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Islander Selected as Grand Marshal for Veterans Day Parade

BY VIRGINIA DANNEGGER

It did not come as a surprise to City Islanders that Joseph F. Goonan was chosen by the American Legion to serve as Grand Marshal for the 37th Annual Bronx Veterans Day Parade this year. Over the past 52 years, he has held many important posts for the American Legion, serving as Commander of the Leonard H. Hawkins Post 156, Bronx County Commander, First District Commander and Vice Commander of the NYS Department, as well as many other roles for the Legion, in addition to serving as a leader of the City Island Cub Scout Pack 211 and Boy Scout Troop 211.

Joe was raised in Parkchester and attended St. Helena Grammar School and St. Helena Business High School, but his parents were members of the Morris Yacht Club, and he spent many summers working there, as well as at other establishments on City Island. His family made many friends here, and through them he met his future wife, Eleanor Sadler.

He enlisted in the Navy in 1961 and served a three-year assignment in submarine service. After being discharged, he married Eleanor in Grace Episcopal Church on the Island in the spring of 1965. Soon thereafter they moved to Minneford Avenue, where they raised their three children, James, Brian (deceased) and Ann-Marie. He worked for a number of Island businesses, including Kroepke Plumbing, the Minneford Yacht Yard, Ray's Chris Craft and Key Handling Systems.

Joe joined the New York Police Department in 1966. "I always wanted to be a cop, maybe because of my father," he told *The Current*. His father had been a patrolman and his uncle a police lieutenant. Joe thoroughly enjoyed his 21 years with the NYPD, retiring as a detective with many stories about his service. He remembers vividly taking down an ex-GI methadone patient who was tormented by his experiences in Vietnam and shooting up a methadone clinic in the Bronx. After an exchange of gunfire, Joe finally brought him down with a shot in the leg, and was awarded the Combat Cross for his actions. One of Joe's partners at the 43rd Precinct was Bob DiMartini, who also lives on City Island.

In the meantime, in 1976, Joe enlisted in the Army Reserve as a sergeant and was trained as an intelligence analyst, counter-intelligence agent and area intelligence specialist. As Russell Schaller recounted in his profile of Joe in *The Current* in 2005, Joe went to the military intelligence school at Fort Devens in Massachusetts after he retired from the NYPD in 1987. In 1990 he was called to active duty with the 211th Military Intelligence Company during Desert Shield and served as team chief of the Terrorist Team in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, where he worked with Island resident Tony Pascassio. From 1995 to 1998 Joe performed active duty tours with the Army's joint task force that provided intelligence support to law enforcement for counter-narcotics operations. He was called again to active duty



Longtime Islander and Legionnaire Joseph Goonan will be Grand Marshal at the Bronx Veterans Day Parade on Nov. 14, 2021.

in 2003 and worked with the Defense Intelligence Agency in Washington, D.C. preparing information for the Chair of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Secretary of Defense during the Iraq conflict.

In spite of his busy schedule, Joe always managed to find time to serve the American Legion, holding many important positions at the Leonard Hawkins Post and on the state level as well. He told *The Current* that "the members do a lot for veterans directly or indirectly," such as those who have fallen on hard times and are given assistance and guided into various programs. Legion members also petition Congress for legislation to make improvements in the Veterans Administration, but Post 156 does a great deal for the City Island community as well, helping the churches, giving financial donations to the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts and sponsoring a Little League team. Joe himself has served as treasurer and assistant scoutmaster for the Scouts' Troop 211.

As one of his neighbors pointed out, "Joe works tirelessly for the Legion and the community in almost every capacity and somehow always finds the time for a neighbor who needs a helping hand." He is devoted to his family, proud of his son James, a retired NYPD sergeant, and his daughter, Ann-Marie, as well as his grandchildren, Joseph, Paul and Sarah.

When asked how he felt about receiving this recognition, he modestly replied, "It was a bit of a surprise, but I'm happy about it. I guess they thought I was qualified."

The Veterans Day parade will start at noon on Sunday, Nov. 14, at Lafayette and Tremont Avenues, with a ceremony at the Bicentennial Veterans Memorial Park, where our own Joe Goonan will receive a well-deserved award for a lifetime of service.



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VIVA LA SOUND! VIVA THE OYSTER REEF!

BY SALLY CONNOLLY



Photo by RICK DEWITT

This beautiful mural of sea creatures was painted by several youngsters under the direction of Island artists Mary Colby, Carleen Murdock, Tina Cooper and Janie Blanks at the Viva La Sound festival in Ambrosini Field on Saturday, Oct. 2, 2021. The festival attracted more than 475 visitors, who learned about environmental efforts being made by 24 exhibitors representing local groups, including the City Island Oyster Reef, Save the Sound, Rocking the Boat and many more.

Two dozen local environmental groups participated in the Viva La Sound festival sponsored by the City Island Oyster Reef (CIOR) on Saturday, Oct. 2, at Ambrosini Field. The weather was perfect, and at least 475 people enjoyed the displays, the food, the music, the art and the information that was presented in support of

protecting the environment. Twenty-four environmental nonprofits and community groups presented their work in displays, including touch tanks and oyster rakes, and explained their mission and activities to an enthusiastic audience. Visitors learned how to get involved in making the

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Photo by RON TERNER

This group of City Island Oyster Reef (CIOR) board members and volunteers gave generously of their time to present Viva La Sound, an environmental festival featuring exhibits and demonstrations provided by 24 organizations. About 475 visitors learned about efforts being made to combat climate change, especially on our shorelines, as they enjoyed food donated by City Island restaurants and music provided by Days of Wild.

Viva La Sound

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waters of Long Island Sound cleaner, as they enjoyed the delicious food donated by 19 City Island restaurants and businesses and the live music provided by Days of Wild.

Commissioner Iris Rodriguez-Rosa, commissioner of Bronx Parks, and Julie Porras, Principal of P.S. 175, were present to welcome the community to the festival. Both the Parks Department and the school have vigorously supported the efforts of CIOR, including the restoration of a living shoreline behind the school.

An art exhibition entitled "Art Around the Park by Schools on the Sound" drew a lot of attention from visitors. Students from five schools in the Bronx and on Long Island painted colorful murals that were hung on the fence at Ambrosini Field for all to enjoy. Marie Ucci and Tina Cooper displayed a stunning "Black Fish" sculpture made from plastic debris recycled from the living shoreline, and Mary Colby, Tina Cooper and other local artists worked with several children, including the City Island Cub Scouts, to paint a magnificent mural of sea creatures.

A scuba diving demonstration by Mike Carew and a stunning water display by the FDNY Marine Company #41 safe boat took place in City Island Harbor, just off the shoreline. Angela Parrino, a local author, read "Addie Under the Sea," an octopus story, to children, and a large group of adults toured through the living shoreline with resident ecologist and CIOR advisor Eric Sanderson, who fascinated his audience with information about the Ice Age, the Lenape people, oyster reefs and ecosystems.

Two weeks after the event, four workshops were held to explore in greater detail issues related to the CIOR mission: water-quality monitoring, oyster cage monitoring, the importance of marshland restoration and pollution problems in Long Island Sound. These discussions of what CIOR is currently doing attracted a number of potential volunteers to help support the organization's efforts.

The Viva La Sound festival was made possible by a grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's Long Island Sound Futures Fund, which has expressed support for the efforts being made by CIOR to improve the waters around City Island.



Photos by LIZ DONOVAN

A rally was held on Saturday, Oct. 16, at Catherine Scott Promenade to voice concern about the continuous threat posed here by climate change. The event was organized by City Island Rising, City Island Indivisible and the Hutchinson River Restoration Project (HRRP). The purpose of the event was to draw attention to the dire need for resilience and infrastructure improvements and legislative action to confront those who pollute our planet by adding carbon dioxide to our atmosphere. This carbon contributes to the storm-related extreme weather we have been experiencing.

ISLAND-WIDE FOOD DRIVE SET FOR NOVEMBER

BY RABIA GRANAY

During the month of November, several Island organizations are joining forces to sponsor a food drive on City Island for all who are in need. City Island State of Mind, a Facebook group, is coordinating the effort, which as of press time includes Trinity United Methodist Church, Temple Beth-El, the City Island Chamber of Commerce, the Boy Scout Troop 211, Dominick's Market and South Bronx Mutual Aid, Inc., among others.

There are several phases in the food drive, the first of which is a renewed call to all Islanders to contribute food items to the pantry at Trinity Church by dropping off shelf-stable items on the parsonage porch at 113 Bay Street at any time or in the front vestibule at Temple Beth-El before services. Cash or checks payable to Trinity Church are also welcome, of course, and may be mailed to the church or dropped off during pantry hours, which are Sunday and Monday from 2 to 4 p.m.

On Saturday, Nov. 20, a table will be outside Dominick's Market from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (rain date Sunday, Nov. 21). The table crew will accept drop-off items as well as distributing items in bags.

