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FEMA Updates Flood Zone Maps— and Raises Questions

By BARBARA DOLENSEK



Photo by RICK DeWITT

Michael Klitzke of FEMA (third from left) explained the new flood-zone maps to a crowd at the City Island Community Center on May 2, 2013, during a town hall meeting organized by Representative Joe Crowley (left of Mr. Klitzke) and Council Member James Vacca.

Representatives of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the NYS Department of Buildings addressed a town hall meeting at the City Island Community Center on Thursday, May 2, sponsored by Representative Joseph Crowley and Council Member James Vacca. Although the purpose of the meeting was to inform shoreline communities in the east Bronx about the revised flood zone maps recently published on the FEMA website, those in attendance expressed deep concern and even fear about the future, when insurance rates are likely to skyrocket.

The flood zone maps that are currently in effect and on which flood insurance rates are based were established in 1983, when scientific data regarding flood risks were last collected. Research for the revised maps began before Hurricane Irene in 2011 and incorporates updated data based on storms that have occurred since 1983. The maps that are now available for viewing at regioncoastal2.com are not final, but they indicate what will likely become final in another 18 months or two years after a period of review and adoption by the city of New York.

Unlike homeowner's insurance, flood insurance is provided by a program administered by the federal government, explained Michael Klitzke, an insurance group supervisor for FEMA, and is not affected by market considerations that affect private insurance policy premiums. This means that rates will not rise and policies will not be canceled if one files a claim, so long as premiums are paid. Premiums, however, are based on the elevation of the land and the structures on it, and the advisory flood zone maps indicate that future premiums will be considerably higher, as the flood elevation levels are increased. No new flood insurance rates will be changed, however, until the maps become final.

Many residents asked questions that reflected their deep concern about the inevitable increase in flood-insurance costs, which in some areas are already high, in some cases higher than homeowner's insurance premiums. Flood insurance is required by banks that hold mortgages on homes near the water, and some homeowners reported that their banks often insisted on policies that required higher coverage than they felt reasonable. They worried that the value of their homes would decline as the insurance rates increased and felt that they would be forced to move away from the area as a result.

Representative Crowley admitted to the audience that he and Jimmy Vacca did not

have answers to these questions and said that this was only the first of several town hall meetings that would need to be held as information became available. He admitted that he had once thought of flood-producing hurricanes as affecting areas such as Florida, Texas and North Carolina, and agreed that lawmakers in this area would have to work hard to make it possible for middle-class residents to stay in their homes in New York City.

Most of the questions raised had to do with the inevitable increase in flood insurance premiums, although the building and rebuilding will also become serious issues as the Department of Buildings adjusts its building code to reflect the new flood zone maps.

As Jimmy Vacca put it: "This is a work in progress and we don't have the answers yet."

Check the Flood Zone Map for Your House

Go to www.region2coastal.com, and click on the section marked "Hurricane Sandy." From the drop-down menu, select "What is my Advisory Base Flood Elevation (ABFE)?" Just above the map, enter your address and click on "Get Details." The zone is in letter form and the ABFE is given in feet. For example, a house in zone V with a 16-foot ABFE should have its lowest horizontal structural member located at least 19 feet above sea level (BFE plus 3). (The lowest floor in a house in an A zone should be 2 feet above BFE.) Future flood insurance premiums will be based on the final BFEs that FEMA will release in about two years. Property owners are advised to consult with a licensed surveyor or professional engineer to determine ground elevations at their site.

Public Hearing on Mignone Project

The NYC Board of Standards and Appeals has scheduled a public hearing at which the board will hear arguments for and against the application from the Italian Hospital Society to build an assisted living facility on City Island Avenue near Schofield Street. The hearing will take place on Tuesday, June 11, 2013, at 10 a.m. in Spector Hall at 22 Reade Street in Manhattan. Those who are interested in attending and/or giving testimony are asked to contact the City Island Civic Association for more information by e-mailing city.island.civic@mac.com.

SUMMER TRAFFIC CONTROL PLANS: MOTHER'S DAY AND BEYOND

By PAUL NANI



Photo by MARK NANI

On May 13, 2013, a van drove through the middle of the City Island circle, struck a tree and burst into flames. Police and firefighters worked quickly to extinguish the fire, which took place about 11 p.m.

On Mother's Day, May 12, 2013, police and traffic agents were out in full force for the entire weekend. Using cones, squad cars and traffic agents on foot, they managed the approach to City Island and along the avenue on Friday and Saturday nights and all day Sunday. As in the past, the goal was to keep traffic moving along City Island Avenue and keep the fire lane clear.

Following the pattern used for Valentine's Day this year, officers and agents at traffic lights kept vehicles moving through red lights in both directions when it was safe to do so. This helped prevent vehicles leaving the Island from causing a backup of vehicles coming onto the Island.

Another successful aspect of the plan was to prevent vehicles waiting to enter restaurant parking lots from backing up into the driving lane, forcing other vehicles to drive around them in the fire lane. Police put up "No Parking" signs before the parking-lot entrances at several restaurants, creating a waiting area for particular restaurants and improving traffic flow. As on Valentine's Day, these no-parking zones went from the bridge to Tier Street, because traffic tends to clog up to those points and move well beyond them.

Police also succeeded in stopping one of the most annoying practices: cars jumping the line at the circle by Rodman's Neck. This year they put out additional orange cones and stationed traffic agents to prevent cars in the middle and left lanes in the circle from cutting into the right lane approach to City Island Road.

All this did not come about without careful planning. Police and the Civic Association traffic chairperson worked together with restaurant and store owners to minimize any inconvenience to Islanders.

On Thursday, May 16, police set up a checkpoint south of the bridge and pulled over a large number of motorcycles. The effort yielded several summonses either for a suspended license or for operating a vehicle "out of class" (without an appropriate permit). Three motorcycles were confiscated and two arrests were made.

As the summer of 2013 begins, the 45th Precinct is planning to continue the efforts to control auto and motorcycle traffic approaching and on City Island on summer weekends. However, Islanders need to remember that police and traffic agents can be reassigned in case of emergencies off City Island or if traffic needs control elsewhere in the Bronx during the summer.

It is also important for Islanders to know that orange cones or any other objects intended to prevent parking or direct traffic may be put in place only by the NYPD or the Department of Transportation (DOT).

Recently, the proprietors of a restaurant on City Island Avenue have been putting out cones along the entire length of the Avenue in front of the restaurant to save spaces for their patrons. When questioned, they replied that they had a permit to do so but could not produce it. When the Civic questioned the 45th Precinct, the traffic chair was told that the practice was illegal. A Community Affairs Officer from the 45th visited the restaurant to inform them that this practice was illegal, and since then the restaurant has stopped putting cones in front of the establishment.

According to Officer Anne Marie Morrison of the 45th Precinct: "Unless there are NYPD 'No Parking' signs or signs put out by other city agencies, like DOT or the Parks Department, whatever obstructions people put out to prevent parking can be moved and vehicles can be parked in a legal space."

Summer, of course, is not the only time that traffic can be a problem for City Island. Drivers need to obey traffic laws year round. Sadly, there continue to be traffic accidents in and around City Island due to reckless driving and speeding (see photo).

If residents and business owners have suggestions for future traffic control plans, please attend the meetings of the Civic Association or the Chamber of Commerce. You can also go to their websites: www.civic.org and www.cityislandchamber.org.

BRIEFLY...

SUMMER CAMP PROGRAM: The City Island Community Center will host an information and registration session for children, teens and parents interested in Camp Vacamas, which was established in 1924 on 560 wooded acres about an hour from City Island in rural northern New Jersey. Vacamas is fully accredited by the American Camp Association and provides a safe and caring environment for both boys and girls ages 7 through 17, from diverse ethnic, religious and economic backgrounds. Camp fees are set on a sliding scale, taking into account family income, and scholarships are available based on eligibility. No child or family is ever turned away from Vacamas because of financial hardship. If you and your children are interested in learning more about Camp Vacamas, please attend the session on Tuesday, June 11, at 7:30 p.m. at the City Island Community Center, 190 Fordham Street. For additional information visit www.vacamas.org or email BronxMTS@gmail.com.

WARRIORS FOOTBALL REGISTRATION: Coach Jay Demers announced a second registration for the 62nd season of Warriors Football on Saturday, June 22, in Pelham Bay Park adjacent to the running track. Registration will be by the blue shed, rain or shine, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Registrants should be accompanied by an adult and bring a copy of their birth certificate. Flag football is available for boys and girls ages 5 to 7 (\$140). Tackle football is available for boys and girls ages 7 to 13 in several different age and weight divisions (\$160). The season runs from August through November. For more information, call Jerry Demers at 718-829-7574.

THE BLESSING OF THE FLEET will take place on Sunday, June 23, beginning at 1 p.m. (1300 hours). Multi-denominational clergy will bless vessels from the Fenton Marine Dock with the cooperation and support of the City Island Power Squadron and the Leonard Hawkins American Legion Post 156. Boats are to assemble at 12:30 p.m. at the Hart Island Ferry Dock in City Island Harbor. Communication on VHF Channel 71 begins at 12:30 p.m.

THE BRONX FIREWORKS EXTRAVAGANZA will take place on Friday, June 28, at 9 p.m. at Orchard Beach. The fireworks are co-sponsored by Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. and State Senator Jeffrey Klein. The gates open at 7 p.m. for an evening of family fun, including a musical salute to the American spirit by the Bronx Arts Ensemble orchestra, boardwalk performers and lots of activities for kids. Islanders should watch for traffic jams on the City Island Bridge, as residents usually gather to watch the display from the walkways.

A 50TH REUNION FOR THE ST. MARY'S CLASS OF 1963 is being planned for Oct. 5, 2013. This is a great opportunity to renew old friendships, forge new ones and share fond memories. If you are a 1963 graduate of St. Mary, Star of the Sea School, call or e-mail Georgia Bagon Mattison at georgia.bagon@aol.com or call 718-885-2381. Spouses are welcome.

45 BLOTTER

Complaints reported from City Island to the 45th Precinct during April and May 2013. Unfounded complaints are not included in the list.

- 2 – PETIT LARCENY
- 1 – GRAND LARCENY
- 1 – CRIMINAL TRESPASS
- 3 – ASSAULT
- 1 – AGGRAVATED HARASSMENT

Police provided details on the following incidents for the period from April 21 to May 19, 2013.

4/27 – Police arrested three off-Island females, ages 18, 19 and 28, and charged them with assault at 5:30 p.m. The defendants allegedly punched and kicked a female victim at a commercial establishment on City Island Avenue following a verbal dispute.

5/3 – At 9:30 p.m. on City Island Avenue, an unknown male entered the premises of a commercial establishment without permission in an act of criminal trespass. The perpetrator left the premises without removing any property.

5/5 – Police from the 45th Precinct are

investigating an assault on Fordham Street at 5 a.m. An Island female, 39, reported that her ex-boyfriend punched her in the face and choked her, causing injury.

5/6 – A resident of Windward Lane reported that six checks had been fraudulently cashed from her bank accounts without her permission. Police are investigating the case of grand larceny.

