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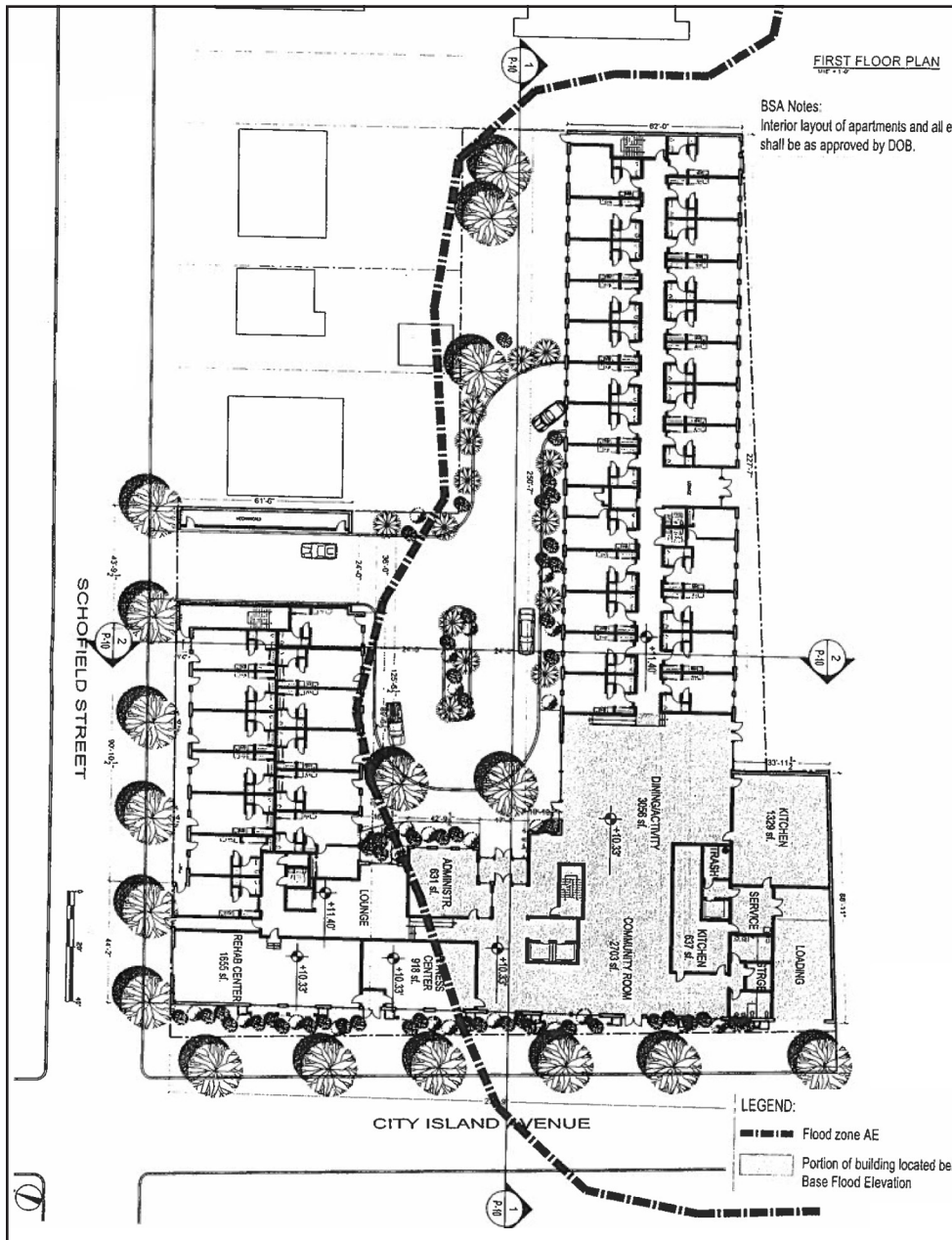
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CIVIC PREPARES FOR BSA

By KAREN NANI



Layout of first floor of the proposed senior residence showing flood zone (indicated by dotted line).

About 50 Islanders attended an informal meeting of the City Island Civic Association at Trinity Methodist Church hall on Saturday, Oct. 21, which was called to discuss issues involved in the proposed construction of a large assisted-living facility on City Island Avenue at Schofield Street.

Plans for the proposed building were shown to those in attendance, and questions regarding the problems that Island residents have with the project were asked and answered. The site selected by Dr. Domenico Mignone of the Italian Hospital Society is zoned manufacturing, but instead of seeking a zoning change through the Department of City Planning, he is asking the Board of Standards and Appeals (BSA) to grant him two variances to allow him to build a residential property. The BSA, a board appointed by the mayor, is said to grant about 97 percent of the cases that come before it, so City Islanders who oppose the project have an uphill fight ahead.

There are several reasons why Islanders dislike the project, but the only one that matters to the BSA is the fact that the density of the structure, which is four stories high and a block long, is out of character with the City Island Special District Zoning laws that were put in place in 1977. In 1975, according to *The Island Current*, the Commissioner of City Planning addressed

the Civic Association and proposed this special zoning in order to enable the Island to preserve its historic low-rise character. One of the regulations involved a restriction on building height, which the Commissioner noted should be "three stories or 35 feet, whichever is lower." Dr. Mignone plans to keep the height of his building to 35 feet but he insists on four rather than three stories. He also wants to build the structure in a flood zone and to include 214 units, which is far denser than any other structure on the Island.

Dr. Mignone is also asking for a variance to build part of the first floor a foot below grade in order to keep the 35-foot limit, but since the project would be in a flood zone, this is not allowed in the NYC building code.

Because the BSA might want to grant the variances in order to develop an under-used lot, Islanders in attendance were asked for their ideas as to what kind of facility would be welcome there. Virginia Gallagher proposed a large community building that would include a theater, art gallery and other spaces for Island residents. Others felt that a more economically viable project such as a "boutique" hotel or a smaller and more attractive residence for seniors, complete with parking spaces available for the public, would be welcome.

However, the developer has not agreed

to reduce the number of floors or units, and if he obtains the variances he seeks, he could build any sort of large residential structure unless the BSA is prepared to restrict the variance in some way. At this time, he does not even own the property but has a contract to buy it, presumably after he gets the variances he seeks.

In order to raise enough money to hire a lawyer with experience in dealing with BSA, the Civic is asking Island residents to donate toward the legal fund, SONE (Save Our Natural Environment), and many have come forward with generous donations.

At the Oct. 21 meeting, the idea of a fund-raiser was proposed, and talented Islanders, including David Fletcher, magician, and Freddie Lando, singer, immediately offered their services to entertain guests. Others offered to make or bring food and to contribute to a silent auction, and within a few minutes, a fund-raising event was born. The date selected is Saturday, Dec. 1, from 5 to 8 p.m. probably in Trinity Methodist Church hall. For more information, call 718-885-0507.

Animals Found Darted with Blowguns in Pelham Bay Park

By JACK ROTHMAN

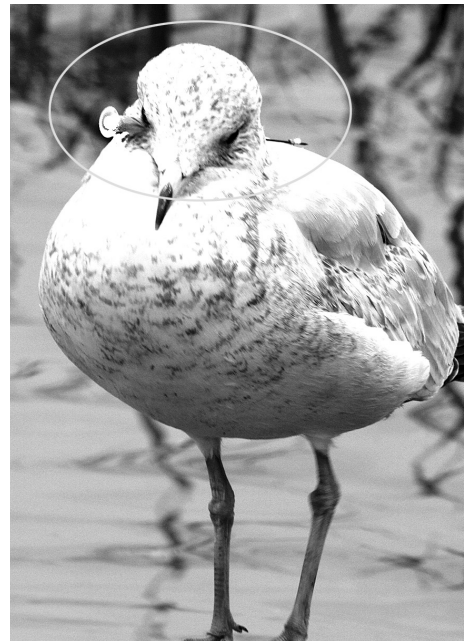


Photo by JOSEPH MORALES and GEOFFREY CROFT

Patrol officers found nine dead or injured squirrels, geese and other birds in Pelham Bay Park in recent weeks. The ring-billed gull and Canadian goose shown above were shot with darts from a blow gun, prompting calls for legislation to ban the sale of toy blowguns in New York City.

During a bird walk that I led on Sunday, Oct. 14, my group came upon a ring-billed gull that had a spike or nail protruding from its neck. At first we thought that this long spike had become embedded in the bird accidentally, but as the gull turned its head, we saw that the spike had pierced through its head. We also noticed a plastic fixture just below its eye and realized that the bird had been shot deliberately.

The bird was mobile, and although it was fairly close to us, it moved toward the water as we approached. We tried to tempt it with seed, but the bird did not respond. Although we talked about using a coat to try to trap the bird, we soon realized that this was not a viable option.

As we continued walking, Marianne Anderson, the administrator of Pelham Bay Park, came by to greet us. We told her what we had found, and it was then we learned that several other animals had been purposefully darted in the Orchard Beach parking lot as well.

Since that day, there have been several news reports describing the assault on the animals in the parking lot. So far parks patrol officers have found nine dead or injured squirrels, geese and other birds in Pelham Bay Park, apparently shot with blowguns. Blowguns, which are considered toys, are legal and readily available for sale

in New York City.

Council Member Jimmy Vacca plans to introduce legislation to ban these guns in New York City. He said: "Toy guns are banned in New York City, and these blowguns must be done away with, too. They serve no productive purpose, especially when they are used illegally and unacceptably to kill and maim animals. I ask anyone with information about these animal attacks to please come forward, and I implore the merchants in Orchard Beach to stop selling these blowguns immediately."

Paul Trapani, Lieutenant of Special Operations for the 45th Precinct, commented: "I plan to address the blowgun issue while doing additional patrols through Pelham Bay Park. I will work with members of the Parks Department to address any "hunters" or people who possess these weapons. I'm currently reviewing with the legal department any current laws that the Police Department may enforce, while we compile a list of places where blowguns are sold. Once the legislation becomes law we will be prepared to enforce the sale of these items. To date, there have been no intelligence gathered or incidents where people were stopped with blowguns by members of the 45th precinct this year."

Other disturbing news in the park

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BRIEFLY...

CLOTHING AND COAT DRIVE, sponsored by the Bronx Masons, will take place on Saturday, Nov. 17, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the City Island Masonic Temple, 241 City Island Avenue. Please donate only winter clothes and, if possible, separate clothing for men, women and children into separate bags for quicker distribution. Donations will go to POTS (Part of the Solution) and to Sister Thomas and the South Bronx Community she serves.

BLOOD DRIVE, held by the Bronx Masons, will take place on Tuesday, Nov. 13, from 3:30 to 7:45 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church, 113 Bay Street at City Island Avenue. Almost anyone between the ages of 17 and 75, weighing a minimum of 110 pounds and in good general health, can be a blood donor. Photo or signature ID and Social Security Number are required at the time of donation.

PELHAM BAY PARK TALK AT NAUTICAL MUSEUM: On Sunday, Nov. 18, Marianne Anderson, administrator of Pelham Bay Park, will give a talk at the Nautical Museum, 190 Fordham Street, at 2 p.m. She will talk about many aspects of the park—the largest in New York City—from a history of Orchard Beach to a description of its ecology to the future of Pelham landfill. She will also answer questions about the tree projects in the park, Turtle Cove and other recent developments in the park. Refreshments will be served. Come one, come all (and plan to do a bit of Christmas shopping at the museum gift shop, which is featuring special lighthouse coasters and magnets).

P. S. 175 ELECTION DAY BAKE SALE FUND-RAISER: Tuesday, Nov. 6, from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Fun, food, prizes, baked goods. Join us for the raffles donated to the P.T.A by business owners and families of City Island. Make your vote count and help the school at the same time! Call Susan Goonan at 718-649-9258 if you would like to donate a gift or baked goods.

“THE MAN WHO CAME TO DINNER” is the new City Island Theater Group production, a classic comedy by George F. Kaufman and Moss Hart. The play will run two weekends at Grace Church Hall, 116 City Island Avenue, at Pilot Street. Performances will be Friday, Nov. 9 and 16, and Saturday, Nov. 10 and 17, at 8 p.m., with matinees on Sunday, Nov. 11 and 18, at 3 p.m. Valet parking is available for all performances at Sammy’s Lot #3 just south of the Chinese restaurant on City Island Avenue. For reservations, please call 718-885-3066 or e-mail tickets@cityislandtheatergroup.com.

HOLIDAY FOOD PREP FEST: At Grace Church’s Friday Night Fellowship event on Nov. 30, at 7 p.m., local chef and former Next Food Network Star contestant Michael Proietti will demonstrate how to prepare some holiday appetizers and a yule log for dessert. Please attend and plan to have some great new stuff on your holiday table!

45 BLOTTER

Complaints reported from City Island to the 45th Precinct during the September and October 2012. Unfounded complaints are not included in the list.

- 1 – AGGRAVATED HARASSMENT
- 2 – ASSAULT
- 2 – CRIMINAL POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA
- 1 – ROBBERY
- 1 – CRIMINAL MISCHIEF
- 2 – PETIT LARCENY

Police provided details on the following incidents and arrests for the period from Sept. 21 to Oct. 21, 2012.

9/25 – At 6 p.m. on Cross Street, two Island females, 36 and 45, were arrested and charged with assault. An argument between two neighbors erupted into a physical fight resulting in injuries.

