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Don't Discard Your Ear Plugs: Rodman's Neck Update

By BARBARA DOLENSEK



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This architectural rendering of Rodman's Neck shows what the police training facility will look like after the renovation is complete, hopefully by the summer of 2027.

City Island residents who are troubled by the noise caused by the outdoor firing range at Rodman's Neck will be happy to learn that the new design for the renovation of the New York Police Department facilities includes indoor ranges that will keep the noise to an absolute minimum. However, as Islanders have learned to expect, the project, once approved, will not begin until next year and will not be completed until at least 2027, and the promised temporary baffling has been put on hold.

The new design for the facility, which is long overdue given the conditions at the range, was presented to the Municipal Services Committee of Community Board 10 on Wednesday, May 11, by Jomo Blackman, outreach coordinator for the NYC Department of Design and Construction (DDC), representing the work of the architect, Smith-Miller + Hawkinson, and Amr Eldin, the project executive for the NYPD. Members of the committee voted to approve the design, which then went to the full Community Board for approval on May 19.

According to representatives of the NYPD and DDC, this new design for what is being called the Firearms and Tactics Facility will include the construction of indoor ranges and classrooms in one large building, a two-story mess hall, new storage facilities, a 383-car parking lot, landscaping and updated utilities such as electricity and sanitation. Because of the low ground level of Rodman's Neck, the buildings will be raised to prevent damage from flood tides and storm surges, like the flooding that damaged the Bomb Squad building a few years ago. Those attending the meeting who were concerned about climate change were pleased to learn that the architects have included green roofs and solar panels where possible.

The budget of \$275 million allocated by former Mayor Di Blasio is still in place and will, according to the officials present at the Community Board meeting, be sufficient to cover the cost of the new facility. Once the design is approved, which is expected to take place in November of this year, the project will go out to bid and construction should be able to start

in the summer of 2023, for completion in the summer of 2027. Approvals will have to come from several agencies, including the City Council, the Mayor's Office, the Parks Department (which owns the land) and the New York State Department of Environmental Protection, before the project is sent out for bid.

The infrastructure of the facility will be the first part of the project to be addressed, followed by the indoor ranges, so it is possible that there will be some noise reduction before 2027. Part of the plan involves the extension of hours to 24 a day rather than the current range of 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., but it is to be hoped that this will not take place until the indoor ranges are completed and in use.

Although the indoor ranges will accommodate most of the rifle practice, the outdoor ranges will remain in place for the purpose of training with sniper rifles, which cannot be used indoors. However, those concerned were assured that this would be a rare occurrence, and it is to be hoped that some kind of alert system could be employed to warn local communities about the excessive noise produced by these weapons. It was also proposed that trees be planted in such a way as to minimize the noise; the plans show that new trees are included in the overall design.

It was noted at the meeting that the NYPD is not the only agency that uses the range. The NYC Department of Correction, New York State police officers and Federal agencies have also used the facilities in the past. It was suggested that members of the community appeal to their elected officials to get those departments to allocate additional funds for the project.

The Community Board meeting did not have the temporary sound baffling on the agenda, but a question was raised about its schedule, since it had been announced at a Community Board meeting on June 9, 2021, that the baffling would be in place by April this year. It was explained that the boring testing performed onsite showed very poor ground soil conditions, so that an additional design was required to develop a more robust foundation in order to handle wind loads on elevated

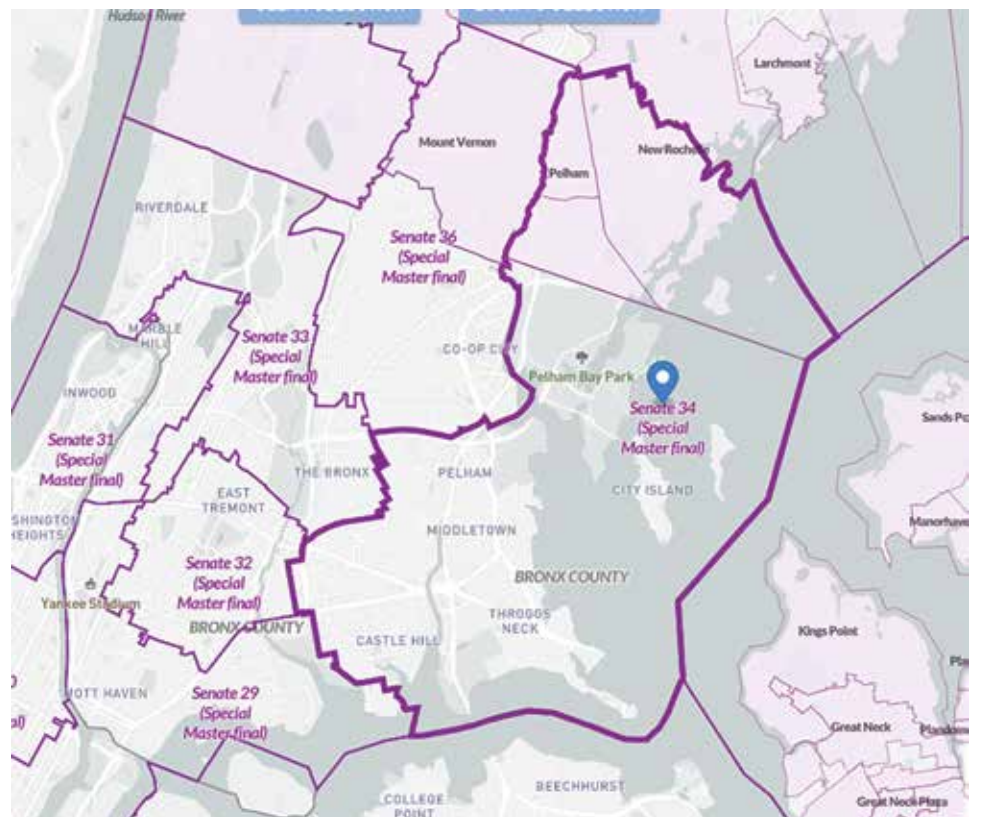
sound curtains. As a result, the cost of project and the duration of the project doubled, resulting in much longer than anticipated shutdowns to critical training ranges. The department is actively looking into alternate temporary designs that would help reduce the cost and shutdown period of the ranges.

So again we must cover our ears and put up with the noise for another few months or years, in spite of a promise

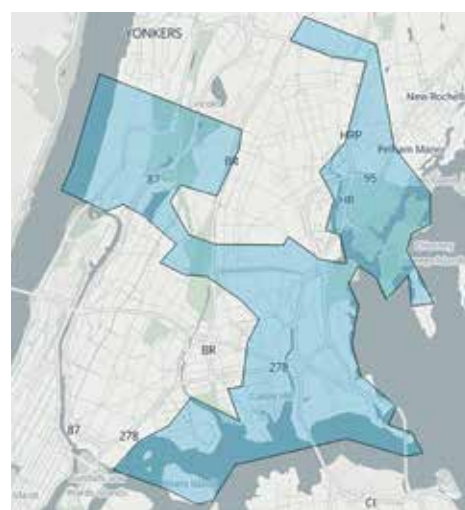
made on June 22, 1993, by then Mayor David Dinkins that "the City will make its best efforts to bid out and complete the study and construction within a year." However, it is good news that the sound baffling is not the only issue being dealt with now. The facility at Rodman's Neck has been seriously inadequate for many years, and if we are patient and lucky, we may see it become a training ground worthy of the NYPD before too many more years go by.

Redistricting Redone

By BARBARA DOLENSEK



The dark purple lines in the map above show the newly drawn State Senate District 34. The map at left shows the old State Senate District 34 as the shaded blue areas.



A report in the March issue of *The Current* described the redistricting plan that New York State Assembly and Senate had voted to adopt in February. That plan would have made Democrat candidates favorites in 22 of 26 districts in the state and would have moved City Island from District 14 to a new District 3, which is largely made up of residents of Long Island and the shorefront communities in Westchester County as far east as Port Chester.

Shortly after the plan was approved, however, Republicans sued, and a judge in the state's rural Southern Tier along the Pennsylvania border west of the Catskills, ruled that the districts were in violation of a 2014 law that outlawed partisan gerrymandering. That ruling was upheld in late April by the New York Court of Appeals,

and a state court formally approved a new congressional map, drawn by a neutral expert, on May 20, effectively unwinding what Republicans believed was an attempted gerrymandering by Democrats.

City Island's current state senator, Alessandra Biaggi, said in March that she would run for Congress to represent District 3, but after the districts were redrawn, she announced on May 24 that she would run for Congress representing New York's 17th district. That new district includes Westchester, Rockland, Putnam, and Dutchess counties but not City Island, which will remain in District 14, where Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez will run again if she wins the primary on Aug. 23.

As shown in this map, District 34, once represented in the State Senate by Alessandra Biaggi, has been redrawn and made considerably smaller. Democratic candidates for the seat so far are Luis Sepúlveda, currently the State Senator representing District 32, and community organizer Pamela Stewart-Martinez, who will run in the primary on Aug. 23. In the meantime, the Assembly primary will take place on June 28, and so far the Democratic candidates for Assembly District 82 are Michael Benedetto, Algernon Quattlebaum and Jonathan Soto.

BRIEFLY...

BLOOD DRIVE sponsored by the Bronx Masons will be held on Tuesday, June 14, from 3:30 to 7:45 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church, 113 Bay Street. Masks are required at all times while donating, and you will need a photo ID before you can donate. The life you save may be your own.

"CYBERBULLYING AND ANTISEMITISM" is the subject of a lecture by Michael Cohen, Eastern Director of the Simon Wiesenthal Center, that will be presented by the City Island Civic Association and Temple Beth-El of City Island on Sunday, June 26, at 11 a.m. at Temple Beth-El, 480 City Island Avenue. Covid-19 protocols will be in place, including proof of vaccination, optional masks. Seating is limited; RSVP to Stuart Sorell at Stuso414@yahoo.com.

BLESSING OF THE FLEET: The City Island Sail & Power Squadron and the Leonard Hawkins American Legion Post 156 are hosting the 2022 Blessing of the Fleet on Sunday, June 26, at 1 p.m. at Barron's Boatyard in City Island Harbor. VHF CH 71 (from 12:30 p.m.). For more information, call 646-258-4250.

THE CITY ISLAND ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR will be held on Saturday and Sunday, June 4 and 5, from 11 a.m., rain or shine, featuring paintings, photography, jewelry, stained glass, native crafts, bath and body products, clothing, face painting, fishing trophies, baked goods and more.

TAG SALE AT THE MANOR CLUB on Saturday, June 11, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be an early bird entry fee of \$5.00. New and gently used items, jewelry, candles and decorative home goods will be among the many treasures to be found. The Manor Club is located at 1023 Esplanade in Pelham Manor. For more information or table rental, call the club at 914-738-1528.

