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SRO CROWD AT CIVIC MEETING, BUT NO VOTE

By KAREN NANI



Photo by KAREN NANI

The standing-room-only crowd at the July 31 meeting of the City Island Civic Association could not vote on term limits for elected officers as hoped but did vote to send the issue to a bylaws committee for review.

An overflow crowd packed the July 31, 2018, meeting of the City Island Civic Association in anticipation of a vote on term limits for board members. But, in spite of an e-mail sent to residents promising a vote on amendments to the bylaws, no such action was taken, to the frustration of many attendees.

The meeting was heated in more ways than one. More than 150 Islanders endured temperatures over 80 degrees in the Community Center on Fordham Street to voice their concerns about the future of the Civic board. "There was so much ugliness and divisiveness, but no vote," one attendee complained to *The Current*. Others left the meeting shaking their heads and wondering why they had even attended. "It was a waste of time, and we don't even know when a vote on term limits will be taken," another resident grumbled.

Most Islanders recognize the good intentions of the volunteer officers and are appreciative of the many fights the Civic Association has led for the betterment of City Island. In fact, the meeting began with applause for the group's latest accomplishments, including more traffic agents during the summer months and the support given to The Black Whale after an anonymous complaint was called in about its signage. The hanging whale sign has been around since the 1960s and is part of the avenue's landscape. The Civic is working with Community Board 10 to see that all longstanding Island business signs are grandfathered and not classified as "illegal" under relatively recent zoning laws.

However, the conduct of recent meetings and several rancorous exchanges on the Civic's Facebook page have led to some criticism of the elected officers (see Letters to the Editor in the June issue of *The Current*). The Civic officers responded to the criticism and made some changes to the Facebook page, such as the removal of posted comments that are obscene, harassing or inaccurate. In response to criticism of the officers, two separate motions

were made at the June meeting to revise the bylaws to include term limits for officers, such as the current president, Bill Stanton, and all of the other officers who have been in their roles for at least eight and, in some cases, more than ten years.

It was the proposed bylaw amendments that brought the standing-room-only crowd out to the meeting, with many favoring the addition of term limits. The first set of amendments read by Mr. Stanton included limiting anyone serving in a particular office to no more than 10 years in office, along with the creation of a new officer position, that of sergeant at arms, and other changes.

After the six proposed amendments were read, the treasurer Tom Smith, who had been appointed Civic parliamentarian by Mr. Stanton at the start of the meeting, cut off the vote. Mr. Smith told the crowd that no vote could be taken because the motion for these amendments was not correctly proposed, despite the e-mail sent prior to the meeting stating that a vote on term limits was on the agenda.

"There can be no debate and no vote tonight, because the proposal was not presented correctly and must go to a bylaws committee before it can be voted on by the membership," he told the crowd, many of whom seemed confused by this explanation. Adding to the confusion was a second proposed amendment ("Amendment I: Terms of Officers"), also distributed with the six proposed revisions, which stated, "The term of each office shall be three years, limited to two consecutive terms for each officer..." This amendment was withdrawn after the vote was canceled.

Audience members tried to ask questions about these procedures. Jon Paradiso, a 31-year resident of City Island, asked "Who will be on the bylaws committee and what about conflicts of interest?" Mr. Smith explained that some current members of the Civic's executive board will be on the committee, such as himself.

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Three New Shops on the Avenue

By BARBARA DOLENSEK



Photos by MATT PANZA

Three new businesses have just opened up in the block of shops south of Hawkins Street on City Island Avenue: an antique and frame shop at 278 City Island Avenue on the corner of Hawkins Street, Clipper Coffee at 274 and John Foley's antique store at 270. Be sure to stop by and tell the proprietors how grateful the community is for their presence on the Island.

Residents and local business owners who cheered when Richie DiPiero purchased the building that extends from Hawkins Street on the east side of the avenue to Buddy's Hardware are now cheering for the new businesses that have joined Mary Colby's Studio and Remy's Upholstery.

Five apartments have been renovated on the second floor, and three new shops owned by Islanders have appeared in storefronts where the previous owner hoarded all kinds of stuff, from dozens of refrigerators to cartons of books and papers.

John Foley's was the first new shop to open, as he was Richie's right-hand man in the building renovation. John has been a collector most of his life, and his shop, at 270 City Island Avenue, is filled to the brim with all kinds of wonderful antiques, books and bric-a-brac looking for new homes. Dealers have been coming to the shop to find bargains, but there are still many items left for those who love to keep the past alive.

Another antique shop and gallery, still unnamed, opened at 278 City Island

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BRIEFLY...

THE ANNUAL BOOT HILL CUP KAYAK RACE, a four-mile circumnavigation of Hart Island, will be held on Saturday, Sept. 15, starting at 205 Beach Street. The race begins at 10 a.m. and will be followed by a \$15 beer and barbecue and other events. Medals will be awarded in all classes, and the name of the overall winner will be engraved on the Boot Hill Cup. Registration begins at 8 a.m. The race is sponsored by the Touring Kayak Club, which is celebrating its 91st year on City Island, and the American Canoe Association. The race fee is \$15, \$10 for ACA members.

CITY ISLAND ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR will take place on City Island Avenue on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 8 and 9, offering gifts, face painting, candle makers, folk art, jewelry, music and much more. On Sunday afternoon, the fair will feature its sixth annual clam chowder contest sponsored by the City Island Chamber of Commerce and State Senator Jeff Klein.

THE SECOND ANNUAL MEMORIAL SOFTBALL GAME will be held at Ambrosini Field on Saturday, Sept. 8, at 12 p.m. in memory of Islanders Robert Vivola and Dan Barry. The funds raised will go directly to the City Island Little League. There will food, beer, water and raffles, so come down to the baseball field by P.S. 175 and join in the fun.

45 BLOTTER

Complaints reported from City Island to the 45th Precinct during June, July and August 2018. Unfounded complaints are not included in the list.

- 2 – CRIMINAL MISCHIEF
- 3 – PETIT LARCENY
- 1 – HARASSMENT
- 3 – LEAVING THE SCENE OF AN ACCIDENT
- 1 – DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED (DWI)

Police provided details on the following incidents and arrests for the period from June 20 to Aug. 21, 2018.

6/22 – On King Avenue at 3 p.m., an Island female told police that an unknown person had removed a pedal boat from the rear of her dock in an act of petit larceny.

6/27 – A female Islander reported an act of criminal mischief on Marine Street at 8 p.m. She told police that while she was away, the window facing her backyard had been damaged.

6/30 – A female off-Islander reported an incident of petit larceny on City Island Avenue at 2:25 p.m. when she discovered

that a bag containing her son's game system had been removed from a bench by unknown person(s).

7/2 – At 11:30 p.m. on City Island Avenue, an off-Island male was driving in a parking lot when another vehicle drove in reverse into the rear door of the driver's side of his vehicle and then fled the scene.

7/4 – Police from the 45th Precinct arrested an off-Island male, 36, and charged him with criminal mischief on Pilot Street at 4:28 p.m. The defendant was involved in argument with an off-Island female, 30, and he allegedly smashed the female's phone and threw it into the sewer.

7/9 – On City Island Avenue at 9:30 a.m., an Island female reported an incident of harassment after she found shards of glass scattered in her garden.

7/10 – At 8:15 a.m., a male off-Islander told police that after he opened the driver's side door of his vehicle after parking on City Island Avenue, it was sideswiped by another vehicle, which then left the scene of the accident.

7/12 – Police from the 45th Precinct arrested an Island female, 28, and charged her with DWI at 2 a.m. after they observed her driving erratically and at a high speed on Minneford Avenue.

Civic Meeting

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"What about non-board members? How do we get on the committee?" another attendee asked. Mr. Stanton said the executive board would take under advisement the interest of Civic members to be on the committee.

A vote was eventually taken to "commit" the proposal to a bylaws committee, and it passed with 74 voting "Yes" and 27 voting "No," according to Janie Blanks, Civic recording secretary. However, some audience members became more confused when Mr. Smith said the vote didn't matter, that the proposal would go to committee anyway.

"This looks like a power play," frustrated resident Con Grondahl grumbled. Longtime Islander Leslie Raimondi bemoaned the divisiveness and characterized the meeting as "Sad. It was hard to see the issues."

When the actual vote on term limits will be put before the membership is not clear. John Doyle, who has held the office of corresponding secretary for eight years, wrote six of the amendments presented at the meeting. "I drafted these amendments based on conversations with some of the other officers in June. They are designed to bring order to the meetings and more structure to the board. I was puzzled by the lack of a vote. It is my understanding that a committee is only required if there is a wholesale review of the bylaws. These six amendments could have been modified from the floor and voted on by those in attendance."

The bylaws of the Civic Association seem to allow for a vote from the floor. Article VI reads, "An amendment to this Constitution may be proposed in writing by a member in good standing at any general meeting. The proposed amendment

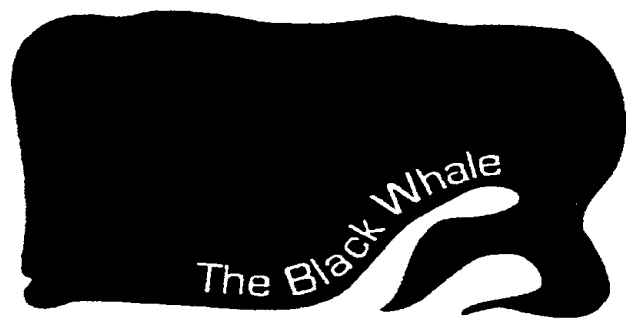
must be read at the next general meeting. A copy must be printed in the general meeting notice prior to the vote. It must receive a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present at the next general meeting."

Civic officer Barbara Dolensek explained to *The Current*, "Although it was agreed at the June meeting that these would be discussed and voted on in July, the proposals were not sent to members until three days before the meeting, which didn't give members much of a chance to review them. And if the desire of those attending had been to remove officers from their positions immediately, that would not have happened in any case, since the term limits are only effective going forward and cannot include past terms served."

So what is the future of term limits for Civic board members? After the meeting, Mr. Stanton told *The Current*: "I do not know when a vote on term limits will be held. It is my understanding, based on what Tom Smith said, that a bylaws committee is required. We are in the process of putting together that committee, which will consist of some current board members and others who are familiar with the workings of the Civic Association and have shown an interest in being on the committee."

Mr. Stanton said that names of candidates for the bylaws committee were being gathered and vetted. Any member of the Civic Association who is interested in participating in the process should contact the organization by e-mail at City.island.civic@gmail.com.

One final piece of business at the meeting was a vote on the purchase of a sound system with microphones and speakers. This arose partly because of complaints at the July meeting that the discussion could not always be heard by all attendees, especially those in the back of the room. The motion passed unanimously.



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45th Police Precinct Introduces New Community Officers

By BARBARA DOLENSEK



Photos by BARBARA DOLENSEK

Chief Rodney K. Harrison (top photo) presented at a community meeting on July 17 the newly introduced system of neighborhood policing in the 45th Precinct. The Neighborhood Coordinating Officers (NCOs) who have been assigned to City Island, which is part of sector 45C, along with Co-op City, are P.O. Jessica Griesinger (center in bottom photo) and P.O. Dean Cassells.

