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FATAL SHOOTING SHOCKS ISLANDERS

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A horrific shooting of a female member of the water main construction crew (photo, above left) occurred on April 14, 2021, near the Legion Memorial Triangle near the bridge. The quick action of some bystanders and the boyfriend of the victim enabled the capture of the shooter, who was hit by a car as he attempted to flee on his bicycle (top right). The massive police, fire and emergency services response mixed with the heavy construction equipment near the bridge stopped all traffic on and off the Island for almost two hours in the early afternoon. Family members, friends and Islanders left flowers, candles and mementos at the scene (bottom right).

The murder of a 52-year-old woman near the City Island Bridge on April 14, 2021, at 12:29 p.m. left Island residents stunned and appalled. There had not been a fatal shooting on City Island in 24 years, and the incident shocked those who saw or heard the shooting or were caught in the massive traffic jam created when police, fire and emergency vehicles responded to the scene. Many Islanders were deeply disturbed by the video of the incident recorded by the Argus camera that had been put on the bridge in September 2019.

According to NYPD's Public Information Office, police from the 45th Precinct received a 911 call of an assault in progress early Wednesday afternoon. Upon arrival, responding officers encountered "an unconscious and unresponsive female with multiple gunshot wounds to the body and a conscious 66-year-old male with trauma to the body." Within minutes, FDNY and EMS responded to the scene as well, and removed both individuals to nearby Jacobi Hospital, where the 52-year-old female was pronounced dead.

The suspect was identified by police as Jose Everaldo Reyes of East 150th Street in the Bronx. Bronx District Attorney Darcel Clark said the defendant was arraigned on April 23 on second-degree murder, first-degree manslaughter and two counts

of second-degree criminal possession of a weapon before Bronx Supreme Court Justice John Carter. The defendant was remanded and is due back in court on May 25, 2021.

The victim was identified as Lizbeth Mass of Renaissance Court in Brooklyn, New York. According to the Department of Design and Construction, Ms. Mass worked as a construction flagger for Northeast Remsco Construction, Inc., the contractor for the water-main replacement project that has been on the Island since the summer of 2019. Liz, as everyone called her, had worked for the company for several years, according to one member of the crew, and was well liked, not just by her colleagues but also by Islanders who saw her regularly and were always greeted with a smile.

Mr. Reyes, known as Eddie, worked as a handyman and had been doing odd jobs on City Island for several years, according to an Island resident who often saw him here working on Reynolds Street. He was observed in recent months bringing lunch to Ms. Mass, and on April 14, when he met with her, she introduced him to Dwayne Walker, age 58, whom she introduced as her boyfriend. Mr. Reyes then reportedly rode his bicycle away from the scene and returned to the Legion Triangle with a 44-caliber Smith and Wesson gun. Accord-



ing to witness accounts and the Argus video, Mr. Reyes then approached Ms. Mass at the Legion Triangle, shot her and attempted to flee the scene on a bicycle.

According to the District Attorney's report, Mr. Reyes became enraged when he saw her boyfriend at the site and realized she was in a relationship. The boyfriend of the victim saw Mr. Reyes return on his bike and was concerned he would do something to Ms. Mass. He followed the defendant in his car and when he saw Mr. Reyes allegedly shoot Ms. Mass three times in the torso with a revolver, the boyfriend ran over the defendant with his vehicle and he, along with other individuals, restrained Mr. Reyes until police arrived.

John Garista, who works with Mike Carew of Captain Mike's Dive Shop, drove over the bridge in his truck just moments after the shooting. When he saw a 2016 Hyundai Sonata hit Mr. Reyes, tossing him into the air and crushing a bicycle, he jumped out of his truck and went to see what he could do to help. Mr. Walker yelled

to him: "He just shot my friend!" When Mr. Garista noticed that Mr. Walker had not left his car in park, he tried to warn him, but the Sonata ran back and hit Mr. Reyes with its open door. As can be clearly seen on the video, Mr. Walker started hitting the shooter and, when Mr. Garista went to help him, cried: "He's got a gun!" He saw, however, that the weapon was on the roadway about four feet away, so Mr. Garista kept Mr. Reyes under control while Mr. Walker went to check on Ms. Mass and tried unsuccessfully to resuscitate her.

Mr. Garista was joined by another man, who he believed was an undercover police officer, who put handcuffs on the shooter. Within minutes, police vehicles arrived on the scene, along with an ambulance and fire trucks, stopping traffic while they began an investigation of the crime scene. Both the victim and the shooter were then taken to Jacobi Hospital.

Members of the press quickly arrived on the scene and began interviewing res-

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BRIEFLY...

BLOOD DRIVE will be held by the Bronx Masons on Tuesday, May 11, starting at 3:30 p.m. and ending at 7:45 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church at 113 Bay Street. Because of the coronavirus, you must make an appointment in advance by calling the New York Blood Center at 1-800-933-2566. Appointments are held in 15-minute increments. Covid-19 protocols for donors are as follows: You must wear a mask or face covering over your nose and mouth (a plastic face shield is not acceptable); you must have your temperature taken and you must have been symptom free for 14 days if you have recovered from Covid-19. You may not donate if you have a positive diagnostic test or have experienced symptoms in the last two weeks. After returning from any state not bordering New York State, you must quarantine and will be unable to donate for 10 days.

TAX REMINDER: *The Current's* Tax Tips columnist, Ed Heben, reminds Islanders that the due date for filing taxes and making payments for the 2020 calendar year has been extended by the IRS and New York State to Monday, May 17, 2021. The usual April 15 date was extended because of the ongoing pandemic. Don't forget to mail your federal and local tax returns by the new due date.

ARTS AND CRAFTS FAIR, sponsored by the City Island Chamber of Commerce, will be held along City Island Avenue on Saturday and Sunday, June 5 and 6, rain or shine. The fair will feature paintings, photography, jewelry, stained glass, native crafts, bath and body products, clothing, face painting and more. If you are looking to showcase your work, fill out an application on the Chamber website, www.cityislandchamber.org, by May 21.

VOLUNTEER IN PELHAM BAY PARK: Help clear debris and weeds and vines in the park along Eastchester Bay on Saturday, May 22 and June 5, starting at 10 a.m. Register in advance by e-mailing friendsofpehhambaypark@gmail.com.

FOCAL POINT GALLERY will open a new "Artist's Choice" exhibition on May 1, with a reception from 1 to 6 p.m. Papa Guyo Guyocious and the Days of the Wild Band will be there as special musical guests from 1 to 4 p.m.

45 BLOTTER

Complaints reported from City Island to the 45th Precinct during March and April 2021. Unfounded complaints are not included in the list.

- 2 – HARASSMENT
- 1 – UNLICENSED OPERATION OF A MOTOR VEHICLE
- 1 – ROBBERY
- 1 – UNLAWFUL SURVEILLANCE
- 1 – HOMICIDE
- 1 – DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED (DWI)
- 1 – GRAND LARCENY
- 1 – LEAVING THE SCENE OF AN ACCIDENT

Police provided details on the following arrests and incidents for the period from March 23 to April 19, 2021.

3/30 – At 10:30 p.m. on City Island Avenue, an Island female reported an incident of harassment. She told police that another female Islander made threatening remarks to her, causing the victim to fear for her safety.

3/30 – On Marine Street at 9:25 p.m., a female Islander told police that an unknown person had installed a camera in her bedroom without her consent.

4/2 – An off-Island female reported a robbery at 9 a.m. The victim told police that

after entering a vehicle with four occupants, she asked to be taken home. The driver allegedly became angry, tased the victim and then stole her cell phone.

4/6 – Police from the 45th Precinct arrested an off-Island male, 45, and charged him with DWI. Police responded to the scene of a hit-and-run accident on Bay Street and City Island Avenue at 10:13 p.m. The defendant returned to the scene after leaving and was observed by police to have slurred speech and the odor of alcohol on his breath.

4/8 – On Bridge Street and City Island Avenue, police arrested an off-Island female, 27, and charged her with unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle at 4:13 p.m. The driver was observed disobeying traffic signs and upon further investigation, officers subsequently found that the defendant's driver's license had been suspended.

4/8 – At 9 p.m. on City Island Avenue, an unknown vehicle struck the parked vehicle of an off-Island female, then fled the scene of the accident.

4/12 – On Reynolds Street, an Island male reported an incident of grand larceny at 12 p.m. The victim told police that a legal firearm had been removed from a drawer in his home without his consent.

4/14 – NYPD detectives are investigating a homicide on City Island Avenue near the bridge at 12:29 p.m. The victim was an off-Island female, 52, and the defendant an off-Island male, 66. See story on page 1.

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The Boys and Girls of Summer Return (Safely)

By VIRGINIA DANNEGGER and KAREN NANI



Baseball returned to City Island after a year's hiatus due to the pandemic. A grateful president, Dom Esposito, announced the start of the Little League 2021 season on April 3 at Ambrosini Field with cheers from a small group of coaches and players in line with Covid-19 safety guidelines for youth sports.

"This is the most difficult opening day due to the lost year and the precautions necessary due to the coronavirus crisis," an emotional Mr. Esposito told the players and fans assembled for the ceremony. Following the presentation of the colors by members of the American Legion color guard and the playing of the national anthem, Mr. Esposito led a moment of silence for "those affected by this horrible virus."

He then showcased the refurbished infield made possible through donations in memory of two past players, Islanders Dan Barry and Rob Vivola. It was fitting that Rob's father, Tom Vivola, was part of the Legion color guard at the ceremony.

In another sign of the times, the opening ceremony was streamed live to those who could not attend, thanks to the technical expertise of City Island Boy Scout Peter Hickey. "I played in City Island Little League since I was in first grade, so I am glad to help out," he told *The Current*. The aspiring video producer has already set up virtual Sunday services for Trinity United Methodist Church and he handled the outdoor conditions at the field with the expertise of a professional.

Mr. Esposito then announced two new partnerships and a new safety officer. The City Island Oyster Reef project (CIOR) helped prepare the playing field by removing all the weeds bordering the back fence. "We have the best view of any ball field in the city, including Yankee Stadium and Citi Field," he exclaimed as he thanked the members of the CIOR for making the view of Long Island Sound even better. The president also told the crowd about a partnership with Pelham Bay Little League ("there will be some off-Island games") and introduced Dr.