9/27 – Two Island males, 17 and 18, were arrested at 1:50 p.m. on Hawkins Street and charged with criminal possession of marijuana. The defendants were observed by police smoking a lighted marijuana cigarette in plain view.

9/28 – At 6 p.m. on City Island Avenue,

a complainant retrieved his valet-parked vehicle from a restaurant parking lot. He discovered that property had been removed from the vehicle without permission. Police are investigating the incident of petit larceny.

10/1 – Detectives from the 45th Precinct are investigating an assault on Tier Street at 11:45 p.m. During a verbal dispute, the perpetrator struck the victim in the face.

10/4 – An Island male, 24, was arrested and charged with robbery on City Island Avenue at 4:55 a.m. A complainant working at the location observed the perpetrator removing something from the shelf. The complainant followed the perpetrator and told him to pay for the item. The perpetrator allegedly turned and punched the complainant.

10/8 – At 12:30 a.m. on City Island Avenue, an employee of a commercial establishment allegedly removed \$100 from the cash register without permission. An off-Island female, 27, was arrested and charged with petit larceny.


10/16 – An incident of aggravated harassment was reported at 2 p.m. on City Island Avenue. The complainant states that a suspect repeatedly made threatening phone calls. The complainant told police that he feared for himself and the safety of his family.

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A Kaleidoscope of Honorees at Chamber Dinner

By BARBARA DOLENSEK

On Nov. 17, the City Island Chamber of Commerce will hold its 102nd Annual Awards Dinner Dance at the Pelham / Split Rock Golf Course club house.

The first honor, the Catherine Scott Award, will be given to the firefighters of the City Island Engine Co. 70 and Ladder Co. 53. Before City Island became part of New York City in 1898, three volunteer fire companies protected the island, which was divided into four sub-districts, according to the late Alice Payne, author of "City Island: Tales of the Clam Diggers." In 1893 the companies acquired a steamer called "Minneford" and had a fund-raiser in order to build a firehouse. In 1898, however, New York City stepped in and bought the site at 169 Schofield Street, erecting a wooden firehouse. Engine Company 70 was a horse-drawn steam fire engine that had both a hose wagon and a ladder apparatus. In 1928, the ladder apparatus was organized as a separate company, Engine Company 53, where the firehouse still stands, and in 1940 the present brick building was built. As of 1898, there were 79 volunteer firefighters, but now City Island is proud to boast a smaller but far more professional crew.

The Sam Bierman Award will be presented to Paul Klein, who is vice president of the Chamber and owner of the Kaleidoscope Gallery and president of Temple Beth-El. Paul Klein has lived, with his partner Bill Rainford, on City Island for the past 18 years. He moved to New York from Baltimore after graduating from the University of Maryland in 1979. His degree in business and background as a jeweler landed him a job with jewelry designer David Yurman, and after two years he joined Finlay Fine Jewelry to be a gold jewelry and pearl buyer for over 600 stores. During his 10 years with Finlay, Paul and a friend went into a retail business, Exotiqua, in Greenwich Village selling artifacts and craft items from around the world that he gathered in travels to over 30 countries. The third Exotiqua opened on City Island in 1998 and lasted for 12 years in the location of his newest enterprise, a cooperative called Kaleidoscope Gallery, where the gallery shares space with various artists and craftspeople.

Paul is passionate about community, and this is reflected in his many projects. He has been involved with Temple Beth-El of City Island for the past 10+ years and is responsible for creating the Temple's signature logo sailboat Star of David as a piece of jewelry. Over the years he has made nearly 100 pieces ranging from tie bars, money clips, key chains, pendants and rings. Paul has worked with the City Island Chamber of Commerce as vice president, coordinating two arts and crafts fairs each year, the Halloween parade, the annual Christmas tree lighting, the first concierge tour a few years ago and the Bronx Seaside Trolley. Through his efforts City Island was placed on the subway maps, and most recently he has helped to develop the conceptual marketing of this region of the Bronx as the C.I.A. (City Island Area).

The Community Service Award will be given to John Doyle, Corresponding Secretary for the City Island Civic Association. John was born in Pelham Bay as a third-generation Bronxite and has been a lifelong resident of the borough. In 1991 his parents moved their family to City Island, where John attended P. S. 175. He later went to Fordham Prep and Le Moyne College, a small Jesuit school in Syracuse, New York, where he graduated in 2007 with a dual major in history and political science. It was during his time at Le Moyne when John first got involved in local affairs and political campaigns, and after graduating, John applied for a job with State Senator Jeffrey D. Klein. Since that time, he has worked on many different initiatives for the Senator and is now his Director of Community Affairs. In this role, John has made it a priority to familiarize himself with the needs and concerns of all of the communities of the 34th District, and he works diligently with the Senator to help solve some of our difficult problems. He continues to be impressed everyday by the many community activists

who labor each day, on a volunteer basis, to make our region a better and safer place to live.

In addition to his role on the Senator's staff, John is active not only with the Civic Association but also with the Ancient Order of the Hibernians, Bronx County Division 3.

Maria Swieciki will be honored with the Tom Cerreta Award for her contributions to the community as a columnist for *The Island Current* and for her volunteer work at P. S. 175. She was born Maria Iovieno in Manhattan but grew up in Pelham Bay, where she attended Catholic schools. She earned a BA at Hunter College in Communications. In 1985 Maria and her husband, Bob, moved to City Island soon after they were married and settled into an apartment on Bowne Street.

A year later, Maria had her first child, Stephen, who was followed soon by son Bobby and then her daughter, "little" Maria. In the midst of raising her family, Maria also became a familiar face at Pilot Cove every day when she visited her mother, who had been recently widowed. Once Maria's three children were in school, she returned to the workforce as a real estate agent working for Bob Carmody at Atlantic Emeritus Realty, where she has been a licensed agent for the past 17 years. Maria has been an active member of the City Island community for more than 27 years in various capacities. She joined the staff of *The Island Current* in 1987 as "The Talebearer," has volunteered at P.S. 175 for over 15 years, and has pitched in whenever or wherever a helping hand was needed. She is an active participant in Italian-American clubs and enjoys photography, cooking and her puggles, Abby and Shea.

A special award this year is going to State Senator Jeff Klein, who has devoted the past eight years toward improving life for all New Yorkers. A lifelong resident of the northeast Bronx and educated in Bronx public schools, Klein holds a BA from Queens College, an MPA from Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs and a JD from the City University of New York Law School, where he was also a member of the law review. First elected to the New York State Senate in 2004, he was appointed Deputy Majority Leader in 2009, he has built a reputation as an effective and trusted public servant who protects the vulnerable, fights injustice, promotes equality and defends individual rights. He has sponsored numerous laws that directly impact the health, welfare and prosperity of the citizens of his district and the millions of residents of New York State. In January 2011, he joined the Independent Democratic Conference to advocate for commonsense solutions to the problems facing New York and work hard to restore the public's trust in its public officials. The group's agenda focuses on job creation, a property tax cap, real and immediate relief for local school districts and municipalities, women's reproductive rights, ethics reform in Albany, independent redistricting, MTA tax reform and Medicaid reform. He is a member of the New York regional board of the Anti-Defamation League and a partner at the law firm of Klein, Calderoni & Santucci. He lives in Morris Park.

Three new businesses on City Island were granted "New Business Awards": Dragons Path Academy, the Fire House Corner Deli and Trellis Fine Florals for Events.

Master Edwin Castro, or "Sensei Eddie,"

Animals Darted

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includes the deliberate destruction of 15 large pin oaks in the South Meadow, next to the famous "Granny Oak." These pin oaks were girdled, a process whereby a large strip of bark is removed from the tree's circumference, which inhibits water and nutrients from moving up and down the sap layer, invariably killing the tree.

Pelham Bay Park is the largest park in NYC, yet it ranks fourth in the number of enforcement officers, so everyone who uses the park is asked to note and report any incidents that involve harm to either animals or plants there.



Photo by RICK DeWITT

Several organizations and noteworthy individuals will be honored at the upcoming Chamber of Commerce annual dinner dance on Nov. 17 at Pelham Split Rock Golf Course, including (above, l. to r.) Paul Klein, Maria Swieciki and John Doyle. Reservations are still available by calling 718-885-9100.

as many call him, began teaching classes in the martial arts on City Island at the Community Center in January of 2009. Encouraged by the response he received, he opened Dragons Path Academy in September 2011 in order to reach more children with what he believes is a very positive message. He began his studies in 1978 with Master Reno Morales in the art of Japanese shotokan at the West Farms Center in the Bronx. After the center closed, he trained on his own, studying different styles, including Hung Gar Kung Fu and boxing. In 1994 he joined the International Tae Kwon Do Federation in Manhattan, and several years later, at the rank of black belt, he became interested in the ITF. He went on to teach Tae Kwon Do for two years at the Bronx House Community Center, and in 2005 he opened North East Martial Arts Training Academy. In October 2005 Eddie was honored with the 3rd Degree Black Belt in the ITF system. He is also interested in other martial arts, such as Korean Hapkido, in which he holds a 3rd Degree Black Belt. He has created his own system by combining both Taekwondo and Hapkido, which he calls Taekido. He has taught martial arts to children and adults for the last 20 years and has trained numerous champions.

Nicholas Vrettos is a clam digger, like his mother before him, and has been an active member of the community for many years. As a young boy, he had many jobs, starting with a Kool Aid stand in front of his house. Later he sold Christmas trees, wooden plaques and paintings with his grandfather, Easter plants as a Boy Scout, and he pumped gas at the Sunoco station. He was also an altar boy and in his spare time had a newspaper route. As he grew older, he worked as several restaurants and as a launch operator at the yacht clubs. He even worked for Virginia Gallagher at Pilot Cove for Community Board 10's Summer Youth Employment program. When Nick was at St. Raymond High




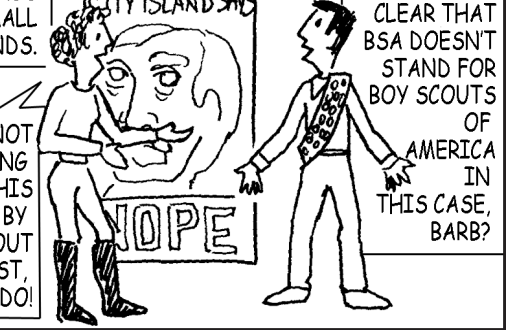
School, he worked at Yankee Stadium and served as an auxiliary police officer in the 45th Precinct. He earned his BA at Iona College in criminal justice and went on to work with the Parks Department as an urban park ranger. He then worked for the Sanitation Department and later the Fire Department. While he was at the FDNY, he opened an auto body shop on City Island, and his latest venture is the Fire House Corner Deli. His partner is Yousef Saad, who worked at Moe's Deli and then at Consolidated Yacht Yard, where Nick met him. Yousef's dream had been to run his own deli, which with Nick's help became a reality in October 2011.

Alexandra Whitcombe, proprietor of Trellis Fine Florals and Events, began her love affair with plants and flowers when she read the book "The Secret Garden" at the age of 9. At the time she was bedridden with a protracted illness, but she was inspired to tame the unkempt garden behind the Captain's Manor House where her family was living at the time. Alexandra's mother brought her some seed packets, which led her to create a garden on paper that eventually became a reality. Growing up on City Island, Alexandra gathered driftwood, sea glass and shells, which she has always incorporated into her gardens. "The beach is a magical place to me," she says. "It's always changing, and there is so much natural beauty to be found there. Shells and flowers are like nature's jewelry." As an adult Alexandra has traveled extensively, creating art with natural and found objects and drawing heavily on inspiration from works of art and formal gardens, especially those in France. After earning a BA in art history, she expanded her botanical education at the Ecole des Fleurs at the Hotel de Crillon in Paris, the New York Botanical Garden and the New York School of Flower Design.

TREE TRAGEDY



Fifteen large pin oaks were girdled and killed in Pelham Bay Park's South Meadow in the vicinity of a large white oak. The damage is severe, and the trees cannot be repaired, according to the Pelham Bay Park administrator, Marianne Anderson, who described the incident as "utterly incomprehensible and reprehensible." Police were made aware of the incident and believe that whoever did this was making a "twisted attempt" to save the large oak tree in the vicinity. They are asking park visitors to report any tips or leads to the 45th Precinct.

<p>ELECTION DAY BAKE SALE AT P.S. 175 IS A WINNER</p>	<p>HALLOWEEN PARADE A CROWD PLEASER ONCE AGAIN</p>	<p>VANDALS VILIFIED FOR TREE GIRDLING & BIRD DARTING</p>	<p>ISLANDERS UNITE TO FIGHT OVERDEVELOPMENT</p>
<p>ON THE FENCE OVER WHO TO VOTE FOR? LET THE COOKIE DECIDE!</p> 	<p>UH, OH! HERE THEY COME. SO CREEPY!</p> <p>YEAH! ALL THOSE COSTUMED KIDS SCARE THE HECK OUT OF ME EVERY YEAR!</p> 	<p>PRETTY SAD, MARIANNE. SMALL THINGS AMUSE SMALL MINDS.</p> <p>WE'RE NOT LETTING THIS GET BY WITHOUT PROTEST, WALDO!</p> 	<p>DR. MIGNONE CITY ISLAND SAYS</p> <p>I AGREE, CAN WE JUST MAKE IT CLEAR THAT BSA DOESN'T STAND FOR BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA IN THIS CASE, BARB?</p> 



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Help Save City Island from Overdevelopment!

