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Islanders Reconnect with Their Youth at 2014 Reunion

By BILL STUTTIG



Photos by RON TERNER

Hundreds of current residents and former clamdiggers turned out for the third City Island Reunion, which was held at Ambrosini Field on Aug. 23, 2014. Lynn McCluskey (top photo) and Bob Carmody organized the event, joined by many volunteers and musicians who helped make it a perfect day for those who reunited with family, friends and classmates. Former resident John Holley, who moved from Hawaii (second photo, right), reconnected with his cousins in the Lynch family. A board of remembrance commemorated many Islanders who are missed, as did the Rock Memorial created by Ron Turner behind the baseball field, viewed here by organizer Bob Carmody (middle photo, second from left). Mr. Turner "engraved" onto rocks the images of 66 City Islanders who have passed away. People were overwhelmed and appreciative of the shoreline memorial. Congratulations to the organizers and all the great bands who made the reunion a musical extravaganza into the "Midnight Hour." Everyone who attended is already looking forward to the 2016 reunion!



Hundreds of City Islanders—some of whom have never lived anywhere else and others who moved away only to return for their first visit decades later—reconnected with their childhood and the place that will forever be the home of their hearts at the third City Island Reunion, which was held at Ambrosini Field on Saturday, Aug. 23.

The idea was started in 2010 by Lynn McCluskey, a City Islander now living in Southern California; Bob Carmody, a life-long City Island resident and businessman; and a host of volunteers who donated their time, energy and creativity over many months to carry out the massive event. The celebration, which stretched from mid-morning to late in the evening, featured many of City Island's talented musicians, who provided a musical backdrop throughout the day. People shared food and drink and reconnected with their old classmates, neighbors and friends as they mingled and huddled in small groups, posing for photographs that were instantly posted online and will be kept forever as a

remembrance of good times gone by.

"I love doing this," said Bob Carmody, a principal organizer of the event since the beginning. "It seems to get better and better every time. It makes us realize how special this island is. For those who left and have come back, it makes them realize what a great place this was to grow up. It brings the whole island closer together and you can't overstate the value of that."

City Island native Mike Teti, now a successful business owner and family man from Atlanta, Ga., takes time from his busy schedule to make the trip back to his hometown for each of the reunions. When asked why he makes the trip each time, he says, "It brings me back in time to when my mom and dad were alive and everybody was honest and simple because nobody knew how to be anything else. I remember walking down the street or hanging out and we just enjoyed each other. It was unspoiled. The world wasn't screwed up yet, or at least we didn't know about it or think about it, so we could



see clearly. It was a time when we were really smarter than we are now. And that is why I come back, to return to those magic days even if it is just for one day."

Tony Gustas, a clamdigger who moved away from the island 18 years ago only to return to live here very recently, said he came to the reunion "to reconnect with my childhood on City Island, the best time of my life. I feel wonderful. This reunion is a fabulous idea."

As with every reunion, Islanders come from thousands of miles away to attend the one-day event and perhaps see the Island and their childhood friends for the first time in three or four decades.

Of all the people that came great distances to attend the event, it is likely that nobody came as far as John Holley. John spent his childhood and teenage years on the Island and left when he was 18 to visit Hawaii with his brother; he met his future wife soon after he got to Hawaii and never returned, choosing marriage, a family and a long successful life in the city of Hilo.

John returned for the reunion with his wife and two of his children, including one of his nine grandchildren. He said although he has been living a full successful life 6,000

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BRIEFLY...

FALL FAIR: The 2014 Fall Arts and Crafts Fair sponsored by the City Island Chamber of Commerce will take place on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 13 and 14. Taste delicious fare from City Island restaurants and browse the wares of the many vendors which line City Island Avenue between Bay and Carroll Streets from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. There will also be music in Hawkins Park and representatives from many City Island organizations, so come out and celebrate the change of seasons with friends and visitors.

CITY IS. BRIDGE AND ORCHARD BEACH CLEANUP is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 20, from 9 a.m. to noon, as part of the international beach cleanup program. Volunteers will collect and record the litter on the beach. For more information, call Brenda Prohaska at 646-286-5594 or Patty Grondahl at 914-882-9578.

THE HUTCHINSON RIVER RESTORATION PROJECT (HRRP) will host its annual Hutchinson River cleanup of the Thomas Pell Wildlife Sanctuary on Sunday, Sept. 21, starting at 8:30 a.m. Volunteers will meet at the west corner of City Island Road in Pelham Bay Park, by the traffic light and bus stop, diagonally across from Bronx Equestrian Center. Canoes and lifejackets will be provided by Park Rangers Supervisor Jessica Carrero and her staff for those boating to sanctuary sites, while cleanup of the beach and shore for those who prefer staying on land will also take place. Proper footwear (it may be muddy), sun hat, sunscreen and bug protection are recommended. Water, grabbers and additional help will be provided by Park Administrator Marianne Anderson and staff; snacks, gloves, cleanup bags and digging tools will be provided by HRRP.

45 BLOTTER

Complaints reported from City Island to the 45th Precinct during June, July and August 2014. Unfounded complaints are not included in the list.

- 1 – CRIMINAL TRESPASS*
- 1 – CRIMINAL POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA*
- 2 – BURGLARY
- 1 – DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED (DWI)*
- 1 – PUBLIC LEWDNESS
- 1 – IDENTITY THEFT*
- 1 – CRIMINAL CONTEMPT*
- 1 – GANG ASSAULT*
- 1 – GRAND LARCENY*
- 1 – GRAND LARCENY AUTO

Police provided details on the following arrests* and incidents for the period from June 24 to Aug. 20, 2014.

6/28 – Police from the 45th Precinct arrested an Island female, 47, and charged her with criminal trespass on Centre Street at 6:50 a.m. The defendant unlawfully entered a residence from which she had been legally evicted by federal marshals.

7/4 – On City Island Avenue at 7:27 p.m., an off-Island male, 22, was arrested and charged with criminal possession of marijuana. The defendant was observed by police in plain view with a lit marijuana cigarette.

7/14 – Detectives are investigating a burglary that occurred between June 28 and July 14 in a City Island Avenue marina. The owner of a boat returned to the marina after three weeks and noticed items stolen from the boat while it was in dry dock.

7/17 – Police arrested four off-Island males, ages 17, 22, 23 and 23, and charged them with gang assault on King Avenue and Kirby Street at 8:20 p.m. The victim, an off-Island male, told police that the defen-

dants started arguing with him while both were operating vehicles. They then pursued him and struck his vehicle intentionally, causing the victim to hit a telephone pole. The defendants then allegedly assaulted the victim, causing injury to his face and arm. Police described this as a “road rage” incident.

7/24 – A Bowne Street resident reported that her credit card was being used without her permission. Police in Brooklyn arrested an off-Island male, 21, and charged him with identity theft after detectives traced the forged credit card to the defendant.

7/26 – On City Island Avenue at 6:50 a.m., an off-Island male, 26, was arrested and charged with DWI. The defendant was involved in a motor vehicle accident and was observed to be under the influence of alcohol. Police later determined that the defendant was driving with a suspended license.

7/26 – Police are investigating an incident at a boatyard on City Island Avenue. The complainant claimed that while on her boat, an unknown male aboard another boat was intoxicated and began yelling obscenities at her and her friend. He then removed his shorts in an act of public lewdness.

7/27 – On Pilot Street at 8:22 p.m., an Island female told police that her husband had violated an order of protection by emailing her threats to defame her character via YouTube. Police arrested an off-Island male, 46, and charged him with criminal contempt.

8/10 – At 7 p.m. on City Island Avenue, police arrested an off-Island male, 52, and charged him with grand larceny. While dining at a commercial establishment, the victim and defendant had a verbal dispute. The defendant then removed the victim’s purse, including credit cards, and fled the scene.

8/15 – A vehicle owner left his car in a commercial establishment’s parking lot

on City Island Avenue. At 11:30 p.m., the owner returned to find the car stolen.

8/18 – Police are investigating a burglary on Tier Street. The resident reported

that unknown persons entered the house through the front door and removed items from the living room and bedroom.



Photo by RAY REYES

On July 9, 2014 at about 7:50 a.m., an adult doe, who was trying to jump the fence around Grace Church on Pilot Street, was impaled. Police from the Emergency Services Unit responded and tranquilized the deer to remove it from the fence. According to police from the 45th Precinct, the severely injured deer was humanely euthanized.

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RISING "ON THE SOUND"

By BARBARA DOLENSEK



Renderings courtesy of GREYSTONE PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT

These views show the residential development planned for the site at Fordham Street and Fordham Place that was once the location of International Underwater Contractors.

Although several potential residential sites on City Island remain vacant, the developer of On the Sound, a major complex to be constructed at 226 Fordham Street, announced in August that the first five buildings will be completed and ready for occupancy within a year. Greystone, a major New York-based real estate development group, working with McClellan Sotheby's International Realty, will begin offering condominium units for sale as early as the fall of this year.

For several years, City Island residents have been watching the site, an empty 5.2 acre lot once occupied by International Underwater Contractors (IUC). Representatives of Greystone addressed the May meeting of the City Island Civic Association this year in order to review the extent of the development, which has been several years in the planning. Although there have been objections to other developments on the Island in recent years, the only concern expressed by residents to this plan related to traffic issues rather than to the development itself.

A front-page article in the Real Estate section of the New York Times on Sunday, Aug. 17, described the extent of the development. It will be a gated community consisting of 43 townhouse-style condominiums

in 23 separate buildings, which includes 21 two-family homes, one single-family house (on the water) and a clubhouse with an outdoor pool, playground and fitness center.

The Greystone press office announced that the buildings were designed by Kutnicki Bernstein Architects and will feature wood-burning fireplaces, Carrera white marble accents, GE Profile stainless steel appliances, hardwood flooring and walk-in closets. Also included with each unit will be a laundry and either a spacious private garden or an elevated terrace.

Spread across 5.2 acres, On the Sound will offer a mix of two-, three- and four-bedroom homes ranging in size from 1,407 square feet to 3,345 square feet, with both private garage and driveway parking for each unit. McClellan Sotheby's International Realty, working with Greystone, will be the exclusive sales and marketing team for On the Sound. Estimated starting prices for On the Sound units begin at \$478,000.

"On the Sound satisfies a homeowner's dream of brand new construction, the convenience of condominium living and the charm of City Island, a unique nautical oasis in New York City," said Jeffrey Simpson, head of Greystone's property development group.

History

This project has been in the planning stages since 2001, when Tony Errico purchased the property from IUC and began to develop plans for a residential development named City Island Estates. His first proposal called for 38 buildings and 76 condominium units, but in 2005, working with Pulte Homes, one of the nation's largest homebuilders, the plan he presented, first to Community Board 10 and then to the City Island Civic Association, called for the construction



of 44 units in 22 buildings. Because the site was zoned manufacturing, Mr. Errico was obliged to apply to the Department of City Planning for a zoning change to residential. Several of the buildings were designed to exceed the 35-foot height limit stipulated in City Island Special District Zoning, which obliged him to obtain a special permit. The zoning law for this particular site, along with three others on City Island, allows for a 50-foot building height, subject to a special permit, and the developer argued that because the buildings were to be further apart than required by law and built on a slope down to the water, the height would not pose a problem for other residents of the Island.

The application for a zoning change was submitted in 2006, but shortly afterward, Pulte withdrew from the project. In 2008, Mr. Errico again came to the Civic Association to describe the revised project, which was much the same as that proposed in 2005. There were to be side-by-side two-family houses (with only one entrance visible from the street entrance so they look like one-family houses) at least 25 feet apart. There were to be four different house designs, with three parking spaces for each building, in accordance with the new zoning regulations, but as with the 2005 plan, the height of each building was proposed at 41.5 feet, over six feet higher than allowed by law.

The zoning change application was finally presented in June 2009 to Community Board 10, which held an emergency meeting at the City Island Library to obtain community response to the project. The primary concerns expressed by residents were parking, traffic and garbage collection, not the height of the buildings, and eventually these concerns were addressed. The Community Board approved the zoning change but not the special permit that would allow the 41.5 foot height for several of the buildings. However, the borough president and the City Council overrode the Community Board recommendation, and the special height permit was approved. Nevertheless, no construction was begun, presumably because of the poor housing market.