Jeanine Giacobelli, "our new safety officer who has put together a comprehensive plan to keep everyone safe and still have fun."

Special recognition was then given to City Island Little League's loyal sponsors for their continued support, especially when business has declined for many Island establishments during the pandemic. Those who made this special season possible are: City Island Theater Group, Sea Shore Restaurant, Crab Shanty, Dugout Sports, Man Overboard, Jack's Bait and Tackle, Sammy's Fish Box, Local 79 Laborers, JP's Restaurant, Seafood City, The Gilder Scholarship Fund, Island Discount, Artie's Steak and Seafood and the Leonard Hawkins Post 156 of the American Legion. "We couldn't do this without the support of our sponsors, so please patronize these restaurants and businesses to show appreciation," Mr. Esposito reminded those listening live and virtually.

The 2021 CILL coaching and team representatives were introduced and took the field for ceremonial first pitches. They include T-ball, to be coached by Tommy McMahon, whose players Kylie Anderson and Jonathon Quinlan stood up at the plate and on the pitcher's mound; Junior Minors, coached by Greg Clancy featuring players Adriana Matos and Magnolia Mazzeo; Minors, coached by Rene Matos with players Gus Esposito and Christopher Matos; and Majors, featuring coach Greg Penny and enthusiastic players Jake Penny and Luca Mazzeo. Because of Covid-19 restrictions, these representatives were selected to symbolically start the season in place of the full roster of players for each team. Once games begin, all team members will take the field in accordance with safety guidelines.

Mr. Esposito stressed the importance of welcoming the community back to watch and participate in baseball. So grab your mask, head down to Ambrosini Field by P.S. 175 and root, root, root for the home team from now until the end of June.

seek justice for the victim, who was a hard-working mother," according to the District Attorney.

As the Argus camera video became public, news media published it on line and displayed images of the flowers that co-workers, Island residents, the Civic Association and family members had left on the Legion Triangle, the spot where she died.

A visitation was held at Seneca Chapel Funeral Home in Ridgewood, NY, on Thursday, April 22. On City Island, the family has been holding an informal vigil at lunchtime most days at the Legion Triangle, where flowers, candles and messages have been placed in her memory and where City Islanders have been stopping by to talk to her relatives and to provide some comfort and support.



Photos by KAREN NANI
President Dom Esposito proudly opened the 2021 City Island Little League season on April 3 with support from the American Legion color guard (top left photo). Only a small group of girls and boys from each team attended in person due to Covid-19 restrictions (middle photos above), but the ceremony was streamed live to all players thanks to Islander Peter Hickey (top photo, right). First pitches were thrown by representatives from the major, minor, junior minor and t-ball teams (bottom photos). Play ball!

Shooting

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idents and business owners who spoke warmly about Ms. Mass and were horrified by the incident, which was witnessed by at least one individual at Dunkin Donuts and heard by several others. When the construction crew was asked why they went back to work so quickly after the incident, they told reporters that they had to turn the water on for residents affected by the construction.

"The defendant allegedly shot the victim multiple times during a fit of jealousy. The senseless incident happened in broad daylight in a quiet neighborhood and was captured on surveillance video. We will



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Plea for Cooperation

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

To Commissioner Nivardo Lopez, NYC Department of Transportation:

I am sending this letter as a formal protest to the haphazard installation of bicycle racks on the sidewalks of City Island Avenue. The fact that this project has taken place without the informed consent of our local businesses, building owners, Chamber of Commerce, or Civic Association shows a complete disregard for those living and working on City Island. Projects in our neighborhood of this nature should be conducted after informing and consulting with businesses and residents on City Island.

I have spoken to Matt Cruz, district manager of Community Board 10 and had him visit to see what we now know to be the start of installations. The next day there were many more racks installed. He seemed unaware of the extent of this project.

Approximately 34 bicycle racks have now been installed along less than one mile of City Island Avenue. Some are in front of restaurants, preventing their legal use of these outdoor spaces for patron tables. At this time while trying to recover lost business due to Covid, stores are also allowed to expand their retail to the space by the curb, but now are unable to do so. Racks have been placed where we have annual SAPO permits to conduct

Arts & Crafts Fairs twice a year. These events have been taking place on the sidewalks of City Island for the past 25 years.

The Chamber would be glad to work with you to determine appropriate places for these bike racks. We may suggest near fire hydrants, telephone poles or adjacent to bus stops. The Catherine Scott Park promenade could accommodate at least 10 or 15 racks, and the Park at the south end of City Island Avenue could also accommodate additional racks. These locations would not interfere with our businesses.

We are creating a questionnaire for our business owners to ask whether they would want a rack in front of or near their business. Some have already complained about the chosen locations.

Please let us be partners in these projects.

**Paul Klein, President,
City Island Chamber of Commerce**

Support After Shooting

To the Editor:

After the death of my sister-in-law Liz Mass on April 24, we were pleased to meet the City Island community, a close-knit one. We don't see this anymore. I want to express how warm and supportive you all have been. We are truly grateful! I look forward to her children meeting you. I told her three daughters how concerned and supportive you all were. We are all so appreciative for the outpouring of love and support. It's beautiful! Look just look what Liz is still doing.

Ana Castillo



Photo by KAREN NANI

On Tuesday, April 6, 2021, Islanders were surprised to see that the Department of Transportation (DOT) had installed a great many circular bike racks along City Island Avenue without any prior notification. Some business owners were upset by the placement, especially Calliope Rigos of the Black Whale, who felt that it would make it impossible for her to put outside dining on the sidewalk. DOT Commissioner Nivardo Lopez responded to complaints by saying that this was a citywide initiative and that installations near commercial and shopping districts were prioritized because those tend to be destinations. Although a press release had been sent out in March announcing the program in the East Bronx, City Island was not mentioned, and no Island organizations, including *The Island Current*, were informed in advance of the project.

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C.I. Oyster Reef Springs Ahead

By SALLY CONNOLLY



Photo courtesy of CITY ISLAND OYSTER REEF

Oyster Reef volunteers bagging shells at the Pelham Bay Park landfill on March 28.

The City Island Oyster Reef was delighted to learn last month that they had been awarded a grant of \$28,000 from the Long Island Sound Stewardship Fund for phase 1 of a project to research and design a Living Shoreline in the wetlands area behind P.S. 175. The funds will enable them to hire a project manager to supervise the project, which will include the restoration of the wetlands, a pilot oyster reef and an outdoor learning center.

In spite of the fact that CIOR was unable to collect shells from the restaurants because of Covid-19, a program they hope to start up again later in the spring, CIOR did manage to complete the first of several clean-ups of the shoreline behind the school.

CIOR is starting up the monitoring of the Oyster Research Stations (cages full of live oysters) on Saturday, May 1, at 9 a.m. Cody Carroll, CIOR's intern, will show interested volunteers how to monitor the growth of the oysters in these experimental cages.

Volunteers will also be needed to help on the morning of Sunday, May 16, to clean up the Living Shoreline itself, removing

weeds and invasive plants and getting rid of debris that washed in over the winter.

On Wednesday, April 21, Peter Solomon, a teacher at the Sound School in New Haven presented a wonderful webinar on how his students have built an oyster reef in New Haven Harbor by constructing reef balls and filling them with lab-cultured oyster spat (baby oysters). The students are responsible for every aspect of this project, which functions as a living laboratory for students and faculty, as well as local university partners. The webinar, like our earlier programs, will be accessible on the CIOR website, Cloysterreef.org.

On Wednesday, May 19, at 7 p.m., Danielle Bissett, Director of Restoration for the Billion Oyster Project, will present a webinar on various oyster reef restoration projects that BOP has been involved in throughout the New York City area. To sign up for CIOR events reach out to city-islandoysterreef@gmail.com or check out our website.

CIOR is delighted to announce that the group has joined forces with the City Island Little League to reorganize the club house so that CIOR can also use it for meetings.



Photos by MARIA CARUSO and SALLY CONNOLLY

On Saturday morning, April 10, members of the community stepped up for the City Island Oyster Reef (CIOR) to clear the vines off the fence separating Ambrosini Field from the waterfront area that the CIOR will be restoring as a Living Shoreline (top photo). Christine Frohnert, Adjie Henderson and Cody Carroll looked for oysters on a City Island beach (middle photo). Cody Carroll, the CIOR intern, explains to eco-volunteers how to calibrate water-quality monitoring equipment that she uses to test the water in four different locations around City Island (bottom photo).



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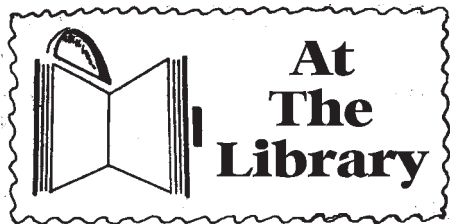
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On April 5, 2021, the first on-Island Covid-19 vaccination site opened at the PSS City Island Senior Center at Grace Church. About 150 people registered beforehand and received the Moderna vaccine (the event was featured in the April 14 issue of the New York Times). Director Patty Attis acknowledged Tomas Ramos, President and Founder of Bronx Rising Initiative, for bringing the vaccines to the Island. Morris Heights Health Center will be returning on Monday, May 3, to administer the second vaccine to those who attended the first event.



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Teen Writers Assemble! Get together to talk fanfic, fandom culture, and writing! Bring some writing if you want a critique! Wednesday, May 12, 19 and 26 at 3:30 p.m.

Teens Talk Books: Angie Thomas talks about the books and legacy of "The Hate U Give" and more. Angie Thomas. Friday, May 14, at 3:30 p.m.

Jenny Han Book Trivia: Jenny Han is one of the most prolific Asian-American YA authors. How well do you know her books and the inspired movies? Friday, May 21, at 3:30 p.m.

Hiragana For Beginners: Hiragana are the basic building blocks of the Japanese language. Learn the characters and the sounds they make, and leave with resources to further your own learning. Friday, May 28, at 3:30 p.m.

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Mystery Mash-Up: Compare your latest or greatest mystery reads with fellow aficionados. From daring detectives to malevolent masterminds, join us virtually at the City Island Library as we celebrate National Mystery Month. Tuesday, May 4, at 6 p.m.