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

To City Island residents:

The Civic Association is mounting a fight against a developer who wants to build a four-story block-long apartment building on City Island Avenue at Schofield Street. The zoning designation for this site does not allow residential construction. He is applying for a variance from the Board of Standards and Appeals (BSA), which can grant him that right without going through the standard rezoning process. The BSA approves 97 percent of the applications that come before it and rarely recognizes community opposition. We are hiring an expert lawyer to fight for us, an attorney familiar with zoning laws and land use regulations who can convince BSA that this large structure is not consistent with the character of City Island.

The developer is proposing to build an assisted-living apartment building with 214 tiny units. He does not have a license to operate such a facility, nor does he have experience in running any similar operation. The problem is that as soon as the BSA grants the variance, a large apartment building can be built on the site for any purpose whatsoever by whoever owns the property. Because the housing units are small and the recreational facilities minimal, with only 102 parking spaces, few people are likely to pay market-rate rents without public assistance. The parking and maintenance utilities are to be built below ground level in a flood zone.

If this building is approved, the nature of City Island will change dramatically, both in terms of increased population, traffic, and demand on infrastructure (which is already stressed), as well as on quality of life and the assessed value of private homes.

We are asking each household to contribute at least \$100 to the Civic's legal fund (SONE, Save Our Natural Environment) so that we may be able to persuade the BSA that this application should be denied. Send a check, payable to SONE, to City Island Civic Association, P.O. Box 117, Bronx NY 10464. If you would like to volunteer to help raise funds and awareness about this project, or if you would like more detailed information about the project, please send an e-mail to city.island.civic@mac.com.

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CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS IN CANCER RESEARCH EFFORT

The American Cancer Society (ACS) is offering residents of the Bronx a unique opportunity to participate in a historic study that has the potential to change the face of cancer for future generations. Men and women between the ages of 30 and 65 who have never been diagnosed with cancer are needed to participate in the ACS Cancer Prevention Study-3 (CPS-3), which will enroll a diverse population of up to half a million people across the United States and Puerto Rico.

CPS-3 will help researchers better understand the lifestyle, environmental and genetic factors that cause or prevent cancer. To enroll in the study, individuals will go to a local enrollment location, where they will be asked to read and sign an informed consent form, complete a brief survey, have their waist circumference measured and give a small blood sample. The enrollment process will take about 30 minutes to complete. At home, individuals will complete a comprehensive survey packet that asks for information on lifestyle, behavioral and other factors related to their health. After that process is completed, ACS will send periodic follow-up surveys to update participant information and annual news-

letters with study updates and results. The follow-up surveys completed at home will take an hour or less to complete and are expected to be sent every few years.

"Many individuals diagnosed with cancer struggle to answer the question, 'What caused my cancer?' In many cases, we don't know the answer," said Alpa V. Patel, Ph.D., principal investigator of CPS-3. "CPS-3 will help us better understand what factors cause cancer, and once we know that, we can be better equipped to prevent cancer. Our previous cancer prevention studies have been instrumental in helping us identify some of the major factors that can affect cancer risk. CPS-3 holds the best hope of identifying new and emerging cancer risks, and we can only do this if members of the community are willing to become involved."

Researchers will use the data from CPS-3 to build on evidence from a series of ACS studies that began in the 1950s and have involved millions of volunteer participants. The Hammond-Horn Study and previous Cancer Prevention Studies (CPS-I, and CPS-II) have played a major role in understanding cancer prevention and risk, and have contributed significantly

to the scientific basis and development of public health guidelines and recommendations. Those studies confirmed the link between cigarette smoking and lung cancer, demonstrated the link between larger waist size and increased death rates from cancer and other causes, and showed the considerable impact of air pollution on heart and lung conditions. The current study, CPS-II, began in 1982 and is still ongoing, but changes in lifestyle and in the understanding of cancer since its launch make it important to begin a new study.

The voluntary, long-term commitment by participants will produce benefits for decades to come. "Taking an hour or so every few years to fill out a survey—and potentially save someone from being

diagnosed with cancer in the future—is a commitment that thousands of volunteer participants have already made. We are looking for more like-minded individuals in the Bronx to join this effort, which we know will save lives and improve the outlook for future generations," said Dr. Patel.

City Islanders interested in participating may go to Co-op City (2049 Bartow Avenue) on Friday, Nov. 9, from 4 to 8 p.m., or Saturday, Nov. 10, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. *Before attending an enrollment, participants must sign up online at www.cps3bronx.org.

For more information or to learn how to become involved with CPS-3, visit cancer.org/cps3, e-mail cps3@cancer.org, or call 1-888-604-5888.

Access to the Hutchinson River

By ELEANOR RAE



This section of the landfill in Pelham Bay Park is one of three sites selected as a possible kayak/canoe launch site by the Hutchinson River Restoration Project.

The Hutchinson River Restoration Project (HRRP), a City Island based not-for-profit organization, presented to the community on Wednesday, Oct. 17, the results of their research in finding accessible sites for a canoe / kayak launch on the river.

HRRP was given a \$14,000 grant by the Environmental Protection Agency to the New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission, in partnership with the New York New Jersey Harbor Estuary Program, to study the issue of access to the Hutchinson River via launch sites, because the river has no public access. HRRP employed B. Laing Associates, environmental consultants, to assist in

this study.

In order to educate themselves on canoe/kayak sites in the Bronx, members of HRRP, including Jack Ullman, Rose and Bob Zervas, and Eleanor Rae visited and critiqued all of the existing sites. HRRP then concentrated on possible sites on the Hutchinson, exploring 11 possibilities by land and water and evaluating them according to the following criteria: physical access; proximity to population centers; ownership of real property; wetland type and quality; shoreline slope and composition; shelter from wave action; man-made hazards; proximity to higher quality natural resources; utility access.

This data enabled the group to eliminate all but three of the sites as suitable for canoes and kayaks, one in Co-op City and two in Pelham Bay Park. The presentation of these three sites, along with a history of the study given by Giles Rae and technical data by Michael Bontje of Laing Associates, was offered at the City Island Community Center to residents, as well as to Marianne Anderson, Administrator of Pelham Bay Park, and Michael Johnson, Community Liaison for Assemblyman Michael Benedetto.

Although HRRP's work on this project is coming to a close, the results of the study will be made available to residents of both Co-op City and Pelham Bay Park, as well as to interested parties in the wider community. It is hoped that the establishment of a launch site will move forward, possibly on all three sites, since they will serve different populations. HRRP believes that if people cannot experience the Hutchinson River by being on it, they will not be moved to love, care and restore this severely neglected waterway.

Bartow-Pell Events

Our First Friday in November will be on the 2nd from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Enjoy the acoustic harmonies and subtle and unusual arrangements of the modern American songbook performed by Mary and the Boys. Light refreshments available. The free Bronx Seaside Trolley makes a continuous loop from the #6 Pelham Bay Park subway station to BPMM to City Island. Registration requested. Cost \$8 adults, \$5 seniors and students; members free.

Saturday, Nov. 10, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. will be Volunteer Garden Clean-Up Day. Roll up your sleeves and don your gardening gloves to help us get the garden and grounds of BPMM ready for winter. Light breakfast will be available. Please bring gloves and wear sturdy shoes. Registration requested. Free.

In connection with the current exhibition of silhouettes, there will be, on Tuesday, Nov. 13, at 7:30 p.m., a fascinating illustrated talk on the history of silhouettes by a noted expert, author and antiquarian William C. Ketchum, who will discuss the social role of silhouettes as the first likenesses truly affordable to all classes and their gradual decline in popularity. Registration requested. Free.

Join the "Owl Prowl" on Saturday, Nov. 17, from 2:30 to 4 p.m., with naturalist, photographer, and writer Deborah Allen. The prowl will begin with a half-hour talk and presentation and then will head outside to look for long-eared and saw-whet owls. Reg-

istration requested. Cost \$10; seniors and students \$7; members \$7; seniors & students \$5.

Bartow-Pell's holiday celebration will feature "A Storybook Christmas" with Christmas trees throughout the mansion decorated by artists and designers inspired by beloved characters in children's books. The first event will be a holiday luncheon on Friday, Nov. 30, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be a book signing and demonstration by paper artist Pamela Dalton, a New York Times award-winning children's book illustrator. Plus a holiday shop, home-baked goods and a silent auction.

The following day, Saturday, Dec. 1, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., will be the Annual Holiday Family Day: A Storybook Christmas, when holiday spirit will abound. Children will delight in a shadow puppet show entitled "A Year with the Bartow Family," by French artist Caroline Borderies. They can try their hand at making their own shadow puppets with Caroline at 11:15, as well as enjoy other holiday crafts. Also offered are professional photographs with Santa (additional fee), holiday shopping, caroling and more. Puppet shows will be presented at 10:15 and 12:15 and puppet making with Caroline at 11:15. Space is limited, and registration is required. Cost: \$20 for children one year and up; member children \$15 (adults and children under one year free).

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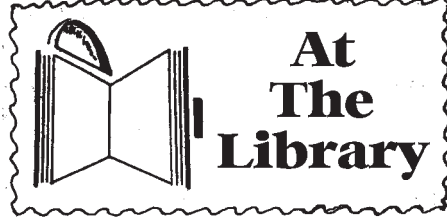


If you have a new business, or if your old business is offering a new service, write to The Current, P.O. Box 6, City Island, NY 10464 by the 10th of the month.

Island resident **Chris Butterworth** recently passed the NYS exam and got his real estate license. He is currently working for Exit Realty Search on East Tremont Avenue in Throgs Neck. Since he is from City Island and is very knowledgeable about the Island, he would like to acquire listings and buyers here. He may be contacted at 347-992-0312 or Chrisbutterworth38@gmail.com.

There's a lot—in music and art—to give thanks for in November at the **Starving Artist Cafe & Gallery** (249 City Island Avenue, 718-885-3779). Enjoy “Japanese gypsy rock” as the month begins on Saturday, Nov. 3, at 8 p.m. with Kagero. The night before, Friday, Nov. 2, welcome Hudson Valley Sally to their debut performance at the Artist, beginning at 8 p.m. Stop by and be on StarvingArtistTV—the internet channel—with the “Elliott Glick & Friends” songwriter series on Sunday, Nov. 4, at 3 p.m. Duo performances are featured on two Fridays: songwriters Sonya Heller and Jean Mann (Friday, Nov. 9, 8 p.m.); Take Two—Denise Adorante and Carrie Magistro (Friday, Nov. 16, 8 p.m.). Songwriters are on Sundays as well: 3 Wheel Drive, featuring Iris Cohen (Sunday, Nov. 11, 3 p.m.); Fred Arcoleo (Sunday, Nov. 18, 3 p.m.). The Starving Artist himself—Elliott Glick—takes the stage on Saturday, Nov. 24, at 8 p.m., with lead guitar player John Guth and his original songs, plus guests and surprises. Earlier that afternoon, at 3 p.m., join us for the reception for a new photography exhibition, “Light,” by Monica Glick. And, of course, there's the last Friday of the month “Take the Stage” open mic night on Friday, Nov. 30 at 8 p.m. For a complete November schedule, and a look ahead to other months too, visit www.starvingartistonline.com.

“Bridging the Gap,” an exhibition of work by New Rochelle artists will open at the **Focal Point Gallery**, 321 City Island Avenue, with a reception on Friday, Nov. 2, from 7 to 10 p.m. and closes Nov. 30. The idea is to bridge the gap between the two neighboring communities by bringing the artwork of New Rochelle to the Bronx and by introducing New Rochelleans to our wonderful rich maritime community.



City Island Branch Library Events for November 2012

Hours: Mondays and Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

November Children's Programs

Story Time: Read-aloud picture books: Every ongoing Thursday afternoon at 3:30 p.m. Ages 4 to 10.

Bilingual Birdies: Tuesday, Nov. 6, at 11 a.m. Newborn to 5 years.

Special Children's Program: “The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe.” Leap into the exquisite land of Narnia! In a mysterious old house, children find a musty magical wardrobe containing a secret entrance that leads them into a fantastic world. More than just a delicious story of make-believe, C.S. Lewis's Narnia series gives us a land where a malicious witch and a beautiful, dear lion touch the hearts and influence the choices of all who enter. Presented by Travelling Lantern Theater Company. Ages 4 and older. Friday, Nov. 9, at 3:30 p.m.

NEW! Children's Lounge: Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m.

Thanksgiving Arts and Crafts: Wednesday, Nov. 21, at 3:30 p.m.

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“Yu-Gi-Oh”!: Every Wednesday at 3:30 p.m.
Teen Homework Lounge: Every Thursday at 3:30 p.m.

November Adult Programs

Introduction to the Internet: Ongoing Tuesday mornings from 10 a.m. to noon. Please register in advance.

Resumé Writing Workshop and Online Job Search: Ongoing Wednesday mornings from 10 a.m. to noon. Please register in advance. A flash drive to save your work is highly recommended.

Introduction to Facebook: Find lost friends and make new ones. Call branch for which Friday this program will be presented.

Movie: Call branch for the film of the month yet to be announced.