Other than some remediation of the contaminated area and maintenance of the site, development of the property was put on hold until 2011, when Mr. Errico sold a share of his holdings to Greystone, which redesigned the project but remained within the restrictions approved in 2010. Judging from the renderings reproduced here, however, all of the buildings appear to have the same design, unlike the earlier proposal, and they are placed closer together than originally planned. However, the height of the buildings is 35 feet, since the developer has surrendered the approval to build up to 41.5 feet in height. The addition of the clubhouse creates a total of 23 rather than 22 buildings, but, the development is consistent with City Island Special District Zoning.

According to the website for the Department of Buildings, new building applications have been made for this site, but only two

(with the addresses 1 and 5 Island Point) have been issued partial permits. There are many outstanding violations on the property dating back to 1993, although these appear to be of a minor nature, mostly relating to boiler issues, although the site has been vacant since 2000.

In the meantime, the Marine Street development appears not to have moved ahead, nor has the proposed residential development on the former site of Royal Marina at Cross Street, now being used as a boatyard and storage facility for construction equipment.

Earlier Developments

The first major residential development on City Island was probably the series of small one-family houses that stretches along King Avenue from Pelham Cemetery to Fordham Street. Built in the late 1920s, these houses were once exactly alike, according to Carol Stewart, who moved with her family into one of the houses in 1934 when she was a child and in which she still lives. Now, however, each of the houses looks quite different from its neighbors, having developed its own character over time, thanks to the families who have planted gardens and decorated their front yards.

The most recent large residential development on City Island was the Laurels, a 24-unit complex on east Tier Street. Interestingly, the Laurels was constructed by the late Robert Borchers, who owned Thwaites Restaurant and the lot at Cross Street that eventually became Royal Marina. Constructed in the 1980s, the Laurels was owned for some years by the Wildlife Conservation Society (the Bronx Zoo), but it was sold in 2009 to Haim Joseph, who had already purchased the Royal Marina site in 2008. Although the complex is largely made up of rentals, the owner is hoping that it will eventually become a condominium complex, like his previous development at 190 Fordham Street, now the Nautical Winds Condominium.

The Boatyard, the gated community on east Carroll Street, was another residential project constructed in the 1980s. There was a great deal of community opposition to the project at first, but the developers promised to make numerous concessions, including a cash contribution to the community. The Board of Estimate, after several years of evaluation, finally approved the zoning changes in 1984, which included permits to build as high as 50 feet, and construction began. A new developer took over the project, however, and none of the promises made to the community, including the contribution and waterfront access, were granted.

What Lies Ahead

The developer of On the Sound is required by law to grant waterfront access to the public and has proposed an esplanade with a gazebo and seating area on the waterfront. This parklike area will not be within the gated community, however, and the

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Missing Rena

To the Editor:

Rena Hansen was a generous person, an expert photographer and a good friend. She went out of her way to serve the City Island community with her talents, and she will be remembered for her contributions to *The Island Current* and to other organizations on the Island, as well as the individuals who enjoyed her wonderful photographs.

Sally McPherson

Sad Incident at Grace

To the Editor:

I felt the need to let you know of an unfortunate accident that occurred this morn-

ing [July 9] at Grace Church, since there were a number of people taking pictures—including some news folks. That morning at about 7:50 a.m., an adult doe who was trying to jump the large white fence between Pilot Cove and the church was caught on the fence.

The frightened and injured creature was stuck there, so we called 311 right away. In her panic, although severely injured, she managed to break herself free and then, scared by some people in the road, she tried to jump the church's fence next to the entrance to the sanctuary. Sadly, she wedged her leg in the fence and was forced to remain there. It was heartbreaking to see her in such pain and suffering, but at least she could rest her head and feet on the ground.

The police responded in about 20 minutes—although the first at the scene was a bomb squad officer who just waited with us until emergency services came. We waited for ESU, who gave her a sedative. Unfortunately, this takes a long time to be effective in deer, so they were unable to put her on the stretcher for quite some time. She was finally taken away at 10 a.m.

I am still very shaken as I write this because it was such a tragic case of suffering. All we could do, the police included, was watch and wait. I said final prayers for this doe before they took her away on the

stretcher. We were comforted to know that within an hour she would be in no more pain. I give thanks for Cuba, who cleaned the area right away.

I urge everyone to say prayers for this creature and all of God's creatures who suffer.
Mother Ruth-Anne Garcia

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BRIDGE UPDATE: THE BARGES ARE HERE!

By BARBARA DOLENSEK



Photo by KAREN NANI

Construction of the temporary bridge began in earnest during the summer of 2014 with the arrival of large barges and cranes. DOT and the contractor, Tutor Perini, expect that it will be completed by the end of the year, at which point the demolition of the present bridge will begin.

The Department of Transportation (DOT) met with a number of City Island residents on Wednesday, Aug. 13, in an effort to bring the community up to date on progress being made with the replacement of the City Island Bridge.

Construction of the temporary bridge has already begun, and DOT and the contractor, Tutor Perini, expect that it will be completed by the end of the year, at which point the demolition of the present bridge will begin. In the meantime, the temporary water main has been installed along the present bridge and is now being covered with protective insulation.

The basic design of the causeway-type bridge has been established, thanks to a major effort by the new DOT commissioner, Polly Trottenberg, and her staff, headed by Robert Collyer, Deputy Bridge Commissioner, but many details have yet to be determined, such as the design of lighting, fencing and a gateway structure of some sort at the entrance to the bridge from Pelham Bay Park.

Members of the DOT Urban Design Group are planning to meet with members of the City Island Civic Association and Chamber of Commerce at the Civic's regular meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 26, in order

to present proposed designs. This presentation incorporates numerous ideas discussed at the open house held by DOT on May 29 at P.S. 175, where community response to various options was solicited. In addition to community input, DOT must adhere to accepted DOT standards and obtain approvals from the city's Design Commission.

One of the questions facing DOT is whether or not to preserve any parts of the current bridge, as some residents have requested. This, however, is a complicated issue, primarily because the existing finials are in poor condition and cannot be incorporated into the new bridge design. A number of community representatives at the August meeting with DOT expressed the wish that the new bridge be a simple structure rather than a throwback to a bridge design that was relatively common in New York City at the time it was built.

Suggestions have been made that parts of the bridge be donated to Island organizations, but DOT cannot do this without assurances that the organizations are qualified to take on the responsibility for restoration, maintenance and safety issues.

Anyone with questions about the bridge construction project or who wishes to view proposed designs are welcome to visit the DOT office at 261 City Island Avenue. The new community liaison for the project is Roland Rigos, who can be reached at cityislandbridgehbx1164@gmail.com or 917-626-8391.

Row, Row, Row Your Boat on City Island

By KAREN NANI



Photos by GUY MONSEAIR

The new City Island Rowing Club calls Bridge Boat Marina its home base. The team consists of high school girls from Westchester County (top photo, l. to r.): Jordan Reist, Maggie Stiefvater, Chloe Malushaga, Natalie Knight, Natalie Burke, Alexa Cestaro, Nina Smoor, Michaela D'Urso, Ellie Sawyer, Daisy DeVore, Melanie Norman and Courtney Sawyer (not shown, Tory Huchro and Sophia Merelas). The girls train long distances starting at 6:30 a.m. by rowing on the Hutchinson River under the Pelham Bay Bridge and up past Co-op City (bottom photo).

If you have watched the sunrise over Eastchester Bay this summer, you may have noticed some energetic young ladies rowing in perfect unison on the calm waters. But don't blink, as these rowers are part of a high-performance team created by Island newcomer Guy Monseair.

The City Island Rowing Club was begun by Mr. Monseair in July of this year with 14 high school girls from Westchester County. But they found a home at Bridge Boat Marina on City Island after the club founder met with Vincent Fiore, general manager of the marina.

"I wanted to start a high-performance rowing program and was looking around for a place to anchor it. I met Vinnie, and he was very enthusiastic about having the shells dock at Bridge Boat," Mr. Monseair told *The Current*.

Over the July 4 weekend, four rowing shells, like the ones you see in the Summer Olympics, were delivered to Bridge Street: two four-person shells (40 feet long each), one two-person shell (32 feet) and one single shell (26 feet). Special racks and docking spaces were built, and the girls started practicing on July 10.

According to Mr. Monseair, "this is a small, elite team consisting of some of the best youth rowers in Westchester County." The team trains six to eight times a week beginning at 6:30 a.m. After shoving off from Bridge Boat, they row under the City Island Bridge into Eastchester Bay. Then they head toward the Pelham Bay Bridge and into the Hutchinson River. The girls row up the river past Co-op City for a total of 20 kilometers or about 12 miles round trip.

They have competed in several events so far, including St. Catharine's Regatta in Ontario, Canada, one of the largest amateur tournaments in North America. The team had only been training together for three weeks but made a respectable showing. The

quad shell (four-person) made the finals and came in fourth overall. They also hope to compete in the Head of the Charles regatta in Boston in the fall. Mr. Monseair's long-term goal is to qualify for the Youth Rowing Nationals in Florida in 2015.

What brought him to City Island? "I came to the U.S. 16 years ago from Australia," he explained. He worked in art galleries in Cape Cod and started coaching rowing on a volunteer basis in Massachusetts. After leaving Cape Cod, he became a head coach for the Pelham Community Rowing Association.

"I would come to City Island often to have breakfast at the Diner, and I started to love the place." So he moved here in January 2014 and worked on starting his own rowing program. "The team is self-funded through the generosity of the parents and support from some other rowing clubs." But he hopes to expand by applying for non-profit status and eventually include rowers from New York City and Long Island.

"They are a hard-working great group of girls," Mr. Fiore told *The Current* after watching them practice from Bridge Boat Marina. The girls will train on the water, high or low tide, until the Frostbite Regatta on Nov. 10. Then they will move indoors and train at a gym (Planet Fitness in New Rochelle as of now).

How did the team's founder get started in rowing? "I rowed shells in school in Australia, where it was a mandatory part of the physical education program." But he was drawn to the discipline, even though he never competed. "There is no other sport like rowing. The hard work, sacrifice, discipline and teamwork transforms kids," he said enthusiastically.

To learn more about this new chapter in the history of boating on City Island, contact Guy Monseair at cityislandrowing@gmail.com.

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Certified fitness trainer Francine Browning has now joined the **City Island Physical Therapy and Wellness Center** (464 City Island Avenue) and is offering private, semi-private and group fitness training sessions by appointment. She also instructs yoga sessions and practices reiki. Francine has taught classes at Lucille Roberts, Living Well Lady and Phoenix Fitness and is also certified as a nutritionist and holistic health counselor through Integrative Nutrition in Manhattan. The cost of a fitness training session is \$40 for a one-on-one 30-minute session; \$20 each for two in a session, and \$10 for a group of four. Francine can be reached at 914-649-9498 to discuss her services or to schedule an appointment.

Focal Point Gallery (321 City Island Avenue) will celebrate 40 years with a one-man show of work by Ron Terner entitled "Nudes from the Last Three Years," curated by Susan Lamantia Terner. The exhibition will be on view from Sept. 5 to Sept. 30; there will be an opening reception on Sept. 5, from 7 to 10 p.m.

Paul Scavello of the IGA is also the owner of **Paul's Marketplace & Catering** and serves as steward and culinary manager at the Harlem Yacht Club's restaurant. He has brought a new menu to the club along with new ideas, such as the Murder Mystery Dinner (see photos right), and many new events are being planned. Paul was recently named a 4-star caterer by the Daily News.

