, about 11 a.m. Players from all teams will march in the City Island Memorial Day parade on May 30. May 27 is the League Day at Citi Field, where City Island players and coaches get an on-field experience, as well as watching the Mets play a regular season game.

If you are interested in volunteering, the CILL can always use extra help at the Snack Shack and in other ways, so contact them at cityislandlittleleague@gmail.com.



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To the Editor:

Trinity United Methodist Church says, THANK YOU! Thank you to every individual, every business, every group, every house of worship, every fraternal organization who so generously helped Trinity and the Rev. Susan Chadwick Food Pantry this year and in years past.

Rabia and City Island State of Mind began a massive food drive for Trinity and for the Community Refrigerator at Schofield Street. The American Legion, the Civic Association, the City Island Roadies, City Island Community Center, Temple Beth-El, Grace Episcopal Church, St. Mary, Star of the Sea, and dozens of local businesses and hundreds of people joined in.

I am certain I left out groups, but you are all heroes, and God knows each of you. There is treasure in heaven for all of you, for your hearts and actions to care for the hungry. God's peace to every one of you.

Trinity United Methodist Church



Photo by JUDY JUDSON

Kathy Gibbons

Remembering Kathy Gibbons

To the Editor:

We honor and respectfully remember the life of Kathy Gibbons. Her contributions to the community, particularly through the Theater Group and the Garden Club, are lasting and significant. Kathy was tireless chair of the beautification effort to greet everyone with the colorful street planters along City Island Avenue. Her attentive maintenance of the plantings ensured a living welcome in all seasons. Each street planter box is a celebration and remembrance of Kathy's life.

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Teaching In at P.S. 175

By BARBARA DOLENSEK



Photos by ELLEN GRACE ZALTAS

Middle-school students at P.S. 175 participated in the first Teach-In for Climate Justice on Tuesday, April 12, 2022. Led by science teacher Karen Heil (above), members of the City Island community joined students in workshops and activities to address climate change and global warming and the importance of becoming future advocates for protecting the planet.

On Tuesday morning, April 12, students and teachers at P.S. 175 were joined by parents and other members of the community to engage in the school's first Teach-In for Climate Justice, based on Worldwide Teach-In, a project of the Graduate Programs in Sustainability at Bard College in Rhinebeck, NY.

This was a unique experience for everyone who participated, not simply because it was the first such gathering to have taken place inside the school during the past two years (no thanks to Covid-19), but also because it was the first program at P.S. 175 dedicated to prioritizing the importance of climate change.

Orchestrated by Karen Heil, the middle school science teacher, the meeting provided several opportunities for all participants to learn from each other and work together to explore climate science, learn about possible solutions and consider potential alternatives to current

climate issues both globally and locally. After an introductory session in the auditorium and welcome remarks from Principal Julie Porras and Ms. Heil, along with several student moderators, students from the sixth, seventh and eighth grades joined six different groups, each dedicated to a specific issue.

Several officers of the City Island Oyster Reef (CIOR) participated in the event, along with beekeepers Patrick Gannon and Nancy Kheck, Tanasia Swift of the Billion Oyster Project, Ira Bigeleisen of the City Island Yacht Club Sailing Program, parent and Rising member David Diaz, Barbara Dolensek of *The Island Current* as well as CIOR, and several representatives of the Board of Education, including Thad Copeland, deputy director of the DOE Office of Sustainability. A special welcome was given to Phoebe Mankiewicz, a PhD candidate at Yale, an advocate for New York City Green Infrastructure and a former student at P.S. 175.



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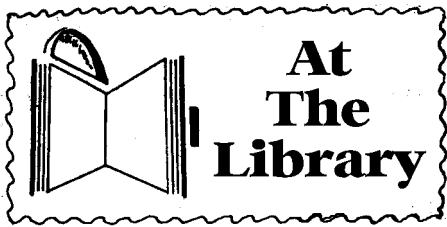
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DIY Visors: Decorate a visor while spending time in our gorgeous garden! Wednesday, May 11, at 3 p.m.

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!

Card Making Workshop: Practice art skills while expressing gratitude, and leave with the perfect homemade gift. May 6.

Unplug & Relax: Relax in analog, with board games, books, word puzzles, coloring pages and anything else without a screen. May 13.

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What Are You Reading? Calling all avid readers! Let's come together as a community to discuss what you've been reading, and what you may want to read next! This is an open discussion for all genres, and each session will also include a presentation of titles related to a particular topic. Saturday, May 21, at 3 p.m., this program will be presented virtually with registration required..

For any or all programs listed, please

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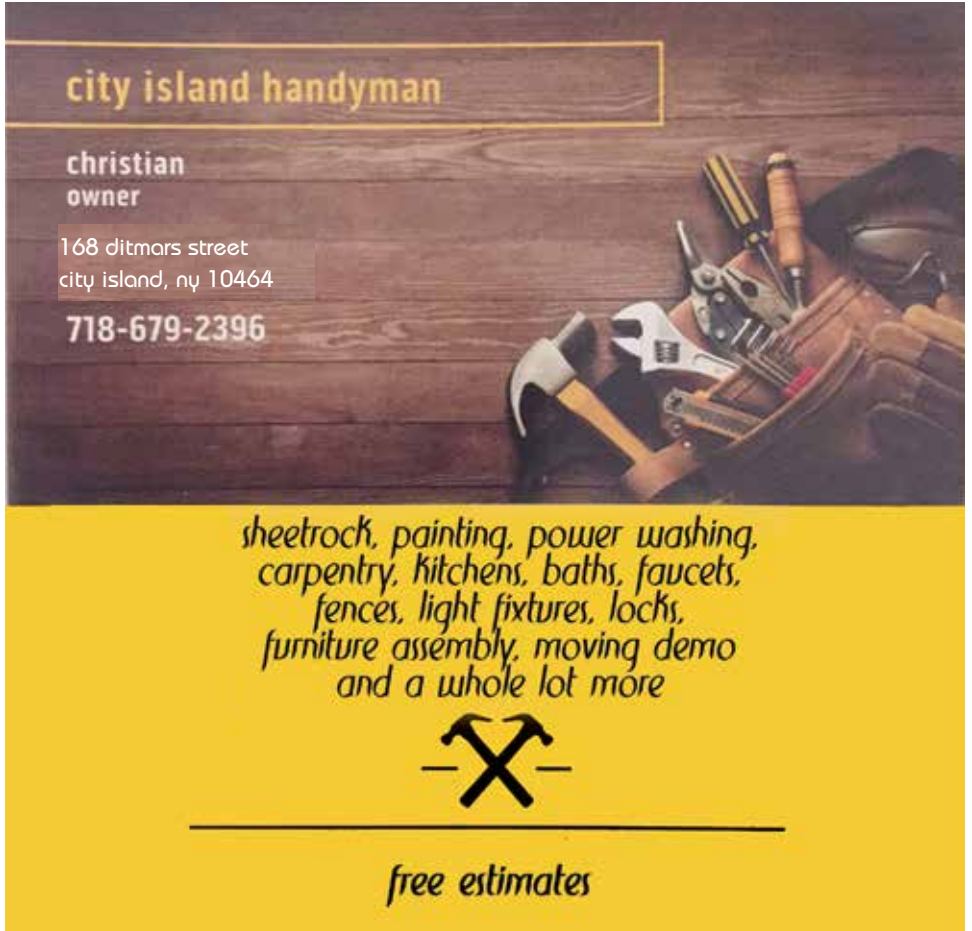
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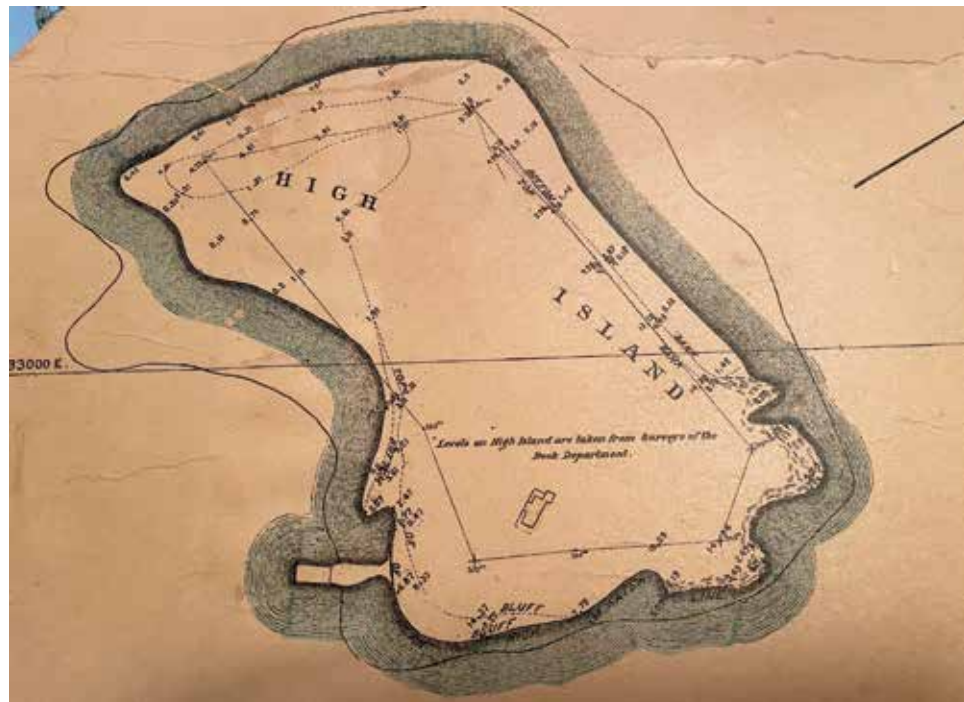


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HIGH ISLAND, PEARL OF THE SOUND: PART 2

By BARBARA DOLENSEK



Photos courtesy of THE CITY ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY and KAREN NANI

The ancient history of High Island, off City Island's northeast coast, was described in the April issue of *The Current*. For many years, it was a popular summer colony with tents and cabins, until it was sold to CBS and NBC as the location for radio towers, and no more visitors were allowed. The old wooden bridge burned in 1995 (bottom photo, right) and was replaced by a steel bridge.