NEW! Adult Computer Lounge: Every Monday from 3:30 to 5 p.m.

Lecture: Jeremy McCue presents “Miracle at Philadelphia.” The creation of the U. S. Constitution. The subject of a strong central government vs. states' rights is just as relevant today as it was back then. Come and hear historian Jeremy McCue relate how the making of this historic document affects our lives today. Saturday, Nov. 17, at 2 p.m.

We are located at 320 City Island Avenue and Bay Street. Please call the branch at 718-885-1703 for any unscheduled changes, additions or cancellations. You can visit us at www.nypl.org for more details and for programs in other branches throughout the city.

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A Street by Any Other Name...

By BARBARA DOLENSEK

Have you ever wondered what happened to the "a" in the William Avenue sign at the corner of Tier Street? Have you ever wondered why Winters Street has an "s" when it's named for a man called George Winter?

For many years, city street signs were said to have been made by prisoners, who clearly didn't get out much to look at real streets before they produced the signs. However, the city now pays about \$110 per street sign to commercial firms, replacing about 8,000 signs a year, and it seems that some effort should be made to get the spelling right. Indeed, the federal government has demanded that all street signs (more than 250,000 in New York City alone) be changed from lettering in all caps to upper and lower case letters to make for easier reading. That's a \$129 million job. So why not correct some spelling errors while we are at it?

The late Bronx historian John McNamara published a book called "History in Asphalt" (1991), which tells the stories behind street names in the Bronx, and he studied many old documents in order to make sure his stories were accurate. He also put together a list devoted to City Island Streets that is in the Nautical Museum library, where there are also several fascinating old maps that reveal the original names of many streets.

Misspellings

Minneford Avenue is based on one of the early names given to City Island, which until the late 18th century was called Minneford Island (among other names, such as Great Minneford Island, Minnewits, Mulberry, etc.). It was never called Minneford Island, and that spelling was not mentioned by Mr. McNamara. However, Minneford Avenue does appear in some early real-estate brochures and now seems to be the official name given by the city to zoning maps and street signs.

Schofield Street should really be Scofield Street, since it was named for the Scofield family, one of the first farming families on City Island. William Scofield bought property on City Island in 1826 and built the house that still stands on the northeast corner of Schofield and William Avenue (which was named William in his honor and with an "a").

Caroll Street or Carroll Street (it appears both ways on street signs) is apparently a misspelling of the name Carll. In 1860,

David Carll established the first major boat-building yard on City Island (now the site of Consolidated); he also built Grace Episcopal Church and the first bridge from City Island to the mainland, replaced in 1901 by the current bridge. (That first bridge, by the way, was what gave Bridge Street its name, since it entered City Island just north of where Rosenberger's used to be.)

Kirby Street is named for John E. Kerby, a colonel in the Spanish-American War who lived for years on City Island and was responsible for having brought gas to the island. He was an architect who built many churches and schools in the Bronx and would have been most upset to know that the street sign spells his name wrong!

Renamed Streets

Many street names on City Island are actually not the original ones. City Island Avenue, not surprisingly, was first called Main Street, but that was changed soon after the island became part of New York City, which allows only one version of every street name.

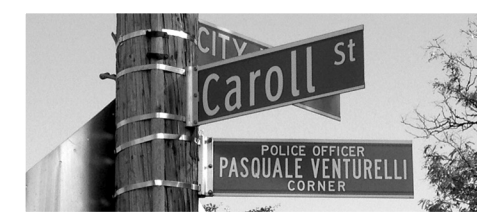
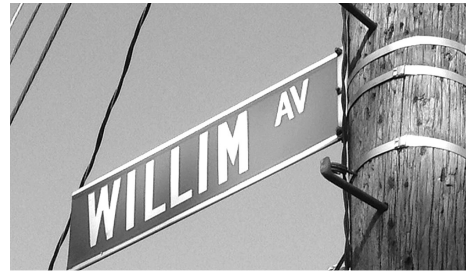
Working our way north on the west side of the island, we know that Rochelle Street was once South Elizabeth Street (for Elizabeth Pell); Horton Street was Washington Street; Marine Street was Franklin, Carroll Street was Prospect, and Hawkins was Orchard Street; Bay Street was Adams Street and Hunter Avenue was John Street.

On the east side, Belden Street was Windmill Street; Bay Street was Vickery Street; Tier Street was Cemetery Lane; Reville Street was Queen Place; and Kilroe was Elizabeth Street (for Elizabeth King).

Lost Streets

There are remnants of old streets still on the island but unrecognized by the city, as they were demapped some years ago. Brown's Lane is an unpaved dead-end street running south from east Fordham Street a few yards beyond the Diner. It once served as access to Brown's Hotel and now is used by a private house.

Nearby is Banta Lane, which isn't exactly lost, because it still exists, but is so small that many people have never heard of it and the street sign reads Hawkins Street anyway. It runs west (one way only) from the southern end of Fordham Place to the southernmost leg of Minneford Avenue, which is also a one-way lane going south between Fordham



and Carroll Streets. The street was probably named for the Banta family that lived many years ago in Pelham, but it may be a short form of "bantam," which is equally appropriate, given the size of the street.

Pond Place runs from City Island Avenue in a northwesterly direction more or less parallel with Tier Street into the empty lot that makes up the Tier Street wetlands. It has been absorbed into the Crab Shanty parking lot, but its legacy to City Island remains in the fact that a few houses west of the Shanty have even numbers rather than odd, as would be appropriate for houses on the north side of the street.

"New" Streets

Reynold Street, named for a dentist

named George A. Reynold, once marked the northern boundary of the 42-acre Horton property that George Washington Horton had purchased in 1819 from Joshua Huestes, who with Nicholas Haight owned all but four parcels on the island. Reynold Street itself, however, did not exist as a street until well after the turn of the 20th century, along with Pell Place, Earley Street, and Winter Street. Farms and orchards stood where these streets are now and were part of a large section of the island owned by August Belmont Jr. The area between Pilot and Centre Streets was a pair of parks—Palmer and Rodman—which successfully attracted many new residents to the Island. Palmer Street, south of Marine

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GIVE THANKS FOR OUR FOUR-LEGGED FRIENDS!



Photos by VIRGINIA DANNEGGER and KAREN NANI

City Island's pets enjoyed two Sundays of blessings as the various churches commemorated the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals. On Sept. 30, Father Augustus Onwubiko presided over a blessing in the St. Mary, Star of the Sea schoolyard (top photo). On Oct. 9, Reverend Ruth Anne Garcia welcomed cats and dogs to Grace Episcopal Church (bottom photo).

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Current Calendar

NOVEMBER

Tues., Nov. 6, **Election Day Bake Sale**, P.S. 175, 200 City Island Avenue.

Sat., Nov. 10, **Chamber of Commerce Awards Dinner**, 7 to 11 p.m., Pelham/Split Rock Golf Course (see article this issue).

Tues., Nov. 13, **Blood Drive**, 3:30 to 7:45 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church, 113 Bay Street at City Island Avenue, sponsored by the Bronx Masons.

Thurs., Nov. 15, **Community Board 10 meets**, 7:30 p.m., at Riverbay Corp., 2049 Bartow Avenue, Room 31.

Sat., Nov. 17, **Clothing and Coat Drive**, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., City Island Masonic Temple, 241 City Island Avenue, sponsored by the Bronx Masons.

Happy Thanksgiving

Sat., Nov. 24, **POTS Program**, St. Mary's School Yard, Minneford Avenue and Kilroe Street, drop-off between 4:30 and 5 p.m. Menu: Chicken or turkey cut up with rice and beans.

Sat., Nov. 24, **Holiday Tree Lighting and Carols**, 7:15 p.m., Hawkins Park, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.

Tues., Nov. 27, **City Island Civic Association meeting**, 7:30 p.m., Community Center, 190 Fordham Street.

Friday, Nov. 30, **Trinity Church Christmas Fair**, 2 to 8 p.m., 113 Bay Street.

DECEMBER

Sat., Dec. 1, **Trinity Church Christmas Fair**, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. 113 Bay Street.

Sat., Dec. 1, **Civic Association Fund-Raiser**, 5 to 8 p.m., Trinity Church Hall (to be confirmed), 113 Bay Street.

Sun., Dec. 2, **St. Mary, Star of the Sea Christmas Fair**, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at both the Thrift Shop and in St. Mary's Gym.

Friday, Dec. 8, **Menorah Lighting**, 5 p.m., Hawkins Park, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.

St. Mary's Thrift Shop

The Thrift Shop will be open on Thursdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. This month the shop will be open on Nov. 1, 3, 8, 10, 15 and 17. Look for special sales when you come to browse, meet fellow shoppers and enjoy a complimentary cup of coffee. We will close after Nov. 17 to prepare for our Christmas Fair, which will be held on Sunday, Dec. 2, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Christmas Fair will be held in two locations: the Thrift Shop location will feature our gently used men's, women's, and children's clothing, shoes, bags, linens, household appliances, CDs and tapes, records, books, toys, games and bric-a-brac. Across Minneford Avenue, at St. Mary's gym, we will have all new items for sale. This is a wonderful opportunity to do your Christmas shopping. Don't forget to mark your calendar. And remember that donations are always greatly appreciated.

Arlene Byrne

Grace Episcopal Church

Located at 116 City Island, Grace Church is a historic Episcopal parish that has served the nautical community of City Island for over 160 years. We welcome you!

Worship Schedule:

Holy Communion Rite II, Sundays at 10 a.m. Lambs Babysitting available first Sunday, Nov. 4, at 9:50 a.m.

Evening Prayer, Mondays at 7 p.m.

November Events:

Hearts and Hands, Monday, Nov. 12, 7:15 p.m., Grace Church Hall. This knitting group provides caps, shawls and lap robes

for Calvary Hospital patients. All are welcome!

Friday Night Fellowship, Nov. 30, at 7 p.m. Grace Church Hall. Local chef and former Next Food Network Star contestant Michael Proietti will demonstrate how to prepare some holiday appetizers and a yule log for dessert. Please attend and plan to have some great new stuff on your holiday table!

Rev. Ruth-Anne Garcia

AARP Chapter 318

The chapter meets on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 1 p.m. in Trinity Methodist Church Hall on Bay Street. On Nov. 7, at 12:30 p.m., we will have our bingo/pizza. On Wednesday, Nov. 21, our regular meeting will begin at 1 p.m. with reports from our officers. Cake and coffee will be served. Come join us! New members are always welcome.

Rosetta Wood

St. Mary, Star of the Sea Church

We begin the month of November with the celebration of two special feasts, the feast of All Saints on Nov. 1 and the Commemoration of All Souls on Nov. 2.

Nov. 2 is also the day of our First Friday Holy Hour with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

On Sunday, Nov. 11, we will have our monthly coffee hour in the rectory after the 10 a.m. Mass. All are welcome.

St. Mary's School will hold its annual Turkey Bingo on Friday, Nov. 16, in the school gym beginning at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. This is open to all parishioners. Come and bring the family for an evening of fun.

Our annual Thanksgiving Mass will take place on Tuesday evening, Nov. 20, at 7:30 p.m. At the Mass we will collect canned and dried goods, which will be distributed to the poor. All are welcome. Happy Thanksgiving to all!

As we approach the month of December, we will hold our annual Christmas Fair on Sunday, Dec. 2, in the school gym and in the Thrift Shop. Come, browse and shop for bargains.

Also, Dec. 2, marks the first Sunday of Advent, the beginning of the Church year. It is a time of preparation for the coming of Our Savior to live among us as man. We will place our Advent candle in a prominent place in our church as we mark off the weeks in anticipation of Christ's coming. We pray for peace in our world as we await the celebration of the coming of the Prince of Peace.

Sr. Bernadette, OSU

City Island Theater Group

Under the direction of John Coppola, 19 actors take the stage this month in the CITG production of George S. Kaufman and Moss Hart's classic comedy "The Man Who Came to Dinner." The production stars Leslie R. Blumgold, Nic Anthony Calabro, Margaret Cioffi, Danny Conover, Connie Del Vecchio, Eric Dino, Carol Dooner, Eileen Fox, Sarah Harrold, Jay Langkamp, David Lazaar, Thomas Losito, Elizabeth Paldino, Lorain Porto, Sandra Prosnitz, Andy Ravick, Frank Siciliano, Stanley Wexler and Denis Zepeda.

This is the story of Sheridan Whiteside, an outlandish NYC radio personality who takes a bad fall and becomes housebound in the home of the Stanley family in Mesalia, Ohio, just before Christmas. His staff and strange friends and acquaintances soon descend upon the host family and cause unbelievable disruption to their lives.

BUSY OCTOBER AT TUMC



Photos by RICK DeWITT

On Sunday, Oct. 7, 2012, Trinity United Methodist Church welcomed new members and families (top photo, front row, l. to r.) Kevin Bang, June Bang, Grace Bang, Miles Jung, Lydia Jung, Vienna Zeppieri, Nicholas Zeppieri and Anthony Zeppieri. Back row, Pastor Ezra Yew, Norma Howard, Chang Bang, Young Joo Bang, Alice Jung, Suji Lee Jung, Peter Jung and Serah Zeppieri. The annual Trinity Fall Food Sale was held on a picture perfect morning on Oct. 6. Congratulations to all the wonderful cooks and bakers who donated delicious items and to the members and friends of the church who staffed the table. It was a huge success.