FREE COVID TEST KITS, plus masks and hand sanitizer, are available from the City Island Chamber of Commerce at Kaleidoscope Gallery, 280 City Island Avenue, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. every day. Please stop by to pick up a supply of these items. This offer is open to everyone, businesses and residents alike.

THE CITY ISLAND THEATER GROUP board of directors made the hard decision to postpone the production of "Play On!" until this fall. The CITG board explained: "As the Covid numbers are rising in NYC and three of our cast members have tested positive, our concern has become the safety of the rest of the cast, the crew, the volunteers and the audience. Everyone needs to feel safe when they walk through our doors. We wish to say thank you to all of our supporters for their understanding, and we look forward to seeing everyone in the fall."

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Complaints reported from City Island to the 45th Precinct during April and May 2022. Unfounded complaints are not included in the list.

- 4 – HARASSMENT
- 2 – GRAND LARCENY
- 1 – GRAND LARCENY AUTO
- 1 – LEAVING THE SCENE OF AN ACCIDENT
- 2 – MENACING
- 1 – STALKING
- 2 – DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED (DWI)
- 1 – ASSAULT
- 1 – AGGRAVATED UNLICENSED OPERATION OF A MOTOR VEHICLE

Police provided details on the following incidents for the period from April 1 to May 21, 2022.

4/2 – Police from the 45th Precinct arrested an off-Island male, 59, for DWI on Ditmars Street and City Island Avenue at 12:34 a.m. An officer observed the motorist disobeying a steady red light and, upon stopping the vehicle, found the driver to have a strong odor of alcohol emanating from his breath.

4/4 – On Schofield Street at 10 p.m., a female Islander reported an incident of stalking. The complainant told police that she saw two unknown males in a Honda Accord park next to her vehicle and place a GPS tracking device on her car. She fears for her safety and property.

4/5 – At 7 p.m. on Hawkins Street, an Island male (minor) was harassed by a female who approached him, started cursing at him and asking where his friend lived. Defendant followed the complainant until he got to his friend's house. Complainant was in fear for his safety.

4/5 – An assault occurred on City Island Avenue at 2:30 p.m. An off-Island female told police that a male gave her a bar of chocolate and did not tell her it had marijuana in it. Complainant became ill, and then defendant confessed to giving her edibles. Complainant went to Jacobi for further evaluation.

4/6 – On Bowne Street at 1 p.m., a male Islander reported an incident of grand larceny. The victim told police that money was removed from his online business account by an unknown person without permission or authority.

4/7 – An off-Island male, 31, was arrested on Bridge Street at 8:21 a.m. and charged with aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle. Defendant was observed operating a vehicle after a lawful car stop for disobeying a red light and was found to be driving with a suspended license.

4/9 – Police arrested an off-Island male, 33, on Cross Street at 5 a.m. and charged him with DWI. The arresting officer observed defendant intentionally driving on a public roadway apparently intoxicated.

4/12 – An incident of menacing was reported at 1 p.m. on City Island Avenue. An off-Island male got into a verbal dispute with a known suspect. The suspect pulled a black firearm out of his backpack, causing the victim to fear for his safety.

4/18 – On City Island Avenue at 1:30 p.m., an off-Island male was menaced by two unknown males while playing in the park. Complainant states that the perpetrators approached him and struck him in the face, then displayed a knife and threatened him verbally. There were no injuries.

4/25 – A female Islander was harassed on City Island Avenue at 7:35 a.m. Complainant states she got into a verbal dispute with an unknown defendant who was looking at her through the window. Complainant further states that the defendant threw soda at her.

4/30 – At 7:30 p.m. on City Island Avenue, a female driver told police that an unknown driver attempted to go around her and caused damage to her vehicle, then left the scene without providing any information.

5/11 – An incident of grand larceny was reported by a female Islander on Schofield Street at 9 a.m. Complainant had recently reported fraudulent activity on her debit card and requested a new card. She didn't receive it and went to a bank branch to get a new card. She checked her mobile app and saw a number of transactions that weren't hers. The bank told her it was done with the card she never received.

5/16 – On City Island Avenue at 9 a.m., an Island male was harassed by an unknown male while in a commercial establishment. The perpetrator approached him and stated "Why don't we step outside and I'll bash your face in?" causing the victim to fear for his safety.

5/20 – Police arrested an Island male, 60, on Centre Street at 2:58 p.m. and charged him with grand larceny auto. During an investigation of a stolen vehicle that was captured on video, police officers observed the defendant enter and remain seated behind the wheel of a Subaru Outback and drive the vehicle out of a supermarket on East Tremont Ave. without permission or authority to do so. Police officers later observed the defendant who matched the description on video footage and placed him in custody.

5/22 – At 7:35 p.m. on Pell Place, an Island female was harassed by an Island male. Complainant states that the defendant came to her door, and when she opened the door he said: "if you go near my mom again, I will kill you and your husband," causing complainant to fear for her safety.

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On May 14, 2022, the City Island Civic Association, the City Island Strong Coalition, and the NYC Department of Sanitation organized a community clean up beginning at Hawkins Park, with considerable help from 35 volunteers, Councilwoman Marjorie Velázquez and the Wildcats, and the Parks Department. Tree pits were cleaned, Ambrosini Field was planted with new shrubs, weeds were removed from many different locations and City Island Avenue was swept clean.

GRACE CHURCH WELCOMES NEW PASTOR

By KAREN NANI



Reverend Dr. Kevin John Moroney will be the new priest-in-charge at Grace Episcopal Church.

The vestry of Grace Episcopal Church announced that the Reverend Dr. Kevin John Moroney has been called as priest-in-charge of the oldest house of worship on City Island. Father Moroney will be the 25th spiritual leader of the church, which was founded in 1849.

The congregation looks forward to Fr. Moroney's first Sunday leading worship, which will fittingly be June 19, Father's Day, at 10 a.m. He and his family will take up residence in the Grace's historic rectory beginning in July.

Although Fr. Moroney has lived in New York since 2015, he had never heard of or visited City Island. Then, in a two-week period earlier this year, a friend of his mentioned the Island, and the following week he received a call from Canon Nora Smith of the Episcopal Diocese of New York telling him about the search for a new pastor at Grace Church.

"Your timing could not be better. My wife, Fumiko, and I took a ride to City Island, and we were completely charmed. It's a lovely village and church," he told Canon Smith. The search committee and vestry then met with Fr. Moroney in March and were impressed with his experience and enthusiasm for the position.

Born in New Jersey, the energetic priest has had a varied clerical career, both liturgically and geographically. After graduating from the University of Valley Forge in Pennsylvania, he received a Ph.D. in Liturgy from the Milltown Institute of Theology in Dublin, Ireland. As a Professor of Liturgics, he has taught at the Nashotah House Theological Seminary in Wisconsin, the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia and, most recently, at the General Theological Seminary on New York City's Upper West Side.

Fr. Moroney has also led several congregations as Associate Rector or Priest-in-Charge in Ireland, Pennsylvania and New Jersey. He is fluent in both Greek and Latin and has taught a range of students, from seventh-grade Sunday school to seminarians studying for the priesthood.

Bruce Weis, co-chair of Grace's search committee, considers finding Fr. Moroney evidence of "God's handiwork and continued blessings on Grace." After the retirement of Fr. John Covington in September 2021, the future of the small

parish was uncertain. Several options for clergy were being explored with the Diocese, but none were promising until the connection was made with Fr. Moroney. The timing was perfect as the priest, his wife and their children were looking to relocate out of Manhattan.

When he first visited Grace with his wife, who works at Mt. Sinai Hospital in Manhattan, Fr. Moroney was fascinated by the architecture and the history of the church, which was founded by Adele Bolton, who rowed across the Sound from Pelham to begin a congregation on the Island in the mid-1800s. Members of the search committee explained how the church was built by carpenters from the David Carll Shipyard and occupies a flat lot of land between Pilot and Marine Streets on the east side of City Island Avenue. Also on the property are the rectory (ca. 1860) and the parish hall (built in 1923).

When he met with the vestry, Fr. Moroney preached about "Jesus Calms the Storm" (Luke 8: 22-25) and realized how well the lesson relates to Grace, given the rear stained-glass window installed in 1968 in loving memory of long-time Rector, the Reverend Henry R. Coleman, and the obvious connection to City Island's nautical history.

The new priest also loves music and is an avid guitarist. His singing experience as a cantor with the Dublin cathedral choir for Evensong will be welcomed by Grace's choir and congregation. "When not singing in church, I am a huge Beatles fan," he told the vestry, noting that John Lennon was his favorite Beatle.

In addition to taking over the pastoral and liturgical duties of the parish, Fr. Moroney and his family look forward to becoming the newest members of the community in July. "I can't wait to ride my bike down City Island Avenue and have breakfast at the Diner! I never thought I would be so happy to be, what do you call it, a muscle puller?" Paul Nani, Grace's senior warden, politely corrected him and explained the title of mussel sucker. Fortunately for Grace Church, Fr. Moroney still agreed to become their newest priest-in-charge.

All are invited to the 10 a.m. service at Grace on June 19 to meet and welcome Fr. Moroney and his family to City Island. A special coffee hour will follow the service.



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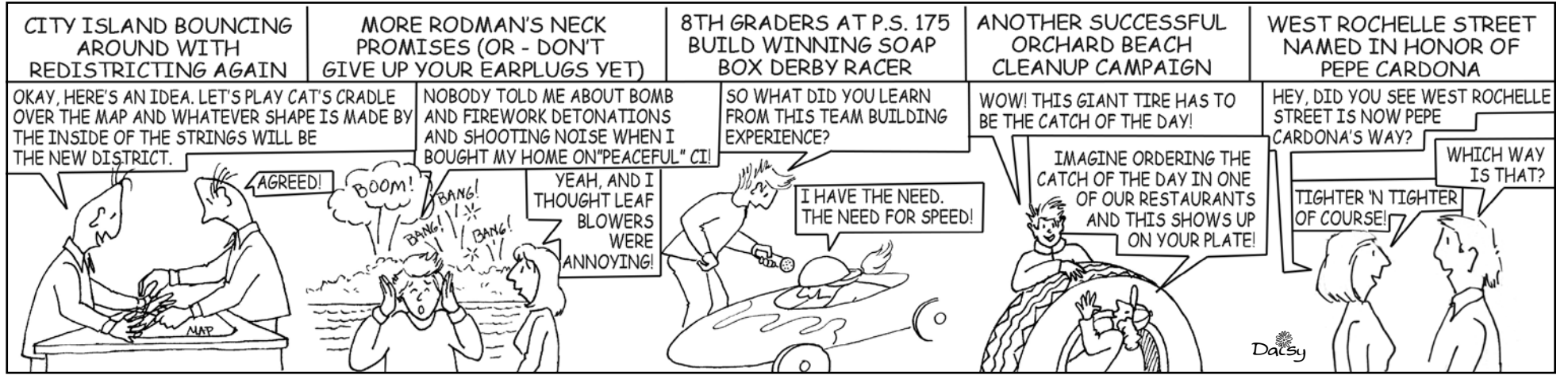
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P.S. 175 to Compete in International Soap Box Derby

By BARBARA DOLENSEK



Photo by KAREN HEIL

Eighth-grade students from P.S. 175 built this racing car and won a race in May that qualified them to participate in the international Soap Box Derby in Akron, Ohio, in July.