The launch and first scheduled pickup of **City Island's Farmer's Market** called "Fruition Nutrition," kicked off on Wednesday, Aug. 6. The organizer of the new market is Lee Ann Wilburn, a certified health counselor who helps people reach their wellness goals. It was only natural for her to want to continue to help City Island become healthier by teaming up with Farmigo (pronounced farm-ee-go), a benefits corporation, a small company with a big mission—to bring locally grown food to households in neighborhoods across America. The new farmer's market is a year-round, online market that offers City Island fresh, healthy and sustainable foods, including fruits and vegetables, hormone- and antibiotic-free meats, dairy products, pastured eggs, freshly baked bread, and delicious cheeses from the highest-quality local farmers in the Hudson Valley region as well as eastern Long Island and northern and southern New Jersey. Each week, you can shop at www.farmigo.com/fruitionnutrition, Farmigo's online marketplace. There is no minimum order, no delivery fee, and no long-term commitment required. When you have placed your order, your food is packed into a bag even if you ordered from different farms. The City Island pick-up location is at 577 Minneford Avenue each Wednesday, between 5 and 6 p.m. If you can't arrange the pickup, it can be held for you. Your credit card is not charged until after you pick up your order, and there is a 100 percent money-back guarantee if you aren't happy with the quality of the produce you receive that week. If you want to give Farmigo a try, enter the coupon code 10OFF20 to get \$10 dollars off your first order of \$20 or more. If you have any questions, please e-mail Leeann@Fruition-Nutrition.com.

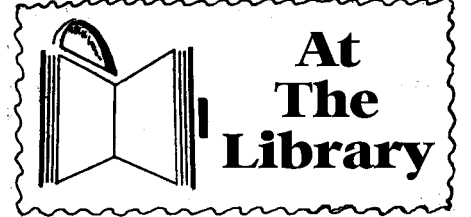


Photos by JOHANNA PACIULLO

Harlem's Yacht Club's Murder Mystery Dinner provided an opportunity for guests to solve a "murder" at the yacht club staged by the Improv Group and organized by club steward Paul Scavello. Enjoying the event were (l. to r.):



The Focal Point Gallery will celebrate its 40th year on City Island during September 2014. Above is the self-portrait of founder Ron Terner 40 years ago in back of the first gallery at 296 City Island Avenue.



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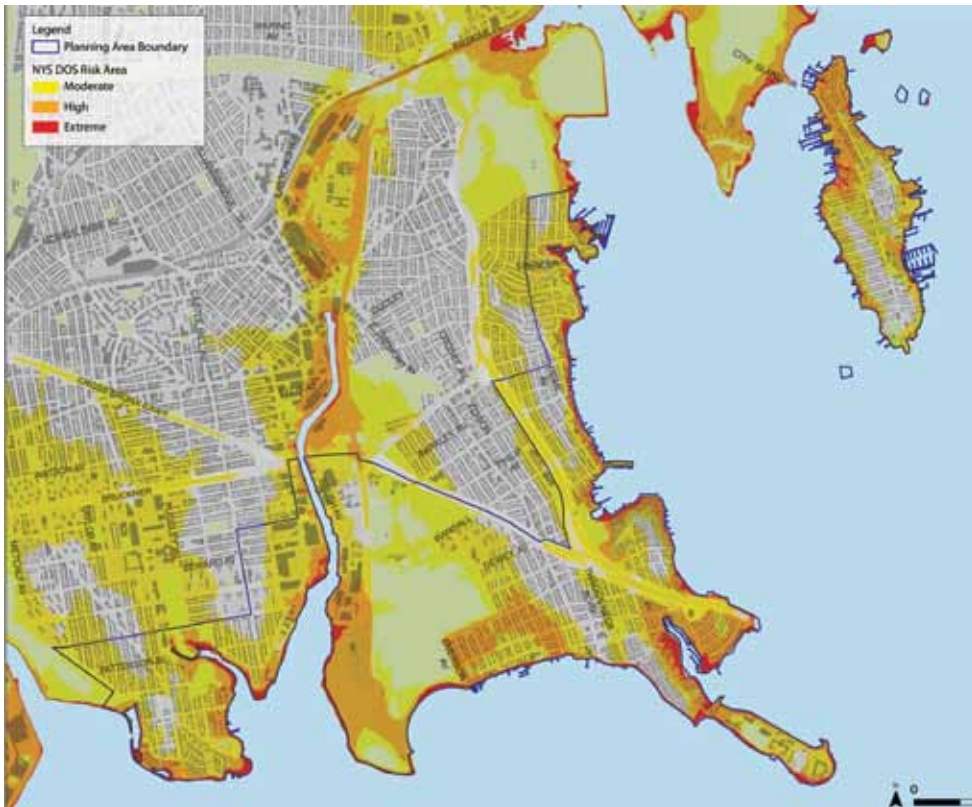
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NY State Seeking Waterfront Resiliency

By JANE PROTZMAN



New York State Risk Area. Yellow: moderate risk of flooding; orange: high risk; red: extreme risk.

Governor Cuomo’s Office of Storm Recovery recently created the NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program, a community-driven initiative empowering localities that were severely damaged by Superstorm Sandy, Hurricane Irene or Tropical Storm Lee to develop innovative resiliency plans for the future. John Doyle and this reporter, as members of the City Island Civic Association’s executive board, are serving as City Island’s representatives on the planning committee in Phase II of the program.

The NYS Storm Recovery Team has already completed Phase I, which affects the ocean-facing areas of New York City. In Howard Beach, for example, the risk involves severe flooding, and the projects under way are creek restoration, drainage improvements and the creation of raised bank on the waterfront.

The planning committee for the East Bronx communities on Eastchester Bay and along the East River represents the following areas: City Island, Country Club, Edgewater Park, Ferry Point, Harding Park, Locust Point, Schuylerville, Silver Beach and Throggs Neck. At early meetings, each member of the committee described past weather-related damage and future risks.

The NYS Storm Recovery Team is providing experts in planning and engineering from Parsons Brinckerhoff and HR&A Advisors in order to help guide the creation of a plan that will support all of the communities. Members of the planning committee are helping to shepherd the process and to

act as a conduit between community residents and the planning process.

The committee’s goal is to develop a localized reconstruction plan that increases resilience, encourages economic development and uses the implementation funds in the most effective way. The East Bronx team has been allocated \$3 million to implement eligible projects with the hope of encouraging public and private institutions to identify other funding sources.

The first of several public engagement meetings was held at Providence Rest on Aug. 4, and the project leaders were impressed with the large turnout of interested participants. The team provided large maps showing local assets on poster boards to which visitors were encouraged to add comments or more information about storm damage.

Several City Island residents provided input at the hearing in addition to what the committee representatives had proposed, specifically expressing the need for a system for communications, community recovery sites and stronger waterfront edges. Those who would like to share comments or suggestions are asked to email doylejc1@gmail.com or jmprotzman@earthlink.net.

For more information about the NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program, please visit www.stormrecovery.ny.gov/community-reconstruction-program. A second public meeting will be held on Sept. 17 at Providence Rest Nursing Home, 3304 Waterbury Avenue, Bronx, to finalize the list of needs and to preview strategies for some of the projects.

FRESH PERSPECTIVES ON PELHAM CEMETERY



Newly elected Pelham Cemetery Association President Bill Clancy stands at the grave where his grandparents and his parents have been laid to rest.

The annual meeting of the Pelham Cemetery Association, Inc., lot holders, on July 24, reviewed the past year and discussed plans for the future. Recently elected president, William Clancy III, presided over the gathering of those with deceased family members in City Island’s Pelham Cemetery. He introduced treasurer Babette Martin, secretary Aimee Breen, and trustees Debra Ulmer, Virginia Gallagher, Maureen Grogan, Frank Helmke, Darrell Smith and Linda Ulmer. Superintendent Robert Carotenuto was thanked for his excellent care of the grounds and praised for his handling of the day-to-day operation of the cemetery. Bill also thanked John Ulmer for continuing to assist the trustees during the transition to new leadership.

He also thanked the Garden Club of City Island which, among others, helped with the recent sprucing up of the cemetery, and he introduced the Club’s new president, Judy Judson, who expressed the Club’s interest in doing a beautification project with the cemetery. Another clean-up is planned for October.

Plans to preserve the Pelham Cemetery for future generations were discussed. High priority was given to the establishment of 501(c)(3) status in order to engage in fundraising efforts. As a New York not-for-profit cemetery, the Association is obliged to keep its funds in trust funds from which it may use only the interest for its operations and maintenance, such as repairing the iron fence, which needs work in a few locations. Ideas suggested included a fundraising event, the creation of a paver walkway with engraved stones memorializing loved ones and a scattering well similar to that at Woodlawn Cemetery, where ashes may be scattered in a communal receptacle, or ossuary, with a name plaque placed on a wall to be built nearby.

There are more than 2,500 identified burials in Pelham Cemetery. A grave is 3 feet by 10 feet and may hold one body and two cremains (the term used for the urns holding ashes of the deceased); two bodies or four cremains; or three bodies, in very rare circumstances, with no cremains. In addition, there are smaller cremain graves available. These limits are set forth in the rules and regulations of Pelham Cemetery, which operates under New York State’s Division of Cemeteries.

There are many graves available in the Pelham Cemetery. A single grave may be purchased for \$5,500 with a \$2,200 fee for



Photos by BARBARA HARRISON

Pelham Cemetery was recently visited by Irish documentary film maker Charles O’Brien who is filming a short biopic called “A Captain Unafraid,” about “Dynamite” Johnny O’Brien, a legendary Hell Gate pilot and Cuban revolutionary gun runner, whose grave faces the water he loved right here on City Island.

perpetual care on the plot. A cremains plot may be purchased for \$4,125 with a \$1,100 fee for perpetual care. There are charges for interments as they occur and for foundations for head stones. Grave owners are responsible for the upkeep of their stones. They may sell their unused plot back to the cemetery for the price they paid, but they may not sell it to another. The superintendent is the contact person for grave purchases. Information on reaching him may be found on the Association web site, www.pelhamcemetery.org.

Blake Pell, a Pelham town historian, has written: “This is Pelham Cemetery. Lives are commemorated—deaths are recorded. This is a cemetery. A cemetery is a history of people—a perpetual record of yesterday and a sanctuary of peace and quiet today.” Pelham Cemetery was established in the 1880s, although there are older gravestones within its grounds (moved from the original cemetery at 190 Fordham Street long before P.S. 17 was built). Pelham Cemetery is filled with the gravestones of well-known Pelham families and early settlers, veterans of the Civil War and virtually every war since.

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Barbara Hoffman and Barbara Harrison represented the City Island Nautical Museum at the reunion on Saturday, Aug. 23, offering information about the museum as well as handsome items from the gift shop. Bands played till late in the evening to enthusiastic reunion-goers (photos, right).



Reunion

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miles away, City Island and the people he grew up with and who helped form his core were always in his mind and his heart.

When asked for his impressions of City Island on returning after four decades, he said: "The environment has changed, but the natural beauty of the Island hasn't and, most importantly, the people haven't changed. We can change many, many things in our lives, but if we stay true to ourselves and be who we were raised to be, than that is the most important thing. How can I not feel good about returning to the place of my childhood? It is a pleasure to be involved in something like this and see so many old friends you haven't seen in 40 years. And when you see that everybody you knew as a kid turned into good people, and maintained the honor and the integrity that we were taught as kids, then that is special."

One of the people that John grew up with is his cousin Kathleen Lynch-Siano, who raised her own family in Florida starting 40 years ago. Kathleen has returned for

each of the reunions, but she said that "this one is extra special because I have not seen my cousin in more than 30 years. It is not only an Island reunion, it is a family reunion. Being with my cousin John from Hawaii and his family is the best."

Joseph "Buddy" Deich, a long-time resident of North Carolina who came to the reunion with his sister Claudia, said his roots on the Island go back more than 60 years. "This day takes me way back to the days of P.S. 17 and being called into the principal's office and shaking in your boots. These types of shared experiences are what makes this place special. I love City Island, and I love being back here. City Island has changed a lot, and condos have replaced shipyards but its core remains the same—friendly people and good people."

As the festivities continued into the evening, Cathy Ambrosini sat smiling in the middle of the field named for her late husband, Anthony, a beloved volunteer youth worker. "Anthony would have loved this day," she said. "In fact, I think he is looking down on us all and smiling. This is why he loved City Island, because of days like this and people like this."

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Nautical Museum Exhibits Rosenfeld Boat Photographs

By BARBARA DOLENSEK



Photos courtesy of the ROSENFELD COLLECTION, MYSTIC SEAPORT AND ADELAIDE ROSENFELD BIALEK
 Morris Rosenfeld of City Island and his sons, David, Stanley, and William (below, left), defined the ultimate in maritime art photography, which is now being celebrated at the City Island Nautical Museum with images of City Island-built boats, including Vigilant (above, left). Morris is pictured above on Foto, one of a series of chase boats used by the family to get their spectacular shots.