The play will run for two weekends at Grace Church Hall, 116 City Island Avenue, at Pilot Street. Performances will be Friday, Nov. 9, and Saturday, Nov. 10, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 11, at 3 p.m., and the following weekend on Friday, Nov. 16, and Saturday, Nov. 17, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 18, at 3 p.m. Valet parking is available for all shows at Sammy's Lot #3 just south of the Chinese restaurant on City Island Avenue. For reservations, please call 718 885-3066 or e-mail tickets@cityisland-theatergroup.com.

Mary McIntyre

Trinity United Methodist Church

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

The Sunday school learning materials for the new season are titled "Grow, Proclaim, Serve," and the fall lessons are covering the story of Moses.

The fall Trinity Group Bible Study began Oct. 28 and will conclude Nov. 25. The meetings take place in Trinity Fellowship Hall at 11:15 a.m. and end at 12:30 p.m. The meetings consist of round-table discussions based on the public readings of the texts under study. George Cavalieri, Lay Leader/Speaker at Trinity, will moderate the group with others, on occasion, leading the group as appointed. The study resumes and is a continuation of the study that began in Lent and will now complete the last two chapters of the New Testament book Acts of the Apostles.

No pre-registration is required, and the New Testament is provided, along with a

outline for study. The main purpose of these studies is to promote and provide an opportunity to present the evangel, or the good news of God, to our community and church.

The Trinity annual fall food sale was a huge success. Thanks to all the great cooks and bakers who provided tasty treats and to the volunteers who staffed the table.

The Budget Corner is open and full of freshly donated, gently used items. The fall schedule is Nov. 2, 6, 10, 16, 20, 24 and 27. Occasional Fridays will be announced. As always, Trinity United Methodist Church is thankful to the City Island community for its continued support of the Budget Corner.

Rick DeWitt

REGULAR MEETINGS

Weekly Twelve-Step Meetings on City Island

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

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

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

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

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

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

Trinity United Methodist Church: 718-885-1218

Grace Episcopal Church: 718-885-1080

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



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

Open Monthly Meetings of the Board are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center Main Room at 190 Fordham Street. All members are encouraged to attend. For up to date information, visit www.cityislandcommunitycenter.org, call 718-885-1145 or "Like" us on Facebook.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Uptown Coffeehouse: The Uptown has brought traditional and contemporary folk music to the Bronx for 26 years. As we enter our second season on City Island, we present live performances from some of the very finest artists in the folk genre. We host a show on either the first or second Saturday of each month. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for children under 12 unless otherwise noted. We are a 501(c)3 organization run entirely by volunteers. Please visit www.uptowncoffeehouse.org or call 718-885-2955 for our latest schedule and details. Amy Black, Nov. 4.

Martial Arts Movie Night presented by Dragon's Path Academy, \$5 with concession stand, 7:30 p.m. Last Friday of every month.

City Island Parenting Group: An ongoing topic-oriented discussion group for parents with John Scardina. All are welcome; come once or every month. We try to meet the fourth Tuesday of the month in the dance studio at 7 p.m.

NEW CLASSES

Zumbatomic: Offered by Sarah Persteins, a licensed Zumba instructor and AFAA certified group exercise instructor. Classes are Thursday from 5 to 5:45 p.m. for children ages 9-13. If interested in classes for children ages 5-8, please call Sarah at 718-885-9122. Classes are \$8. Drop-ins welcome.

Weekly Schedule

YOUTH PROGRAM

Irish Dance: The Deirdre O'Mara School of Irish Dance teaches step dancing in a fun, competitive environment for all ages. A confidence-building and cultural experience for all who participate. Wednesdays after school. Call Deirdre at 201-679-1450 or visit www.deirdreomara.com.

Jill's Playgroup: for pre-school children on Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. No charge but donations are appreciated. Call 917-330-0922 for more information.

Art and Craft Classes: Pre-school class and a kindergarten through third-grade class designed to improve cognitive skills and confidence. Fun-for-everyone classes will ignite the imagination, featuring painting, collage, paper sculpting, printmaking and many other projects. Pre-school, 2 to 3

p.m.; K-third grade, 3:15 to 4:15 p.m. Six classes for \$125. For registration and more information, call Eileen Stodut at 914-633-1695.

Introducing Fashion Designing: Fashion design classes will include the creation of a fashion journal, including a brief introduction to the history of fashion. There will be an introduction to textile designing, including tie dyeing and texture creations that will be applied to the final fashion show. Thursdays from 4:30 to 5:30 starting Oct. 4. Six classes for \$125. For registration and more information, call Eileen Stodut at 914-633-1695.

Introduction to Art Portfolio Prep: For high school prep or just for fun! Started Monday, Sept. 24. Taught by Geri Smith, former LaGuardia High School teacher and exam auditioner. \$90 for five-week session; \$25.00 material fee (after the session ends, students may bring materials home). For registration or more information, call 718-885-1503.

ADULT PROGRAM

Zumba with Julia: Want to lose that belly fat? Well, here is your chance to Zumba with Julia. It's a high-energy Zumba workout for an hour. Saturday mornings from 9:30 to 10:30. \$10 per class. Call 917-601-5514. It's fun!

Fit For Life: A balanced cardio and strength training class for all experience levels. Classes offered Monday and Thursday from 4 to 5 p.m. If you have any questions, please call Sarah Persteins at 718-885-9122 or e-mail sarahfitforlife@yahoo.com. Classes are \$8.

Zumba with Letti: Thursdays at 6 p.m. Letti is a fantastic Zumba instructor who brings a lot of creativity and energy to her classes. Classes are \$10 or a five-class card for \$40.

Yoga Stretch with Norma: Thursdays at 7 p.m. This is an easy hatha vinyasa class suitable for all fitness levels. These yoga stretch poses helps remove any fears or challenges in doing these exercises, and it also assists with stress reduction and weight management. This class focuses on stretching and toning muscles that are often neglected but are so important to keeping you healthy and mobile. And best of all, yoga stretch is easy and fun enough for beginners or those who haven't exercised in a while. \$10 per class; call 718-885-0535.

Zumba Gold: A fun filled dance and exercise session with a salsa beat, geared for age 50 and up. Classes are \$4 each. Meets Mondays at 10:30 a.m.

Belly Dancing: Shimmy by the Sea. Theresa Mahon (a.k.a. Salacia) teaches the oldest documented dance in the history of mankind—Egyptian belly dancing. It is a low-impact way to get in shape and tone your body while having lots of fun. Terry has been a professional belly dancer for 25 years and a teacher of the art for 17 years. Classes are held every Monday evening at 7:30 p.m. The fee for each one-hour class is \$15. Walk-ins are very welcome, as are spectators interested in seeing what the class is all about. Questions can be directed to Salacia at 845-358-0260.

Aerobics with Mary: Sunday, Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 to 10 a.m. Call Mary Immediato at 718-885-0793.

Chess Club: Meets each Thursday at 7 p.m. Chess taught, played and discussed. All levels are welcome. Come on in! Avoid T.V. Have fun.

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

Sarah Persteins

American Legion Post #156

November is always a busy month at the Post. Since football season is here, stop by to cheer on your favorite teams. We also have food and weekend drink specials.

We need to make a correction, which is that the clam chowder at the Clambake was donated by Johnny's Reef. Post #156 would like to thank them for their generosity. A thank-you from the Post also goes out to the following people and businesses who made the annual pumpkin sale a success: Peter Booth, Peter Del-Debbio, Joe Goonan, Jack and Maureen Grogan, Maryann Occhicone, Tom Lynch, John Muhlfeld, Edward Koester



Photos by ANGELO BELLOCCHIO

Troop 211 scouts at the scenic Walkway Over the Hudson in Poughkeepsie, N.Y.



Troop 211 scouts and leaders prepare for the start of the Bronx Bike Tour near Yankee Stadium.

Esq., Ed and Keith Shipp, John and Linda Ulmer, Pete Zvara, J.P.'s Restaurant, City Island IGA, Manhattan Beer Distributors, City Island Gold Apiary, Jack's Bait and Tackle, along with Tom Nye from Ulmer Sails.

The annual calendar sale has begun. The calendars are \$20 each and proceeds go toward maintaining the building. Anyone who wants a particular quantity should speak to Joe Goonan.

Just a reminder that we are here for your party needs. When hosting your next party, consider having it at the Legion Post. Members receive a discount on hall rentals.

Raffle tickets for the annual Turkey Raffle will be going out around City Island. Look for them in your mail box.

All old flags should be deposited in the red, white and blue mail box next to the flagpole. They will be retired with dignity.

Friday, Nov. 9, at 7 p.m. is the Bronx Military Ball, which will be held at the Villa Barone. Tickets are \$75.

Sunday, Nov. 11, is the annual Bronx Veterans Day ceremony in Pelham Bay Park. It will be held in front of the World War I monument at 10:30 a.m.

Save the date! Saturday, Nov. 17, 7 p.m. is the Servicemen's Dinner. The menu will include General Bob Mennona's famous roast pork; also on the menu is roast chicken with all the trimmings included. The price is \$30 per person, and doors open at 7 p.m. The winners of the turkey raffle will be drawn at the dinner.

Once again, the Post will march in the annual Throggs Neck Veterans Day Parade on Sunday, Nov. 18, at 12 noon. The parade travels along East Tremont Avenue.

The Pig Roast will be rescheduled when the weather gets warmer due to conflicting events.

We are in need of new members. Any veteran interested in joining the Post should call Vice Commander Mike Treat at 718-885-1130.

We have several Legionnaires on sick call. Frank Hoffman is recovering from additional surgery on his knee. John "Ponytale" Mazzanti is recuperating from eye surgery. Fred Sammut is currently going for treatment due to an illness.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, Nov. 5, at 8 p.m. This meeting will host the 2012 Post everlasting ceremony. The executive board meeting will be held on

Monday, Nov. 19, at 7:30 p.m.

Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 6. Don't forget to vote!

Thomas Lynch

Sons of the American Legion

We would like to remind all members that dues are now due. They are \$30 and can be mailed or dropped off to the Post and placed into the SAL Box. Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, Nov. 8, at 8 p.m.

New members are always welcome. If you are a male descendant, step-descendant, or were adopted by a veteran set forth in the dates established by Congress, we would love to have you as a member. Stop by the Post to pick up an application. We have eight new members since July 1st.

Saturday, Nov. 17, is the Servicemen's Dinner, and we need a good SAL presence at this event.

Since football season is here, stop by the Post to cheer on your favorite teams. We also have food and weekend drink specials.

Remember to vote on Tuesday, Nov. 6!

Fred Ramftl Jr.

Boy Scout Troop 211

A belated thanks to the City Island Reunion for being so gracious in donating proceeds from this year's reunion to scouting on City Island. We have great plans for the troop's portion of that donation, plans that we announced at the reunion. For our 80th anniversary, we seek to debut new names for our patrols, names inspired by City Island and its surroundings. Patrols are the "teams" that scouts divide into at meetings and on trips, and we will purchase newly named, custom-made patrol patches and flags next year. We seek City Island and *Island Current* reader recommendations for these names since we are your Boy Scout troop. Please e-mail patrol name suggestions to us at Troop211ideas@yahoo.com. We hope to get your great ideas by December 31!

Boy Scout Troop 211 had a great fall scouting season. For inspiration related to new City Island-related names, Troop 211 scouts visited the City Island Nautical

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Best of the Brits (1991 to the present)

Truly, Madly, Deeply (1991) is the British version of **Ghost**. It is a moving story of Nina (Juliet Stevenson), who cannot seem to recover from her grief over the death of her live-in lover, Jamie (Alan Rickman). When Jamie's ghost appears, she is deliriously happy to have him back until he fills their home with a bunch of ghost pals. When Nina meets quirky Mark (Michael Maloney), she must choose between this world and the next.

Damage (1992) is an erotic drama about the obsessive sexual relationship between an English politician and his son's lover. Stephen Flemming (Jeremy Irons), an up-and-coming Member of Parliament, has a beautiful and loving wife, Ingrid (Miranda Richardson), and two children, including son Martyn (Rupert Graves), a successful journalist. However, when Stephen meets beautiful Anna Barton (Juliette Binoche), Martyn's new girlfriend, Stephen's rigid British shell melts away.

Nominated for eight Academy Awards, **Remains of the Day** (1993) is set in a prosperous British household of the 1930s. It is the story of Stevens (Anthony Hopkins), the "perfect" butler, who is so unswervingly devoted to serving his master, British Lord Darlington (James Fox), that he shuts himself off from all emotions and familial relationships. His new housekeeper, Miss Kenton (Emma Thompson), tries to warm him up and awaken his humanity. The film is told in flashbacks from the 1950s when a new master, retired American Congressman Jack Lewis (Christopher Reeve), arrives, and Stevens is one of the few remaining servants.

Four Weddings and a Funeral (1994) is a delightful British comedy that stars Hugh Grant as Charles, who is captivated by an American, Carrie (Andie MacDowell), when he is best man at a wedding they are both attending. Charles's wonderful cohorts include the vivacious Simon Callow as Gareth and sweet David Bower as Charles's deaf brother. Be sure to watch the host of happy endings in the photo display at the end.