On July 17, 2018, Rodney K. Harrison, Chief of Patrol for the New York Police Department (NYPD), addressed the auditorium full of community representatives at Middle School 101 to describe recent changes implemented at the 45th Precinct. These changes are part of a department-wide effort to introduce a new system of neighborhood policing in order to establish and maintain trust between police and residents.

Chief Harrison explained that although there have been types of community policing in the past, this new effort is supported by a new approach to fighting crime, solving problems, community engagement and quality-of-life concerns. Instead of responding to 911 calls or spending time in crime-prone areas, the Neighborhood Coordinating Officers (NCO) will get to know the community by exchanging e-mails and cell phone numbers and holding quarterly meetings, known as Build A Block meetings, in their sectors.

"They work for you, they are assigned to you, and you are going to have access to them," said Chief Harrison, adding that the NCOs may often work to solve issues without resorting to enforcement. However, he emphasized the fact that community support was needed for the program to work, and he called for "shared responsibility."

The 45th precinct originally had 11 sectors, but these have been reduced to 3, with two NCOs assigned to each sector. The NCO commanding officer at the 45th Precinct is Sergeant Kevin Major, and he is assisted by NCO administrative and operations officers Ivette Vargas and Michael Morillo.

The officers assigned to cover City Island, which is in sector 45C along with Co-op City, are Police Officers Jessica Griesinger and Dean Cassells. They can be reached by e-mail at jessica.griesinger@nypd.org and dean.cassells@nypd.org. Their telephone numbers are 718-822-5452 (office) and 917-769-2837 (mobile).

Small Business Rally

By CATHI SWETT



Photos courtesy of PAUL KLEIN

New York City Councilmember Mark Gjonaj organized a Small Business Rally on June 28, 2018, at City Hall in Manhattan. A number of Islanders and business owners joined the fight to protect New York City's small businesses (above, l. to r.): Maria Caruso, Skip Giacco, Mark Jaffe (president and CEO of the Greater New York Chamber of Commerce), Councilmember Gjonaj, Paul Klein and Cathi Swett. The message to city officials: PROTECT OUR JOBS, PROTECT LOCAL BUSINESSES, PROTECT NYC'S FUTURE!



them thrive: "When small businesses hire neighborhood people it builds community," he said, to applause from the crowd. "There's something special about working where you live, knowing your customers and not having a commute to work somewhere far from home."

The owners of several small businesses on City Island joined many others from surrounding areas at a Small Business Rally at City Hall that was organized in support of the city's mom and pop shops. Business owners from all five boroughs rallied behind City Councilmember Mark Gjonaj, who is chair of the Council's Small Business Committee and who called on the Mayor and the Council to stop the unfair burdens placed on small business owners. "Enough is enough" was the rallying cry.

Small businesses are being pushed underwater by rising taxes, in addition to the burden of more than 6,000 regulations, as New York City continues to enforce outdated and burdensome laws, rules and regulations.

Skip Giacco, owner of Lickety Split, was invited by Councilmember Gjonaj to address the crowd on behalf of the City Island Chamber of Commerce. Skip called on the city to stop being unreasonable in the burdens placed on small businesses and to let

One business owner after another shared anecdotes about the burdens imposed by the 15 agencies that can oversee one business and that can ruin their livelihood. Another owner noted that his property taxes have doubled, from \$20,000 to \$40,000 in one year.

"If every small business owner could add just one employee this year, our unemployment problem would be fixed," one owner said but another noted that "we are not fighting to add jobs right now. We are fighting to survive and maintain what we have built."

Councilmember Gjonaj implored the Mayor and the Council Speaker to support the small business community. "It's time for New York City to treat with dignity and fairness the people who are the first ones up and working and the last ones who turn off the lights at night."

For more information about the efforts to push City Hall on fairness for these businesses, call Mark Gjonaj's office at 718-931-1721.

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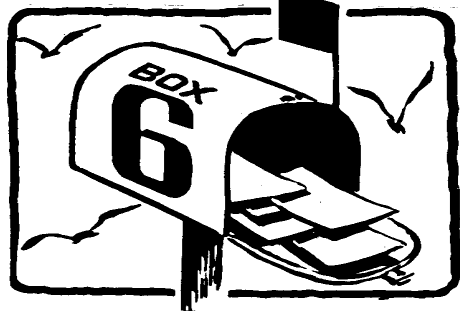
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Sew Grateful

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

Dear Members of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 156:

On behalf of the Warner family, I would like to thank the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 156 for the beautiful Quilt of Valor that was presented to our dad, Vincent T. Warner, on May 20 for his 92nd birthday. A very special thank you to the Auxiliary Sewing Group of Harlan Sexton, Karen Fighera, Ethel Lott, Vivi McGuire, MaryAnn Occhicone, Sandra Panzarella, Susan Vaughan, Joanne Valletta and Cathi Swett. Their hard work certainly paid off.

Dad was deeply honored. We were all so grateful, and this specially made Quilt of Valor will never be forgotten. We are extremely proud of our father's courageous service in World War II and to all who serve in any way.

Thank you to the Quilts of Valor Foundation and to our great Auxiliary Post 156, which truly make a difference in our wonderful City Island community.

Regina Murphy

Riptide Remembrances

To the Editor

On Sunday, July 1, 2018, my wife Anni and I boarded the Riptide charter boat with many other City Islanders for a trip to the Statue of Liberty. It was great fun, but also a time for reflection.

As we approached the statue, I remembered my grandmother's arrival on Ellis Island from Italy on March 6, 1913, at the age of 12. Many of us have similar family stories.

The boat ride home took a few hours, but in reality, the trip from Ellis Island to City Island took generations of sacrifice and hard work. As City Islanders, we should never forget how fortunate we are.

Richard Frey

Deadly Concerns

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

To: Nivardo Lopez, Bronx Borough Commissioner
NYC Department of Transportation

Dear Commissioner Lopez:

We, the City Island Civic Association, write to you today on behalf of our community of 4,500 people concerning an important issue of safety in Pelham Bay Park. As you know, City Island is the only community in the Bronx that is required to commute through the park whenever we leave or enter the Island.

In recent years, many City Islanders have complained about cars going the wrong way on the on and off ramps by Exit 5 of the Hutchinson River Parkway.

This has been caused by the dimly lit roadway in the park, the unofficial U-turn that sits immediately at the end of the off-ramp and, most importantly, the lack of adequate signage. If a car is coming off of the Parkway's northbound ramp and makes a hard left turn, it has essentially entered onto the entry ramp for the southbound ramp going in the wrong direction. This can surely lead to a deadly accident, and over the years we have received many reports of Islanders having near-crash experiences because of this. With this in mind, we are respectfully asking for additional "Wrong Way" signage to be installed throughout the roadway. Qwik curbs should also be considered, so that drivers getting off at the southbound ramp do not try and make a hard right turn.

Additionally, as mentioned above, the unofficial U-turn continues to be an issue. Motorists either make a hard left turn, cutting off two lanes of traffic, or they use the turn to improperly turn around and start going in the wrong direction. Furthermore, the turn serves as an official shortcut into Bay Plaza, which is accessible on the Hutch's southbound side, helping to avoid the extreme traffic build-up of Interstate 95. On May 10, 2010, Bronx Community Board 10 voted to approve closing the U-turn at the request of our Association. Although the U-turn was never closed, "No U-Turn" signs were installed. However, since early 2017 the signs had fallen down (likely from accidents) and were not replaced. We are asking you to review this matter and, if possible, to install a barrier blocking this turn; additionally, signage could be considered informing motorists that they can safely make the U-turn up at the traffic circle.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

The City Island Civic Association

Promises, Promises

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

To the City Island community:

Regarding NYPD Capital Construction [for the NYPD Firing Range at Rodman's Neck], we are currently in the contract phase with the Comptroller's office, where there have been several issues but we expect approval soon. Once that is done, we expect to begin the design phase in September of this year for the overall project.

In the interim, we will be working on temporary sound-dampening measures, which we will begin in the fall; this will help the sound issues tremendously as we wait for the ultimate solution: the bigger soundproof wall itself.

The temporary structures will be built within six months, and six months after that we hope to have begun the larger project.

Maceo Torres-Trujillo
Community Liaison
Community Affairs Unit
Office of the Mayor

Reunion Remix

To the Editor:

Despite some weather issues, the 2018 City Island Reunion was a fun time for all. The reunion was moved to the Harlem Yacht at the last minute from Ambrosini Field due to the extreme heat. Anne Booth of the Harlem Yacht Club bailed us out and put out a terrific hors d'oeuvre spread along with coffee, cake, fresh cookies and

brownies, all of which pleased the reunion goers.

Special thanks to the 2018 Reunion sponsors: AER Property Mgt., Ted Pryor, Esq., Seafood City, Paul Gjonaj, Councilman Mark Gjonaj, and State Senator Jeffrey Klein. Prize donations were provided by Jack's Bait & Tackle, Ohana's, The Black Whale, Ron Turner, Sue D'Alessandro and Judy McCormick. The music was played by Nick Butterworth, Monica and Elliot Glick, Bill Purkins and the Boatyard Band.

We couldn't have done it without a great group of volunteers: Judy McCormick, Mary (Booth) Arena, Maryann Occhicone, Candi Mancuso, Doreen McGowan, Diane Rosa, Kathy Lewis, and Ron Turner, who provided photography of the event.

Finally, special thanks to Matt Butterworth for all his "muscle work."

Bob Carmody

P.S. 175 Rooms Still Lack Air Conditioning

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

To the City Island community:

This office understands that custodial problems and service delays affecting NYC schools, and P.S. 175 in particular, are part of a long-term conversation about how to further improve custodial services at the Department of Education (DOE). We asked DOE for a review of the most

recent services performed at the school. The central air conditioning unit has been worked on recently, but the job has only provided short-term solutions. Given that rising temperatures lie ahead, our office would like to further advocate for a review of the work performed at P.S. 175, where we are told rooms are still without air conditioning.

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A Quilt of Valor by the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 156 was presented to WWII veteran and Islander Vincent Warner on May 20, 2018.