5/8 – At 12 noon on Horton Street, a female resident reported that she was being harassed by her ex-boyfriend with repeated threatening phone calls. The complainant fears for her safety.

5/9 – On City Island Avenue between Hawkins and Carroll Streets, a female resident reported that the front license plate was stolen from her parked vehicle in an act of petit larceny.

5/12 – An off-Island male, 20, was arrested and charged with petit larceny at 6 p.m. An employee observed the defendant pocketing money from the cash register without permission from a store on City Island Avenue.

5/18 – Police arrested an off-Island male, 17, at 4 p.m. on City Island Avenue after the defendant allegedly struck a victim on the back of the head, causing injury and bleeding.

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NYSID # 00476196N HEIGHT 5' 10" , WEIGHT 140 lbs., HAIR BLACK, EYES BROWN LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: 227 DITMARS STREET BRONX NY

Above subject is a Parole absconder and has an active parole warrant for his arrest. The 45 squad is also endeavoring to locate the above subject for questioning as a person of interest in regards to PBBX Local Burglary pattern 20 of 2013.

Anyone with information regarding the above subject , please notify **Det. BRIAN DEIGHAN** at **718-822-5414** OR Detective Borough Bronx at **718-378-8083**

Investigator: Det. CRISTINA REYES Command Assigned: 268-45 DET SQUAD
Case# 2013-96 Complaint Report# 2013-045-01958

Detectives of the 45th Precinct are still looking for the alleged perpetrator of the rash of burglaries that took place on City Island on April 8, 13 and 20, 2013.

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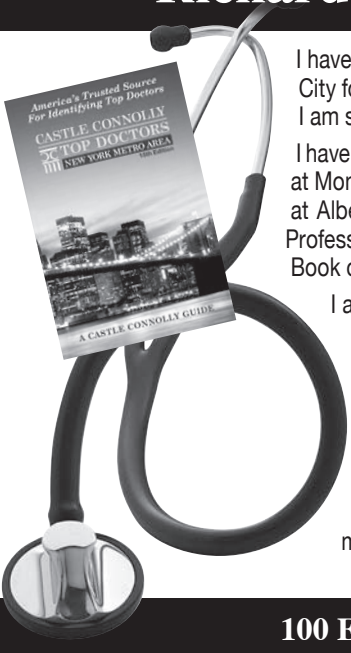
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On Sunday, April 21, 2013, the neighbors of Cross Street beach, along with Captain Mike Carew, bagged debris and cut up abandoned dinghies left by Hurricane Sandy. Thanks to Ramon Vincenty-Stern, who made calls to Senator Jeff Klein's office, the Department of Sanitation sent three trucks to remove the mountain of garbage left at the end of the street. The 20-plus volunteers enjoyed a picnic lunch hosted by Bob Zervas.

Barbara Dolensek Honored by 45th Precinct Council

By KAREN NANI



Photos by KAREN NANI

Islander Barbara Dolensek was honored by the 45th Precinct Community Council on May 8, 2013, at a breakfast at Villa Barone Manor. She was introduced by City Island Civic Association officer John Doyle and Community Council president Bob Bieder (top photo). Among the many City Islanders on hand to applaud Ms. Dolensek and "toast" her award were (bottom photo, l. to r.): Janie Blanks, Judy Rauh, Ginger Dannerger, Barbara Hoffman, Joan Mamara, Ms. Dolensek, Mr. Doyle and Carol McCabe.

NO PUMP-OUT STATION FOR CITY ISLAND

Boat owners on City Island were dismayed to learn that the free pump-out service offered since the spring of 2011 by the non-profit organization Going Coastal will not operate for the 2013 boating season. The lack of a functioning place to discharge waste into the city sewer system effectively prevents the pump-out boat from operating in these waters. In addition, Hammond's Cove Marina reneged on its commitment to provide dockage right after Hurricane Sandy, and as a result, the vessel has been reassigned to the Hudson River.

Going Coastal is working to return pump-out boat operations next season, but before that can happen, the NYC Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) must guarantee that the boat has a consistent, functioning place to discharge waste.

The mobile pump-out boat program filled a vital need for the hundreds of recreational boats docked and moored at City Island and Bronx marinas, Little Neck Bay and Flushing Bay. The pump-out boat *Eco Pal I* has prevented more than 11,000 gallons of sewage from entering New York City waters to keep local waters clean. All pump-outs were provided at no cost to the boat owners. The boat contributed to the designation of Long Island Sound in September 2011 as a No Discharge Area, which makes it illegal to dump boat sew-

age within three miles of the coast. The No Discharge Zone designation requires there be at least one pump-out facility for every 200 boats with holding tanks.

It took three years for Going Coastal to bring this service to Bronx/Queens waters, where pump-out boat operations began in the spring of 2011. Before the program was inaugurated, the operators of Hammond's Cove Marina invited the vessel to dock and discharge waste at the marina, which is a New York City park concession situated on public land. The cost of the wet/dry dockage is tax-deductible and reimbursable by New York State.

As an all-volunteer organization, Going Coastal has been successful in raising awareness of clean boating and initiating clean marina practices across the city and it maps the free pump-out facilities throughout New York State. Maps are available at local marinas, online and for mobile devices at the organization's website, www.goingcoastal.org.

All pump-out facilities must be available to all boaters for free or a minimal \$5 charge as part of the Clean Vessel Act Program funding administered by the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation, which will also help boat clubs and marinas install pump-out stations. Operators who do not allow free access to pump-out stations should be reported to Going Coastal.

Islander Barbara Dolensek has received numerous awards for her tireless community service over the years and now she can add the NYPD to her list of admirers. At the 45th Precinct Community Council breakfast on May 8, Ms. Dolensek was honored along with three off-Islanders for their efforts to "bridge police and community together."

The gathering of over 400 Bronxites and elected officials at Villa Barone Manor applauded the accomplishments of Ms. Dolensek, along with John Marano, chairperson of Community Board 10; Frank Apollo, chief of the Co-op City Department of Public Safety; and Louis Amend, community activist from Country Club, Spencer Estates.

John Doyle of the City Island Civic Association introduced Ms. Dolensek to the crowd with these words: "As vice president of the Civic Association, Barbara has been at the forefront of every critical issue that the community has faced in the last few years. She has worked with neighbors and police to address crime and quality of life issues."

He highlighted her persistent efforts to save Ladder 53, an annual fight for the last several years. "When Ladder 53 was on the chopping block, Barbara spent long hours organizing Town Hall meetings, testifying at City Hall and staging demonstrations where Islanders chanted 'Save our ladder, our lives matter.'"

He also applauded Ms. Dolensek's leadership in fighting plans to replace the City Island Bridge. "As the city prepares to spend \$150 million on a bridge design that most City Islanders oppose, Barbara has been the ongoing voice demanding a design more in line with the low rise character of the community. Some bureaucrats might call her a

pest, but we call her persistent."

Ms. Dolensek, along with the other honorees, received accolades from the many speakers at the breakfast, including Bob Bieder, 45th Precinct Council president; Captain James McGeown, Precinct Commander; New York City Councilman James Vacca; Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr.; Robert Johnson, Bronx District Attorney; and New York City Comptroller John Liu.


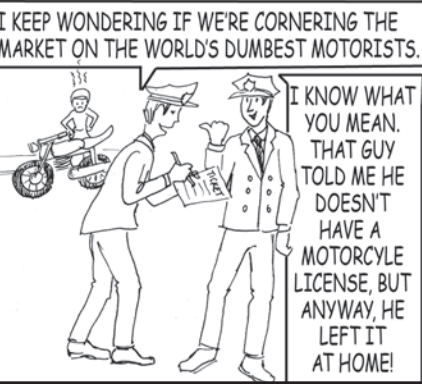
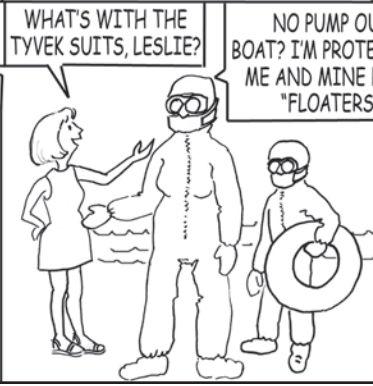


In her acceptance speech, Ms. Dolensek thanked three people: her late husband, Emil Dolensek, who brought her to City Island 37 years ago; her mother, who said, "when people ask you to do something, don't say no"; and her son, Philip, who encouraged her to retire from her full-time publishing job so she could devote more time to community service.

And City Island has benefitted widely from that commitment. Ms. Dolensek has been active in the community for many years, starting with the PTA at P. S. 175, when her son was a student there. She has been on the staff of *The Island Current* since 1985, an officer of the City Island Civic Association since 1992, and an officer of the City Island Historical Society and administrator of the Nautical Museum since 1995.

She is also on the board of the Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum and the City Island Theater Group, is a member of the Garden Club of City Island and the Friends of Pelham Bay Park, and has served on the vestry of Grace Episcopal Church. Ms. Dolensek is a free-lance editor specializing in exhibition catalogues and scholarly art books; in her spare time, she enjoys writing books, gardening, cooking, playing with her dogs, and helping City Island keep its unique historic character.

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BARBARA DOLENSEK RECEIVES 45TH PRECINCT COMMUNITY COUNCIL AWARD	POLICE ARREST 2 UNLICENSED OPERATORS AT MOTORCYCLE CHECKPOINT ON MAY 16	NO PUMP OUT BOAT FOR LONG ISLAND SOUND THIS YEAR	CROWLEY & VACCA HOLD TOWN MEETING ABOUT NEW FLOOD ZONE LAWS	GIRL SCOUTS' MOTHER'S DAY FLOWER SALE A BIG SUCCESS DESPITE RAIN
 <p>CONGRATULATIONS BARBARA!</p> <p>THANKS! I GUESS THIS MEANS I WON'T BE GETTING HONORED BY THE ITALIAN HOSPITAL SOCIETY THIS YEAR!</p>	 <p>I KEEP WONDERING IF WE'RE CORNERING THE MARKET ON THE WORLD'S DUMBEST MOTORISTS.</p> <p>WHAT'S WITH THE TYVEK SUITS, LESLIE?</p> <p>I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN. THAT GUY TOLD ME HE DOESN'T HAVE A MOTORCYCLE LICENSE, BUT ANYWAY, HE LEFT IT AT HOME!</p>	 <p>NO PUMP OUT BOAT? I'M PROTECTING ME AND MINE FROM "FLOATERS".</p>	 <p>IF THEY KEEP RAISING MINIMUM ELEVATION LEVELS, HOW ARE THEY GOING TO PREVENT "HEIGHT FLIGHT"?</p>	 <p>I THINK YOU GIRLS QUALIFY FOR THE "OPTIMISM IN THE FACE OF BAD WEATHER" BADGE FOR PULLING OFF A VERY SUCCESSFUL SALE!</p>

A Current Editorial

Instead of succumbing to despair in response to foul winds such as Hurricane Sandy, local burglaries and other bad news, we have decided that the time has come to revive our "Fair Winds" column, since we believe that City Island has much to be grateful for and much to admire. Here are a few stories from different Islanders that we thought deserved to be shared. If you have more, let us know.