On Sunday, May 15, 2022, the eighth-grade class at P.S. 175 won a Soap Box Derby race in a car they had built themselves and will be going to the international Soap Box Derby in July. This is an annual competition that attracts enthusiasts from around the world to Akron, Ohio, for a week-long celebration of racing, but this is the first year that a Derby race was held in the Bronx.

The Derby's STEM-based Education Program uses the tools and values of Soap Box Derby racing to introduce Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) to students in an enjoyable, engaging way. Not only does this program provide students with hands-on opportunities to build skills, but it also provides the building blocks for practical skills that will help them in many facets of life.

Science teacher Karen Heil participated in a training program hosted by NYC School District 12 and arranged for the purchase of a car kit. The parts arrived in 2019, but the project was shut down by the Covid-19 pandemic, and it wasn't until March that the students could begin building their car, guided by Ms. Heil. Nine eighth-graders participated in the afterschool project, following step-by-step guidelines to build the car—a full-length super stock car that is propelled by gravity and can be steered by the driver. There is one brake that can be applied to the pavement by a foot pedal, which will create friction with the ground and cause the car to stop.

The students split the responsibilities and shared the task of screwing in bolts, wiring the brake pedal and fastening the steering column. They all followed directions, researched videos and built the car over the next month and a half, with occasional work stoppage caused by Covid. Finally, they were able to finish the car, paint it and try it out at the school during the last week before the competition in May. As Ms. Heil put it, "It was a bit of a challenge to get a true test for our drivers because we are 'hill challenged' on City Island. But we did manage to utilize a small ramp in school and students were able to get a short test run in prior to the competition."

The driver of the car, Mila Paljusaj,

drove the car to victory on May 15 and will represent P.S. 175 in July, competing against other drivers from around the world in this week-long event.

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Cruelty Free Cosmetics Act

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

Dear Community,

On Tuesday, May 10th, the New York State Senate passed my bill (S4839B) to prevent the sale of cosmetics tested on animals in the State of New York. The Cruelty Free Cosmetics Act will cover all manufacturers from importing for profit or sale in the state any cosmetics tested on animals, aligning New York law with eight other states that prohibit animal testing.

For decades consumers and activists alike have demanded that cosmetic companies stop using animals to test cosmetic products—almost 80 percent of American voters would favor a federal ban on cosmetic animal testing. Many companies responded to consumer demand by eliminating the use of animals for testing. However, multitudes of cosmetic companies subject rabbits, guinea pigs, rats, mice and dogs to horrifying and painful tests to determine whether chemicals in products can harm a fetus, cause allergic reactions, and if they are dangerous to inhale or ingest. Once animals undergo these tests, they are immediately discarded as though their lives have no value.

Animal testing raises serious concerns by subjecting animals to unnecessary pain and suffering and falling short of ensuring human safety with often misleading conclusions. While protecting the safety of humans by testing cosmetics is important and necessary, there is no reason that it has to be at an animal's expense. Modern, non-animal based cosmetic testing is far more accurate and follows guidelines established by the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) by using organisms like bacteria, tissues and cells from humans as well as sophisticated computer models or chemical methods.

To countless New Yorkers, animals serve as a member of the family providing them with unconditional love and support. No animal should ever face abuse or unsafe conditions—and this legislation makes it clear that New Yorkers will not tolerate their mistreatment. I extend my deepest gratitude to Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, and Assemblymember Linda Rosenthal for their partnership to move this bill forward.

With gratitude,

State Senator Alessandra Biaggi

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On Saturday, May 21, 2022, neighbors, including Councilwoman Marjorie Velázquez (above left) and PePe's wife, Maria, gathered to celebrate the naming of west Rochelle Street in honor of PePe Cardona (inset), lead of the musical group Alive 'N Kickin' and a longtime resident of City Island.



After a two-year hiatus, the City Island Garden Club luncheon was in full bloom on May 19, 2022, at the Harlem Yacht Club. Delighted board members are shown above (l. to r.): Francine Alheid, Boo Dennis, Melanie Benvenue, Linda Kyriakis, Ellen Murphy and Judy Judson. A special memorial to longtime board member Kathy Gibbons was on display (inset).

A Peek Into Bayview Glass

By KAREN NANI



Islander Maria Sipas (above, second from left) is the owner of Bayview Glass.

The following profile is part of our longtime advertiser series.

Broken windows or mirrors? These do not have to mean bad luck if you call Islander Maria Sipas and her team at Bayview Glass on Hawkins Street. In fact, you could say that as owner of a woman-owned business on City Island, Maria has already shattered (and repaired) the glass ceiling.

Maria became the owner of Bayview Glass (originally named A-Quality Glass) through a series of interesting events and business connections beginning with her mother. Maria was born in the Harlem section of Manhattan to Anthony and Florence Intano. She and her parents and two sisters, Judith and Susan, moved to City Island in 1957. Her father loved the idea of living on an island near the water after he visited family members who had rented summer cottages on City Island and friends like Mary Bruno who lived here. Maria attended St. Mary, Star of the Sea School and went on to graduate from Columbus High School and Lehman College.

Maria's mother, Florence, worked for Philip Glass & Shade Company in the Bronx on White Plains Road starting in 1965. In 1988, one of her mother's co-workers passed away, so Maria started working part time to help out with the bookkeeping and other aspects of the business. Maria was married at this point to Ginutis Sipas and had three children, Vytas, Anton and Ginutis, but she was able to work part time for Philip Glass while the boys were at school.

In 1990, Maria's mother passed away, so her part-time job became full time. In early 2000, her boss, the son of the original owner of Philip Glass, wanted to retire. Fortunately for Maria, another partner, Charles Drummond, asked her if she wanted to keep the business going with him. So they renamed the business A-Quality Glass and, in 2007, they moved to 104 Hawkins Street, the building that had previously housed Kroepke Controls. The property was then owned by Kurt Ebinger of KEE Electric, and he remains Maria's landlord. In 2020, after her partner Charlie became ill, she closed A-Quality Glass and renamed the company Bayview Glass under her ownership.

Maria explained her business to *The*

Current. "We are a window and glass maintenance company. We don't install windows, but we repair windows, shower doors, table tops, patio doors and other glass items for both commercial and residential customers." She oversees a team of five window glazers, three trucks and an office staff that includes Islanders Fran Francassi and Maria's daughter-in-law, April.

The business has continued successfully under Maria's leadership. "We have some contracts with New York City performing regular window maintenance for city-owned buildings and when there is a renovation," she explained. "Some of the companies that were clients of Philip Glass have stayed with us and recommend us to other building management companies."

The pandemic presented challenges to Bayview Glass, but they were able to keep operating at 50 percent, "since only one man was allowed in the buildings at a time during Covid." But she and her team are busy again with customers, both on and off City Island. "We were just working on shower doors and patio doors that had become foggy for some City Island residents."

Maria loves City Island and currently lives on Marine Street with her partner, Freddie Lando (her marriage to Ginutis ended after 24 years, but they remain "friendly"). "I signed the lease with Kurt and want to keep the business on Hawkins Street, so I can see my grandkids every day." Maria is one of more than a dozen women who own businesses on City Island, including her neighbors Calliope Rigos, owner of the Black Whale restaurant, Mary Colby of Fe Fi Faux Gallery, and Donna and Susan McGowan, owners of the City Island Diner and the Snug.

Maria believes in supporting other City Island businesses and organizations such as the Garden Club, the City Island Community Center and, of course, *The Island Current*. "I love the newspaper and have been advertising since 2007. I was good friends with Bobby Bruno, who used to work on *The Current*."

If you are near Hawkins Street, stop by and say hello to Maria and her staff. They are ready to help you see more clearly through any glass you might need repaired.

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ISLAND ARTIST AT THE BOTANICAL GARDEN

By BARBARA DOLENSEK



Photo by SAI MOKHTARI and the NYBG

A view of the table and benches in progress created by Island artist Reina Mia Brill, who participated in an exhibition at the New York Botanical Garden celebrating plant-based foods that will open on June 4.

A new exhibition celebrating the rich cultural history of food will open at the New York Botanical Garden on June 4, featuring tables placed throughout the garden that were designed by 30 artists who live or work in the Bronx. City Island is beautifully represented by Reina Mia Brill, whose table will be on view until Sept. 11.

Plants are the basis for such global dietary staples as rice, beans, squash, and corn and for regional flavors from spices,

peppers, greens, and tomatoes. These plants can be viewed throughout the 250-acre garden, along with the artist-designed tables, where visitors are invited to sit, share and learn about the significance of edible plants and the diversity of cultures and cuisines represented in the city. One may leave recorded video or audio messages or personal drawings, messages or recipes at the tables, which will be shared throughout the duration of the exhibition.

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!

- **June 3: Pride Button Making:** Make buttons using pictures of the Stonewall Marches and other historical LGBTQIA+ events, while learning about these events via recordings from the NYC Trans Oral History Project.

- **June 10: Show Your Colors:** Explore the history of the LGBTQIA+ pride flags, then design your own personal pride flag.

- **June 17: Juneteenth Button Making:** Make a button to celebrate Juneteenth, while learning about the holiday.

- **Dungeons & Dragons for Beginners:** Learn how to play the classic adventure role-playing game Dungeons & Dragons, along with making fantasy crafts to keep your imagination roaring all summer long. Friday, June 24, at 3 p.m.

- **Tween Movie:** Relax after the last day of school with a movie screening of Disney's Encanto. Monday, June 27, at 12 noon.

- **Make Waves:** Join us for creative challenges all summer—in writing, zine-making, photography, collaging and more. Take on a different challenge each week! Wednesday, June 29, at 3 p.m.

JUNE ADULT PROGRAMS

- **NEW! Introduction to Computers:** Join our introductory computer class, with a different subject being taught each week. Subjects will include Internet literacy, social media, video chatting and more. All work will be conducted on our library computers. No registration required. Call us for details on upcoming subjects. Thursday, June 16 and 30, at 11 a.m.

