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American Legion Post Celebrates Centennial

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The American Legion Leonard H. Hawkins Post 156 celebrates its 100th birthday in 2019, having been formed shortly after the American Legion itself was chartered by Congress. The first post on City Island, named for a City Islander who died during World War I, was located at 55 Centre Street by the first commander, Edgar Hearle (top photos, right), and it moved to several other locations, finally settling at 550 City Island Avenue, formerly a private house (above). Since its formation, Post 156 has sponsored many wonderful events on City Island, including a summer bazaar, a Little League team, the famous pumpkin sale, the annual Memorial Day Parade, and much more.

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the American Legion and also of the Leonard H. Hawkins Post 156 on City Island, which will hold a celebration at a Serviceman's Dinner Dance to be held at Scavello's on the Island on Nov. 23. As the date approaches, it seems appropriate to take a look at the history of the American Legion as an organization but an even closer look at the history of City Island's Post.

The American Legion was chartered by Congress in March 1919 as a patriotic veterans' organization. It has evolved from a group of veterans of World War I into one of the most influential nonprofit groups in the country, focusing on service to veterans, servicemembers and communities. Local posts were quickly opened throughout the country, and today membership is nearly 2 million with more than 13,000 posts throughout the world. There is a post for each of the 50 states, plus the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, France, Mexico and the Philippines. Over the years, the Legion has won hundreds of benefits for veterans and produced many important programs for young people.

The Leonard H. Hawkins Post 156 on City Island was chartered four months later, on July 23, 1919, and named for the first soldier from City Island to die in World War I. Over the past hundred years, the Post has been active in the City Island community and dedicated to the aid of veterans and their families. The Post once sponsored the Drum Bell and Bugle Corps and is still an active supporter of a Little League team and other functions for City Island children, including trips to big league ball games, a Christmas party, an annual clambake, a pig roast, the all-important pumpkin sale, and of course the Memorial Day Parade, which always ends with beer and hot dogs at the Post.

History of the Hawkins Post

Since 1919, the Leonard H. Hawkins Post 156 has been located at various sites on City Island. The first was a garage located at 55 Centre Street, probably the property of

Edgar Hearle, the Post's first commander. Later the Post moved to the Handkerchief Factory, which was located on the east side of Bay Street and then to Brown's Hotel on Fordham Street, now an apartment building. Its next move was to a storefront attached to the Nickette Theater at the corner of City Island Avenue and Tier Street, now the location of the Crab Shanty. Finally, in 1948, the Post moved once again, this time to its current location at 550 City Island Avenue, where it remains, a thriving and respected organization in the community.

One of the responsibilities of the American Legion is to protect the U.S. flag from physical desecration, a code drafted during a Legion conference in Washington, D.C. and adopted by Congress in 1942. Post 156 is responsible for putting up flags along City Island Avenue for Memorial Day each year and removing them later. There is also a special box at the Post where Islanders can deposit old or damaged flags.

In July 1925, the American Legion Baseball program was created, and today over 50 percent of Major League Baseball players are graduates of the program, and about 82,000 youths play on Legion-sponsored teams each year, including of course a team on City Island.

It will not surprise Islanders to learn that City Island has a strong tradition of military service. According to Allen Flood, author of "City Island: History, Legend and Tradition," a high proportion of servicemen from the Island served in World War II, and 18 Islanders died in the war.

History of Hawkins Park

In 1933, New York City eliminated a police station that had been at the corner of Hawkins Street (then Orchard Street) and City Island Avenue since 1900 and created a park that honors Leonard Hilton Hawkins, United States Navy Seaman Second Class and City Island native who died while serving on the USS *Delaware* in World War I. Hawkins was serving on the battleship while

Young City Islander First To Make Supreme Sacrifice

Leonard Hilton Hawkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Hawkins, of 277 Minneford Ave., the first man from City Island to make the "supreme sacrifice" for his country, was laid to rest yesterday afternoon. He was given a full naval



Leonard H. Hawkins.



it protected American interests in Mexico during 1914 and 1915, and later when it managed to evade torpedoes during two submarine attacks as it escorted merchant vessels to Norway in February 1918. The *Delaware* protected two more convoys during March and April of that year, but during the trip home Hawkins died of cerebrospinal fever (spinal meningitis) on July 26, 1918. Four days later, the *Delaware* arrived at Hampton Roads in Virginia.

A granite monument with a bronze plaque in the Park honors Leonard Hawkins and 104 young men from City Island who served in World War I. The Bronx American Legion Post number 156 is also named for Hawkins, and its women's auxiliary was responsible for the monument's construction in the park. In 1950, Orchard Street was renamed Hawkins Street in recognition of the Hawkins family, who had lived on City Island since 1784. The John P. Hawkins Shipyard was once located at the east end of Fordham Street, now the location of On the Sound condominiums. In 2002, the New York Times noted that City Island's Leon-

ard H. Hawkins Post was named for "a local World War I soldier . . . and is a reminder of the island's military role as a builder of minesweepers, PT boats and landing craft and as a supplier of men."

Peter Del-Debbio, the current commander of the City Island Post, told *The Current*: "The American Legion is the foundation of support for posts like ours, and for the past 100 years we have supported our returning veterans and honored those who have gone before us. The Legion family has accepted the task for supporting veterans' affairs and rehabilitation, national security, children, youth and Americanism. Our members have directly supported the Bronx VA Medical Center and its mission to care for veterans, their families and survivors. Our members have opened our doors to those agencies in support of all recovery efforts as we did during Hurricane Sandy. We have directly supported our children as future leaders through our involvement with the City Island Little League, and we will continue to support and sponsor the City Island Memorial Day Parade."

BRIEFLY...

“MAMMA MIA!” will be presented by the City Island Theater Group on Fridays and Saturdays, Nov. 8, 9, 15, 22 and 23 at 8 p.m., as well as Sundays, Nov. 10, 17 and 24 at 3 p.m. All performances will be at Grace Church Hall, 116 City Island Avenue, at Pilot Street. For tickets, please e-mail tickets@cityislandtheatergroup.com. Tickets may also be purchased on line by visiting our website www.cityislandtheatergroup.com. Please join the City Island Theater Group at 282 City Island Avenue on Friday, Oct. 4, at 7:30 p.m. to celebrate the upcoming production of “Mamma Mia!” Champagne will be served and the “Mamma Mia!” themed window curated by NYC-based scenic designer Carl Tallent will be unveiled.

TOUR DE BRONX, which is an event produced by the Bronx Tourism Council and the Office of the Bronx Borough President to promote bicycling as an eco-friendly and healthier form of transportation, will take place starting at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 27, 2019, starting at the Grand Concourse. The 40-mile route includes a visit to City Island and concludes at the New York Botanical Garden, where riders receive a complimentary souvenir T-shirt and enjoy a live musical performance as they relax from the day’s festivities. To register, visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/tour-de-bronx-25th-anniversary-tickets-72947841959>.

BRONX MASONS BLOOD DRIVE will take place on Tuesday, Oct. 8, from 3:30 to 7:45 p.m. at the Trinity United Methodist Church, 113 Bay Street. Almost anyone between the ages of 17 and 75, weighing a minimum of 110 pounds and in good general health, can be a blood donor. Photo or signature ID and Social Security Number are required at the time of donation. Refreshments will be provided. Please come and give the gift of life.

“SIT DOWN LUNCH...STAND UP COMEDY” will be presented at the Manor Club on Tuesday, Oct. 1, at 1:30 p.m. following lunch at noon. Two regular performers for the world-famous Friars Club will grace the club’s stage with their comedy routine. Tara Cannistraci, an Italian-American Bronxite, uses her New York upbringing as the foundation for her take on observational comedy. Regina De Cicco is the warm-up comedic for ABC’s “The View.” Sometimes you can hear her on the Howard Stern show on SiriusXM, where she is a guest contributor. If you would like to attend, e-mail or call the Manor Club at themanorcluborpelham@gmail.com or 914-738-1528 by Friday noon, Sept. 27. Members: \$20 for lunch, program and tea; non-members \$25 for lunch, program and tea. Program and tea only: \$10, no reservations needed. The Manor Club is located at 1023 Esplanade in Pelham.

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

- 1 – GRAND LARCENY AUTO
- 1 – CRIMINAL MISCHIEF
- 3 – DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED (DWI)
- 1 – BURGLARY
- 2 – ASSAULT
- 1 – DRIVING WITHOUT A LICENSE
- 1 – CRIMINAL OBSTRUCTION OF BREATHING
- 1 – CRIMINAL POSSESSION OF A FORGED INSTRUMENT

Police provided details on the following arrests and incidents for the period from Aug. 8 to Sept. 16, 2019.

8/9 – Police arrested an Island male, 47, and charged him with DWI at 2:20 a.m. on City Island Avenue and Bay Street. The vehicle was observed driving without headlights on.

8/11 – An off-Island male, 52, was removing music equipment from his trunk in a commercial parking lot on City Island Avenue at 3:20 p.m. He got into a verbal dispute with a valet parking attendant and was then allegedly punched by another male attendant, 29, who was later arrested on 8/22 and charged with criminal obstruction of breathing.