Fair Winds:

• Early in May on a weekday morning, I was driving south on King Avenue and noticed an elderly woman walking with her shopping cart, which she was kind of using as a walker. She got stuck at the speed bump by St. Mary's and was struggling. A young, dark-haired guy (late teens or early 20s) wearing a Hollister shirt and dangling a cigarette from his mouth, was walking down King and came upon her. He stopped, helped her over the bump, got her moving, stayed a couple of minutes with her, offered more assistance and was cheerful to her the whole time. It was a nice sight to see, and I stopped and thanked him for helping her.

• On a cold rainy day in the winter I was walking along Minneford between Fordham and Tier, totally comfortable and dressed for the weather. An attractive young man in his early 30s, I'd guess, stopped and asked me if I needed a ride somewhere. He didn't look like an ax murderer, but I declined, being perfectly happy walking along, grateful nevertheless for the kind offer.

• In the checkout counter at the IGA, I was getting ready to pay my bill at the IGA which amounted to some number of dollars and 10 cents. Before I could even get into the change compartment of my wallet, the man behind me offered me the 10 cents.

• At the corner of William Avenue and Tier Street, heavy rain often results in a flood because leaves cover the DEP grate and the water just sits there. On a recent (very) rainy day, I observed two neighbors out there with rakes busily removing the leaves, so that the water could drain. The water was about one foot deep at the intersection when they started and just a damp spot when they finished.



We welcome letters and opinions. Letters longer than 250 words will be edited, with every effort made to preserve their substance. We reserve the right not to print letters that are copies, libelous, inaccurate or in bad taste, or those that cannot be verified. Include your phone number. Anonymous letters will not be printed, but names will be withheld upon request.

Comfort Warriors Program

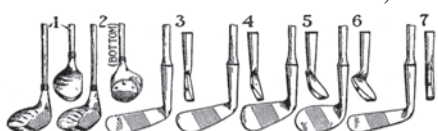
To the Editor:

The Sons of the American Legion Post 156 (SAL) appreciates the the outpouring of support we received over Memorial Day and the continued support we receive from our community.


On June 7, 2013, the SAL will host their annual Golf Outing at Pelham Split Rock Golf Course. We are asking for assistance in raising money this year to benefit the Operations Comfort Warriors Program (OCW). OCW is a program dedicated to meeting the needs of wounded, injured or ill military personnel by providing them with comfort items not usually supplied by the government. The Sons are asking for charitable donations through sponsorship and attendance at the outing. Together, we can have a huge impact on the brave men and women who have sacrificed so much to defend the freedoms of all Americans.

If you want to support the OCW, call me at 347-236-0965 or the Legion at 718-885-0639. Thank you for your continuing support of our troops and the American Legion.

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Congressman Crowley Honors Family of Bronx WWII Veteran



Rep. Crowley presented a Purple Heart and other military decorations to Ben DiGregorio in recognition of his late brother Carmelo's service during WWII.

On Monday, May 20, Representative Joe Crowley presented a Purple Heart to the family of Carmelo DiGregorio in recognition of his distinguished military service in the U.S. Navy during World War II. Mr. DiGregorio was the brother of Island resident Ben DiGregorio of Bay Street. The military decoration to be issued is a replacement of the medal Carmelo DiGregorio originally received after being seriously wounded in combat during the Naval Battle

of Guadalcanal in 1942. When he died in battle in 1943, his family was unable to recover the medal.

In addition to the Purple Heart being presented to the DiGregorio family, Congressman Crowley posthumously awarded Mr. DiGregorio five other military distinctions, including the World War II Victory Medal, American Campaign Medal, Asia Pacific Campaign Medal, Presidential Unit Citation Ribbon and Combat Action Ribbon.

SWEET VIOLETS



Photo by BARBARA DOLENSEK

The Garden Club of City Island held its annual luncheon on Thursday, May 23, 2013, at the City Island Yacht Club, celebrating the theme of "Sweet Violets." Here are officers of the club with an honored guest (l. to r.): Paula Huffell, Sue Strazzera, Merle Huebner (chair of the 9th district of the Federated Garden Clubs of New York), Barbara Hoffman and Judy Judson.

Gift of Life Child Returns Home

By MARGUERITE CHADWICK-JUNER

The Rotary Club of the Bronx co-sponsored two-year-old Agnesa Burniku from Kosovo for life-saving heart surgery in May. She came through her surgery at Montefiore Children's Hospital with flying colors, and just two weeks after her surgery, on Wednesday, May 29, 2013, she and her mother returned home to Kosovo.

The Burnikus' living conditions in Kosovo are substandard, so Albana Krasniqi, who raised funds for the mission to Kosovo to identify children in need, and the host mother, Ernesta Kelmendi, worked together to raise \$11,000 to build them a small house in Kosovo with indoor plumbing. They are also getting matching grant money to supplement the funds raised.

The Bronx Rotary Gift of Life program has garnered attention and support from Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj, who has pledged to fund two children, and friends of R.A.I.N. Founder and President Bea Castiglia-Catullo, who have pledged to sponsor one or two children a year as a result of a lottery windfall.



Photo by JIM ROMEO

Gift of Life surgery recipient Agnesa Burniku was a healthy, active little girl at the Bronx Rotary meeting at Sammy's Shrimp Box on May 14, 2013. The top of the healed surgical incision is visible at the neckline of her shirt.

TEMPLE BETH-EL CELEBRATES 79 YEARS

By ELLEN RUTH TOPOL



Photo by RICK DEWITT

Temple Beth-El of City Island held its annual dinner dance on May 4, 2013, at the Pelham Split Rock Golf Course, attended by about 100 people. Among the attendees were (l. to r.) Reb Eva Sax-Bolder, Temple president Paul Klein, honoree Elan Wolf, Rabbi Shohama Wiener, honorees Michael Tietze and Olga Berde' Mahl, and Reb David Evan Markus.

Song and dance were highlights of the anniversary dinner held by Temple Beth-El of City Island on May 4, 2013, at the Pelham Split Rock Golf Course. About 100 guests attended the event, which honored three individuals for their contributions to the temple, and enjoyed the festive atmosphere.

Citations and gifts were presented to Olga Berde' Mahl, Michael Tietze and Elan Wolf in gratitude for their work on behalf of Temple Beth-El. Ms. Mahl, an accomplished businesswoman and attorney, has lived on City Island for 17 years and has served on the board of directors of the temple as a trustee and officer; she did extensive marketing of the "Your Shul by the Sea" identity, created the by-laws and committees and also helped formulate the sailing Jewish star logo, which was finalized by the late Ed Rothschild and handcrafted by Paul Klein. When she came to City Island, there were about 10 members of the temple; now there are at least 100.

As she accepted her award, she said: "Having made connections throughout a lifetime, it was a pleasure to introduce many to our special congregation."

Michael Tietze and Elan Wolf each generously offered their time and expertise in helping to make the temple building beautiful and more efficient through their renovation efforts. A technician for 22 years at Verizon Communications, Mr.

Tietze acknowledged that his "do-it-yourself" attitude was inspired by his father and was very pleased that it enabled him to contribute to the temple.

Elan Wolf was born in Israel and moved with his family to Long Island when he was a baby. He grew up on Long Island and has lived and worked in Florida, Las Vegas and, finally, New York City, where he is currently proprietor of a landscaping and home-improvement business, with a specialty in waterfall and pond design, construction and maintenance.

Entertainment for the evening was provided by the Lickety Split Band, led by Skip Giacco, and tenor Freddie Lando, who delighted guests with his magnificent voice. Temple Beth-El is blessed with its own talented musicians as well, including Rabbi Shohama Wiener, Reb David Evan Markus, Reb Eva Sax-Bolder, Alan Dattner and Steven Gottlieb, who joined the Lickety Split band for a few exuberant musical numbers. Reb David served as a charming master of ceremonies, and Paul Klein, Temple president, skillfully facilitated the event with the help of Michael Eiron.

At the end of the evening, the raffle was won by Estelle Menon from Grace Church who graciously donated her winnings to Temple Beth-El. This example of collegiality was reflected in the diversity represented at this event, an inspiring example for the community.

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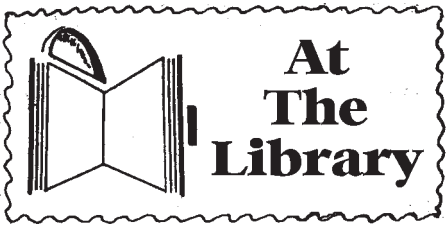
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As summer gets under way, the **Starving Artist Café and Gallery** (249 City Island Avenue, 718-885-3779) continues to serve up great music at its home base, and at the Stuyvesant Yacht Club. June features the blues (Bennett Harris, Saturday, June 8, 8 p.m.), songwriters (Lisa Jane Lipkin, Friday, June 14, 8 p.m.) and two debuts (Homemade Music by Great Blue, Friday, June 21, 8 p.m., and Marian & Charlene = Project Gemini, Saturday, June 22, 8 p.m.). Those shows are all at Starving Artist on the Avenue. For more on "The Artist @" presentations at the Stuyvesant, visit our website, www.StarvingArtistOnline.com.

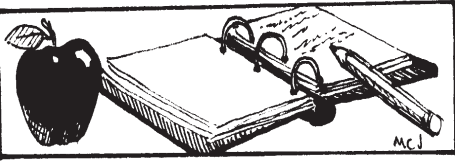


City Island Branch Library Events for June 2013

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

June Children's Programs

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



June Teen Programs

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June Adult Programs

Introduction to the Internet: This workshop is designed to introduce anyone who has never been on the internet before. Gain proficiency in using email, utilizing social media and finding resources on the NYPL website. Every Tuesday morning from 10 a.m. to noon. June 4, 11, 18, 25.

Resumé Writing Workshop and Online Job Search: Staff will be here to help you look for employment and get your resume into top form for the competitive job market. Pre-registration is encouraged but drop-ins are fine. It is recommended you bring along a flash drive to save your work. Every Wednesday morning from 10 a.m. to noon. Wednesday June 5, 12, 19 and 26.

Movie of the Week: Please check our fliers or visit us on our Facebook page for the latest movie of the week. Every Saturday at 1 p.m. or 2 p.m. we will either have a discussion program or a movie with an assortment of library items related to the film or lecture.

LECTURES

Jeremy McCue Presents: The Life and Times of Theodore Roosevelt. Our continuing series of historical lectures. Saturday, June 1, at 2 p.m.

Prof Victor Mastro Presents: Bronx Tales of Doo Wop. The history of rock and roll in the Bronx. Learn about the Chords, the Earls, Dion and the Belmonts, the Rob Roys and more... Saturday, June 8, at 2 p.m.

SPECIAL EVENT: Robert Cox, presents "A Thousand Orchids," photos from the New York Botanical Garden. Our very first art show. Includes a slide program. Saturday, June 15, at 2 p.m.