A Movie Set

In addition to hosting a summer colony for over a century, High Island also has a history as a movie set. The silent film star Harry Carey, who worked with D.W. Griffith, John Ford and John Wayne in Hollywood, actually grew up on City Island at the northeast end on an estate known as Carey's Point. Young Harry moved to City Island at the age of 6, with his father, a Tammany Hall-appointed judge, and lived here until he moved to Hollywood in 1913. During that time, he wrote and produced plays, including one called "Heart of Alaska," for which he is said to have kept wolves on nearby High Island, presumably not during the summertime. He also made a number of silent films for the Carey Motion Picture Company, which was located at Carey's Point, leased several of the rocky islands and utilized the ice in the Sound for frozen North settings. It was reported at the time that palm trees were placed on High Island to help create the illusion of the South Seas, presumably in the summertime.

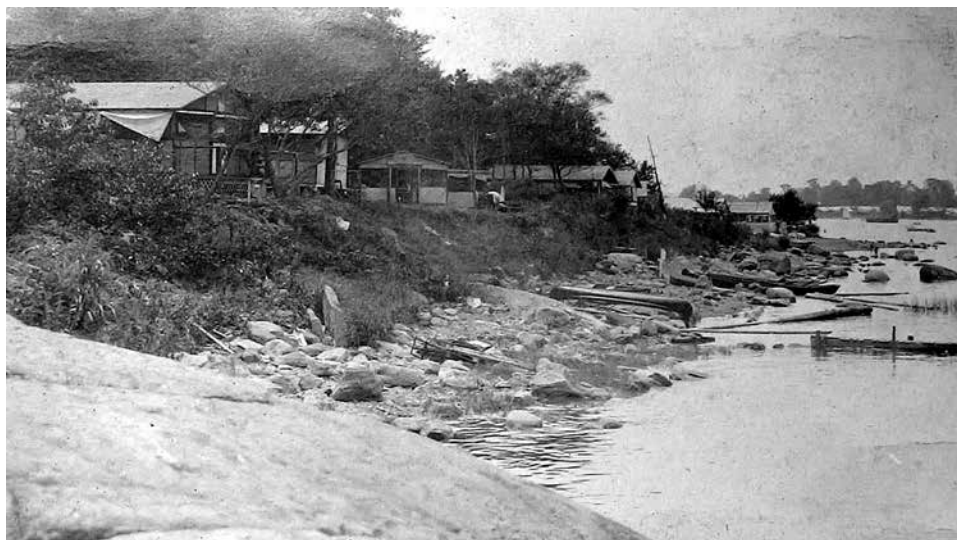
Not all of these films were successful, however. In 1913, Carey's Point was used as a location for a film made by the short-lived Ryno Film Company. On July 26 that year, the *New Rochelle Evening Standard* reported that "John Noble, manager for the Ryno Film Company . . . is said to be dying at the Fordham Hospital from burns sustained from the premature explosion of a barrel of gunpowder which was to be used in a motion picture scene on High Island yesterday. . . . The wind hastened the spark of the fuse, which was timed for 20 minutes. The three men and the camera were blown into the air by the force of the explosion. Suffering agony, Noble directed the return of the company in boats to City Island." Three months later, Noble

was directing for another company, and in December he joined the staff of D.W. Griffith in California.

A Summer Camp

In the June 1988 issue of *The Island Current*, a charming memoir by George F. Flavin described summers he spent on High Island with his aunt and uncle, Arnold (Jack) and Nora Beatty, who had begun as caretakers for David Curtis. They were not paid for their work but were allowed to rent out sites for summer camps and they paid the real estate taxes. George joined the Beattys in 1913 for the first time and visited every summer until 1925, working as a ferryman, an iceman and all-around handyman for the tenants, which enabled him to pay for his college education. He describes what may have been the original house, the one built during the days of Elisha King, as "a two story wood frame farmhouse on the high point of the island 300 feet from the east shore . . . which had been quarried for Elisha King." He describes a freshwater well, although notes that it was closed down by the Department of Health in the 1910s in favor of a water line from City Island. Unfortunately, Nora Beatty, whose husband had died in 1923, was not aware that High Island was for sale in 1925, so after Nan Miller bought the island, Mrs. Beatty moved to City Island and built a small house on Fordham Place next to Pelham Cemetery, where she and her husband lie in peace today.

A few years ago, this reporter was delighted to receive for the City Island Nautical Museum a large series of scanned photographs of campers on High Island from a woman whose grandparents had met there during the 1920s. The photographs show numerous young people, including children, enjoying their summer



on High Island. Most of them seem to have been living in tents and bungalows, but the original two-story house, the old Multum in Parvo or Hotel de Knapp, appears to have been still in place, if not in good condition. In 1925, the August Belmont estate, which had owned the island since 1902, sold High Island to Nan Jeffries, who had been a summer visitor to the island, and in 1929 she had a bridge built to the mainland so that her parents wouldn't have to row there. In 1946, she and her husband, Paul Miller, purchased the large Tudor-style house on King Avenue that had been built in 1929 by Dr. S. Mortimer Hill, and

she lived there until the 1970s.

A Radio Transmitter

In 1961, High Island as a summer camp came to an end. The story goes that a small elderly man showed up on Mrs. Miller's doorstep and persuaded her to sell him High Island now that he had come into money. She sympathized with him and the sale went through. Little did she know, however, that he must have been a scout for CBS, which was looking for a new location since its tower on Columbia Island, which is southeast of David's Island off New Rochelle, was

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2022 Program Schedule

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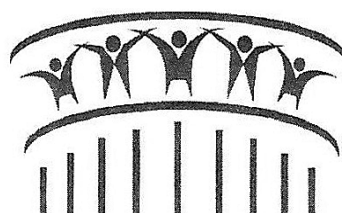
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likely limited in height by approach paths to LaGuardia Airport. After the tower construction began, NBC, as part of a renewal deal with its star Perry Como, had to abandon its site on Sands Point, so the two rivals joined forces. All of the bungalows were soon removed, and in 1964, the Columbia Broadcasting System began to implement its plan to use the island as a new location for its new 541-foot radio-transmission tower. The transmitter building was shared by WCBS and WNBC, the former in the east wing and the latter in the west wing.

On Aug. 27, 1967, at 4:20 in the afternoon, a one-engine Piper Cherokee airplane hit the tower on High Island, which resulted in the death of six people. Apparently, the plane had been taken from LaGuardia without authorization at 1:30 p.m. after other planes had been grounded because of storm warnings. It arrived in East Hampton on Long Island at 2:30 and then started back to New York about an hour later. Unfortunately, the plane met with a heavy rainstorm, circled the steel tower and then hit it, knocking most of it to the ground. The caretaker and his son who were living on the island at the time (no one has lived on the island since 2007) were not hurt, but the six people on the plane were killed when the plane crashed into the water.

After the crash, CBS and NBC operated a temporary tower, which was ultimately replaced by a permanent tower in 1968, and a second, shorter tower was built as backup for emergency use.

In 1995, there was a serious fire on the old wooden bridge to the island, but because the wind was not blowing from the northeast, no one was injured and no property on City Island was damaged. A new steel bridge replaced it a year later. For several years, many Islanders complained that the towers produced radio interference in their homes, as well as in Trinity Methodist Church, where then Pastor Susan Chadwick's sermon was once interrupted by a news broadcast. Russell Schaller used to report that he could listen to baseball games on his radiator.

In 2001, CBS announced that it had applied for permits to repair and replace parts of the 528-foot main tower and to increase the height of the 211-foot auxiliary tower by over 100 feet. Many Island residents raised objections to the plan, citing the potentially harmful effects of radio and electrical waves being transmitted so close to a populated area. The late Dr. Ed Rothschild, who lived next to the High Island bridge, told CBS at a town meeting that "We know so much more



about these effects than when the towers were constructed in the 1960s." He asked that WCBS consider moving the towers to a non-residential area. However, the New York City Board of Standards and Appeals gave its approval in spite of the objections.