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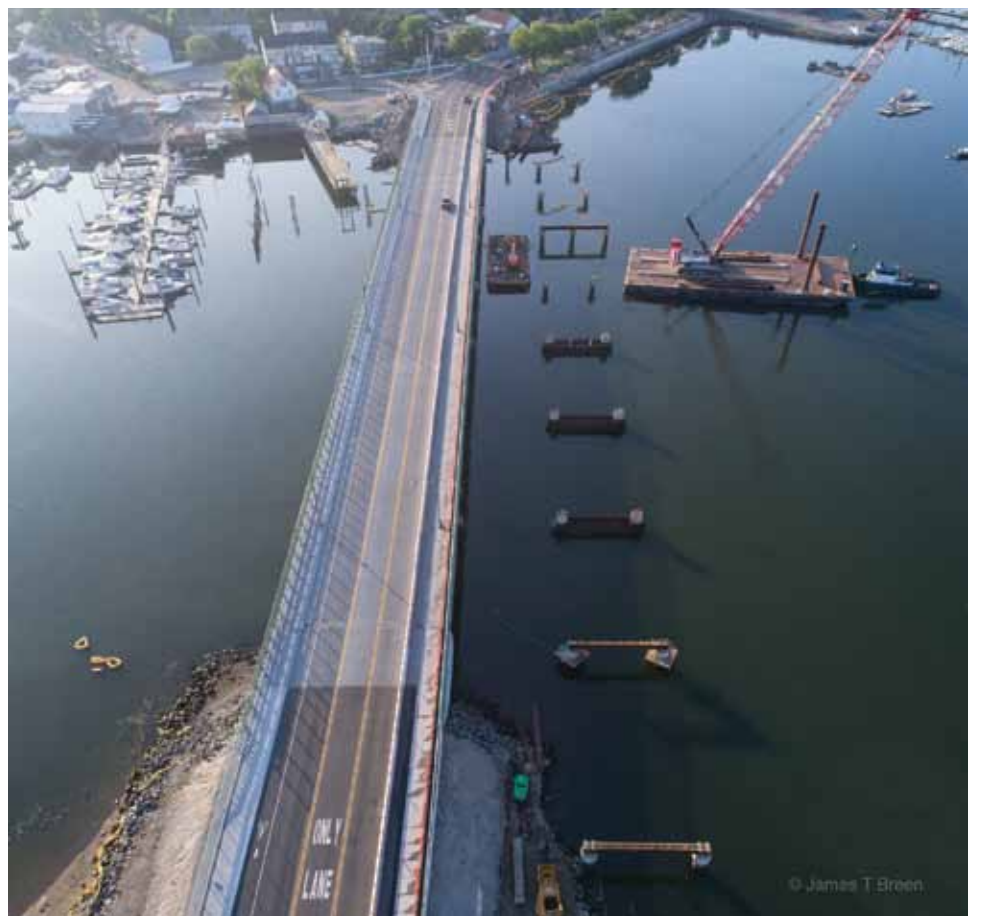
The 2018 City Island Reunion on June 30 and July 1 was an indoor affair compared to years past, thanks to the high temperatures that weekend. Organized by a group led by Bob Carmody (top photo, seated), the smaller gathering of past and present Islanders enjoyed reminiscing and sharing tales of the clam diggers.

Shore Road Flooding to be Studied

Although the flooding on Shore Road between the Split Rock Pelham Golf Course and the Pelham town line received a temporary fix in 2017, problems continue to exist on the roadway during heavy rainstorms. New York City's Design and Construction Department has undertaken a 15-month, \$1.5 million study into the dangers of flooding on the road in the hope that

a more permanent solution can be found. Tommy and James Breen have been documenting the flooding hazards for the past two years, and they got the support of Councilmember Mark Gjonaj, who says he will work to get the needed funds for the changes into the City Council budget for the fiscal year 2020.

GOING, GOING, ALMOST GONE



Photos by BARBARA DOLENSEK and JAMES BREEN

This overhead shot of the bridge taken in July shows that almost nothing is left of the temporary bridge. The view of the seawall supporting Catherine Scott Promenade makes it clear what a major reconstruction job had to be done to the old wall. The Department of Transportation (DOT) has not given an updated schedule for the completion of the wall and park.

Pelham Lodge to Host Special Celebration

The officers and members of Pelham Lodge #712 (241 City Island Avenue at the corner of Schofield Street) will celebrate a special event at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 4, with an open house, and a rededication of the building. Masonic dignitaries and the City Island community are invited to join with the Lodge to celebrate the completion

of recent renovations and the redecoration of the building interior. A special memorial service will be held at 8 p.m. in the new Lodge room honoring members of the Lodge who have passed away over the past several years, many of them members of the City Island community.

This year, 2018, is a very important one for Pelham Lodge and for Masonry in the Bronx. The Bronx Masonic District will celebrate its 100th anniversary on Nov. 25 at a gala to be held at the Marina del Rey. Bronx District Masons are proud of the commitment that they have had to the City Island community throughout the years, sponsoring blood drives and child ID programs and supporting many local charities and City Island organizations.

For those who would like to attend, please RSVP to Louis Juers at 718-885-1865.

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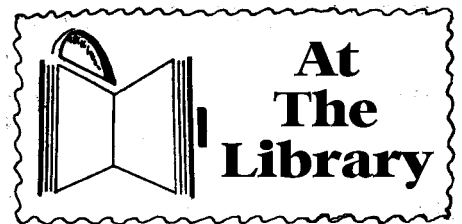


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In March 2018, Starving Artist shifted its focus away from food service to the music shows that have been our standard and other showcases as well as theatre productions (original plays, including two written by owner-songwriter-musician Elliott Glick). A milestone in that journey was the construction of a new stage, by Glick's son and carpenter, Joshua Glick. With the support of the community to fund the changes, the stage was opened with a reception and performance (shown above) on July 29, Elliott's birthday. Check the shows for September on their website: www.StarvingArtistOnline.com. And follow the journey on Facebook as The Artist's development continues.



In September, Ron Terner celebrates 44 years of the **Focal Point Gallery** (321 City Island Avenue; 718-885-1403) with an exhibition of his sculptures. The opening will be on Friday, Sept. 7, from 7 to 10 p.m. and the show will continue through Oct. 31.



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SEPTEMBER CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

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

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

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

Craft-A-Way: Drop in and participate in creating projects related to a theme or holiday. Ages 2 to 5. Friday, Sept. 14, at 11:30 a.m.

SEPTEMBER TEEN AND TWEEN PROGRAMS

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

Friday Afternoon Activities: On Fridays at 3 p.m. we plan a series of special activities to celebrate the beginning of the weekend, so check out this month's events and come hang out with us! Sept. 7: Wii and Board Games; Sept. 14: Relax with Origami; Sept. 21: Wii and Board Games;

Sept. 28: Makey-Makey Extravaganza

SEPTEMBER ADULT PROGRAMS

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

City Island Scrabble Club: If you're looking for some friendly competition,

then join our Scrabble Club! Come in and flex your vocabulary muscles. Note: Limited to 12 participants, registration required. Thursday, Sept. 13 and 27, at 1 p.m.

City Island Book Club: Call or stop by the branch for more information. Monday, Sept. 17, at 5 p.m.

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

One-on-One: Computer, Tablet, and Resume Instruction: Stop in or call

to make an appointment for one hour of personalized instruction that addresses your questions and concerns. No computer? No problem! We have computers available for instructional use. Registration required.

Saturday Afternoon Movies: Feature movie titles, varying in length. At 1 p.m. Sept. 8: "Dead Poets Society"; Sept. 15: "School of Rock"; Sept. 22: "The Edge of Seventeen"; Sept. 29: "Kanopy—The Home Stretch."

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

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Trinity United Methodist Church held its annual beach service on Aug. 5, 2018. In addition to a beautiful day with great food, Holy Communion was given and the Sunday School children (shown above) performed a puppet show in remembrance of longtime parishioner Jay Howard.

Photos by RICK DeWITT



The Post Office garden was improved by the Garden Club of City Island working with CJS Property Care. Judy Judson, president of the club, is joined here by Juan Bautista of CJS.

Photo by JUDY JUDSON

Remembering Jay Howard

By JANE PROTZMAN



The dedication of the garden in front of the Community Center entrance to the memory of Jay Howard took place on Aug. 4, 2018, thanks to hard work and donations contributed by Jay's friends and family.

Photos by JANE PROTZMAN and BARBARA DOLENSEK

The entrance to the City Island Community Center at 190 Fordham Street underwent a significant transformation this past summer. In early June, the raised bed by the main door was completely transformed. The overgrown junipers, bushes and tree were removed; the soil was dug up and the area was completely cleaned and filled with new soil. Now the space is a perennial garden with restored fencing and an improved foundation featuring a rock on which is painted "Jay Howard Garden."

The dedication of the garden to the memory of Jay Howard on Saturday, Aug. 4, was attended by Jay's friends and family members who wanted to transform this space to honor his many years working with City Island's youth. Jay passed away in October 2017.

The morning of the dedication, it was raining, so the dedication was moved indoors, but the sun soon came out to highlight the plants in the garden. Patty Grondahl of the Center and Norma Howard, Jay's widow, welcomed the many Islanders who came to pay their respects. Retired Methodist minister Linda Nealon Woods officiated with a thoughtful prayer and then encouraged people to share their stories about Jay.

Many friends and family members, including Norma, Jay's son John Howard and Norma's daughter Gloria, spoke of Jay's enthusiasm for community projects as well as

his personal contributions. Gloria described his involvement with the Pysanki Painted Egg project, which he shepherded for many years with young people, painting eggs that represented "positive hope for humanity." Another popular program that he directed for several years was a puppet theater in which he used puppets to represent positive interpersonal values.

Reclaiming the raised garden outside the Center was a major effort. Several of Jay's friends, led by Joe Emerick and Dennis Owens, did all the heavy work of removing the plants and soil; they also installed a hose connection, painted the doorway, improved the fencing and installed a new light fixture. After the addition of new soil, plants for the perennial garden designed by Geri Smith were purchased and planted, along with a handsome Japanese maple tree.

In remembrance of Jay's project with Living Rocks, a sizable rock was placed as a marker for the space. As the director of the Community Center's Teen Center, Jay introduced his Living Rocks program in 2000. Each member of the group was invited to find a special rock, bring it to life with sculpting clay and write a story about the life of the person represented. The group held exhibits of the collection at the Community Center and at CIAO (City Island Arts Organization) and in Westchester County. During the design process, it was decided to remember Jay's Living Rocks project by placing a large rock as a marker in the garden space. Steve Roth found a site in Idaho that specialized in providing and engraving rocks, and on Aug. 1, the 94-pound rock was delivered to his house, where Joe Emerick picked it up and moved it to the garden.

The garden was financed by special donations to the Community Center, along with a very generous gift from Michelle Debitetto, Jay's niece. Remaining funds, plus a donation of \$1,500 from the City Island Civic Association, will be used to further improve the entrance to the Community Center.

The next time you are in the neighborhood, stop by to enjoy the garden and remember the legacy of Jay Howard.



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The summer of 2018 ran the weather gamut, including a record number of days over 90 degrees and a weekend mix of sunshine, rain, thunderstorms, and rainbows (middle and bottom photos). Luckily, the weather was favorable for Islanders viewing the annual Bronx Fireworks Extravaganza off Orchard Beach on June 28, sponsored by Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. and State Senator Jeff Klein (top photo).

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Life-long Islander Recalls the City Island of Yesteryear

By BILL STUTTIG



Photo by BILL STUTTIG

John and Arlene Byrne

John Byrne, 88, has lived his whole life on City Island in the same house where he was born. The retired police detective was raised on Centre Street, where he and Arlene, his wife of 60 years, raised their two children and now help look after their grandchildren.