World Turtle Day Trivia: World Turtle Day is Sunday, May 23, but we want to start the SHELL-ebriation early with some trivia! The City Island Library's mascot, Shelley, will be tallying up your points and seeing how well you know turtles! Friday, May 21, at 3:30 p.m.

Virtual 1-on-1 Classes: Topics include, Help with Databases for Adults, NYPL Catalog and e-Book Borrowing, and Getting Started with e-Books These classes will be scheduled in half-hour time slots. Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Open Book Hour: What Are You Reading Now? One of the most popular activities at home is reading. Join us and share selections with other readers. Saturday, May 8 and 22, at 3:30 p.m.

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Revisiting Land Use on City Island to Unlock Our Potential

By LAUREN D. NYE



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Aerial view of City Island taken in the 1970s when the Department of City Planning was developing Special District Zoning.

Last May, I graduated from CUNY Baruch with a master's degree in public administration, building on my 10-plus years of work in New York City's community and economic development sectors. I focused on a capstone project that analyzed City Island's land use designation as a special purpose district. My findings, explained in detail below, aligned with what I have been feeling for some years: our mile-and-a-half long island off the coast of the Bronx—City Island—is not being used as efficiently or equitably as possible. We are not maximizing the highest and best use of our land, and Islanders and other New Yorkers are worse off because of it.

I love New York City, and I love City Island ("C.I. till I die," as they say). That's why I decided to buy my great aunt's home here two years ago. I'm a sixth-generation City Islander, and I know that this New York City area holds good and unique attributes. I also know that the current economic and community development conditions, which exist in part because of an under-analyzed public policy, are stunting our community's full potential. Doing nothing is not acceptable any more, and if there were ever a time to do something, it is now.

Our commercial corridor suffers from chronic vacancies. There remain virtually no publicly accessible nautical and waterfront spaces on City Island. Our housing stock is also significantly restrictive, with limited units for single persons and few affordable units and housing for older adults. City Island's only school building is two doors away from a manufacturing site that stores large construction vehicles. These community and economic development challenges are all tied to our land use designation.

In 1976 the New York City Department of City Planning (DCP) proposed that City Island be regulated as a Special Purpose District in 1976 and approved the land use regulation in 1977. Part of the expressed effort is to preserve and uplift City Island's nautical heritage. The zoning resolution's stated intent is for housing and economic development activities in City Island to promote a "village" quality, with regulations that include low-density building heights, limit the size and illumination of business signs and regulate landscaping and screening requirements for parking lots. The designation also signals to commercial developers that this space is targeted for nautical and waterfront activities, saying that "only commercial and manufacturing uses permitted are those that reflect the island's nautical flavor or serve the retail needs of residents and visitors."

A DCP employee who worked on City Island shortly after the regulation passed flagged for DCP leadership almost immediately that there was a need to "recognize the inadequacy of zoning alone to preserve boatyards, marinas, sailmakers, or other marine-related businesses against economic or political pressures." And she was right: City Island's land use designation has not helped preserve our nautical and waterfront industry or character. The manufacturing zone designations, established for the Island's original primary industry—building big boats, America's Cup yachts, military vessels, and yachts for the Astors and other well-off New York families—have been repurposed for non-nautical uses. We have slowly lost more and more nautical-related spaces and jobs, but the manufacturing zoning designations remain, and we can no longer overlook the impact these regulations make here.

As part of my capstone project, I created and administered an online survey that received feedback and assistance from two professors. It was pre-tested and made available for four weeks in the spring of 2020. Because of Covid-19, the survey was administered online only, using Survey Monkey, although I had originally intended to do a combination of online and in-person surveys in order to capture a more diverse audience. A link to the survey was posted to Facebook three times on my social network and placed in three City Island Facebook groups: City Island Rising, the City Island Civic Association and City Island Uncensored. I posted the link once on Twitter as well and e-mailed it to 40 of my various City Island resident contacts who do not actively use Facebook; I asked these contacts to pass the survey on to other residents they knew. Respondents were limited to one response. I received responses from 166 Islanders and found that:

- 82 percent agree (55% strongly and 27% somewhat) that a core reason they live on City Island is the nautical heritage and village quality.

- 96 percent agree (77% strongly and 19% somewhat) that chronically vacant storefronts undermine the appeal of City Island.

- 67 percent agree (38% strongly and 39% somewhat) that they would like to see more publicly accessible and low-cost nautical and waterfront activities available on City Island.

- 80 percent agree (52% strongly and 28% somewhat) that DCP should revisit the special purpose district zoning to ensure that the land is being used in the best possible way.

I have thought a lot about these find-

ings and my own research this past year and in collaboration with a growing group of committed Islanders who, like me, have a new, bolder vision for City Island.

In thinking about and talking through the potentials for City Island, we agree that our unique nautical history and setting can better serve as a critical part of New York City and the Bronx's economic, housing and community development strategies. There are several vacant and underutilized pieces of land and buildings, including publicly owned land, to be developed. City Island's housing potential can expand. We can do more with our manufacturing spaces. And public transit and accessibility to City Island can be expanded to fully support our economic

development potential.

In my conversations with Islanders, I have heard them talk about bringing new, emerging light-urban industrial incubator spaces to City Island, including 3D printing and craft manufacturers and purveyors. There has been discussion about mixed-use development, building more condos and developing affordable housing for older adults and artists. For example, the large, vacant commercial building on the corner of Carroll Street (261 City Island Avenue) could be turned into three residential units, with set-back balconies and commercial uses on the bottom.

An Island resident described for me a

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DYNAMIC REAL ESTATE DUO

By KAREN NANI



Photo by KAREN NANI

City Island Real Estate has been led by the team of Betty Lavelle-Esola and Maureen McEnery Hraska, shown above, since 2007.

The following profile is part of our longtime advertiser series.

Maureen McEnery Hraska and Betty Lavelle-Esola of City Island Real Estate have been working together since 2007, but their involvement in Island home sales and rentals begins much earlier.

Maureen is a clam digger and was raised on Rochelle Street. Her brother, Cormac McEnery, is a lawyer who also became a licensed broker and started City Island Real Estate with his mother, Mary McDonnell, in the 1990s. Maureen was doing real estate "on the side" with her family until her mother passed away in 2007.

Betty was originally from the Highbridge section of the Bronx, but she visited City Island with her family during a day trip to Orchard Beach. Her father saw a "For Sale" sign on a house on Winters Street and bought it immediately. The Lavelle parents and five children moved to City Island in 1969.

Fast forward to 1991, when Betty and her husband, Bill, hired Mary McDonnell to close on a house she and her husband were buying on Winters Street. Betty was on maternity leave from a Manhattan law firm where she was a paralegal, and it so happened that Cormac's law firm needed a part-time paralegal. So she began working for McEnery Law and eventually became an associate real estate broker.

In 2007, Maureen and Betty began working together consistently as the only two sales associates representing City Island Real Estate. They have had a successful collaboration ever since, based on their mutual love of the community.

"When you come over the bridge and smell the fresh salt air, you start to relax," Maureen told *The Current*. She and her husband, Bill, love boating and keep their powerboat at the South Minneford Yacht Club. Betty concurs: "City Island has a strong community feeling with a diverse population that basically gets along." They take prospective buyers and renters on tours

of the Island showcasing the four houses of worship, the yacht clubs, the history featured at the Nautical Museum and the Pelham Cemetery, and "our newspaper, *The Current!*"

Both City Island Real Estate and McEnery Law are proud longtime advertisers in this newspaper. "We believe in supporting the local paper. We get calls from our ads, and Islanders tell others about us after seeing the ad," Maureen explained. In a profile of her brother in the July/August 2015 issue, Cormac agreed. "*The Current* is a great example of what was here on City Island and is still here; in fact, it has actually gotten better. It is important for Islanders to support the paper just as it is important for people on the Island to support businesses on the Island."

Of course, Maureen and Betty are positive about Island real estate, citing the low taxes and the many generations of Islanders who have stayed or returned after living elsewhere. They have loyal clients who have worked with them exclusively over the years, as well as many new clients, especially since the pandemic began.

"Right now we are overwhelmed with people wanting to rent on City Island," Maureen explained. "People, especially young couples, are leaving Manhattan and other parts of the city, and even moving here from other states."

They are proud of many of their many sales, especially when buyers improve the quality of the property. They are currently working on selling the site of a former boatyard at the north end of the Island that has become an eyesore. "We have worked on cleaning it up for months and now have some interested buyers."

Maureen and Betty know that City Island isn't perfect (they bemoan, as many residents do, the noise from party boats in the summer and traffic congestion). But they remain optimistic about the future of the community and are determined to not let "summer craziness" ruin their Island home.



Bartow-Pell Events

May 1, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., **Terrarium Building with Maria Colletti:** Horticulturist and author, Maria Colletti will show you how to create your own terrarium with layers of pebbles, soil, and a combination of mini terrarium plants and thick moss. Students will create a delightful oasis garden tucked into a glass vessel to take home. Limited to 12 people. Cost \$55 (includes \$30 materials fee)

May 7, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m., **First Friday with the Kenn Morr Band:** The Ken Morr Band will be performing for Bartow-Pell's May First Friday on the back terrace overlooking the pebble court and formal garden.

Due to COVID-19 protocols, please note that Bartow-Pell will not serve refreshments during the performance. We encourage you to bring your own as well as a lawn chair or picnic blanket.

As there will be a limited number of

tickets available, advanced reservations are required to attend this event. Social distancing will be required for all attendees who are not members of the same household. Masks will also be required.

Cost Heritage Members and above: Free; Friend Members: \$5; Not-Yet Members: Adults \$15; Seniors/Students \$10

In the event of inclement weather, registration will be limited to those pre-registered on a first come, first served basis.

May 8, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., **Floral Arranging with Colleen Zale:** Colleen Zale of Pelham's CZ Floral Design will lead you through the step by step process of creating a beautiful floral arrangement that you can bring home with you. Or, create an arrangement as a Mother's Day gift.