8/14 – 8/17 – Police made two arrests for DWI on City Island Avenue. On 8/14, an off-Island male, 25, was speeding 40 mph in a 25 mph zone at 12:41 a.m. On 8/17, an off-Island male, 31, was arrested for DWI after police observed him speeding in the fire lane.

8/14 – At 11:14 p.m. on City Island Avenue, police stopped a male, 25, driving without headlights on. He was then arrested for driving without a license.

8/16 – Police towed a vehicle from a commercial establishment on City Island Avenue at 1:30 p.m. when it was found to have a forged license plate.

8/17 – An Island male, 36, was arrested at 1:20 a.m. on City Island Avenue after police observed him driving a previously reported

stolen vehicle.

8/27 – An act of criminal mischief graffiti was reported in the yard behind the school at 200 City Island Avenue. Unknown defendant(s) climbed over the fence and spilled paint in the yard. According to school administration, the NYPD has installed cameras in the schoolyard to help combat the ongoing vandalism.

9/10 – Police arrested an Island male, 16, and charged him with assault and possession of a weapon at 7 a.m. The defendant allegedly got into a physical dispute with another Island teen over sneakers and the victim was stabbed with a kitchen knife on City Island Avenue near Earley Street. Parents reported that school security and administration acted quickly to get arriving students inside the building away from the incident. According to police, the victim was taken to the hospital for treatment of his injuries.

9/14 – On City Island Avenue between Hawkins and Schofield Streets, an Island male, 53, was arrested at 10:40 p.m. and charged with assault on another Island male, 62. The victim claimed that he went to collect money from the defendant who denied owing him the money. A verbal argument developed in front of a commercial establishment and the defendant allegedly punched the victim in the face causing swelling.

9/15 – Detectives from the 45th Precinct are investigating a burglary at a City Island Avenue construction site. At 11:03 p.m. unknown persons cut the chain link fence and removed four locked boxes containing tools and copper fittings. Police are reviewing video surveillance tapes from the scene.



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ARGUS CAMERA INSTALLED AT THE BRIDGE

In July of 2018, representatives of the City Island Civic Association met with the 45th Precinct of the New York Police Department to discuss traffic and other issues with Councilman Mark Gjonaj, who announced that he had allocated \$700,000 in funding for several Argus traffic cameras in the precinct. And finally, this summer, the cameras were installed, including one at the City Island bridge.

Argus is an advanced camera system that uses hundreds of cellphone cameras in a mosaic to video and auto-track every moving object within a specific area. These cameras, which have already been installed in many areas throughout the city, can capture the license plates of automobiles to aid police investigations and will enable the precinct to access information about traffic in real time.

Councilman Gjonaj told *The Current*: "While nothing can replace officers on the streets, the NYPD can't be everywhere at all times. These cameras will serve as a useful tool for the NYPD's work to keep our community safe."

Bill Stanton, CICA president, believes that a plate-reading camera at the bridge will serve as a crime deterrent on the Island. "The Argus camera championed by the City Island Civic Association, along with the City Island Chamber of Commerce and the American Legion post, and installed thanks



Photo by MATT PANZA

to both Councilman Gjonaj and the 45th Precinct, will bring significant gains to our community's safety and security and overall quality of life for Island residents, associations, businesses and visitors alike."

CRAFTS AND CLAMS FOR FALL!



Photos by MATT PANZA

It was another colorful and bustling Fall Arts and Crafts Fair on Sept. 14 and 15, 2019. Vendors and Island organizations, including the Oyster Reef project and the PSS Senior Center, provided lots of information to visitors and even sold some sweatshirts. This year's Chamber of Commerce clam chowder contest in Hawkins Park was an especially tasty event, with guest judges Brittany Lombardi, Pastry Chef at the Marriott Marquis Times Square; New York City Councilman Mark Gionaj; Ariel Palitz, Senior Executive Director of the Mayor's Office of Nightlife; and Chef Michael Proietti of the Morris Yacht Club. After everyone "chowdered down," the judges selected the Manhattan (red) chowder from Artie's and the New England (white) chowder from the Harlem Yacht Club (bottom photos) as winners. The people's choice favorites for New England chowder were Turtle Cove for first place and the Sea Shore for second place; for Manhattan chowder, the people selected the Harlem Yacht Club for first place and the City Island Diner for second.



Photo by DONNA MCGOWAN

On sunny Sept. 7, 2019, the third annual memorial softball tournament in memory of Islanders Dan Barry and Robert Vivola was held at Ambrosini Field. The event, which doubles as a fundraiser for the City Island Little League (CILL), was organized by Paul Saulnier, Timmy Byrnes, Sarah Pryor and Katie McMahon, as well as other members of the community who assisted with donations, raffle ticket sales, catering, and more. The event featured multiple rounds of games, with the red team winning the overall tournament. Both young men shared a deep love of baseball (Danny was an avid NY Mets fan), the community and the CILL. It was another great day for friends and neighbors to come together and share fond memories of Rob and Dan.

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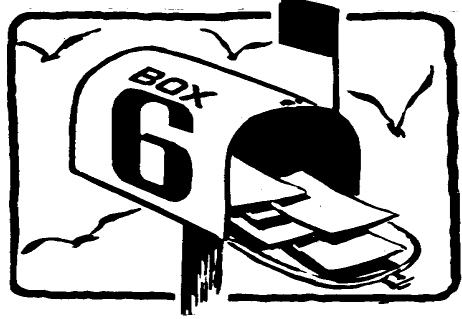
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Oyster Reef Seeks Cuomo's Support

A copy of the following letter was received by The Current.

The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo
Governor of New York State

Dear Governor Cuomo:

This morning on the Brian Lehrer show on WNYC, I was delighted to hear your ideas about how New York State can begin to restore the natural environment by adopting some of nature's own techniques. I am wholeheartedly in support of this approach to saving the environment for subsequent generations.

You mentioned the projects involving oyster reef restoration, and you will be happy to learn that the small community of City Island, where oystering was a major business during the 19th century, has begun a community-sponsored project called the City Island Oyster Reef. Attached is a description of what we are trying to do.

You will be disheartened to learn, however, that the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation has been discouraging about the prospect of allowing us to pursue this cause. Representatives from Region 2 have told us that growing oysters in the waters around City Island might attract criminals who would try to harvest the oysters for food, which is illegal here because the water is considered unsafe, and they have expressed reluctance to grant us permits..

Ironically, oysters actually improve

water quality (as well as preventing storm surges), and we are working with our local elected officials who are very supportive of our efforts to clean the water in this part of Long Island Sound.

We would deeply appreciate your presenting our situation to the DEC commissioner and argue on our behalf for them to adopt a more encouraging approach to this issue. DEC has given some permits to the by-now famous Billion Oyster Project on Governor's Island, and we see no reason at all why we should not be welcomed by the agency rather than discouraged.

I will look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,
Barbara Dolensek

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NYC High Schools: Islanders' Experiences

By JOHANNA DOYLE (age 14)

The high school admissions process in New York City is infamously challenging to navigate, which may be especially true for City Island students, many of whom have never had to think about applying to, switching from or stressing about not being accepted at a desired school. Non-New Yorkers are often confused by its complexity and by the multiple types of high schools to which teenagers can apply: public schools, which all students are mandated to apply to (although they are not mandated to attend), charter schools, Catholic schools and other forms of private schooling.

The application process has been described as more like college than high school. There is also a certain college-like dedication that appears in anecdotes of local high schoolers, with local City Island teenagers sometimes commuting shockingly long distances to other boroughs to attend well-performing high schools, which the Bronx lacks in many respects. These high schools sometimes have a lower acceptance rate than the Ivy League schools.

However, despite the challenges of the New York City high school system and the general stress of starting high school, a plethora of local students have, in one way or another, dealt with this system. Some individuals with a diverse range of high school experiences have been asked to impart their tips, expectations and general lessons learned with the New York City high school system, and with high schools in general. Only the initials of their given names will be used below, and the interviews have been edited at the discretion of this writer. The questions asked by the interviewer and writer of this article appear in boldface type. The words that follow are the answers provided by the interviewee.

A. is currently a Catholic high school student who formerly attended public school.

How was the transition from public middle school to Catholic high school? Was it difficult?

No. The culture is the same. Different sometimes, but in the end, all the same.

How did you find the application process for high school?

It was easy. The only thing I wish I hadn't done was to forget to fill in the school's code bubble on the TACHS (Catholic schools exam), because I initially didn't get a response from the school I go to now.

How did you prepare for the TACHS?

I went to the school program. To be honest, it didn't help me as much as I thought it would.

What was the biggest mistake that you made in regard to high schools, that you wish someone had helped you with or that you would have known not to do?

I guess I would have thought more about opening up to people, because I found out in high school that people can take advantage. Like my friend group basically ditched me this year, after I revealed to them that I was ill. It's been hard, because I don't always feel that the teachers or guidance counselors are helping.

Who was the most helpful person in your life when it came to applying to and transitioning to high school?

Myself. Or my mom. Besides that, no one else was particularly helpful.

Do you have any tips that you wish to

impart to prospective high schoolers?

Do your homework. I almost failed math because I didn't do any of my homework.