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

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ISLAND KIDS SHINE AT TAE KWON DO TOURNAMENT



Dragon's Path Academy and its City Island Tae Kwon Do Warriors emerged victorious at the Ocean State Grand Nationals Martial Arts Tournament held in Rhode Island on April 13 and 14, 2013. On the left are (l. to r.) Tasia Ortiz, Samantha Hernandez, Lily Pecoraro, Antalya Rodriguez and Jalynn Richardson. In the middle is Master Edwin Castro, and at the right are Delyn Berard, Angel Muniz, Manuel Oquendo, Nicholas Baratta, Samuel Bernard, Georgi Melicharek, Ezra Oquendo, Joseph Burton and Gabriel Toribio.

The Ocean State Grand Nationals Martial Arts Tournament Island is one of the top martial arts events on the East Coast. This year's tournament, which was held in Rhode Island on April 13 and 14, 2013, was attended by the City Island Tae Kwon Do Warriors, a large group of students from the Dragon's Path Academy, and they did exceptionally well, some of them fighting six times to make it to first place.

The results were as follows: First-place sparring champions: Tasia Ortiz, Delyn Bernard, Jalynn Richardson, Antalya Rodrigues, Gabriel Toribio, Lily Pecoraro, Nicholas Baratta and Angel Muniz. Second-place sparring champions: Jordan Thompson, Luis Iglesias, Manuel Oquendo and Ashley Torres. Third-place sparring: Samantha Hernandez. Georgi Melicharek won third place in forms and was a finalist in sparring; Rosie Kotlowics was a finalist in forms and won fourth place in weapons; Dima Berezniuk was also a finalist in forms and also in fighting and in weapons; Joseph Burton, Samuel Rosa, Serena Balassi, Ezra Oquendo, Christopher Tomsen and Owen Kenna were finalists in spar-

ring. Master Edwin Castro won first place as sparring champion and third place in forms and was a finalist in weapons.

A victory party was held for the Warriors on Friday, May 17, at the Community Center, and a belt ceremony was also held for nearly 40 students who recently tested for their rank.

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THE TOURING KAYAK CLUB OF CITY ISLAND

By VIRGINIA LETOURNEAU

This is the fourth in a series of articles on each of the six yacht and boating clubs that are celebrated in a new exhibition at the City Island Nautical Museum.

In the summer of 1927, two foldboat enthusiasts were seen paddling their boats on the Hudson River. The appearance of such boats in this region was a novel sight at that time, and it was therefore quite natural that mutual attraction should inevitably bring out two paddlers together. No sooner had they met when their common interest in the foldboat sport became apparent. To their surprise, both recognized the fact that, if this kind of sport were ever to gain in popularity, it could only be achieved through an organization that fostered such an activity.

Plans were therefore made and rapidly translated into reality when, on Aug. 19, 1927, the Touring Kayak Club was

founded. Its professed aims were "the promotion of the sport of foldboat cruising in particular and the exercise of outdoor life in general." At first, interim quarters were found in West's Boathouse on the Hudson River, but these facilities soon proved inadequate for the ever-increasing membership, and new club quarters were obtained at Grant's Boathouse, City Island, N.Y.

The change from the sheer cliffs of the Hudson River to the deep waters of Long Island Sound presented new opportunities, with the result that once again the facilities available to the Club failed to keep pace with its needs. In the spring of 1931, the premises at 555 City Island Avenue were rented and housed the Club for the follow-



Photos courtesy of TOURING KAYAK CLUB

The Closing Day Paddle of the Touring Kayak Club in 1936 (top photo); the clubhouse on Beach Street (middle) and the Closing Day Paddle in 2012.

ing 10 years.

Slow but steady progress was made during this period, until the Club had grown to well over a hundred members and its social activities had become well known in sport circles. Long and short trips on the Delaware and Housatonic Rivers were undertaken, and nearby Mott's Point became the favorite weekend camping ground.

In 1941, the Club was incorporated under the name "Touring Kayak Club, New York, Inc." In the spring of that year, it moved to 539 City Island Avenue, where it remained until the early part of 1946. This change represented a definite improvement over all previous locations, and no time and effort were spared to properly equip and beautify that place.

The ever-present desire to own a clubhouse was not realized until the spring of 1946 when, through the combined efforts of all members, sufficient funds were raised to acquire the property located at 205 Beach Street. Although these premises were well adapted to the special requirements of the Club, structural changes in the main house and the erection of additional boat storage facilities were necessary. Today the Club members continue to maintain this property through their spring work weekends.

The Club recently celebrated its 85th anniversary with a party. The Touring Kayak Club pays respect to its heritage by continuing many of the traditions that were started when the Club was founded. Every year the beginning and ending of the season is recognized with an Opening (Anpadden) or Closing (Abpadden) Day Paddle around City Island. This is always a

great time for members to gather and share the experience of paddling. Races are also a fun activity for the Club, and in 1975 the Club hosted the first City Island Marathon, a race around City Island. In recent years the Club has hosted the Boot Hill Cup race around Hart Island. Winners receive medals and bragging rights.

Today, the members collectively own and operate the Club for the benefit and enjoyment of kayaking, and they look forward with confidence to a new and prosperous era in the history of the Touring Kayak Club.

Captain Sadler to be Honored

On Wednesday, May 22, 2013, the New York City Council passed a bill naming east Schofield Street on City Island for Captain Edward Sadler, who was born in 1916 in the house built by his grandfather on Schofield Street, and who passed away there in November 2011 at the age of 95. Captain Sadler was a living landmark on City Island, an endless source of tales about the old days and a tireless contributor to the City Island community, as a Mason, a trustee at Trinity United Methodist Church and president of the City Island Historical Society and Nautical Museum.

After Mayor Bloomberg signs the bill and a sign is made, there will be a ceremony at the intersection of Schofield Street and City Island Avenue.

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Bartow-Pell Events

There are dual themes at Bartow-Pell this June, to be enjoyed separately or together. It is a month of history—given two New York Path through History weekends and the Pell Treaty on display—and a month of music, with a not-to-be-missed First Friday featuring NEA Jazz Master Jimmy Owens and a Sing for Hope piano in the garden to be played by one and all.

The Pell Treaty, which documented the sale of lands from the local Native Americans to Thomas Pell in 1654, will be on view at the museum during public hours from Saturday, June 1, through Sunday, June 16. Don't miss this unique opportunity to view this historic document, on loan from Fort Ticonderoga.

From Saturday, June 1, through Sunday, June 16, BPMM is proud to be one of 88 NYC sites selected to host a Sing for Hope piano. These extraordinary refurbished, artist-decorated Sing for Hope pianos are donated after their debut to organizations throughout the city to provide musical exposure to all. Come play a tune yourself on our piano in the garden or listen to one of our guest musicians (visit www.bpmm.org for the current schedule.)

To celebrate the NY Path Through History weekend, the museum will offer free guided tours on Saturday and Sunday, June 1 and 2, from 12–4 p.m., starting at quarter past the hour. That Saturday, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. enjoy a free outdoor concert by classical pianist Molly Morkoski on the Sing for Hope piano in the garden, co-sponsored by BPMM and Pelham Bay Park as part of the first annual Bronx Festival of the Arts. The free Bronx Trolley will run from the #6 Pelham Bay Park station to the museum and back again from 2 to 6 p.m. that day. Picnic-style seating for the concert: please bring your own blanket or chair. Registration requested. Free.

BPMM's annual spring luncheon at noon on June 6 will feature City Island



City Island's own Maria Caruso won a prize for her lovely hat with fresh flowers at the Bartow-Pell's annual Derby Day event on May 4, 2013.

resident Eric Sanderson, a landscape ecologist and author, whose books have received much critical acclaim. In "Manahatta," published on the occasion of the 400th anniversary of New York City, he showed us what the island of Manhattan looked like in 1609, before Henry Hudson came ashore. In his new book, "Terra Nova," he addresses the relationship between humanity and nature today—and in our future. After Dr. Sanderson's presentation, lunch will be served outdoors on the pebble court overlooking Bartow-Pell's formal sunken garden.

June's First Friday takes place on June 7, 5:30–8:30 p.m., and in partnership with the Bronx Music Heritage Center, BPMM presents jazz trumpeter Jimmy Owens from 6 to 8 p.m. In 2012, he was awarded the highest honor in his field, NEA Jazz Master, by the National Endowment for

the Arts. The trolley makes a continuous hourly loop from the #6 Pelham Bay Park subway station to BPMM to City Island. Registration requested. Cost \$10 adults, \$8 seniors & students; members free.

A second NY Path Through History Weekend will take place on Saturday and Sunday June 8 and 9, from 12–4 p.m. Free guided tours by costumed docents on Saturday and Sunday afternoon. Tours start at quarter past the hour. Free.

On Thursday, June 13, at 7:30 p.m., in celebration of the Pell Treaty, which will be on display at BPMM, Pelham and New Rochelle town historians Blake Bell and Barbara Davis will discuss Thomas Pell, the Siwanoy Native Americans, and their treaty. Free.

Take Dad Out to the Ball Game... 1864 style! On Sunday, June 16, from 1 to 3 p.m., celebrate Father's Day with an old-fashioned "base ball match." The New York Mutuals play with 1864 rules, balls, bats, and uniforms—but no helmets or gloves! After the game, kids get to join in the fun with a game of rounders with team members. Plus free house tours and a raffle for the game ball! Registration requested. Cost \$10 adults, \$8 seniors, \$5 children 6–17; members \$8 adults, \$6 seniors, \$3 children 6–17.

A Rustic Fencing and Trellising Workshop will be held on Saturday, June 22, from 10 to 2 p.m. Learn how to make charming rustic fencing and trellises led by

rustic furniture maker John Fuchs. We will collect the wood on site, learn what types last longest, build a trellis or two, and then you can take your creations home with you! Bring a bag lunch and water. Registration required. Cost \$25 adults; \$15 children (with adult).

To register for any of these events, call 718-885-1461. Bartow-Pell Mansion-Museum is located at 895 Shore Road in Pelham Bay Park. For more information, visit www.bpmm.org. 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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“BOEING-BOEING”

By BRUCE A. WEIS



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The cast of the City Island Theater Group's delightful "Boeing-Boeing" (back row, l. to r.): Brad Cassini, Lindy Tabano and Jay Langkamp; (front row): Susan Rauh, Christina Drake and Liza Reid.

The City Island Theater Group shuffled the cards after its winter production of Tennessee Williams's drama "The Glass Menagerie" and put on a wonderfully comic presentation of the classic French farce "Boeing-Boeing."

"Boeing-Boeing" was written by the French playwright Marc Camoletti and adapted for an English-speaking audience by Beverly Cross and Francis Evans. It is a modern period piece, reminding us of the fascination that the world in the 1960s had for jet-powered commercial aircraft. (Remember "The Jet Set"?)

The show centers on Bernard (Brad Cassini), a confident, scheming bachelor who lives in an apartment near Orly Airport in Paris. Bernard is engaged to not one but three gorgeous air hostesses: Gabriella (Christina Drake), who works for the Italian line Alitalia; Gretchen (Susan Rauh), whose airline is the German Lufthansa, and Gloria (Liza Reid), the American TWA girl. All three consider Brad's apartment their home and are completely unaware of the existence of the others.