- **Spanish Café:** Online Spanish Conversation Hour: This program will provide a relaxed space for Spanish language students to practice their conversational skills by discussing art, film, culture and more exciting topics, as well as getting answers about the language itself. Coffee or tea encouraged! Wednesday, June 8 and 29, at 4 p.m.

- **City Island Book Club:** Every month a new title will be chosen and copies will be available for pickup on a first-come,

first-served basis. This program will also include "Meet the Collection" where titles will be presented related to a particular topic. Call us for details on what we're reading next. Monday, June 6 and 20, at 5 p.m.

- **Island Writers:** One of the City Island Library's most successful programs returns! This is a group for anyone interested in writing either professionally or personally. Regardless of your experience level, we're here to help one another in the journey of self-expression and creativity. All are welcome, so feel free to join in on the literary fun! Registration recommended. Every Tuesday at 1 p.m.

- **One-on-One Job Support:** Do you need help with your resumé, cover letter or job search? Our trained staff can help you write and format your resúmes and cover letters, conduct mock interviews and identify job search resources. No registration required. Wednesday, June 29, at 10 a.m.

- **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. Saturday, June 25, at 3 p.m., this program will be presented virtually with registration required.

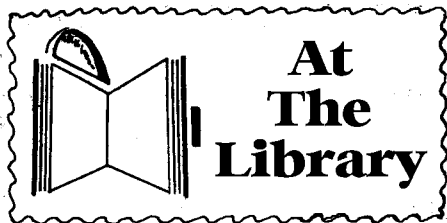
- **Poem Breakdown—Allen Ginsberg's "Howl":** Join in a discussion of one of the

most controversial and influential poems of the 20th century—"Howl" by Allen Ginsberg. This work laid the foundation for America's counter culture movement, demonizing American materialism, capitalism and mid-century McCarthyism while promoting the ability and the need to "transcend" through lived experience and gay liberation. This program is virtual; registration is required. Thursday, June 16 and 23, at 4 p.m.

For any or all programs listed, please go to <https://www.nypl.org/locations/city-island> or call 718-885-1703 for more details and to register.



Atlantic Emeritus Realty and Bob Carmody are celebrating their 32nd year as City Island's local community real estate office. During the Chamber of Commerce Arts and Crafts Fair on Saturday and Sunday, June 4 and 5, be sure to stop by 312 City Island Avenue and say hello. This will be Bob's first weekend back in his office after a long illness, and he hopes to see everyone!



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Family Storytime: This event will take place in person at City Island. Join us for a live program with songs, rhymes and favorite read-aloud books as we show you that story time is fun for the whole family. Ideal for caregivers with multiple-aged children. Online registration required. Limited to 15 children and caregivers per session. June 3, 7, 10, 14, 17, 21, 24 and 28 at 11 a.m.

Start with Art: Promote early literacy through art while getting creative! Young artists will explore colors, shapes and more while working on motor skills—and creating some fun crafts along the way. June 6, 20 and 27 at 11 a.m.

JUNE TEEN AND TWEEN PROGRAMS

After School Lounge: Get a head start on homework—with access to NYPL's internet, databases and more resources. Mondays at 3 p.m. when school is in session.

Twisted Stitches: A teen/tween knitting, crochet and needlework club! Bring your own project to work on in a calm, relaxed environment, or use our materials to learn a new skill. Thursdays at 3 p.m.

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HISTORIC HOUSES ON CITY ISLAND AVENUE

By BARBARA DOLENSEK



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The house at the southeast corner of Marine Street (photo above), has had many different roles to play in City Island history, from a Western Union Station to a community center to a restaurant to an office building for boat designer Henry Devereux. The house at the right has been a boarding house, an athletic facility, a museum and a private house.

Although the oldest known house on City Island was built in 1820 at the southern end of what was Main Street by George Washington Horton (see the February issue of *The Current*), a number of other very old houses on what is now City Island Avenue have equally interesting histories. Several of them were built during the middle of the 19th century close to the dock servicing the ferry that ran to the mainland until it was replaced in 1873 by the Island's first bridge, although only one of the houses appears to have survived until the present day.

According to an 1868 map of the town of Pelham, of which City Island was a part until 1895, there were eight houses facing west along Main Street just south of the ferry dock. Names are attached to seven of them. Moving from north to south, the owners appear to have been N.C. Bell, J. Cooper, C. Stringham, Mrs. C. Herring, P. Bowne, Charles Weaver and J.B. Horton. Nearly all of these names are familiar to City Island historians, and two of them—Charles Stringham and Nathan C. Bell—appear in the burial records of Pelham Cemetery, along with several of their relatives. And, of course, the names Horton and Bowne are immortalized as the names of streets on the Island.

At least two of the homeowners were known to have been oystermen or dealers in shellfish: J.B. Horton, a grandson of George Washington Horton, and Captain Nathan C. Bell, who was married to the widow of Orrin Fordham, the man who introduced artificial oyster reefs to Eastchester Bay. Bell was also the brother of Moses Bell, a famous potter who had a successful business on the west side of City Island between Marine and Pilot Streets. The Bowne family owned at least 90 acres

in northern City Island, and both Peter and Edward Cooper were involved in start-up businesses here, although they did not last long.

Only one of these houses is likely to have survived the building boom that took place after the construction of the first bridge from the mainland—the boarded-up white building at 604 City Island Avenue, just north of St. Mary, Star of the Sea Church. It is believed that this building is the one that the 1868 map assigns to J.B. Horton. Renovated during the 1980s, it remains empty and in the estate of its late owner Virginia Felix, probably not very different from its original appearance in 1868.

Unlike the small Horton house, there are two large buildings on City Island Avenue that deserve attention because of their incredible flexibility to play very different roles in the 125 years since they were built. We do not know exactly when the large house at 610 City Island Avenue, just north of the Horton house, was built, but its style and size indicate that it was probably constructed shortly after the first bridge was built. It was a private house then, as it is today, but for many years it was a handsome boarding house with several apartments.

In 1977, the house was purchased by Dr. Norbert Sander, the only New York City resident ever to win the New York marathon. He served on the board of the New York Road Runners along with Bob Glover, a popular running coach and author, and the two opened the Preventive and Sports Medicine Center at 610 City Island Avenue. They installed exercise equipment in the building, along with classrooms where people learned about nutrition and healthy lifestyles and where



local businesses were encouraged to send employees for treatment and exercise. Although they treated more than 1,000 patients for everything from “senior citizen fitness to cardiac rehabilitation, from psychiatry to physical therapy,” and received a great deal of national and local press, the business did not remain viable. The Center moved to East 84th Street in Manhattan, and Dr. Sander opened a private medical practice elsewhere on City Island, which he maintained until his death in 2017. He never lost his interest in running and was given many honors, especially for his role in bringing track and field to the Armory in Washington Heights.

In 1981, the house at 610 underwent a tremendous change, in both use and appearance. A former Navy Seal named Michael Sandlofer bought the building, as well as the old Horton house next door, and quickly transformed the facility into a museum for the North Wind Undersea Institute, which he had founded with the singer Richie Havens in 1979 in Nyack. Sandlofer used his reputation as an animal activist and savior to obtain many sizeable grants that he used to educate the public in marine life, especially in efforts such as saving whales, manatees and other wildlife.

The museum opened in the summer of 1981, featuring a scrimshaw collection, antique nautical instruments, whaling artifacts, shark jawbones, aquariums featuring rare blue lobsters and some sea turtles, and an exhibit showing how divers work beneath the sea. He even exhibited two harbor seals rescued from the Maine coast and presented many programs, especially those for children. By the late 1980s, the organization's reputation was tarnished by financial problems, and Mr. Sandlofer redirected his interests toward mustangs and moved to the West Coast. Everyone who lived on City Island at the time the museum was in operation, however, will never forget the whale on the top of the restored Horton house and the 100-year old Andre Guillet tugboat projecting from the building's façade.

Another house on City Island with many lives still stands today at the southeast corner of Marine Street and City Island Avenue. Benjamin Franklin Horton Jr. was probably the Horton brother who set up the Herald News, Weather & Telegraph station at 88 City Island Avenue. In addition to being a communications center, the building also offered provisions and served as a regular meeting place for oystermen, ship captains and crew in transit, boat

builders, and Hell Gate Pilots, whose job it was to guide ships down the East River to New York Harbor and back, through a treacherous passage of water where the East River meets the Harlem River. George Washington Horton Jr. himself was one of the first Hell Gate pilots, and his nephew James was a pilot for over 50 years.

George's cousin Stephen Decatur Horton Jr. set up an observatory in the telegraph station, which was operated by the Maritime Association of New York, Western Union, and the U.S. Signal Service and Weather Bureau. The building later served as a quarantine station for Dr. N. Horton, one of the health officers whose job it was to inspect the staff and passengers of each ship traveling to New York Harbor and to make sure that the cargo of each vessel was cleared for passage. On a busy summer day, as many as 25 ships would be lined up at City Island waiting to pass inspection, after which a Hell Gate pilot would be assigned to take it into New York.

After City Island became officially part of New York City and the Bronx in 1898, the building served as the Upper Bronx Community Center for several years, and in 1936 (after Prohibition), it became the Marine Restaurant. Eventually, however, the building was converted into apartments and offices, and one of its most distinguished residents was the renowned naval architect Henry M. Devereux, who designed many of the yachts for which the City Island is famous.

There are many other interesting buildings on City Island with complex histories, such as the Crab Shanty, which was once a livery stable, a silent movie theater called the Nickette, a campaign office for Governor Al Smith, who ran for U.S. President in 1928, and a U.S. Post Office. The movie theater went out of business when the Raymond Movie Theater was built further north along the Avenue; in the 1980s that theater went out of business and became a supermarket, first the IGA, then Scavello's and now Dominick's.

Across Tier Street from the Crab Shanty is a charming yellow house, but few Islanders know that it was in fact the first church on City Island, established by the Methodists, Episcopalians and Baptists in 1850. When the Episcopal priest left to care for a parish in the south, he was not allowed back in, so his family, the Boltons of Pelham, established Grace Church on the corner of Pilot Street, and eventually the Methodists built their own church on Bay Street. No one knows what happened to the Baptists, but if any readers of this column have information, please share it!



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St. Mary's Thrift Shop

The thrift shop is open on Thursdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please note: The shop will be closed temporarily on June 2 and June 4, reopening on June 9 with our end-of-the-season bag sale.

Hope to see you soon.