L. is a current high schooler at a screened public school.

How would you describe the general high school process? How did you prepare for it?

Like the testing? I think there was a lot of pressure, and I prepared by studying. For interviews, I prepared by learning about the schools, like what sets them apart from other schools. I created my answers from commonly used interview questions.

How did you end up choosing your current high school?

I did spend a day at my current high school and at a few others, and I weighed the pros and cons of each school. In the end, my mom and I decided that my current school was the best fit for me.

P. is the parent of a current student at a selective public high school.

Was the high school process, for you, choppy or fairly smooth to navigate?

It was easy for us.

Why was it easy?

Our family was really only interested in one public high school and a few Catholic schools. So there wasn't too much stress for our family in terms of schools.

How much time did you spend on the whole process?

24 to 40 hours.

Are you satisfied with your child's current school placement?

Yes, because the public high school we mainly focused on is our child's current school.

What are three tips you would like to give to students in regard to being placed at a school one desires?

Study. Study. Study.

R. is a prospective high schooler.

How are you preparing for high school?

My family is tutoring me, and I'm enrolled in the DREAM program (city-sponsored, intensive summer specialized high school prep).

What sorts of schools are you looking into?

Boarding schools and New York City specialized high schools. Specifically Bronx Science.

Are there differences in your approach to high schools and the approach taken by your parents?

Yes, there are. I mean, I would prefer to go to a private boarding school, while my parents would prefer me to go to a New York City specialized high school.

Who is helping you through your high school journey?

My older sibling, who has been through this process, has mainly helped me study for the ISEE, a test I need to take to get into boarding school. My parents are more focused on specialized and Catholic schools, and they are helpful in that regard. But since my dream is to attend a boarding school, my older sibling's tutoring has been especially helpful.

Note: The TACHS exam will be administered by the Archdiocese of New York on Friday, Nov. 8, 2019. The SHSAT (Specialized High School Admissions Test for NYC high schools) will be given on Oct. 26 and 27.



Photos courtesy of HEINZ LAUE

City Island's Touring Kayak Club held its Boot Hill Cup Race on Aug. 10, 2019, around Hart Island. Race winners showed off their trophies (bottom photo, front, l. to r.): Johnathan Trambert, Emily Benfer, Ruth Hayduk, Jean Kostelich, Mike Mazur, Dottie Payne, Virginia Latourneau, Leila Ishaq, Emma Gomes and Daniel Gomes. Back row: Tim and Cindy Lynch.



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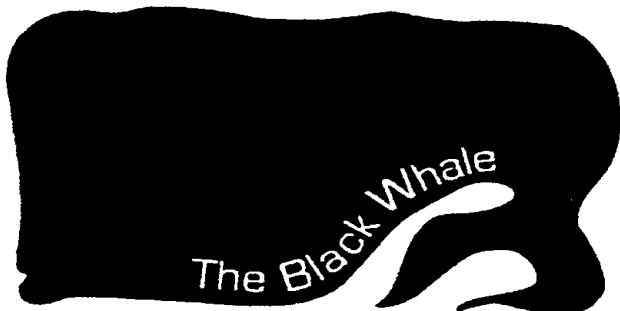
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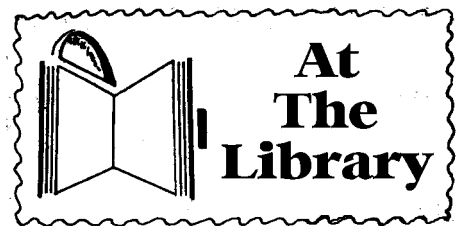


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Stop by and meet the proud owners, Vanessa and Adam, of the new Sea Breeze deli at 325 City Island Avenue between Bay and Fordham Streets.



A new delicatessen, Sea Breeze, opened in September at 325 City Island Avenue between Bay and Fordham Streets, the former location of Papa John's deli. The owners, Vanessa and Adam, invite you to try their delicious new breakfast items, sandwiches, salads and tacos. Hours are Monday to Saturday, 6 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Sunday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Drop by or call Sea Breeze Deli at 718-885-1263.



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OCTOBER CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

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

Play-Doh Time: Have fun exploring sensory dough as well as making your own creations with Play-Doh by kneading, rolling and molding it! Ages 2 to 5. Play-Doh does contain wheat products. Every Thursday at 11 a.m.

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

Craft-A-Way: Drop in and participate in creating projects related to a theme or holiday. Ages 2 to 5. Friday, Oct. 18, at 11:30 a.m.

OCTOBER TEEN AND TWEEN PROGRAMS

Creature Character Costumes: Students will create costumes based on their favorite animal or creature character in a book. We will read stories involving animals and other creatures, create costume designs and make costumes through basic sewing, mask making and fabric paint-

ing. For ages 13 to 18 years old. Presented by Community Word Project. Wednesday, Oct. 30, at 3 p.m.

After-School Lounge: Come to the library after school for a chance to get a headstart on your homework before unwinding online! Monday through Thursday from 3 to 4:30 p.m.

Teen Unwind: Celebrate the end of the week every Friday at 3 p.m. This month's activities are: Oct. 4: Back To School Party; Oct. 11: Wii and Board Games; Oct. 18: Clue—A Murder Mystery Board Game!; Oct. 25: Mask Making Madness

OCTOBER ADULT PROGRAMS

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

City Island Scrabble Club: If you're looking for some friendly competition, then join our Scrabble Club! Come in and flex your vocabulary muscles. Note: Limited to 12 participants, registration required. Thursday, Oct. 3, 17 and 31, at 1 p.m.

City Island Book Club: Call or stop by the branch for more information. Monday, Oct. 7 and 21, at 5 p.m.

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

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

Saturday Afternoon Movies: Feature movie titles, varying in length, at 1 p.m.: Oct. 5: "The Front Runner"; Oct. 12: "Glass"; Oct. 19: "The Vanishing"; Oct. 26: "The Girl in the Spider's Web."

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

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Talking To Our Children About Climate Change

By JOHN SCARDINA

Last week, in a fifth-grade art class, students were discussing Greta Thunberg, the 16-year-old activist from Sweden who sailed to NYC to address the United Nations during its Summit on Climate Change (held on Sept. 23). As students were preparing art projects that would demonstrate their feelings about our impending global crisis, one 10-year-old was noticeably upset and asked to leave the room. As the teacher met with this young person, she discovered that thoughts about climate change and impending weather challenges had created an untenable existential crisis: how can we just go on with life as usual when doom is around the corner? (If you have or have raised a fifth grader, you know that such thoughts definitely can pop up!)

Whether or not you believe in climate change as a result of human activity, your children are hearing about these issues on a regular basis. You also may be feeling anxiety about climate change: the recent experience of Bahamians during Hurricane Dorian has brought us more images and stories of devastation and hopelessness.

So, what can we say to our children?

• **“Feeling anxious is typical in the face of the unknown”:** try to normalize feelings so that children do not feel alone in their thoughts. Let them know you also feel anxious sometimes.

• **“Let’s create a toolbox for dealing with our worries”:** Relaxation breathing, mindfulness techniques, visualizations, expressive art projects, exercise and just plain talking it out

can help. Try these ideas with your children and focus on the ones that work well for you and for them.

• **“I don’t have all of the answers”:** I am reminded of the Serenity Prayer, which asks for courage to change the things we can change and serenity to accept the things we cannot change. Current research suggests that, without massive efforts by governments and industries, the next 10 to 20 years will bring major lifestyle changes to most of the planet. We adults can vote, write to our representatives, boycott businesses that ignore climate issues and make some changes in our daily habits. Our children don’t have the same options most of the time.

• **“Let’s discuss how we can change our lifestyle as a family”:** Fly less, drive less, consume less and our old standby of “reduce/recycle/reuse”—these can help. Understanding the relationship between food choices and methane emissions can lead to family dietary changes. Have the children join you in researching how families can help.

• **“Let’s participate in the wider community of climate activists”:** Find out who is organizing groups to promote a healthy environment and climate awareness. Start locally, perhaps with the Oyster Reef Project here on City Island, and then see what else is going on. Children will find comfort in the community of others who share similar ideas about saving the planet.

So what are you waiting for?



Photo by RON TERNER

On Tuesday, July 30, 2019, a group of students from P.S. 176X in Co-op City met at the City Island Nautical Museum to display their colorful paper oysters in support of the City Island Oyster Reef. The students had participated in a recycling program in which the money earned from depositing plastic bottles was used to purchase art supplies to make the oysters, which are now on exhibit in the museum’s school room. The group included (l. to r.): Destiny Santiago (paraprofessional), Marqule Edwards, Justin Garcia, Nixs Mena, Zahmir Mayfield, Sadarius Chisholm (paraprofessional) and Amy Castelluzzo (teacher).



Photo by RICK DEWITT

On Saturday, Sept. 7, 2019, Ron Terner, joined by many members of the City Island community, celebrated 45 years of the Focal Point Gallery, an incredible milestone that few Island businesses have achieved.