John told *The Current* that the City Island of his childhood was a far different place than the City Island of today. "Don't get me wrong," he said, "City Island is still a great place, and it is still a great place to raise children, but during my childhood and beyond, life was far different from what it is now."

John comes to that view from a unique perspective. His father was vice president and general manager of the legendary Henry B. Nevins Incorporated, a renowned City Island yacht builder during the first four decades of the 20th century. Born in 1930, John was a young teenager at the Nevins yard, which, like many of the neighboring City Island yards, turned much of their attention away from yacht building in the 1940s toward building military vessels and other materials in the effort to win World War II.

"I was 12 or 13 years old, and I used to hang out there and work at the concession stand, making coffee and stuff like that for 12 cents an hour," John recalls.

When asked if a great percentage of City Island residents worked for the community's ship builders during that effort, he said: "City Island did not have enough people to fill all the positions." He recalls that hundreds of craftsmen were brought in from Quebec, Canada, and other regions to help at Nevins, many of them working 14 hours a day.

The record of the Nevins shipbuilding effort during those years was quite impressive, as they designed and built, among other things, 24 YMS minesweepers for the U.S. Navy, as well as five rescue boats for the U.S. Army. The yard had also served as a repair base for the U.S. Coast Guard before the war. (A model of the YMS minesweeper, made from the original Nevins blueprints, is on display at the City Island

Nautical Museum.) John recalls that everyone was involved in the war effort, not just the shipbuilders but the maritime support industries as well. "The sailmakers became involved in making canvas coverings for the ships' guns."

After the war, the Nevins yard and others resumed the building of yachts, but Nevins was never able to regain the yacht-building glory it had achieved during the 1920s and '30s. Mr. Nevins passed away in 1950; his widow sold the yard in 1954 and it closed in 1962. The lot sat abandoned for more than a decade until New York City decided to use the space to construct the new City Island school, Public School 175, which opened in 1975.

Like most clam diggers over or near the age of 60, his memories are of a different school, P.S. 17 on Fordham Street, which today houses the City Island Nautical Museum and the Community Center, along with a number of condominium apartments. Mr. Byrne recalls: "I had teachers that taught my father. When I did something wrong, they said 'I'm going to tell your father.' It was great. You really knew the teachers, and you actually grew up with everyone you went to school with. It was a very close community."

He said the merchant life was much different as well, mostly built on attending to the daily needs of the community. "This was before Home Depot and Costco. I remember there was an Italian specialty food store where the French restaurant is now. My mother would send me there to get fresh pasta, and the lady would lean over the counter to put cheese on it before I hurried home." He remembers that there was a small A&P market and several barbers, butchers, bakers, shoe repair stores, hardware supply stores, a bank and a post office.

When John became a young man in the early '50s, he decided not to go into the maritime industry as his father had done. "I actually wanted to be a cop," he recalled. "My uncle was a cop, a detective, and my son also became a cop." His career with the NYPD lasted from 1956 to 1976, with assignments throughout the Bronx and Manhattan, and he eventually became a Sergeant Detective with an assignment to police headquarters.

While he was a young cop, in 1958, John married a young woman from the north Bronx named Arlene. Arlene says that as a newlywed, she quickly learned to love City Island as City Island learned to love her and her family over the years. She became a fixture on the Island in her own right and now runs the St. Mary's Thrift Shop.

"It was wonderful," she told *The Current*, as she recalled her young children playing with the neighbor's children in their backyard pool. "Life was so much simpler then. No one was a stranger. Everybody knew everybody. It was a good life."

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Current Calendar

SEPTEMBER

Sat. and Sun., Sept. 8 and 9, **Fall Arts and Crafts Fair**, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. City Island Avenue. Chowder contest on Sunday in Hawkins Park.

Tues., Sept. 25, **City Island Civic Association meets**, 7:30 p.m., Community Center, 190 Fordham Street.

Sat., Sept. 29, **POTS Program**, St. Mary's School Yard, Minneford Avenue and Kilroe Street, drop-off between 4:30 and 5 p.m. Menu: sausage and peppers.

OCTOBER

Fri., Sat., and Sun., October 5, 6 and 7, **American Legion Pumpkin Sale**. Legion parking lot at City Island Avenue and Cross Street, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

City Island Republicans

Our petitions were successfully filed. Thanks to all who carried and all who signed. We have a full slate of candidates this year, including Marcus Molinaro, who is running for governor. Stay tuned.

Our next meeting will be held on Sept. 20. We need to start getting ready for the upcoming election season.

Fred Ramftl Jr.

City Island Nautical Museum

The museum has had a very busy summer, with many visitors on weekends and a series of special tours for groups of both adults and children on weekdays. City Island residents who have not yet had a chance to see our "City Island Avenue: Then and Now" exhibition are encouraged to do so, joining those who have been fascinated and amused by the transition made by many buildings along the Avenue during the past century.

If anyone has old photographs of shops or houses or other buildings on City Island, we would very much like to scan them and add the images to our collection.

We also have some new items in our shop, such as placemats with signal flags and a nautical chart of City Island, a bosun's whistle and a selection of new t-shirts.

We are very grateful to our volunteers, who enable us to stay open on weekends, answer questions about City Island history and explain what is so special about the many items in our collection.

Barbara Dolensek

Grace Episcopal Church

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

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

Bible Study, led by Father John Covington, takes place every Sunday after service during coffee hour.

Sunday School will resume on Sept. 16. The school meets on the first and third Sundays each month, led by Karen Nani. The students range in age from 2 to 12, and newcomers are welcome. No extra time is needed; students will begin the service with the entire congregation at 10 a.m. and then leave with Mrs. Nani for lessons and

activities, including arts and crafts, for 30 to 40 minutes during the service. They will rejoin the congregation after the exchange of peace. The older students will begin preparing for the sacrament of confirmation when the bishop visits Grace Church on Dec. 23. If you are interested in enrolling your children in Sunday School, e-mail Karen at karenrnl@optonline.net or leave a message on the church phone 718-885-1080.

The Grace Tones, our music ministry, is in our third year! Composed of members of the church choir and singers from on and off City Island, we perform at area nursing homes and rehabilitation centers. We will be singing at Schaffer Extended Care Center on Sept. 22. If you'd like to join us, remember that you don't have to sing like an angel, just have the desire to help lift the spirits of those in need. Interested? Please call Sandy Dunn at 917-566-1296 or e-mail accentfix@gmail.com.

Sandy Dunn

Garden Club of City Island

We hope you have noticed the newly refurbished Post Office garden area, a project the Garden Club finished in July, with input from Waldemar Pigdon, the Post Office Supervisor. Thanks to your donations to our Beautification Fund, which paid for Bartlett Tree Service's tree pruning and CJS Property Care's weeding and mulching, the club has been able to provide City Islanders with another pleasant green space. The lovely summer flowers and greenery in the planter boxes along the avenue are also a result of your donations.

This month's Garden Club meeting will be Monday, Sept. 10, when Nick Storrs, from the New York Botanical Garden, will give a presentation on vegetable gardening. We're also looking forward to hearing from Program co-chair Jane Protzman, who has been working on setting up a special fall trip for members.

Everyone is invited to our monthly meetings, which are usually held on the first Monday of the month at 10 a.m. at the City Island Yacht Club on Pilot Street. Our presenter for the Oct. 1 meeting hasn't been confirmed yet, so come to the September meeting to find out! All meetings conclude with home-baked goods and refreshments served by our Hospitality Committee. Please join us.

Sharynne Wilder

Temple Beth-El

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

Services take place on Friday evenings from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. with celebratory music by Your Band by the Sea:

Sept. 7: Community-led
Sept. 14, Shabbat Shuvah: clergy-led
Sept. 21: Community-led
Sept. 28: Clergy-led

Mark your calendars for the High Holy Days: Theme: "A New Vision"



Photo by ELLEN RUTH TOPOL

Celebratory congregants and friends of Temple Beth-El dancing at their Sabbath by the Sea on Aug. 3, 2018, with no rain in sight!

Sunday, Sept. 9, from 7 to 9 p.m. Erev Rosh Hashanah

Monday, Sept. 10, from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Rosh Hashanah Day 1

Tuesday, Sept. 11, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Rosh Hashanah Day 2

Friday, Sept. 14, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Shabbat Shuvah

Tuesday, Sept. 18 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Kol Nidre

Wednesday, Sept. 19, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Yom Kippur with Yizkor service at about noon. There will be a break after Yom Kippur morning services with teaching at the Samuel Pell House, 586 City Island Avenue, and a community Break-Fast at the Temple after the evening service.

Sunday, Sept. 23, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Sukkot Potluck with Rabbi Shohama

Sunday, Sept. 30, from 7 to 9 p.m. Join Rabbi Shohama, Rabbi David and Your Band by the Sea for a special evening. It's Shmini Atzeret (which culminates the Sukkot festival cycle), which means that it's also Yizkor (an evening of remembrance) and also Simchat Torah (a celebration that culminates the Torah cycle). All in one, we mourn and dance, cry and sing; such is our vision for spirit renewed.

TBE invites the City Island community to join our yoga class on Monday evenings from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., led by Daniella Haney (Patreasha Sat Inder Kaur), a certified instructor in spiritual disciplines of breath and body. Suitable for all persons, ages, body types and experience levels. Dress in loose-fitting clothes: participants can take session on the ground (mats and pillows provided) or sit in a chair. Tea and cookies served afterwards. Suggested freewill offering: \$10 per session. RSVP to Daniella at kynyc@aol.com. Please note that there will not be a yoga class on Monday, Sept. 10, during Rosh Hashanah.

Chesed Committee: If you need a helping hand, a caring call or a ride to the doctor, let us know. If you have love to give, we need your support. No experience required. Even if you are housebound, you can make calls and coordinate care. To seek support or to volunteer, please e-mail 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 email Ellen Ruth Topol at ertopol@topolbevp@aol.com.

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

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

Dr. Ellen Ruth Topol

Sons of the American Legion Squadron #156

2019 dues (\$50) are now due. New members are always welcome. If you are a male descendant, step-descendant or adopted descendant of a veteran set forth in the dates established by Congress, we would love to have you as a member. Stop by the Post to pick up an application. We will also need a copy of a DD-214 from your relative.

It is with deep sadness that we report that Tommy Booth has passed.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, Sept. 13, at 7:30 p.m.

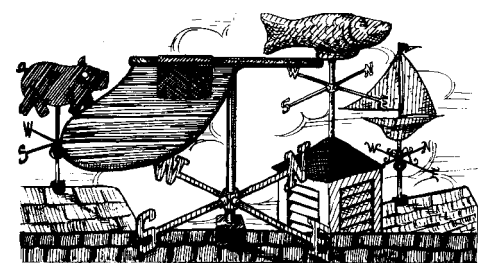
It's party time! When booking your next party, consider the Legion Post. Members receive a discount rate on all hall rentals.

Peter Booth

St. Mary's Thrift Shop

We will reopen on Thursday, Sept. 20, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Come and see our Fall Collection. Loads of bric-a-brac. Share a cup of coffee and a chat.