CZ Floral Design is a small floral design business based in Pelham, NY. Projects range from seasonal arrangements to weddings and everything in between. Colleen's style is eclectic mixed with romantic and dreamy.

Limited to 12 people. Registration closes on April 23, 2021. Cost: \$110 (includes \$85 materials fee)

May 15, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., **Vegetable Gardening Primer with Ann Loughran:** Join Ann Loughran in Bartow-Pell's vegetable garden for a talk about soil preparation, plant selection, location, and general maintenance tips for a bountiful and happy harvest.

Ann is an enthusiastic gardener who especially enjoys raising vegetables and cooking and jarring them for year round

enjoyment. She has earned a Gardening Certificate from the New York Botanical Garden. Limited to 12 people. Cost \$25

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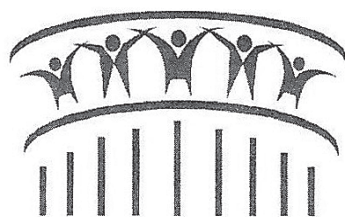
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Island Businesses Get a Real Shot in the Arm

By CITY ISLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

As more and more people are getting vaccinated every day, the City Island Chamber of Commerce is mounting a campaign to help our businesses receive more customers in their establishments.

It's been a long tough year for businesses here on the Island. Many were on the brink several times, and we as a community had to fight hard and band together to keep businesses afloat. The Chamber navigated through the muddy waters of EIDL and PPP loans and provided this information to members and non-members alike. If we had your contact information, you would have received regular updates on State and Federal grants that were offered as Covid relief. We provided regular updates from Chase Bank and other banking establishments to ensure a timely distribution of sensitive information so that businesses did not miss relief deadlines.

We are also battling with the Department of Transportation (DOT), which haphazardly placed bike racks in front of many establishments that do not welcome the reduction of space. We are encouraging DOT to reinstall those racks in locations where they are wanted, needed and far more suitable. Chamber members can go to our website, cityislandchamber.org, to complete a Bike Rack Survey and voice your opinion on this matter.

Now we need your help. Our 2021

membership drive has begun, and we encourage new members to join and past members to renew. This has never been easier to do by clicking the "Join Us" tab on our new and improved website, which now includes a Job Board tab where members can post Help Wanted positions or where those looking for work can post their resumes.

As we move through 2021, we anticipate the return of events such as the Spring and Autumn Arts & Crafts Fair. We have extended the fair this year to City Island Avenue between Bay Street as far south as Earley Street. Applications can be found online. As a reminder, not for profit organizations receive waivers for membership and Arts & Crafts Fair participation fees. And back again this year will be our Summertime in Hawkins Park Music Series, and annual events such as the Clam Chowder Festival, Halloween Parade, and Holiday Dinner Dance. Stay tuned for more details.

Our board of directors includes Paul Klein, president; Robert Arthur King, vice president; Anthony Roccamo, treasurer; Janie Blanks, secretary; Maria Caruso, director of tourism; Gerard "Skip" Giacco, Mike Carew, Anne Booth and Jerry Landi, trustees. We look forward to welcoming ALL businesses to the City Island Chamber of Commerce very soon!

Con Ed's Battery Storage

By BARBARA DOLENSEK



Photo courtesy of CON EDISON

Con Edison and GI Energy have installed a battery storage unit at 220 City Island Avenue.

In January of 2019, representatives of Consolidated Edison addressed the City Island Civic Association to discuss the addition of a battery storage unit behind the fence at 220 City Island Avenue. Eric Soto, Con Ed's director of Bronx Regional and Community Affairs, explained at the meeting that the unit is intended to help maintain reliable electrical service on City Island, because our electricity comes from miles away on the mainland.

According to Con Ed, the battery system can provide 1 megawatt (a million watts) to customers along City Island Avenue, which will reduce stress off the Con Edison grid on hot summer days when electrical usage soars. Con Edison's project manager, Santee Hernandez, said: "Battery technology can help us accomplish several goals on behalf of our customers. Power discharged from a battery when our customers need it the most means less demand on our electric-delivery equipment. And deploying batteries is another way we are leading the transition to a clean energy future."

The unit on City Island is the second lithium-ion battery system Con Ed and its partner, GI Energy, have installed at a customer property under a demonstration project. The first went into service early last year on the North Shore of Staten

Island. An agreement guarantees Con Edison the right to discharge the batteries to provide power to its customers as needed. According to Con Ed, when the company is not using the energy storage unit for grid support, GI Energy plans to dispatch power from the system into the wholesale market.

Island residents were concerned that the battery unit had not been inspected by the Fire Department, but an extensive safety review has been undertaken since 2019 by the Fire Department of New York and the Department of Buildings.

Battery storage will take on greater importance as the state increases the amount of renewable energy lighting homes and businesses, running vehicles and providing heating and cooling. That renewable energy will include 9,000 megawatts of offshore wind power.

Batteries can let energy companies store power generated by clean renewables and have that energy on hand for times the wind isn't blowing and the sun isn't shining.

Con Edison and a partner, 174 Power Global, recently announced a mammoth 100-megawatt/400-megawatt hour battery at the site of a former fossil fuel plant near the East River in Astoria, Queens.

The company also has a 2-megawatt storage system in Ozone Park, Queens.

THE FLOWERS RETURNED!



Photo by KAREN NANI

City Island Scouts from Troop 211 were happily and safely back in bloom for the annual Easter plant sale from March 31 to April 3, 2021. After a year's hiatus because of the coronavirus crisis in 2020, the enthusiastic salesmen and their scoutmasters were back and sales were brisk (above photo, (l. to r.) James Goonan, Brian Kenny, Matteo Ciccone, Kyle Facchiano and Thomas Riordan. Funds raised support scout trips, such as summer camp at Ten Mile River in upstate New York.

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Trinity United Methodist Church

Trinity Church will continue 10 a.m. in-person worship in the Sanctuary. All persons wishing to attend must wear masks and enter through the Fellowship Hall entrance on Bay Street. Attendance is recorded and temperatures will be taken. While maintaining social distance, attendees then enter the Sanctuary, where seating is staggered. At this time, there is no singing, but hymns are played by the extraordinary organist Joy Kim. For the foreseeable future, this is how we will worship in person. Every effort is being made to thoroughly clean the facility after the service. Trinity understands that these are unprecedented times. Many people will not feel comfortable coming to a service, even while wearing a mask and social distancing, so the services will be live-streamed and recorded for YouTube. To request information about the live stream, e-mail Pastor Dave at david.jolly@nyac-ucm.com.

Trinity has added the safe electronic giving option of "Givebutter." The web address is givebutter.com/trinitydonations, and the screen will give you many options. All former ways of giving remain available and much appreciated, and this is one more.

The Food Pantry, now named The Rev. Susan Chadwick Food Pantry, is expanding its hours, the new times are Sunday and Monday from 2 to 4 p.m. Thanks go to the many generous people who have stepped up to help those in need.

Pastor David Jolly

Temple Beth-El

Temple Beth-El (TBE), "your shul by the sea," is a stimulating non-denominational, welcoming place for observance of Jewish traditions. Jewish Renewal is the style of our deeply spiritual, innovative, all-inclusive and open-minded worship. All Temple offerings are online via Zoom. Many tutorials for registering a new free Zoom account are available online. You do not need an account to join our offerings. To participate in any of our offerings please e-mail yourshulbythesea@gmail.com, and identify which you would like to attend.

For the month of May, Rabbi David Evan Markus will lead Friday night Shabbat services on May 14 and 28. Other services will be community led on May 7 and 21. Please see our calendar for our community led Havdalah services. All services are held in a joyful celebratory manner.

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

On Sunday, May 23, at 6 p.m., we will be holding a Virtual Spring Gala Fundraiser. We will have entertainment, live auctions and lots of fun! You do not need to be a member to attend. Please visit our website for details.

On May 28, the American Legion Post 156 will host the Memorial Day Service at Temple Beth-El. The service will be a virtual Zoom Meeting and the time and link will be provided on the Post website: Leonardhwhawkinspost156.com.

Chesed Committee: If you need a helping hand, a caring call, a ride to the doctor, etc., please let us know. If you have love

to give, we need your support. No experience required. To seek support and/or to volunteer, please e-mail us at yourshulbythesea@gmail.com.

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

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

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

Jodie Sadovsky

St. Mary's Thrift Shop

St. Mary, Star of the Sea Thrift Shop is open every Thursday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the school gym. We are now showing our spring and summer collection: shoes, bags, jewelry and lots of bric-a-brac.

Hope to see you soon.

Arlene Byrne

Grace Episcopal Church

Grace Church is now open for in-person worship on Sundays at 10 a.m. The church is located at 116 City Island Avenue on the corner of Pilot Street. Please enter by the main entrance, where a church member will welcome you. The use of a mask is required, social distancing will be observed, and hand sanitizer will be available at the door. You can also watch our service on Youtube via a link that is distributed weekly. To be added to the distribution of this link, please contact us at gracecityisland@gmail.com. The link is also found on the Grace Church website: <https://www.gracecityisland.net>.

Grace Church is also open for prayer between 2 and 3 p.m. each Wednesday. Those not able to attend in person are invited to pray at home. Feel free to visit at any time during the hour. Please enter by the main entrance, and a church member will seat you, observing social distancing. The use of a mask is required, hand sanitizer will be available at the door. Please join us for a time of prayer, with masks on, sitting socially and safely distanced in the pews. We pray for each other, for ourselves, the sick, the lonely, the caregivers. And as Father John suggests, "Find a moment to be thankful for our lives and those things that bring us comfort and joy."

Members of the Sunday School have been meeting intermittently and safely during the pandemic to prepare for special services (e.g., Palm Sunday). They will meet again in late May and early June to prepare for a Youth Service scheduled for Father's Day, June 20. Participants will present all aspects of the liturgy at that service, including the readings and the homily. If you would like to be part of Grace's Sunday School, call Karen Nani at 917-853-4401 or e-mail her at karenrn1@optonline.net. We look forward to the return of in-person Sunday School classes the first and third Sundays of the month after the Covid crisis has abated.

Our music ministry is introducing a new opportunity for all to participate in music during our worship services. No prior musical experience is necessary. Contact Caroline Coppola, Minister of Music, for more information and a demonstration of our hand chimes (geccimusic@gmail.com).