The City Island Nautical Museum recently opened a new exhibition curated by Tom Nye focusing on several of the most beautiful boats ever built on City Island as seen through the photographs of Morris Rosenfeld and his sons, who defined the ultimate in maritime art photography.

The Rosenfeld Collection is the largest single collection of maritime photography in the world, and although it is housed at Mystic Seaport, the photographers who created it lived and worked for many years here on City Island. The Rosenfeld images of sailboats, steam yachts, naval vessels, powerboat races, leisure activities, and every America's Cup Race from 1885 to 1992 are world famous.

Morris established a studio in 1910 in Manhattan doing industrial and advertising photography, but his love of the sea and ships increased as he photographed events and scenes on the Hudson and East Rivers. His business flourished, so that he was able to concentrate increasingly on maritime subjects, and in 1926 he moved with his family to City Island, which at the time was a major center of yacht building. Morris and his three sons, David, Stanley, and William, produced nearly a million photo-



graphs, many of them featuring boats built on City Island.

The Rosenfeld family lived at 194 Horton Street, and their boat *Foto* (one of a series of boats used by the family to take its spectacular pictures) was moored off Schofield Street. The three younger Rosenfeld children all graduated from P. S. 17, now the home of the City Island Nautical Museum. David Rosenfeld lived for years on Pell Place, where he developed many photographs taken on *Foto*. David's wife, Adelaide Rodstrom, who also grew up on Horton Street, was founder of the City Island Historical Society, which operates the Nautical Museum.

This new exhibition features images of the most beautiful boats from the island's yacht yards, including *Dorado*, *Brilliant*, *Bolero*, *Constellation*, *Infanta* and *Analgra*, and a selection of racing photographs. In addition to images made from the original Rosenfeld negatives, there is a great deal of information about these yachts and a unique slide show created by curator Tom Nye, who is well known for his encyclopedia knowledge of City Island's yacht-building history.

The exhibition will remain on view through the fall. For more information, visit the website www.cityislandmuseum.org. The museum, which is located at 190 Fordham Street on City Island in the Bronx, is open Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. and by special appointment.

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Current Calendar

SEPTEMBER

Fridays, Sept. 12, 19 and 26, **Boy Scouts Registration**, 7:30 p.m., Trinity Methodist Church, City Island Avenue at Bay Street.

Sat. and Sun., Sept. 13 and 14, **Fall Arts and Crafts Fair**, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. City Island Avenue.

Sat., Sept. 20, **Cleanup at City Island Bridge and Orchard Beach**, 9 a.m. to noon, sponsored by the International Beach Cleanup.

Sun., Sept. 21, **Cleanup of Thomas Pell Wildlife Sanctuary**, 8:30 a.m., sponsored by Hutchinson River Restoration Project.

Sat., Sept. 27, **POTS Program**, St. Mary's School Yard, Minneford Avenue and Kilroe Street, drop-off between 4:30 and 5 p.m. Menu: chicken with peppers, potatoes and onions.

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

OCTOBER

Thursday, Oct. 2, **45th Precinct Community Council**, 7:30 p.m., American Legion Post, 550 City Island Avenue,

Temple Beth-El

Temple Beth-El of City Island (TBE), Your Shul by the Sea, 480 City Island Avenue, is a stimulating place for observance of Jewish traditions and is an unaffiliated, all-inclusive synagogue. Friday night Sabbath services commence promptly at 7:30 p.m. Please come at 7:15 to enjoy welcoming music as well as to meet and greet before services begin. TBE reminds everyone that our High Holy Day services are free. Please mark calendars (consult schedule below) and invite friends. (Seafood City's parking lot may be used. Please park as close to the avenue as possible.) Please refrain from wearing perfumes or colognes as we have some members and clergy allergic to fragrance.

Shabbat (Friday, Sept. 5, 7:30 p.m.). Join Rabbi Shohama, Reb David and Your Band by the Sea to welcome Shabbat in the month of Elul, the month of teshuvah (the act of returning). Oneg to follow co-sponsored by Myrtice Freeman, Steve Gottlieb and Ellen Ruth Topol in honor of their September birthdays.

Shabbat and Teshuvah Botanical Gardens Experience (Saturday, Sept. 13, 9:45 a.m.). Join Reb Eva for a Shabbat morning walk and chanting at the New York Botanical Gardens. Bask in the late summer glow of Shabbat as nature's bounty turns to autumn. Meet at the front gate at 9:45 a.m. sharp for free admission.

Connection dinners for new and returning members (Friday, Sept. 19, 7:30 p.m.). TBE hosts Shabbat dinners in select homes across the Bronx and Westchester. Attended by clergy, these dinners give an opportunity to socialize and celebrate Shabbat in a more intimate setting.

High Holy Day Schedule

Slichot musical service (Saturday, Sept. 20, 7:30 p.m.). Join Reb David and Your Band by the Sea for a soulful entry into the week of Rosh Hashana. Candlelight Slichot service includes musical offerings to open, nurture and delight the heart. Nosh to follow.

Rosh Hashana Eve (Wednesday, Sept. 24, 8 p.m.). Join Rabbi Shohama, Reb David and Your Band by the Sea for an uplifting spiritual start to the Yamim Noraim (Days of Awe). Doors open at 7:30 p.m.; please plan in advance for traffic and

parking.

Rosh Hashana Day 1 (Thursday, Sept. 25, 10 a.m.). Join Rabbi Shohama, Reb David, Reb Eva and Your Band by the Sea. Shofar Service at 12 noon (bring the kids!) followed by Tashlich beachside. Doors open at 9:30 a.m.

Rosh Hashana Day 2 (Friday, Sept. 26, 10 a.m.). Join Rabbi Shohama, Reb David, Reb Eva and Your Band by the Sea.

Yom Kippur (Friday, Oct. 3, 6:15 p.m.). Join Rabbi Shohama, Reb David and Your Band by the Sea for Kol Nidre, the holiest night of the Jewish year, with a profoundly moving service of spiritual release and purification. In honor of Yom Kippur's themes of purity and simplicity, many wear white and refrain from wearing leather, jewelry and other ornaments. Doors open at 5:45 p.m.

Temple Beth-El's mission is to be of service to the community so please let us know the ways we can help you. You can find out more about us by visiting our website, attending our cultural events, as well as Shabbat and holiday services. The TBE website is growing to include weekly Torah teachings by our Rabbi Shohama and our associate spiritual director Reb David, event listings, our calendar and more. Follow our weekly blog, and share our web presence with friends on Facebook and beyond! Visit: www.yourshulbythesea.org.

Ellen Ruth Topol

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.

Save the following dates for upcoming Trinity special events: Oct. 4: food sale, including fresh home-made specialties; Oct. 18: Square Dance; Oct. 26: Fall Bible Study begins.

The Budget Corner will re-open soon, and since the collection bin stayed open, it is full of great bargains. The dedicated Budget Corner volunteers have been busy all summer, so the fall opening promises to be great. As always, Trinity United Methodist Church is thankful for the City Island community's continued support of the Budget Corner.

Rick DeWitt

Grace Episcopal Church

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Worship Schedule

Holy Communion Rite II, Sundays at 10 a.m.

Eileen Marcus

St. Mary, Star of the Sea

In late August we bid good-bye to Fr. Charles, who had been with us for the months of July and August. He will return to Los Angeles, where he is pursuing doctoral studies. We thank him for his time with us and wish him well.

Although Sunday, Sept. 21, has been designated Catechetical Sunday throughout the country, we will celebrate it on Sunday, Sept. 14, because of our outdoor Mass scheduled for the 20th. At the 10 a.m. Mass on the 14th we will commission our catechists for the work they will do in our religious education program throughout the year.



Photos by BOB BERENT

With a glorious sunset over Eastchester Bay, a soft breeze and music provided by Your Shul by the Sea band, more than 60 congregants and friends of Temple Beth-El of City Island celebrated Shabbat outdoors in the backyard of Ken Binder and Steve Roth on Aug. 8, 2014. Led by Rabbi Shohama Wiener and Reb David Markus, Shabbat by the Sea, an annual highlight of the temple's calendar, offered members and guests a unique opportunity to step back, relax and appreciate the Sabbath.

Our religious education program will begin on Wednesday, Sept. 17, with grades 1 through 3 meeting from 2 to 3:30 p.m. and grades 4 through 8 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Registrations should be sent to Sr. Bernadette as soon as possible. All students can obtain forms from the rectory or in the vestibule of the church. New students must present a copy of a baptismal certificate if he or she has not been baptized in St. Mary, Star of the Sea. No registrations will be accepted on the first day of class.

St. Mary's Thrift Shop will reopen officially on Thursday, Sept. 18. Come and check out all the fall selections.

On Saturday, Sept. 20, we will hold our annual outdoor Mass at 5:15 p.m. in St. Mary's school yard. This is always a very special occasion, so mark your calendars and plan to join us.

Our monthly holy hour will resume on Friday, Oct. 3, from 4 to 5 p.m.

Sr. Bernadette, osu

Sons of the American Legion Squadron #156

We would like to remind all members that 2015 dues are now due. The amount is \$30, which can be mailed or dropped off to the Post and placed in the SAL box.

New members are always welcome. If you are a male descendant, step-descendant or adopted descendant of a veteran as set forth in the dates set by Congress, we would love to have you as a member. Stop by the Post to pick up an application.

All retired flags should be deposited in the red, white and blue mailbox next to the flagpole.

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

The VA accepts clothing donations for our veterans. Donations can be dropped off at the Post or brought over to the fourth floor of the VA hospital in Kingsbridge. Female clothing is especially needed. The Post is not accepting book donations at this time.

The annual clambake will be held on Saturday, Sept. 6, from 6 to 11 p.m. Price is \$55 with open bar and \$45 without.

Fred Ramftl Jr.

City Island Republicans

The Republican County meeting, which is open to the public, is held every second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

We want to thank everyone for signing the annual petitions to help qualify the county and to get everyone onto the ballot.

The Astorino-Moss campaign and the rest of the ticket are in full swing and will be in the Bronx. The campaign is making its way around the state in preparation for November.

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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.

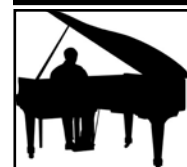
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Thank you to all who contributed to the Community Center via the Summer Concerts in Hawkins Street Park, including the musicians and entertainers who donated their time, AER Property Management, local businesses and organizations, Representative Joseph Crowley and all of you. Thanks also to the volunteers who spruced up the Center in July and especially A- One Quality Glass.

Annual membership to the City Island Community Center is only \$30 for families and \$20 for individuals. Please consider joining and think about volunteering. We need your help and support.

To join the Center or for up-to-date information visit www.cityislandcommunitycenter.org, call 718-885-1145 or "Like" us on Facebook!

The Center is run by a volunteer Board of Directors, which meets 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.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Weight Watchers Open House: Tuesday, Sept. 9, at 5:30 p.m.. All are invited to learn about the new series and program.

Teen Dance: Saturday, Sept. 13, at 7:30. Dances for sixth, seventh and eighth grades who live on City Island or attend P.S. 175. Come join your friends for a night of fun and music. With DJ Bowie Stivala.

Teen Pizza Night: Friday, Sept. 26, at 7 p.m. A get-together for teenagers with pizza and apple cider. Come help make pizza and other treats.

NEW PROGRAMS

City Island Culinary Club: Wednesday, Sept. 10, at 7 p.m. From sauces to seafood to vegetables, explore varieties of food and aspects of food preparation with other people who love to cook and Chef Michael Proietti. For information, call Michael at 646-296-3102.

Art Classes for Children: Saturday, 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon. Explore drawing, painting and sculpture: Study Van Gogh, Picasso and Leonardo daVinci. For ages 7 to 12 with Lorraine Cantori (914-552-5268). Classes begin Sept. 20.

Francesca's Shamanic Drumming Ceremony and Ritual will take you to a place of self discovery and healing. Francesca Rev. RPP. CRE, Board Certified Polarity/CS, is a Shamanic healer of the soul. Her goal is to heal and help a person feel whole again through spiritual journeying. Journeying is the ability to travel to

different spirits into the outer dimensions. Please bring a yoga mat, drum or rattle if you have one to the sessions on the second and last Thursday of the month, from 7 to 9 p.m. For information or to register, call Francesca at 914.837.6830 or visit www.TheeVitalForcefoundation.org.