Arlene Byrne



REGULAR MEETINGS

Weekly Twelve-Step Meetings on City Island

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Trinity United Methodist Church: 718-885-1218

Grace Episcopal Church: 718-885-1080

Al-Anon Wednesdays at 7 p.m., 331 City Island Ave, Bronx, NY 10464

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



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

Our Jay Howard Garden was dedicated on Aug. 4 and, like Jay's work at the Center and in the community, it all came together in a beautiful way. The CICC is grateful for its long relationship with Jay and to the many individuals who volunteered time and money to make this fitting tribute. Please see the article on page 7 for details.

Yes, it is time for programs on hold to resume schedules. Please call the instructors to let them know you are joining and to learn about any changes to the schedule.

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

The Center is run by a volunteer board of directors who meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Community Center Main Room at 190 Fordham Street. All members are encouraged to attend this open meeting. We always welcome and really need volunteers and donations.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Bollywood and Indian Folk Dance: Tuesday, 6 p.m. for Teens/Adults. Join Lalitha Cosme at this new time, to explore the dance, energy, movement and culture of India and Indian films. To register or for more information, call 646-269-2033 or e-mail lalithadance@gmail.com.

Irish Dance for Children: Monday from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. resumes Sept. 17. Step dancing for all ages taught by Caitlin Nora Kelly. For day and time or information, e-mail caitlin.nora.kelly@gmail.com or call 914-262-4517.

Island Tots: Wednesdays, 10 a.m. Preschool children get together to socialize, have fun and play. To register for September sessions or for more information, call Barbara at 917-359-1871.

Spanish Classes for Children: Wednesdays and Thursdays after school. Register now for classes that will begin in late September. The Español Experience enables children who know a little Spanish to speak more fluently and introduces children who don't know any Spanish to a whole new cultural experience. All skill levels welcome. For more information, call 917-889-4938, or visit www.espanolexperience.com.

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

ADULT PROGRAMS

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

Ballroom Dance: Tuesdays at 7 p.m. but currently on hold. Maurice Bonilla teaches us how to "Dance with the Stars." It's great fun and good exercise. For information, call 718-502-2825.

Belly Dance: Saturdays at 2:30 p.m. Amira fun-filled dance experience and with benefits of feeling fit and limber. Beginners and all levels welcome. Call 917-251-1269 to join or to get more information.

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

City Island Community Supported Agriculture: Monday, 5 to 6 p.m. Weekly delivery of fresh organic fruits and vegetables. To join or for information, e-mail laurenbriggsrn@gmail.com or call 917-238-0529.

City Island Culinary Club: Mondays at 7 p.m. on Sept. 10 and 24. Share bean recipes and have fun with other Islanders

who like to cook. For information, call Kenny Selesky at 917-533-7873.

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

NEW Feldenkrais Class: Monday at 6 p.m. Find greater ease of movement, flexibility, relief from pain, relaxation and improved posture. Feldenkrais exercises involve a combination of gentle movements, rest and self-awareness, which give your brain and body access to helpful information about how to improve the way your body feels and functions. For information, please call Julie Kavee at 347-266-6247 or e-mail juliekavee@gmail.com.

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

Weight Watchers Meetings: Tuesdays, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. We plan to resume our official WW meetings in September so please call to join us. Enjoy support and help of a great group with Cheryl Brinker leading. For more information, please call Patty at 914-882-9578.

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

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

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

Patty Grondahl

PSS Senior Center

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

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

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

Highlights

NEW. Join our Lunch Club. Membership in the Lunch Club requires attendance at an average of two lunches per week. Members receive priority on special trips, discounts on transportation and/or trips, as well as freebies when available.

Sept. 3, Monday: Closed for Labor Day
Sept. 12, Wednesday, at 12:30 pm: Birthday Party with Barbara Purdy and Jazz Combo

Sept. 13: Boat Trip to Manhattan for Lunch Club members

Sept. 14: Payment due for Westchester Dinner Theatre, "Phantom of the Opera" (Oct. 18)

Sept. 19, Wednesday, 12 to 1:30: Open House with flu shots, 10-minute exercise

demonstrations, art and calligraphy sale, baked ziti and BBQ

Sept. 24, Monday at 10:15. World-renowned Dr. Paul Lam of the Tai Chi for Health programs will be here for our Tai Chi for Arthritis class. This is a don't-miss event! Please RSVP to Patty at 718-885-0727 no later than Sept. 17.

Coming on Thursday, Oct. 10: Westchester Dinner Theatre for "Phantom of the Opera." Sign up and pay by Sept. 14.

Daily Programming

Mondays:

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

10:15 a.m. Card Games and Canasta

12 noon to 1 p.m. Lunch

1:15 p.m. "Sounds on the Sound" singing group with professional instructor

Tuesdays:

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

12 noon to 1 p.m. Lunch

1 p.m. Yoga Stretch

1:45 p.m. Crafter's Corner

Wednesdays:

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

11:30 to 12 noon. Blood Pressure Screening, first and third Wednesday of the month

12 noon to 1 p.m. Lunch

1 p.m. Sept. 12: Birthday Party with Barbara Purdy and the Jazz Combo

1 p.m. Calligraphy

1 p.m. Second and fourth Wednesday of the month: Haircuts by Brenda for \$10. Please call to sign up.

Thursdays:

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

10 a.m. Acrylic Painting

12 noon to 1 p.m. Lunch

1 p.m. Skits

Fridays:

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

10:30 a.m. Yoga Stretch

12 noon to 1 p.m. Lunch

1 p.m. Walking Club at Orchard Beach, Pelham Bay Park or Mall

We also offer caregivers support and help with benefits. Call 718-885-0727 or drop by the center.

Transportation Services. Off-Island shopping trips leave at 9 a.m. and include Shop Rite, Stop & Shop, Target, Farmer's Market, Trader Joe's, and more. The suggested contribution for a round trip is \$1 on City Island \$2.50 for off-Island shopping trips and \$3 for longer off-Island trips. Anyone over 60 is encouraged to take advantage of our door-to-door transportation services. Call Alex at 347-834-6466 for more information and for pickup or trips.

Patty Attis

American Legion Post #156

The next meeting is Sunday, Sept. 9, at 12 noon, our first meeting since the summer break. Dues are due, and they are \$55 for the 2018-19 year. Please drop them off at the Post and make sure your name is on the envelope.

The hall is available for your next party. We can accommodate up to 80 people. Members receive a discount on all hall rentals. Please call our Activities Vice Commander Joe Goonan at 917-825-9576 for availability.

Please come in and play the Queen of Hearts game of chance each week. The weekly drawing is held at 7 p.m. 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, by the Post's flag pole.

Post 156 will host the Bronx County Visitation, which serves as an opportunity to meet with fellow legionnaires of Bronx County and your Department of NY Leadership for the 2018-19 year. Please consider attending the Visitation Dinner on Wednesday, Sept. 12, at the Morris Yacht Club,

Social hour (5 to 6 p.m.), buffet dinner (with beer, wine, soda), coffee, dessert (6 to 9 p.m.); \$55 per person. RSVP by Sept. 5 to Joe Goonan at 917-825-9576.

The annual clambake will be held on Saturday, Sept. 15. Check the post for details.

The annual pumpkin sale will be held on Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Oct. 5, 6 and 7. Details to follow.

Please visit our website for the latest information and to send an e-mail directly to the Post: Leonardhaskinspost156.com.

Thank you to the entire City Island community for all your support over the past 99 years. It's our honor to be your community partner.

Peter C. Del-Debbio

AARP Chapter 318

We meet on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 1 p.m. at Trinity Methodist Church Hall. Our first meeting after the summer break will be Wednesday, Sept. 5. We will meet at the cemetery on King Avenue at 12:30 p.m. for our annual 9/11 remembrance. From there, we will move to Trinity Methodist Church hall for a regular meeting.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the Sept. 5 meeting. New members are always welcome.

Carol Reid

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 156

On Saturday, July 7, Harlan Sexton of the American Legion Unit 156 organized a Quilts of Valor project for our next Legion veteran in the fall. The Star quilt that was produced is 60 x 80 inches. We owe many thanks to our volunteers: Ethel Lott and Judy McCormick for their sewing machine skills; Viki Trifari and Karen Figuera for fabric marking and block placing; Cathi Swett and Mary Carman for their pressing and cutting skills. We plan to have another Sewing Day in the near future. All members are welcome to attend and participate.

The American Legion family is hosting the Bronx County Visitation Dinner at the Morris Yacht Club on Wednesday Sept. 12. The \$50 per person fee includes a buffet dinner and dessert. Please e-mail Joe Goonan at Cwojfg@aol.com if you would like to attend.

Many thanks to those who contributed to the Afghanistan Soldier Sock Drive this summer. More than 200 pairs of socks were collected and sent to our active veterans. Judy Lanci from the Theodore Korony Post 253 asked our assistance in donating socks to the troops overseas. During the year her unit sends CARE packages to troops overseas, mainly the 1,000 men and women serving in Afghanistan. We hope to continue donations during the holiday season.

The City Island Craft Fair is Sept. 8 and 9. Please stop by our table for information on our Poppy and Membership Drive.

The Annual Legion Fall Pumpkin Sale is Oct. 5, 6 and 7. The Auxiliary will be participating in the Bake Sale on Oct. 6. Please consider donating a baked good and attending.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, Sept. 4, at 7:30 p.m.

Joanne Valletta

Trinity United Methodist Church

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

Following worship is a special program: "Seeking, growing, and sharing . . . more Love, Joy and Peace." Looking to God,

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Favorite Foreign Language Films

For those who don't mind or can overcome their avoidance of subtitles, there are some terrific foreign language films to watch. Those with an asterisk indicate they won a Foreign Film Academy Award; the ^ indicates they were nominated.

Das Boot (The Boat, 1981) is the story of a German World War II submarine in search of Allied vessels in the Mediterranean and the Atlantic. The film recounts the lives of the courageous U-Boat captain (Jurgen Prochnow) and his inexperienced crew, who have no loyalty to the Nazis. A journalist (Herbert Groenemeyer) has been assigned to cover the mission, a useful plot device to create explanations for the audience. The battle scenes are powerful in counterpoint to the depiction of the tedium of life aboard the cramped vessel. A re-release of the film in 1997 added an hour of added footage, which greatly enhanced the suspense. Don't be put off by the length and subtitles. It is well worth seeing.

The Danish film ***Babette's Feast** (1987) spans two decades in the second half of the 19th century. Two sisters, Philippa (first Hanne Tensgaard/then Bodil Kjer) and Martine (first Vibeke Hastrup/then Birgitte Federspiel), are completely devoted to their father, the head of the religious sect of their tiny village. When Babette Hersant (Stephan Audran) arrives, having fled the political situation in France, she works for the sisters for many years. As a thank you for sheltering her in her time of need, Babette prepares a feast for them in this touching film of a simpler time.

***Cinema Paradiso** (1990) is the story of Salvatore (Jacque Perrin), a prominent film director, who is saddened to hear of the passing of Alfredo (Philippe Noiret), the projectionist of the small Italian town where he grew up. Alfredo had befriended him when he was a little boy, and Salvatore spent most of his childhood (Salvatore Cascio) and teendom (Marco Leonardi) in the projection room of the local movie theater. He journeys back to his home town for the first time since he left as a teenager; and sees his life through flashbacks.