Arlene Byrne

City Island Civic Association

A special thank you to everyone who participated in our Island-wide cleanup, "ShipShape22," on Saturday, May 14, an event proposed by Second Vice President Bill Clancy, who supervised the operation. About 35 volunteers worked hard along City Island Avenue, raking, weeding and cleaning the gutters. We are grateful to Marjorie Velázquez for attending and arranging to have the hard-working Wildcats help with the clean-up. Cathy Cepek arranged for the Department of Sanitation, and a special note of thanks to Steve Caruso and his DSNY team who came all the way from Staten Island. Barbara Dolensek arranged for the Parks Department to provide plants, mulch, compost and a lot of heavy lifting. We are also grateful to Dino Esposito for contributing plants that will be displayed by the store owners who agreed to water them, and to Louise Del Giudice for donating bottles of water.

Concern was expressed at the April meeting about the number of abandoned boats on the shorelines near City Island. The Parks Department lacks funding for their removal, and the Army Corps of Engineers removes only boats that are hazardous to navigation. Cathy Cepek will follow up with Parks.

An invitation has been extended to the owner/operator of North Minneford Yacht Club to attend the May meeting. It is important to know its plans so that the summer will be enjoyable, safe and secure on the water for their members as well as for the residents of City Island.

The Unity and Solutions Committee continues to work with Trinity Church Food Pantry. Pantry items may be dropped off on the porch at 113 Bay Street; checks payable to Trinity Church may be left in the mailbox on the porch.

Donna Jolly's project "Joys and Woes—an Ode to the Pandemic" was held on Saturday, May 21, at the Community Center, but there will be other opportunities to contribute to this project, and all four houses of worship and local organizations are welcome to participate.

Barbara Dolensek reported that she had been interviewed by Bronx 12 about the potential ferry from City Island, and members agreed this is probably not going to happen, at least not in the foreseeable future because of costs, the relatively low number of those who will use it and the lack of a suitable ferry dock. In connection with the new train station in Co-op City, Bill Clancy said that he will lobby for access for City Islanders in the now-empty section of the park near the entrance to I-95.

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 P.O. Box 117, Bronx NY 10464 or by PayPal to city.island.civic@gmail.com. Remember to use the "friends and

family" option so a service charge is not deducted.

Jane Protzman

City Island Oyster Reef

CIOR received an All In Neighborhood Grant from the Citizens Committee for NYC, and this will support the City Island Living Shoreline project behind P.S. 175. The grant will enable CIOR to purchase gardening tools and equipment that are necessary for volunteers to remove debris, weeds and invasive plants. They will also make it possible to perform simple landscaping in the upland areas as well as to plant indigenous species.

The New York Restoration Project sent its expert team to help us cut back most of the worst invasive plants at the end of May, and CIOR volunteers followed up by bagging the invasive species. Boy Scout Peter Hickey will be doing his Eagle Scout Project with his fellow Scouts by cleaning up the living shoreline.

Peter Linderoth, director of Water Quality for Save the Sound, offered a training to CIOR volunteers who are involved in monitoring water-quality parameters at selected sites around City Island. This is part of a larger project to survey and select the best areas for oyster reef restoration in our local waters, which has been funded by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation.

CIOR's next webinar is scheduled for Wednesday, June 22, at 7 p.m. on the *History of Oystering in New York* with Chris Pickrell, Marine Program Director of the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Suffolk County, and Barbara Dolensek, vice president of the City Island Historical Society and Nautical Museum administrator. The presentation begins with the oystering activities of indigenous residents, followed by the successful oystering industry on City Island in the 19th century, and ends with the lawsuits filed against the City Island "oyster pirates."

CIOR volunteer activities in June are as follows: water-quality monitoring on Saturday, June 11 and 25, from 7 to 9 a.m.; dive surveys with Mike Carew on June 6, 13, 20 and 27 at 9 a.m. E-mail Mike Carew if you want join a dive survey at mike@captainmikesdiving.com.

CIOR's Malcolm Campbell Summer Movie Series kicks off on Saturday, June 4, at 7 p.m. at 89 Horton Street, with "Mamma Mia!"

To get involved with CIOR or to get more information, reach out to cityislandoysterreef@gmail.com!

Sally Connolly

American Legion Post 156

Our next meeting is Sunday, June 5, at 12 noon. We will conduct the re-opening of nominations for Post officers, followed by elections. Dues (\$55 for 2022) are past due. In July you will start to receive notices for payment of dues for 2023. Please drop your dues 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. Members receive a discount on all hall rentals. Please call our Activities Vice Commander Joe Goonan at 917-825-9576 for availability.

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. We also have "Pull Tabs," a variety of games of chance, and these games are open to all. The proceeds help fund projects around the Post.

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

Here are the dates of upcoming events:

The Bronx County Convention will take place on Friday June 3, at 7 p.m. at Samuel Young Post 620, 1530 Hutchinson Parkway East in the Bronx.

June 6: D-Day

June 14: Flag Day, U.S. Army Birthday

June 19: Happy Father's Day

June 26: Blessing of the Fleet at Barron's Boatyard, 350 Fordham Place. This event is proudly hosted by City Island Sail & Power Squadron VHF Ch71. Participation is on the water ONLY for this multi-denominational blessing.

All future meetings/events will be posted as soon as possible. Please visit our website at Leonardhhawkspost156.com for the latest information. The Post can be e-mailed at Leonardhhawkspost156@gmail.com.

Have a great summer and we will look forward to resuming activities in September for the 2023 year.

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

Peter C. Del-Debbio

Sons of the American Legion

The SAL is always proud to be in support of our veterans. We had very productive months in April and May, when we were in support of many programs in the community and helping veterans at all times.

Now that June is here, we have a lot to celebrate. We are happy to say that our annual Memorial Day Parade was held on Monday, May 30, at 2 p.m. It is great news that we are able to showcase our Legion and have our parade to honor those who died in battle. We at the Legion are all very excited.

We will be hosting the SAL golf outing on June 2 at 12 noon at the Pelham Golf Course. The price is \$160 per golfer, which includes a 12 BBQ round of golf with a cart and an after-golf dinner back at the Post. Anyone interested in helping is welcome to stop by the Post and offer assistance. We are asking for people to sponsor a hole for \$100 or make a contribution of any kind. Any business can reach out with any amount that we will accept as a prize. If you just want to attend the dinner at the Post, the price is \$45.

We will be hosting a party for the Belmont Stakes on June 11. Stop by the Post to get details.

Don't forget to fly your flags on June 14 in honor of Flag Day.

We will soon be announcing an SAL BBQ to be held during the summer. July starts the

new year for the SAL season, and your dues of \$30 can be paid for the year 2023 any time after July 1.

I would like to thank the community for all its support, and we thank the Legion family for always being involved in community projects.

Tom Vivolo

Quilters by the Sea QOV

QBTS-QOV awarded two Quilts of Valor in May, both to off-Island veterans. We are the primary official downstate QOVF group, so we willingly travel within the region to award Quilts of Valor to nominated veterans. One quilt was wrapped around a U.S. Army Vietnam-era veteran who served on the DMZ in Korea. The other was awarded to a female U.S. Army veteran who enlisted in response to the 9/11 jihadist attack and served in Afghanistan.

Upcoming awards are planned for Island veterans and two Long Island veterans. On Saturday, June 4, we will have a fundraising table at the Arts & Crafts Fair. Stop by to see our display of Quilts of Valor and buy raffle chances for some great prizes.

Harlan Sexton

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, June 3, from 4 to 5 p.m. All are invited to attend this special period of prayer.

On Fathers' Day, Sunday, June 19, we will honor all our fathers with a special blessing at all the Masses.

Religious Education Program: We are grateful to all our Religious Education staff and parents for helping us to complete a successful year during these difficult times. Registration information for the 2022-2023 Religious Education year will be e-mailed to all parents as soon as it is available. Have a blessed summer and we look forward to seeing you all in September.

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

Happy summer, City Islanders! As we enter the month of June and the end of the school year, the board of the City Island Community Center is preparing for a fun, safe and healthy summer.

Some programs we are planning include a Narcan training with the NYC Department of Health & Mental Hygiene. This training educates community members about naloxone, a safe medication that can reverse a potential opioid overdose and save a life. NYC provides this course free of charge so that our community will be prepared should we need to respond to an incident during the summer months when City Island is at its busiest.

We are also proud to offer a new gentle Yoga & Meditation class. Classes in June will be held on Sunday, June 19, from 7:45 to 8:45 a.m.; on Tuesday, June 21, from 7 to 8 p.m., and Thursday, June 16 and 30 from 7 to 8 p.m. Bring your own mat and any props you may want to use. Space is limited so advance registration is necessary; to register, text Angela Taylor at 914-484-2527 or e-mail angeladerecastaylor@gmail.com. Cost is \$16 per session; payments accepted via Zelle or Venmo: Zelle 9144842527 or Venmo Angela-Taylor-501. Please join us for some healthy stress relief and exercise.

Here is our Summer 2002 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 from 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.

Yoga & Meditation: See above.

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 her at 917-601-5514.

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

Happy Summer,

Melissa Cebollero

AARP Chapter 318

Our June luncheon will be on June 8 at the Lobster House. Our next meeting will be on June 9 at 1 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church Hall.

Future meetings will be on the second Thursday of the month. No meetings during July and August. See you in September.

Carroll A. Reid

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

Temple Beth-El

Temple Beth-El (TBE), "your shul by the sea," 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. During this Covid-19 period, most of our offerings are on Zoom only; however, some are taking place at shul, with a Zoom option. You do not need a Zoom account to participate. If you are new to Zoom, there are helpful tutorials online for registering a new free Zoom account. To participate in any of our offerings please e-mail yourshulbythesea@gmail.com, and identify which you would like to attend.

To members we offer Torah study, mystical teachings, ethics study, social gatherings and rabbinic office hours. We also offer meditation, yoga and Feldenkrais classes, suitable for all persons, ages, body types and experience levels. Pre-registration is required. Suggested freewill offering \$10 per session. All classes and services begin promptly, so sign in 10 to 15 minutes early. A schedule can be found on our website, www.yourshulbythesea.org. We look forward to seeing you.

The following events are scheduled for June 2022:

Friday, June 3, 7:30 p.m. Special community Kabbalat Shabbat with Rabbi David and the Band by the Sea, honoring the Adult B'not Mitzvah Class of 2022. Oneg to follow (Friday Zoom room). Digital option available.