The GraceTones are eager to return to



Photo by JUDY JUDSON

On Saturday, April 17, Girl Scout Troop 1096 from Throggs Neck helped the Garden Club of City Island by cleaning the containers along City Island Avenue and putting fertilizer in them to prepare for plantings later in the season.

singing for residents at area nursing homes and rehabilitation centers, as well as supporting local businesses with shows featuring hymns about the power of God's eternal grace, love and joy, when it is safe to do so.

Sandy Dunn

Garden Club of City Island

The Garden Club held its April 5 meeting via Zoom. Our presenter was Tony Antes, who often does presentations for the Federated Garden Clubs of New York State. His talk on butterfly gardens gave us a lot of good ideas. In order to attract butterflies to a garden, it's important to have plants that have the kind of nectar butterflies use as food, but the number one rule is never to use pesticides in your yard or garden (and hope your neighbors don't either). In choosing plants, look for ones that attract the native butterflies in your area. Native plants are a good choice since the local butterflies evolved together; they also tend to be adapted to local conditions and often don't need as much water as other plants. To keep butterflies all season, choose a variety of plants that will provide blooms from early summer through the fall. Among the many examples of native plants that Tony suggested are Salvia sylvestris 'May night' for summer and Aster dumosus 'Apollo' for the fall.

The Garden Club was very pleased to have Girl Scout Troop 1096 from Throggs Neck volunteer to help with spring chores. The girls gathered at Hawkins Park on Saturday, April 17, to pick up gardening tools and cleaning supplies. They then headed up and down the avenue to weed, clean and fertilize our plant containers, which are now ready for plants to be installed when the weather is warm enough. The girls had a great time and provided a much-needed service. Thanks go to the girls, troop leader Mirella Vargas and Garden Club member (and scout mother) Carmella Bellocchio.

Fund-drive letters for the Beautification Fund will soon be ready for the printer and should be ready to deliver to every resident on City Island in the early summer. We thank you for your wonderful generosity in 2020 and hope that you will consider giving again this year.

The Garden Club is planning to hold its May 3 meeting in person on the lawn at the City Island Yacht Club, and our Hospitality Committee is looking forward to serving refreshments for the first time in a year. The meeting starts at 10 a.m. and we ask everyone to arrive a little early to check in.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Garden Club, you can contact us at gardenclubofcityisland@gmail.com or you can attend one of our meetings. We hold our meetings the first Monday of every month at 10 a.m. at the City Island Yacht Club.

Judy Judson

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 156

The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 4, at 7 p.m. in person at the Legion Post.

This year National Poppy Day is on May 28, the Friday before Memorial Day. The poppy is a symbol of sacrifices made in World War I and on through all wars. The American Legion family adopted the poppy as its memorial flower in the early 1920s. Wearing a poppy this National Poppy Day is one simple way to show gratitude for those who gave their lives to protect ours. With your help and support of the American Legion National Poppy Day, we can continue to support our veterans when they need it most. The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 156 has paper poppies, crocheted poppy pins, poppy flower seeds and patriotic poppy tile bracelets are available. On Saturday, May 29 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., please join us in front of Dominick's Market to donate in support of our veterans and Legion family. If you would like to donate to our poppy fund, please contact Joanne Valletta at jcute53@aol.com.

Quilters by the Sea QOV will participate in the spring Arts & Crafts Fair the first weekend in June with a fundraising bake sale.

Harlan Sexton

St. Mary, Star of the Sea

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

Congratulations and God's continued blessings to the 30 children of the OLA/St. Mary's Religious Education Program who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, April 24, administered by the Most Rev. Peter J. Byrne, D.D. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide you.

On May 22 eight children will receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time; God's blessing to them. May 24 will be the last week of classes for this year's Religious Education program.

Many thanks and gratitude to our teachers, parents and students for their dedication and commitment through this trying year. You have all made it a successful one as we navigated through a new way of educating the students in their faith.

Rose Dietz and Teri Kurtz



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

Greetings from the board of the City Island Community Center. We are happy to announce that the Center has been approved to reopen! Following strict New York State guidelines, we are excited to welcome back our members to the limited schedule of community programs we can now offer. Please see our program schedule below with confirmed dates and times.

Our members will be glad to return to a new and improved Community Center in May. The dance room, art room and office have been painted and received some spring cleaning. We will continue to make upgrades to our space and are working on bringing our members a much-needed computer lab with access to WiFi, printing and scanning.

The board would like to wish all of the mothers and surrogate moms a happy and healthy Mother's Day. Please celebrate and enjoy the day safely!

Please don't forget to stay safe, wear your masks and observe social distancing in public spaces even if you are fully vaccinated!

APPROVED PROGRAMS:

Irish Dance: Mondays, 6 to 8:30 p.m.

Yoga with Joann: Tuesdays, 6 p.m.

NA Meeting: Thursdays, 7 p.m. All are welcome.

Aerobics with Mary: Fridays, 9 to 10 a.m.

AA Meeting: Saturdays and Sundays, 7:30 a.m. All are welcome.

High-intensity interval training exercise class: Sundays beginning May 2 at 10 a.m.

Please check our FB page for any changes in class schedule.

Friendly Reminder: You can help support the City Island Community Center through an official membership. Our Membership Drive continues! If you need a renewal form, please call 718-885-1145 and we will mail one. We greatly appreciate all those who have already renewed or have made a generous donation on behalf of a group or business.

For up-to-date information, visit www.cityislandcommunitycenter.org, or call 718-885-1145, or Like us on Facebook and check FB for any changes in classes. Have a safe and warm month!

Melissa Cebollero

PSS Senior Center

The City Island Center van is available on a very limited basis. You must call ahead to reserve a spot. Only three people are allowed per trip and masks are to be worn at all times. Temperatures will be taken when boarding and you must sit in the assigned seats. The windows will remain open to circulate air. The only trips allowed are to the doctor, physical therapist or Dominick's for groceries. No other drop offs or pickups are allowed at this time. We want to follow the Department for the Aging's rules strictly to be able to continue providing transportation, however limited.

PSS City Island is currently open Tuesday and Thursday from 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. to distribute meals, masks, sanitizers and more as we receive them. Please be sure to listen to the One Call Now sent to members to update them on meal pickups, virtual classes and new groups.

If any member needs instruction on how to use their tablet, iPad, iPhone or Smart Phone, please contact the center and we can schedule a time with you privately. We want everyone to have the option to join our Zoom and other available classes. Our Facebook page (PSS City Island Center) is updated regularly as new information becomes available for our members. It also shows instructions on how to access exercise classes online, our remote balance class, arthritis class, craft classes, nutrition classes and our singing group.

We encourage everyone 60 and over to access Get Set Up for a variety of classes available- cooking, travel, exercise, health, nutrition, technology and more. Please access all classes through the PSS portal: <https://www.getsetup.io/partner/pss>.

May Remote Classes: Please note that classes are updated weekly as things change. If you cannot access a class, please call the center at 718-885-0727. You can pick up a calendar at the Center Tuesday or Thursday between 12 and 1:30 during our pantry hours or e-mail pattis@pssusa.org.

Mondays

9 a.m. Tai Chi with Lucy (to join, please e-mail pattis@pssusa.org to be added to the e-mail list)

10 a.m. A Matter of Balance Evidence-based Class with Susan and Alex. This Zoom class is currently at maximum capacity allowable by the Department for the Aging.

Wednesdays

10:15 a.m. Arthritis Exercises with Patty G. ID: 409 210 4917 Passcode: 12345

12:15 p.m. Table Talk 1 - Get together for an unscripted chat with friends ID: 409 210 4917 Passcode: 12345

1 p.m. Table Talk 2- An open discussion where we explore different topics.: ID: 409 210 4917 Passcode: 12345

Thursdays

9 a.m. Tai Chi with Lucy (see above)

Fridays

10:15 a.m. Arthritis Exercises with Patty G. ID: 409 210 4917 Passcode: 12345

12:30 p.m. Singing Group with Napat ID: 467 029 1237 Passcode: 3E4ZTp

Our staff regularly calls members individually to check on their well-being. If you are not on our calling list, please e-mail pattis@pssusa.org with your name and phone number. Or you can reach the center at 718-885-0727. Until we're together again, stay safe and healthy.

Patty Attis

American Legion Post 156

The next meeting is Sunday, May 2, at 12 noon, when we will conduct nominations for Post officers. Dues (\$55) for 2021 are past due; please drop off the envelope, with your name on it, at the Post. The hall is available for your next party. We can accommodate up to 40 people (because of Covid-19 restrictions). Members receive a discount on all hall rentals. Call our Activities Vice Commander, Joe Goonan, at 917-825-9576 for availability.

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

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

The annual Memorial Day Parade will be modified this year because of NYS/ NYC Covid-19 restrictions. A color guard of Post 156 members and key leaders will proceed along the route without the membership of the Legion family. We will be laying wreaths at Hawkins Park, Pelham Cemetery and at the Legion Triangle. The public may join along the route but we ask that you wear your mask and observe social distancing to be safe! The usual gathering with the public at the Legion Post will not take place out of abundance of caution due to the pandemic.

Be aware of the following dates: May 5: Cinco de Mayo; May 6: National Day of Prayer; May 9: Mother's Day; May 15: Peace Officers Memorial Day/ Armed Forces Day.

On May 16, Bronx County and Post 156 will host the Blessing of the Colors at Grace Episcopal Church, 116 City Island Avenue, at Pilot Street. The blessing time will be at 10 a.m. in front of the church.

On May 28, Post 156 will host the Memorial Day Service at Temple Beth-El at 480 City Island Avenue. The service will be a virtual Zoom meeting, and the time and link will be provided on the Post website, leonardhhawkinspost156.com.

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

Peter C. Del-Debbio

AARP 318

Our chapter has been notified that because of Covid-19 all chapter meetings will be discontinued until further notice. At this time there are no updates. We will keep you posted once we hear otherwise. Be safe and hope you are enjoying 2021.

Carroll A. Reid

Pelham Cemetery

The annual meeting of lot holders has been postponed because of the coronavirus. *The Island Current* will print a notice when the meeting will be rescheduled.