A second table will be located at 239

Play, on the corner of Schofield Street and City Island Avenue. That table crew will also accept food and monetary donations (checks made out to South Bronx Mutual Aid, Inc.), including both canned goods and fresh food, including loaves of bread, for the Anchor Community Fridge, which has been offering fresh food since the end of 2020. Beans, rice, pasta and pasta sauces are especially needed. Refrigerated food must be carefully wrapped, unexpired and labeled.

Volunteers will be posting and passing out flyers about the food drive before Nov. 20, and a social media food drive will begin on Nov. 1 providing details about the effort. Starting about Nov. 1, donation jars and drop boxes will be placed at different businesses around the Island, and block captains will collect food items in boxes so that their neighbors can drop them off before the drive. In addition to canned goods, the following items are also welcome: pasta, rice, beans, crackers, peanut butter, jelly and jam, powdered milk, water bottles and cereal.

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Current Memories

To the Editor,

In the late 1980s and early 1990s, The Current enlisted the help of Island grammar school students in labeling the paper for mailing. The three that were featured in the October 2021 issue shared their remembrances:

We fondly remember Judy Rauh bringing us hot chocolate with whipped cream while we folded and labeled *The Island Current* at her kitchen table for delivery to the local businesses and subscribers. Judy's gratitude for our help was tangible, and it made us feel like very important 11-year-olds. We also felt very important being part of the process that brought *The Island Current* to its readers, both near and far.

Looking back, we appreciate the significance of *The Island Current* even more, since it was our only community-wide method of communication in a pre-digital age. *The Current* has always been such a significant part of the community fabric—it is the verified town crier of our tiny village—and we loved contributing to its vitality.

Karen Collier Mazzella, Elizabeth Sheridan, Francesca Sena Jarman

Viva La Sound!

To the Editor,

The City Island Oyster Reef (CIOR) wishes to express deep gratitude to the environmental community groups and nonprofits and the City Island restaurants, merchants and artisans for their generous support of the Viva la Sound environmental festival at Ambrosini Field on Oct. 2, 2021. City Island groups joined together to assist the community-wide event by donating expertise, delicious food, artwork and entertainment. The festival was a tremendous success with more than 475 attendees who learned more about environmental work being done throughout the western end of Long Island Sound. This festival promoted the work of CIOR and 24 other community-based organizations working hard to improve water quality and increase biodiversity.

CIOR thanks the following community groups and nonprofits who participated: Big Reuse, Billion Oyster Project, Bronx River Alliance, City Island Boy Scouts, City Island Community Center, City Island Chamber of Commerce, City Island Cub Scouts, City Island Historical Society and Nautical Museum, City Island Rising, City Island Yacht Club's Junior Sailing Program, Cornell Coop-

erative Extension Marine Program, East Woods School, FDNY's Marine 4 Division, Garden Club of City Island, GP's Honey Tomes, Hutchinson River Restoration Project, Mamaroneck's Marine Education Center, MS 180, NYC Department of Environmental Protection, NYC Parks Urban Rangers, NYC Parks Natural Resources Group, P.S. 83, P.S. 175, Rocking the Boat, Save the Sound, St. Raymond's High School, SUNY Maritime, the Maritime Aquarium at Norwalk, the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Waterfront Alliance and Wildlife Conservation Society.

We would like to thank the following restaurants, businesses owners and artisans for their donations: Anthony's Italian Restaurant, Artie's, Black Whale, Captain Mike's Diving, City Island Chinese Restaurant, City Island Diner, City Island Yacht Club (Depot Dave Catering), Crab Shanty, Dominick's Market, Harlem Yacht Club (Anne Booth Catering), Johnny's Reef, Lobster House, Marie Ucci, Mary Colby, Morris Yacht Club, Portofino's, Ray's Café, Rick DeWitt, Ron Terner, Sammy's Fish Box, Sammy's Shrimp Box, Seafood City, Seashore, Tony's Pier and Vistamar.

Many young people volunteered at our community event, and we would like to thank them individually for all their hard work and enthusiasm: Kyle Chang, Adam Garforth, Colin Kenny, Connor Normoyle, Grace Rainero, Samantha Rainero, Rebecca Schotte, Marcus Sipas and Cassius Walker.

We thank all who helped make this day a success, with special thanks to the N.Y. Police Department; to our partners, the NYC Parks Department and P.S. 175, for their steadfast support; and to the Long Island Sound Futures Fund of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation for the grant that made the event possible.

City Island Oyster Reef (CIOR)



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The City Island Memorial Softball tournament returned on Oct. 9, 2021, after a hiatus during the pandemic. The charity event, held at Ambrosini Field, in memory of Dan Barry and Rob Vivolo. The navy blue team won this year's tournament, but all of the 150 attendees who played or cheered considered the event a "win." About \$4,000 was raised for City Island Little League, which serves the youth of the community.

Hart Island Yet Again

BY BARBARA DOLENSEK

The June 2021 issue of *The Island Current* contained an article announcing the transfer on July 1, 2021, of the jurisdiction of Hart Island from the NYC Department of Correction to the Department of Parks and Recreation. That transfer has now taken place, but it has raised a number of issues that must be dealt with by the City of New York, including the possibility of a crematorium being built on the Island.

The primary use of Hart Island is as a burial ground for individuals who have not been claimed or identified, and although the site has had many different uses over the last century and a half—including hospitals, mental institutions, drug rehabilitation and military installations—New York City has determined that its only use going forward will be for burials.

Because the Parks Department refused to take over burial operations, that function is now handled by the Human Resources Administration (HRA) within the Department of Social Services. In January 2020, HRA opened the Office of Burial Services and has now contracted city burials to Pizzirusso Landscaping Corporation. Starting in October 2020,

Parks took over visitor services on Hart Island. After more than a century and a half, the Department of Correction is no longer on Hart Island.

In addition to hiring a contractor to conduct city burials, HRA also commissioned a burial capacity study that will be completed in the spring of 2022 and will be used in planning. Judging from the protests that have been held on City Island regarding Hart Island over the years (see July/August issue of *The Current*), it should not have come as a surprise to residents that the burial capacity study explores some options that might not be acceptable. For example, it is clearly stated in the study solicitation that among the various options to be explored is the following:

The Contractor should also identify potential locations on Hart Island where a combined crematorium, cold storage facility, and visitor's center may be sited. The Contractor should identify any impediments to siting such a building on the island and identify potential remediation strategies and cost estimates for such remediation. As part of the siting analysis, Contrac-

tor should analyze the specifications for both traditional flame and water/green cremation facilities.

A hearing was held by the New York City Council on May 5, 2021, where the burial capacity study was discussed. At least three City Islanders gave testimony relevant to the subject of Hart Island as a burial ground. Needless to say, the issue of building a crematorium on Hart Island was protested and to date has not been removed from the study, in spite of claims by an HRA official that the idea of a crematorium was a "myth."

A second Hart Island proposal by the city of New York has also troubled many City Islanders, who believe there to be historic value in many buildings on the island. When Hart Island was under the control of the Department of Charities and Corrections in the late 19th century, buildings were constructed to house and care for prisoners, patients and delinquents. Only one structure from that period is still standing, and now, because of neglect and vandalism, all of the buildings are in bad condition, with fallen roofs and uncontained asbestos.

It came as a surprise to many to learn that New York City issued an emergency order in May 2021 to demolish all of the buildings in order to make Hart Island safe for visitors. The Office of the Mayor budgeted \$52 million to do so, and the City Council voted to approve the expenditure in June.

In 2016, New York State Office of Historic Preservation pre-approved the entire island as eligible for listing on the State Register of Historic Places, but neither DOC nor Parks has agreed to the listing. State law requires that the owner of the property agrees prior to listing on the registry. The Department of Design and Construction (DDC) is now overseeing the demolition.

The Peace Monument at the northern end of Hart Island will remain intact and will likely be restored. Many trees across the landscape are now ribboned and protected from damage during burial excavations. Parks is also actively monitoring



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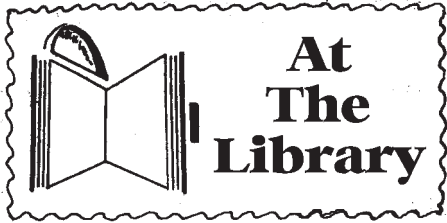
In 1948, inmates on Hart Island, assisted by the wardens, built this 30-foot monument to the "unbefriended dead" in what was then the center of the burial site. Known as the Peace Monument, it is one of the few historic structures on Hart Island that will be allowed to stand.

wildlife that became accustomed to regular feeding when DOC had jurisdiction. Finally, the ban on cell phones has been lifted, and families can now commemorate their visits by taking pictures at grave locations.