Sense and Sensibility (1995) is the story of the newly impoverished Dashwood family struggling to make ends meet after the man of their family dies. Emma Thompson wrote the Oscar-winning screenplay and stars as the serious Elinor Dashwood, who loves the already spoken for Mr. Edward Ferrars (Hugh Grant). Marianne (Kate Winslet), her imprudent sister, is swept off her feet by a scoundrel, Mr. John Willoughby (Greg Wise), but is loved from afar by the wealthy Colonel Brandon (Alan Rickman). How it is all resolved is pure Jane Austen at her best.

Renée Zellweger plays a rather convincing Brit in the title role in **Bridget Jones's Diary** (2001). Unmarried at age 32, she has an affair with her self-impressed boss Daniel Cleaver (Hugh Grant), although she is peripherally interested in a rich barrister, Mark Darcy (Colin Firth), whom she meets at a Christmas party. What a difficult choice faces her.

Secrets & Lies (1996) is the story of a black British optometrist named Hortense Cumberbatch (Marianne Jean-Baptiste), who upon the death of her adoptive mother goes on a quest to find her birth mother. Although she finds her mother Cynthia (Brenda Blethyn) to be a lower-class white woman, race is not really the issue in this touching drama. Rather, it is about the secrets that threaten to tear a family apart and how it is all resolved.

Saving Grace (2000) is a hilarious British comedy in which Brenda Blethyn

appears as Grace Trevelyan, a cheerful upper-class housewife and gardening enthusiast whose husband leaves her destitute. Out of desperation, with the help of her oddball Scottish gardener Matthew (Craig Ferguson), Grace puts her green thumb to work and converts her greenhouse into the biggest marijuana farm in Cornwall. Unfortunately, the scheme is threatened by a French drug lord (Tcheky Karyo).

Chicken Run (2000) is an intelligent animated comedy/drama for the whole family, set on a sinister Yorkshire chicken farm in 1950s England. Facing certain death at the chicken farm where they are held, Rocky the rooster and Ginger the chicken decide to rebel against the evil Mr. and Ms. Tweedy, the farm's owners, to avoid becoming the main ingredient in chicken pot pies. Adults might actually enjoy this more than children.

Bend It Like Beckham (2003) is a delightful sports comedy about Jess (Parminder Nagra), the younger daughter of a family of middle-class Punjabi immigrants residing in a London suburb. When Jess becomes a member of the local girls' soccer team, she becomes best friends with teammate Jules (Keira Knightly), much to the consternation of Jess's parents and her about-to-be-married older sister, Pinky (Archie Panjabi). Juliet Stevenson is hilarious as Paula Paxton, Jules's mother; and John Rhys Meyers is beguiling as the girls' coach, Joe.

In the romantic comedy ensemble film **Love Actually** (2003), the stellar cast includes Hugh Grant as the British Prime Minister, who is in love with his secretary (Martine McCutcheon) and at odds with the President of the United States (Billy Bob Thornton). Emma Thompson is the Prime Minister's sister who is married to Alan Rickman, a man contemplating an affair with his secretary. Emma's best friend is recently widowed Liam Neeson, whose grade-school stepson (Thomas Sangster) is suffering the pangs of first love. Colin Firth is a cuckolded writer who falls for his Portuguese housekeeper. Newlywed Keira Knightly is idolized by her husband's best friend. Martin Freeman and Joanna Page are adorable as innocent stand-ins in a porn film. Bill Nighy steals every scene as a has-been vulgar rock star.

Mrs. Henderson Presents (2005) is set at the famous Windmill Theater in London beginning in the 1930s and continues through the beginning of World War II. It stars Dame Judi Dench as Laura Henderson, a bored widow who decides to revitalize the theater by having the showgirls appear without clothes. She hires Vivian Van Damm (Bob Hoskins) to be the stage manager, and the conflicts between the two are very funny.

The Queen (2006) is a drama about the British Royal Family at the time of the death of Princess Diana. Dame Helen Mirren is remarkable in her Oscar-winning role as Queen Elizabeth II, who preferred to keep the family's grief private, which made the populace believe she didn't care.

Truly the best picture of 2010 (12 nominations, 4 wins including Best Picture, Director, Actor and Screenplay), **The King's Speech** contains the stunning performance of a lifetime by Colin Firth as the tortured stutterer who might be king. In the 1930s, Britain's King Edward VIII (Guy Pearce) takes up with a much married woman, Wallis Simpson (Eve Best), when the country is on the brink of war with Germany. Meanwhile, Edward's younger brother, the Duke of York, who is called Bertie by his family, struggles with his stammer. Throughout Bertie's struggle to overcome his impediment, humor is provided by his unconventional speech therapist, Lionel Logue (the amazing Geoffrey Rush), who is found by Bertie's loving wife, Elizabeth (Helena Bonham Carter).

Meryl Streep, the most nominated actress in Academy Award history (17 with 2 wins), went for 20 years without receiving a third Oscar. She was finally honored for her amazing performance as the British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher in **The Iron Lady** (2011). Jim Broadbent plays her husband, Denis, whose ghost keeps her company as flashbacks trace her life from

modest beginnings through her leadership of the Conservative Party. Many critics were put off the portrayal of an aging Thatcher losing her sense of reality, but Streep fans will not be disappointed.

The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel (2012) is my favorite film of this year. It is the story of seven financially strapped men and women of retirement age who are persuaded to spend their declining years in Jaipur, India, in a hotel run by the young and enthusiastic Sonny Kapoor (Dev Patel). The stellar ensemble cast includes Dame Judi Dench as Evelyn Greenslade, a widow whose husband has squandered their savings; Maggie Smith as Muriel

Donnelly, a racist retired housekeeper in need of a hip replacement; Tom Wilkinson as Graham Dashwood, a gay high court judge with a haunting secret; Bill Nighy and Penelope Wilton as Douglas and Jean Ainslie, a bickering couple who sank their life savings into their daughter's unsuccessful business venture; and Celia Imrie and Ronald Pickup as Madge Hardcastle and Norman Cousins, adventurous older singles on the prowl for romance. The script by Ol Parker is outstanding, and the extraordinary acting makes this film worth more seeing more than once.

And until next time, happy viewing. . .



St. Mary, Star of the Sea School

The 21st century is alive and well at St. Mary, Star of the Sea School. Our teachers are working hard to implement Common Core Curriculum Standards in preparation for the 2013 academic year. Interactive white boards are being utilized on an everyday basis in conjunction with traditional methods of educating our students.

Grade 5 enjoyed their trip to the Intrepid on Oct. 4; they were ecstatic over their close encounter with the Space Shuttle *Enterprise*. In recognition of Fire Safety Month, Grades K and 1 had a great time at the Fire Zone. Pre-K had fun at Barton Orchard on Oct. 25. Grade 3 is looking forward to their trip to the Hall of Science on Nov. 6; Grade 2 is eagerly anticipating a trip to the Fall Harvest at the Botanical Garden on Nov. 15. A good time was had by all as the school celebrated Halloween on Oct. 30, with theme learning in the morning and a parade and class parties in the afternoon. A huge thank-you to all the local businesses that supported our Halloween fund-raiser, "Ghouls' Night Out," with their generous donations of food and gift certificates.

The Fall Harvest Festival, sponsored by the Home School Association, will be held on Thursday, Nov. 8. Turkey Bingo will be held on Friday, Nov. 16, at 7 p.m. in the school gym. Students will celebrate Thanksgiving Mass on Nov. 21.

Congratulations to our September Students of the Month who exemplify leadership, excellent academics and Christian awareness: Michael Burton and Jayden Kenny (pre-kindergarten); Ava Davis and Santana Perez (kindergarten); Gabriel Toribio and Angelica Zoquier (first grade); Heaven DeCuffa and Ardsley Parra (second grade); Frances Morales (third grade); Brianna Batiste-Antigua (fourth grade); Larnell Dorsey (fifth grade); Timothy Hudson (sixth grade); Jonathan Martinez (seventh grade); Gabrielle Cameron (eighth grade).

Public School 175

Our school year is off to another wonderful start! In addition to the academic work students do each day, teachers are planning wonderful trips to supplement curriculum. Future trips include St. Paul's Church, the Bronx Zoo and performances at Hostos Center for the Performing Arts and Queens College.

Student government elections have taken place in grades four through eight, and Penny Harvest is just getting started. The elected fourth- through eighth-grade students will work with student government leader Andy Scopp to decide where to donate the money that is collected during the harvest.

We are once again collaborating with the Bronx Arts Ensemble to provide musical and theatrical arts to our students. Fifth-grade students will put on a spring performance of "A Year with Frog and Toad." Councilmember James Vacca has also given the school a grant for an after-school choral program, which for the first time focuses on students in grades three and four. In addition, thanks to the generosity of

our PTA, we are able to continue our work with Lincoln Center Institute in grades K-3. This year's units of study are puppetry and music.

The building continues to buzz after regular school hours. Our Extended Day Program provides students in all grades with academic support, as well as test preparation for the Specialized High School Exam and TACHS for eighth-grade students. The Sports & Arts program, which serves students in grades six through eight, includes a sports component that changes throughout the year, homework help, art and games. Another component of the Sports & Arts program is the many exciting trips that students attend during school holidays.

Several events will be taking place in the weeks to come. They include a Halloween festival morning for students in grades K-3, a Halloween movie and snacks for fourth- and fifth-graders, and the Halloween Dance for our students in grades six to eight. The PTA is also having their annual Election Day Sale on Nov. 6. We hope to see many of you there! As always, we are greatly appreciative for all of the support we get from our community!

Please keep in mind these important dates: Nov. 6, Election Day, school closed for students; Nov. 14, Parent-Teacher Conferences, 1 to 3 p.m. and 5:30 to 8 p.m.

September Citizens-of-the-Month are Krishn Mastry and Leander Frei (kindergarten); Michael Masella (first grade); Matthew McGaughan and Kenzi St.Clair (second grade); Jaime Bernardo and Christina Lachman (third grade); Steven Jefferson and Maria Leni (fourth grade); Angelo Nieves (fifth grade); Christine Whelan and Caeleigh Patterson (sixth grade); Umi Shan and Catherine Ficke (seventh grade); Deirdre Spencer and Joseph Mancuso (eighth grade).

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Street Names

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Street, became Buckley Street in the 1920s in honor of a physician who lived there.

Paulis Place was once a private street connecting Hawkins and Fordham, where the Vail Estate once stood, along with the Barker property. It was named for Fred Paulis, who sold the property in 1959.

Deepwater Way and Windward Lane (both named presumably for nor'easters that have raised havoc there in the past) are within the Boatyard condominium complex at the east end of Carroll (er, Carll) Street. That was once the site of the Sound View Hotel, one of many famous City Island tourist attractions, and later became United Boat Service Yard.

Tier Street between City Island Avenue and William Avenue didn't really exist as a street until the 1920s or later, largely because the land there was a swamp, thanks to a freshwater stream that emptied into Eastchester Bay near the west end of Ditmars Street. The stream was landfilled when Route I-95 was being built, but much of that landfill has washed away and several of the houses on Tier are flooded from time to time.

Who Are All Those Streets Named For?

The names of many City Island streets are obvious (Marine, Bridge, Pilot) and some are explained above, but a few offer a special view of City Island history. George Wash-

ington Horton and his family account for a number of the names (Horton, Rochelle, Benjamin), and the Pell family, which owned City Island beginning in 1653, certainly deserves a "place." Unfortunately, the Wall Street scoundrel William Belden is remembered in the names Belden Point and Belden Street, but at least we don't have a street named for August Belmont, who tried to buy up the entire island and turn it into a race-track.

Some street signs reflect the names of residents who owned property here, such as the Bowne, Fordham and Hawkins families. Daniel Tier was an investor in Benjamin Palmer's 18th-century scheme to turn City Island into a port to rival New York Harbor. Elisha King, who owned property on the mainland opposite City Island, also owned High Island, so in the first half of the 19th century, he bought a plot on City Island in order to have landing privileges. Kilroe Street was once Elizabeth Street (for Elizabeth King, Elisha's descendant) and was named in honor of Father James Kilroe, who was pastor at St. Mary, Star of the Sea and built the school in 1931. Patrick Reville was a contractor who became superintendent of buildings for the city and lived on City Island during World War I. Sutherland Street is said to be named for Edward G. Sutherland, who was chair of the Westchester County Democratic Committee and became Sheriff when City Island became part of New York City in 1898.

It seems a shame that William Belden is well remembered here but that Benjamin Palmer, who once owned the entire island and obtained underwater rights for residents under the unique Palmer Grant, is not immortalized in a street sign here. But at least his name for the island—New City Island, later shortened to City Island—remains and none of the street-sign makers have spelled it wrong so far.

IN THE GARDEN

By MARY COLBY

Companion Planting with Bulbs

For impulsive gardeners, garden centers can be a dangerous place at bulb planting time! We are faced with so many choices that we tend to over-buy without thought of integrating our choices successfully into our planting schemes.

Bulbs look best when combined with perennials and ground cover. A good rule is less is more. Weave bulbs in between perennials so their dying foliage can be camouflaged. Partnering large cupped daffodils with daylilies make a beautiful marriage; smaller naturalizing varieties that have smaller leaves, like Tete a Tete or Thalia, will look lovely running through your garden. A small meadow in your lawn could be charming with just a few dozen Poet's Daffodils.