And so, for more than six decades, High Island has been home to two of the biggest New York City AM signals: WFAN (formerly WNBC) on 660 and WCBS on 880. According to experts, the High Island signals are by far the best New York City AMs on Long Island Sound and out to New England, where you can tune into 660 at high noon on the south shore of Cape Cod as though you were in the Bronx. However, because of the granite on which Manhattan was built, signals do not reach the Upper West Side nearly as well as they reach Cape May in New Jersey. Today the tower is operated by Audacy, previously known as *Radio.com*, a free broadcast and internet radio platform created by CBS Radio that has a network of more than 235 local radio stations across the country.

Although no one lives on High Island any more, even during the summer months, we know from kayakers and boaters that the shoreline around High Island is again rich with shellfish and visited frequently by flocks of ducks, swans and other bird life, perhaps even more than there were when summer visitors filled the island.

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Having scaled back Easter and Passover observances during the pandemic, City Island's houses of worship welcomed back their congregations for mask-optional, in-person services during April 2022. Photos from top left to bottom right: Fr. John Knapp of St. Mary, Star of the Sea Church, and Fr. Wilfredo Benitez of Grace Episcopal Church led the blessing of the palms on April 3. To remember the holy day of Good Friday, Pastor David Jolly of Trinity United Methodist Church once again carried a cross for several blocks down City Island Avenue. The serene sunrise framed Trinity's Easter morning service at Pelham Cemetery on April 10, and children from Grace Church enjoyed an Easter Egg Hunt after the Easter service (l. to r. Kasielle Wallinger, Jayden Aponte and Luke Nani). Even the Easter bunny greeted children along City Island Avenue (photo, center).

Organization News

News on this page concerning organizations, and events listed in, are submitted by representatives of those organizations. A limit of 150 words is requested for all news items submitted. In most cases news will be edited and every effort will be made to preserve the substance of longer items. News and calendar events must be received by no later than the 20th of each month except December and July. If the 20th falls on a holiday or Sunday, the deadline is the 19th. Mail submissions to P.O. Box 6, City Island, NY 10464. YOUR NAME AND PHONE NUMBER MUST BE INCLUDED.

St. Mary's Thrift Shop

The thrift shop is open every Thursday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Watch for our half-price and bag sales. We also have lots of new gift items. Hope to see you soon!

Arlene Byrne

Trinity United Methodist Church

God has asked us and is empowering us at Trinity United Methodist Church to help others to know greater love, joy and peace. Our Budget Corner Thrift Shop, the Rev. Susan Chadwick Food Pantry, our Wednesday Morning Prayer Group (9 a.m.), and our Wednesday Evening Grief Group (7 p.m.) are all intended to increase love, joy and peace for all. The greater focus of the Sunday morning worship (10 a.m.) is on how each of us is being gifted by God's spirit to seek, grow and share this love, joy and peace. If you know someone who could use more of these gifts from God, then come and see what is happening. Come and see what only God can offer.

Pastor Dave Jolly

Quilters by the Sea QOV

QBTS-QOV is progressing toward springtime awards of Quilts of Valor. We will have a table at the Arts & Crafts Fair on Saturday, June 4. Mark your calendars now for this annual event. We will display Quilts of Valor and have a few great raffle prizes.

Harlan Sexton

Grace Episcopal Church

Grace Church is open for in-person worship on Sundays at 10 a.m. The church is located at 116 City Island Avenue, on the corner of Pilot Street.

New to Grace: We have the pleasure of announcing that a new priest, Father Kevin Maroney, will be presiding over our worship services starting June 19 this year.

Bible Reading over Coffee and Tea: Molly Grose, a certified mentor of Bible studies, will lead in reading a chapter of the Bible with parishioners and friends of Grace over coffee and tea about 11 a.m., right after the church service. The readings are held on the second Sunday of the month and will resume the readings on May 8.

We will be holding Sunday School sessions periodically in preparation for special services such as Father's Day (Youth Service). If you would like to be part of Grace's Sunday School, call Karen Nani at 917-853-4401 or e-mail her at karenrn1@optonline.net.

The GraceTones are in rehearsal for upcoming shows planned for late spring and summer. If you like to sing and/or play a musical instrument, such as guitar, harmonica, flute or fiddle, and you'd like to join in rehearsal, please contact Sandy Dunn at accentfix@gmail.com or send a text to 917-566-1296.

Sandy Dunn

City Island Civic Association

"ShipsShape 22," a City Island Spring Cleanup Day will be on Saturday, May 14, starting at 10 a.m. City Island Strong and the NYC Department of Sanitation are joining the Civic for this day of cleaning and planting along City Island Avenue, followed by music in Hawkins Park. For more information, call 718-885-1139. See Briefly on page 2. See you there!

At the March meeting, Captain Soberol from the 45th Precinct reported that crime

and burglaries are up in the area. Thieves check to see if cars are unlocked rather than breaking into them; shoplifting and shootings are down. Summer traffic agents can both give tickets for illegally parked cars and direct traffic

Sergeant Alexis and Officer McFadden from Harbor Patrol reported that Orchard Beach has summer detail patrolling the water from noon to 8 p.m. Harbor Patrol cannot board boats to search without cause, but the Coast Guard is permitted to do so. Call 311 and provide pictures and the location of noisy boats when reporting noise or dangerous seamanship.

The American Legion is preparing for a full Memorial Day Parade this year on May 30.

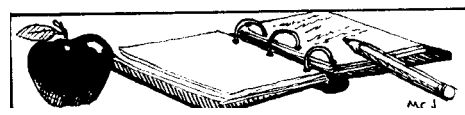
We encourage residents to request that road conditions be fixed. You can fill out a form on line. Important surveys, letter campaigns, and upcoming meetings are posted on social media to keep the community in the loop. Have a voice.

Unity and Solutions committee continues to work with Trinity Church food pantry. Pantry items may be dropped off on the porch at 113 Bay St. Checks payable to Trinity Church may be left in the mailbox on the porch.

Feel free to bring any matters or concerns to our meetings, and we will do what we can to be of assistance to you. And bring a friend or neighbor with you. You can e-mail the Civic at city.island.civic@gmail.com to ask for assistance. Calling 311 beforehand (and getting a reference number!) to register a complaint about anything from a flooded street to a broken street light or graffiti or potholes is the best way to document your issue. Send your complaint number to the Civic Association at city.island.civic@gmail.com. Additionally, remember that all of our elected officials have full-time staff to assist constituents with community issues. Our Community Police Officer can be reached at Neil.Anderson@nypd.org.

We are still collecting dues for 2022 membership. \$20 for one year or \$50 for three years. Please send to PO Box 117, City Island or PayPal to city.island.civic@gmail.com. Remember to use the "friends and family" option so a service charge is not deducted.

Jane Protzman



St. Mary, Star of the Sea

Masses continue to be celebrated on weekdays, Monday through Friday, at 7 a.m., on Saturday at 8 a.m.; Vigil Saturday Evening at 5:15 p.m., and on Sundays at 9 and 11 a.m.

Our monthly Holy Hour will take place on Friday, May 6, from 4 to 5 p.m. All are invited to attend this special period of prayer.

On Mothers' Day, Sunday, May 8, we will honor all our mothers with a special blessing at all the Masses.

Religious Education Program: May God's blessings shower down on the eight children receiving their First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 21, here at St. Mary, Star of the Sea Church.

Thursday, May 26, is the feast of the Ascension of Our Lord and a holyday of obligation. Come join us at one of the Masses which will be held at 7 a.m. and 12 noon.

The Thrift Shop is open on Thursdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Come take a look around.

Rosette Dietz



Photo by RICK DeWITT

On Feb. 27, 2022, Pastor David Jolly welcomed Bishop Thomas J. Bickerton to Trinity United Methodist Church for the 10 a.m. worship. Bishop Bickerton led the service and brought an inspirational message to the congregation on the 250th anniversary of the visit of Francis Asbury, the Father of American Methodism, in January 1772 to what was then called New City Island.

American Legion Post 156

Our next meeting is Sunday, May 1, at 12 noon. We will be conducting nominations for Post officers. Additionally, we will conduct Post Ever-Lasting and welcome some new members. Dues (\$55 for 2022) are past due; please drop them off at the Post, and make 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.

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.

All retired flags should be dropped off in the former mailbox, at the base of the Post's flagpole.

The annual Memorial Day Parade will be a full parade. A color guard of Post 156 members and key leaders will proceed along the route and join the start of the parade at P.S. 175 at Winter Street with the rest of the Legion family and community. We will be laying wreaths at Hawkins Park and Pelham Cemetery, and we will end at the Veterans Memorial Triangle near the bridge. We will conduct our usual gathering with the community at the Post, and we look forward to sharing this day of remembrance with you.

The following are dates and upcoming events:

May 5: Cinco de Mayo

May 6: National Military Spouse Day

May 8: Mother's Day

May 15: Peace Officers Memorial

May 21: Armed Forces Day

May 29: Post 156 will host the Memorial Day service at Grace Episcopal Church, 116 City Island Avenue at the corner of Pilot Street.

May 30: Memorial Day Parade

Thank you to the entire City Island community for all your support over the past 100 years. It is our honor to be your community partner.