Other bright notes: City Island resident Paul Mankiewicz, founder of the Gaia Institute and a well-known ecologist, proposed in his testimony at the May hearing that the debris resulting from the demolition of buildings be used to construct oyster reefs on the east side of Hart Island. Asbestos would not be a danger, and the debris would be put to good use, protecting the often-damaged shoreline. Only recently was the \$13.2 million allocated by FEMA to restore the shoreline, which was severely eroded by Hurricane Sandy in 2012, finally used to repair the damage. Although no decisions have yet been made, *The Current* has been told that the Parks Department is interested in the oyster-reef proposal and is in discussion with DDC.

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NOVEMBER TEEN AND TWEEN PROGRAMS

AniMonday: Love anime? Come by to learn about different anime and manga, debate about favorite characters, make anime inspired art and more! Monday, Nov. 22, at 3:30 p.m.

Twisted Stitches: A teen/tween knitting, crochet, and needlework club! Bring your own project to work on in a calm, relaxed environment, or use our materials to learn a new skill. Presented by Students on the Sound, the City Island Library Teen Advisory Board. Thursday, Nov. 4 and 18, at 4:30 p.m.

Teen Unwind: 15 Steps to a Novel: How does an idea become a novel? Come with ideas of your own, or pick a prompt and explore the process of writing a full-fledged book, all to start off National Novel Writing Month. Friday, Nov. 5, at 3 p.m.

Teen Unwind: The Lenape Creation Myth: Celebrate National Native American Heritage by exploring the Lenape myth of creation and then writing your own myth to answer the question: "How was the Earth created?" Friday, Nov. 19, at 3 p.m.

Teen Unwind: Unplug & Relax: Relax in analog, with board games, books, word puzzles, coloring pages and anything else without a screen. Friday, Nov. 26, at 3 p.m.

NOVEMBER ADULT PROGRAMS

City Island Book Club: Every month a new title will be chosen, and copies will be available for pickup on a first-come, first-served basis. Call us for details on what we're reading next. Monday, Nov. 8 and 22, at 5 p.m.

City Island Scrabble Club: If you're searching for a place to stimulate your brain or join in on some friendly competition, then why not join our Scrabble Club? Come on in and flex those vocabulary muscles! Learn some new words, and maybe even make some new friends. Limited to 8 participants, registration required. Thursday, Nov. 4 and 18, at 3 p.m.

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

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What Are You Reading? Calling all avid readers! Let's come together as a community to discuss what you've been reading and what you may want to read next! This is an open discussion for all genres, but each session will also include a presentation of titles related to a particular topic. Thursday, Nov. 4, at 5 p.m. in person at the library. On Saturday, Nov. 13, at 3 p.m. this program will be presented virtually, with registration required.

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Address	Sale Price	Closing Date
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678 Minneford Avenue	\$499,000	6/24/21
91 Tier Street	\$580,000	6/25/21
101 Buckley Street	\$590,000	6/28/21
70 Tier Street	\$415,000	7/9/21
293 Fordham Place	\$498,000	7/23/21
321 King Avenue	\$725,000	7/22/21
35 Bay Street	\$604,000	7/26/21
620 King Avenue	\$1,200,000	7/28/21
75 Tier Street	\$590,000	8/20/21
191 Fordham Street	\$550,000	9/23/21
30 Hawkins Street	\$750,000	9/23/21
467 King Avenue	\$937,000	10/6/21
Multi-Family Houses		
101 Hawkins Street	\$499,000	7/2/21
103 Hawkins Street	\$651,000	7/2/21
60 Bay Street	\$500,000	7/21/21
79 Tier Street	\$1,185,000	7/22/21
211 Ditmars Street	\$760,000	8/18/21
140 Bowne Street	\$370,000	9/2/21
144 Bowne Street	\$370,000	9/2/21
Condominiums		
28 Island Point	\$936,790	7/1/21
30 Island Point	\$800,000	7/19/21
32 Island Point	\$910,000	7/23/21
24 Deepwater Way	\$470,000	7/27/21
27 Deepwater Way	\$475,000	8/6/21
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The new fine-free policies are as follows:

• New Yorkers of all ages will no longer need to pay any late fees on overdue materials.

• In the past, library cards were blocked if they accrued \$15 or more in fines; that will no longer be the case.

• New Yorkers will still need to pay replacement fees if they lose materials. Materials are considered lost after being overdue for about one month. If materials are returned, however, no fees will apply.

• Cards will be blocked from borrowing additional physical materials if patrons accrue replacement fees (thresholds differ per system); note that even with a block on their cards, patrons can still access computers, e-books, and other digital services.

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PLEASING PUMPKINS!



Photos by VIRGINIA DANNEGGER and MATT PANZA

Islanders and visitors flocked to the annual Legion Pumpkin Sale from Oct. 1 through 3, 2021, which is one of the few community events that was safely held during the pandemic last year. It was all hands on deck in the Leonard Hawkins Post 156 parking lot, including the Legionnaires, the Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion. Enthusiastic City Island Girl and Boy Scouts also helped shoppers select beautiful mums and delicious goodies at the bake sale.

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Members of the Civic Association organized a clean-up of City Island Avenue on Sunday, Oct. 3, together with community members and representatives of Council Member Gjonaj's office and the Department of Sanitation.

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Organization News

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City Island Civic Association

At the September meeting, Al Quattlebaum and Junius Williams from Co-op City presented a proposal about breaking up Sector C of the NYPD 45th Precinct into two sections, one representing Co-op City and the other representing City Island. At the present time, there is always a time lag in police presence in emergencies and dividing the sector will minimize delays in police coverage. A petition is being circulated for approval by Island residents. Currently, crime is up (including a recent vicious attack at the Sunoco station) and there are quality of life issues that need attention. A motion was made to support the petition and it was unanimously approved. To access the petition, go to <https://www.change.org/p/al-quattlebaum-in-partnership-with-city-island-civic-association-petition-to-create-a-safer-and-more-secure-co-op-city-and-city-island>.

The Municipal Services committee reported that there will be road repair taking place in November and December and that DOT studies for the Pilot Street traffic light, speed bumps on Minneford Avenue and the lighting survey on City Island Avenue are ongoing. We hope the City Island Circle resurfacing will happen by year's end; the bollards there are being extended.

The Water Safety Committee again presented a request to Community Board 10 for a permanent station in the Bronx for NYPD's Harbor Patrol.

The Human Resources Administration, which is handling burials at Hart Island, has proposed a study to construct a crematorium there. All at the meeting were opposed to this, and the Civic has reached out to the Community Board protest.

The nominating committee reported that Bill Stanton will run again for president, Fred Ramftl for first vice president, Bill Clancy for second vice president, Tom Smith for treasurer, Stu Sorell for corresponding secretary and Kim McGaughan for recording secretary.

The Civic held a cleanup on City Island Avenue on Oct. 3 along with representatives from Mark Gjonaj's office, Steve Caruso from the Department of Sanitation, volunteers and the Wildcats. The entire avenue (both sides) was cleaned up, from P.S. 175 to the bridge.

CICA volunteers help out at the Trinity Church Food Pantry and donate pantry items regularly. Food items can be dropped off on the porch at 113 Bay Street; contribution checks should be made payable to Trinity Methodist Church.

If you need assistance, please e-mail the Civic at city.island.civic@gmail.com. To register a complaint about anything from a flooded street to a broken street light or graffiti, call 311 first and get a reference number in order to document your issue in case nothing results from a call to the Department of Transportation (DOT) or any other city agency. Send your complaint number to the Civic Association at city.island.civic@gmail.com. Additionally, remember that all of our elected officials have full-time staff to assist constituents with community issues.

The October meeting will be on Oct. 26 at the Community Center, 190 Fordham Street. The November meeting will be on the 30th. Check the Civic Facebook page for updates.

If you cannot attend a meeting, please send your dues (\$20 for a year, \$50 for three years) to P.O. Box 117, Bronx NY 10464, or pay online at [paypal.com](https://www.paypal.com). The e-mail to send money to is city.island.civic@gmail.com. Remember to use the "friends and family" option so a service charge is not deducted.

Jane Protzman

Temple Beth-El

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

For the month of November, Rabbi David Evan Markus will lead Friday night live Shabbat services on Nov. 12 and 26. Other services will be community-led on Zoom on Nov. 5 and 19. Please see our calendar for our community-led Havdalah services. All services are held in a joyful celebratory manner.

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

On Nov. 7, please join us for a Fall Fundraiser, "From the Heart Brunch," live at TBE from 12 noon to 3 p.m. As we ramp up into Thanksgiving and Hanukkah, we'll be eating bagels and latkes and will learn to mix, knead and braid challah (you'll take it and bake it at home). Individual tickets are \$25 and couple tickets are \$35. For all live services, everyone must provide proof of vaccination and be masked. Please see the website for registration: www.yourshulbythesea.org.

On Nov. 28, please join us at Hawkins Park at 6 p.m. for candle lighting of the menorah.