COMING UP IN OCTOBER

Family Bingo Night: Friday, Oct. 17, at 7 p.m.

Awareness: Drugs and City Island Young People: Sunday, Oct. 19 at 3 p.m.

Family Puppet Theater, Sunday, Date to be announced.

City Island Film Club, Sunday early evening. Contact CIFilmSociety@gmail.com.

Weekly Schedule

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Art Classes for Children: See above.

Jill's Playgroup: Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Preschool children are invited to have fun with other children. No charge, but donations are appreciated. For information, call Jill at 917-330-0922.

To Be Scheduled

Introduction to Art Portfolio Prep:

For high school prep or just for fun! For information, call Geri Smith at 718-885-1503.

Irish Dance for Children: The Deirdre O'Mara School of Dance teaches step dancing in a fun competitive environment for all ages. For information or to enroll call Deidre at 201-679-1450 or visit www.deirdreomara.com.

After-school Art Classes for Children: Collage, print making and painting Call Eileen Stoudt at 914-633-1695 to enroll.

After-school Introduction to Acting: Grades 3-6 Children learn to express themselves via theater, song and dance in a warm atmosphere. Call Eileen at 914-633-1695 to enroll.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Aerobics with Mary: Sunday, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9 to 10 a.m. Stay strong with cross fit/aerobic strength training. Call Mary Immediato at 718-885-0793 AFA Certified.

Belly Dance/Shimmy By the Sea with Kristin, aka Gypsy Curves, Sundays, 4 p.m. \$20 per class the sixth class is free. Call Kristin Amezquita at 646-625-1575 for information.

Chair Yoga with Michael: Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. Stretch and flex with an easy combination of yoga, tai chi and pilates beginning Sept. 11. For more information, call Betty at 718-885-1095.

Chess Club: Meets each Thursday at 7 p.m. Chess taught, played and discussed. All levels welcome. Come on in! Avoid T.V. Have fun. Call Bill at 718-541-3995

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

City Island Culinary Club: See above.

Francesca's Shamanic Drumming: See above.

Parenting Group: Last Tuesday at 7



Photo by RICK DeWITT

On Sunday, August 17, Trinity held its annual beach-side service under a beautiful blue sky at the Fordham Street Beach Club. During the children's sermon, Jay Howard taught the entire congregation some important sailing knots, knots that Jesus probably used, and how to stay safe around the water.

p.m. We laugh, we cry and we learn from one another: join us as we share our experience, strength and hope on this journey of parenthood. For information call John Scardina at 718-885-9305.

Weight Watchers Meetings: Tuesday evenings at 5:30 p.m. with Debbie. New sessions are beginning Sept. 16. Come to our Open House on Sept. 9 to learn all about it. It's a great supportive group! We can do this together! For more information, call Elena at 718-885-2268.

Yoga with Jo Ann: Mondays, at 715 to 8:30 p.m. \$10. Gentle level-one class. Please bring a mat, a strap and if possible a yoga blanket. For more information, contact Jo Ann at 917-853-4719 or joannngny@aol.com.

Zumba with Julia: Want to lose that belly fat? Well here is your chance to Zumba with Julia. It's a high-energy Zumba workout for an hour. Saturdays, 10 a.m. \$10 per class. For questions, call 917-601-5514.

Zumba with Letti: Thursdays, 5:30 p.m. Letti's very creative class is a real calorie burner and a blast. Classes are \$10. Call Lettie at 917-292-4228 for more information.

Patty Grondahl

PSS City Island Senior Center

Presbyterian Senior Services (PSS) enhances the quality of life for older adults, caregivers and families by providing information, services and support. Our goal is to promote independence by helping them remain healthy, engaged and connected. We are not your everyday senior center!

All programs, classes and services are available to anyone 60 and over. Lunch is served every day from 11:30 to 12:30, catered by Scavello's.

The center is located at 116 City Island Avenue in Grace Church Hall and is open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call Patty at 718-885-0727 to receive a detailed monthly calendar featuring trips, events and activities. Programs are funded by Presbyterian Senior Services and the NYC Department for the Aging.

Wednesday, Oct. 1, Health Fair Part 2: Shingles shots (requires advance registration), mammography van, eye testing, pharmaceutical review of medicines, cholesterol testing, blood pressure monitoring.

September Physical Exercise

The exercise program offers classes at various levels of fitness. Drop in and try one of our classes for yourself. Rhythm and Drums: Mondays at 10:15 a.m.; Cardio Fitness: Tuesdays at 9:15 a.m.; Yoga Stretch: Tuesdays at 12:30 p.m.; Arthritis Workshop: Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m.; Zumba: Thursdays at 9:15 a.m.; Fit for Life: Fridays at 9 a.m.; Line Dancing: Fridays at 12:30. Yoga Stretch, Rhythm and Drums, Line Dancing and Arthritis workshop classes are free. The suggested

donation for all other exercise classes is \$3 each.

September Programs

Monday, 12:30 p.m. Men's Group, Cards/ Wii Games, 1 p.m. Individualized Computer Instruction.

Tuesday, 10:15 a.m. Conversational Spanish.

Wednesday, 12:30 p.m. Calligraphy, 12:30 p.m., Men's Group. On Sept. 10 and 24, \$10 Haircuts by Brenda.

Thursday, 10:15 p.m. Acrylic Painting with Lois. Sept. 4, My Fair Lady, Sept. 11, Piracy Bingo, Sept. 18, Birthday Party, Sept. 28, The Producers.

Friday, 10:15 a.m. Photography with Photoshop Elements.

Information, Referrals and Assistance

Regarding benefits applicable to seniors, we are more than happy to provide information, referrals and assistance in filling out forms and applying for certain programs. Call Patty at 718-885-0727 or drop by the center.

Caregiver Support

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

Transportation Services

Off-Island shopping trips include Shop Rite, Bay Plaza, Stop & Shop, Target, Farmers Market, Trader Joe's, Empire City and more. See our monthly calendar for specific dates. The suggested contribution for a round trip is \$1 on City Island and \$2.50 off-Island shopping trips. Anyone over 60 is encouraged to take advantage of our door-to-door transportation services. Call Tony at 347-834-6466 for pickup or trips.

Patty Attis

Hutchinson River Restoration Project

It's not surprising that in 1999 the Department of Environmental Conservation listed the Hutchinson River as one of the state's most polluted waterways. HRRP has been working to change this, and our mission is to clean up the river and restore its greenways. The river, named for Anne Marbury Hutchinson, Puritan foremother of separation of church and state, free speech and women's rights, whose last days were lived near what is now Co-Op City and Eastchester, flows down from Scarsdale for eight miles and empties into Eastchester Bay at the southern tip of City Island.

We all share this beautiful river, so let's all share in its cleanup at the Thomas Pell Wildlife Sanctuary on Sunday, Sept. 21, starting at 8:30 a.m. Volunteers will meet at the west corner of City Island Road in Pelham Bay

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Park by the traffic light and bus stop, diagonally across from Bronx Equestrian Center. Parking for the cleanup will be available free of charge at Turtle Cove Golf Center, 1 City Island Road. Special thanks to Anthony Esposito of the Golf Center for his continuing help and support.

Sign up (but come even if you don't!) by emailing HRRP President Eleanor Rae, HutchinsonRRP@aol.com, or by calling Violet Smith, Vice President, at 718-885-0978.

Canoes and lifejackets will be provided by Park Rangers Supervisor Jessica Carrero and her staff for those boating to sanctuary sites, while cleanup of the beach and shore for those who prefer staying on land will also take place. Proper footwear (it may be muddy), sun hat, sunscreen and bug protection are recommended. Water, grabbers and additional help will be provided by Park Administrator Marianne Anderson and staff; snacks, gloves, cleanup bags and digging tools will be provided.

Toby Z. Liederman

AARP Chapter 318

Welcome back to all our members for our first meeting this fall on Wednesday, Sept. 3, at 1 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church hall on Bay Street. This will be a regular meeting followed by bingo. Our second meeting of the month will be on Sept. 17; we will meet at the Pelham Cemetery at 12:30 p.m. for our annual 9/11 service, followed by cake and coffee in the church hall. Please mark your calendars and come to our meetings, which are on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 1 p.m. Bring a friend. All are welcome.

Rosetta Woods

American Legion Ladies Auxiliary

I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable summer. Our first meeting will be held on Sept. 2 at 7:30 p.m. at the Post.

The clambake will be held on Saturday, Sept. 6, from 6:30 to 11 p.m. Please contact the Post for details and reservations.

Hope to see everyone there.

Laura Booth

American Legion Post #156

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, Sept. 15, at 7:30 p.m. Dues (\$50) are now due.

The fire escape was sanded and repainted by Ray Olmeda, who also painted the railings and doors around the Post.

Thank you to Jimmy Livingston for painting the lines in the parking lot.

The annual clambake will be held on Saturday, Sept. 6, from 6 to 11 p.m. Price is \$55 with open bar and \$45 without.

Save the date! Saturday, Nov. 22, is the 95th anniversary dinner, which will be held at the Morris Yacht and Beach Club. Details will follow.

The air conditioners are now in full working order.

Football season is here. Come and enjoy the game and see what is happening at the Post.

The VA accepts clothing donations for our veterans. Donations can be dropped off at the Post or brought over to the fourth floor of the VA hospital in Kingsbridge. Female clothing is especially needed. The Post is not accepting book donations at this time.

We are now on the web. Our new website is Post156.com.

We have space for your next party and can accommodate up to 80 people. Members receive a discount on all hall rentals. Call Joe Goonan at 718-885-1637.

All retired flags should be dropped off at the Post in the mailbox by the flagpole.

Tune in to WVOX 1460AM to hear Post #156's radio ad about joining the American Legion. The commercial can be heard on Thursday, Sept. 11, from 7 to 10 a.m. and 6 to 9 p.m.

John Muhlfeld

Garden Club of City Island

The Garden Club of City Island enjoyed its member luncheon in July at the City Island Yacht Club, where Judy Judson was inducted as the club's new president. Judy has been club treasurer and has worked on the Beautification Committee and the Helping Hands Auxiliary, so she brings great background to her new role.

Members of the club have spent the summer closely watching our planters along City Island Avenue. How lush they are! Many of the planters are tended by residents or businesses owners who water when they can, and their efforts are very much appreciated. Often, however, some planters are not tended and need more care. Part of the solution is that we have purchased a 50-gallon water tank, attached a hose to it, and set it up in the back of one of our member's cars. When the summer heat seems to be taking a toll on those beautiful purple petunias and lime-colored sweet potato vines, off we go up and down the avenue to give them a good drink. We are particularly proud of how successful this year's plantings have proved to be, and we continue to do maintenance of the Island's public areas as well. Our own members' gardens have been just luxuriant this summer, and it seems to be the result of all the snow we had last winter, which invigorated the perennials.

And so we move toward the fall looking forward to our first meeting of the new season on Monday, Sept. 8. Member Jane Protzman will be presenting a slide show entitled "Gardens Gardens, Everywhere." Jane is a world traveler and photographer who recently exhibited her photographs at the City Island Nautical Museum in a show called "Water Water Everywhere," and she has now culled her images to show us some of the gardens she has visited around the globe.

On Wednesday, Oct. 8, the club will tour Wave Hill, a beautiful 28-acre public garden and cultural center in the Bronx overlooking the Hudson River and the Palisades. We are looking forward to a year packed with informative meetings, plant swaps, great trips and the camaraderie we share through gardening. As always, we welcome prospective new members to attend meetings, learn what we do and how they can participate, and perhaps join us in our City Island beautification efforts.

Barbara Harrison

St. Mary's Thrift Shop

St. Mary's Thrift Shop will have its Grand Fall Opening on Thursday, Sept. 18, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. New and used clothing, shoes, bags, linens and household appliances, plus CDs, tapes, records, books, toys, games and our new and used bric-a-brac will be displayed. Enjoy our complimentary coffee and crumpets while shopping. The thrift shop will be open on Sept. 20, 25 and 27. And remember, donations are always greatly appreciated.