Peter C. Del-Debbio

City Island Oyster Reef

The 12th annual Beach Clean-Up and Clambake at Orchard Beach—now hosted by CIOR—is scheduled for Sunday, May 22, from 9 to 3 p.m. We need beachcombers and divers to clean up the beach and the Sound. All participants are invited to a clambake, and prizes will be handed out for most trash collected. For more information,

call Mike Carew at 718-885-1588 or e-mail mike@captainmikesdiving.com.

Our seasonal shell collection started on Monday, April 25. We are looking for willing clam diggers (or mussel suckers) to help collect oyster and clam shells (which are crucial to reef-building efforts), from local restaurants and deliver them to our curing site at the Pelham Bay landfill. If you are interested in getting involved, e-mail cityislandoysterreef@gmail.com.

Karen Heil, a science teacher at P.S. 175, organized a Climate and Justice Teach-In on April 12. P.S. 175 was part of a Worldwide Teach-In in coordination with Bard College Graduate Program for Sustainability, which is designed to encourage teachers and students of all ages to address climate change and global warming, the importance of protecting our planets and becoming future advocates for change. The program started with an assembly where students presented issues relating to climate change, followed by smaller break-out groups with facilitators focusing on issues such as defining climate change and one's carbon footprint, storytelling and climate communication, local actions in the community and the role of bees in food sustainability. Many volunteered their time from Billion Oyster Project, CIOR, City Island Beekeepers, City Island Nautical Museum, City Island Yacht Club, City Island Rising, The Gaia Institute, *The Island Current*, the NYC Department of Education, and the NYC Department of Sustainability.

Sally Connolly

AARP Chapter 318

We had our first meeting on April 6. It was so good to be back!

Our June luncheon will be on June 22 at 12 noon at the Lobster Box. The cost is \$55 per person and is due at our next meeting, which will be on May 12.

Future meetings will be held on the second Thursday of the month at 1 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church Hall. Bring proof of vaccination. Masks are optional.

Carroll A. Reid





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

Happy May from the board of the City Island Community Center. We hope everyone reading this is in good health and enjoyed a happy and safe holiday. April was a busy month at the Center. Our spring programming is in full gear. We hosted a successful Pysanky Egg Kraft celebrating the beautiful tradition of egg decorating in honor of our Ukrainian brothers and sisters. Thank you to all who attended, and a special thank you to artist Gloria Toscano, who learned the craft of pysanky from longtime City Islander and father-in-law, Jay Howard. Gloria provided all of the supplies and artists; Lorraine Nicoletti and Beth Geisel assisted and helped the children. We happily raised \$300 for Ukraine.

The Center also hosted a FREE Kids Karaoke night event for our community. Children and families joined us to sing their favorite songs, enjoy some fun snacks and do a little dancing. It was a fun and safe

night of community engagement. We will be back with more of these events throughout the season.

Below please find our Spring 2022 programming schedule:

Irish Dance: Mondays, 6 to 7:30 p.m. Caitlyn Kelly, 914-262-4517.

Culinary Club: Mondays, 7 to 9 p.m. We are always looking for exciting new recipes and new faces. Kenny, 917-533-7873.

City Island Civic Association: Last Tuesday of the month (except December), 7:30 p.m.

Playgroup: Wednesdays, 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Bring your little one for some fun and play and tons more. Please come join Gigi and Lisa, the amazing women running this program. For information, call Gigi at 347-739-1686.

Yoga: Wednesdays, 6 to 7:30 p.m. with Joann. Call 917-853-4719 for more information.

Girl Scouts: Fridays, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Contact Girl Scout leader Melissa Rosado at 347-739-2076.

AA: Saturdays and Sundays, 7:30 a.m.

Zumba: Saturdays, 10 a.m. with Julia; for information call 917-601-5514.

For up-to-date information, visit www.cityislandcommunitycenter.com, or call 718-885-1145, or like us on Facebook! Happy Spring.

Melissa Cebollero

PSS City Island Center

PSS City Island Center is open just in time for Older Americans Month, so why not stop by the Center and check out the many exciting activities we have to offer? We are still following safety precautions issued by the NYC Department for the Aging and the NYC Health Department, which means that a face covering must still be worn.

Lunch in the center is from 12 to 1 p.m. Pick up for lunch will be available from 12:15 to 12:45 p.m. Remote classes are through Zoom. Please pick up a calendar for login information and check for weekly updates.

Special May Events

Monday, May 2, 11:30 a.m.: Tech Bytes—Ebay and PayPal

Wednesday, May 4, 12 noon: Technology for Hearing Loss: Hearing Aids, Devices and Apps (also on PSS Life! University)

Thursday, May 5, 1:45 p.m.: Cinco de Mayo celebrations with chips, salsa and specialty drinks

Tuesday, May 10, 7 p.m.: Positive Aging: How I Went Viral on Social Media with Esther Brezinski known for the catchphrase "Age is Not My Cage." Shown virtually only at PSS Life! University

Bi-weekly videoconferencing on Health Topics with Weill Cornell

The Current Schedule

Monday

9 a.m.: Tai Chi with Lucy (remote)
10:30 a.m. Balance Class with Susan (remote and in: person)

1 p.m. Tablet Instruction with Jose (must be pre-registered)

Tuesday

9 a.m.: CardioFit with Mary (remote and in person)

10 a.m.: Yoga Stretch with Mary (remote and in person)

11 a.m.: Game Day. Grab some friends for chess, checkers, Rummy q, Scrabble, cards, mahjong or Monopoly.

1:15 p.m.: Bingo (May 3, 10, 17 and 24)

Wednesday

New! Broadway Dance with artist Danny Durr from Inside Broadway at 9 a.m. (in person and remote)

10:15 a.m.: Arthritis Class with Patty (remote or join at the Center to watch on TV—may be coming back in person this month!)

1 p.m.: Gardening Exchange

Thursday

9 a.m.: Tai Chi with Lucy (remote)
10 a.m.: Acrylic Painting with Lois (in person)

1 p.m.: Trivia Thursdays (remote and in person)

Friday

9 a.m.: Broadway Dance with Danny Durr (remote and in person)

10 a.m.: Individual Tech Instruction with Susan, Colleen and Alex

11 a.m.: Blood Pressure Testing

11:30 a.m.: Brain Games

1:15 p.m.: Singing Group with Napat (remote)

The Center will close early at 1 p.m. on Friday, May 27, and lunch service will be from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 noon. We are closed on Monday, May 30, for Memorial Day.

Transportation: Transportation is available daily for shopping trips. Please call Alex at 347-834-6466 for the May trip

calendar or to reserve a spot. Masks are to be worn at all times, and the windows will remain open to circulate air. We no longer are required to do temperature checks and can increase capacity of members on trips!

Happy Memorial Day! Stay safe and healthy.

Susan Rosendahl-Masella

Garden Club of City Island

Our annual May Luncheon is back! See below for details.

The Garden Club held its April meeting in person at the City Island Yacht Club. It was great to be back together. Club activities are in full swing, and members are working on projects. Our containers on the Avenue are now filled with pansies and daffodils. With help from Girl Scout Troop 1814 from Throggs Neck, club members spread out over the Island cleaning the containers, replacing soil and installing the beautiful purple and yellow pansies. We hope that you enjoy them!

Members are in the process of dropping off letters soliciting donations for our Beautification Fund. These will be distributed to each residence on City Island, so please be on the lookout for yours. Donations should be sent to Garden Club of City Island, P.O. Box 43, Bronx, NY 10464.

We are busy planning our annual fundraiser luncheon, which will be held on Thursday, May 19, at the Harlem Yacht Club. After a two-year hiatus, we are thrilled to be back. The theme this year is bees, and two of our local beekeepers, Patrick Gannon and Nancy Kheck, will be there with a display of beekeeping tools. The cost remains at \$65 per person, and everyone is invited.

The Luncheon Committee is putting together the details for the luncheon and working with Anne Booth at the Harlem Yacht Club, who has given us a lovely menu. Our Raffle Committee is soliciting gift certificates from local businesses and planning gift baskets to raffle off at the luncheon. Members are having fun creating the baskets in their favorite themes, and the gift certificates are a great way to enjoy the services of our businesses.

Reservations and payment prior to attending the luncheon are required by May 9. You will be required to show proof that you are fully vaccinated before attending. Please call Barbara Harrison at 718-885-0868 to make reservations and give your choice of entrée. She will let you know where to drop off your check. If you are making reservations for others, you will need to have their entrée choices and let them know about the vaccination requirement. We are looking forward to having you celebrate with us.

Thanks go to the businesses who have donated gift certificates for the raffle and who help us by watering our containers. And thanks to all of you who contributed so generously to the Beautification Fund last year. Our current projects are possible because of those donations.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Garden Club or being a "Helping Hand" for club projects, drop a note to gardenclubofcityisland@gmail.com or attend one of our meetings. We hold meetings the first Monday of every month (except July and August). Refreshments are provided. Our next meeting will be Monday, May 2, at 10 a.m. at the City Island Yacht Club at 63 Pilot Street.

Judy Judson



Stranded

Having entered the third year of serious global health concerns, so many of us have felt “stranded” in our own homes. There are many other insidious ways to be stranded as Hollywood has demonstrated through the years. There are several themes and types being considered.