Chesed Committee: If you need a helping hand, a caring call, a ride to the doctor, etc., please let us know. If you have love to give, we need your support. No experience is required. To seek support and/or to volunteer, please e-mail us at yourshulbythesea@gmail.com.

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

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

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

Jodie Sadovsky

American Legion Post 156

Our next meeting is Sunday, Nov. 7, at 12 noon. Dues (\$55) are due; please mail as soon as possible or drop off at the Post, and make sure your name is on the envelope. The hall is available for your next event. We can accommodate up to 80 people. Members receive a discount on all hall rentals. Please call our Activities Vice Commander Joe Goonan at 917-825-9576 for availability.

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

All retired flags should be dropped off at the Post for proper disposal. Please put them in the former mailbox by the Post's flagpole.

Please visit our website, Leonardh-hawkinspost156.com, to find the latest community information and downloadable flyers of veteran events.

Thank you for your support for yet another successful Pumpkin Sale and Legion Auxiliary Bake Sale. The community support is much needed and greatly appreciated.

The following are dates and upcoming events: Nov. 7: Regular Post Meeting at 12 noon (daylight savings ends); Nov. 10: American Legion Auxiliary Birthday (1919), U.S. Marines Birthday; Nov. 11: Pelham Grove (Winged Victory Monument) Veterans Day Ceremony, 10:30 a.m. at Pelham Bay Park. Please arrive promptly at 10:30 as the ceremony will start on time; Nov. 11:

MORE SAFE PRAYERS FOR ISLAND PETS



Photos by MATT PANZA

Another socially distanced Blessing of the Animals took place on Sunday, Oct. 3, 2021, in St. Mary's schoolyard. Even the animals appeared to cooperate with the safety rules and waited patiently for their special blessing from Deacon Bill Mueller.



River Parkway and the sewage that spills into it. Working alongside Senator Alessandra Biaggi and representatives of the Hutchinson River Restoration Project, the City Island Oyster Project and Save the Sound, we have had meetings with the leadership of city of Mount Vernon (where the sewage originates, since they dump it into the river), and it is clear that to solve this problem the city needs funding from either the federal or state government to repair its sewers. In April 2020, former Governor Andrew Cuomo announced that the New York State budget would include the \$3 billion toward a "Mother Nature Bond Act," a November ballot initiative that would include hundreds of millions of dollars specifically to address poisoned waterways like the Hutch. Unfortunately, Covid-19 continued to take its toll on our economy and the revenue the state collects from it, and Cuomo was forced to postpone the vote. It was eventually set back again to November 2022. Even after the bill passes next year, we will have to fight for this funding, and in the meantime will have to continue swimming in polluted waters.

It seems like we are finally starting to emerge from this pandemic and the accompanying anxiety that has grappled our community and nation. Although we are all, of course, fortunate to be alive, we lost time that could have been spent dramatically improving the community and our health and quality of life, that could have been directed toward tackling climate change or finding a new universal pre-k site for our youngest neighbors (more on that next month). Wasted time and opportunities have become the unseen scars of this pandemic.

John Doyle

St. Mary, Star of the Sea

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

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

Our Lady of the Assumption / St. Mary, Star of the Sea Religious Education Program is planning a Thanksgiving Raffle in November. During the week of Thanksgiving, the class banners will be hung in the church. We are very grateful and thankful for everyone's commitment to the program.

Our monthly Holy Hour will take place on Friday, Nov. 5, from 4 to 5 p.m. All are invited to attend this special period of prayer.

Our annual Thanksgiving Mass will take place on Tuesday evening, Nov. 23, at 7:30 p.m. Let us give thanks together as a community of faith for the many blessings God has bestowed upon us. All are invited to attend.

Our annual Christmas fair will take place on Saturday, Dec. 4, and Sunday, Dec. 5, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The fair will be held in both the School Gym and the Thrift Shop. Come take a look; you will be sure to find great gifts.

Rosette Dietz

NYC Veterans Day Parade forms at 26th Street and Fifth Avenue at 1 p.m. Uniform: blue jacket, gray pants, shirt and tie and Legion cap; Nov. 14: Bronx Veterans Day Parade forms at East Tremont Avenue and Lafayette Avenue at 12 noon. We will step off under the Bronx County Banner. The Grand Marshal will be our very own Joseph Goonan; Nov. 25: Happy Thanksgiving to all; Nov. 28: Hanukkah begins at sundown.

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

Peter C. Del-Debbio

Trinity United Methodist Church

Trinity will continue 10 a.m. in-person worship and children's Sunday school. Every effort is being made to thoroughly clean the facility after the service. Trinity understands these are unprecedented times. Many people will not feel comfortable coming to a service, even while wearing a mask and social distancing, so the services will be live streamed and recorded for YouTube. To request information about the live stream, e-mail Pastor Dave at david.jolly@nyac-umc.com.

The Budget Shop has reopened, and Trinity is thankful for the many donations of gently used items arriving weekly. Normal hours are Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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

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

Rick DeWitt

City Island Rising

Rising has been involved with an important project since our founding two years ago, which is cleaning up the Hutchinson



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

Autumn has arrived, and it's the time of year when we ask everyone to renew their membership for 2022. We feel so lucky and blessed with everyone's generosity during the pandemic, especially the grant from Councilman Mark Gjonaj. We are now going to have multiple ways to pay for your membership, including Zelle, Paypal and Venmo. Please keep a lookout for our 2022 membership form.

We will be hosting a weekend membership drive on Saturday, Nov. 13, from 10 a.m. to noon, and on Nov. 14 from 12:30 to 2 p.m. Come meet our wonderful Board of Directors and enjoy our indoor yard sale that weekend. We hope to see some familiar faces and new ones as well.

Save the date: Friday, Dec. 10, when we will host a Family Holiday Movie Night (pajamas optional). The cost for this event is \$5 per family. We can't wait to see you all there.

APPROVED PROGRAMS:

Irish Dance: Mondays, 6 to 7:30 p.m. For further information, reach out to Caitlyn Kelly at 914-262-4517.

Culinary Club: Every other Monday, 7 to 9 p.m. We are always looking for exciting new recipes and new faces. Please call Kenny at 917-533-7873 for more information.

City Island Civic Association: Last Tuesday of the month (except December), 7:30 p.m.

Art program for children: Tuesday, Nov. 16, through Dec. 7, for 6, 7, and 8 year-olds. \$5 fee per family. To register, call Lorraine Nicoletti at 646-932-6139.

Playgroup: Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Bring your little one for some fun and play and tons more. Please come join Gigi and Lisa, the amazing women running this program. For information, call Gigi at 347-739-1686.

Yoga: Wednesdays, 6 to 7:30 p.m. with Joann. Call 917-853-4719 for more information.

Aerobics with Mary: Fridays, 9 to 10 a.m. Call 718-885-0793 to confirm.

Girl Scouts: Fridays, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Contact Girl Scout leader Melissa at 347-739-2076.

AA: Saturdays and Sundays, 7:30 a.m.

Zumba: Saturdays, 10 a.m. with Julia; for information call her at 917-601-5514.

H.I.I.T.: Sundays, 10 a.m. This is a high-intensity interval training exercise class with a excellent teacher; contact Christina at 917-293-7058. We are always looking for new members for the class.

We have nothing booked now for Thursdays, so if you are looking for a space to teach a class, please call Patty Grondahl at 914-882-9578.

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

Cheryl Riordan

Grace Episcopal Church

Grace is open for in-person worship on Sundays at 10 a.m. Our Church is located at 116 City Island Avenue, corner of Pilot Street. You can also watch our service on YouTube via a link that is distributed weekly. To be added to the distribution of this link, please contact us at gracecityisland@gmail.com. The link is also found on the Grace Church website: <https://www.gracecityisland.net/>.

Father Wilfredo Benitez is now presiding as our priest on most Sundays through December. We welcomed him on Sunday, Oct. 10. Please join us at our worship services starting at 10 a.m.

Bible Reading over Coffee and Tea will be held on the second Sunday of each month, in which a new gathering of parishioners and friends of Grace will read a chapter of the Bible together and discuss over coffee and tea about 11 a.m. right after the church service. Led by Molly Grose, a certified mentor of Bible studies, we are currently studying the book of Ruth. Please join us.

Sunday School: We look forward to resuming regular church school classes the first and third of the month within Covid safety guidelines. We hope to begin preparation classes for confirmation this fall, as well as to begin discussing our 2021 Christmas Pageant. If you would like to be part of Grace's Sunday School, call Karen Nani at 917-853-4401 or e-mail her at karenrn1@optonline.net.