Set in Northern China in the 1920s, **^Raise the Red Lantern** (1991) stars Gong Li as Songlian, the fourth wife of the wealthy Master Chen (Ma Jingwu). Songlian was a college student; but after the death of her father, her stepmother forced her into this demeaning marriage. With her hopes and dreams extinguished, she finds herself at the beck and call of her husband and his tradition of lighting a lantern outside of the house of the wife with whom he intends to spend the night. Pitted against each other to gain the master's favor are Songlian and the three other wives: first (Jin Shuyuan), second (Cao Cuifeng) and third (He Caifei).

^Eat, Drink, Man, Woman (1995) is the Taiwanese story of Chu (Sihung Lung), the greatest chef in the country, whose taste buds are deteriorating. Chu is a widower with three grown daughters still living at home and feeling compelled to attend a family feast every Sunday. The three daughters are teacher Jia-Jen (Kati-Mei Yang); business executive Jia-Chien (Chien-Lien Wu), who would rather be a chef; and student Jia-Ning (Ye-Wen Wang). This absorbing film is about their quest for independence and love, with mouth-watering food as a backdrop.

In **Chocolat** (2000), mysterious Vianne (Juliette Binoche) and her child, Anouk (Victoire Thivisol), arrive in a tranquil French town in the winter of 1959, as Lent is about to begin. Vianne opens an unusual chocolate shop across the square from the church, much to the consternation of the town's mayor, Comte De Reynaud (Alfred Molina), who composes sermons for Father

O'Connor (Pere Henri). The film features Johnny Depp as Roux, Vianne's love interest. Vianne's chocolates contain magical ingredients that solve a plethora of problems for the townspeople, including the softening of Armande (Judi Dench), Vianne's old landlady, who reconciles with her daughter, Caroline (Carrie-Anne Moss).

From Taiwan, ***Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon** (2000) was among the most successful martial arts films ever made, with women on an equal footing with the men. Chow Yun-Fat is outstanding as Li Mu Bai, a warrior vowed to avenge the death of his master by Jade Fox (Cheng Pei Pei) and retrieve his stolen sword. Yu Shu Lien (Michelle Yeoh), head of a security company, and Li Mu Bai's love interest, helps him in his quest to retrieve his sword. Jen (Zhang Ziyi), the governor's daughter, is involved with the theft, and her acrobatic ability, as well as Yu Shu Lien's, are a wonder to behold.

Bread and Tulips (2001) is a sweet Italian film set in Venice. When Rosalba (Licia Maglietta) is accidentally forgotten by her tour bus at a roadside restaurant, she decides to hitchhike home, but on a whim goes to Venice instead. Stranded, she is taken in by a somber waiter Fernando (Bruno Ganz), who lives next door to Grazia (Marina Massironi), a "holistic beautician and masseuse." Rosalba gets a job in a florist shop, while her husband Mimmo (Antonio Catania), grows increasingly agitated at the interruption in his routine. He hires the bumbling Costantino (Giuseppe Battiston), a plumber and amateur detective, to track her down, with entertaining results.

Take Out (2004) in Mandarin and English is the story of a day in the life of Ming Ding (Charles Jang), an illegal Chinese immigrant who works frantically on Manhattan's Upper West Side to raise enough money through tips to pay off his debt to smugglers. The film follows Ming, who speaks little English as he interacts with the cooks and restaurant manager (Wang-Thye Lee, an actual employee of the restaurant where the movie was filmed), and as he frantically bicycles through the rain on numerous deliveries. Made for \$9,000, the film presents the harsh reality of the daily lives of illegal Chinese immigrants in New York City.

Set in 1984 East Berlin, ***The Lives of Others** (2006) is the story of Capt. Gerd Wiesler (Ulrich Mühe), an agent of the Stasi, the East German Secret Police, who is responsible for the surveillance of people who might be a threat to the State. He is assigned by Lt. Col. Grubitz (Ulrich Tukur), to investigate playwright Georg Dreyman (Sebastian Koch) and his lover, actress Christa-Maria Sieland (Martina Gedeck). Wiesler discovers that the surveillance was ordered by Minister Bruno Hempf (Thomas Thieme), who is infatuated with Dreyman's girlfriend. Wiesler's spying on the couple becomes obsessive, and he slowly starts to find value in freedom of thought and expression.

Black Book (2006) was the most commercially successful film ever made in the Netherlands. It recounts the story of Rachel Stein (Carice van Houten), a beautiful Jewish woman who, after escaping Nazi capture, assumes a new Aryan identity. As Ellis de Vries, she becomes involved with a Dutch resistance group, led by Gerben Kuipers (Derek de Lint). Working closely with a doctor in the Resistance, Hans Akkermansand (Thom Hoffman), she is persuaded to seduce a local Nazi commander Ludwig Müntzeand (Sebastian Koch) in order to take down the enemy from within. The film is based on several true events and characters, and is related to the life of director Paul Verhoeven, who was born in 1938 and grew up in The Hague during the Second World War.

From Austria, ***The Counterfeiters** (2007) is the story of gifted counterfeiter Salomon Sorowitsch (Karl Markovics) who is arrested by Police Inspector Herzog (Devid Striesow) at the onset of World War II. Upon arriving at Sachsenhausen concentration camp, Sorowitsch discovers that Herzog is now a commandant, who aims to destabilize the economies of the Allies and fund the Nazi war effort by using counterfeit artists to create millions in fraudulent pounds and dollars. The work of the group is

continually undermined by obstinate Adolf Burger (August Diehl), a collytype specialist who is plagued by his conscience.

^Mongol: The Rise of Genghis Khan (2007) is a semi-historical account of the early years of Genghis Khan (Tadanobu Asano), who was born as Temudgin in 1162. It follows his perilous childhood through the battle that sealed his destiny to unite all the Mongolian tribes. The film paints a multifaceted portrait of the future conqueror, depicting him not as the stereotypical evil brute, but as an inspiring, fearless and visionary leader whose wife Borte (Khulan Chuluun) is his lifelong love and most trusted advisor.

Based on Stieg Larsson's Millennium Trilogy, three Swedish films begin with **The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo** (2009). They all star Noomi Rapace as Lisbeth Salander, a computer hacker with wild hair and a body covered with piercings and tattoos. An abuse survivor, Salander is hired to do background research on journalist Mikael Blomkvist (Michael Nyqvist). Blomkvist, in turn, has been hired by octogenarian Henrik Vanger (Sven-Bertil Taube) to look into the fate of his favorite niece, Harriet, who disappeared decades earlier. In **The Girl Who Played with Fire** (2009), Salander is under suspicion of having murdered a journalist and his girlfriend as well as her own social services guardian, Nils Bjurman (Peter Andersson). Salander's ingenuity is rather awesome, but she has to survive some graphic, difficult-to-watch assaults. In **The Girl Who Kicked the Hornet's Nest** (2009), Salander is recovering in a hospital and awaiting trial for three murders when she is released. Blomkvist must prove her innocence, but she must be willing to share the details of her sordid experiences with the court.

***The Secret in their Eyes** (2009) is set in 1999 Argentina, where a retired federal agent, Benjamin Esposito (Richardo Darin), is writing a novel. He uses material from an unsolved case that has haunted him for 25 years, the brutal rape and murder of Liliana Coloto (Carla Quevedo). The film is told with intermittent flashbacks to 1974, when Esposito and his partner, Pablo Sandoval (Guillermo Francella), were conducting the investigation, spurred on by the grief-stricken husband (Pablo Rago). Esposito is also haunted by his unrequited love for his 1974 department chief, Irene Menendez-Hastings (Soledad Villamil), with whom he shares a draft of his current manuscript.

Sarah's Key (2010) is the story of journalist Julia Jarmond (Kristin Scott Thomas) who in 2009 is assigned to write a story about the darkest period in French history. In 1942 French officials rounded up and placed more than 10,000 Jews in the "vel' d'hiv" stadium, with the survivors eventually sent to German concentration camps. At that time, as 10-year old Sarah (Mélusine Mayance) and her family are being arrested, she hides her younger brother in a closet. Trapped, Sarah does whatever she can to get back to her brother. When present-day Julia moves into her father-in-law's childhood apartment, she realizes that it once belonged to the Strazynski family and their daughter Sarah.

Based on a true story, **The Intouchables** (2011) recounts the friendship that forms between Phillippe (Francois Cluzet), a French aristocrat who became a quadriplegic from a paragliding accident, and Driss (Omar Sy), a young man from the projects hired to be Phillippe's caretaker. There are huge cultural differences between the two,

but they become and remain friends. This film is inspiring, uplifting, and extremely funny at times, and is a must-see.

From Sweden, **^A Man Called Ove** (2015) is the sweet story of 59-year-old widower, Ove Lindahl (Rolf Lassgård), the quintessential grumpy old man with strict principles and a short fuse. Still grieving the loss of his late wife and forced into retirement, Ove has largely given up on life until a boisterous young family moves in next door and forces him out of his shell.

And until next time, happy viewing. . .

Organization News

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placing ourselves "under the wings of Jesus," how each of us and our families can have more love, joy and peace. Pastor Jolly will lead this; all are welcome; food will be shared. What would you give up to have more love, joy and peace? Come and see!

If you would like to be on the mailing list for Trinity's newsletter and/or receive Pastor Dave's e-mailed "Thought of the Day," please send an e-mail to Pastor Dave at david.jolly@nyac-umc.com.

The Budget Shop is now closed for the summer, but will re-open soon. Kindly hold your donations until we re-open. Trinity is thankful for City Island's continued support, both in volunteering of time, and the generosity of the donations.

Rick DeWitt

St. Mary, Star of the Sea Church

Our religious education program will begin on Wednesday, Sept. 12. Registration forms should be sent to Teri Kurtz as soon as possible. You can obtain forms from the rectory or the vestibule of the church. No registrations will be accepted on the first day of class.

On Saturday, Sept. 15, we will hold our annual outdoor Mass at 5:15 p.m. in St. Mary's schoolyard. Our catechists will be commissioned at this Mass. This is always a very special occasion, so mark your calendars and plan to join us. Refreshments will be served following the Mass.

St. Mary's Thrift Shop will officially reopen on Thursday, Sept. 20. Come and check out all the fall selections.

Our monthly holy hour will resume on Friday, Oct. 5, from 4 to 5 p.m. Come and spend an hour with Jesus.

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Back to School: Let's Prepare for New Beginnings

By JOHN SCARDINA

Most of us who are parents and grandparents remember well the issues that arise as a new school year begins:

- What will I wear the first day?
- Who will be my new teachers?
- Will my friends still like me?
- How can I possibly pass Algebra II/Physics/AP History???

(We might also remember that many issues relate to privilege: many students in our country and around the world have limited access to new clothes, attend poorly staffed schools with peer groups dominated by gangs, and have few opportunities for advanced courses.)