Bernard has constructed an overall, albeit carefully timed, romantic life around the flight schedules of his fiancées' airlines: only one is in town at any given time, while the other two are reliably away on scheduled flights. Bernard is abetted

in his scheme by a long-suffering housekeeper, Bertha (Linda Tabano), who swaps photos and food in and out of the apartment according to the cultural preferences of each incoming fiancée.

Predictably, Bernard's plans start to unravel as the airlines begin replacing propeller-driven aircraft with the faster Boeing jets, throwing off flight schedules and undermining his careful plans. Ultimately, a combination of unscheduled vacations and flight delays places all three fiancées in town at the same time. We view the scheme, at least initially, through the astonished eyes of Bernard's old Wisconsin friend Robert (Jay Langkamp), who arrives for a visit just as Robert's scheme begins to disintegrate.

The play ran for seven years in London, opening in 1962 at the Apollo Theater and then moving to the Duchess Theater. In 1991, the play made the Guinness Book of Records as the most performed French play in the world. The play opened at the Cort Theatre on Broadway in 1965 but, surprisingly, closed after only 23 performances. A revival in 2008 on Broadway was much more successful, and the play ran through January 2009 with a cast that included Christine Baranski, Mark Rylance, Gina Gershon and Mary McCormack. A 45-week North American tour

began in the fall of 2009 and won Tonys for Best Revival of a Play and Best Leading Actor (Mark Rylance).

The play was made into a film in 1965 starring Tony Curtis as Bernard, Jerry Lewis as Robert and Thelma Ritter as Bertha. The movie's plot line differed from the play's and featured a more aggressive Robert, who plotted to force Bernard out of his own scheme and wrest control of it for himself. Both Curtis and Lewis wanted top billing in the movie's publicity, so as a compromise, their names appeared on a jet engine's rotating nacelle on lobby signs.

The acting and the timing displayed by the City Island cast were uniformly excellent, and each actor transitioned beautifully from one series of emotional states to the next. As Bernard's tightly woven plot frayed before his eyes, Brad Cassini slowly moved from a confident, romantic Machiavelli to a state approaching borderline panic. Jay Langkamp as Robert, in a role he was born to play, conversely portrayed the opposite evolution, moving from astonished observer to willing accomplice. As Bernard and Robert evolved in opposing directions, Lindy Tabano, as Bertha, assumed the role of cynical moral compass, challenging the increasingly bizarre choices Bernard and Robert were making.

And of course there were the beautiful air hostesses. Christina Drake, as Gabriella, was last seen with CITG as a strident bridesmaid in "Five Women Wearing the Same Dress." Here, she was more thoughtful, her emotions moving from outrage to understandable confusion, gradual understanding and finally acceptance. Susan Rauh, in her 25th CITG appearance, obviously enjoyed this part and gave a perfectly over-the-top portrayal

as Gretchen, an air hostess who would have had no trouble maintaining order aboard an aircraft. Finally, Liza Reid, as Gloria, returned to CITG after a long absence and provided a key plot twist as she segued out of Robert's plot with one of her own.

As usual, the group's production had a great set. Dan Srdoc created a handsome, realistic example of a Paris apartment with seven doors, and I was personally gratified to note that the Eiffel Tower wasn't visible through any of them. Joe Burck handled the production and lighting design for "Boeing-Boeing"; Joe has been designing and lighting all sorts of sets, haunted houses and storefronts for City Island since 2003 and his work just gets better and better. Denis Zepeda, CITG's go-to sound guy, created the effective sound design for this romantic but hilarious play.

CITG's prop mistress, Barbara Dolensek, furnished the Parisian apartment without (in what may be a CITG first) using any of her own furniture. Perhaps we've seen it all? Barbara did inform me that Bertha's feather duster and Susan's riding stick were hers, so clearly she's still in the game. Carol McCabe handled the challenge of dressing the flight attendants (and everyone else) in period costume with great flair, assisted by Cheryl Brinker. The efficient production stage manager for "Boeing-Boeing" was Vanessa Javier-Zepeda.

Nick Sala, who is president of the CITG and co-producer of its presentations with Carol McCabe, also served as director of "Boeing-Boeing," displaying a real flair for farce, in which timing is almost everything. This production was a great example of the group's ability to mount a fast-paced, tightly scripted show with apparent ease. We look forward to more productions of this caliber.

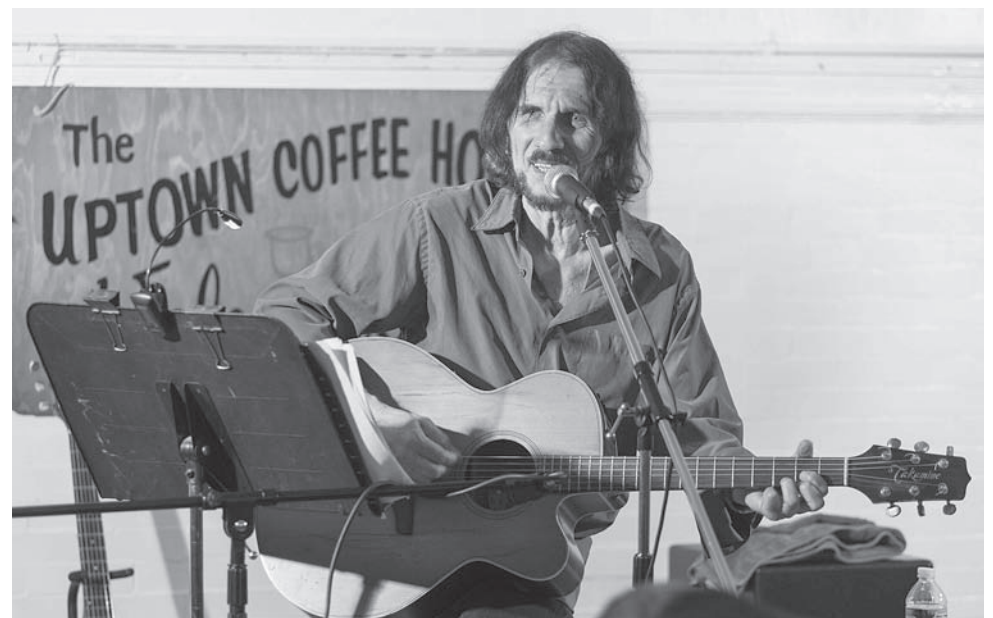


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Tom Pacheco performed for a large crowd at the Uptown Coffee House in the Community Center on May 5, 2013. Tom is a singer/songwriter whose music has been covered by Jefferson Starship, the Band, Rick Danko and Richie Havens. He entertained the crowd with great music and stories from his days performing in Greenwich Village.

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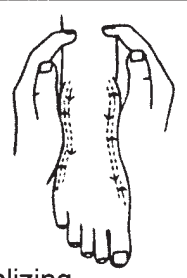


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Current Calendar

JUNE

Sat. and Sun., June 1 and 2, **Spring Arts and Crafts Fair**, sponsored by the City Island Chamber of Commerce, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., City Island Avenue.

Sun., June 23, **Blessing of the Fleet**, 1 p.m. off Fenton's Marine Dock, VHF Channel 71 beginning 12:30 p.m.

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

Fri., June 28, **"The Bronx Salutes America" Fireworks**, 9 p.m. off Orchard Beach.

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

JULY

Thurs., July 25, **Pelham Cemetery Lot Owners meet**, 7:30 p.m., Leonard Hawkins Post, 550 City Island Avenue. This meeting is for lot owners only.

Temple Beth-El

Temple Beth-El of City Island, Your Shul by the Sea, an unaffiliated, all-inclusive and egalitarian synagogue, offers a stimulating place for observance of Jewish traditions. The spirited congregation gathers together with our innovative Rabbi, Shohama Wiener, our joyful and musical associate spiritual leader, Reb David Evan Markus, and our rabbinic intern, Reb Eva Sax-Bolder. For 78 years, Temple Beth-El has welcomed all who come to celebrate and pray here as our services embrace diversity at 480 City Island Avenue.

Friday night Sabbath services commence at 7:30 p.m. We use a prayer book written primarily in English with some text in Hebrew, which is transliterated, allowing words to be easily sung and read. Even if congregants are unfamiliar with Hebrew, everyone who attends is able to participate comfortably. Your Shul by the Sea Band offers an added delightful quality to our services and some of us are inspired to dance as we welcome the Sabbath.

Our special events and services for June are as follows:

June 12: Annual meeting, 7:30 p.m.

June 13: Spirit and Song class, 7:30 p.m.

June 14: Kabblalat Shabbat, Rabbi Shohama and Reb David, 7:30 p.m.

June 23: Blessing of the Fleet, 1:00 p.m. Fenton Marine Dock

June 28: Kabblalat Shabbat, Reb Eva, 7:30 p.m.

Temple Beth-El's annual Shabbat by the Sea is scheduled for July 19 at the home of our congregants Ken Binder and Steve Roth, with a lovely waterside view of a brilliant sunset, good food and company, and, of course, Rabbi Shohama, Reb David and Your Shul by the Sea Band. (Dates are subject to change and those interested should check our website, www.yourshul-bythesea.org for the latest updates.)

Temple Beth-El is considering offering programs on Saturday mornings, a continuation of our spirituality classes, a book club focused on ethics and spiritual issues, and a special opportunity for adults to learn toward conversion or bnai mitzvah. Persons wishing more information may contact Reb David Markus at davidevanmarkus@gmail.com or consult the Temple Beth-El website, www.yourshulbythesea.org.

Have a wonderful summer and remember the High Holy Days come early this

year: Rosh Hashanah Sept. 4, 5, 6, and Yom Kippur Sept. 13 and 14. We look forward to seeing you then at our free High Holy Days services.

Ellen Ruth Topol

City Island Republicans

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 5, at 7:30 p.m. at the Legion Post. It is petition time. We will be carrying the usual county petitions to put the candidates on the ballot. The Bronx Republican party is backing former Giuliani deputy mayor Joe Lhota for mayor. His petition will be going around as well.

The Republican primary will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 10, and the general election will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 5.

Anyone in need of an absentee ballot for the primary or general election should call the Bronx Board of Elections at 718-299-9017.

The Bronx Republican Lincoln Dinner will be held on Wednesday, June 12, at the Villa Barone Manor. Tickets are \$250.

Fred Ramftl Jr.

American Legion Ladies Auxiliary

Our end-of-the-year dinner will be at The Shrimp Box on June 4 at 7 p.m.

June 14 is Flag Day. The Blessing of the Fleet will be held Sunday, June 23.

Congratulations and good luck to our P.S. 175 and St. Mary's graduates. Happy Father's Day, guys.

Until September, then. Have a great summer.

Maryann Occhicone

Grace Episcopal Church

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

Worship Schedule:

Holy Communion Rite I, Sundays at 10 a.m. Lambs Babysitting available first Sundays (June 2 at 9:50 a.m.) in Grace Church Hall.

June Event:

Friday Night Fellowship: June 14 at 7 p.m. Get ready for summer fun by enjoying a talk on "Health for Summertime!" offering important tips on skin care, nutrition, fitness and general wellness. Refreshments will be served.