Music at Grace: The Grace Choir is looking for more singers. For the upcoming months, we will be working on new music for our regular worship cycle and the season of Advent. There are no formal auditions, and reading music isn't a requirement; you will learn basics as a member of the group. If you have singing experience, great. If not, that's okay. The choir members also play hand chimes for special occasions. Juggling two or three hymnals is a requirement and will be mastered with practice. The expected commitment for a choir singer is regular attendance at Sunday worship service; arrival before the service (usually 9:15 a.m.) to review and warm up; attending rehearsal after coffee hour (from about 11:30 until 12:30) on the first and last Sunday of every month. (Oct. 31, Nov. 7 and 28, Dec. 3, plus at least one Thursday or Friday evening rehearsal for Christmas Eve service mid-late December and the Christmas Eve service itself. If you'd like to give it a try or have any questions, please contact Caroline at geccimusic@gmail.com or see her after Sunday service.

The GraceTones have resumed singing for the community again. We are preparing to sing Christmas carols for local venues. If you play a musical instrument, such as guitar, harmonica or fiddle, and you'd like to join in rehearsals, please contact Sandy Dunn at accentfix@gmail.com.

Sandy Dunn

PSS Senior Center

PSS City Island Center is partially open at this time. A mask must be worn at all times (except when eating). At this writing only 21 members are allowed in the center at one time.

Lunch in the center is from 12 to 1 p.m. Pick up for lunch will be available from 12:15 to 12:45 p.m. Remote classes are through Zoom. Please pick up a calendar for login information.

Below is the current schedule:

Mondays

9 a.m. Tai Chi with Lucy in person
10 a.m. Blood Pressure Monitoring
10:30 a.m. Balance Class with Susan (remote and in person)

1 p.m. Nutrition or Health Classes, a different topic each week; remote or at the center

Tuesdays

10 a.m. Tech Class. Call the center for information for each week.

11 a.m. Game Day. Grab some friends for chess, checkers, Rummy Q, Scrabble, cards, mah jong, or Monopoly.

1:15 p.m. Bingo

Wednesdays

10:15 a.m. Arthritis Class with Patty (remote and in person)

1:15 Happy Crafters Club

Social Worker available to help with Medicare, Medicaid, SNAP benefits, SCRIE



Photo by ARDMIR MALZIU

Council Member Mark Gjonaj provided relief to the City Island Community Center with a generous check of \$20,000 to cover expenses incurred during a difficult pandemic year. Accepting the funds with pleasure are (l. to r.) board members Teri Kurtz, Patty Grondahl, Maria Sipas, Cheryl Riordan, Kenny Selesky and Sue Roublick, and Farrah Rubin from Council Member Gjonaj's office.

and more. Call for an appointment.

Thursdays

9 a.m. Tai Chi with Lucy (in person)

10 a.m. Acrylic Painting with Lois (in person)

Fridays

9 a.m. Zumba with Maria (remote and in person)

Singing Group with Napat resumes in January

Transportation: Transportation is available daily. Please call Alex at 347- 834-6466 for the November trip calendar or to reserve a spot. Only three people are allowed per trip, and masks are to be worn at all times. Temperatures will be taken when boarding and you must sit in the assigned seats. The windows will remain open to circulate air.

If you have any class suggestions, now is the time to speak up! We're still deciding programming for the coming months.

Stay safe and healthy.

Patty Attis

Garden Club of City Island

The Garden Club of City Island held its general membership meeting on Oct. 4 on the porch of the City Island Yacht Club. Our presenter, Dr. Patrick Gannon, gave a demonstration of beekeeping equipment and how it is used. The equipment included a hive (minus the bees), a smoker and a box for delivering bees from a supplier to a garden in order to start a bee hive. He also brought a demonstration hive with clear sides and live bees to show what the inside of an active hive looks like. He cleared up many misconceptions about bees including explaining the flying insects that join your picnic are yellowjackets or wasps, not honeybees.

The club continued its beautification projects in October by planting vinca as a groundcover at the Post Office and in three of the tree pits between Fordham and Hawkins Streets. Thanks go to Susan Strazzera, Kathy Gibbons, Ellen Murphy, Boo Dennis, Carla Chomin, Melanie Benvenue, Janie Blanks and Judy Judson for this work. Thanks also go to the Post Office supervisor, Waldemar Piegdon, who has been watering, weeding and pruning. We ask that people who walk their dogs not allow them into the areas that have plants, so that they remain clean when we need to do maintenance.

We are grateful to the businesses and residents near the containers and tree pits who help us with the watering the plants and removing trash. If you see a container with trash in it, you can help us by removing it. Thanks go to everyone who contributed so generously to the beautification fund this year. We are moving ahead with using those donations for community projects. Future donations can be sent to the Garden Club. P.O. Box 43, Bronx NY 10464.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Garden Club or being a "helping hand" for club projects, drop a note to gardenclubofcityisland@gmail.com or attend one of our meetings. We hold meetings the first Monday of every month (except July and August). Coffee and refreshments are provided by the Hospitality Committee. The next meeting will be Monday, Nov. 1, at 10 a.m. at the City Island Yacht Club. This will be an indoor meeting, so proof of vaccination and masks are required. Dr. Gannon will present part two of his talk on beekeeping.

Judy Judson

AARP Chapter 318

The latest regulations from the National AARP stipulate that no more than six people can attend a meeting, and that proof of vaccination will be required and possibly masks worn by all. So for the foreseeable future there will be no meetings. As soon as the six-person regulation is lifted, we will make an announcement. In the meantime, if you haven't gotten vaccinated, please do so.

Carroll A. Reid

City Island Republicans

Remember to vote for Curtis Sliwa for Mayor and Alex Mici for City Council. Polls are open from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 2, at P.S. 175, 200 City Island Avenue. A big thank you goes out to all the hardworking poll workers.

Fred Ramftl Jr.

Quilts of Valor

QBTS-QOV will hold its final 2021 Sew Saturday on Nov. 6 at the American Legion post from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. We are wrapping up awarding Quilts of Valor to Island residents/Legion members who are Korean War veterans. Our next phase is making and awarding Quilts of Valor for local Vietnam War veterans. If you want to participate, whether sewing, pressing, cutting, or layout, please e-mail harlan.sexton1@gmail.com.

Harlan Sexton

Sons of the American Legion

The SAL is celebrating this year 31 years of serving our community.

Dues for 2022 are now due (\$30 payable to SAL Squadron #156). Dues for members under 18 are \$11. Money can be mailed or dropped off at the Post. Please make sure your name is on the envelope. New members are always welcome.

The Legion family proudly participated in the color guard for the Rob Vivolo/Danny Barry Memorial Softball Tournament. This included several members of our squadron.

Our pig roast in September was a huge success. Thanks to all who helped and to

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50 FAVORITE FILMS, Part II

In recognition of The Island Current's 50th anniversary in 2021, I began last month with reviews of my 50 favorite films. Since they couldn't all fit in one issue, here are the remaining 25. Have fun!

Meet Joe Black (1998) 2h 58m Anthony Hopkins, Brad Pitt, Claire Forlani, Marcia Gay Harden, Jeffrey Tambor, Jake Weber. Taking human form by entering the body of a young man, Death insists that a media mogul act as a guide to teach him about life on Earth, and in the process falls in love with his guide's daughter.

Moneyball (2011) 2h 13m Brad Pitt, Jonah Hill, Phillip Seymour Hoffman, Robin Wright, Kerris Dorsey. Based on the true story of former professional baseball player Billy Beane, who became the general manager of the Oakland A's, and goes against conventional wisdom by using a statistical analysis known as sabermetrics to recruit players.

Monsoon Wedding (Indian, 2001). 1h 54m Naseeruddin Shah, Lillete Dubey, Roshan Seth, Vasundhara Das, Parvin Dabas, Vijay Raaz, Tilotama Shome, Shefali Shetty, Rajat Kapoor. A stressed father, a bride-to-be with a secret, a smitten event planner, a cousin with a serious aversion to an old family friend and relatives from around the world create chaos during the preparations for an arranged marriage in India.

Moonstruck (1987) 1h 47m Cher, Nicolas Cage, Danny Aiello, Olympia Dukakis, Vincent Gardenia, Anita Gillette, John Mahoney. Family secrets are revealed as a bookkeeper from Brooklyn falls for the brother of the man she has agreed to marry.

Mrs. Henderson Presents (2005) 1h 43m Judi Dench, Bob Hoskins, Christopher Guest, Will Young, Kelly Reilly. Set in London before and during WWII, this film is based on the true story of a bored wealthy widow who buys the famous Windmill Theater and decides to revive the theater by having the showgirls appear without clothes, much to the consternation of the stage manager.

My Big Fat Greek Wedding (2002) 1h 35m Nia Vardalos, John Corbett, Michael Constantine, Lainie Kazan, Louis Mandylor, Andrea Martin. When a frumpy 30-year-old woman decides to improve her life by taking computer courses at a local college, she goes to work at the family travel agency, where she meets a non-Greek and falls head over heels in love, much to the horror of her traditional parents.

Ordinary People (1980) 2h 4m Robert Redford, Timothy Hutton, Mary Tyler Moore, Donald Sutherland, Judd Hirsch, Elizabeth Montgomery. The accidental death of the older son of an affluent family deeply strains the relationships among the bitter mother, the good-natured father and the guilt-ridden younger son.