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Caught in a Time Loop

For many/most of us, this past year has felt very much as if we are all living in a science fiction movie where each day feels the same. Let me preface this column by saying that all science fiction films require varying degrees of suspension of disbelief. That being said, the concept of time loop movies, wherein characters find themselves stuck in different types of consistently repeating elements in time, really began with the classic film **Groundhog Day** (1993). It stars Bill Murray as Phil, a weatherman who has traveled to Puxatwny, PA, to cover the story about the groundhog seeing his shadow, or not. He is accompanied by his crew, which consists of Rita (Andie MacDowell) and Larry (Chris Elliott). After getting caught in a snowstorm, he wakes up the next morning at an inn and finds that it is Groundhog Day all over again. How Phil goes through each repeating day is quite charming as he begins to do good deeds and even learns to play the piano. His primary mission becomes getting Rita to fall for him.

Twelve Monkeys (1995) stars Bruce Willis as James Cole, a prisoner from the future where everyone lives below ground. He is forced to travel back in time over and over again to gather information to help scientists prevent the death of five billion people due to a deadly germ. He is aided by a psychiatrist, Dr. Kathryn Raily (Madeleine Stowe). Brad Pitt gives a Golden Globe-winning performance as the very crazy Jeffrey Goines, who is a key to saving the world.

Run Lola Run (German, 1998) is a visually and conceptually impressive experimental film. When petty Berlin criminal Manni (Moritz Bleibtreu) delivers some smuggled loot for his boss, Ronnie (Heino Ferch), he accidentally leaves the 100,000 mark payment in a subway car. Given 20 minutes to come up with the money, he calls his girlfriend, Lola (Franka Potente), who runs to beg her bank manager father (Herbert Knaup) to give her the money so she can save Manni. She makes several attempts to complete the task through some inexplicable time loop. What is fascinating to watch is that when Lola has any interaction with a bystander, there is a short series of flash-forward still images showing how the encounter affects the future of the bystander.

Time Crimes (Spanish, 2007) begins with Hector (Karra Elejalde) spying on a beautiful woman in the woods (Barbara Goenaga) near his property. When he goes to investigate, he finds that she has been assaulted, and he in turn is attacked by a man whose head is covered in bandages. Hector runs away and finds a scientific facility where a scientist (Nacho Vigalondo, who also directed the film) persuades him to hide. Hector finds himself in a time machine in which he travels a few hours back in time, where he is able to observe himself. He finds himself caught in a loop where he must stop his other selves from continuing to exist in order to save his wife, Clara (Candela Fernández).

In **Source Code** (2011) Jake Gyllenhaal stars as Army Captain Colter Stevens, a soldier who wakes up in someone else's body and discovers that he is part of an experimental government program in which he has eight minutes to find the bomber of a commuter train.

His handler, Air Force Captain Colleen Goodwin (Vera Farmiga), and scientist Dr. Rutledge (Jeffrey Wright) intend to keep sending him back until the bomber is identified. Through these continuous loops, he becomes attached to a passenger, Christina Warren (Michelle Monaghan), and wants to save her life even though he's been told he cannot change the past.

Time Trap (2012) is the story of Texas archaeology professor Hopper (Andrew Wilson), who goes missing after setting out to find his hippie parents, who disappeared in the 1970s. Hopper's dedicated teaching assistants, Taylor (Reiley McClendon) and Jackie (Brianna Howey), go in search of their vanished mentor and are joined by Taylor's friend Cara (Cassidy Gifford), Cara's sister Veeves (Olivia Dragojevic), and Veeves's nerdy video blogger pal Furby (Max Wright). They soon land in a vast and twisty underground cave that they believe will lead them to Hopper. As a series of dubious and risky events unfold, it's revealed that the cave is home to a unique space-time continuum in which time passes differently than it does above ground. It's conceptually quite interesting, though it deteriorates toward the end when suspension of disbelief becomes extremely difficult.

Blood Punch (2013) is a horror film that stars Milo Cawthorne as Milton, a brilliant chemist who winds up in rehab for cooking meth. There he meets beautiful Skyler (Olivia Tennet), who persuades him to break out of the facility with her. They travel to a cabin in the woods, where they expect to become rich by making and selling perfect meth for exorbitant amounts of money. Unfortunately, Skyler has a psychotic boyfriend, Russell (Ari Boyland), who meets them there. As they relive the same day over and over again, one twist is that if someone dies, the dead body remains in the same temporal plane the next day. It's a decent film in the horror genre.

Emily Blunt is very compelling as Special Forces warrior Rita Vrataski in **Live Die Repeat: Edge of Tomorrow** (2014). In the near future, when an alien race has hit the Earth in an unremitting assault, Major William Cage (Tom Cruise) is killed during a virtual suicide mission. Cage, an officer who has never before seen a day of combat, finds himself caught in a time loop, wherein he is forced live out the same brutal battle over and over. With each successive attack, Cage's skills increase, and thanks to Vrataski's impressive abilities, each repeated encounter helps them get closer to defeating the enemy.

Predestination (Australian, 2014) stars Ethan Hawke as a temporal agent who is sent on a final time-traveling assignment to 1975 NYC to prevent an elusive criminal from launching an attack that kills thousands of people. He has made this trip over and over again, which can cause psychosis. In this final attempt, he appears as a bartender, and he strikes up a conversation with a stranger (Sarah Snook), who writes a "True Confessions" magazine column under the name The Unmarried Mother. The complexities of this encounter push the predestination paradox to its absolute limit in the most original film in this genre. It is based on a 1959 short story, "—All You Zombies—" by Robert A. Heinlein.

The year 2020 brought the release of two Groundhog Day-type stories. **Palm Springs** is a funny, sweet and smart story that starts in the middle, introducing a young man named Nyles (Andy Samberg), who has lived through the same wedding hundreds of times. When Nyles accidentally pulls the bride's restless sister, Sarah (Cristin Milioti), into the loop, he shows her how to enjoy living without consequences—until she decides that this kind of life is meaningless. The film allows viewers to enjoy the decadent fantasy of its time-loop story as the characters reassess their personal values. J. K. Simmons appears as Roy Schieffen, another person trapped in this time loop.

In **The Map of Tiny Perfect Things**, a teenage boy Mark (Kyle Allen) has also been stuck repeating the same day over and over again. Because of his knowledge of what will happen and the freedom from consequences provided by the time loop, he spends much of his day engaging in random bizarre activities. When he discovers that a girl named Margaret (Kathryn

Newton) is also stuck in this temporal anomaly, they start spending time together. They share their dreams and start trying to create perfect moments in the city where they live. The one element that continues to disturb Mark is that every evening Margaret receives a text and inexplicably has to leave. There are mystery, humor, romance and poignant moments throughout.

Going on to action/adventure movies, **Boss Level** (2021) is the story of former Special Forces Agent Roy Pulver (Frank Grillo), who is stuck constantly reliving the day of his murder. It's quite clever and has comical moments as Roy does what is necessary each day to stay alive as long as possible. Eventually he uncovers clues about a secret government project run by Colonel Ventor (Mel Gibson) that could unlock the mystery behind his untimely death. Naomi Watts appears as Roy's wife, Jemma, and Frank's real life son, Rio Grillo, appears as their son, Joe. This action-packed film can be quite entertaining.

And until next time, get vaccinated, wear a mask, stay healthy, and happy viewing...



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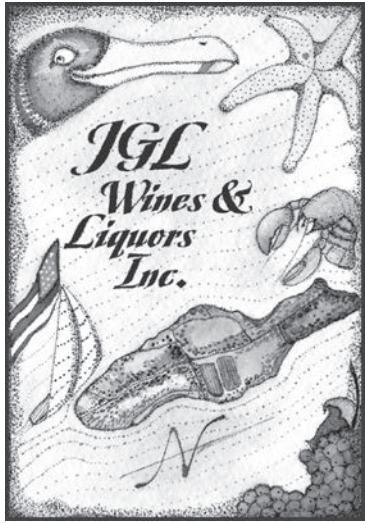
By JOHN SCARDINA, Certified School Psychologist

- B**– Be grateful for what’s been added to your life this year.
- R**– Remember those you have lost and those who have lost.
- A**– Accentuate the positive: you are privileged to be here.
- V**– Value the growth this year in yourself and your child.
- E**– Evaluate what’s good to keep in your routine as we go on.

- N**– Never forget to be humble and forgiving: it’s been a challenge.
- E**– Emerge from the “cocoon” with butterfly energy.
- W**– Wonder how you will nurture and maintain the “new you.”

- W**–Work to make technology welcome and safe in your home.
- O**– Organize more opportunities for spontaneity and joy.
- R**– Respect and honor those who have helped you along the way.
- L**– Live your values: make the world better through service.
- D**– Diversify your life to be inclusive and driven by social justice.

Remember the Irish proverb: “It is in the shelter of each other that the people live.”
 Let us care for one another as best we can....



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A SOMBER PASSOVER AND EASTER



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 Because of the continuing pandemic, Passover and Easter in 2021 remained a combination of in-person and virtual prayer for City Island’s houses of worship. Photos from top to bottom: Father John Covington led the blessing of the palms at Grace Episcopal Church on March 31. To remember the holy day of Good Friday, Pastor David Jolly of Trinity Methodist Church carried a cross for several blocks down City Island Avenue. St. Mary, Star of the Sea Church’s altar was adorned with Easter flowers in memory of those lost and a beautiful sunrise framed Trinity’s Easter morning service at Pelham Cemetery.

City Island Avenue: Then and Then and Now

By BARBARA DOLENSEK



In 1998, City Island's cigar store closed to become Exotiq International Arts.



Exotiq became Kaleidoscope Gallery in 2010, a cooperative for artists and artisans.

Over the past 50 years in which *The Island Current* has been reporting on the numerous issues that affect City Island residents and businesses, there have been many visible changes along City Island Avenue, some good and some not so good. A look at some of these provides an interesting history of the way in which the Island has responded to the inevitable social and economic changes that have taken place over half a century and the way in which *The Current* has responded to them.