In the midst of this natural angst are opportunities for new goals, new experiences and new challenges for growth. But, as always, "chance favors the prepared mind" (to quote Louis Pasteur). How do we prepare ourselves and our students for the new beginnings that come each September?

• **Start adjusting the home schedule before the first week of school.** Wake-up times, meal times and bedtimes can be quite flexible in the summer. Many of us need to adjust slowly to the school day, homework time and fall sports schedules.

• **Set goals for the new school year.** Have your children pick one new activity they will try this year and hold them to that

choice. Suggest grades or specific achievement points for various school classes that can hopefully be attained, and write those down as a "pledge" or "contract" to be reviewed at Thanksgiving (or after the first grading period). Making a team, running for an office in school and learning a new skill or musical instrument would all apply here.

• **Make your home "school-friendly."** Be sure there are appropriate spaces for doing homework and know that these spaces will need to change as your child grows up and has different needs. Have appropriate healthy snacks available for after-school munching. Try to have your home be a welcoming space for your child to do school projects with other children.

• **Have a family "screens" policy.** Screen time is here to stay, but parents can still set the standards for screen use at home. Have clear policies about dinnertime (no screens and phones for parents, either!), multiple screen usage while doing homework (multitasking is a myth!) and how you will collect screens before bedtime (eliminate those 2 a.m. texts!).

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New Shops

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Avenue on the corner of Hawkins, where Richie himself used to have a store. The proprietors are Janos Aranyi and Theresa Llorente, who moved to City Island a few months ago from a spectacular apartment on Gramercy Park, bringing with them a beautiful collection of antiques, many of them Hungarian in origin (like Janos!). Paintings in lovely frames, lamps, sculpture, furniture and more are displayed in the shop, which is open most afternoons after 4. Call 917-767-4230 for exact hours. In addition to selling works of art, they will also frame pictures (from their collection of 1,000 frames) and are about to move in a Steinway grand piano for those who would like to play. Evening open houses will be held on occasional Thursdays as the weather cools.

Clipper Coffee, the third shop, located at 274 City Island Avenue, is a very different kind of place, one that should appeal to anyone who loves to partake of freshly baked goods and fabulous coffee in a leisurely, nautical setting. The owner, Peter Gennari, is putting the finishing touches on this coffee shop, which he hopes to open by Labor Day (although you can buy coffee from him before he opens if you stop by the shop while he is working there). The shop will have comfortable seating for about 20 visitors, an art gallery, and in the back will be a play area for children, a used book shop and other attractions for those who aren't in a hurry.

Although there are still some eyesores and empty stores on the Island, this recent series of openings is very good news, and Islanders should all make it a point to stop by and find out what they have to offer.

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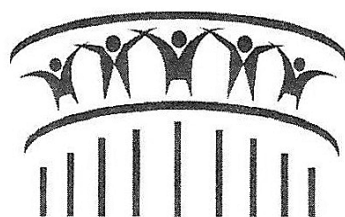
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Heights in feet above soundings printed on charts of water adjacent to City Island. Times shown are nautical times. For times on the table beginning with 1300, subtract 1200 to get ordinary PM time (e.g., 1625 - 1200 = 4:25 P.M.). Times less than 1200 are A.M. times (e.g., 1154 = 11:54 A.M.).
HH = hours; MM = minutes
Tide chart by Tom Smith

SEPTEMBER 2018									
DAY	TIME	HEIGHT	TIME	HEIGHT	TIME	HEIGHT	TIME	HEIGHT	DAY
	HH MM	FEET	HH MM	FEET	HH MM	FEET	HH MM	FEET	
01 Sat	0320	7.65	0936	0.47	1541	8.21	2210	0.53	Sat 01
02 Sun	0411	7.39	1026	0.69	1634	8.07	2307	0.72	Sun 02
03 Mon	0509	7.14	1123	0.91	1733	7.92			Mon 03
04 Tue	0015	0.85	0615	6.98	1227	1.05	1840	7.82	Tue 04
05 Wed	0153	0.79	0732	7.02	1349	1.00	1955	7.87	Wed 05
06 Thu	0321	0.40	0900	7.32	1529	0.64	2119	8.10	Thu 06
07 Fri	0423	-0.07	1010	7.77	1638	0.10	2229	8.39	Fri 07
08 Sat	0518	-0.50	1106	8.19	1735	-0.39	2327	8.62	Sat 08
09 Sun	0608	-0.78	1157	8.51	1828	-0.75			Sun 09
10 Mon	0019	8.69	0656	-0.89	1245	8.67	1918	-0.90	Mon 10
11 Tue	0109	8.60	0742	-0.79	1332	8.66	2008	-0.84	Tue 11
12 Wed	0159	8.35	0828	-0.52	1419	8.49	2058	-0.58	Wed 12
13 Thu	0249	7.99	0914	-0.11	1508	8.21	2150	-0.19	Thu 13
14 Fri	0343	7.59	1002	0.38	1602	7.87	2246	0.27	Fri 14
15 Sat	0424	7.21	1055	0.87	1703	7.55	2345	0.69	Sat 15
16 Sun	0546	6.95	1156	1.28	1810	7.33			Sun 16
17 Mon	0046	0.99	0649	6.86	1259	1.54	1914	7.26	Mon 17
18 Tue	0145	1.14	0748	6.93	1400	1.61	2012	7.33	Tue 18
19 Wed	0240	1.15	0843	7.12	1454	1.53	2105	7.48	Wed 19
20 Thu	0329	1.05	0933	7.36	1544	1.34	2154	7.64	Thu 20
21 Fri	0414	0.91	1018	7.59	1628	1.10	2237	7.78	Fri 21
22 Sat	0454	0.76	1058	7.76	1706	0.86	2314	7.85	Sat 22
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24 Mon	0552	0.52	1150	7.96	1801	0.39	2356	7.90	Mon 24
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29 Sat	0211	7.84	0825	0.28	1428	8.49	2100	0.12	Sat 29
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OCTOBER 2018									
DAY	TIME	HEIGHT	TIME	HEIGHT	TIME	HEIGHT	TIME	HEIGHT	DAY
	HH MM	FEET	HH MM	FEET	HH MM	FEET	HH MM	FEET	
01 Mon	0353	7.34	1006	0.82	1612	8.01	2252	0.68	Mon 01
02 Tue	0454	7.08	1107	1.11	1715	7.72			Tue 02
03 Wed	0014	0.87	0606	6.96	1225	1.25	1830	7.52	Wed 03
04 Thu	0203	0.72	0747	7.11	1422	1.00	2011	7.59	Thu 04
05 Fri	0312	0.34	0906	7.54	1534	0.44	2131	7.89	Fri 05
06 Sat	0410	-0.08	1004	8.01	1633	-0.15	2230	8.19	Sat 06



Photo by ANNMARIE TOMSEN

A mysterious tugboat arrived in Eastchester Bay in August 2018.

THE SUMMER OF 2018

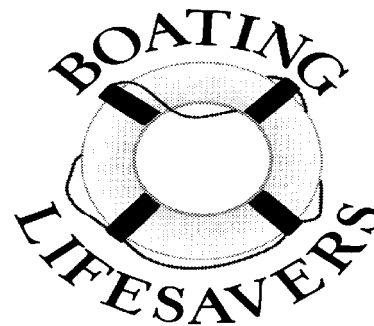
One afternoon in August, City Islanders with a view of Eastchester Bay were greeted by the arrival of a tugboat from another time and place. Or so it seemed. It was much larger than the tugs usually associated with this area, much larger, in fact, than anything most of us have seen out there in the fleet in a long time. And yet there was something to its appearance that was unmistakably toylike. We kept waiting for two friendly eyes to open up at the bow with an accompanying "toot toot" for Thomas out the stack on top.

This nameless vessel also proved to be much heavier than its handlers accounted for. In one of the many blows that we had last month, she dragged her anchors (there were at least two that we could see) and became entangled with a J-boat moored nearby. Not long after and, no doubt, to avoid any future entanglements, the giant toy tugboat was taken elsewhere. As suddenly as she had appeared, she was gone.

Those of us old enough to remember were reminded of the *Keansburg*, known officially as *The City of Keansburg*. That three-tiered excursion steamer from another bygone era was brought to City Island in the mid-1970s by Island entrepreneur Bob Borchers. Mr. Borchers, then the owner of Thwaites, the restaurant at Cross Street and the marina across the street, had a plan to convert the 271-foot river boat into a place for dining and dancing. Owing to technical difficulties, we are told, the idea never got off the ground, or in this case the mud, from which the *Keansburg* eventually had to be dragged on the way to its final resting place.

We're not ones for keeping tabs on the weather, but the summer of 2018 has got to go down as one of the more humid ones in a long while. When we talk about humidity, we are talking about the amount of water vapor in the air. Actually, we are probably talking about *relative humidity* without realizing it. There is always some water vapor in the air, but warm air can hold more water vapor than cool air. So 50 percent relative humidity on a warm day means there is a lot more water vapor already in the air than 50 percent relative humidity on a cool day. Not only that, there is room for much more water vapor in the air on a warm day than a cool one. All this water vapor in the air makes it harder for our bodies to naturally cool down, which happens when we perspire. Our sweat does not evaporate off our skin as readily as it would if there were not so much water vapor already in the air. The resulting feeling is that uncomfortable mugginess we usually associate with a humid day.

Here's to cooler days ahead.



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In The Garden

By MARY COLBY



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Annabelle lee hydrangea

Renovation

A barrow glazed with rain and full of weeds is before me. As I trundle it off to the woods, ready to return for another load I ask myself: how long can I accomplish this? Weeding is hard work, and at my age I begin to dream of a garden that takes care of itself to some degree. So here I am taking stock of a renovation that sorely needs doing. The garden has grown too large with plants that have multiplied and need division. Weeding ad infinitum is cramping my style; maybe it is time for something new.

There has been so much rain that I can actually watch the grass growing. The borders are filled with perennials and shrubs but the ratio leans far more to perennials, and these need constant tending. What could be eliminated or added to create a simple, effective, easy-to-maintain garden?

The colors I love most are green and white. With this simple and fresh scheme, my ideas lie open. I love the hydrangea called Annabelle lee; it blooms off new wood every year, so you are never without flowers. Dark green, shapely boxwoods are easy, needing only one cut per year. So here is my picture of white hydrangea and boxwood with tulips as filler for spring. The boxwoods surround the hydrangea in a row or in a partitioned square, and a white dogwood for an exclamation would fit perfectly with ferns and ivy for groundcover. Not for everyone I know, but this suits my taste, and my body.

A garden for every season is a youthful folly and a beautiful one at that, but you must consider the maintenance involved and how much time you want to spend out there. Or how much money will be needed to have professionals tend it.

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CITY ISLANDER HONORED POSTHUMOUSLY

By WINIFRED WALSH DOANE



Photo courtesy of WINIFRED WALSH DOANE

This portrait of Harold Vandervoort Walsh (1892–1987), an architect and artist who lived for many years on City Island, was painted by David Boyd when Professor Walsh was in his middle years. His achievements as an artist will be celebrated in September at the library in Richmond, VT, where he lived after his retirement.