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Current Calendar

OCTOBER

Fri., Sat., and Sun., Oct. 4, 5, and 6, **American Legion Pumpkin Sale**. Legion parking lot at City Island Avenue and Cross Street, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Tues., Oct. 8, **Bronx Masons Blood Drive**, Trinity United Methodist Church, 113 Bay Street, 3:30 to 7:45 p.m. (see *BRIEFLY*).

Sat., Oct. 26, **Haunted House**, Bartow-Pell Mansion, Shore Road, 6 to 8 p.m.

Sat., Oct. 26, **POTS Program**, St. Mary's Schoolyard, Minneford Avenue and Kilroe Street, drop-off between 4:30 and 5 p.m. Menu: baked ziti.

Tues., Oct. 29, **City Island Civic Association meets**, 7:30 p.m., Community Center, 190 Fordham Street.

Thurs., Oct. 31, **City Island Halloween Parade**, starting at Hawkins Park, 5:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER

Tues., Nov. 5, **Election Day**, P.S. 175, 200 City Island Avenue.

Fri., Sat., Nov. 8, 9, 15, 22 and 23, Sundays, Nov. 10, 17 and 24, **City Island Theater Group's "Mamma Mia,"** 8 p.m. or 3 p.m. (Sunday matinee), Grace Church Parish Hall, 116 City Island Avenue at Pilot Street.

Sat., Nov. 23, **American Legion Leonard H. Hawkins Post Servicemen's Dinner Dance**, 6 to 11 p.m., Scavello's on the Island (see ad this issue).

St. Mary, Star of the Sea

Our Religious Education Program has begun well. Our students are enthusiastic about the new school year.

In honor of the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, which occurs on Friday, Oct. 4, we will have the Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, Oct. 6, at 1 p.m. in St. Mary's school yard or in the school gym in case of rain. All animals are welcome.

Our monthly coffee hour will resume on Sunday, Oct. 13, after the 11 a.m. Mass. Come enjoy light refreshments with fellow parishioners.

As October ends, we begin the month of November with the beautiful feast of All Saints on Nov. 1. This is a holy day of obligation. Masses at St. Mary's are 7 a.m. and 12 noon.

Rose Dietz

St. Mary's Thrift Shop

We are open every Thursday and Saturday from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. This month we will be featuring Halloween costumes and decorations for your home. Also, winter is right around the corner, and we have a huge selection of winter coats and jackets. Of course, you will want to check out our Sales Specials and enjoy coffee and a sweet snack.

Arlene Byrne

Trinity United Methodist Church

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

This fall, children 3 to 10 years of age will begin with the theme of "Communities" using the Deep Blue curriculum, by studying the Bible, including Acts, Psalms and Exodus, and engaging in art, games and music activities. Children 10+ will study various topics through Bible study, art and poetry.

The response of the community to our Sunday School's collection of clean medicine bottles, which are sent to clinics in

poor communities, including Africa, has been wonderful. To date we have collected more than 475 bottles (including 240 donated by Anthony and Alberto at the City Island Pharmacy). We will continue to collect bottles this year. If you would like to donate, the bottles must, for safety purposes, be washed with hot soapy water and dried thoroughly. We appreciate having the labels and all residue removed, but if you are unable to do so, we will do this for you.

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

The Budget Shop is open. Our volunteers are hard at work stocking the shelves and sorting the community's generous donations.

Rick DeWitt

Grace Episcopal Church

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

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

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

Blessing of the Animals. On Oct. 6 at 12 noon, you are welcome to bring your pets to Grace Church to receive a blessing from Father John Covington.

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

Music Ministry: The GraceTones are enjoying their fourth year of singing at area nursing homes, assisted-living centers and homes for seniors. They have entertained residents of Workman's Circle, Throggs Neck Extended, Providence Rest, United Hebrew and Pilot Cove, to name a few. They are currently seeking more singers to join, so if you like to sing and have the desire to help lift the spirits of those in need, please contact Sandy Dunn at 917-566-1296 or e-mail *accentfix@gmail.com*.

Sandy Dunn

American Legion Post #156

Our next meeting will be Sunday, Oct. 6, at noon. Dues are past due, they are \$55 and can be dropped off at the Post. Please put them in an envelope with your name on it for us to properly process your membership.

We have space for your next party. We can accommodate up to 80 people, and members receive a discount on all hall rentals. Call Joe Goonan at 917-825-9576.

Remember to play the Queen of Hearts game each week. The weekly drawing is held at 7 p.m. on Saturday night. The jackpot grows each week until someone hits. The game is open to all. Proceeds from

the game helped fund projects around the Post.

The weekend of Oct. 4, 5 and 6 will be the annual Post Pumpkin Sale from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Legion Auxiliary will also be hosting a bake sale throughout the weekend. Please come out and support the Legion family.

On Sunday, Oct. 13, will be the SAL's third annual Oktoberfest from 2 to 6 p.m. at the Post. The cost is \$40. The menu will include several German specials, including a roasted pig. Sign up at the Post.

We had a wonderful Bronx County Visitation on Sept. 10, which included a stop at the Post from Michael McDermott, our new Department Commander. Also joining the visitation was statewide Auxiliary President Linda Tome and Dennis George, who is State SAL Detachment Commander. The day included a visit to the Bronx Borough President's Office and the Hall of Heroes. We traveled to the Bi-Centennial Veteran's Park, Glover's Rock in Pelham Bay Park and finally to the City Island Nautical Museum. The day ended with a wonderful dinner at the Post catered by World of Foods. Thanks to all who helped prepare for the dinner and accompany the dignitaries around the Bronx.

Please visit our website for the latest information and an ability to e-mail the Post directly. Our website is at *Leonardh-hawkinspost156.com*, where you can find an e-mail link to reach us too! You will also find a flyer about our 100th Anniversary and Serviceman's Dinner on Nov. 23, at Scavello's on the Island. We will be honoring a century of support and commitment to our veterans and community, sharing memories from our Post members and celebrating with our local community.

Thanks to the Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of the American Legion for all their help. Unfortunately, we cannot do it all ourselves anymore.

All retired flags should be dropped off at the Post in the mailbox by the flagpole. We are always in need of new members. The Post pays the dues of members who are on active duty. Younger people are necessary for the continuation of the Post. Thank you to the entire City Island community for all your support over the past 100 years.

Peter C. Del-Debbio

P.S. 175 PTA

Under the energetic new leadership of co-presidents Jessica Garcia and Kevin Fisher, the PTA is already running at full throttle. We have established multiple ways to communicate with parents digitally—via e-mail, text message, Facebook and best of all, a brand-new website at *cityislandpta.org*. Dues and contributions collection will be ongoing, with the introduction of electronic payment methods in October. The PTA is in the process of setting up committees to help support and oversee fundraising, especially around the Election Day 2019 Bake Sale / Raffle Extravaganza (coming up on Nov. 5) and our big Spring 2020 fundraiser (date and details still to be determined). We are so grateful to live in a generous community that supports our school. See you next month!

Jonna Wepler

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 156

At our regular Oct. 1 meeting, we will collect new children's winter clothes for Fort Drum families. Bring unwrapped clothes, all sizes, to the meeting.

The Auxiliary will host a bake sale during the Legion's Pumpkin Sale, Oct. 5 and 6.

Remember to purchase your tickets to the Nov. 23 Legion Centennial Dinner.

Support our troops: The Auxiliary is partnering with our sister group, Theodore Korony Unit 253, to ship personal supplies to troops in Afghanistan. All are welcome to help by providing items (with local drop-off bins) or funding. For more information, contact Joanne Valletta at *Jcute53@aol.com*.

The Auxiliary thanks Mary Luciana for stepping into the recording secretary position.

Expanded eligibility for Auxiliary membership: The American Legion has voted to

extend membership in the American Legion Auxiliary to all spouses of U.S. veterans and service members who meet the American Legion eligibility requirements. During the American Legion National Convention in Indianapolis in August, delegates voted to replace the word "wife" with "spouse" in our constitution and bylaws, opening up membership in the American Legion Auxiliary to male and female spouses of those eligible for American Legion membership. Contact Viki Trifari at *wik99@me.com* to research your eligibility.

On Sept. 12, the Auxiliary welcomed county and state auxiliary officers at the Legion Post as part of the officers' Bronx Visitation activities.

On Sept. 14, Harlan Sexton, Quilters by the Sea QOV group leader and auxiliary corresponding secretary, assisted in awarding four Quilts of Valor at the 9/11 Responders Remembered Park Annual Memorial Annual Service and Naming Ceremony, hosted by the FealGood Foundation.

Farewell to a dear friend: On Sept. 11, our unit conducted a moving Poppy Memorial Service to honor Jean D'Allesandro, long-time dedicated Auxiliary member. She will be truly missed.

Harlan Sexton

AARP Chapter 318

We meet on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 1 p.m. at the Trinity United Methodist Church Hall. The first meeting of the month, Oct. 2, will be a regular meeting. At the Oct. 16th meeting, we will hold our annual Penny Auction. This is a very important event for the group, as it is the one fundraiser we hold and all proceeds go to local and community charities. The doors open at 12 noon and the cost is \$10. This includes lunch and a card of tickets to be used when bidding on the various items included in the auction. All items are donated and should be new or gently used. Types of items include small appliances, glassware, seasonal items, costume jewelry, etc. If you have any questions, call Carroll Reid at 718-885-2016. All are welcome, and we hope to see you there.