Arlene Byrne

City Island Theater Group

The City Island Theater Group is proud to present "Evita," with music by Andrew Lloyd Webber and lyrics by Tim Rice over the first three weekends in November. Casting is in process, and rehearsals are set to start immediately after Labor Day. This production is being directed by Nick Sala, with music direction by Heather Edwards, stage design and lights by Joe Burck, and costumes by Carol McCabe and Cheryl Brinker. Performances are scheduled for Nov. 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, 16, 20, 21 and 22 in Grace Church Hall.

Stop by CITG's table at the City Island Arts and Crafts Fair on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 13 and 14, and get a free raffle ticket for chances to win two tickets to "Evita."

Mary McIntyre

On the Sound

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Civic Association was assured that it would not remain open to the public past sunset, a responsibility of the condominium board.

Although many Island residents seem pleased that this will be an upscale development, concerns continue to be voiced about



Bartow-Pell Events

First Friday! Music + Bronx Trolley on Friday, Sept. 5, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

In partnership with the Bronx Music Heritage Center, BPMM is delighted to welcome Salieu Suso and Malang Jobarteh, both kora players and griots—traditional storytellers—from Gambia. Enjoy the music, explore the mansion, stroll the garden, and savor light refreshments. The free Bronx Trolley makes an hourly loop from the #6 Pelham Bay Park subway station to BPMM to City Island starting at 5:25. Registration requested. Cost \$10 adults; \$8 seniors and students; members free.

Yoga in the Orangerie—Fall Series. Fridays, Sept. 5, 12, 19; Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; Nov. 7, 14; 7 to 8:15 a.m. Intermediate Level; 8:45 to 10 a.m. Beginner Level.

The benefits of yoga are well known: de-stress, get strong and flexible and have fun! Deepen your practice in a steady, mindful approach at the intermediate level or learn the basics in the beginner class. Taught by certified Anusara® yoga teacher Ann Casapini in a serene, sunlit space. Ten-class series; class size limited to 12. Please bring your own mat. Registration and pre-payment required. Cost \$180 for series; members \$150.

Urban Park Ranger Hike, Sunday, Sept. 21, 1 p.m. Historic New York: The Estates of Pelham Bay Park. Once there were many mansions on the shores of Pelham Bay; now only Bartow-Pell remains. Learn about the other grand country estates that neighbored Bartow-Pell on this fascinating hike with an Urban Park Ranger. Comfortable shoes or boots, water, and a light snack recommended. Meets at parking lot. Registration requested. Free.

Local Author Spotlight, Tuesday, Sept. 23, 7:30 p.m. Jan Johnsen, landscape designer and author, discusses her most recent book, "Heaven is a Garden: Designing Serene Spaces for Inspiration and Reflection." A professional landscape designer and winner of the 2014 Merit Award of the Association of Professional Landscape Designers (APLD), Jan also teaches at the New York Botanical Garden and is an adjunct professor at Columbia University. Registration requested. Cost \$10 adults; \$8 seniors and students; members free.

Young Scholars Talk, Wednesday, Sept. 24, 4 p.m. Paleness, Purity, Cleanness: White Clothing in the 19th and Early 20th Centuries. Over a century ago, the associa-

tion of white with innocence and purity ensured that certain garments were usually that color, even as white dresses moved in and out of fashion. In this new periodic series featuring graduate-level intern projects at BPMM, Bard Graduate Center student Claire McRee will discuss the history of white as a color for baby clothes, everyday and wedding dresses, and more. Clothing from the BPMM collection will also be on view. Registration requested. Free.

Smithsonian Magazine Museum Day, Saturday, Sept. 27, 12 to 4 p.m. Bartow-Pell once again participates in Museum Day Live, an annual event hosted by Smithsonian Magazine in which museums across the country open their doors for free. Enjoy guided tours at quarter past the hour. Visit www.smithsonianmag.com/museumday for details. Free.

Birding at Bartow, Saturday, Sept. 27, 3:30 p.m. Join naturalist and photographer Debbie Becker on a trail walk as the great fall migration gets under way with hawks, eagles, warblers, and hummingbirds returning to their winter residences. Registration requested. Cost: \$10 adults; \$8 seniors, students, and members.

Be sure to take advantage of this year's change to become a Centennial Member; dues are \$100 (rather than \$180) and there are many great member events coming up, including a cocktail reception in September and a special trip to the historic house Edgewater in October. For more information, to become a member, or to register for any events, please call 718-885-1461 or email info@bpmm.org.

Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum is located at 895 Shore Road in Pelham Bay Park. The mansion and carriage house are open to the public for guided tours on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. The gardens and grounds are open daily from 8:30 a.m. to dusk. Mansion admission is \$5 adults, \$3 seniors and students; free for children under six. Visiting the garden and grounds is free.

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Remembering Robin Williams

Following the recent, tragic death of Robin Williams, his family asked that people not dwell on his death but celebrate his life. He was best known as a zany comedian who came into the public eye with the television series **Mork and Mindy**. Although some of his films are comedies, he also demonstrated his dazzling performance range as an excellent dramatic actor.

The World According to Garp (1982) is the film version of John Irving's novel of the same name. Williams had the title role as an aspiring novelist who is the son of unmarried, unconventional feminist Jenny Fields (Glenn Close in her film debut), who often overshadows him. He is successful and happily married to his college sweetheart, Helen Holm (Mary Beth Hurt). The film features John Lithgow as Roberta Muldoon, a transsexual ex-football player. Both Close and Lithgow received Oscar nominations.

Moscow on the Hudson (1984) stars Williams as Vladimir Ivanoff, a Russian saxophone player in a circus, who is torn between a sweet home life and being oppressed by his society. When the circus visits New York, Williams goes on a shopping trip to Bloomingdale's—where he impulsively decides to defect. He is given a place to stay by security guard Lionel Witherspoon (Cleavon Derricks) and falls for fellow immigrant Lucia Lombardo (Maria Conchita Alonso). It is interesting to note that virtually every character he meets in the film is from a country other than the United States.

Williams received an Oscar nomination for his role as DJ Adrian Cronauer in **Good Morning Vietnam** (1987). Broadcasting over the Armed Forces Radio in 1965, he instantly becomes the most popular DJ in the country, much to the consternation of Lieutenant Steven Hawk (Bruno Kirby) and Sergeant Major Dickerson (J.T. Walsh). This is a tour-de-force role that displays Williams's brilliant comedic prowess.

In **Dead Poets Society** (1989) Williams plays an unconventional educator, John Keating, who introduces his prep school students to the wonders of poetry and free thinking at the Welton Academy in the year 1959. His students include aspiring writer Todd (Ethan Hawke), aspiring actor Neil (Robert Sean Leonard) and hopeless romantic Knox (Josh

Charles). Keating encourages his students to live their lives boldly, but this philosophy leads to an unexpected tragedy. The film was nominated for four Academy Awards, including Best Picture and Best Actor for Williams; it won one, for Tom Schulman's original screenplay.

Cadillac Man (1989) is a quirky comedy about a stereotypical fast-talking car salesman Joey O'Brien (Williams), who has a compassionate side that is irresistible to women. During a huge sale at his dealership, he is expected to sell a lot of cars or lose his job. His day is interrupted by Larry (Tim Robbins), the insanely jealous husband of dimwitted showroom receptionist Donna (Annabella Sciorra). When a hostage situation ensues, Joey realizes that it's up to him to use his wits to persuade Larry not to kill anyone.

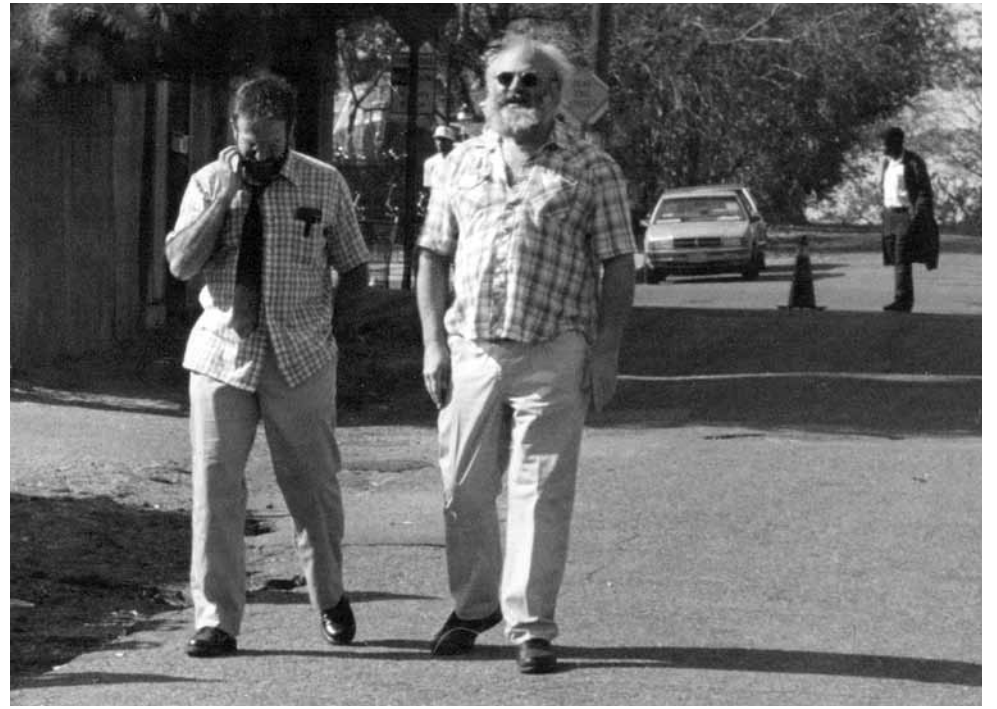
Awakenings (1990) is based on a true story by City Island resident neurologist Oliver Sacks. The film stars Williams as the Sacks-like character, Dr. Malcolm Sayer, who takes a job at a Bronx psychiatric hospital in 1969, where he takes care of several seemingly catatonic patients who begin to respond to his painstaking guidance. Sayer is given permission to test a new drug on one of his patients, Leonard Lowe (Robert DeNiro), who gradually comes out of his shell, and this encourages Sayers to administer the drug to the other patients under his care.

The Fisher King (1991) stars Jeff Bridges as Jack Lucas, a totally self-absorbed, coarse-mouthed radio talk show host, whose career is in ruins. He lives with Anne Napolitano (Mercedes Ruehl's Oscar-winning role), the owner of a run-down, neighborhood video store. While Jack is on a drunken spree, his life is saved by Parry (Williams), ironically a tragic victim of Jack's previous misfortunes. Jack tries to atone for what happened by helping Parry meet Lydia, the girl of his dreams (Amanda Plummer). Healing is the central theme of this film, filled with fascinating over-the-top imagery, as well as a not-to-be missed transformation of Grand Central Station into a giant ballroom.

In the Disney animated film **Aladdin** (1992) Williams's hilarious voice of the Genie is the main attraction. After a sultan (Douglas Seale) gives his daughter, Jasmine (Linda Larkin), three days to find a husband, she escapes the palace and encounters the street-savvy urchin Aladdin (Scott Weinger), who charms his way into her heart. While the sultan's Vizier, Jafar (Jonathan Freeman), weaves a spell so that he may marry Jasmine and become sultan himself, Aladdin discovers the Genie's lamp in a cave, rubs it, and sets the mystical entity free. With the Genie's help, Aladdin begins his quest to defeat Jafar and win the hand of the princess.

Mrs. Doubtfire (1993) stars Williams as Daniel Hillard, an eccentric actor who specializes in dubbing voices for cartoon characters. When Daniel's wife, Miranda (Sally Field), files for divorce, his make-up artist brother Frank (Harvey Fierstein) helps disguise him as Mrs. Iphegenia Doubtfire, a stern but caring Scottish nanny, so that Miranda will hire him to take care of the children. Pierce Brosnan is on hand as Miranda's new boyfriend, Stu.