Eileen Marcus

Sons of the American Legion Squadron #156

We are preparing for our annual golf outing. It will be held on Friday, June 7, at Pelham Split Rock. Registration and lunch are at noon. The shotgun start is at 1 p.m. There will be a dinner back at the Post at about 6 p.m. after the outing. The price is \$125 and includes all of the above; the price for the dinner alone is \$50. Anyone interested in sponsoring a hole or for more information should call the Post at 718-885-0639.

Fred Ramftl Jr.

Cub Scout Pack 211

Well, what an exciting year Cub Scout Pack 211 has had this year! With all the interruptions of hurricanes, snow storms and unexpected cancellations that threw us off the rails a bit, the Pack still pulled out an exciting year. The Scouts and their families enjoyed trips and sleepovers to the Aquarium in Norwalk, Battleship Cove in Fall River, Mass., a couple of local camping trips and fishing trips and their annual trip to defend the Queen at Medieval Times



Photo by NICOLE WATERS

The annual Girl Scout Mother's Day Plant and Bake Sale was held on May 11, 2013, in front of Ambrosini Field. Despite the inclement weather, it was a great success, with lots of beautiful flowers and amazing homemade treats presented by the enthusiastic sales scouts shown above (front l. to r.): Campbell Weppeler, Violet Chadwick and Savannah Waters. Back row: Anastasia Geros, Emma Ramos and Meghan McConaghy.

in N.J. They also continued their civic duty of singing Christmas carols to the seniors at Pilot Cove. In addition, let's not forget their amazing performance at the annual Klondike race at Alpine Scout Camp in N.J. And let's not forget their outstanding Patriotic attendance and march in the Memorial Day Parade.

This year the Pack was proud to have nine Scouts "Cross the Bridge" and graduate to Boy Scouts. Troop 211 was impressed and delighted to have Brandon McLaughan, Jeremy Filomio, Jaiden Torado, John Wilson, Nicholas Badilla, Benjamin Chadwick, Jordan Rodriguez, Carlo Fragola and Lucas Torres cross the bridge into Boy Scouts. All very accomplished Scouts. We are sure they will continue to impress us.

The Pack is already planning on the next season that will start soon after the start of school in September. A very organized and challenging year is being planned with some new adult leadership volunteers and great and challenging ideas. Cub Scout Pack 211 wishes everyone a great and safe summer.

Angelo Bellochio

St. Mary's Thrift Shop

Sales! Sales! Sales! June is sales month for our thrift shop. The shop will be open every Thursday and Saturday in June from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dates are June 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22 and 27. Our last day for this season will be June 27, when the thrift shop closes for the summer and re-opens mid September.

Come and see our Spring/Summer offerings: gently used men's, women's and children's clothing, shoes, bags, linens and household appliances, plus CD's, tapes, records, books, toys, games and bric-a-brac. We have graduation and prom dresses, swimwear, shorts, capris and sandals for sale. Watch out for our bag sales, half-price sales and end-of-season sales.

Enjoy a complimentary cup of coffee with fellow shoppers. Remember that donations are greatly appreciated.

Arlene Byrne

St. Mary, Star of the Sea Church

On Friday, June 7, we will have our monthly Holy Hour from 4 to 5 p.m. This will be our last scheduled Holy Hour before the summer months.

On Friday, June 7, the graduates of St. Mary's School will have their graduation Mass at 7 p.m. and will follow this with a party at the City Island Yacht Club. The graduation exercises will take place the following week, Thursday, June 13, at 6

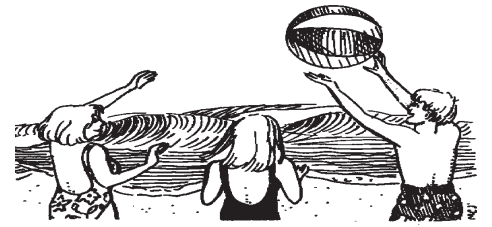
p.m. in the church. We congratulate all our graduates, both those in St. Mary's School and those in our Religious Education program who attend other schools, and we wish them well in their high school careers.

On Father's Day, June 16, we will honor all our fathers with a special blessing at all Masses.

St. Mary's Thrift Shop will be open during the month of June. It will close at the end of the month for the summer months.

Have a happy, healthy and safe summer.

Sr. Bernadette, OSU



City Island Theater Group

After wrapping up a successful run of "Boeing-Boeing," the City Island Theater Group now looks forward to producing a staged reading of "The Laramie Project" on Sept. 20, 21 and 22. It will be followed by Neil Simon's "Barefoot in the Park" on Nov. 15, 16, 17, 21, 22 and 23.

We were pleased to once again walk in the Memorial Day Parade to honor our servicemen and servicewomen. Look for us at the Summer Arts and Crafts Fair on June 1 and 2. We understand that our Little League team is doing well.

Mary McIntyre

REGULAR MEETINGS

Weekly Twelve-Step Meetings on City Island

Narcotics Anonymous:

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

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

Alcoholics Anonymous:

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

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

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

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

Trinity United Methodist Church: 718-885-1218

Grace Episcopal Church: 718-885-1080

Overeaters Anonymous:

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



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

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

SPECIAL EVENTS

Weight Watchers Meetings: There is now a regular meeting on Thursday evenings at 5:30 p.m. For more information, call Patty at 718-885-1891.

Teen Dance: Teen dance being held June 29 from 8 to 10 p.m. for grades 6, 7 and 8. Free.

Zumbathon: We are holding a Zumbathon at the baseball field on Sunday, June 2, at 1:30 p.m. In case of rain, the Zumbathon will be at the Community Center. Come and join us in our fund-raising drive to upgrade the Community Center. The cost is \$10.

The Home Run Project: Join us at the Community Center on Sunday, June 9, at 4:30 p.m. Come share the life lessons from author Stan Friedmann's family baseball books in a special program for children 8 to 12 years old and their parents and grandparents. The program is a fun mix of storytelling and conversation. Space is limited, and reservations are required. Please contact Sarah Persteins at 718-885-9122 to reserve your space. There will be hotdogs and other ball-game treats after the presentation. Free.

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

City Island Parenting Group: This program is suspended for the summer and will resume in September.

NEW PROGRAMS

Ballet and Creative Dance for Children: Grades 1-4. Instructed by dance therapist Mimi Kim (BA in Dance, MA in Physical Education, MS in Dance/Movement Therapy in progress). Tuesdays from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. \$10 per person or \$60 for seven classes. June 4 through July 16. For more information, call Mimi at 718-885-1975.

XBox Dance for Teenagers: Dance exercise from Xbox dance games for middle-school and high-school students. The instructor is Mimi Kim. Tuesdays, starting June 4 and ending July 16, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. \$10 per class or \$60 for seven classes. For more information, call Mimi at 718-885-1975.

Ballroom Dance: It is time to dance like those stars on TV: waltz, tango, cha cha, jive, salsa, bachata and more. Instructor Mimi Kim is a three-time U.S. Theater Art Dance Champion and Korean ballroom dance champion. Classes start June 4 and end July 23. 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. \$15 per person or \$100 for all eight classes. For more information, call Mimi at 718-885-1975.

Weekly Schedule

YOUTH PROGRAM

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

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

Art and Craft Classes: Pre-school class and kindergarten through third-grade classes. For registration and more information, call Eileen Stodut 914-633-1695.

Introduction to Art Portfolio Prep: For high school prep or just for fun! Taught by Geri Smith, former Laguardia High School teacher and exam auditioner. \$90 for five-week session, \$25 materials fee (after session ends students bring materials home). For registration or more information, call 718-885-1503.

ADULT PROGRAM

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

Zumba with Letti: Letti is a fantastic Zumba instructor who brings a lot of creativity and energy to her classes. Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. Classes are \$10 or 5 class card for \$40.

Yoga Stretch with Norma: Thursdays at 7 p.m. This is an easy hatha vinyasa class suitable for all fitness levels. These Yoga Stretch poses helps remove any fears or challenges in doing these exercises, while it also assists with stress reduction and weight management. This class focuses on stretching and toning muscles that are often neglected, but so important to keeping you healthy and mobile. And best of all, Yoga Stretch is easy and fun enough for beginners, or those who just haven't exercised in a while. \$10.00 a class. Call 718-885-0535.

Zumba Gold: A fun-filled dance/exercise session with a salsa beat. Geared for age 50 and up. Fee for the class is \$4.

Belly Dancing: Shimmy by the Sea. Theresa Mahon (a.k.a. Salacia) teaches the oldest documented dance in the history of mankind—Egyptian belly dancing. It is a low-impact way to get in shape and tone your body while having lots of fun. Terry has been a professional belly dancer for 25 years and a teacher of the art for 17 years. Questions can be directed to Salacia at 845-358-0260.

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

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

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

Sarah Persteins



Photo by ANGELO BELLOCHIO

This year, Cub Scout Pack 211 was proud to have nine scouts "Cross the Bridge" and graduate to Boy Scouts. Shown above are the accomplished scouts (front row, l. to r.): Benjamin Chadwick, Jaiden Torado, Jordan Rodriguez, Brandon McGaughan, John Wilson, Carlo Fragola and Jeremy Filomio. Back row: Nicholas Badillo and Lucas Torres.

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.

Trinity's congregation gives thanks to the City Island businesses and individuals who generously bought ads in Milal Missionary Choir program, held May 18. All their contributions, large and small, helped make the concert a huge success.

The Budget Corner closes for the season on June 15! Now is the time to make those donations and unclutter your home at the same time. The spring schedule is June 1, 4, 7, 8, 11 and 15. As always, Trinity United Methodist Church is thankful for the City Island community's continued support of the Budget Corner.

Rick DeWitt

PSS Healthy Seniors

Fitness Program

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

Zumba Gold with Dee, Mondays at 10:30 a.m. at the City Island Community Center, 190 Fordham Street; **Cardio Fitness with Mary:** Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. at Grace Church Hall, 116 City Island Avenue; **Arthritis Exercise with Patty:** Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. at Grace Church Hall; **Orchard Beach Walk:** Wednesdays; van leaves Pilot Street at 9:30 a.m. (must have three walkers); **Yoga Stretch with Michael:** Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. at Grace Church Hall; **Fit for Life with Sarah:** Fridays at 9:30 a.m. at Grace Church Hall. Note: To make ends meet a little better, all classes will be \$3, except Arthritis Exercise, which will continue to be free.

Senior Writing Group

What is your favorite family story? Did anybody ever say to you "You should write

that down" after you told a story about the good old days. Your friends laughed, they cried, they smiled. Come write your memories with us every Tuesday from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. in Grace Church Hall. Call Gail for more information at 718-885-0444. No charge. Everyone is welcome.

Volunteering

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

Telephone Reassurance

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

Caregivers Support

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

Transportation Services

Call Anthony Mazzella at 347-834-6466 a day ahead for Island and off-Island trips. Regular afternoon shopping trips are Monday: Bay Plaza or Stop & Shop; Thursday: Shop Rite in New Rochelle. Trips are also made to Fairway, Target, Trader Joe's, Home Depot, Cross County Shopping Center, the Christmas Tree Shop, Key Food, Empire City and more. Suggested contribution for round trips is \$1 on City Island and \$2.50 off-Island. Anyone over 60 is encouraged to take advantage of our door-to-door transportation services in our beautiful new van.