Carroll A. Reid



City Island Theater Group

"Mamma Mia!" is the story of Sophie, a young bride-to-be who invites three men to her upcoming wedding on the Greek island of Kalokari. Each one of these men may be her biological father. She does not share this information with her mother, Donna, because she discovered it when secretly reading her mother's diary. Sophie believes that if she spends time with the three men, she will learn which one is her father and will be able to fulfill her dream of having him walk her down the aisle at her wedding.

Donna is thrilled that she will be reunited at the wedding with two of her old friends and her Donna's Dynamos bandmates: wise-cracking Rosie and wealthy multiple divorcee Tanya. No one, except Sophie, knows that the three gentlemen in question will be on the island for the wedding.

Written by British playwright Catherine Johnson, the play is based on the songs of the pop group ABBA with additional music composed by ABBA member Benny Andersson.

Nick Sala will direct this production; Patrick Harris is the musical director, and Angelique Cruz is the choreographer. Carol McCabe will be creating costumes, and Pam Johnston will be stage manager.

In the cast are Karen Andronico, Sarah Brown, Florencia de la Rosa, Jennifer Edwards, Scott Harwood, Gino Irizarry, Bryce Kylie, Thomas Losito, Heidy Martinez, Morganne Melcher, Jana Montiero, Sharendalle Murga, Elizabeth Paldino, Armin Pascal, Susan Rauh, Giny Rosa, Astor Sage and Annemarie Tomsen.

For ticket information, please see the notice on page 2 under *BRIEFLY*.

Mary McIntyre



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

Don't miss the legendary doo wop group The Bel Aires, who will be performing at our Fall Harvest Benefit Dance on Saturday, Oct. 12, at 7 p.m. A delicious hot buffet will be served. There are still a few tickets available: \$40 for members and \$45 for non-members. Please call Sue at 718-885-1521 to reserve your place. Payment due by Oct. 5.

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

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

EVENTS

Fall Harvest Benefit Dance: Saturday, Oct. 12, 7 p.m., with The Bel Aires. See above. Call 718-885-1521 for reservations.

Craft Crop and Workshop: Saturday, Oct. 19, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Calling all adult crafters who like to create. DeMail Handcrafts is bringing "Create Pretty Things Crops" and classes to you. For information, please contact Desiree Demail at 914-562-5857 or demailhandcrafts@aim.com.

Day of the Dead Celebration: Saturday, Nov. 2, 7 p.m. Music, makeup and Central American cuisine hosted by Eva Bonilla and family. Call 646-954-7410 for reservations.

NEW

Beginning Calligraphy: Tuesdays, 3:15 to 4:30 p.m. Beginning Oct. 15, free to students 10 and up. To register or for more information, contact CICC at 718-885-1145 or rsangler10464@gmail.com.

Chair Yoga: Day and time to be announced. Join Joann for this gentle class with an emphasis on the benefits of stretching and flexing. Please contact joanngn@aol.com or call 917-853-4719 for more information and to register.

Compassionate Journey: Wednesdays, 7 p.m. Meets every other week October 2, 16 and 30. Open support group for anyone who has lost a loved one. The goals are to create a safe, empathetic and supportive environment and offer coping mechanisms and insights for those working through bereavement. Please sign up with Jillian Cea via jcea@gmail.com or 347-419-1222.

Creative Arts Workshop for Ages 4 through 6: Tuesdays, 4 to 4:45 p.m. Children have fun with collage, finger painting, mask making and more. Call 914-837-6830 to register for this free class ending on Oct. 15.

Feldenkrais Class: Day and time to be announced. Find greater ease of movement, flexibility, relief from pain, relaxation and improved posture. Feldenkrais exercises involve a combination of gentle movements, rest and self-awareness to improve the way your body feels and functions. For information, please contact Julie Kavee at 347-266-6247 or juliekavee@gmail.com.

Mambo: Community Dance Workshops: Sundays, 3:30 p.m. One World Arts and Retumba invites City Islanders of all ages to come join the fun of learning to dance, play an instrument or choreograph a Mambo. Call Yvette Martinez for information at 718-885-2574.

Salsa Classes on the Island: Thursdays, 8 p.m. Six weeks beginning Oct. 3. Beginner course to learn all about salsa, the moves and the steps, with Melissa Rosado. To register e-mail www.melissarosado.com or call 347-739-2076.

Scrappy Days Are Hear Again: Wednesdays, 5:15 to 6:45 p.m. Six weeks beginning Oct. 16. Preserve precious memories using the latest crafting techniques. Bring your mother or bring a friend. All ages welcome. Fee: \$35, includes scrapbook. Contact CICC at 718-885-1145 or rsangler10464@gmail.com.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Irish Dance for Children: Mondays, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Resumes Sept. 9. Step dancing for all ages taught by Caitlin Nora Kelly. To register for fall classes or for information, e-mail caitlin.nora.kelly@gmail.com or call 914-262-4517.

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

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

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

ADULT PROGRAMS

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

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

City Island Culinary Club: Mondays at 7 p.m. Oct. 7 and 21 meetings will feature soups and stews. Share recipes and have fun with other Islanders who like to cook. For information call Kenny Selesky at 917-533-7873.

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

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

WW/Weight Watchers Meetings: Tuesdays, 5:15 to 6:30 p.m. We are an official WW site with a great new leader, Alex Sokoloff. New series begins Sept. 10. For more information, please call Patty at 914-882-9578.

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

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

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

Patty Grondahl

City Island Civic Association

We are all saddened to learn about the passing of Inge Otto. She was an active and dedicated member of our board for many years.

There was no meeting in August, and the officers and board had a very brief vacation from their efforts. Reporting from the September meeting could not meet the deadline for this issue.

Work has begun on the City Island Sub-Aqueous Water Main Installation. The NYC Department of Design and Construction (DDC) gave a very informative presentation at our June meeting. Those of you who were there found it very interesting. DDC is publishing a monthly Reconstruction Newsletter about its progress, plus a weekly construction bulletin on its schedules. If you are interested in receiving these, send your e-mail address to Maria Caminero, our DDC community liaison at Cityislandccl@gmail.com. Her office is at 246 City Island Avenue; her telephone number is 919-447-5407.

Cathy Cepek, head of the Civic's Municipal Relations Committee, has been working with Nivardo Lopez, Bronx Commissioner of the Department of Transportation, about numerous issues affecting City Island. He attended the Civic meeting to address these issues.

The next meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 29, in the Community Center at 190 Fordham Street. If you would like to be a member, send \$20 with your contact information to City Island Civic Association, P.O. Box 117, Bronx NY 10464. If you have questions or comments, please e-mail city.island.civic@gmail.com.

Jane Protzman

PSS Senior Center

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

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

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

Highlights

Health Fair, Oct. 2, Wednesday. 10 to 11 a.m. Flu shots (please call to reserve by Monday); 8:30 to 11:30: depression screening, chair massage, memory screening, vascular ultrasound, medication review (bring prescriptions with you), drug use screening, alcohol screening; 10 to 11:30, BMI, blood oxygen levels, blood pressure; 8:15 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. mammography van.

Oct. 4, Friday, at 12:30: Elder Abuse Presentation by Bronx DA office

Oct. 11, Friday at 12:30: Citizens Preparedness Corp Presentation (free backpack); open to the public.

Oct. 14, Monday, closed for Columbus Day

Oct. 18, Friday, 12:30: New York Roadrunners Presentation

Oct. 23, Wednesday: NYPL Docent Tour of Downtown Main Library; call for details.

Oct. 25, Friday, 12:15: Movie and lunch, "The Upside"; you must sign up at the Center.

Daily Programming

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

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Library Day, Oct. 8 and 28

12 to 1 p.m. Lunch
1:15 Singing Group
1 p.m. Gardening Exchange

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

10:15 to 10:45 a.m. Blood-pressure screening

12 noon to 1 p.m. Lunch
1 p.m. Yoga Stretch

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

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

12 noon to 1 p.m. Lunch
1 p.m. Calligraphy on the second and fourth Wednesdays

1 p.m. Haircuts by Brenda for \$10 on Oct. 8, 11 and 25. Please call to sign up.

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

10 a.m. Acrylic Painting
12 noon to 1 p.m. Lunch

1 p.m.: The Wonderful Crazy Brain

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

11:15 a.m. Yoga Stretch
12 noon to 1 p.m. Lunch

12:30 to 4 p.m. 4th: Elder abuse; 11th: CPC; 13th: NY Roadrunners; 25th, movie and lunch

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

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

Patty Attis

Temple Beth-El

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

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

Oct. 4: Shabbat Shuvah. Join Rabbi David for a soulful and contemplative commemoration of this special Shabbat between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Oneg to follow.

Oct. 11: Community-led services

Oct. 18: Sukkot Shabbat. Join Rabbi Shohama, Rabbi David and the band for this most joyous Shabbat. Oneg to follow in the Sukkah.

Oct. 25: Community-led services

Other Activities

Oct. 1: Rosh Hashanah, Day 2, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Join Rabbi Shohama, Rabbi David and the band for services as we journey deeper into the Days of Awe. Doors open at 9:30 a.m.