In **Birdcage** (1996), Williams plays Armand Goldman, a gay cabaret owner who, with his drag queen companion (Nathan Lane), agrees to put up a false straight front so that their son Val (Dan Futterman) can introduce them to his fiancée, Barbara (Calista Flockhart). The masquerade is necessary because Barbara's parents are ultra-religious



This photograph of Robin Williams with Oliver Sacks, whose character he played in the film version of "Awakenings," was taken in October 1989 by Debby Kall on Rochelle Street, the location used for several scenes.

right-wing Senator Keeley (Gene Hackman) and his naive wife, Louise (Dianne Wiest). Featured are Christine Baranski as Katharine, Val's biological mother, and Hank Azaria as the hilarious Greek house boy Agador.

Williams received his only Oscar win for his fine supporting role in **Good Will Hunting** (1997), which stars Matt Damon in the title role as an intellectually gifted MIT janitor. Will is "discovered" by MIT Professor Lambeau (Stellan Skarsgard), who rescues him from police custody on the condition that Will study with him and get therapy. Psychotherapist Sean McGuire (Williams) challenges Will emotionally, especially when Will falls for Skylar (Minnie Driver), a British medical student. Ben Affleck plays Will's supportive best friend, Chuckie.

If you like to cry at movies, get out the tissue box for **What Dreams May Come** (1998). It stars Williams and Annabella Sciorra as Chris and Anne Nielson, soul mates who marry, have children, and then have to deal with unbearable tragedy. Yet this is visually the most original and lushly gorgeous cinematic feats I've ever witnessed. To watch an artist paint a magnificent landscape and see a person who has crossed to the other side sloshing through the not-yet-dried paint on the canvas is stunning to the eyes and imagination. In this excruciatingly sad film, we see love's power propelling a husband through an original visualization of heaven and hell.

Patch Adams (1998) is the fact-based story of an unconventional physician who attempted to heal patients with laughter. Williams stars in the title role as Hunter Adams, a troubled young man whose experiences in a mental institution in the late 1960s convince him to become a doctor. He dedicates his life to providing emotional and spiritual relief along with medical care. Adams clowns around for his patients and gets to know them personally. Although his efforts seem to work wonders and the hospital nursing staff is grateful for the levity Adams provides, his methods alienate his uptight roommate, Mitch (Philip Seymour Hoffman, another actor who died tragically), as well as the staff and faculty of his school. Adams's antics put his career in jeopardy, forcing him to defend his philosophy before a board of physicians who are determined to bar him from practicing

ing medicine.

Insomnia (2002) is set in a small Alaskan town where Los Angeles detectives Will Dormer (Al Pacino) and his partner, Hap Eckhart (Martin Donovan), have arrived to assist the police chief (Paul Dooley). A young woman has been killed, and Will and Hap are supposed to help crack the case. They are followed by an eager young detective, Ellie Burr (Hilary Swank). Although he doesn't appear until halfway through the film, Williams is Walter Finch a small-time crime novelist who happens to be the murderer.

In **One Hour Photo** (2002), Williams has the very creepy role as Parrish, the control-freak manager of a one-hour photo stand in the Sav-Mart superstore, which allows him to peer into the lives of his customers. He becomes obsessed with the Yorkin family, especially the son, Jakob (Dylan Smith), and his beautiful, smiling mother, Nina (Connie Nielsen). When Parrish discovers that Nina is upset with her husband, Will (Michael Vartan), he starts stalking Will. As his life starts to unravel, the audience is riveted by Williams's outstanding performance.


The Night Listener (2006) explores a shadowy region between truth and fiction. Gabriel Noone (Robin Williams), a middle-aged writer with a radio show and a foundering relationship—his younger boyfriend, Jess (Bobby Cannavale), has just moved out—strikes up a long-distance friendship with a teenager named Pete (Rory Culkin), who claims to be one of Gabriel's biggest fans. The boy, who has AIDS, is also the author of a memoir describing the horrific sexual abuse he suffered before he was adopted by Donna (Toni Collette), a kind-hearted nurse. When Noone goes to see him, Donna is overly protective, and the visit segues into an ending with a twist.

At the time of Robin Williams's death, four films in which he appears were in post-production: **Absolutely Anything** (voice of Dennis the Dog), **Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb** (Teddy Roosevelt), **Merry Friggin' Christmas** (Mitch) and **The Angriest Man in Brooklyn** (Henry Altman). He will be sorely missed but he left a rich legacy of talent that spanned 37 years.

And until next time, happy viewing. . .

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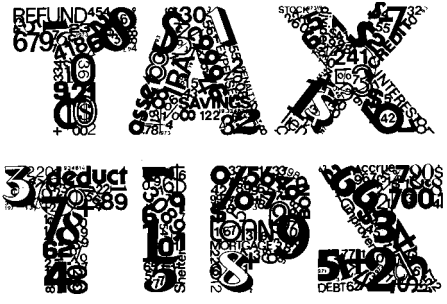
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Student Loans A Parent's Guide

Before 2007 it was possible to get a mortgage from somebody just for having a pulse. As the demand for a housing rose, wacky products were created to meet the demand (such as no income-verification mortgages). That dynamic is repeating itself with the burgeoning student debt problem. Everybody wants to go to college, but with American savings at all-time lows, either drained by economic forces or never saved in the first place, the only way this appetite can be slated is with borrowing.

There is only one way to reduce student debt to a manageable level, and that is not to incur it in the first place.

Save the Smart Way

If you have a few years to go before your child goes to college, that's great! Invest in a 529 program. This is named for a provision in the tax code that allows you to put almost as much as you want in a tax-deferred account. You can deduct the payments into the 529 from your current income, and the amount grows with no taxes imposed on any gains. It's a sweet deal all around. The Feds impose a strict hierarchy of expenses you can use it for, but thankfully, it covers the big stuff.

Even a minimally informed financial advisor can direct you to a 529 program. Some states even allow you to start prepaying tuition.

Reduce Tuition by Acting Rationally

Let's put things in perspective. Not everyone either needs to go to college or is capable of going to college. If your child is doing just okay in high school, maybe he or she can go to community college for a couple of years and transfer to a better school when maturity sets in.

Okay, but what if your child is very bright. Ask yourself what the long-term plan is. Is your child going to be a computer engineer or a history teacher? With a starting salary of \$20,000, history teachers are going to have a rough time covering \$50,000 in student loans. As smart as your child might be, as high-paying a career as they are shooting for, no one can afford a \$100,000 student loan bill.

Get Involved in Your Child's Decision

The days of a child finding his or her way in college are long gone. You must make the effort to understand the choices your child is making. Children are bombarded with college solicitations, and sadly, many schools are just diploma mills. If the federal loan system made any sense, loans to good schools would have a very low interest rate and loans to mediocre ones would have commensurately higher interest rates. No one goes to school intending to default on student loans, but attending an unexceptional school with a vague major is a very good way to do it.

Exhaust Federal Loan Options

A pro-business Congress has made it extremely difficult to shed student debt in a bankruptcy. This is why private lenders fall all over themselves to make it super easy for your child to take out a loan with them. You should take out every nickel of federal loans available to your child before succumbing to these wolves. In spite of obscenely high interest rates for a governmental product, federal loans offer some clear advantages:

1. Interest usually doesn't accrue until the child graduates or drops out.
2. If your child cannot find a job upon graduation or thereafter, the programs allow a deferral in payments for up

to three years in some cases.

3. If your child opts to be a public servant, there is a loan-forgiveness program to reduce or wipe out their debt.

4. There are nearly countless pay-back schedules available to reduce the monthly payments to a manageable level.

Protect Yourself

Do not co-sign a student loan. Should your child default on the loan, the lenders will come after your assets. If you want to help pay down your child's loans, do so on your own. Don't sign anything that ties you to that note.

Do not deplete your retirement assets to either pay your child's tuition or pay down the student loans. If you are like most Americans, you have probably under-saved for your retirement. Don't compound the problem by giving the money to your child's college or lender. In effect you are asking your children to support you when you no longer can earn a living. It's a horrible obligation to put on a young person.

Refinancing Options

Once a child is out of school and working at a "real job," certain options open up for refinancing the student loans.

Federal Loans

Although there are no government refinancing options for federal loans, there are many options for repaying the notes. It's very easy to adjust your payment schedule to your income level. The website also allows you to allocate more of your payments to the higher interest loans. In addition, the Feds allow you to defer payments, which is a nice option to have in your back pocket if you lose your job in today's uncertain world.

Federal loan forgiveness is limited to a particular type of federal loan and for public service. It's possible to convert other federal loans into the right program. It's also limited to students who have made 120 payments (10 years) on their loans. The public service is not limited to government agencies. There are certain not-for-profit organizations that can qualify you for this program. Like most governmental programs, you'll need to read the fine print to see if and how you qualify.

Private Refinancing

There are traditional lenders that can refinance student loans. The same caveats apply to these loans as regular student loans. First, student loans do not magically change when refinanced. They remain student loans, which means that they are very difficult to discharge in bankruptcy. Second, if you refinance a federal loan, be prepared to lose the benefits (like payment deferrals and income matching payment plans). Third, be prepared to be underwhelmed. Even with excellent credit, pristine record of payments in the past and a good job, at best you'll lower your interest by only a couple of points. It's a real savings to be sure, but the dollars only add up over the long term.

Other Lending Options

SoFi, Social Finance, Inc., is a unique lender. It solicits funds from the alumni of different schools and then lends the money to other alumni of that same school. The major knock on this organization is that the process is very slow. The rates offered in general are lower than traditional private refinancing. Once loans are paid off, borrowers are solicited to reinvest in SoFi to help other alumni borrowers. It's an interesting business model, which is only a couple of years in operation, but it is growing exponentially.

Another interesting lender is cuStudent Loans. This is a not-for-profit loan consolidation program administered by credit unions for credit union members. If you belong to a credit union, this is by far your best option.

Final Thoughts

Student debt is a personal choice. It's the result of wanting something and not having the money to do it now. I'm not against student debt per se, because everyone's situation is different. For many, it

represents an investment in themselves or their children. I'm against foolish student debt, paying tuition for a school that isn't going to reward with a high-paying job. I'm against not taking a good look at my child as a student and making the hard decision that maybe college isn't the right option.

Talk to your financial advisor. Do some research outside of the promotional materials you get in the mail. By no means consider this article as anything more than a taste of the options and responsibilities you have as a parent and guardian of your child's future.

BP Urges Enrollment in "Forever Graffiti-Free" Program

Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. is urging all property owners to enroll in the City's graffiti removal program, Graffiti Free NYC (GFNYC). This is the City's first full-time street-by-street graffiti-removal program, a service provided by NYC Economic Development Corporation (NYCEDC) on behalf of the city of New York. The program provides free graffiti removal to affected commercial, residential and industrial properties throughout the five boroughs.

"Graffiti is a blighted condition that changes the overall aesthetics of neighborhoods," the Borough President said, "often giving the impression that a neighborhood is unsafe and ignored. Graffiti decreases property values and discourages business investment and employment opportunities throughout the community. I urge all property owners to take a few minutes to enroll in this program and help keep The Bronx clean and beautiful."

By completing a "Forever Graffiti Free" form, property owners will autho-

rize NYCEDC program staff to enter their property for the purposes of cleaning any accessible graffiti found on the property exterior. The one-time authorization covers all future graffiti at the specified location until consent is removed or property ownership is transferred.

"Graffiti turns lovely neighborhoods into eyesores," says Sanitation Commissioner Kathryn Garcia. "And no one wants to live in an area that's been aesthetically vandalized. That's why the Graffiti Free New York Program has become a critical tool to improving the quality of life in many communities around the city. I encourage all property owners to participate in the Graffiti Free NYC Program to help keep their property clean of graffiti. By working together, we can all make a difference for a cleaner, greener New York."

A PDF version of the enrollment form can be found at http://www.nyc.gov/html/cau/downloads/pdf/graffiti_waiver.pdf. An online form can be found at <https://a002-oomwap.nyc.gov/graffiti/OnlineFGF/OnlineFGFEdit>.

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 HH = hours; MM = minutes Tide chart by Tom Smith

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03 Wed	0546	7.11	1200	1.07	1810	7.83			Wed 03
04 Thu	0055	0.92	0655	7.14	1311	1.03	1920	7.85	Thu 04
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07 Sun	0445	-0.31	1029	8.26	1705	-0.37	2252	8.56	Sun 07
08 Mon	0537	-0.71	1123	8.64	1800	-0.83	2347	8.71	Mon 08
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14 Sun	0421	7.44	1040	0.51	1644	7.81	2329	0.34	Sun 14
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28 Sun	0155	7.75	0807	0.43	1409	8.40	2040	0.23	Sun 28
29 Mon	0239	7.64	0853	0.59	1456	8.29	2128	0.43	Mon 29
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03 Fri	0047	0.86	0643	7.26	1314	1.05	1909	7.58	Fri 03
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WATCH OR WARNING?