Stranded in Outer Space

In **Marooned** (1969) American astronauts Buzz (Gene Hackman), Jim (Richard Crenna) and Clayton (James Franciscus) are stranded in space on their return journey from a new space station when malfunctioning rocket boosters bring the craft to a halt. With the men drifting in orbit, facing death from declining oxygen levels in the shuttle, NASA director Charles Keith (Gregory Peck) quickly mobilizes to launch a bold rescue mission—but a hurricane headed for the launch site may cause the astronauts' demise.

Apollo 13 (1995) is the thrilling story of astronauts Jim Lovell (Tom Hanks), Fred Haise (Bill Paxton) and Jack Swigert (Kevin Bacon), and the problems of that mission. At that time, the U.S. population was so jaded that the networks didn't even bother televising it . . . until everything started to go wrong. Supporting players include Ed Harris as Gene Kranz, the flight director in Houston; Gary Sinise as astronaut Ken Mattingly, originally scheduled to go on Apollo 13; and Kathleen Quinlan as Jim Lovell's wife, Marilyn. No stock footage was used in the filming of this powerful Ron Howard-directed movie in which the astronauts are stranded in space.

Gravity (2013) features Dr. Ryan Stone (Sandra Bullock) as a medical engineer on her first shuttle mission. Her commander is veteran astronaut Matt Kowalsky (George Clooney), helming his last flight before retirement. Then, during a routine space walk by the pair, disaster strikes. The shuttle is destroyed, leaving Ryan and Matt stranded in deep space with no link to Earth and no hope of rescue. As fear turns to panic, they realize that the only way home may be to venture farther into space.

Set in 2035, **The Martian** (2015) stars Matt Damon as Mark Watney, a botanist who is left behind on Mars after a violent storm and is presumed dead. His team is led by Commander Melissa Lewis (Jessica Chastain), who is dealing with the guilt of leaving him behind but is still responsible for the lives of five other crew members. With only meager supplies, Watney must draw upon his ingenuity, wit and resilience to survive and find a way to signal to Earth that he is alive. Millions of miles away, NASA and a team of international scientists work tirelessly to bring him home, while his crewmates concurrently plot a daring, if not impossible, rescue mission.

Aniara (Swedish—2018) is set in a dystopian future where climate change ravages Earth, prompting mass migration from Earth to Mars. The Aniara is a luxurious spaceship that takes passengers on the voyage, with Captain Chefone (Arvin Kananian) at the helm. The central character is Mimaroben (Emelie Jonsson), who is in charge of the Mima, a special room on the ship, which contains large color-pulsating panels that create for viewers a comforting virtual experience of life on Earth. When the ship veers off course, the consumption-obsessed passengers struggle to cope with their new lives.

Stranded on Earth

Inspired by John Steinbeck's story, master of suspense Alfred Hitchcock directed **Lifeboat** (1944), an absorbing World War II drama in which a small group of survivors of a German torpedo attack find themselves lost at sea in a lifeboat. Among the group are sophisticated magazine writer/photographer Constance Porter (Tallulah Bankhead), seaman John Kovac (John Hodiak), nurse Alice MacKenzie (Mary Anderson), radio-operator Stan (Hume Cronyn), seriously wounded stoker Gus Smith (William Bendix), insufferable capitalist Charles Rittenhouse (Henry Hull), steward George Spencer (Canada Lee) and half-mad passenger Mrs. Higgins (Heather Angel). Trouble ensues when they rescue a German seaman (Walter Slezak).

World-renowned Spanish director Luis Buñuel chose **Robinson Crusoe** as his first English language film (and simultaneously made a Spanish version) (1954). Dan O'Herlihy stars in the title role as an aristocratic man shipwrecked on an island. He must find a way to survive using only a few salvaged supplies and weapons. He also rescues a dog and a cat, but loneliness soon overwhelms him until he discovers a man he calls Friday (Jaime Fernández) and is saved by the companionship. Often associated with the surrealist movement of the 1920s, Buñuel shot films in a few weeks, rarely deviating from his script and shooting as much as possible in order to minimize editing time.

A favorite film from my childhood is the Disney classic **Swiss Family Robinson** (1960). After being shipwrecked, the Robinson family is marooned on an island where they make a clever home for themselves, and life is idyllic until they have to defend themselves from pirates. The cast includes Dorothy McGuire and John Mills as the parents; James MacArthur, Tommy Kirk and Kevin Corcoran as the brothers Fritz, Ernst and Francis; Janet Munro as a stowaway; and Sessue Hayakawa as the pirate chief.

The 1974 Italian film **Swept Away... by an Unusual Destiny in the Blue Sea of August** stars Mariangela Melato as Raffaella, a rich, spoiled, capitalist upper-class wife who treats everyone with disdain, especially lower-class communist deck hand Gennarino (Giancarlo Giannini). When the two are separated from the group and find themselves stranded on a deserted island, their roles are reversed with Raffaella depending on him for her survival. The subtitled version is the best because Melato's grating voice is integral to the plot. Be sure to avoid the dreadful Madonna version.

Cast Away (2000) tells the story of Federal Express worker Chuck Noland (Tom Hanks in an Oscar-nominated performance), who devotes his life to his job, often neglecting his girlfriend, Kelly (Helen Hunt). While on an assignment, his plane crashes, and Chuck finds himself stranded alone on a remote South Pacific island. He uses cargo remnants and his ingenuity to survive, and to combat loneliness, he “befriends” a volleyball he calls Wilson.

The Life of Pi (2012) is a magical story told in flashbacks by adult Pi Patel (Irrfan Khan) to Canadian novelist Yann Martel (Rafe Spall). After deciding to sell their zoo in India and move to Canada, Santosh and Gita Patel (Adil Hussain and Tabu) board a freighter with their sons and a few remaining animals. Tragedy strikes when a terrible storm sinks the ship, leaving their teenage son, Pi (Suraj Sharma), as the only human survivor on a lifeboat along with a zebra, an orangutan, a hyena and a Bengal tiger. Pi and the tiger must learn to co-exist if both are to survive. The film earned Ang Lee an Oscar for Best Director.

All is Lost (2013) is an absorbing survival film with only one character and

almost no dialogue. It stars Robert Redford as a practical and quick-witted sailor whose boat collides with a shipping container in the middle of the Indian Ocean, disabling his radio and navigation equipment. At age 77, without a supporting cast and performing virtually all of his water stunts himself, Redford holds the viewers' attention with his character's creativity and resourcefulness. The film was listed on 36 “Top Ten” critics' list for 2013.

The Red Turtle (Animated, 2016) is an exquisite film created with an international team effort led by the Dutch animator Michaël Dudok de Wit and produced by Toshio Suzuki of Japan, with funding from several French production companies. Without dialogue, the movie tells the story of a man who becomes shipwrecked on a deserted island and meets a giant red female turtle who thwarts his struggle to sail away. The cinematography is stunning and the story unfolds slowly but sumptuously. It received an Oscar nomination for Best Animated Feature.

Adrift (2018) is a true story set during the events of Hurricane Raymond in 1983. Going backward and forward in time, it recounts the experiences of Tami Old-

ham Ashcraft (Shailene Woodley), whose sailboat is thrown off course while she is traveling from Tahiti to California. In the aftermath of the storm, she awakens to find her fiancé, Richard Sharp (Sam Claflin), badly injured and their boat in ruins. Thousands of miles from land, Tami must use her skill and perseverance to help them survive.

Documentary

Stranded: I've Come from a Plane that Crashed on the Mountains (Spanish—2007) is a remarkable documentary that gives the survivors of the 1972 Andes plane crash an opportunity to tell their story more than 30 years later. How the members of a rugby team from Uruguay survived is miraculous, and the context in which they explain the necessity to commit some unthinkable acts in order to stay alive becomes truly uplifting. **Stranded** was nominated for the Grand Jury Prize for Documentary at the 2008 Sundance Film Festival, and it won the Outstanding Directorial Achievement in Documentary at the 2008 Directors Guild of America Awards.

And until next time, stay safe and happy viewing...

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HH = hours; MM = minutes Tide chart by Tom Smith

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08 Sun	0443	6.95	1113	1.35	1732	6.67	2332	1.74	Sun 08
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Photo by KAREN NANI

Members of City Island's Boy Scout Troop 211 supplied residents with palm crosses, Easter lilies and other beautiful flowers at their annual Plant Sale from April 7 to 9, 2022, in front of Trinity Methodist Church. Shown above (l. to r.) are: Victor Lopez-Sterling Jr., Paul Goonan, Patrick Clancy, Colin Kenny, Peter Hickey, Luca Mazzeo and assistant Scoutmaster Victor Lopez Sr.



ERIC SLOANE

Many City Islanders are familiar with that timeless sailor's saying "Red sky at night, sailor's delight. Red sky in morning, sailors take warning" but not with the reasoning behind it. A red sky is what we see when sunlight passes through a high concentration of dust particles in the air.

When we see a red sky during sunset, we are most likely seeing an approaching air mass that is about 500 miles away. The high concentration of dust particles indicates high-pressure air that tends to mean fair weather. When we see a red sky during sunrise, however, we are probably looking at a high-pressure air mass that is already being pushed away from our area by a low-pressure air mass. And low-pressure air masses, with or without the illuminated dust, tend to be stormy.