Chionodoxa and Scilla look good tucked under deciduous shrubs, or you can grow them with hostas, which will hide the dying foliage once they have bloomed. I have seen hostas planted at the New York Botanical Garden in this way, with Tiarella threading through the grouping. Tulips are good with peonies; Alliums look great interplanted with perennial geraniums, and they also surprise with the smaller grasses, Deschampsia and Molinia. The alliums bloom before the grasses get tall, but the seed heads poke through later on, giving a wonderful effect. You could add to this pink Astrantias and plant the sparkling Allium Christophii.

In a more naturalistic garden, species tulips mix well. Iris Pumila 'Boo' is a dwarf bearded iris, lovely and unobtrusive later on at one-foot high mixed with



Lent lily

the white windflower Anemone Nemorosa. Plant lots of Muscari and see your garden awash in blue. Paint your garden in color, but limit your selection of plants to create mass, as in painting a picture.

Good loamy soil is key, and bone meal should be added to each hole. I don't use a bulb planter. I prefer digging with a spade, snaking my lines through the garden which delineates a composition. Another method is to toss them about and plant them where they lie, mimicking nature. City Island with its warm sea breezes offers up a zone 7, leaving you plenty of time before the ground freezes to plant nature's miraculous packages—root, stem, leaf and flower all bundled up for spring.

Mary Colby is a gardener and fine artist, whose studio and gallery, Fe Fi Faux,

TURTLE COVE RISES AGAIN

By BARBARA DOLENSEK



Photo by BARBARA DOLENSEK

Anthony Esposito, the new proprietor of Turtle Cove Golf Center, showing off the new logo.

Anyone passing by the golf range at Turtle Cove must be wondering exactly what is going on in there. The driving range and the miniature golf course are open for business, but there appears to be a good deal of construction taking place as well.

For much of the year, the range was closed down, after the former concessionaire left, and the new one arrived on the scene with a lot of energy and some wonderful ideas. Anthony Esposito, who lives in Brooklyn, is determined to make Turtle Cove into a sports center for the northeast Bronx. Not only has he rehabbed the 55 hitting stalls for the driving range, but he has also covered and heated 18 bays so that they may continue to be used dur-

ing the winter. He is awaiting permits to put up a building that will contain a pro shop, a bar and grill and a deck for outdoor dining or for parents who want to watch their kids play miniature golf. This is scheduled to open in the spring.

In addition to attractive new plantings, he has pruned vines and evergreens along the edge of the range to reduce insects and improve visibility. He is rewiring the facility and renovating the batting cage, which will be open in the spring, as well as improving the condition of the parking lot.

But that's only the beginning. Next year Mr. Esposito, who has developed a handsome new logo for the facility, plans to put in a short game area with a putting green and perhaps even bocce courts, as well as setting up bicycle rentals for those who want to explore the park. He proposes launching a sports camp for kids, perhaps working with the nearby Bronx Equestrian Center and with other groups that could offer hiking, kayaking and canoeing in the park. He will also provide facilities for special parties and events.

So keep your eye on this site as Mr. Esposito makes progress with his improvements, check out his website (www.turtle-covegolfcenter.com) and, if you're a golfer, be sure to try out those heated bays during the months ahead.

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Laura Kessler Nadoolman

Laura Kessler Nadoolman, a longtime resident of Schofield Street, died recently in California at the age of 90.

She was born in the Bronx on March 8, 1922, to Dora and Max Kessler. She attended Hunter High School and graduated from Hunter College in 1943 with a degree in drama. She then obtained a master's degree in education from Columbia University.

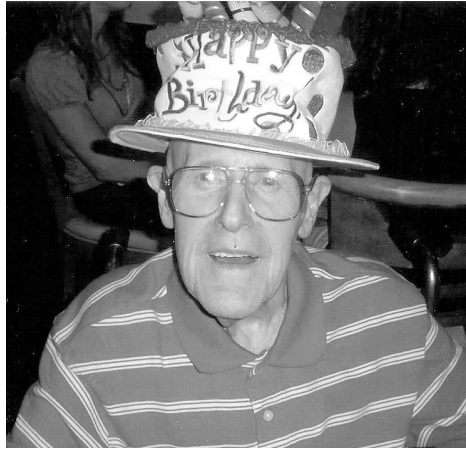
In 1994 Laura was inducted into the Hunter College Hall of Fame for her long-time and visionary leadership in the field of deaf education. She had grown up opposite the New York School for the Blind in the Bronx, where she attended an inspirational workshop given by Helen Keller that changed her life. As an educator and administrator for over 40 years, she taught at the Lexington Avenue School for the Deaf and the St. Joseph's School for the Deaf, and she was principal of the Hebrew Institute for the Deaf in Brooklyn, and an adjunct professor at the NYU School of Education. Laura also established curricula for the deaf in Europe and Israel.

An enthusiastic camper and camp counselor, she was frustrated by the lack of summer programs for deaf children in New York City. In 1950 Laura and her husband, Milton Nadoolman, founded Camp Laughton in Grahamsville, New York, as the first summer camp for deaf children.

She was an inspiration to her friends and to her family and to generations of campers, students, teachers and administrators. Her tireless advocacy for the deaf and hearing impaired was a testimony to her steadfast belief in self-determination and freedom for all people whatever their challenge.

She is survived by her children, Dr. Wolffe Nadoolman and Professor Deborah

Nadoolman Landis, her son-in-law John Landis and her grandchildren, Max Landis and Rachel Landis. Contributions in the name of Laura Kessler Nadoolman, Class of 1943, will be much appreciated by Scholarship and Welfare Fund of Hunter College, 695 Park Avenue, Room 1314E, New York, NY 10065 or online at <https://community.hunter.cuny.edu/donatenow>.



Frank Ring

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Longtime City Island resident Frank Ring Sr. passed away on Aug. 30, 2012, shortly after celebrating his 90th birthday.

He was born on May 16, 1922, in Manhattan, to parents who had been blind from an early age. He was an only child and was raised with the help of his grandmother.

After graduating from high school in Manhattan, Frank went to a meat trades vocational school. He took a civil service test and went to work for the New York City Department of Public Works, where he stayed until his retirement 31 years later.

Frank moved to City Island in 1992 and lived here for about 18 years. During his time here, he made many friends and became involved in the community. Many will remember him as the friendly usher at St. Mary, Star of the Sea Church, or as the smiling crossing guard and later door greeter at P. S. 175. He also volunteered at the St. Mary's thrift shop working at the

register and helped at the food stand cooking hot dogs for the Little League. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus, Guiding Star Council 212 in the Bronx. He will be very much missed by all who knew him.

Frank's wife, Vivian, died in December 2011; he is survived by two sons, Dennis and Frank Jr.; four grandchildren, Brian, Nichole, Gregory and Jennifer; and one great-granddaughter, Isabella Rose.

Frank Thompson

Long-time City Island resident Frank Thompson passed away peacefully at the age of 67, after a long fight with cancer, on Oct. 15, 2012 with his family by his side.

Frank was born in 1945 and raised in Pelham, New York, and graduated from Pelham High School. He attended Fairfield University and New York University, where he earned an MA in Latin American studies. He later earned a degree and certificate in psychological social work.

In his younger days he tended bar at McSorley's Old Ale House in the East Village, but most of his professional life was spent as a counselor, social worker and softball coach at Bronx Lebanon Hospital.

Frank was a long-distance runner, avid photographer and sports enthusiast. He traveled extensively in Spain and Central and South America. Frank is survived by his sister, Elizabeth Thompson Colleary, and brother, Christopher Thompson, and was the beloved uncle of nieces Meaghan Colleary Foley, Katie and Mary Colleary,

and nephew Kevin Thompson.

A Mass of burial was held at St. Mary, Star of the Sea Church on Saturday, Oct. 20, and he was interred at Gate of Heaven cemetery in Valhalla, New York.

Guy Dietz

Guy Dietz, a resident of Pell Place for more than 40 years, passed away on Oct. 4, 2012, at the age of 75.

Guy worked as a machinist for the New York City Transit Authority and retired in 1990. For over 50 years, he was an avid lobsterman and fisherman. He was one of the original members of the Montauk Surf Casters Club, where he enjoyed spending his time fishing.

He is survived by his wife, Rosette Dietz; his children, Michael Guy Dietz, Lisa Jean Scannapieco, Anna Maria Dietz Muto, Guy William Dietz Colon and Guy Anthony Dietz; his twin brother, John Dietz, and 10 grandchildren.

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HH = hours; MM = minutes

Tide chart by Tom Smith

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03 Sat	0221	7.04	0816	1.05	1421	7.57	2049	0.71	Sat 03
All times are Eastern Standard Time beginning Sunday, November 4									
04 Sun	0157	7.03	0759	1.18	1403	7.46	2031	0.84	Sun 04
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06 Tue	0328	7.07	0940	1.34	1542	7.18	2210	0.98	Tue 06
07 Wed	0421	7.17	1038	1.28	1639	7.09	2305	0.92	Wed 07
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Photo by JOANNE BROGAN

On Friday, Oct. 12, City Islanders gathered at Grace Episcopal Church, where they met Christopher Bean, executive director of Part of the Solution (POTS) and made 400 sandwiches for distribution at the Webster Avenue facility. The work crew included eighth-grade students at P. S. 175 who are fulfilling a pledge to community service, residents of Pilot Cove, Grace parishioners and other Islanders. Grace Church, through its outreach program, and Torino Foods in New Rochelle provided the ingredients. Joanne Brogan, Junior Warden at Grace Church and a POTS employee, noted that POTS serves one of the poorest Congressional districts in the nation and is just a seven-mile drive from City Island.



IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING...

In a recent column we reported on poachers who were after guinea hens and wild turkey in Pelham Bay Park. Now comes word of geese, gulls and even a squirrel that have been targeted by blow-guns with darts in the park (see story page 1).

To make matters even worse, some criminal has girdled or stripped away rings of bark from the trunks of 15 40-year old pin oak trees in the South Meadow of the park. When a tree is girdled, it is not likely to survive. Girdling inhibits the upward flow of water and minerals from tree roots, as well as the downward flow of food that is made in tree leaves.

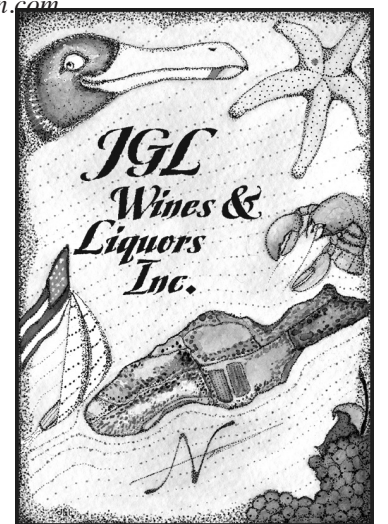
To date, no witnesses have come forward, which is not surprising. Pelham Bay Park is, after all, New York City's largest park, and it is entirely possible that no one saw what happened. Certainly not the Park Rangers; there is nowhere near enough of them. So that's where we all come in. Ultimately, it is up to us, the friends of Pelham Bay Park, to be on the lookout for those

selfish, misguided few who don't see the park as a precious resource but as a plaything.

Maybe you don't walk the park because you don't have the time or the inclination. But we all drive (or are driven) through it sooner or later. If when you are driving through you see something, say something. Say it to the police if you are not comfortable confronting individuals yourself. At the very least, let the Park Administrator, Marianne Anderson, know by calling 718-430-4686. She can also be reached electronically at Marianne.Anderson@parks.nyc.gov.

On another, lighter note, we heard from Jack at cityislandbirds.com that a couple of bald eagles were spotted near the lagoon across the street from the Orchard Beach parking lot. Check out his website for details. The osprey are still around, too, though by now, they have usually migrated south. But why fly south for food when you've got all the menhaden you could want to eat right here? Barbara says the cormorants have been turning her float into a regular dry cleaning salon, as they use it to air out their wings after fishing, not because of oil deficiency but because of the structure of the feathers, which are designed to enable them to swim underwater for long periods. Whatever the reason, it looks a little creepy for our taste, so happy (belated) Halloween!

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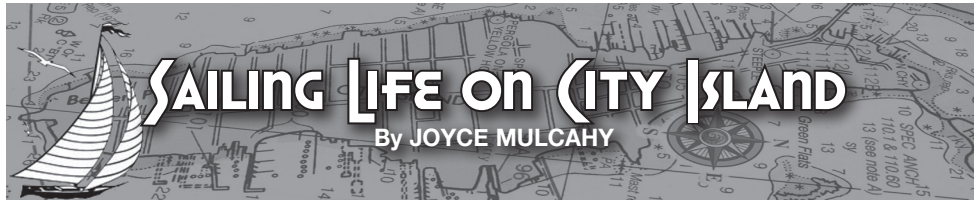
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At this time of year I wish City Island was an island just off southern California. A brisk October typically marks the end of the sailing season in New York, officially termed "out of commission." Fleet 61 (J 24') racing ended in September, followed also by the EBYRA (Eastchester Bay Yacht Racing Association) Wednesday night racing, and the New Rochelle Thursday night Can 1 racing too. In California, however, there is no end of the season officially, but we'll get to that.