The Princess Bride (1987) 1h 38m Cary Elwes, Robin Wright, Mandy Patinkin, Chris Sarandon, Christopher Guest, Andre the Giant, Wallace Shawn, Billy Crystal, Carol Kane, Peter Cook, Peter Falk, Fred Savage. When a sick boy is read to by his grandfather, the characters come to life in the story of a beautiful woman who falls in love with a peasant boy, who goes away to make his fortune, and with the help of friends must rescue her from an evil prince.

Remains of the Day (British-American, 1993) 2h 14m Anthony Hopkins, Emma Thompson, James Fox, Christopher Reeve, Peter Vaughn, Hugh Grant. Set in a

prosperous British household of the 1930s, this is the story of the slow emotional awakening of a repressed butler when a new housekeeper is hired.

Save the Last Dance (2001) 1h 52m Julia Styles, Sean Patrick Thomas, Kerry Washington, Terry Kinney. When her mother dies, a white midwestern girl moves in with her father in Chicago, where her new friends are black teens who reawaken her love of dancing.

Saving Grace (British, 2000) 1h 33m Brenda Blethyn, Craig Ferguson, Diana Quick, Tcheky Karyo, Martin Clunes. When a newly widowed upper-class housewife discovers that her philandering husband has left her destitute, she converts her greenhouse with the help of her Scottish gardener into the biggest marijuana farm in Cornwall with hilarious results.

Schindler's List (1993) 3h 15m Liam Neeson, Ben Kingsley, Ralph Fiennes, Caroline Goodall, Embeth Davidtz. Winner of Best Picture and Director, this is the true story of a German businessman, who initially uses World War II as the path to great wealth by using cheap Jewish labor in his factory, but under the influence of his Jewish bookkeeper begins to evolve into a righteous and heroic man.

Shall We Dance (2004) 1h 46m Richard Gere, Susan Sarandon, Jennifer Lopez, Anita Gillette, Richard Jenkins, Bobby Cannavale, Stanley Tucci, Lisa Ann Walter, Omar Miller. When a bored estate lawyer impulsively signs up for dance lessons, he learns to be happy, although his wife thinks he is having an affair and hires a delightful private detective to confirm her suspicions.

The Shawshank Redemption (1994) 2h 22m Tim Robbins, Morgan Freeman, Bob Gunton, William Sadler, James Whitmore, Clancy Brown, Gil Bellows. Based on a Stephen King novella, this is an uplifting story of two men serving life sentences in a Maine prison where they discover friendship, self-respect and hope.

The Shoes of the Fisherman (1968) 2h 42m Anthony Quinn, Sir Laurence Olivier, Oskar Werner, Sir John Gielgud, Leo McKern, Vittorio De Sica, David Jansen, Barbara Jefford. When a Russian priest who has spent 20 years in a Siberian labor camp is sent to the Vatican, he does what he can to keep the world from self-destructing because famine in China threatens the invasion of Russia.

Sister Act (1992) 1h 40m Whoopi Goldberg, Maggie Smith, Bill Nunn, Harvey Keitel, Mary Wickes, Kathy Najimy, Wendy Makkena, Joseph Maher. When a Reno lounge singer witnesses a murder, she goes into hiding at a convent in a dangerous neighborhood and helps transform it into a community asset. This is a fun comedy with joyous musical numbers.

Sleepless in Seattle (1993) 1h 45m Tom Hanks, Meg Ryan, Ross Malinger, Rosie O'Donnell, Rob Reiner, Bill Pullman, David Hyde Pierce, Barbara Garrick, Gaby Hoffmann, Rita Wilson, Victor Garber, Carey Lowell. A newly widowed father and young son try to start a new life by moving to Seattle. When the son calls a radio talk show host and says, "My father needs a new wife," the program is heard by a reporter from Baltimore who becomes obsessed with the idea. This film is an homage to the classic An Affair to Remember (1957).

Smoke Signals (1998) 1h 29m Adam Beach, Evan Adams, Gary Farmer, Irene Bedard, Monique Mojica, Tantoo Cardinal. This is the story of a journey undertaken by two young men who leave the Coeur d'Alene Indian reservation to travel to Phoenix to retrieve one of their father's remains

The Social Network (2010) 2h Jesse Eisenberg, Andrew Garfield, Justin Timberlake, Armie Hammer, Rooney Mara. A best picture, actor and director nominee, this is the saga of a socially awkward brilliant Harvard student, Mark Zuckerberg, who became the world's youngest billionaire by creating Facebook, the most widespread social network on the planet.

So Fine (1981) 91m Ryan O'Neal, Jack Warden, Mariangela Melato, Richard Kiel, Fred Gwynne. Quirky comedy about a college professor who is forced to work for his father's clothing manufacturing company to pay off his dad's mob debt, and succeeds with a hilarious idea about see-through jeans.

Spotlight (2015) 2h 9m Mark Ruffalo, Michael Keaton, Rachel McAdams, Liev Schreiber, John Slattery, Brian d'Arcy James, Stanley Tucci, Billy Crudup, Neal Huff, Jamey Sheridan, Len Cariou. A Best Picture winner, this film recounts the efforts the Pulitzer Prize-winning journalists at the Boston Globe who in 2002 exposed the Catholic Church's systematic cover-up of widespread child abuse perpetrated by priests.

The Station Agent (2003) 1h 29m Peter Dinklage, Patricia Clarkson, Bobby Cannavale. When his only friend dies, a man born with dwarfism moves to rural New Jersey to live a life of solitude, only to meet a chatty hot dog vendor and a woman dealing with a serious personal loss.

The Sum of All Fears (2002) 2h 4m Ben Affleck, Morgan Freeman, Bridget Moynahan, Liev Schreiber, Ciarán Hinds, James Cromwell, Philip Baker Hall, Ron Rifkin, Bruce McGill, Alan Bates, Michael Byrne. Young CIA analyst Jack Ryan must avert a catastrophic conflict between the United States and Russia when a Neo-Nazi group causes a nuclear weapon to detonate

on U.S. soil. The Thomas Crown Affair (1999) 1h 53m Pierce Brosnan, Rene Russo, Denis Leary. The remake of the 1968 film improves on the original story of a bored filthy-rich man who is implicated in the theft of a Monet painting from the Metropolitan Museum of Art and is pursued by a gorgeous insurance investigator with whom he has intense chemistry.

Working Girl (1988) 1h 53m Melanie Griffith, Harrison Ford, Sigourney Weaver, Alec Baldwin, Joan Cusack, Philip Bosco, Nora Dunn, Amy Aquino. When an ambitious lower-class Wall Street secretary's boss is out of town, she transforms herself into a professional businesswoman and hooks up with an investment broker in an attempt to put together the deal that her boss tried to steal from her.

And until next time, be healthy and safe, and happy viewing...

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During the week of Oct. 4, a fisherman from the Florida Keys visited City Island to find out about his ancestors. Although he had never been here, Kenneth Knudsen (at right) discovered that his great-grandfather, David Carll, was City Island's first important boat builder, and that his grandfather was Robert Jacob Sr., who operated a boat-building yard at the same site, now the location of Consolidated Yachts. Ken drove north to find out more about his forebears, met with Tom Nye (top left) and Barbara Dolensek of the City Island Historical Society and Wes Rodstrom of Consolidated (bottom left). Ken also walked every single street on the Island in order to feel as at home here as his ancestors had been. He was delighted to learn that his middle name, Carll, was actually the original name of Carroll Street, named in honor of his great-grandfather, who built Grace Episcopal Church and the first bridge to the mainland, as well as rebuilding Magic, which was in 1871 the first defender of the America's Cup.



Photos by BARBARA DOLENSEK and MATT PANZA

Islanders were intrigued by the gradual appearance of a beautiful mural celebrating seabirds on the wall outside the City Island Marina south of Cross Street. The artist, Liz Alderman (above), who recently moved to City Island, collected paint from other residents in order to depict sea birds, thanks to a grant from the New York Foundation for the Arts and the NYC Department of Cultural Affairs.

Helping Children with Gratitude in the “More” Culture We Live in These Days

By JOHN SCARDINA, Certified School Psychologist

Being a parent in a consumer society can be tough. There is always the next new fad, the latest version of the latest video game, and the bigger and better outdoor gadgets with bells and whistles. This, of course, is true for any of us: we are constantly being sold things we do not really need.

I have a Buddhist teacher, Thich Nhat Hanh, who often reminds me that “there are already sufficient conditions present for your happiness.” As I have explored this statement for myself, I have come to realize that many of the ills we face, like racism, sexism, ageism, ableism, elitism and militarism, come from the same root—a need to protect what’s mine against an “other” we fear and to find ways to get more for ourselves. Despite our faith practices that promote charity, compassion, social justice and simplicity, we still get caught in the “more” cycle of consumption and greed.