For a more complete take on the old-time sailor's way of talking about weather, we consulted with some of the books in our collection by Eric Sloane. Here is some of what we found:

1. *Morning dew indicates fair weather ahead; a dry morning is a sign of showers.* There are variations on this theme worth a mention as in *When dew is on the grass rain will never come to pass and Morn dry,*

rain nigh; morn wet, no rain yet. What it all seems to mean is that moisture in the air that might have meant rain has been forced to the ground instead. So rain is not to be expected.

2. *A veering wind is a sign of fair weather; a backing wind means rain.* Veering wind is wind that changes direction in a clockwise manner, say south to north. Backing wind moves in a counter-clockwise direction.

3. *A ring around the sun or moon portends stormy weather.* The ring, Sloane tells us, indicates the presence of the kind of clouds that presage rain.

4. *The higher the clouds the finer the weather.* This one is easy: high clouds, high pressure. And high-pressure air masses are the fair weather kind.

5. One of our favorites is bird-related: *Sea gull, sea gull, sit on the sand. It's a sign of rain when you are at hand.* The explanation has to do with the difficulty most birds have with flying into thinning, or low pressure, air.


For those readers who are not familiar with the work of Eric Sloane, we can highly recommend it, especially for those with an interest in Americana. His writing style is simple and straightforward, but what we like most about his books are the illustrations. Sloane's unique pen-and-ink illustrations never fail to clarify even the most complicated of subjects. Many people also know Eric Sloane as a painter. Not surprisingly, his preferred subjects for painting were the sky and clouds. The sky, he said, "is my religion and philosophy. It is my cathedral, and I believe it to be a source of inspiration to anyone who wants to look upward."

We have heard that Eric Sloane was known to sometimes pay his debts with paintings. So before that next garage sale, take a second look at the painting collecting dust in the attic, the one with its emphasis on clouds. It may be a Sloane original!

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Hope Springs Eternal for Our Children and Our Families

By JOHN SCARDINA, Certified School Psychologist

Spring is often seen as a time of hope. New growth, the return of longer days, and a general lightness after the long winter all can arouse feelings of positivity and anticipation. Yes, hope springs eternal...

For some of us, however, this can be a difficult time – especially if we are dealing with depression, recent loss, and ongoing crisis. The blooming daffodils can almost seem to mock us: as T. S. Eliot famously said, "April is the cruelest month."

Here is where we must make a daily choice – choosing hope over despair, optimism over pessimism, and light over darkness. This is especially true when we have children – they look to us for reassurance when the world seems so difficult.

Teachers know that the anticipation of

summer vacation brings a lightness to the classroom. Parents know that spending time outside with our families reminds us of the resilience of nature. Children know that the beauty of the natural world in spring inspires awe and wonder.

If you struggle with hope, seek the shelter of others and share your concerns. We are surrounded by opportunities for connection even when life seems most desperate. If your child struggles with hope, go out together and find a service project to help others. Getting out of our heads is essential when we are down and out.

May we each find the path to a life that is happy, and free. Opportunity for connection is always present: reach out as best you can.



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Beautiful pansies planted by the Garden Club of City Island, with the help of Girl Scout Troop 1814, brightened up City Island Avenue from one end to the other.

Remember When... Glimpses of City Island

The following article appeared in the New York Times on April 19, 1896, a few months after Island residents voted in favor of leaving the town of Pelham to become part of New York City.

Up where everything has the savor of water and indicates the pursuits of watermen, where clamshells and oyster-shells have been strewn along the shore, where fishermen's and oystermen's vessels and boats are moored in sheltered coves, where coasting vessels wait for favorable winds and tides, where speedy yachts are built, overhauled, and dismantled, is a new addition to the metropolitan district.

It is unlike any other part of the city and its inhabitants have hardly become accustomed to the change from their connection with the old town of Pelham. Most of them like the change, but blue-coated policemen instead of countrified constables, the daily visits of postmen instead of calls at the dingy Post Office, and the appearance of circulars from the Health Officer seems to be strange still. Its petty offenders are taken to police courts now instead of to the jail in White Plains. It is trying to live up to its newly acquired dignity, but it is making progress slowly in its efforts to overcome the effects of old customs.

Whoever gave it its name must have had a inkling of its future attachment, because he called it City Island, although it is eighteen miles by water from the Battery. Notwithstanding the distance from the city, the oldest inhabitant cannot remember when the island was not in close relations with the city in one respect, and that is the navigation of the Sound. Vessels have anchored in City Island Roads ever since they began to sail between New-York and the eastern ports, and until a few years ago, the repairing of vessels damaged by stress of weather was an important industry on the island. When ship news of minor importance was reported more fully than it is now, this sentence was frequently a part of the news of the arrival of a coaster after a storm on the South: "Put into City Island for repairs." Thus did New-Yorkers keep up their acquaintance with City Island.

In its early days its trade and communication with the city were by small sailing vessels, and its supply of coal, wood, and heavy stuff is carried by sailing vessels now, but a steam packet and

the railroad carry the smaller packages. It is connected to the mainland by a rickety bridge, and bobtail horse cars run once an hour from the end of the settlement to the inland railroad station at Bartow. The drivers have acquired the habit that city drivers have of exhibiting impatience whenever passengers board the cars leisurely, but they feel the effects of the hazy, odor-laden atmosphere of the country road immediately after crossing the bridge and allow the horses to jog along while they sit on the rail of the dashboard and watch the farmers, who may be burning brush-wood or digging drains at this season of the year. The consequence is, of course, that the passengers—the strangers, not the natives—become impatient, because missing a train means waiting an hour. Going to the village the drivers do not exhibit much animation until they can hail the boatmen who are preparing their boats for summer or nod at a pretty girl in the roadway.

Main Street is the backbone of the island, with short lanes branching off like ribs. Trees abound in the settled part, and vegetation is kept bright and fresh in summer by the moisture-laden winds that come across the water. Most of the houses are small, and some of them are so squatty that if any one should happen to straighten up in bed in the garret of one of them, he would bump his head against the roof. All of the houses have spacious yards, with beds for flowers and vegetables. The stores are of the kind to be found in small villages, with a few identified with shipping by signs that direct attention to the fact that yacht and ship supplies can be bought within. Weather-beaten men who try to ease the pains of rheumatism by using canes cut from the small branches of trees and young loungers out of a job sit on the stoops in front of the stores and while away the hours according to the usual custom in country places.

The population of the island is about 1,400. In one way or another most of the men make a living on the water. It is a convenient locality for Hell Gate and Long Island Sound pilots, and many of them live there with their families. Skippers and mates of coasters have cozy homes within sight of the roads, because they may have opportunities to be at home frequently whenever their vessels are at anchor there or unloading at the city. It is near the oyster beds and fishing grounds of the river and broad waters, and therefore smacks and small boats are in use throughout the year. During the summer months stations are kept open along the shore for the patient individual from the city who find delight in a day's fishing, especially on Sunday. Taking everything into consideration, it would be difficult to present a contrast in city life more striking than the surroundings of a policeman in the Tenderloin District and those of another in the 38th sub-precinct police station or the daily experiences of a postman in lower Broadway and those of another attached to Station Z.



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The Family of Ranunculus

If you are a flower lover, you may be familiar with the florist flower called ranunculus. Actually this is just one of the many extraordinary flowers that you will find in this vast family of plants. This dressy florist ranunculus asiaticus is tender in our climate but no more difficult to grow than the dahlia; it grows from a tuber and needs to be planted out in spring and lifted in the fall.

Back to the family, Ranu means frog and ranunculus means little frog. If you have ever noticed the buttercup known as celandine r. ficaria, growing in a vacant lot, you will see the amphibious connec-

tion. Perhaps you dug some up and put them in your garden only to find that they spread quickly, and just when you tired of them they disappeared. Although they are lovely, the only way to be rid of them is to dig them up and put them on the trash heap, but mine grow in the cracks of paving stones and I love them. The buttercup may be a weed or flower, depending on your taste. The family begins here, and it includes some of the most beloved flowers in the plant kingdom.

You could make an entire garden of this family. In winter there are the great hellebores and demure aconites, and spring brings early anemones and buttercups. Summer finds the beautiful colum-

bines, the meadow rue, the delphinium, the monkshood, and in autumn we have the tall Japanese anemones and bugbanes. For all the seasons there is the clematis, a flowering vine that could be made into a collection or an obsession.

Speaking of obsessions, the photographer Edward Steichen became obsessed with breeding delphiniums. In 1913 he won a medal from the French Horticultural Society. After leaving his post as chief of photography for Condé Nast, which included Vogue and Vanity Fair, and 10 years before he became director of the photography department at the Museum of Modern Art, Steichen retired to Connecticut to raise the variety called delphinium Connecticut yankee. He was the first and only artist to have a flower show at the Museum of Modern Art in 1936, and that may say something about the beauty of these plants.

Clematis is called the queen of climbers. When you have run out of space, you can begin all over again covering it with clematis. When it is pinned onto a fence or a wall, scrambling up a pole, a teepee or a tree, you might have fantasies of having more and more with other plants as props. If a shrub has finished flowering, a clematis can be pulled over it. The early C.