Oct. 8: Kol Nidre, 6 to 8 p.m. Join Rabbi Shohama, Rabbi David and the band for the holiest time of the Jewish year with a profoundly moving service of spiritual release and purification for Yom Kippur. In honor of Yom Kippur's themes, many of us will wear white and refrain from wearing leather, jewelry and other ornaments. This is the only evening when it is traditional to wear a tallit (prayer shawl). We invite you to join us in these observances. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m.

Oct. 9: Yom Kippur, Day of Holiness, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Join Rabbi Shohama, Rabbi David and the band for Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, the holiest day of the Jew-



Creature Features for Families

With Halloween approaching, watching creature features can certainly get us in the mood. There are many selections in this genre that families may enjoy together. As a child I loved **Mighty Joe Young** (1949) winner of the Academy Award for Special Effects. Robert Armstrong plays producer Max O'Hara, who with the help of a cowboy (Ben Johnson) persuades a young woman (Terry Moore) to bring her pet gorilla, Joe, from Africa to Hollywood to become headliners for his show. When Joe is overwhelmed by the crowds, he stops while being taken to safety to rescue children from a burning orphanage. In the decent 1988 remake, Joe is brought to America by Jill (Charlize Theron) to keep him safe from poachers. Gregg O'Hara (Bill Paxton), an American zoologist, helps her take Joe to a Los Angeles animal conservancy.

In the 1970s, Disney produced two films about witches. The first, **Bed Knobs and Broomsticks** (1971), stars Angela Lansbury as Eglantine Price, a witch-in-training during World War II in England. She has been taking a correspondence course with Dr. Emelius Browne (David Tomlinson) but finds she must travel to London to obtain her last lesson. Accompanying her are three children whom she has reluctantly taken into her country home for safety during the war. This slow-to-start film has remarkable special effects for the time. The climatic battle of Eglantine, with Dr. Browne and her charges fighting against some Nazi invaders, is a wonder to behold.

Escape to Witch Mountain (1975) is the story of two orphans, Tony (Ike Eisenmann) and Tia (Kim Richards), who have magical powers. When these powers come

to the attention of a Mr. Deranian (Donald Pleasence), he is instructed by his evil employer, the fabulously wealthy Mr. Bolt (Ray Milland), to remove them from the orphanage where they live. Bolt tries to bribe Tia and Tony with everything they ever dreamed of, so he can use their special powers to make even more money. When they run away, they are befriended by Jason (Eddie Albert), who helps them in their search to find the rest of their family. This is a suspenseful family film.

E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial (1982) is a classic sci-fi adventure movie for the entire family. Henry Thomas plays Elliott, a young boy living with his single mother (Dee Wallace), his older brother Michael (Robert MacNaughton), and his younger sister Gertie (Drew Barrymore). When Elliott finds an alien whose scientific spaceship accidentally left him behind on Earth, he names him E.T. Elliott wants to help him figure out a way to get home. E.T. rigs up a communication device from junk he finds around the house, but will he be rescued before a group of government scientists gets hold of him?

In **Gremlins** (1984), struggling inventor Randall Peltzer (Hoyt Axton) visits a Chinatown antique store in the hope of finding a Christmas present for his son, Billy (Zach Galligan). Although the owner, Mr. Wing (Keye Luke), has refused to part with an adorable, small, furry creature called a mogwai (Cantonese for "devil"), Wing's grandson (John Louie) sells it to Randall surreptitiously. The grandson gives him three warnings: do not expose the mogwai to bright lights or sunlight, which will kill it; do not let it come in contact with water; and never ever feed it after midnight. Randall names the mogwai Gizmo, and Billy makes sure to treat him well. When Billy's friend Pete (Corey Feldman) accidentally spills a glass of water over Gizmo, five more mogwai spawn from his back, which results in chaos all over town. In the second film, director Joe Dante asked his film critic friend, Leonard Maltin, to appear and read the lukewarm review he gave the first film, allowing the Gremlins to strangle him with strips of film.

Beauty and the Beast is a 1991 animated Disney romantic fantasy musical in which a wicked enchantress casts a spell on an arrogant young prince and the servants in his castle. He is turned into a hideous beast

until he learns to love and be loved in return. In the town, Gaston, a handsome, narcissistic hunter makes advances on Belle, a headstrong bookloving girl, but she rebuffs him. When he gets lost in the forest on his way to a fair, Belle's father, Maurice, seeks refuge in the beast's castle, but the beast imprisons him. When Belle tries to rescue him, she must stay in the castle in her father's place. With the help of his enchanted servants (a teapot, teacup, clock, candelabra, stove, feather duster, footstool and wardrobe), Belle begins to draw the cold-hearted beast out of his loneliness.

A kinder, gentler ghost is **Casper** (1995), a boy spirit who inhabits and haunts a house with his uncles, Stretch, Stinkie and Fatso. When a rich man's daughter, Carriagan (Cathy Moriarity), inherits this house, she wants to rid the house of the poltergeists, so she hires ghost psychiatrist Dr. Harvey (Bill Pullman), who moves into the house with his daughter, Kat (Christina Ricci). There are wonderful cameos, including an original ghostbuster, Father Guido Sarducci, and Clint Eastwood, which make this a movie the entire family can enjoy.

No creature feature column would be complete without the Harry Potter series of films, **The Sorcerer's Stone** (2001), **The Chamber of Secrets** (2002), **The Prisoner of Azkaban** (2004), **The Goblet of Fire** (2005), **The Order of the Phoenix** (2007), **The Half-Blood Prince** (2009), and **The Deathly Hallows Part 1** (2010) and **Part 2** (2011), which are based on J. K. Rowling's best-selling novels. Director Chris Columbus has remained faithful to the books, and the look of the films is precisely as I had imagined them in my mind. Orphan Harry Potter (Daniel Radcliffe) has been living with his awful relatives, when he discovers he is in fact a wizard and is fetched by Hagrid the gameskeeper (Robbie Coltrane) and taken to Hogwarts School of Magic. There he becomes friends with Ron Weasley (Rupert Grint) and Hermione Granger (Emma Watson). The ensemble cast includes such great British actors as Richard Harris as Headmaster Albus Dumbledore, Maggie Smith as Professor McGonagall, Alan Rickman as Professor Snape, Gary Oldman as Sirius Black and John Cleese as the ghost Nearly-Headless Nick. Harry is famous in the wizarding world because he survived an attack in infancy by a dark wizard as his parents sacrificed their lives to save him. These

supernatural adventure tales, while long, are magical and exciting.

In **Monsters Inc.** (2002), the city of Monstropolis in the monster world is powered by energy from the screams of human children. At Monsters, Inc., monsters are employed to venture into the human world to scare children and harvest their screams through doors that activate portals to children's bedroom closets. This is believed to be dangerous work because children are considered toxic. The film focuses on two monsters—James P. "Sulley" Sullivan and his one-eyed partner and best friend, Mike Wazowski, who are Monster Inc. employees. Sulley is a huge, intimidating monster with blue fur, large purple spots and horns. His scare assistant Mike is a green, opinionated, energetic little one-eyed monster. When someone accidentally leaves a crack open in a portal closet door, a tiny human girl wanders into a the monster world, much to the horror of those she encounters. The film centers on returning her home.

How to Train Your Dragon (2010) is a 2010 American computer-animated action fantasy film that I personally found hilarious. It takes place in a mythical Viking world, where a teenager named Hiccup aspires to follow his tribe's tradition of becoming a dragon slayer by catching a dragon and killing it. When he finally captures his first dragon, he instead decides to befriend it, even though this loses him his last chance of gaining his tribe's acceptance. The film was followed by **How to Train Your Dragon 2** (2014) **How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World** (2019), wherein Hiccup endeavors to bring peace between Vikings and dragons.

In the animated film **Hotel Transylvania** (2012), Dracula operates a high-end resort away from the human world. The hotel is chockful of the most hilarious creatures, which grown-ups especially will enjoy. He goes into overprotective mode when a human boy discovers the resort and falls for the count's teen-age daughter. The film was followed by **Hotel Transylvania 2** (2015) and **Hotel Transylvania 3: Summer Vacation** (2018), wherein there is a wedding and subsequently a grandchild.

And until next time, Happy Halloween and happy viewing...

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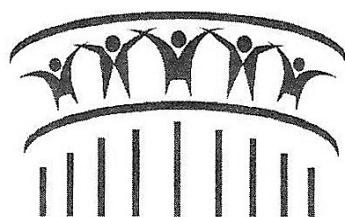
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Organization News

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ish year. There will be prayer and music combined with midday mystical learning, sound healing, gentle yoga and rest with creature comforts at the nearby Samuel Pell House. Service will conclude with traditional Neilah, Havdalah and catered Break Fast. Doors open at 9:30 a.m.

Oct. 13: Sukkot Gathering and Potluck Dinner, 6 to 8 p.m. Join Rabbi Shohama, Rabbi David and the TBE community as we kick off the Festival of Sukkot. Come to our potluck dinner in our Sukkah.