Since this is November, the month of Thanksgiving, I thought I would return to the theme of gratitude and remind us of ways in which we can teach our children how to be grateful for what they have rather than greedy for what they want. Here are some ideas:

- **Have everyone in the family create a gratitude list:** Aim for five things each and read the list aloud at dinner each night. Maybe have a white board in the kitchen and have each family member write one thing they are grateful for each morning before leaving the house.

- **Speaking of dinner, do you say grace?:** Do you acknowledge the gift of a shared meal in a world (and even in our local community) where food is scarce?

- **Talk about the difference between “need” and “want” as a family:** If resources are low, be sure to take care of

needs and relieve the stress of financial struggle to some degree by not indulging your wants. If resources are ample, decide how you can support others in their life struggles with some of your disposable income.

- **Think globally about consumption:** People in the USA constitute 5 percent of the world’s population and consume 25 percent of the world’s resources. Sustainability is essential now if we are to promote peace in the world and a unified effort toward addressing climate change. Make some decisions as a family about your consumption and change your family’s footprint on the global economy.

- **Nurture yourself with things you love to do and have your children do the same:** Make a list of 10 things you love to do. Have your child do the same. Choose the activities that require no money or special arrangements (like expensive equipment or travel to exotic places)—maybe simple activities like reading aloud together, having a catch, taking a walk or dancing in the living room—and agree to try to do one of these each day. We need to take good care of ourselves so that we can have energy and compassion for others.

- **Find role models from your faith community that are examples of a grateful and compassionate life:** Everyone needs role models, and we thrive on the stories of gratitude, compassion and social justice. Look for children’s books about these folks and make them part of your family’s shared discussions.

I close by giving thanks to the indigenous Lenape people, on whose land I live here on City Island: may your family’s Thanksgiving celebration include an awareness of where this tradition came from originally.

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those who attended.

Come to football Sundays at the Post and support your favorite team.

Sunday, Nov. 14, is the Bronx Veterans Pride Parade held in Throggs Neck. Former County Commander Joe Goonan is the Grand Marshal. The parade travels along East Tremont Avenue.

The Squadron voted to make a \$200 contribution to this year's annual Halloween window painting project along City Island Avenue.

We are also in full support of the return of the Legion Band for our youth. Registration is ongoing. Practice is held on Thursdays at the Post. Stop in for details.

Looking ahead: The annual Pearl Harbor Ceremony will be held on Saturday, Dec. 4. Assemble at the Post at 11:30 a.m. and the ceremony will begin at 12 noon at the Legion Triangle.

Tommy Vivolo

St. Mary's Thrift Shop

The Thrift Shop is back home in the lower level of the rectory. We are open Thursday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Watch for our upcoming half-price sales on clothing and bric-a-brac. We also still have Halloween stuff. We will be closed Nov. 20 through Dec. 3. Our Christmas Fair will be held on Dec. 4 and 5 in the school gym. Mark your calendars. You must wear a mask, have your temperature taken and your hands sanitized upon arrival. Hope to see you soon.

Arlene Byrne



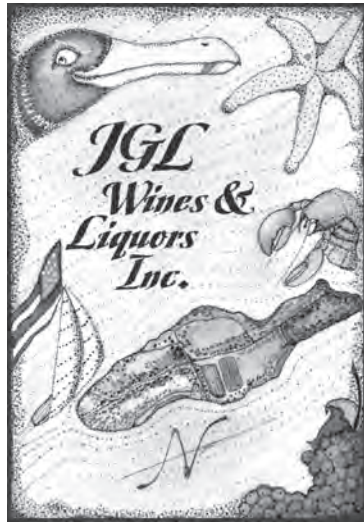
American Legion Auxiliary Unit 156

Thank you to our American Legion Family and community supporters for the outstanding support we received for our Fort Drum clothing drive to benefit the children and military families stationed at Fort Drum, NY. We are blessed and humbled by the love and generosity demonstrated to our military families in need.

A tremendous thanks to all who supported our bake sale on Oct. 2 in support of the new children and youth orchestral band sponsored by the American Legion Family. The money raised will go directly to support band members who may otherwise not be able to join owing to financial strain. Weekly band classes began Oct. 21.

Congratulations to our new Auxiliary members who recently joined our Legion Family. We are excited to welcome you. Our next meeting is Tuesday, Nov. 2, at 7 p.m. at the Post. We are always in search of members to join in our work. Service, Not Self. For more information, go to <https://www.legion-aux.org/joining>.

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

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ONCE UPON A TIME THERE WAS A JETTY

Unlike the stone walls that are scattered throughout the woods in our area—walls that were made mostly by farmers looking to clear their fields for planting purposes—the stone jetties on many City Island beaches were constructed with a primary purpose in mind: to protect against beach erosion. Homeowners had them built for aesthetic purposes, that is, to keep their beaches looking nice and sandy. Oystermen such as Fred Glasier (seen above) had more practical reasons for building them. His skiff, boat ramp (both seen above) and other tools of the trade were better protected on beaches less susceptible to the whims of weather and vicissitude of the tides.

The shifting sands of an exposed beach would also have meant less dependable surfaces upon which to ply the oysterman's trade, which relied on transporting goods by boat as there was no bridge to the mainland until 1873. The rocks that made the beaches uneven were the very ones used for the jetties. Having stabilized his work space, the oysterman could focus his energy on the water, where it mattered

most. Notice the difference between the two jetties above. The one in the distance is longer and appears safer to move about on. Tying up to this kind of jetty made it easier to load and unload supplies for both the oysterman and homeowner. Often bushels of oysters would be shipped directly from City Island beaches and jetties such as these. Fulton Fish Market was a common destination. For long-distance deliveries, those headed to Buffalo, for example, or Chicago, loaded up skiffs brought their oysters to nearby barges where they were cleaned and shucked prior to shipment.

Some City Island jetties were obviously not constructed by hand. For these, barges that had been fitted with mechanical devices capable of lifting and placing some of the massive stones would have been used. We understand that "sister" jetties were constructed by the Huntingtons of Pelham Bay and the Vails of City Island. These identical loading and offloading stone piers connected the rest of the Bronx to City Island so that a wide variety of large-scale deliveries were possible on the Island's west side. There was even a stable on Fordham Street so that horses were always available to help with the deliveries.

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In The Garden

By MARY COLBY



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Cobaea scandens, the cup-and-saucer vine

Observations and Bulb Planting

Like clockwork during October/November, *Cobaea scandens*, the cup-and-saucer vine, bursts into bloom. It is all coming to an end, yet this vine that creeps and thoughtfully tendrils around my fence lights up my life. It is a white-colored one, but it is really cream with a dash of lemon, and if I would stand for a day or two beside it, I'm sure it would encapsulate me in its wreathing progress of leaf and flower. Here is a plant that can think; it sends out the most delicate hairs with sticky ends that wave and bend to the naked eye, reaching for a good anchor to clasp itself to.

The anemone, *Honorine Jobert*, is tall and white with a green eye. It happily dances in the wind that blows winter toward us. Mushrooms appear on the lawn. I've seen posts from people foraging for mushrooms in our Pelham Bay area, but I was surprised to see one for the chicken of the woods. The postee made a nice stir fry out of them, but I would not try this as I am not an aficionado of fungi. I remember my uncle stirring up a batch when I was a kid, and the company all made it to the hospital in time, while he went off to collect more.

I've waited till today to plant the bulbs. The weather seemed unusually warm and setting them out too early could cause them to grow. So here I am in the perfect chill with bags of blue and white muscari, chinodoxa, and white tulips at hand. I love pools of these blue flowers skirting shrubs or floating in the middle of flower borders. Place a few at the edges so that they appear to have escaped, possibly by seeding. The idea is for it to look natural, as if the wind managed the arrangement, seemingly flinging the flowers far and wide in long swathes across the beds.

I pot up shallow pans of small bulbs, dwarf daffodils, muscari, *iris reticulata* to force a bit early in March. I sink the terracotta pots in the earth, and as soon as there is a thaw I can pry them out and bring them inside, having spring come a month early. By then the hellebores will be blooming, and if you have luck with them, there will be seedlings growing around their crowns that can be moved to other places in the garden. There is really nothing better than these winter flowers for sheer pleasure. Even as the snow sifts down around them, their sepals withstand temperatures well below zero.

Dahlia fans are digging their tubers up for a winter's rest in the garage. Rose lovers are mulching around the roots. The fig tree people are gathering their plastic and twine and, god hopes, burlap to sew coats for their precious ones, but I truly doubt that any of that is needed any longer here; the fig is well into its zone of 7 on City Island.

Next week will be the time of cutting, cutting down all the perennial plants to make the garden nice and tidy, leaving some grasses and interesting seed heads to lend grace to the winter picture. Evergreens shine and are the stars of the show. I love when the landscape is down to its bare bones and the shapes of holly, box and yew furnish the garden.

So, gardener, take a seat. You have certainly earned your rest.