Montana can cover a small garage. Plant them at least 2 to 3 inches deeper than they are in their pots, and establish which variety you have bought, since there are three different pruning practices for the three groups. The first you leave alone, the second group you prune off the dead material, and the third you whack right back to the ground, because this type flowers on new growth. Pearl d'Azur, the bluest of the group, clambers up my wall every year. Clematis do well in soil that is clay, loam or sand. They love fertility and copious amounts of water with their heads in the sun and their feet in the shade. if you have no shade, cover the roots with pieces of slate.

Try some plants in the ranunculus family, from the fall clematis virgin bower to the early hellebores glistening in the last snowfall. Larkspur and nigella are so easy to grow from seed scattered on newly raked soil. Remember that they are a poisonous family, which bodes well if you have deer and critters.

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IRS Mishap

This year the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) announced that all 2021 tax liabilities due were electronically payable on or before April 18, 2022. However, it appears that the service may not have revised its computer systems to extract the monies electronically on April 18 but left the automatic withdrawal date as April 15. If you are a victim of this IRS computer glitch, you will most likely receive a tax notice. Please be sure to forward any such notice directly to your accountant so that a request can be submitted to relieve you of any penalties that might be imposed because of the IRS mishap.



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Obituaries

The Current will print obituaries free of charge upon notification by a member of the deceased's immediate family. Call 718-885-0760 or write to P.O. Box 6, City Island, NY 10464, including your telephone number.



Robert Malcolm Milligan

Robert Malcolm Milligan, who grew up on City Island passed away in his sleep in Waldwick, NJ, at the age of 87, on June 27, 2021.

He was born in Manhattan on March 20, 1934, to City Island parents Robert Galt Milligan and Martha Stevenson (MacInnes) Milligan, who lived on Winters Street. Malcolm, as he was called, attended P.S. 17, Christopher Columbus High School and SUNY Maritime College. Later, in pursuing a hobby that helped his career immeasurably, he earned five night school master's degrees, one from Stevens Institute of Technology ("Undesignated"), an MBA from Fairleigh Dickinson and three straight-A masters from Poly of New York, now known as Poly of NYU, in computer science, operations research and electrical engineering.

Malcolm had a Tom Sawyer boyhood on City Island. He had his own small rowboat, and later he got an 11-foot-long beamy boat with a 2¾-hp air-cooled inboard engine, in which he loved to circle City Island, particularly at dusk. He and his father also enjoyed fishing off it for flounder and trolling for striped bass. He spent parts of two years as a launch operator at the City Island Yacht Club (CIYC).

As a teenager, Malcolm enjoyed playing basketball for St. Mary's (the only Protestant on the team). He also rose to become Master Councilor of the City Island chapter of DeMolay International, a fraternal organization. He crewed for Tony Pontecorvo on his beautiful Zanka-built Snipe against Herbie Hild and others in weekend handicap races out of CIYC. In June 1952, he served as a deckhand on John Hertz's *Ticonderoga* in the Newport-to-Bermuda Race.

After graduating from SUNY Maritime at Fort Schuyler, Malcolm worked for a year as a design marine engineer at Worthington, Wellsville before volunteering for the Navy. He spent two years as the engineering officer of the USS *Pursuit* (AGS-17), a former minesweeper fitted out as a hydrographic survey ship. Then he saw an ad in the New York Times that changed his life: "Opportunity to get in on a revolutionary new field—digital computers." Malcolm passed the System Development Corporation's aptitude test and embarked on a 19-week course in computer programming, while drawing a regular salary. This prepared him to contribute to Project 465L, the Strategic Air Command's control system.

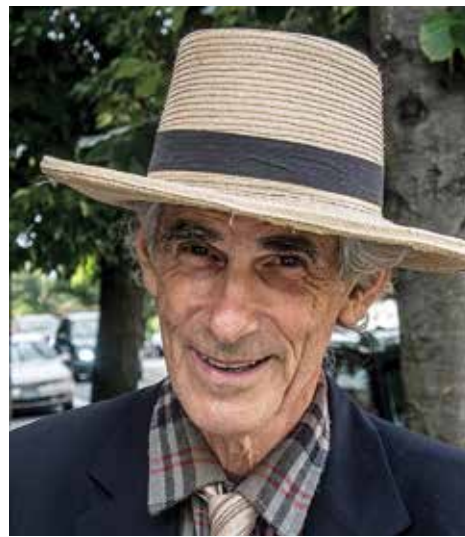
Malcolm's career encompassed work at System Development Corp, ITT, Western Union, ATT and Bell Labs. In his first nine years he worked on defense projects, and for the rest of his career he worked on commercial communications projects. He was not only a computer programmer, usually the lead programmer, but he was also

the software architect of every project that he joined from the start.

He was married in 1960 to Irene Land, and they raised two sons, Malcolm Jr. and Charles Land Milligan, both of whom graduated from Ramapo College. His grandson, John Milligan, graduated from Rutgers University, and his granddaughter, Kim, graduated from Bryn Mawr College. He was predeceased by his wife, Irene, who passed away in 1991, and his brother Alexander and sister Patricia.

Malcolm's companion during his twilight years was Mary Donohue, a retired New York University professor and a wonderful cook of healthy meals. They enjoyed participation in the New York Sailing Club and made annual trips, many of them cruises, in Europe, Canada, Australia and New Zealand. They enjoyed Broadway theater, wonderful restaurants and great movies on Netflix. Their companionship was a fitting culmination to his very full, productive and happy life.

Malcolm will be interred at Pelham Cemetery on June 25, 2022, at 11 a.m.



Robert James Gibson Soper

Longtime City Island resident Robert Soper passed away on Dec. 15, 2021.

He was born on Nov. 12, 1940, to Hector and Gwendolyn Soper in Lincolnshire, England, and moved to Devon as a child. A keen sportsman in his youth, he played rugby and sailed sharpies. While he was working a summer job as a hospital porter at Stoke Mandeville Hospital, he decided to become a doctor. He received his training from St. Georges Hospital in London, where he specialized in psychiatry. While he was in medical school, he met Bryony Cutcliffe, whom he married and with whom he had three sons: Charles, Thomas, and Benjamin.

Robert served in the Navy for a time, enjoyed cars and boats, and had a keen interest in brass bands, encouraging his boys to play the trumpet, the cornet, the slide trombone and the euphonium. As a junior doctor, he moved his family to Oxford, and then moved, alone, to London. In 1976, Robert followed his three brothers, John, Richard and Paul, and his sister, Jane, to America, where he took a position as a psychiatrist at the Rockland Psychiatric Center in Orangeburg, NY, and then moved to New York City.

Shortly afterward, he moved to City Island, where he could indulge his lifelong love of sailing and the sea. In 1984 he married Island resident Dr. Irene Osborn, who was known as Lisa, and the two worked parallel lives at city hospitals. Robert was a workaholic and a restless thinker, and when he realized he was unhappy in his chosen specialty, he went back to being a resident to retrain as an obstetrician-gynecologist. For several years he worked at Yale New Haven Hospital.

During the last 20 years, when he and his wife joined protests against the Iraq war, he was excited by new computer technologies and became board certified in genetics. He also gradually developed Alzheimer's disease, however, which he faced with great courage, surrounded by

family, friends and neighbors, who cared for him as he had cared for others.

Robert Soper is survived by his wife Irene Osborn, his three sons, and five grandchildren. A memorial service was held at the Morris Yacht Club on April 23.



William "Bill" Moen

Former resident of City Island William Moen, known as Bill, of Port St. Lucie, FL, passed away on March 10, 2022, at the age of 76 in Port St. Lucie.

Bill was born in the Bronx to Germanus and Edna Moen and grew up on City Island. He was a resident of Florida for over 25 years. A proud veteran of the United States Army 4th Division, he served during the Vietnam War. Bill was a NYC Police Detective for 20 years, spending most of his career in the 42nd Precinct and the Yankee Stadium detail; he ended his career in the Bronx Narcotics Unit.

Bill Moen was an avid New York Giants football fan since childhood and 12 years ago fulfilled his dream of becoming a season ticket holder. He was a member of the Giants Football Club in the Treasure Coast area of Florida. He also enjoyed traveling all over the country on his Harley Davidson, including a ride from Florida to Maine. Bill was proud to have served in the Army National Guard and had the honor of providing security at the Lake Placid Olympics and the "Miracle on Ice." He loved cruising and completed over 15 cruises all over the Caribbean, Mexico, Puerto Rico and the ABC Islands. He was also a member of the American Legion, Harley Davidson of the Treasure Coast, the Cascades Men's Club and the Cascades Bocce Club.

Bill was survived by his wife, Paula Cornacchia Moen; and his children, Erik Moen (Alexandra), Brian Moen, and Stacie Ciccone; and his grandchildren, Gunnar, Matteo, Abigail, and Gia. He is also survived by his first wife, Dawn Meyer Moen, of City Island.

After a mass at St. Mary, Star of the Sea Church on March 17, he was interred at Pelham Cemetery. Contributions may be made in his memory to Tunnels to Towers Foundation (<https://t2t.org/>) or the Wounded Warrior Project (<https://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/donate>).