Saturday, June 4, 10 a.m. Midrash and Morality with Rabbi David (online only; Saturday Zoom room)

Saturday, June 4, 8 p.m. Havdalah and Erev Shavuot with TBE's Rabbi David and Congregation Beth Israel of the Berkshires (Rabbi Rachel Barenblat) (online only; Saturday Zoom room)

Sunday, June 5, 11 a.m. Shavuot and B'not Mitzvah of Shari Berkowitz, Judie Eisenberg, Marcia Salter and Helen Werner. Morris Yacht Club, with brunch to follow. All participants must register online at yourshulbythesea.org; brunch \$36 payable at registration. Digital option available for service (Sunday Zoom room)

Friday, June 10, 7:30 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat with Shari Berkowitz (online only; Friday Zoom room)

Saturday, June 11, 10 a.m. Midrash and Morality with Rabbi David (online only; Saturday Zoom room)

Saturday, June 11, 7:30 p.m. Lights and Flicks (Havdalah and Movie) (online only; Saturday Zoom room)

Friday, June 17, 7:30 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat with Stu Goldstein and Leslie Lichtman-Berland (online only; Friday Zoom room)

Saturday, June 18, 10 a.m. Midrash and Morality with Rabbi David (online only; Saturday Zoom room)

Tuesday, June 21, 7 p.m. Annual Membership Meeting. Entire community encouraged to attend. Refreshments will be served.

Friday, June 24, 7:30 p.m. Pride Shabbat with Rabbi David and the Band by the Sea. Honoring LGBT Pride Month. Oneg to follow. Digital option available (Friday Zoom room)

Saturday, June 25, 10 a.m. Midrash and Morality with Rabbi David (online only; Saturday Zoom room)

Saturday, June 25, 7:30 p.m. Lights and Flicks (Havdalah and Movie) (online only; Saturday Zoom room)

Sunday, June 26, 11 a.m. Community Event: Antisemitism and Cyber-Bullying with Michael Cohen (Simon Wiesenthal Center). Co-sponsored by City Island Civic Association. Refreshments to be served. Please RSVP to yourshulbythesea@gmail.com. Digital option available (Sunday Zoom room).

Ongoing Activities:

Chesed Committee: If you need a helping hand, a caring call, a ride to the doctor, etc., please 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 &

family in prayer for healing. If you feel called to join this group, please e-mail us at yourshulbythesea@gmail.com.

Our newsletter has returned to a monthly schedule; if you would like to be on our mailing list, please e-mail us. For additional information and membership opportunities, check out our website, www.yourshulbythesea.org.

The entire TBE community offers prayers and best wishes to all during these unprecedented times.

Stu Goldstein

PSS City Island Center

PSS City Island Center, located at the Grace Church parish hall on City Island Avenue and Pilot Street, is fully open, 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 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 June Events

A new six-week, self-directed walking program began in May. Please call for more details and to register.

Wednesday, June 8, 1 to 2 p.m.: Dementia Communication Essentials for Caregiving (also on PSS Life! University)

Thursday, June 16: Elder Abuse Awareness Day and Father's Day celebration during lunch

Bi-weekly videoconferencing on Health Topics with Weill Cornell, St. John's, LIU and DFTA.

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—new class starts June 20)

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 (June 7, 14, 21 and 28)

Wednesday

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

10:15 a.m.: Arthritis Class with Patty (remote or join at center to watch on TV)

1 p.m.: Gardening Exchange

1:15 p.m.: NEW!! Evelyn's Loving Needles Crotchet and Knitting Class

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 staff and college students

11 a.m.: Blood Pressure Testing

11:30 a.m.: Brain Games

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

Transportation: Transportation is available daily for shopping trips. Please call

Alex at 347-834-6466 for the June 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!

Stay safe and healthy.

Susan Rosendahl-Masella

Garden Club of City Island

The Garden Club held its May meeting in person at the City Island Yacht Club. This was a business meeting as we are busy putting together our projects, including our annual fund-raiser luncheon, which was held on May 19 at the Harlem Yacht Club. After a two-year hiatus, we were thrilled to be back, and the luncheon was very festive. Many, many thanks to our local businesses who generously donated gift certificates for our raffle and to Garden Club members who created beautiful gift baskets that were raffled off at the luncheon.

The pansies we planted in our containers are doing well, but as the weather gets hotter, they will fade, so we are in the process of ordering summer flowers to replace the pansies. They will be installed around the first week of June. Thanks to all of you who have donated to our Beautification Fund, which supports our beautification projects. Future donations may be sent to Garden Club of City Island, P.O. Box 43, Bronx, NY 10464.

In June, Garden Club members will be visiting Maria Mangione's beautiful garden. 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, June 6, at 10 a.m. at the City Island Yacht Club.

Judy Judson

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. Please join us for the service starting at 10 a.m.

Grace Church will be offering up delicious baked goods at our booth at the City Island Spring Arts and Crafts Fair from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 4. Along with our homemade cookies, pies, breads, cupcakes and glutenies, we'll also feature sugar-free and gluten-free goodies to satisfy everyone's palate.

Bible Reading over Coffee & 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 right after church service around 11 a.m. The readings are held on the second Sunday of the month. Our next reading will be held on June 12.

Sunday School: Members of the Church School are preparing for the Father's Day Youth Service on June 19. 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.

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A Selected Filmography of William Hurt

One of my all-time favorite actors was William Hurt, who died recently at the age of 71. He had an acting career that spanned 40 years, with his best performances found in his first decade on the silver screen. He was nominated for three consecutive Best Actor Academy Awards, for **Kiss of the Spider Woman** (1985), **Children of a Lesser God** (1986) and **Broadcast News** (1987), and he won for the first of the three. Hurt earned a fourth Academy Award nomination for his supporting performance in David Cronenberg's crime thriller **A History of Violence** (2005). I credit him as an inspiration for my movie-going addiction.

Hurt made his screen debut in **Altered States** (1980) as Professor Eddie Jessup, a respected Harvard scientist and psychology professor seeking the key to unlocking different states of consciousness. He decides to combine his experiments in sensory deprivation tanks with powerful hallucinogenic drugs, assisted by two like-minded researchers, Arthur Rosenberg (Bob Balaban) and Mason Parrish (Charles Haid). Blair Brown appears as Jessup's wife, Emily, who keeps him from completely going off the rails as his outrageous and dangerous experiments take their toll.

One of my favorite of Hurt's films is **Body Heat** (1981). Beginning with the opening strains of John Barry's wonderfully steamy music, this film is a masterpiece of classical imagery and mood, reminiscent of the film noir genre of the 1940s. Hurt plays sleazy lawyer Ned Racine, who is seduced by sex-crazed Mattie Walker (Kathleen Turner). They eventually plot against her husband, who is played by Richard Crenna, a businessman who is "willing to do whatever is necessary." Pre-"Cheers" Ted Danson steals every scene as a D.A. whose hobby is dancing. There is a fascinating plot twist that I never saw coming.

The Big Chill (1983) is the story of old college friends who reunite after many years after the suicide of one of their group. (Kevin Costner, cast in that role, was cut from the film.) The group gathers at the home of Sara (Glenn Close), a physician, and her husband, Harold (Kevin Kline), a wealthy businessman who owns a chain of stores that sells running shoes. Among the visitors are Sam (Tom Berenger) a TV action adventure star; Karen (JoBeth Williams), an unhappy housewife infatuated with Sam; Nick (William Hurt), a Vietnam vet drug dealer; Michael (Jeff Goldblum), a writer for People Magazine; Meg (Mary Kay Place), a single corporate lawyer who is desperate to have a child; and the deceased's simple-minded very young girlfriend, Chloe (Meg Tilly). This witty film explores the group's disillusionment over their lost college ideals with a delightful soundtrack filled with 1960s music.

Hurt earned a Best Actor Oscar for his performance in **Kiss of the Spider Woman** (1985) as Molina, a homosexual imprisoned in a cell in Brazil. His macho cellmate is leftist revolutionary Valentin (Raul Julia). The two very different men warily confront each other. In an attempt to comfort Valentin and distract him from the harsh realities of political imprisonment and separation from his lover, Marta (Sonia Braga), Molina passes the time by recounting memories from one of his favorite films, a wartime romantic thriller. Ultimately, an unlikely friendship develops between the two.

In **Children of a Lesser God** (1986), when James Leeds (William Hurt) starts his new job as an instructor at a New England school for the deaf, he meets Sarah Norman (Marlee Matlin), a young deaf woman who works at the school as a member of the custodial staff. A romance slowly develops between the pair in spite of Sarah's withdrawn emotional state caused in part to her difficult relationship with her mother (Piper Laurie). Matlin, who is deaf in real life, won

the Academy Award for Best Actress for this, her first film role. Although the Oscar awarded for 2021's best picture, screenplay and supporting actor win for CODA (Children of Deaf Adults) has raised awareness of problems faced by the hearing impaired and their families, this film started that process 36 years ago.

Broadcast News (1987) is an intelligent satire of American television news. Jane Craig (Holly Hunter) is highly strung news producer who finds herself strangely attracted to Tom Grunick (Hurt), a handsome, charismatic but intellectually limited anchorman, even though she loathes everything he personifies. To make matters worse, her best friend, Aaron Altman (Albert Brooks), a talented writer but unimpressive news reporter, is secretly in love with her.

The Accidental Tourist (1988) stars Hurt as Macon Leary, a middle-aged travel writer whose life and marriage have been shattered by the tragic death of his son. After his wife, Sarah (Kathleen Turner), moves out, a freak accident puts him on crutches, so he goes to stay with his eccentric siblings, Rose (Amy Wright), Porter (David Ogden Stiers) and Charles (Ed Begley Jr.) at their family home. There Macon meets the energetic Muriel (Geena Davis in her best supporting actress Oscar-winning role), a dog trainer with a young son, with whom he begins a healing friendship. Bill Pullman is on hand as Rose's suitor, Julian.

The Doctor (1991) is movie based on the real life story of Ed Rosenbaum, MD, who wrote an autobiography entitled "A Taste of My Own Medicine." Brilliant surgeon Jack McKee (Hurt) is emotionally disconnected from his wife, Anne (Christine Lahti); his son, Nicky (Charlie Korsmo); and the people he operates on. After Jack develops a life-threatening tumor, he sees life from a patient's perspective. He experiences the daily frustrations of dealing with a very flawed medical care system and develops a friendship with a fellow patient, June (Elizabeth Perkins). He begins to realize the necessity of showing kindness in his life and vows to treat his family and patients with more compassion if he survives. Mandy Patinkin appears as Jack's slimy surgeon partner Dr. Murray Kaplan, and Adam Arkin is the compassionate otolaryngologist Dr. Eli Bloomfield. It is interesting to note that three years later Patinkin, Arkin and Lahti appeared together in the television series Chicago Hope.

Second Best (1994) stars Hurt as Graham Holt, a reclusive Welsh postal worker who lives with his terminally ill father. Graham has reached the age of 42 without ever having grown very close to anyone. Aware that he will soon be alone, Graham decides to adopt a son, but because he's a single man, he is told that he will only be offered one of the most troubled children available. He soon begins a visitation period with an anxious disturbed 10-year-old boy named James (Chris Cleary Miles), whose mother committed suicide and whose father (Keith Allen) is serving time in jail. Graham fears that James loves his

biological father too much to give Graham a chance, but through believable sensitivity and deliberation, the walls that separate them start to crumble.