In 2006, two articles in *The Current* described many changes that had taken place since the paper started up in October 1971, such as the fact that a new café named Laura's had just opened at 296 City Island Avenue and that the cigar store on the corner of Hawkins Street had just been replaced by a shop named Exotiq (now Kaleidoscope, of course). One of the biggest changes, of course, that couldn't help but be noticed by all residents and visitors was the replacement of the City Island Bridge, but some things never seem to have changed: noise at the Rodman's Neck Firing Range and heavy traffic during the summer.

One recurring theme over the years was the Island's struggle to keep its firehouse intact, as mayors threatened (and in some cases succeeded) to remove at least one of the fire trucks. However, a series of fires during the first decade of the 21st century put an end to the threats. Over the years, *The Current* has documented fires that demolished well-established boatyards like Kretzer's (where Seafood City is now) and IUC, International Underwater Contractors (where On the Sound condominiums are now located). Fires also demolished restaurants, including Thwaites on the corner of Cross Street (1992) and The Neptune at the southern end of the Island. Archie's Tap and Table is upholding the high level of dining where Thwaites used to be, but the Neptune simply became a parking lot. An early morning fire destroyed the Morris Yacht Club house in 2006, but eventually the club built a new structure to house, feed and entertain its membership; the Nautical Museum at 190 Fordham Street, in the old P.S. 17 building, was seriously

damaged by fire in 2007 but was eventually restored. On Jan. 6, 2009, a fire swept through a long building at 220 City Island Avenue, destroyed the Island Pub, the Island Deli and some apartments. The building was demolished and is now owned by JEK Industries, which has turned the entire lot into a parking place for construction vehicles.

Housing has also changed a good deal. Some handsome old houses have been restored, some smaller houses have increased greatly in price, and a few have been torn down and replaced by less attractive models. Maritime firms that closed were repurposed as condominium developments, not simply IUC but also United Boat Yard on Carroll Street (now called the Boatyard, of course) and Ratsey and Laphorn Sailmakers (now called the Sailmaker, of course). The housing development at the east end of Marine Street has been in the works for 25 years and remains a vacant lot; the legacy of the late Bob Borchers (owner of Thwaites) lives on at the Laurels on Tier Street and in a boatyard at the corner of Cross Street (slated for a housing development by Haim Joseph). And two major condominium developments emerged on land that wasn't even in existence in 1971—thanks to landfilled extensions at the east end of both Cross Street and Bowne Street.

The City Island Library was expanded in 1997, having been the smallest branch of the New York Public Library system. The building next door, a diner dating back many decades that constantly reemerged as a restaurant, each time with a different flavor, is now an empty office space awaiting a tenant. (Remember Cook's Diner, Waves, Spouter's Inn, Tijuana Trolley, Lazy Susan's, Library Pizza?) And speaking of restaurants, Anna's Harbor Inn also went through a series of changes to become the present-day Vista Mar; the Treehouse Restaurant went from the Bistro SK to the still-to-open Antonio's (minus the tree); the Lobster House became Jimmy's City Island and then Ohana, a Japanese restaurant. The building that once held the very popular Rhodes tried on many different hats—Gallagher's, SixMileCross at the City Island Saloon, City Island Ale-



In 2006, City Island was devastated when the historic Victorian building that housed the Morris Yacht Club was so damaged by fire that it had to be demolished.



In June 2009, the Morris Yacht Club broke ground for this new, modern building.



The second City Island bridge, built in 1901, was slated for demolition in 1999.



The new bridge was in the process of construction for several years but finally opened in 2017.



City Island's only movie theater closed in the early 1970s because they couldn't get "Rocky."



The row of buildings featuring the Island Pub on City Island Avenue at Schofield Street burned in 2006.



After a few years as an IGA supermarket owned by Gabe Scavello, the building was bought by Dominick's, part of the C-Town chain.



The property is now a parking lot for industrial vehicles and the new Con Ed battery storage unit.



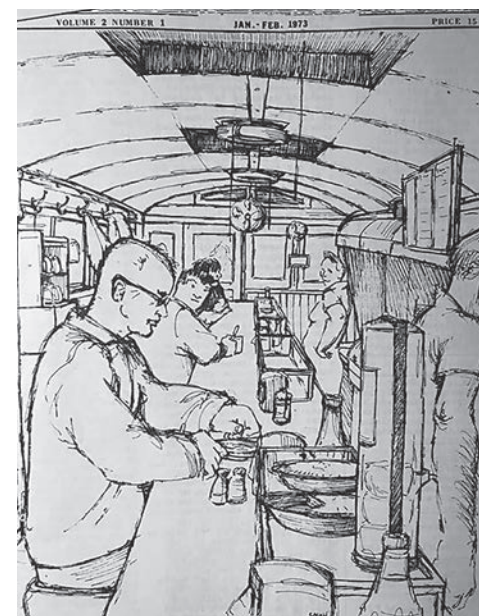
Lenny's Ice Cream Parlor was a popular place until the 1970s, when it became the equally popular Hippie's Place.



In 1997, the tiny City Island Library expanded into this large brick building, next door to the Library Bar, which once was the location of Cook's Diner (sketch by Maurice Whitman below), which was followed by numerous restaurants.

house—but none of them fit for long, unfortunately.

Speaking of food, there used to be several different markets here. Columbia Market is now the Chase Bank; Connie's New Way Market took the place of an earlier market and is now, sadly, empty. The most unusual change was for the Raymond Movie Theater to become a supermarket, first the IGA and now Dominick's. Close by is the old Post Office that is now the Crab Shanty, and where JGL Wines and Liquor now stands across the street was Winsette Charts. The empty "Pizza Coming Soon" shop at 313 City Island Avenue became a frozen yogurt parlor that hasn't been open since 2019, but in 1989 *The Current* documented Lenny's ice cream parlor at 274 City Island Avenue, now the location of the well-attended Clipper Coffee.



Institutions such as the Northwind Museum, Le Refuge and Trader John's have become private houses, but P.S. 17 on Fordham Street, which was replaced when P.S. 175 was built in 1975, now houses the City Island Nautical Museum and the Community Center, along with 16 condominium apartments. And speaking of schools, everyone misses St. Mary's School, even if they or their children never went there; basketball games, Cub Scout Pinewood Derbies and town meetings once filled the place, which sits empty for the most part except in people's memories. Antique stores used to be a popular stop for visitors to the Island, with Early Ruth, Midtown Antiques, Quality Antiques, Corona's Hidden Treasures

and Silver Arrow; now we have John Foley's Rarities and Obscurities and 239 Play! to carry on the tradition.

Interestingly, *The Current* article in 2006 bemoaned the loss of a Chinese laundry, a five-and-ten-cent store and a cigar shop. Since then we have gained two laundromats, a discount store and a cigar shop. At least 20 shopfronts were vacant then, and though we still have more vacancies than we would like, especially between Fordham and Schofield, concerned citizens are discussing improvements to the Special District Zoning and suggesting new ideas for existing buildings (see page 7), and perhaps by *The Current's* 60th anniversary, the Island storefronts will be full again!



Clipper Coffee inherited the mantel of popularity from Lenny and the Hippies.

In The Garden

By MARY COLBY



Rosa Muabilis

Roses, Daisies, Chores

I've been gardening for days. Sometimes I can't get one leg to follow the other. When I first arrived at my garden upstate, I looked at all of the smallest things first, little blossoms in a world that spread out slowly before me. I took in spring by inches, and still after the longest day, I had not taken in the whole of it. After my brief look, I armed myself with shovel, secateurs, rake and watering cans. Spring is exhausting. Gardening is not for sissies.

I use my loppers and a little spear shovel to divide perennials, which benefits their health and makes more plants, and we need more plants of the same to create drifts that are natural. I plant out all the seedlings I've been coddling this long winter and feed the whole garden with Milorganite and top dressings of composted manure. Cut down the grasses, prune and shape bushes, mulch with chopped-up leaves I've been saving for this purpose. Spray the roses with fungicide and get rid of plants that don't perform well, thereby making space for new and improved plantings.

No wonder herbaceous borders went out of fashion in America and that landscapers for the most part use only trees and shrubs for their layout. Phew, when will there be time to enjoy it? "There are many ways to make a garden, the best way is to bring a gardener," wrote Karel Capek. I have brought the gardener this year, my friend Susannah who has been assisting me for three years. She is young and eager and loves gardening. I'm getting on, and it is wise to cut the chores in half, not to mention the enjoyment that the camaraderie brings.

I have made my visits to the NYBG often to see what is blooming with what. I take note of how layered some plantings are; spring bulbs with a hosta overlay would be one example. Alliums, iris and oriental poppies, yarrow and salvia look great together; salvia cardonna is the one to have with its dark purple stems. Asters, goldenrod and grasses for an autumn crescendo.

I love daisies, don't you? There is a daisy for every season: the early bellis daisy with its cute pompom flowers in red, white and pink, black-eyed susans, shasta, coreopsis and the very late Montauk from Japan. I love single white cosmos, which is like a daisy, and you can direct sow now. How lovely is a bed of these white flowers

mixed with bergenia and small grasses such as festuca glauca.

I find that a few roses look very beautiful amid perennials and shrubs, and there are some great varieties that stay healthy and need little care. The knock-out roses are always in bloom. They tend to get large and outgrow their space, so be sure to cut them back by at least half in the spring once they have grown over four feet high. Then there are the Meidiland roses, which I favor for their health and easy care. Some are arching and cascade down a wall, and others are mat-forming and can be used as a ground-cover or down a slope. They have one big, hefty bloom time and then if you lightly clip them they will repeat. They have small roses and a lot of them, the scarlet ones are so romantic.

This year I am gardening up and clothing the walls of a house with the rose Madame Alfred Carriere. She is divine in her perfume and the perfect shade of ivory white with a slight blush of pink. But let me not forget the charming rose mutabilis. It is quite astonishing: the flowers, which are single, begin in bud a deep shade of cerise, they then turn a nice light shade of pink and then somehow turn a creamy yellow, all on the same bush. These three shades are blooming all at once, and of course you will think how awful, but it is truly extraordinarily beautiful. Its habit is open and graceful, and it is the earliest of roses to bloom. I do recommend that you have at least one. I would also cite the thorniest of roses, Rosa sericea pteracantha. The thorns are really its beauty when back lit. They are cherry red and huge, and I'm thinking about planting it outside my studio to deter the dogs, but then I pause in fear for the children.