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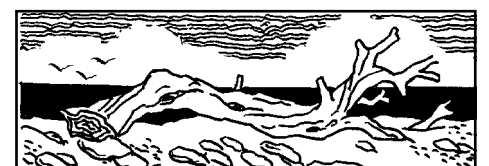
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The Walsh Room in the City Island Nautical Museum was named after Professor Harold Vandervoort Walsh (1892–1987), a long-time resident of City Island who donated many of his paintings to the City Island Historical Society and Nautical Museum. He died at the age of 95 in his retirement home in Richmond, VT. He was an architect and an artist whose work in both of these disciplines has recently been honored.

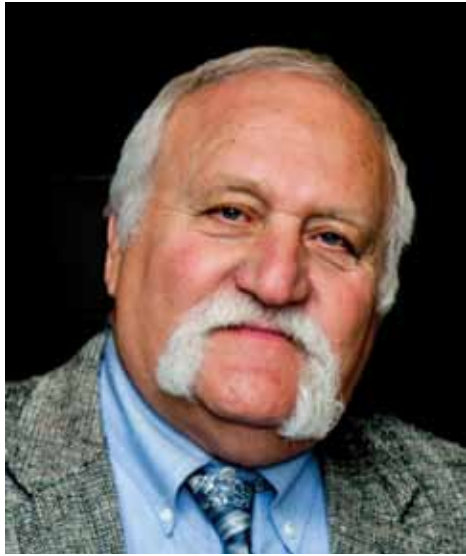
As an artist, Harold Walsh will be remembered this coming fall through a commemorative art show that will be held on his birthday, Sept. 20. The exhibition will be in the Richmond Free Library and sponsored by the Community Senior Center (CSC), which encompasses the towns of Richmond, Huntington and Bolton. On display will be 125 Walsh paintings and sketches that were given to the CSC for the show by Winifred Walsh Doane, his youngest daughter. On the evening before the show opens, an overview of the event will be presented by keynote speaker Julie Johnson McGowan, an artist and former librarian at the University of Vermont. All of the artwork, including oils, watercolors, caseins, pastels and mixed media, will be for sale. Proceeds from the exhibit will help support the CSC's mission to provide activities and programs for seniors in this north-central Vermont community.

As an architect, Professor Walsh designed his City Island house at 46 Pilot Street, which became his family's home in 1929 and was featured in "Architectural Forum" at the time of its completion. The house was sold in 2000 to its present owner and renovated. While he was engaged in an academic career at Columbia University and the City College of New York, Professor Walsh maintained an architectural office in the upper Bronx and authored four books. In 2005, his out-of-print book "The Construction of the Small House" was named a classic and is once again available through Classic Reprints.



Obituaries

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



Edward E. Esposito

Longtime Islander and Scoutmaster Edward Esposito passed away on July 22, 2018. He was 72.

Born on May 12, 1946, to Alexander and Rosa Esposito, Ed was the youngest of 11 sons. (His mother's maiden name was also Esposito.) He attended P.S. 14 and Christopher Columbus High School. Ed

worked as a wallpaper and painting contractor before retiring in 2016.

He moved to City Island from Pelham Bay and spent the next 45 years here. Ed married Carol Bonicoro, and they raised three children on Winters Street. Ed had purchased the house from the builder after he was hired to paint the outside.

Ed was very active in the City Island community. He was a beloved Boy Scout leader for 26 years and was awarded the Silver Beaver, the Bronze Pelican and the St. George awards for his dedication to scouting. He was also a Player Agent for City Island Little League, a Warrior football coach (off-Island) and a PAL volunteer. Ed also served as an usher at St. Mary, Star of the Sea Church.

In addition to his scouting awards, Ed was honored by the City Island Chamber of Commerce and the Free Masons. He received the American Legion Award for Community Service and an Italian American Award for his work as a role model.

Ed is survived by his wife, Carol; his son, Edward (Lena); his daughters Tracy (John Tomsen) and Kim (Jim McGaughan); his brothers, Billy and Joseph Esposito; and his grandchildren, John, Jimmy, Chris, Brandon, Evita, and Matthew.

A funeral Mass was held at St. Mary, Star of the Sea Church on City Island on July 26, and he was interred in Pelham Cemetery.



From EDWARD D. HEBEN, C.P.A.

Selling Your Small Business

Selling a small to medium-sized business is a complex venture, and many business owners are not aware of the tax consequences. If you're thinking about selling your business, the first step is to consult a competent tax professional. You will need to make sure your financials are in order, obtain an accurate business valuation to determine how much your business is worth (and what the listing price might be) and develop a tax-planning strategy to minimize capital gains and other taxes to maximize your profits from the sale.

Accurate Financial Statements

The importance of preparing your business financials before listing your business for sale cannot be overstated. Whether you use a business broker or word of mouth, rest assured that potential buyers will scrutinize every aspect of your business. Not being able to quickly produce financial statements, current and prior years' balance sheets, profit and loss statements, tax returns, equipment lists, product inventories and property appraisals and lease agreements may lead to loss of the sale.

Business Valuation

Many business owners have no idea what their business is worth; some may underestimate whereas others overestimate—sometimes significantly. Obtaining a third-party business valuation allows business owners to set a price that is realistic for potential buyers while achieving maximum value.

Tax Consequences of Selling

As a business owner you probably think of your business as a single entity sold as a lump sum. The IRS however, views a business as a collection of assets. Profit from the sale of these assets (i.e., your business) may be subject to short and long-term capital gains tax, depreciation recapture of Section 1245 and Section 1250 real property, and federal and state income taxes.

For IRS purposes each asset sold must be classified as capital assets, depreciable property used in the business, real property

used in the business, goodwill or property held for sale to customers, such as inventory or stock in trade. Assets are considered tangible (real estate, machinery, and inventory) or intangible (goodwill or trade name).

The gain (or loss) on each asset sold is figured separately. For instance, the sale of capital assets results in capital gain or loss whereas the sale of inventory results in ordinary income or loss, with each taxed accordingly.

Depreciable Property

Section 1231 gains and losses are the taxable gains and losses from Section 1231 transactions such as sales or exchanges of real property or depreciable personal property held longer than one year. Their treatment as ordinary or capital depends on whether you have a net gain or a net loss from all your Section 1231 transactions.

When you dispose of depreciable property (Section 1245 property or Section 1250 property) at a gain, you may have to recognize all or part of the gain as ordinary income under the depreciation recapture rules. Any remaining gain is a Section 1231 gain.

Business Structure

Your business structure (i.e., business entity) also affects the way your business is taxed when it is sold. Sole proprietorships, partnerships, and LLCs (Limited Liability Companies) are considered "pass-through" entities and each asset is sold separately. As such there is more flexibility when structuring a sale to benefit both the buyer and seller in terms of tax consequences.

C-corporations and S-corporations have different entity structures, and sale of assets and stock are subject to more complex regulations. For example, when assets of a C-corporation are sold, the seller is taxed twice. The corporation pays tax on any gains realized when the assets are sold, and shareholders pay capital gains tax when the corporation is dissolved. However, when a C-corporation sells stock the seller only pays capital gains tax on the profit from the sale, which is generally at the long-term capital gains tax rate. S-corporations are taxed similarly to partnerships in that there is no double taxation when assets are sold. Income (or loss) flows through shareholders, who report it on their individual tax returns.

As you can see, selling a business involves complicated federal and state tax rules and regulations. If you're thinking of selling your business soon, don't hesitate to call your accountant, your attorney, and an independent business valuation analysts for proper consultation.




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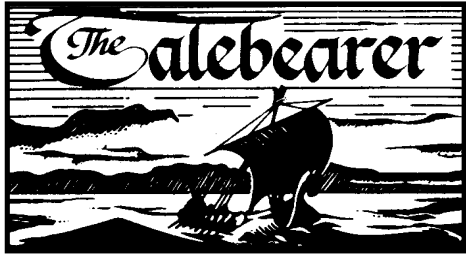
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Photo courtesy of DANNEGGER FAMILY
Clam digger Mary Dannegger married Warren Sheinwald on Aug. 11, 2018, at St. Mary, Star of the Sea Church.

Welcome back to all our readers and friends! I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable summer!

Anniversary wishes from family and friends go out to Marine Street's Ann and Chuck Butterworth, who will celebrate their big day on Sept. 11.

Wishing our two grandkids, Hunter and Scarlett Ribaud, a wonderful time in kindergarten! Many new experiences, activities and friendships await you! And a very happy birthday to Hunter, who turns 5 on Sept. 17. Love, hugs and kisses from Nonni and Pop.

Best wishes for a lifetime of happiness to Mary Dannegger and Warren Sheinwald, who were married at St. Mary, Star of the Sea Church on Aug. 11. The reception was held at the Davenport



Virginia and Ben DiGregorio celebrated their 70th anniversary.



Photo courtesy of LAKATOS FAMILY
Bay Street resident Peter Lakatos (shown above with his daughters) took the United States citizenship oath to become an American citizen on July 3, 2018.

Mansion in New Rochelle. Mary is the daughter of Hans and Ginger Dannegger of City Island; Warren's parents, Shelley and Jesse Sheinwald, reside in Boynton Beach, FL.

Blessings and good wishes being sent to Bay Street's Virginia and Ben DiGregorio, who will be celebrating 70 years of marriage on Sept. 5. Your family and friends send you both much love.

Happy September birthday to Mike Rauh, who is training for his 40th New York City Marathon! Birthday wishes also go to Dan Wright and to my favorite aunt, Dot Bunyan. Love, Judy.

Chase Branch Manager Jazmine Santana and Robert Castillo were married on June 23 in the Dominican Republic. We wish them a world of happiness.

Bay Street resident Peter Lakatos was bursting with pride on July 3 as he took the United States citizenship oath to become an American citizen. His family, friends and neighbors send congratulations!



Photo by JOANNE DELANEY
Long-time Islander Addie Cozzi celebrated her 90th birthday in July.



Photo by MARIA CARUSO
Bistro SK restaurant owner Stephane Kane celebrated France's win in the FIFA World Cup on July 15 outside his City Island restaurant.

Happy 90th birthday greetings to long-time Islander Addie Cozzi with love from her family and friends.

Bistro SK restaurant owner and Island resident Stephane Kane celebrated France's win in the FIFA World Cup on July 15.

Happy 32nd birthday wishes on Sept. 2 to Stephen Swieciki, with love from all of us!

Happy birthday wishes on Sept. 12 to Bay Street residents Jean Anderson, Ben DiGregorio and Bob Swieciki, who all celebrate on the same day!

Congratulations to Nicolette Lotrionte, who has a birthday on Sept. 16, with love from your family and friends.

Happy birthday greetings to Minneford

Avenue's Tina Ruggiero, who celebrates on Sept. 28.

Good luck wishes to all our returning students! We hope you have a wonderful school year!

Maria Swieciki

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Photo courtesy of JAZMINE SANTANA
City Island's Chase Branch Manager Jazmine Santana and Robert Castillo were married on June 23, 2018, in the Dominican Republic.

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