A History of Violence (2005) stars Viggo Mortensen as Tom Stall, the owner of a small-town diner who is thrust into the spotlight after confronting two robbers in self-defense, thus changing the lives of his family forever. The news coverage attracts the attention of a threatening stranger named Carl Fogarty (Ed Harris) who comes to town claiming that Tom is a long-missing Philadelphia mobster, which Tom vehemently denies. To the horror of his wife, Edie (Maria Bello), and teenage son, Jack (Ashton Holmes), Tom is forced to confront his violent past. With only eight minutes of screen time, Hurt won a Best Supporting Actor Oscar as Tom's brother.

Too Big to Fail (2011) is a riveting TV movie that chronicles the 2008 financial meltdown in America, focusing on the actions of U.S. Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson (Hurt), Chairman of the Federal Reserve System Ben Bernanke (Paul Giamatti), and banker-economist Timothy Geithner (Billy Crudup) to contain it. The film is a meticulously crafted account of the months in 2008 when not only America's economy but that of the whole world was on the brink of an apocalyptic collapse. Hurt is especially effective as Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson, the central figure here. Although we know how it turned out, the story is surprisingly tense and gripping.

When the Space Shuttle Challenger blew up in 1986, it was the most shocking event in the history of American spaceflight. The deaths of seven astronauts, including the first teacher in space, Christa McAuliffe, were watched live on television by millions of viewers. The film **The Challenger Disaster** (2013) stars Hurt as Dr. Richard Feynman, a physics professor who is asked to sit on the Presidential Commission to determine what caused the accident. Initially reluctant to get involved, he is encouraged by his wife, Gwen (Joanne Whalley), to participate. Upon arriving in Washington he quickly realizes that Chairman William Rogers (Brian Dennehy) wants to protect NASA and may not be seeking the real truth about what happened. A five-day delay in beginning the proceedings gives Feynman the opportunity to visit various NASA production facilities on his own to determine the cause of the accident by trying to interview hesitant and frightened NASA employees. Feynman's only ally on the commission, General Donald J. Kutyna (Bruce Greenwood), attempts to leak information to Feynman because he has a secret source within NASA who knows what really happened. In Feynman's final report, he says, "for a successful technology, reality must take precedence over public relations, for nature cannot be fooled." The film closes with a montage of several key members in the film and their contributions.

Hurt will be missed. And until next time, happy viewing...

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In The Garden

By MARY COLBY



Photo by MARY COLBY

Etoile de Holland, Star of Holland bush

Roses for June

Once upon a time, there was a woman who lived on City Island who was a great rose collector. Her roses were perfectly grown, and her collection had many rare varieties, along with many choice perennials. Suddenly one day, she decided to move and put her entire garden up for sale. When I found out, I called a few friends and they were quick enough to snap up some truly lovely things.

Years later I got a call from a friend on Buckley Street who asked me to come and see what her rose had done. I was amazed at how it had grown up almost to the top of her cherry tree. Luscious red and perfectly healthy was this rose of roses. It is called the Star of Holland. Although it flowers only once, it is the anticipation that makes its arrival even more beautiful.

A Westerland rose was planted on Carroll Street. Up and over the house it went, creating a fairy tale effect. Its apricot hue is the perfect complementary color to the blue of the house. My prize was Bobby

James, big enough to cover a porch entrance. I struggle to tie in its waving arms, which grow long and elegant. I think that if I let it go it would take over the front yard. She gave me a beautiful rose called the gift; it blooms every year with dainty small white flowers.

Thanks to these gifts, this woman, whom I have dubbed Ms. Rose, continues in her way to live in perpetuity on City Island. Unfortunately, the house that she lived in was sold this year, and down came the great rose, along with its metal arbors. Fortunately, I made some cuttings by bending and pinning a stem underground to root. You can use hanger wire bent into a hairpin shape for this, and after one year, it will be well rooted. This practice is called layering, and it can also be done with clematis, ivy or any plant whose stem is long enough to reach the ground. Here it is June, and my Star of Holland is about to bloom. All thanks to my friend who had the foresight to nab it that day long ago, and also to the hairpin that secured the cutting.

People have gone crazy for the new knockout roses, whose name, unfortunately, is so offensive. (One does not want to think of boxing gloves and bloody noses when smelling a rose!) The flower shapes are not really special, and there is no scent, but they bloom throughout the season with no deadheading. The new yellow and cream ones are lovely and single, and they blend well with a natural garden. David Austin's roses, by comparison, are shapeless, cupped, fragrant and repeat blooming. You can see them all at the Rockefeller Rose Garden at the New York Botanical Garden. Order the catalogue; it is an eye-catcher.

You can visit Mary, in her studio-gallery at 276 City Island Avenue, on Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. She is available for consultation, garden plans and installation. Call 917-804-4509.



Photos by SALLY CONNOLLY and RICK DeWITT

The 12th annual Beach Clean-Up and Clambake at Orchard Beach hosted by City Island Oyster Reef was held on May 22, 2022. Beachcombers and divers led by Mike Carew cleaned up trash at the beach and in the Sound, including two huge tires (top photo).

Celebrating Juneteenth with Our Families

By JOHN SCARDINA, Certified School Psychologist

Juneteenth—short for June 19th—is now a federal holiday marking the day when Northern troops arrived in Galveston, TX, in 1865 to take control of the state and to make sure that all enslaved people would be freed. The troops' arrival came a full two and a half years after the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation. Juneteenth honors the end to slavery in the United States and is considered the longest-running African American holiday. On June 17, 2021, it officially became a federal holiday.

Good civics education for children includes an honest and accurate telling of our nation's story. Slavery played a major role in the economic development of our national wealth, yet it was an unconscionable violation of human rights and dignity for all involved, the slaveholder and the enslaved person alike. Like the Fourth of July, Juneteenth celebrates an independence day. Despite the fact that the Declaration of Independence states that "all men are created equal," the reality was that white/male/

landed individuals were the beneficiaries of our nation's fight for independence. Juneteenth now allowed everyone to be free, even though Jim Crow laws and the lack of a women's right to vote persisted into the 20th century.

How can we celebrate this holiday with our children?

- Learn the full history. Although June 19, 1865, marks Juneteenth, the end of slavery was not so clear cut.
- Celebrate: Wear red clothes and eat red foods (like red velvet cake and watermelon and barbecued meats), because red signifies sacrifice and transition.
- Support Black-owned businesses and help close the racially segregated gap in family wealth.
- Acknowledge and spread the word: This is a holiday meant to honor transition and a step in the right direction for our nation.

• Donate to supportive organizations: The American Civil Liberties Union, the Audre Lorde Project, the Bail Project and the Black Journalists Therapy Relief Fund are a few to consider.

• Attend Juneteenth events: Check out the Second Annual Juneteenth Family Day in Pelham Bay Park. This year June 19 is also Father's Day, so there is a lot to celebrate!

Democracy thrives when there is an informed electorate and an honest sense of the past, present and future of a nation. The highest form of patriotism, for me, is to strive to make our country ever better "with liberty and justice for all."

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Theresa F. Gross

Theresa (Terry) F. Gross, who grew up on City Island, died peacefully on May 3, 2022, in Silver Spring, MD, at the age of 99.

She was born in New York City on May 11, 1922, to Michael and Augusta Lassandro and spent most of her childhood on City Island, with her two siblings, Carole and Thomas. She worked at Ratsey and Laphorn sailmakers after graduating from high school.

Terry met the love of her life, Charley Gross, when they were working at Ratsey's. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in April 1943, and they were married at Grace Episcopal Church after the war on Aug. 7, 1948. They moved from City Island to Cobleskill, NY, where Charley was in college, and then to Burlington, VT, where they had their daughter, Amy. The family then moved to Kingston, RI, and welcomed their first son, Kenneth; their second son, Timothy, was born after they moved to Bellefonte, PA. Eventually the couple moved to an assisted living facility in Silver Springs, MD, to be near their children and their families.

During the 1970s, Terry worked as a supervisor at Jostens Yearbook Company and was one of the first two employees they hired. She was an avid reader and spent hours in libraries, bookstores and flea markets, volunteering for many years at the annual book sale held on the Penn State campus. She and Charley enjoyed attending concerts and plays and spending summer vacations at the Outer Banks in North Carolina with their family. She will be remembered as a sweet, warm, caring person who had delightful stories to share and the gift of making everyone around her feel special.

Terry was predeceased by her husband, who passed away in March 2021, and her sister, Island resident Carole Sullivan. She is survived by her three children and their families: Amy and Lester; Ken and Leah and Tim and Kim, as well as several grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and several family members who still live on City Island. A private service was held at the Centre County Memorial Park in State College, PA.

Frank Giacobelli

A celebration of Frank Giacobelli's life will take place on Wednesday, June 15, at 11 a.m. at St. Mary, Star of the Sea Church. Please RSVP to FJGcelebrationoflife@gmail.com if you plan on attending. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Frank's memory may be made to Save the Sound at <https://www.savethesound.org/> donate. An obituary will appear in the July-August issue of *The Current*.