Mary Colby is available for consultation, garden plans and installation. Call 917-804-4509.

He was an avid swimmer and swam daily in Long Island Sound (with a memorable cameo in the movie "City Island"), and he was a passionate gardener. After he retired from teaching, he turned his love of gardening into a second career with the New York Botanical Garden, where he worked in the Family Garden for nearly 25 years.

His life was defined above all by an unwavering devotion to his family and steadfast loyalty to his friends. As one longtime friend said, speaking for so many, "Everyone liked Dave." He will be remembered by all who knew him for his overwhelming kindness and generosity.

Dave is survived by his sons, James D. Vetter (Marcia) of Urbandale, IO, and Joseph K. Vetter (Lisa) of Bethesda, MD; sisters, Peggy Parks (Frank, deceased) of Denver, CO, and Martha Vetter of City Island; granddaughters, Rachel Davis (Tim), Kirsten Gannon (Dan) and Emily Vetter, all of the greater Des Moines area; and nine great-grandchildren, three nieces and one nephew.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the family to be designated to the Mannes College of Music and New York Botanical Garden. Online condolences may be expressed at www.HamiltonsFuneralHome.com.



Joseph Scotti

Joseph Scotti, a longtime City Island resident, passed away on May 31, 2021, at the age of 60.

He was born on May 23, 1961, to Salvatore and Josephine (Adams) Scotti. He worked for the Laborers Union for many years and was also an artist, a musician, a carpenter and an active member of the Sons of the American Legion (SAL). Joseph was an avid fisherman and motorcycle enthusiast and enjoyed sharing his passion for cooking with his family and friends. He loved entertaining at his home on Fordham Street, where he had a tropical garden that he cared for diligently.

Joe is survived by his girlfriend/partner of 15 years, Annemarie Tomsen; his

son, Joseph Scotti Jr.; his brother, Michael (Lisa) Scotti; nephew, Michael Scotti; niece, Marissa Scotti (Brandon Kuster), and many extended family and friends. He will be remembered as a man who always had a positive influence on everything he encountered.

A memorial service was held on June 19, 2021, at St. Mary, Star of the Sea with a tribute by the SAL and a motorcycle procession. A celebration of his life followed at Scavello's and continued at the West Fordham Street Residents Association with a salute at 7 p.m. and many games of corn hole in his memory.

David Samuel Conover

David Samuel Conover, former resident of City Island, died unexpectedly of a heart attack on Sept. 11, 2021, in Palm Coast, FL, at the age of 82.

Dave was born on Dec. 16, 1938, in Minneapolis, the son of a diplomat, and he spent his childhood in Egypt, Iran, Ethiopia and Jordan. He joined the Navy and served aboard the USS *Laffey* as a radioman. He later graduated from the University of St. Cloud with a major in journalism and a minor in Middle Eastern studies. He also had a career as a journalist, sailed the seas with a USCG 100-ton Master Captain's license and sailed yachts for deliveries.

Dave married Juliette Marie Stukin on the island of Tortola, British Virgin Island, on Aug. 25, 1990, delivering a yacht on the way. David and Juliette owned the *Shalimar* and lived on their sailboat for 20 years of their time on City Island. In retirement they resided at Pilot Cove. They moved from City Island to Palm Coast in 2013.

In addition to his work as a journalist, he was an expert sailor, writer, fisherman, sailmaker and marksman, with a passion for gardening and his animals: Wolphert, his flat-coated retriever, and Missy and Ponce, his cats. Dave was treasured for his sense of humor, wit and love of life.

He was predeceased by his son, Bradley David Conover, and his sister, Cheryl Conover Hanks, and is survived by Juliette Marie Conover, his wife of 28 years; his daughter, Jamille Cherie Bonfour; his two grandchildren, Ryan Everett Shaffer and Christian Todd Bonfour; his brother, Vincent Ray Conover, and many adoring nieces and nephews.

Obituaries

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David Vetter

David Bates Vetter, 84, longtime resident of City Island, passed away on Tuesday, Sept. 21, 2021, in Iowa at the Deerfield Retirement Community in Urbandale.

Dave was born to Frank S. and Margaret A. Vetter on Nov. 4, 1936, in Waukon, IO, later moving with his family to Cedar Rapids, where he grew up. After graduating from McKinley High School in 1954, Dave attended Stanford University before

transferring to the University of Iowa, where, as a member of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity, he earned a degree in Business Administration in 1958. He then joined the family lumber business, Vetter-May Lumber, overseeing operations at the Stanwood, Iowa, location. During this time Dave married Carole A. Prather, the mother of his two sons, Jim and Joe.

Dave had studied the clarinet from an early age, and after three years in the lumber business his passion for music was too much to overcome, so he and Carole packed up and headed for New York City. There Dave attended the Mannes College of Music, earning a second degree, Bachelor of Music in clarinet, in 1968. In 1972, he and his family moved to City Island in the Bronx, which would remain Dave's beloved home for nearly 50 years. Although Dave and Carole divorced in the mid-1990s, they remained friends.

After graduating from Mannes, Dave began a career in music education, teaching high school band at several schools within the New York City education system until his retirement in 1993. Although Dave's formal career was in teaching, his musical life didn't end there. Over the years he regularly performed with and led numerous jazz and concert bands throughout the New York area, and he was admired by fellow musicians for his mastery of the saxophone, clarinet and flute. Dave passed on his love of music to his sons and grandchildren.

Dave Vetter also had many hobbies.



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Members of the Garden Club of City Island planted vinca as a groundcover in tree pits between Fordham and Hawkins Streets: (l. to r.) Melanie Benvenue, Ellen Murphy, Kathy Gibbons, Boo Dennis and Janie Blanks.



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City Island's first Art Walk, held the evening of Saturday, Oct. 10, featured special exhibitions in eight galleries along City Island Avenue. Jerry Weitzenkorn, Nancy Kheck and Donald Kelly (l. to r.) at the Mary Colby Studio and Gallery with Mary's artwork in the background (top photo). Focal Point Gallery, which is celebrating its 46th anniversary this year, hosted a musical event outside as well. It featured Papa Guyo Guyocious and Days of Wild and Dylan Annalise Vivolo and Model Students.



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Congratulations to Rebecca Dzenis, the daughter of Peter and Estrellita Dzenis of Minneford Avenue; she completed her Doctorate of Nursing Practice in Nurse Anesthesia at Duke University in North Carolina. Her dissertation thesis, "Implementation of a Procedural Sedation Protocol and Training in a Lower Resource Hospital in Tanzania," is on application for publication. She will be starting her new job at New York Presbyterian Hospital this week. Good luck and God bless you, Becky!

Happy 11th birthday to our youngest, Emma. We love you so much. Hugs and kisses from Mom, Dad, Thomas and Grace.

It's a BIG ONE! Happy birthday to Paul Nani on Nov. 15. Age withheld upon request!



Nicolette and Andrew welcome their daughter, Sydney Wren Pollack, born on Sept. 17.

Congratulations to Nicolette and Andrew on the birth of their beautiful daughter, Sydney Wren Pollack, on Sept. 17, 2021. Big brother, Wyatt, is thrilled to have a sister. Proud grandparents are Nancy and Nick Lotrionte of City Island and Mary and Bruce Pollack of San Clemente, CA. Sydney is surrounded in love by many aunts and uncles.

Happy fall birthdays to City Island cuties Pippin Jude Kunkel Ford, who turned one on Oct. 9, and Arlo Nicholas Kunkel Ford, turning three on Nov. 10.

Happy birthday on Nov. 23 to the Boatyard's Ethel Lott, with much love from your family and friends.

Long-distance birthday wishes on Nov. 12 to Bobby Swieciki, with love



Congratulations to Rebecca Dzenis on receiving her Doctorate of Nursing Practice in Nurse Anesthesia from Duke University.



Congratulations to John and Michelle Hartigan who were wed on Sept. 25.

from Mom and Dad, Stephen, Maria and Niall. See you in a few weeks!

November birthday greetings go out to Richie Ferris (Nov. 4), Rosette Dietz (Nov. 15) and Nick Ruggiero (Nov. 21). Hope everyone has a wonderful day!

Best wishes for a lifetime of happiness to former Islander John Hartigan

and Michelle Tedy Hartigan, who were married on Sept. 25, 2021, in a small ceremony upstate attended by friends and family. Proud parents of the bride are Bob Tedy and Kylie Rothman. The groom's thrilled parents are former Islanders Helen and Ernest Manna.

To all our veterans on Nov. 11: A big Thank You for your service.

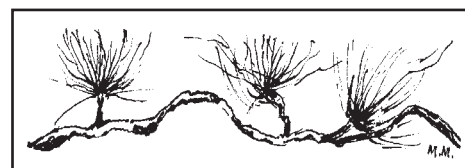
And a very safe, happy and blessed Thanksgiving to our readers, friends and neighbors.

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