[woundedwarriorproject.org/donate](https://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/donate)).



Ellen Reilly-Badome

Longtime Island resident Ellen Reilly-Badome passed away on March 24, 2022, at the age of 65.

She was born Ellen Reilly in Queens, NY, and grew up on eastern Long Island, where she attended Rocky Point High School. She graduated from Suffolk County Community College and began her career working for the family hardware business. She went on to work for Schlage, a lock manufacturer, among other firms, and most recently worked for JC Ryan Ebco as a commercial door and hardware estimator.

In 2001, Ellen met Paul Badome at a Tall Club (for women 5'10" and over and men 6'2" and over). Paul had a sailboat at Barron's boatyard on City Island, and the two began racing. Paul joined the City Island Yacht Club (CIYC) in 2002, and he and Ellen sailed their boat, *Columbia*, near and far. They were married at the club in 2004 and lived in a charming house on Pilot Street a few doors up the street from the club.

Paul Badome passed away seven years later, but Ellen remained an active sailor. She donated the first club boat to CIYC, named for her late brother, Myles Reilly, which enabled many to get their start in sailing. A current club boat was named *Paulie Boy* in memory of her late husband. Ellen often volunteered on the race committee boat, and she recently donated two kayaks to the Junior Sailing Program.

Ellen, who loved music, had a beautiful voice and was a member of the GraceTones group from Grace Episcopal Church.

Ellen is survived by her sister, Shelagh Reilly, and wife, Angie Way, and her sister-in-law Edmy Reilly. A memorial service will be held for her at Grace Church on Friday, April 29 at 3 p.m..

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Bartow-Pell Events

On May 19 from 7 to 8 p.m., Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum will present a talk by historian Alice Radosh on "Slavery in the North: Pelham's Hidden Hometown History." Few people know that the sec-

ond largest slave market in our country was in New York City, and that Westchester County's economy was dependent on the labor of enslaved men, women and children, who made up about 20 percent of the Pelham population. City Island was part of Pelham until 1895 and a number of slaves were owned by residents here. Alice Radosh received a doctorate in neuropsychology at CUNY and has taught in the psychology departments at Brooklyn College and New York University. Cost: Bartow-Pell members free; not-yet-members \$15. For tickets go to <https://bartowpell.app.neoncrm.com/np/clients/bartowpell/eventRegistration.jsp?event=2586&>.

Spring Sketching Classes with Mary Colby will be held at Bartow-Pell on Tuesday mornings from May 3 through May 31 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Students should bring their own sketching supplies, such as pencils, conte chalk, kneaded eraser and a bagged lunch. Mary, who has a studio/gallery at 276 City Island Avenue, studied at the Art Students League, and her paintings are in many private collections. Cost: Five sessions on May 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31, Bartow-Pell members: \$130; not-yet-members \$160.

Show Us Your Activism: Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum will hold an exhibition featuring contemporary art work juried and curated by Mary Colby and Alison McKay. The exhibition will be open from June 11 through 22, with an opening reception scheduled for Saturday, June 11, at 2 p.m. The focus of the exhibition will be on social activism as a creative launching point. Social activist art uses public spaces to address social issues and to encourage community and public participation. Artwork can aim to effect social change, foster participation in dialogue, raise consciousness, and empower individuals and communities.

The submission deadline for possible inclusion in the show is Friday, May 6. For information about submission and to obtain an entry form, visit <https://www.bartowpellmansionmuseum.org/events/show-us-your-activism>. Submit your entry form with a good-quality image of your artwork to Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum, 895 Shore Road, Pelham Bay Park, Bronx, NY 10464 or e-mail the completed PDF to info@bpm.org. There will be hanging fee of \$35, and sales of art works are encouraged. For more information, call 718-885-1461.

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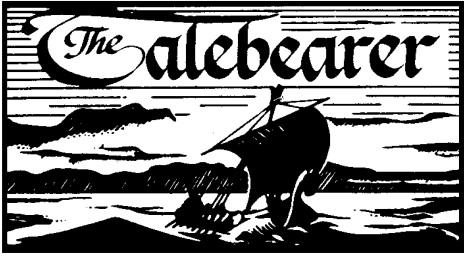
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Happiest of birthdays on April 15 to City Island's newest centenarian, Rose Maffia, who celebrated her big day with friends and family at Mama's Restaurant on Long Island. Rose's next party will be in June, when she plans to attend the wedding of her youngest grandchild in Pennsylvania.

Best wishes for continued happiness to the Sailmaker's John and Judy Iovieno, who will celebrate their wedding anniversary on May 12. With love from your Iovieno and Swieciki families!

Get well "hugs" being sent to Chase Bank's Paul Krebaum, who is at home recuperating from recent surgery. Your City Island customers and friends are looking forward to your return.

Happy first anniversary to Lorena and Mark Nani, who will celebrate the joyous event on May 2 with their baby, Christopher.

Happy May 1 birthday greetings to Diane Duryea, with love from the Sznip and Duryea clans in Colorado.

Anniversary wishes on May 12 to King Avenue's Kim and Brian Moore, with love from your family and friends.

Happy birthday wishes on May 2 to Joyce Sloboda of West Horton Street and the Spoiled Horse Farm, with love from Chris and Lauren.

Doubly best wishes to Pell Place's twins, John Richard and Caitlin Stiene, who will turn 34 on May 5 with love from your family and friends.

Happy birthday greetings to Chuck Butterworth on May 22 and to his son Matthew on May 26, with love from your family. Enjoy your special days!

More birthdays in May as Patrice Ortega, Peter Lenz and Deidra Taylor



"Reef Dance" by Marguerite-Chadwick-Juner

celebrate their special days. Enjoy!

It was an exciting month for clam digger Marguerite Chadwick-Juner. First, her painting "Reef Dance" was accepted into the State of the Art/Art of the State exhibition at the Cameron Art Museum in Wilmington, NC and will be on view there until Sept. 13, 2022.. While there delivering her piece, she met Dr. Maia Nuku, Curator of Arts in Oceania for the Metropolitan Museum of Art, NYC. Dr. Nuku was very taken with the work and the message behind this series of paintings which are literal representations of people "becoming one" with the world's reefs to foster the idea of connection with preservation and protection of our oceans.

In addition, another piece from Marguerite's reef series, "Reef Music - The Violinist II" was the recipient of an Honorable Mention award from Artist Magazine's special publication "Acrylic Works 9: The Best of Acrylic" which will be available in August. There were well over 2,000 entries from all over the world and only 90 were chosen for the publication.

And a very special Happy Mother's Day on May 8 to all our hardworking mothers and grandmothers. Relax, enjoy and let yourselves be spoiled.

Maria Swieciki



Photo courtesy of ANTHONY PASCAZIO

Longtime Islander, Rose Maffia (seated above) celebrated her 100th birthday on April 15 with family members (l. to r.) Carol Manzolillo, Donna Fortunato, Lorraine Laquidara and Anthony Pascazio.



Photo by RICK DeWITT

There was excitement and traffic in front of the Fire House Deli on City Island Avenue and Schofield Street on March 30, 2022, when a rap music video featuring Cardi B and Wacka Flacka was filmed.



Photo by LEAH NANI

Clam digger Carol Gauss McKenna (center) celebrated her 85th birthday on April 14, 2022, in Pennsylvania with her family, including her sister Melinda Gauss Halligan (right) and cousin Karen Rauhauser Nani.

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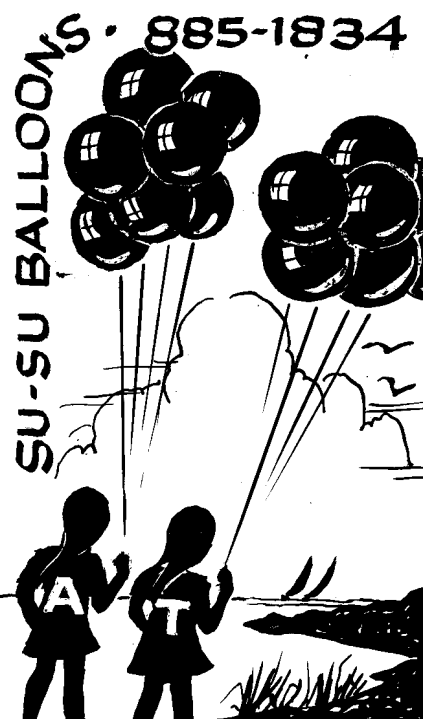
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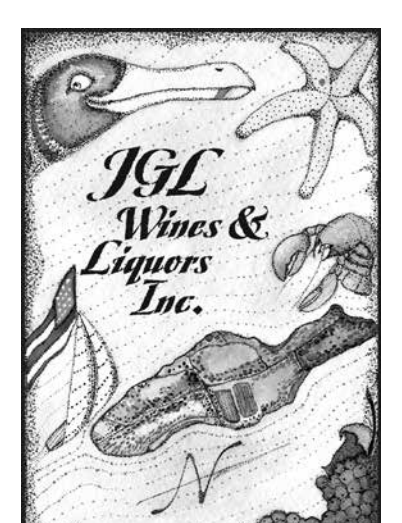
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