Program Services

Call Debbie at 718-885-0727 to receive our detailed monthly calendar featuring trips and events, such as group theater discounts to shows. Programs are funded by Presbyterian Senior Services and the NYC Department for the Aging.

Debbie Erosa

AARP Chapter 3318

Our chapter meets on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 1 p.m. in Trinity United Methodist Church Hall on Bay Street. Our first June meeting will be on June 5 at 1 p.m. Our final meeting for this year will be our luncheon for members at the Lobster House Restaurant on Wednesday, June 19, at 12 noon.

On Aug. 14, we will enjoy a day at Mount Airy Lodge in Pennsylvania. We will leave City Island at 9 a.m. Anyone interested may call Elaine Waltz at 914-632-6707 for information. The cost is \$30 per person, and a picture I.D. is required.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the June 5 meeting. Bring a friend; new members are always welcome.

Rosetta Woods

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What's Cookin'

During the last 30 years, the film industry has presented some succulent food offerings for us. From Japan there is **Tampopo** (1986), with Nobuko Miyamoto in the title role as a widow who has great ambition to become a noodle chef. She is befriended by Goro (Tsutomu Yamazaki), a truck driver who puts her through a rigorous and comical training program. This plot is interwoven with other satirical food vignettes that include combining food with sex, and a dying mother getting off her deathbed to prepare one last meal.

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

Like Water for Chocolate (1992) is a Mexican fantasy of tradition, passion and magical recipes. A family custom has it that the youngest sister, Tita (Lumi Cavazos), can never marry because she is expected to care for her shrewish widowed mother (Regina Torne). When Tita and Pedro (Marco Leonardi) fall in love, he marries her sister Rosara (Yaveli Arizmerdi) in order to stay near Tita. Throughout the movie, Tita cooks magical food, which profoundly affects all who partake.

From Taiwan, we have **Eat, Drink, Man, Woman** (1995) from Ang Lee (this past year's Oscar-winning director of the *The Life of Pi*). It is the story of Chu (Sihung Lung), the greatest chef in the country, whose tastebuds are deteriorating. Chu is a widower with three grown daughters still living at home who feel compelled to attend a family feast every Sunday. The three daughters are Jia-Jen (Kati-Mei Yang), who is a teacher; Jia-Chien (Chien-Lien Wu), a successful business executive who would rather be a chef; and Jia-Ning (Ye-Wen Wang), who is a student. This absorbing film is about their quest for independence and love, with mouth-watering food as a backdrop.

The American remake of this charming film is **Tortilla Soup** (2001), which stars the Hector Elizondo as Martin Naranjo, a widowed chef whose grown daughters, Carmen (Jacqueline Obradors), Leticia (Elizabeth Pena) and Maribel (Tamara Mello) live with him. Carmen is a successful businessperson, Leticia a spinster schoolteacher and Maribel a rebellious student. Raquel Welch is on hand as Hortensia, a very annoying widow with Martin in her sights.

The Big Night (1996) is an American independent film about two Italian immigrant brothers, Primo (Tony Shaloub) and Secundo (Stanley Tucci), who have been struggling to make their restaurant succeed. Encouraged by Pascal (Ian Holm), a neighboring restaurateur, the brothers put all of their resources into cooking for one big night when the famous Louis Prima is supposed to come to dine at their place. The cast also features Minnie Driver as

Phyllis, Secundo's girlfriend; Isabella Rossellini as Gabriela, Pascal's seductive wife; and Allison Janey as Ann, a florist with whom the shy Primo is infatuated.

What's Cooking? (2000) is the story of four different households preparing for Thanksgiving in their respective Los Angeles homes. They include the wealthy African-American Williams family, portrayed by Alfre Woodard and Dennis Haysbert with angst played to perfection while dinner is cooked under the watchful eye of the meddling, tactless mother-in-law, Grace (Ann Weldon). The Mexican-American Avila family is gathering for a traditional Latino Thanksgiving feast. Mercedes Ruehl is Elizabeth, the school teacher matriarch who has been abandoned by her philandering husband, Javier (Victor Rivers), but is beginning to find happiness with her new friend (A. Martinez). A conventional middle-class Jewish family is represented by the Seeligs, with Lainie Kazan and Maury Chaykin as Ruth and Herb, who are mortified when their beloved daughter, Rachel (Kyra Sedgwick), brings home her lesbian lover, Carla (Julianna Margulies). The Nguyens are three generations of Vietnamese immigrants living under one roof. Trinh (Joan Chen) wants to prevent her family from becoming assimilated. The juxtaposition of all the family angst, as well as the similarity and diversity of the various traditions, are all familiar to the audience who cares very much about the fate of all.

Pieces of April (2003) stars Katie Holmes in the title role as April Burns, a tattooed family outcast who lives in a ghetto with her sweet and loving boyfriend Bobby (Derek Luke). When April invites her ailing mother (Patricia Clarkson) and father (Oliver Platt) to dinner, with her sister (Alison Pill), brother (John Gallagher Jr.) and Grandma (Alice Drummond), she spends half the day meeting the people who live in her building because she is on a quest for a working oven in which to cook the turkey. This special film makes you want to laugh and cry.

No Reservations (2007) is an American comedy-drama about Kate (Catherine Zeta-Jones), a complete perfectionist whose utter obsession is cooking. A head chef at a restaurant run by Paula (Patricia Clarkson), she is rattled by the presence of the very easy-going sous chef Nick (Aaron Eckhart). When Kate's orphaned niece Zoe (Abigail Breslin) comes to live with her, Kate's life is forever changed.

Ratatouille (2007) is a Pixar animated story of a rat named Remy (Patton Oswalt) who lives to be a cook. Coming to Paris,

he meets and strikes up a very unusual and successful relationship with a low-level kitchen worker, Linguini (Lou Romano). Remy stays inside Linguini's chef's hat and tells him what to do. Sous chef Colette (Janeane Garafalo) is Linguini's romantic interest. The bane of Linguini's existence is Chef Skinner (Ian Holm), and they are all at the mercy of food critic Anton Ego (Peter O'Toole). This is a film about dedication to realizing one's dreams.

Amy Adams and Meryl Streep play the title roles in the delightful true story **Julie and Julia** (2009). Streep stars as famous cook Julia Child, who is married to American diplomat Paul Child (Stanley Tucci). Adams is Julie Powell, who has created a blog describing her experience preparing in 365 days all of Child's recipes published in "Mastering the Art of French Cooking," to

the enjoyment and exasperation of her husband (Chris Messina). The juxtaposition of each woman's experience is very sweet indeed.

Today's Special (2010) is the story of Samir (Aasif Mandvi), a sous chef who puts aside his dreams of cooking in Paris after his estranged father, Hakim (Harish Patel), has a heart attack and Samir is forced to take over Tandoori Palace, the family restaurant in Jackson Heights. Trying to master Indian cooking to salvage the family business, Samir crosses paths with Akbar (Naseeruddin Shah), a taxi driver, passionate chef and worldly raconteur who helps him. Akbar teaches Samir to trust his senses more than recipes, to stop measuring his life and to start truly living it.

And until next time, happy eating and viewing . . .

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TROPHY DAY BBQ!



Over 175 people attended St. Mary's Basketball Trophy Day barbecue on a beautiful May 4, 2013. The program coordinator, Annamarie Whelan, shown above (top left photo) with her husband, Robert, and daughters Christine and Briana, thanked all the coaches and parents for a great season, and for setting up, serving and cleaning up after the barbecue. A special thanks went to the cook, Jimmy Livingston, for preparing all the hamburgers and hot dogs. Amanda Bear Party Rentals provided a Velcro Sticky Wall, cotton candy, popcorn and snow cones. Ever-popular DJ Ray entertained the families and children with great music and fun games (bottom photo left). Among the proud trophy recipients were the St. Mary's Girls JV team (top photo right) and the Boys Bantam A team (bottom photo right). It was a perfect ending to a successful season. Despite the announced closure of St. Mary, Star of the Sea School, Ms. Whelan said the basketball program will continue next season in the gym. So City Island hoopsters should keep practicing over the summer and be ready for the 2013-2014 season.

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P.S. 175 kindergarten teacher, Tammy Bellon (above middle), was honored on May 9, 2013 by Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj, at the Light House for Teacher Appreciation Week. They were joined at the award presentation by principal Amy Lipson (right).

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SCHOOL NEWS

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By VIRGINIA DANNEGGER

St. Mary, Star of the Sea School

Best wishes to all the eighth-grade graduates, who will attend the following high schools in September: **Brewster H.S.:** Vincent Lallo; **Cardinal Spellman:** LaVonna LaViola, Anthony Perkinson; **College Academy:** Amanda Toribio; **Metropolitan H.S.:** Amir Williams; **Mount St. Michael:** Daniel Johnson, Keith Jones III, Damien Thorne; **Nazareth Regional:** Nia Phillips; **Pleasantville H.S.:** Miles Johnson; **Preston H.S.:** Tamia Hackworth, Raonna Jefferson, Alicia Jones, Nia Lucher, Christine Rice; **Salesian H.S.:** Nicholas Moore, Michael Santamaria; **St. Raymond H.S. for Boys:** Victor Moran; **Women's Academy of Excellence:** Krystal Mensah-Stone; Undecided are Christopher Bruno, Gabrielle Cameron, Jeremy Thomas.

Good luck to all!

Public School 175

Best wishes to all the eighth-graders

who, pending the successful completion of promotion requirements, will be attending the following high schools in September: **All Hallows:** Mathew Santiago; **Archbishop Stepinac:** James Albertelli; **Bronx H.S. for Visual Arts:** Soniqua Crump, Devon Moreno; **Bronx High School of Science:** Esther Kramer; **Brooklyn Latin:** Isaiah Hinton; **Cardinal Spellman:** Hannah Kirwin, Francesco Perri; **H.S. for Environmental Studies:** Andriy Mashchenko; **H.S. for Law and Public Service:** Samantha Germosen; **H.S. of Economics and Finance:** Connie Yew; **H.S. of Fashion Industries:** Kosovare Rugova; **Iona Prep:** Joseph Mancuso, Tyler Marte, Nicholas Texidor; **Knowledge of Power Preparatory Academy:** Shania Royes; **Manhattan Center for Science and Math:** Ethan Wolf; **Maria Regina H.S.:** Julia Elji, Megan Moran, Deirdre Spencer; **NYC iSchool:** Deisy Navarro; **Preston:** Niya Davis, Danielle Giocondo, Elena Kola, Ashley Livingston, Alana Zayas; **St. Catharine's Academy:** Chelsey Lopez; **Salesian:** Sean Ramos, Michael Valentine; **Talent Unlimited:** William Willis; **Wadleigh Secondary School for the Arts:** Paige Brown Collins. Undecided are Mario Castillo, Joneiri Cruz, Cesar Herrera, Jerahmy Rios, Josiah Rios, Maximilian Soyref and Samahjae Thomas.