"Out of commission" is a term that originated with the Navy when a ship was taken out of service. "Into commission," according to the U.S. Navy's website, began in December 1775, when *Alfred*, the first ship of the Continental Navy, was commissioned at Philadelphia. "Once in commission, the commanding officer and crew are entrusted with the privilege, and the responsibility, of maintaining their ship's readiness in peace, and of conducting successful operations at sea in time of war."

Yacht clubs later adopted these terms. Late in October the City Island Yacht Club, Morris Beach and Yacht Club, Harlem Yacht Club and Stuyvesant Yacht Club all held their going-out-of-commission dinner and ceremony. The ceremony on the yacht club lawn that I witnessed at dusk on Oct. 20, included lowering six flags, each accompanied by cannon fire. It's a small cannon, but it packs a satisfying *ka-boom!* According to Francine Alheid, past CIYC Commodore, the flags lowered signified "the Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, and the Fleet Captain, followed by the yacht club flag (or burgee), and the U.S. flag." This ceremony, complete with all officers dressed in their formal yacht club uniforms, represents a club, or more accurately its fleet, going out of commission, and the raising of the

flags in spring indicates the fleet going into commission. (The club itself remains open for events throughout the year.)

The going-out-of-commission party is bittersweet. Sailors appreciate a good party (they're like my Irish kin that way!), but until spring you may not see much of a community of people you see frequently from April through October. The camaraderie of sharing sailing and racing stories is put on hold until the season begins anew. However, the going-into-commission party is practically a giddy affair, knowing that six months of sailing lay ahead. Familiar faces are seen again, and crews are racing once more.

Each May I visit my relatives in a little place of heaven on earth called Dana Point. The blue water marina sits below statuesque cliffs overlooking the Pacific Ocean. Palm trees dot the landscape, and happy boat owners, who don't know what "going out of commission" is for their yacht club, have a perpetual golden glow. Nevertheless, on the third or fourth week in May, the Dana Point Yacht Club celebrates opening day. I asked my uncle, Dan Clifford (who first introduced me to sailing), how you can have an opening day if you never closed? "Oh we close," he said. "The Friday night before Saturday morning's opening day we throw a bucket of ice out the yacht club window. That signifies being closed for the season." The next morning the biggest party south of L.A. begins with a parade of boats in the marina and champagne, ceremonies and a festive atmosphere lingering well into the a.m. They have it rough, those Californians!

Fortunately, many sailors live on City Island, so we see each other at the IGA, deli, diner or pub or simply walking down the avenue. It's a good thing Island friends never go out of commission.

What Kind of Parent Are You?

By JOHN SCARDINA

In the "Parenting with Love and Logic" program developed by Jim Fay and Foster Cline, parents are categorized in three groups: consultant parents, helicopter parents and drill sergeant parents. Please read the descriptions below and see which category might best describe your parenting style:

- **Consultant parents** share messages of worth and strength with children, reminding them of their gifts and strengths. They use praise well, expressing positive feedback that is specific, true and helpful. Consultant parents allow children to rise to positive expectations rather than fulfill negative expectations. By allowing natural consequences to occur and not bailing out children when they get into difficulty, these parents help to raise responsible and loving children.

- **Helicopter parents** hover over children and rescue them from life's challenges. These parents always take the child's point of view and defend actions that are often indefensible. Children who are hovered over fail to develop a moral compass and a sense of accountability. The kind of love they receive is unrealistic—they get

rewarded with affection even when they are wrong! Often this style better meets the parent's need to be "a good parent" than the child's need to experience life on life's terms.

- **Drill sergeant parents** demand what they want and try to control their children's lives. Love here is often conditional—do what I say and I will love you—and the expectation is that the child will fail unless you make them shape up. Children who are constantly yelled at and belittled for their failures often lack self-esteem and tend to be more socially aggressive with peers. The tasks may get accomplished, but the atmosphere at home is tense and judgmental.

Clearly we might fit each of these roles at any given time. Just being aware of these styles can be helpful nonetheless: may we all strive to be the parents we always hoped we would be.

City Island resident John Scardina is a school psychologist, child development specialist and parent educator. His monthly parent groups at the CI Community Center help parents to connect with one another and share their parenting journeys.

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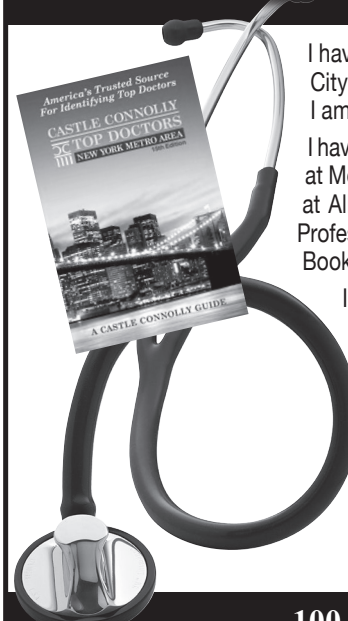
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The Jeremy Bacon Trio performed a special jazz concert on Sunday, Oct. 14, at Grace Episcopal Church, featuring a program of standards such as "Autumn Leaves" and original compositions by the group's leader. Shown above (l. to r.) are vocalist Kendra Lou, bassist Thomson Kneeland and pianist Jeremy Bacon. The enthusiastic audience met with the performers during a wine and cheese reception following the concert.

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Organization News

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Museum to look at the photos, journals, and memorabilia. Scouts left with possible names inspired by actual boats, boat parts and nautical-related jobs. We hope to narrow all ideas down to 10 possibilities soon after the New Year.

Led by Assistant Scoutmaster Angelo Bellocchio and Troop 211 Eagle Scouts John Anthony Persteins and Peter Coyle, four of our oldest scouts took part in the Bronx Bike Tour, a 25-mile cycling challenge. This tour was part of their efforts to earn the cycling merit badge, which ultimately ends up requiring more than 100 total miles of cycling. Many thanks to Metro Bicycles in New Rochelle for supporting our cycling merit badge efforts.

Troop 211 took a scenic train ride along the Hudson River, ending up at the Walkway Over the Hudson in Poughkeepsie, New York. Two crosses over the Hudson and six miles of walking left us with breathtaking views from up and down the river, as well as 200 feet below!

By the time you read this issue of *The Island Current*, we hope to have toured SUNY Maritime College at Fort Schuyler during its first Scout Day, followed by a tour and hike of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. Keep an eye out for the results of these and other great activities in future issues of *The Current*. These activities are not only challenges but also honors for us.

Scoutmaster Angelo Bellocchio

PSS Healthy Seniors

Fitness Program

Exercise is an important key to good health, especially for an older person. We hope more people will join our wonderful and affordable exercise classes as listed below.

Zumba Gold with Sarah: Monday at 10:30 at the City Island Community Center, 190 Fordham Street.

Cardio Fitness with Mary: Tuesday at 9:30 at Grace Church Hall, 116 City Island Avenue at Pilot Street.

Arthritis Exercise with Patty: Tuesday at 10:30 at Grace Church Hall.

Orchard Beach Walk: Wednesday; we leave Pilot St. at 9:30 (must have three walkers).

Yoga Stretch with Michael: Thursday at 9:30 at Grace Church Hall.

Fit for Life with Sarah: Friday at 9:30 at Grace Church Hall.

Note: To make ends meet a little better, all classes will be \$3, except Arthritis Exercise, which will continue to be free.

Senior Writing Group

What is your favorite family story—the one that makes everyone smile? Come turn those memories into wonderful stories. Every Tuesday from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. in Grace Church Hall. Call Gail for more information at 718-885-0444. There is no charge and everyone is welcome.

Volunteering

Please think about volunteering for one of our senior programs. We need help in many areas including clerical and computer, reception, telephoning, visiting and help with parties and events to name a few.

Telephone Reassurance

If you live alone or know someone who lives alone, a telephone call everyday might be of benefit. Please call Debbie at 718-885-0727.

Caregiver Support

If you are caring for someone or you know someone who is caring for another, we have some supportive services that might be helpful, including respite, escort assistance and shopping assistance. Please call Debbie at 718-885-0727.

Transportation Services

Call Anthony Mazzella at 347-834-6466 a day ahead for Island and off-Island trips. Regular afternoon shopping trips are Monday, Bay Plaza or Stop & Shop; Thursday, Shop Rite in New Rochelle. Trips are also made to Fairway, Target, Trader Joe's, Home Depot, Cross County Shopping Center, the Christmas

Tree Shop, Key Food, Empire City and more. Suggested contributions for round trips are \$1 on Island, and \$2.50 off-Island. Anyone over 60 is encouraged to take advantage of our door-to-door transportation services in our beautiful new van.

Program Services

Call Debbie at 718-885-0727 to receive our detailed monthly calendar featuring trips and events, including group theater discounts to shows such as "Fiddler on the Roof" at the Westchester Dinner Theater on Nov. 8 (\$53). Programs are funded by Presbyterian Senior Services and the NYC Department for the Aging.

Debbie Erosa

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Our special services this month will be on Friday, Nov. 7, at 7:30 p.m. with Rabbi Shohama and Reb David, and on Friday, Nov. 16, at 7:30 p.m. with Reb David and Reb Eva officiating. All other Friday night services will be community led, usually with Bob Berent and his accordion.

The temple and the Bronx Council for the Arts will again host our second classical music concert this fall on Sunday, Nov. 4. This free concert will feature the Bardekova Ensemble and begins at 3 p.m.

The new monthly class called "Spirit and Song: The Liturgy and Spirituality of Welcoming Shabbat," led by Reb David, will be held on Thursday, Nov. 15, at 7:30 p.m. This series will deepen familiarity with welcoming the Sabbath in synagogue and at home. By learning the meaning and symbolism of traditional prayers and songs, we will enrich our personal spirituality and our community's celebration of what our tradition calls a weekly taste of perfection. This class is ideal for anyone interested in learning more about our liturgy, its history and how we make it our own in our own day.

Sessions will be Thursdays at 7:30 on the following dates: Nov. 15, Dec. 13, Jan. 3, Feb. 7, March 7, April 11, May 9 and June 13. Participants will be expected to purchase a few inexpensive books. To register or ask questions, please e-mail Reb David at davidevanmarkus@gmail.com.

Bob Berent

American Legion Ladies Auxiliary

Our Oct. 2 meeting was a great success as we welcomed four new members. Everyone had a good time at the baby shower, which finished with a theatrical delivery. Congratulations to all on a job well done.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, Nov. 7, at 7:30 p.m., instead of on Tuesday, because of Election Day.

On Sunday, Nov. 11, a Memorial Service will be held at the Pelham Bay Monument. Saturday, Nov. 17, is the Servicemen's Dinner at the Post.

On Nov. 18, the Veterans Day parade kicks off at Lafayette Avenue and East Tremont Avenue in Throggs neck at 12 noon.

A happy and healthy Thanksgiving to all.
Maryann Occhicone

City Island Republicans

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Happy birthday on Nov. 15 to King Avenue's Paul Nani, with love from all the Rauhausers—Karen, Roger, Mark, Ducky, Eric and Lyla.

Best wishes for a lifetime of happiness to Eddie Ciarletta and Jackie Iuso, who were married at St. Mary, Star of the Sea Church, on Oct. 5. Jackie is the daughter of Lawrence and Mary Iuso of the Bronx, and Eddie is the son of Bay Street's Kathy Ciarletta and the late Mario Ciarletta. After their reception at the Greentree, the couple left for a honeymoon in Australia.

Happy 29th birthday to my favorite Aunt Kristen, with love from Jack Barbuto.

Happy seventh birthday to Marc Lomonaco, with love from Jennifer, Oscar, Billy and Rudy.

Birthday greetings on Nov. 16 to Minneford Avenue's Ken Farnum, with all our love—Mom H., Deb and Beth.

Special thanks to all our veterans, who will celebrate Veteran's Day on Nov. 11.

Much happiness to Terrace Street's Bob and Susan Kraemer, who celebrated their 39th wedding anniversary on Oct. 21.

Happy 25th birthday wishes on Nov. 12 to Winter Street's Bobby Swieciki, with love from Mom and Dad, Stephen and Maria.

Birthday wishes to Richard Ferris, who turns 25 on Nov. 4. Enjoy your celebration. We wish you all the best in the coming years. We love you—Mom, Joey, Marissa, Dad, Linda and the boys.

Happy fifth birthday wishes to Lanai Pecoraro, with love from Rich, LilyJude and Jade.

Keep up the good work to LilyJude Pecoraro for winning second place in her karate tournament and receiving the MVP award. We are so proud of you.

Happy third birthday greetings to Joseph DiSantis of Earley Street. You are growing up into a wonderful big boy. We love you! Mom, Dad, Karina and Mat-



Eddie and Jackie Ciarletta

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Happy 13th birthday to Deirdre J. Spencer on Nov. 19. Your family also wants to wish you lots of luck on your auditions, but just remember that you are already a shining star in our eyes. We love you!

Happy 40th birthday to Annemarie Tomsen and happy 50th birthday to Sharon Schaefer Pincowski.

November birthday greetings go out to former Islander Jack Hartigan.

Happy 13th birthday to Minneford Avenue's Matthew Cioffi. We love ya a whole bunch! Love, Mom and Dad.

And wishing all our neighbors, friends and readers a wonderful and safe Thanksgiving.

Maria Swieciki

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