Meteorologists these days just can't leave well enough alone. Just when we were beginning to get a handle on some of their most popular weather words and catch phrases, they have to go ahead and introduce new jargon into the lexicon, such as an *extreme weather event* or a *polar vortex*. And who can forget the subtle shift away from *global warming* to *climate change*? It's almost as if they do it on purpose; as if getting the forecast right has become less a priority than talking about weather in sexy new ways.

It isn't as if there isn't plenty to talk about already where our weather is concerned. Take a regular old *hurricane*, for example. A hurricane is not simply a tropical cyclone with sustained wind speeds of 74 mph or higher. There is such a thing as the Saffir-Simpson scale, which breaks hurricanes down into five categories. A category 1 hurricane has sustained wind speeds of 74 through 95 mph; a category 2 hurricane has sustained wind speeds of 96 through 110 mph; and, as if those aren't bad enough, categories 3, 4 and 5 are considered *major hurricanes*, with sustained wind speeds within the ranges of 111 through 129 mph, 130 through 156 mph, and 157 mph or higher, respectively.

Sustained wind speeds is another interesting little locution. In the United States, sustained wind speeds are calculated by finding the average wind speed of the air that is moving 10 meters above the ground over a period of time equal to one minute. For most of the rest of the world, however, the calculation is completed over a ten minute period of time. This is significant

because that difference—one minute versus ten minutes—would account for a 14 percent higher average of sustained wind speeds in the United States than in the rest of the world. And you thought our hurricanes were stronger because they were made in America.

A *tropical storm* is the tropical cyclone one notch below a hurricane. It's good to know this, because the imminent arrival of tropical storms is what the National Hurricane Center (NHC) uses to distinguish between a *watch* and a *warning*. It works this way: 48 hours before the anticipated onset of tropical storm force winds (i.e., 39–73 mph, sustained) the NHC issues a hurricane watch. Like a ticker tape on TV, they scroll along the bottom of our screens, alerting us to their decrees. A hurricane warning, on the other hand, is issued 36 hours before the anticipated onset of a tropical storm. NHC does it this way so that there is ample time to prepare for potential hurricanes.

You've got to give the folks at the National Hurricane Center a lot of credit. Not only do they do dangerous stuff like fly airplanes into the eyes of nasty storms all in the name of delivering the public the most accurate weather-related information possible, they do so using vocabulary that is clear and concise, tried and true. We suspect you'd never hear an employee of the NHC refer to an *extreme weather event* or call a *post-tropical cyclone* (as Hurricane Sandy was officially declared by NHC before it made landfall in New Jersey in 2012) a *superstorm*. They have too much respect for the language and the weather they love.

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Back-to-School Tips for Parents and Teachers

By JOHN SCARDINA

Here are five things every parent would do well to remember about teachers:

1) Teaching really is “rocket science”—and brain science, too! There is research-based practice that goes into good teaching, and teachers strive to be up-to-date in the “best practices” of their field.

2) Teaching is a calling as well as a profession. We educators feel “called” to do what we do: to provide a service to the next generation—education—that is more important than money or power for our children’s future happiness.

3) Teaching demands rigorous preparation for each day in the classroom. Today’s young people, “technology natives” who have grown up with the Internet, cell phones, and social media, won’t do well with old lesson plans and rote learning.

4) Teachers are humans too, and we appreciate affirmations, respect, and constructive comments on how we are doing.

5) There is a “learning triangle”—parent/teacher/student—and we must do our share as parents to complement what is happening in the classroom.

And here are five things that every teacher would do well to remember about parents:

1) All parents want the best for their

children, and sometimes this blinds us when faced with the necessary discipline that teachers must administer.

2) Parenting is the most important work many of us will ever do, and thus we can all use the help and support of one another on this journey.

3) We live in a culture where shame, embarrassment, and sarcasm are common in the media. We parents don’t want this for our children, and our classrooms need to be safe havens that are free of these unnecessary challenges.

4) Parents are humans too. We appreciate affirmations, respect and constructive comments on how we are doing.

5) There is indeed a “learning triangle”—parent/teacher/student—and we must do our share as teachers to complement what is happening in the home.

Wishing everyone a great start to the school year!

City Islander John Scardina is a child development specialist, school psychologist, and parent educator. Check out his website at www.ThinkLaughLearn.com and join his parent support groups at the CI Community Center (usually the last Tuesday of the month).

IN THE GARDEN

By MARY COLBY



Photo by MARY COLBY

Lucy in her new meadow garden.

A NEW CITY ISLAND GARDEN

To make a new garden that reaches fullness and maturity takes a few years, but when the conditions—weather and soil—are just right and the plants are site-specific, the result can be nothing short of miraculous. That was my experience this summer in making a meadow garden for Lucy and Herb. Since the garden exists on City Island, I felt it

was important to write about it, as the plants that were chosen took off at a terrific rate and are extremely happy in their new home.

The garden is by the water in full sun, and the soil is a mix of sand and loam; the ph factor (alkalinity/acidity) is neutral at 7. Five beds were cut in oblong shapes in the lawn, leaving the grass as paths between them. The idea was to create the illusion of a full meadow when viewed from the house but to be able to access the beds easily from all directions. A line of junipers and pines, survivors of Sandy, grace the property as a backdrop. In all probability there will be other storms, so plants were chosen for their sustainability in saline conditions.

Grasses are essential to a meadow, and the smallest of them, the prairie dropseed, were purchased from Neil Diboll’s Prairie Nursery (www.prairienursery.com), which has a great staff to help you, and the plants come small but robust. The dropseed were planted around the perimeter of the beds to form what will eventually be a loose boundary or border. Pennisetum alopecuroides ‘Hameln’ (dwarf fountain grass) came second for a fuller grass with fuzzy cat tails, followed by the tall, graceful Calamagrostis x acutiflora ‘Karl Foerster,’ of which we planted 25.

City Island’s soil is naturally lean, so plants that don’t require a rich mixture are perfect candidates for successful plantings. All the sages, Russian, clary, and salvia superba, intermingle with the flat heads of yellow yarrow, euphorbia, silver artemisia, rudbeckia, aster, wild geranium and goldenrod.

Seeds ordered from Chiltern Seeds in England (www.chilternseeds.co.uk) were then started early and planted out for extra color now and for bloom next spring. These included California poppies, tall see-through Verbena bonariensis and a relative of Queen Anne’s lace, (which you will find under the name Amni Major (or bishop’s lace). And we picked a wonderful thistle, which is called teasel because it was used as a tool to tease out the knots in lamb’s wool. These will hold sway above the garden all next year.

This fall the grasses will turn copper and gold, and into the winter the palette will be straw, tan, brown and violet. To complete the last season, in early spring small crocus bulbs will be added yellow and white, a palette much loved by the owners. Muffy and Brandy, two ivory labradors, complete the scene, and if you blink you will think “Yes, here are the sheep and this is a meadow.” Lucy grows beautiful produce, and her new kitchen garden runs parallel to the meadow.

It is alive with flowers and fantastic tomatoes of which I am sometimes the happy recipient. It is a gift to sit here and watch the wind pick up and the clouds sail away while picking an occasional weed with new friends and remember Rimbaud:

No sooner had the notion of the Flood regained its composure,

Than a hare paused amid the gorse and trembling bellflowers and said its prayer to the rainbow through the spider’s web.

From “After the Flood” by Rimbaud (trans. John Ashbery).

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Rena Hansen
Rena Hansen

Former Island resident and *Island Current* photographer Rena Hansen, 96, died on Saturday, Aug. 2, 2014, in Warren, Ohio, where she moved in 2004.

Rena was born on Dec. 10, 1917, in Baltimore, Maryland, the daughter of the late Colin and Tirzah (Caldwell) Odell. She attended art school in Detroit, Michigan, where she met her husband, Hans H. Hansen. After the wedding, they moved

to Warren, Ohio, where Rena taught art at the Rebecca Williams Community Center and YMCA and, wrote ads for several local businesses. She attended Kent State Extension in Warren and received her BA degree from Hiram College. She was active at Central Christian Church, where she became Director of Religious Education.

In 1966 Rena and Hans moved to New York City, where she received her MA in comparative religion from Columbia University and Union Theological Seminary. While in New York, Rena worked for the National Council of Churches and did editorial work for the magazine "Women Artists News." After they moved to City Island, Rena wrote and did photography for *The Island Current*. She also worked as a docent and attended classes at Purchase College, part of New York University. During all these years, Rena did her art (drawing, painting, photography and pottery) and read extensively. She was also an avid feminist.

Rena was preceded in death by her husband; she is survived by her son, James C. Hansen, of St. John's, Newfoundland; daughter, Kirsten (Bob) Burkey of Cortland, Ohio; her daughter-in-law, Alice Fordon Hansen of Traverse City, Michigan; her grandsons, Noah (Shaina) Hansen of St. John's, Newfoundland and Kyle (Lisa) Burkey of Charlotte, North Carolina; and her granddaughters, Elise (Pete) Magill of McDonald, Ohio; Stacie Hansen of Pomfret, Connecticut; and Erica Hansen of Boston, Massachusetts; and eight great-grandchildren.

Donations in Rena's honor may be made to Trumbull Art Gallery, P.O. Box 888, Warren, Ohio 44482. Rena and Hans were a part of TAG from its beginning in the 1950s. Art was an important part of both their lives.

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Autumn Sinclair

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Happy birthday(s) to Bay Street's Jean Anderson, Ben DiGregorio and Bob Swieciki, who all celebrate on Sept. 12.

Congratulations to Grace Kelly Kretzmer of Carroll Street. Her fabulous performance as Tracy Turnblatt in "Hair-spray" at the Tarrytown Music Hall made us so proud. Keep reaching for the stars! All our love, Mama, Daddy and Paxton.

Birthday greetings on Sept. 5 to the Sailmaker's Ann McGuire, with best wishes from the Swieciki family.

Baby Hunter is one year old! Happy birthday, sweetheart, with hugs, kisses and big birthday wishes with lots of love from Nonni and Pop.

Good luck to Matt Bollati, who is starting his four-year doctorate program in physical therapy at Seton Hall University, with love from your proud family.

Maria Swieciki



Lisa Marie Zoeller and Benjamin Lee Heben were married on Aug. 10, 2014.

Long-time City Island residents Bette and Ed Heben are both happy and proud to announce the marriage of their son, Benjamin Lee Heben, to Lisa Marie Zoeller of Virginia Beach, Va. The knot was tied on Aug. 10, 2014, at the Pippin Hill Winery in Charlottesville, Va.

Happy birthday wishes and kisses to our precious granddaughter, Alana Lydia Ribauda, who turned four on July 9. So much love! Nonni and Pop.

Happy September birthday to Mike Rauh, in training for his 36th New York City marathon, and to Dan Wright, new resident of Centre Street. As the son of John and Linda Wright, he's bringing the "Wright" blood to City Island!

Happy September birthday to my favorite aunt, Dot Bunyan. Love, Judy.

The Bollati family is doubly happy to announce the July 9 births of twins, Claire Barbara and Dylan Richard Gutman. Proud parents are Cathy Bollati Gutman and Craig Gutman, and thrilled big brother is Ryan Gutman. Beaming grandparents are Fordham Street's Mary and Richard Bollati and Mike Gutman of Mohegan Lake, N.Y.

Happy 28th birthday greetings on Sept. 2 to Stephen Swieciki, with love from Mom, Dad, Bobby and Maria Christina.

Anniversary greetings on Sept. 5 to Bay Street's Ben and Virginia DiGregorio, who are celebrating 66 years.

Pell Place would like to welcome Autumn Violet Sinclair, fifth-generation City Islander in her family, born on July 14. Proud parents are Jessica and Andrew Sinclair, and grandparents are City Island's Margaret Sinclair and the late J. B. Sinclair and Lorna and Kim Metzler of Ocala, Fl.,



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