Oct. 20: Shmini Atzeret/Simchat Torah, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Join Rabbi Shohama, Rabbi David and the band. We will spiral dance the *hakafot* (circuits) of our soul journey (bring your dancing shoes), receive Torah's blessings and begin our timeless journey again. One last one in the Sukkah.

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

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

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

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

Garden Club of City Island

The Garden Club of City Island contracted with Bartlett Tree Experts last winter to care for the city-owned trees on City Island Avenue between Bay and Carroll Streets by fertilizing, composting, mulching and aerating the soil in those tree pits. Because of the Island community's generous donations to our beautification fund, we are now able to do the same for the trees on two more blocks on the Avenue. The block south of Carroll Street and the block north of Bay Street will receive that same care from Bartlett Tree Experts, arborists certified by New York City and able to get the necessary permits to work on city trees. With your help, we hope to provide these important services to trees on additional blocks in the future.

At our Sept. 9 meeting, Maria Caruso spoke to us about the City Island Oyster Reef, an important project well documented in recent issues of *The Island Current*. The purpose of building reefs of living oysters

is to clean the waters around City Island and to help in reducing storm surge. An adult oyster can filter 50 gallons of water a day. Oysters need something solid to cling to in order to live and grow, and shells from local restaurants are being collected to provide this base. Bacteria living on these base shells needs to be killed so the shells are left in the sun for nine months to a year before they are deposited in the water to be seeded with living oysters.

Also in September, some Garden Club members and guests visited the Sands Point Preserve Conservancy, the former Gould/Guggenheim estate, including the fully furnished Falaise mansion that is now a museum. We were given a tour of the museum and afterward allowed to wander the grounds and also view the apiary and rose garden. Then we all enjoyed a picnic lunch under the trees.

Our October meeting will be on Monday, Oct. 7. As our originally scheduled speaker had to postpone her visit, we invited Nick Storrs who has previously spoken to us about vegetable gardening. Nick will do a presentation on plant propagation. Our November meeting will be on Monday, Nov. 4, speaker to be confirmed.

Our meetings are held monthly, except August, usually on the first Monday of the month at 10 a.m. at the City Island Yacht Club on Pilot Street. All meetings conclude with coffee, tea and fresh baked goods served by our hospitality committee. You are invited to join us.

Sharynne Wilder

REGULAR MEETINGS

Weekly Twelve-Step Meetings on City Island

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Trinity United Methodist Church: 718-885-1218

Grace Episcopal Church: 718-885-1080

Al-Anon
Wednesdays at 7 p.m., Trinity Methodist Church Hall, 113 Bay Street.

Overeaters Anonymous:
Saturdays at 11 a.m., Grace Episcopal Church: 718-885-1080.



Photo by MATT PANZA

On Saturday, Sept. 15, 2019, Fr. John Knapp was the main celebrant at the annual Our Lady of the Assumption/St. Mary, Star of the Sea outdoor Mass in St. Mary's schoolyard. Toward the end of the Mass catechists, who teach the children in the OLA/ St. Mary's religious education program, were commissioned. Afterwards parishioners enjoyed refreshments and fellowship.

SCHOOL NEWS

2+2=4

By VIRGINIA DANNEGGER

Public School 175

Interim acting principal Julie Porras and assistant principal Kathleen Wiehler welcome the following faculty members for the 2019-2020 school year. Ms. Bellon is teaching kindergarten; first grade

will have Ms. Maccarrone; the second-graders are being taught by Mrs. Mazzella, and the third grade will have Ms. Connolly and Ms. Grundman. Teachers for the fourth and fifth grades are Ms. Battreall, Ms. Lawless, Ms. Whelan, Ms. Montenare, Ms. Vaughan and Ms. Ramos. Teachers for the upper grades are Ms. Moricone, Mr. Esposito, Ms. Adesso, Mr. Mazza and Ms. Heil.

The physical education program is being run by Mr. Sabatello, and the computer technology department is headed by Ms. Chi. The school nurse is Mrs. Gjonaj; speech services are provided by Ms. Arcidiacano and Mrs. Gisante is the parent coordinator.

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Photo by RON TERNER

Ingelind Otto

Ingelind (Inge) Otto passed away on Sept. 12, 2019, at her home on City Island. She had suffered with ALS (Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease) for nearly a year, although during her illness she remained involved with and committed to her numerous community activities.

Inge was born in East Germany on July 8, 1937, and grew up behind the Iron Curtain. Her family was very poor as a consequence of World War II, so Inge came to the United States at the age of 20 and worked as an au pair on Long Island. She taught herself English and took a job at the United Nations. Eventually she worked for many years as a computer programmer/secretary for Pepsico in Westchester County and moved to City Island in 1977; she purchased her house on Pilot Street in 1979.

After her retirement, Inge traveled widely, including visits to Germany twice a year. Recent trips included Russia, India, and Chile. Her dream was to travel to Australia if her health permitted it. The great love of her life was Robert McCormick, who died several years ago.

Inge was an active and conscientious volunteer for the City Island community. She served on the executive board of the City Island Civic Association and attended many committee meetings at Community Board 10 in order to keep the Civic abreast of current events affecting the island. She was treasurer of the Hutchinson River Restoration Project and helped organize the annual clean-up of the Thomas Pell Sanctuary. She was a longtime supporter of the City Island Theater Group and donated costumes and props for several of the group's productions. She also participated in exercise programs at the PSS Senior Center and the Community Center and was a member of City Island Indivisible. Inge also participated in Lyric, an educational group that meets at Iona College, and she attended classes there until April of this year.

Even after she was unable to leave her home, Inge remained committed to her community service and welcomed updates on activities taking place on and off City Island. She will be very much missed by everyone who had the privilege of knowing her. A memorial service will be held at Trinity United Methodist Church at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 28, 2019.



Christopher McGowan

Longtime City Island resident Christopher McGowan passed away on Aug. 31, 2019, at the age of 53, after a long illness.

Christopher was born on Nov. 2, 1965, and attended St. Mary's School on City Island. He graduated from St. Helena High School, attended the American Academy of Dramatic Arts and earned his BFA in theater at Adelphi University.

At Adelphi, he performed in a number of plays and musicals, including "Three Penny Opera," "A Midsummer's Night Dream," "The Oresteia," and "Slam." He went on to act in a number of off-Broadway productions, including a role in "Tony 'n Tina's Wedding," and did various voiceovers for commercial advertisements.

Christopher also co-produced "Piano Bar: The Musical" and several other pieces. On City Island he was an important member of the City Island Theater Group, beginning in 2003 when he starred in A. R. Gurney's play "Love Letters" and J. B. Priestley's "An Inspector Calls." He was a scenic designer in 2004 for "Agatha Christie Made Me Do It," and in 2006 for "Bus Stop." His most memorable performances with the group were as the Emcee in "Cabaret" in 2005 and in "The Laramie Project" in 2012 and 2013. In his youth, Christopher was active in the now defunct Young Island Players and performed in productions of "Grease," "Godspell" and "Pippin."

Chris is survived by his three brothers and two sisters, and their spouses and partners. He was the beloved uncle of six nieces, two nephews, and one grand-niece, Dahlia Anne.

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In The Garden

By MARY COLBY



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High-maintenance cottage garden Drat That Grass

Growing good grass has become my new chore this October. I've never really cared whether all manner of weed would grow undisturbed in my lawn. Clover, plantain and dandelion were all welcome; after all, they were green. In fact, my lawn was always a big patch of weeds, but who cared. It was cost effective and maintenance free. But now a healthy green effect is needed for my new garden area, which is very small. I feel that the effort put into having a weed-free lawn is ridiculous, yet here I am contracting thatching, stabbing, feeding and seeding my patch.

Every day for weeks you must water, roll out the hose and sprinkling apparatus, but then the little shoots appear and push so tenderly out of the earth that you don't have

the heart to abandon them to a parched fate.

It goes on and on, this watering and tending something that could really be a garden. This poses a question: what type of entrance garden can be had without grass? Pachysandra? Actually, it's not really as bad or outdated as I thought. It's pretty with its serrated edge and compact growth. My grandmother grew yards of it around her trees; it looked fancy, and as a maker of wedding dresses, she liked high fashion. Fashionable yes, but a whole garden of it would be tiresome.

The English manage a very effective look in their front gardens, the proverbial cottage garden, whose aim is to partially obscure the house with plants. A crowded, sometimes riotous effect is achieved by having roses clamber up the walls and larger plants, like crabwe cordifolia, verbascum, delphinium, or foxtail lilies, skyrocket above the billowing soft colors of catmint and salvia.

Yet, alas, all this beauty may take even more effort than the lawn. One year my aunt came back from Rome, where there is not a blade of grass or a tree to be seen other than in the public parks. Misconstruing her house for an Italianate palazzo, she cemented her front garden and that was that. I guess I'll just have to keep watering that grass. Oh, drat!