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- An individual receives notices of unemployment benefits for which they did not apply.
 - An individual receives a Notice CP 01E, Employment Identity Theft.
 - An individual receives a Form W-2 or 1099 from a corporation or employer from whom they did not receive the income reported, and they have not received a notice or letter from the IRS questioning them about that income.
 - A taxpayer can't e-file because a dependent's SSN or ITIN was already used by someone known to the taxpayer but is not the parent or legal guardian, and the taxpayer did not provide permission for that person to claim the dependent.
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HH = hours; MM = minutes

Tide chart by Tom Smith

JUNE 2022										
DAY	TIME	HEIGHT	TIME	HEIGHT	TIME	HEIGHT	TIME	HEIGHT	DAY	
	HH:MM	FEET	HH:MM	FEET	HH:MM	FEET	HH:MM	FEET		
01	Wed	0112	7.70	0758	0.31	1354	6.93	1922	1.05	Wed 01
02	Thu	0132	7.60	0815	0.54	1416	6.88	1954	1.16	Thu 02
03	Fri	0201	7.54	0834	0.70	1442	6.90	2033	1.26	Fri 03
04	Sat	0238	7.46	0908	0.81	1517	6.95	2118	1.35	Sat 04
05	Sun	0321	7.36	0949	0.89	1559	7.03	2206	1.39	Sun 05
06	Mon	0408	7.24	1035	0.94	1646	7.13	2259	1.36	Mon 06
07	Tue	0500	7.11	1124	0.94	1737	7.28	2355	1.23	Tue 07
08	Wed	0556	7.01	1217	0.87	1831	7.49			Wed 08
09	Thu	0056	0.99	0655	6.97	1312	0.74	1926	7.75	Thu 09
10	Fri	0201	0.64	0756	7.00	1408	0.56	2020	8.05	Fri 10
11	Sat	0307	0.23	0856	7.10	1505	0.36	2115	8.35	Sat 11
12	Sun	0411	-0.18	0955	7.24	1602	0.17	2209	8.60	Sun 12
13	Mon	0511	-0.54	1053	7.37	1700	0.03	2303	8.76	Mon 13
14	Tue	0609	-0.77	1149	7.48	1758	-0.02	2357	8.79	Tue 14
15	Wed	0706	-0.86	1247	7.55	1858	0.02			Wed 15
16	Thu	0053	8.68	0803	-0.80	1347	7.56	2001	0.14	Thu 16
17	Fri	0153	8.43	0902	-0.63	1450	7.54	2110	0.29	Fri 17
18	Sat	0258	8.09	1001	-0.37	1558	7.52	2220	0.43	Sat 18
19	Sun	0413	7.73	1102	-0.10	1705	7.53	2330	0.49	Sun 19
20	Mon	0529	7.45	1203	0.14	1810	7.59			Mon 20
21	Tue	0036	0.47	0638	7.27	1302	0.33	1910	7.69	Tue 21
22	Wed	0138	0.36	0740	7.16	1359	0.45	2006	7.79	Wed 22
23	Thu	0236	0.21	0837	7.11	1453	0.53	2059	7.89	Thu 23
24	Fri	0331	0.07	0930	7.10	1543	0.59	2148	7.95	Fri 24
25	Sat	0421	-0.03	1019	7.10	1630	0.66	2235	7.97	Sat 25
26	Sun	0508	-0.06	1105	7.10	1713	0.74	2318	7.95	Sun 26
27	Mon	0551	-0.02	1148	7.09	1752	0.85	2357	7.88	Mon 27
28	Tue	0630	0.09	1228	7.08	1824	0.97			Tue 28
29	Wed	0031	7.79	0706	0.25	1304	7.06	1846	1.06	Wed 29
30	Thu	0053	7.70	0734	0.41	1332	7.05	1904	1.09	Thu 30
JULY 2022										
01	Fri	0109	7.67	0750	0.52	1348	7.08	1933	1.06	Fri 01
02	Sat	0136	7.67	0809	0.55	1411	7.19	2011	1.02	Sat 02
03	Sun	0212	7.66	0840	0.54	1444	7.33	2053	0.98	Sun 03
04	Mon	0252	7.60	0918	0.54	1524	7.47	2139	0.95	Mon 04



Congratulations to Mike Rauh and daughter Beth Rota for completing the 10K Caesars Sportsbook Crescent City Classic in New Orleans on April 16, 2022. Mike finished in 1:14:47, Beth in 1:36:40. Temperatures in the 80s with humidity in the 90s made it a tough run.



ROW, ROW, ROW YOUR BOAT

If you live by the water of Eastchester Bay, you have probably noticed the crew teams practicing in the early mornings recently. They have some very passionate coaches out there on the water, and you know what they say about voices on calm waters. . . . As far as we can tell, there are two separate organizations hard at work in the wee hours of the morn, although sometimes it seems like a lot more. The first one that we can be sure about is our own City Island Rowing Club, which calls Bridge Marina home. The other team is from Fordham University.

The crew team tradition at Fordham University dates back to 1915, a tradition that lives on today under the expert guidance of Coach Ted Bonanno. Over the years, Bonanno's Fordham crews of young men and women have won 17 national championships, including a Division 1 National Collegiate Championship, the I.R.A. Regatta, eleven at the Dad Vail Regatta and three at the ECAC National Collegiate Invitational Regatta. Just this past April, the women's team won the 2022 Metropolitan team title at the Spring Metropolitan Championships, a competition that was held at Orchard Beach. They followed that up in May with an impressive fourth-place finish overall at the Atlantic 10 Rowing Championships, a

competition that takes place on the Cooper River in South Jersey.

The young ladies of the City Island Rowing Club self-established in 2014. Literally! They built some of the docks themselves, so they could launch the rowboats they paid for with their own money. Since they are an incorporated club, their team is community-based as opposed to school-based. That is why it is open to anyone who lives in the metropolitan area. Guy Monseair, the Executive Director who answers to a board of directors, also happens to be the head coach. He is ably assisted by Abbie Young and Maddy Dinse, who were teammates at Yale University.

The team has competed all over the country, including stops in Saratoga, Sarasota and San Diego. They have even made it as far as St. Catherine's, Ontario. If this sounds interesting to you, maybe not for you but someone you know, then you should know that registration is open for the summer season. There are three options: a full summer of rowing beginning on June 20 and ending on Aug. 19; a summer development program that begins on June 27 and ends on July 23; and a Race Camp Henley program, which includes participation in the Royal Canadian Henley Regatta. There is even an opportunity for private lessons. For more information, send an e-mail to cityisland-rowing@gmail.com.

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June 2022

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MAY L 6:14A H 12:11P L 6:17P	MAY H 12:18A L 6:54A H 12:50P L 6:48P	MAY H 12:50A L 7:29A H 1:25P L 7:06P	H 1:12A L 7:58A H 1:54P L 7:22P	H 1:32A L 8:15A H 2:16P L 7:54P	H 2:01A L 8:34A H 2:42P L 8:33P	H 2:38A L 9:08A H 3:17P L 9:18P
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Tide Calendar

July 2022

Island Current

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
L = Low Tide H = High Tide	Tide Calendar by Tom Smith		SUMMER!			
H 2:12A L 8:40A H 2:44P L 8:53P	H 2:52A L 9:18A H 3:24P L 9:39P	H 3:38A L 10:01A H 4:09P L 10:28P	H 4:27A L 10:48A H 4:58P L 11:22P	H 5:21A L 11:38A H 5:51P	L 12:21A H 6:20A L 12:33P H 6:47P	L 1:27A H 7:23A L 1:31P H 7:47P
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Island Current

August 2022

Tide Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
JULY H 1:12A L 7:40A H 1:38P L 7:49P	H 1:46A L 8:11A H 2:12P L 8:28P	H 2:26A L 8:48A H 2:51P L 9:12P	H 3:10A L 9:30A H 3:35P L 10:00P	H 3:59A L 10:16A H 4:24P L 10:53P	H 4:53A L 11:06A H 5:18P L 11:53P	H 5:52A L 12:02P H 6:18P
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Tide Calendar

September 2022

Island Current

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Flag bearers from the Leonard Hawkins Post 156 of the American Legion kicked off the 2022 Memorial Day at Grace Episcopal Church on May 29, when Fr. Pellaton offered a remembrance of Islanders who had died in past wars. The Memorial Day parade up City Island Avenue the following day included sailors from the USS *Bataan*, a Marine platoon from Camp Lejeune, the New York Metro Pipe Band, Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, Borough President Vanessa Gibson, Assemblyman Michael Benedetto and Councilwoman Marjorie Velázquez. Legion commander Pete Del-Debbio and Chaplain Dave Carman led the tributes and were joined by Sons of the American Legion, the Legion Auxiliary, the City Island Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts, and the City Island Little League, among other marchers, who were glad to see the full parade return after scaled-back versions during the pandemic.



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Ralph and Vanessa Comulada, the grandchildren of Islander Johanna Paciullo, graduated from high school in May 2022.

Congratulations and good luck to both of my grandchildren: Kayla Fusco on graduating from Maria Regina High School and accepting a scholarship to Iona College, and Joseph Penny on graduating from St. Francis Xavier Grammar School and accepting a scholarship to Fordham Prep High School. Way to go! Love, (Proud) Grandma Penny.

Belated happy 57th anniversary to Minneford Avenue's Eleanor Ann and Joe Goonan on April 24.

Island Current birthday wishes to staffers Ginger Dannegger and Rose Kolb, who celebrate on June 4, and to Margaret Lenz and Karen Nani on June 7.

Best wishes for continued success to Travis Prohaska, who graduated from Salesian High School and is headed to New Haven University in the fall. Your family is very proud of you!

Congrats to Susannah Strazzera, who has recently retired after working 19 years as a horticulturist at Wave Hill in Riverdale. For the last 10 of those years, she focused much of her time growing and displaying plants in the T.H Everett Alpine House, which is being honored this summer with the Frank Cabot Garden Award.

Happy June birthdays to Judy Rauh and her brother, John Wright. John will

celebrate his 80th birthday in his Arizona hometown of 17 years.

Many thanks and congratulations to Caroline Coppola, who served as music director for Grace Episcopal Church from 2011 to 2022. Caroline is moving on to new beginnings in her role as funeral director at Wilkinson-Beane Funeral Home in New Hampshire! May God bless and keep her in the palm of His hand.

Happy birthday on June 23 to the Sailmaker's John Iovieno, with love from the Swieciki and Iovieno families.

Congratulations to our granddaughters Emma Rose Danile, who is graduating on June 5 from Darien High School, and to Allison Grace Kratzer, who is graduating from Notre Dame Academy High School and will continue her education at Ohio University. We are so proud of you!

Birthday wishes on June 22 to our son John Ulmer. Enjoy your special day!

God bless little Nathan Maldonado, who was baptized at St. Mary, Star of the Sea on May 15. Nathan's proud family are the owners of Sea Breeze Deli.

Best wishes for a lifetime of happiness to Caitlin Stiene and Lance Forese, who tied the knot on April 22. The wedding was held at St. Mary, Star of the Sea and performed by Deacon Bill Mueller, who had baptized Caitlin many years before. A reception was held at the Glen Island Harbor Club. Proud parents are JoAnn and Robert Forese and Barbara and John Stiene of Pell Place.

Happy birthday on June 29 to Marine Street's Ann Butterworth, with love from your family and friends.

Congratulations to Jason Jawski and his beautiful bride, Maryanne Magnotta, who were married on May 14 at the Villa Barone Hilltop Manor in Mahopac. Happy parents are Gerard and Rosa Mag-



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Travis Prohaska graduated from Salesian High School in May 2022.

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Caroline Coppola (far right) served as Music Director for Grace Episcopal Church from 2011 to 2022 before retiring in May.

notta and City Island's Patti and Michael Jawski. A honeymoon in St. Lucia is planned.

Birthday wishes go out to Minneford Avenue's Debra Erickson, who celebrates her big day on June 19, with lots and lots of love from Mom, Elzie and Ken.

Happy birthday on June 1 to Tier Street's Marion Rosenfeld, with love from Piper!!!

And a very happy Father's Day on June 19 to all our dads, grandpas and great-grandpas! Enjoy!

Maria Swieciki

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