Have you space on your house for non detrimental plants? Do not plant English ivy, which will destroy the house, but consider 10-inch flowers of shizophragma moonlight. It is a false climbing hydrangea but oh so much better. Its leaves are bluish and felty, and the flowers have actual petals. It is a stunner and will reach 20 feet without compromising the mortar.

I hope I've given you some ideas. I'm thinking that by June most of the work will be completed in the garden, and then I can kick back and enjoy a leisurely summer, until my husband calls me in at twilight and I say "one more thing and I'm finished," but it never is.

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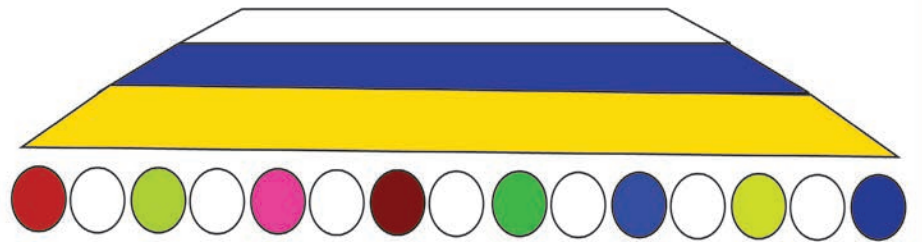
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Island joggers and cyclists had to share the bike path leading to Orchard Beach in March and April 2021 with local wildlife. The deer and turkeys, inspired by the spring weather after a long winter, joined the humans walking and enjoying the sunshine.



By JOHN SHERIDAN and MARIA SUTHERLAND

SO YOU SAY YOU KNOW CITY ISLAND...

In yet another effort to entice our fellow Islanders outdoors, we offer the scavenger hunt below. How many current City

Island locations below can you identify by address? There is a bonus locale for those of you who need a real challenge. Good luck. The answers will be provided next month.



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Times and heights of high and low water (Eastern Daylight Time)									
Heights in feet above soundings printed on charts of water adjacent to City Island. Times shown are nautical times. For times on the table beginning with 1300, subtract 1200 to get ordinary PM time (e.g., 1625 - 1200 = 4:25 P.M.). Times less than 1200 are A.M. times (e.g., 1154 = 11:54 A.M.).									
HH = hours; MM = minutes				Tide chart by Tom Smith					
MAY 2021									
DAY	TIME	HEIGHT	TIME	HEIGHT	TIME	HEIGHT	TIME	HEIGHT	DAY
	HH:MM	FEET	HH:MM	FEET	HH:MM	FEET	HH:MM	FEET	
01 Sat	0303	8.11	1017	-0.31	1606	7.07	2222	0.66	Sat 01
02 Sun	0416	7.63	1127	0.08	1727	6.92	2345	0.96	Sun 02
03 Mon	0549	7.32	1235	0.34	1839	6.98			Mon 03
04 Tue	0059	1.00	0706	7.24	1338	0.45	1943	7.20	Tue 04
05 Wed	0204	0.84	0810	7.32	1436	0.45	2040	7.48	Wed 05
06 Thu	0303	0.57	0907	7.43	1529	0.40	2131	7.74	Thu 06
07 Fri	0356	0.28	0958	7.52	1617	0.36	2217	7.92	Fri 07
08 Sat	0444	0.04	1044	7.55	1700	0.36	2300	8.01	Sat 08
09 Sun	0527	-0.09	1127	7.50	1739	0.43	2340	8.00	Sun 09
10 Mon	0607	-0.12	1207	7.39	1813	0.56			Mon 10
11 Tue	0014	7.90	0643	-0.05	1242	7.24	1838	0.72	Tue 11
12 Wed	0040	7.78	0713	0.10	1312	7.07	1847	0.84	Wed 12
13 Thu	0052	7.70	0733	0.26	1330	6.95	1906	0.90	Thu 13
14 Fri	0111	7.70	0748	0.38	1348	6.91	1939	0.98	Fri 14
15 Sat	0143	7.72	0817	0.48	1419	6.93	2019	1.08	Sat 15
16 Sun	0222	7.70	0855	0.59	1459	6.96	2103	1.20	Sun 16
17 Mon	0306	7.64	0939	0.71	1545	7.00	2153	1.30	Mon 17
18 Tue	0355	7.54	1028	0.80	1636	7.08	2248	1.33	Tue 18
19 Wed	0450	7.41	1122	0.83	1732	7.22	2348	1.23	Wed 19
20 Thu	0549	7.32	1220	0.76	1831	7.45			Thu 20
21 Fri	0054	0.98	0653	7.30	1321	0.58	1932	7.76	Fri 21
22 Sat	0206	0.56	0759	7.37	1423	0.32	2031	8.13	Sat 22
23 Sun	0318	0.04	0903	7.50	1524	0.03	2127	8.48	Sun 23
24 Mon	0422	-0.48	1004	7.64	1621	-0.23	2221	8.77	Mon 24
25 Tue	0520	-0.89	1101	7.74	1716	-0.39	2314	8.92	Tue 25
26 Wed	0616	-1.13	1157	7.76	1810	-0.40			Wed 26
27 Thu	0006	8.92	0711	-1.17	1252	7.69	1905	-0.27	Thu 27
28 Fri	0100	8.76	0807	-1.01	1350	7.56	2004	-0.01	Fri 28
29 Sat	0156	8.45	0904	-0.71	1435	7.40	2108	0.32	Sat 29
30 Sun	0300	8.05	1004	-0.33	1600	7.27	2217	0.63	Sun 30
31 Mon	0414	7.65	1106	0.05	1708	7.22	2327	0.84	Mon 31
JUNE 2021									
01 Tue	0530	7.36	1206	0.36	1812	7.26			Tue 01
02 Wed	0033	0.90	0638	7.21	1305	0.57	1912	7.39	Wed 02
03 Thu	0135	0.83	0739	7.15	1401	0.69	2007	7.54	Thu 03
04 Fri	0233	0.67	0835	7.14	1453	0.74	2058	7.69	Fri 04
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City Island's firefighters responded to a blazing car fire on April 8, 2021, on Bridge Street across from the Lobster House. Fortunately, there were no injuries and the burned-out shell was removed the following day.

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Land Use

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vision for the piece of land by the bridge called the Gateway that included having an old schooner-turned-oyster bar put on the current dock there, and I can't get the image of sitting on that boat with half a dozen oysters and a martini out of my mind! It would undoubtedly be much nicer than the construction materials and the dilapidated building now on the site. I've also heard people discuss the benefits of integrating City Island into the emerging New York City ferry system and having Barron's yard expand to serve as the second ferry repair yard for New York City. This would bring us some good new man-

ufacturing jobs and build on our assets.

New York City and the nation are redefining ourselves coming out of Covid-19 and confronting issues of fairness, equity, and care for the environment. My hope is that this article will spark more residents to join me and others in dreaming and planning for this future-oriented City Island in order to make it possible for us and all New Yorkers to rise from the past year even stronger than before.

We will be organizing a town hall visioning session this summer, and we are calling on the Department of City Planning to revisit our land use designation to align it with the community's vision for the future. Join us for this process, won't you?

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Brian James Esola and Minori Tsukagoshi were wed at the Harlem Yacht Club on April 3.

Troop 211 held its Court of Honor on April 16 at the Morris Yacht Club and honored Joseph B. Goonan, who achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. Joseph is the 40th member of Troop 211 to achieve the rank and the first "father-son" in Troop 211. Joseph's father, James Goonan, became an Eagle Scout in 1983. Joseph also earned a Palm Medal, which is given to Eagle Scouts who go beyond their Eagle Scout requirements. Joseph will be graduating from Stepinac High School this spring and in the fall will be attending Penn State, where he will be enrolled in the ROTC program. Congratulations to Joseph and his proud family.

Anniversary wishes on May 12 to the Sailmaker's Judy and John Iovieno.

Belated birthday greetings to Islander Belle Sky Antelmim who turned eight in April.

Best wishes for a lifetime of happiness to Minori Tsukagoshi and Brian James Esola, who were married at the Harlem Yacht Club on April 3. Jerry Landi of City Island officiated. Proud parents are Yasutaka and Akika Tsukagoshi of Tokyo, Japan, and Betty and Bill Esola of City Island. Minori and Brian plan to celebrate their union with a more traditional Japanese wedding ceremony for family and friends in Japan sometime next fall. After a planned honeymoon in Thailand, they will likely settle in either New York or Tokyo to continue their careers.

Happy anniversary on May 12 to King Avenue's Kim and Brian Moore.

Birthday shout-outs to Patrice Ortega of To Go Express, Marion Rosenfeld,



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Troop 211 held its Court of Honor on Friday April 16, 2021, at the Morris Yacht Club honoring Joseph B. Goonan for having achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. Joseph is the 40th member of Troop 211 to be awarded scouting's highest honor and the first father/son combination in Troop 211 history (James Goonan became an Eagle Scout in 1983). Shown above is City Island's newest Eagle Scout with his parents, James and Susan.

Peter Lenz and Deidra Taylor.

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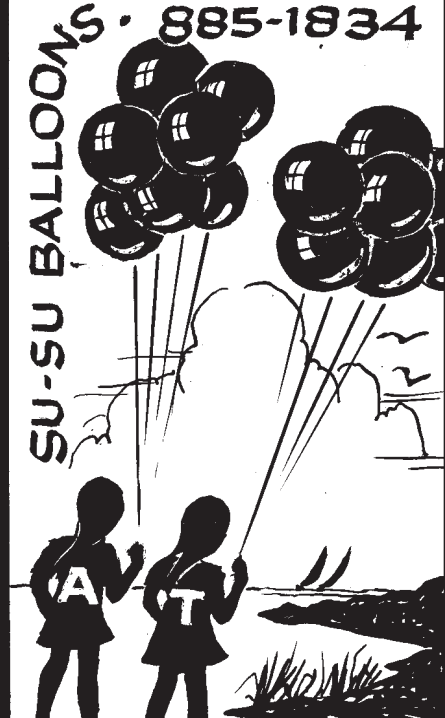
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