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Tide chart by Tom Smith

OCTOBER 2019									
DAY	TIME	HEIGHT	TIME	HEIGHT	TIME	HEIGHT	TIME	HEIGHT	DAY
	HH MM	FEET	HH MM	FEET	HH MM	FEET	HH MM	FEET	
01 Tue	0148	8.33	0814	-0.58	1404	8.75	2055	-0.87	Tue 01
02 Wed	0242	7.96	0904	-0.17	1456	8.40	2152	-0.46	Wed 02
03 Thur	0342	7.54	0959	0.33	1557	7.99	2253	0.01	Thur 03
04 Fri	0449	7.18	1104	0.82	1709	7.61	2357	0.43	Fri 04
05 Sat	0558	6.99	1213	1.17	1822	7.40			Sat 05
06 Sun	0100	0.71	0703	6.98	1319	1.33	1928	7.36	Sun 06
07 Mon	0159	0.83	0802	7.14	1419	1.29	2027	7.46	Mon 07
08 Tue	0254	0.83	0856	7.38	1514	1.12	2120	7.61	Tue 08
09 Wed	0343	0.76	0945	7.63	1602	0.91	2208	7.74	Wed 09
10 Thur	0428	0.68	1029	7.83	1646	0.69	2251	7.81	Thur 10
11 Fri	0507	0.63	1109	7.94	1725	0.52	2330	7.79	Fri 11
12 Sat	0541	0.61	1143	7.96	1759	0.39			Sat 12
13 Sun	0002	7.70	0605	0.62	1206	7.94	1824	0.31	Sun 13
14 Mon	0023	7.58	0615	0.60	1213	7.96	1839	0.23	Mon 14
15 Tue	0034	7.53	0633	0.53	1234	8.08	1902	0.15	Tue 15
16 Wed	0059	7.51	0705	0.50	1306	8.19	1936	0.13	Wed 16
17 Thur	0134	7.48	0743	0.55	1344	8.23	2015	0.20	Thur 17
18 Fri	0215	7.41	0825	0.69	1427	8.18	2100	0.37	Fri 18
19 Sat	0301	7.28	0912	0.90	1516	8.03	2150	0.59	Sat 19
20 Sun	0354	7.13	1005	1.12	1610	7.80	2248	0.80	Sun 20
21 Mon	0453	7.02	1106	1.29	1711	7.56	2356	0.91	Mon 21
22 Tue	0600	7.03	1218	1.29	1821	7.43			Tue 22
23 Wed	0126	0.81	0720	7.25	1358	1.00	1943	7.48	Wed 23
24 Thur	0250	0.44	0840	7.67	1521	0.38	2107	7.72	Thur 24
25 Fri	0351	-0.01	0943	8.15	1623	-0.29	2212	8.01	Fri 25
26 Sat	0444	-0.41	1035	8.57	1717	-0.85	2306	8.20	Sat 26
27 Sun	0533	-0.68	1124	8.84	1808	-1.22	2357	8.25	Sun 27
28 Mon	0621	-0.77	1210	8.93	1858	-1.36			Mon 28
29 Tue	0046	8.16	0706	-0.67	1257	8.84	1947	-1.24	Tue 29
30 Wed	0135	7.95	0752	-0.40	1343	8.59	2037	-0.92	Wed 30
31 Thur	0225	7.65	0839	0.01	1432	8.22	2129	-0.46	Thur 31
NOVEMBER 2019									
01 Fri	0320	7.32	0930	0.49	1527	7.79	2224	0.05	Fri 01
02 Sat	0421	7.05	1029	0.95	1633	7.38	2322	0.52	Sat 02
03 Sun	0425	6.89	1036	1.31	1645	7.10	2322	0.87	Sun 03
04 Mon	0528	6.88	1142	1.48	1751	6.99			Mon 04
05 Tue	0020	1.05	0626	7.01	1243	1.46	1851	7.01	Tue 05



CASE CLOSED?

We may have solved the mystery of the strange, whale-like sounds emanating from the skies this summer. Airplanes! It is what we thought all along but couldn't pin it down. Now we think we may have pinned it down.

It all began for us last June. It was about then that we started noticing the mysterious noises over Eastchester Bay. It didn't take long before we had connected them to descending aircraft approaching LaGuardia. The questions that dogged us, though, were why all of a sudden this summer and not before; and why were we hearing things only when some airplanes were landing but not others. The only thing we were sure of was that it was the airplanes making the noise.

It is hard to describe a noise except to compare it to some sound more familiar. This one is definitely whale-like, meaning that there is a screechy quality to it but without all the high end. Maybe it is better described as more of a moan than a screech. Maybe. What put us on the right track toward positively identifying our mystery sound was an online article we read about the new airplanes landing at an airport in Zurich, Switzerland. According

to residents of the town of Kloten, which is near the airport, "the aircraft sounds like a horny killer whale during landing."

The aircraft the Klotens were referring to is a relatively new design by the manufacturer, Airbus, called the A220. This is not only a problem for Klotens. It is a problem for Airbus, because the A220 was supposed to have been designed as a quieter, more comfortable and fuel efficient kind of airplane. The company says that the noise happens because of the movement of the throttle at low speed and that it is working to correct the issue.

Apparently, they have not corrected it yet. It is our understanding that just this February Delta introduced new routes to Boston and Fort Worth via their recently acquired A220 airliners. And there is more: by June, Delta had added five more A220's and 10 more routes. Air Canada is poised to add routes, too, using A220's.

In our research, we also turned up this interesting if somewhat unrelated tidbit: it turns out that the original design of the A220 was by a Canadian manufacturer called Bombardier. Bombardier named their new airplanes the C-Series. When Delta first began buying the new C-Series airplanes in 2016, Boeing took notice. In 2017, Boeing filed complaints to the effect that the new airplanes were being sold at "abnormally low" prices because of subsidies from the Canadian government. To avoid subsequent penalties, Bombardier sold a little more than half its company to Airbus—an act that rendered Boeing's original complaint moot.

Given all the other noises that have been emanating from Eastchester Bay recently, we'll take whale-like noises any day.

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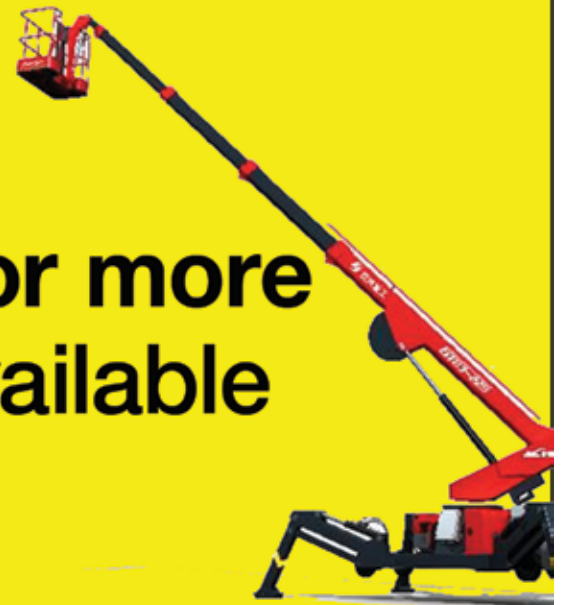
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Islanders Greg and Irene Penny were married 50 years ago on Sept. 27.

Members of Grace Church welcomed back several former Islanders on Sept. 14 for the memorial service for longtime parishioner Alice Stuttig, who passed away in April. It was great to see the Stuttig siblings, Cathy, Carol and Billy, along with former vicar Rev. Patty Alexander, at Grace again and at Scavello's on the Island after the service. We hope they come back and visit often.

Happy 34th wedding anniversary on Oct. 12 to Bay Street's Maria and Bob Swieciki.

Happy birthday to Horton Street resident Mark Nani on Oct. 22. If all goes well, he may also become an uncle for the first time on or near his big day. Best wishes to all!

Birthday wishes across the miles to Sunjay Sebastian, who turns 33 on Oct. 29, with love from the Swieciki family.

Happy Golden Wedding Anniversary to Greg and Irene Penny, who celebrate 50 years on Sept. 27.

Kristina Ciuti and Al Hein were married on Aug. 25 at the Glen Island Harbour Club surrounded by family and friends; after the service, the couple spent their honeymoon in the Greek islands. Wishing you continued happiness in your new life together. Love, Mom and Anthony.

Congratulations to Danielle and Phil Ribaldo as they celebrate their 11th wedding anniversary on Oct. 3. We wish you both many, many more years of love and happiness for the future.

A basketful of birthday wishes to our sweet Scarlett, who turns six on Oct. 19. Much love, hugs and kisses, Nonni and Pop.

Happy birthday on Oct. 29 to Marion



Photo courtesy of JOANNE VALLETTA
Kristina Ciuti and Al Hein were wed on Aug. 25, 2019.

Franchini at Pilot Cove. You keep getting better with age. With love from your daughters, Lucia, Roe and Kim, and your grandchildren, Loren and Isaiah.

Happy third wedding anniversary to Cait and Richie O'Dwyer, who will celebrate on Oct. 7.

Happy birthday wishes to our grandson, Joseph, who will be celebrating his 11th birthday on October 24. Have a good school year and a fun sports year. Much love from Grandma and Grandpa Penny.

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Billy, Carol and Cathy Stuttig (above, l. to r.) returned to City Island along with Mother Patty Alexander (second from right) for a memorial service for Alice Stuttig on Sept. 14, 2019.

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