Congratulations and good luck to all!

Islanders Hold Onto Memories at Memorial Day Parade



Photos by RICK DeWITT

Elected officials, including Representative Joe Crowley, Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr., State Senator Jeff Klein, Assemblyman Mike Benedetto, Council Member Mark Gjonaj and Ken Kearns of Community Board 10 joined Island groups, from the Cub Scouts to veterans, to celebrate the memory of all those who gave their lives for their country and to enjoy the first beautiful sunny day after many days of rain!

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Tide chart by Tom Smith

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15 Sat	0351	7.45	1013	0.56	1622	7.62	2242	0.92	Sat 15
16 Sun	0441	7.30	1102	0.60	1713	7.72	2337	0.87	Sun 16
17 Mon	0536	7.16	1155	0.62	1807	7.84			Mon 17
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HAS SPRING FINALLY SPRUNG?

The hybrid duck or snow goose controversy goes on. We got an e-mail from *city-islandbirds.com* that was adamant: those were not snow geese specimens in the water by the Catherine Scott Promenade. The head and bill shapes in the pictures support the hybrid duck hypothesis. After a closer look at the same pictures, we have to agree.

Meanwhile, another, much less scientific debate has been raging between nesting crows and whatever other bird presumes to enter their airspace. The latest battle occurred between a crow and an osprey. What was interesting about it was that while the crow flew out in defense of its nest, the osprey assumed its own defensive position on a piling as it aimed to protect the fish that it had just caught. It spread its wings like an umbrella, guarding its catch, but to no avail. The dive-bombing crow caused the osprey to shift and the fish slipped away.

Another battle we witnessed was between a killdeer and a squirrel. At first glance, we thought it was a mockingbird chasing the squirrel. Mockingbirds have been known to attack their own reflections, so it would not have surprised us if it had been a mockingbird. But another look assured us that it was a killdeer, probably protecting its nest from the foraging squir-

rel. Killdeer are birds that will sometimes protect their nest by feigning an injury to lure predators away. This feisty little guy or gal would have none of that. This was pure aggression, mockingbird-style.

We may have learned the reason for the overly aggressive swan behavior we reported in last month's column: there are six new and very vulnerable cygnets sharing the same feeding grounds as last year's brood. We thought it was only five, but then a sixth appeared, riding its mother's back. At this very early stage in their development, we were surprised that it was only one. Stay tuned. . . .

Horseshoe crab mating season is also upon us. This year scientists are concerned about the impact Superstorm Sandy may have had on the nesting grounds of horseshoe crabs. Those who share this concern are invited to visit *nyhorseshoecrab.com*, where you can participate in a new study about these prehistoric creatures. As usual, it is under the mysterious influence of the new and full moon when most of the mating will occur. The last full moon in May was May 25. The next new moon is June 8, and the next full moon after that will be June 23. Be on the lookout.

Want to share a City Island sight or sound? Try us at jdsstrat@msn.com.

THE IALAC STORY

By JOHN SCARDINA

When I was beginning my career in education, I was greatly influenced by the Values Clarification curriculum, a set of exercises that explore self-esteem, community building and responsible decision making. One of the most memorable activities was the IALAC Story ("I Am Lovable And Capable") and how we can lose our self-confidence when others do not take the time to engage fully with us in a respectful way. Here is a version of the story by Sidney Simon and Merrill Harmin that I found to help explain this process.

All people are born with a big IALAC—a feeling that "I Am Lovable and Capable." Sadly, as we grow up, other people and events in life chip away at our IALAC. To demonstrate how this happens, below is a story about a day in the life of Joshua. Joshua is an 11-year-old, who is perhaps very much like you.

On this particular day, Joshua was awakened by his father who was yelling: "Joshua, you overslept again! What is the matter with you? Hurry up or you will be late for school!" Joshua jumped out of bed and said to himself: "I'll hurry and I will be ready on time."

Joshua got dressed and tried to get into the bathroom. His older brother had the door locked and would not let him in. "You can wait your turn, squirt, I was here first." Josh waited and waited and waited. . . .

Joshua had been looking forward to his crispy crackling cereal. As he entered the kitchen, his mother remarked: "My, my Josh you certainly are the slowpoke of our family." "But . . . but," he started to say. "No time for talking now, Josh. Hurry, you are late!" said his mother. Josh hung his head and sat down. There was a bowl of now mushy, soggy cereal.

Not to be discouraged, Joshua gathered his homework and started walking quickly toward his bus stop. He was proud of his science homework. It had taken a lot of time and research, and he was eager to show it to Ms. Vega, his teacher. As Joshua was heading toward the bus stop, a huge gust of wind blew up behind him and his science papers flew into the air and landed in a puddle. He tried to grab them before they got all wet but they were soaked.

Josh was very discouraged. He would just have to explain things to Ms. Vega. He

started quickly toward the bus stop. With only two blocks left to walk, he looked up and saw the bus pulling away slowly. He ran but he could not catch the bus.

Josh had to walk the rest of the way to school. As he walked in the door of the school, the principal, Ms. Johnson, stopped him. "Joshua, you should be ashamed of yourself—20 minutes late! What do you have to say for yourself? Never mind now, you are so late. Get to class this instant. There will be no recess for you today. I want you in my office during recess."

By this time Joshua was feeling very low. He got to his classroom and began doing his work. Then Ms. Vega said: "And now, students, please take out your science homework." Joshua slowly raised his hand and said: "Ms. Vega, I know you might not believe this, but as I was walking to school a huge gust of wind came up and took my homework." Ms. Vega straightened up and said in a loud stern voice: "Stop. Stop right there, Joshua. Students, if you don't do your homework, please don't make up ridiculous stories and excuses. I want people to tell the truth in my class." She gave Joshua a very stern look and told him to sit down and be quiet.

Joshua had very little IALAC left. As he walked to lunch, he said to himself: "Well, at least a good lunch will make me feel better." As he carried his tray across the lunchroom, someone tripped him. Crash! Down went everything all over the floor! All the kids laughed at him.

Each of us can certainly relate to this story! With the students I sometimes make a sign on a piece of paper with "IALAC" on it and tape it to my shirt. I then describe a series of events (like those in the story) and tear a piece of the sign off. Soon there is no sign—and a very unhappy Teacher John! Now I ask about positive interactions with others, and as the students make suggestions ("help him clean up the lunch tray" and "invite him over for a play date" and the like), I tape the sign back together. In the end there is still an IALAC sign, but it has lots of scars, just as we all do. H

How is your IALAC sign doing?

City Islander John Scardina is a school psychologist and parent educator. Check out his website www.ThinkLaughLearn.com and his monthly parenting groups at the Community Center, which will start up again in September.

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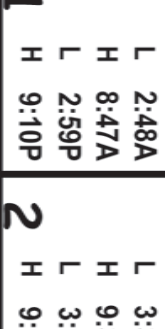
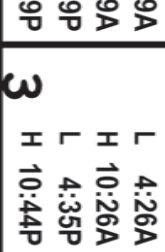

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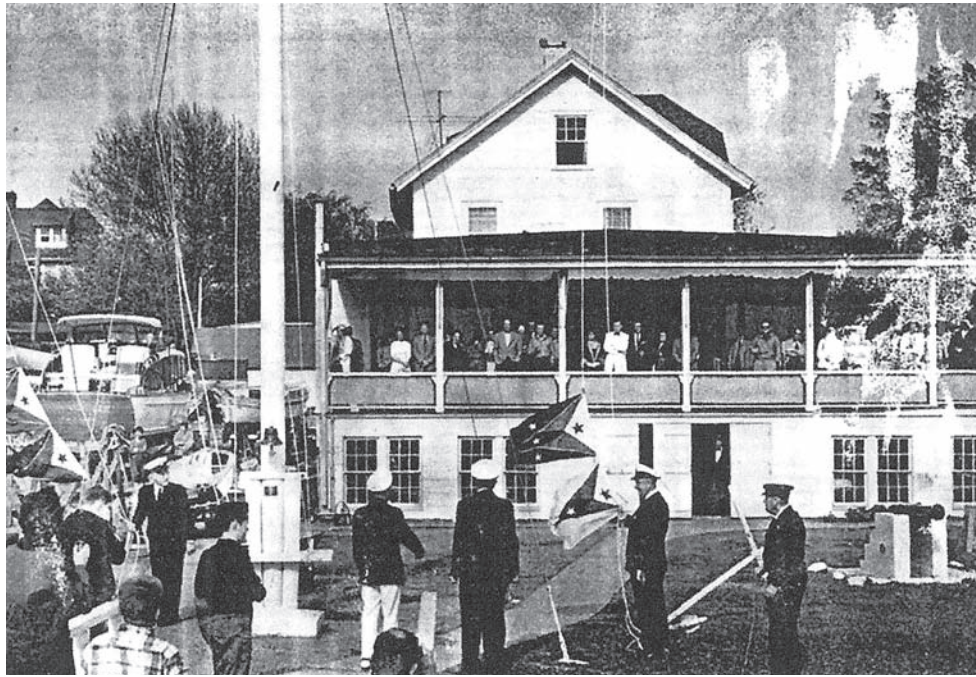
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Tide Calendar by
Tom Smith

CITY ISLAND YACHT CLUB: A HISTORY

By JUDY JUDSON

This is the fifth in a series of articles on each of the six yacht and boating clubs that are celebrated in a new exhibition at the City Island Nautical Museum.



"In the series of races of the 17-foot boats of the City Island Yacht Club, G. W. Byle's 'Ask Me' stands an excellent chance to win the pennant."

New York Times, October 3, 1900

In the early 1900s, *The New York Times* regularly reported yachting news and designated a column for "Yacht News of City Island." At that time, City Island was a major boat-building center, which made it an ideal place for yacht clubs, where boat designers, sail makers, and anyone interested in sailing could meet and keep their boats. (In fact, a number of CIYC members worked in the City Island boat-building community, including naval architect Henry Devereaux, boat builder Henry Sayers, and sail makers Herb Hild, Charles Ulmer, and Butch Ulmer.)

The New York Times quote above is the first known reference to the City Island Yacht Club, and six months later the paper noted that "twenty persons, interested in yachting, attended a meeting last night, and organized a club to be known as the City Island Yacht Club." The club then met at Herman Cordes's boatyard on west Ditmars Street, and it was here that the club burgee, designed by Ike Tabor, was first raised on May 30, 1905. The club was incorporated in 1907.

In 1910 the club acquired the use of a building at west Cross Street owned by member Cap Walters (the building still stands behind what is now Jack's Bait and Tackle). Robert Jacob of Jacob's Shipyard donated the mast from the schooner *Queen Mab* to be used as the club's flagpole, and it traveled with the club to all of its subsequent locations. In 1913 the club moved to east Cross Street, but by 1919 club members determined that a larger piece of property was needed and moved to a house on the south side of west Pilot Street. This location allowed larger yachts to be hauled out and stored on the property for the winter. In 1921, when the need for a larger clubhouse became apparent, the current

club property across the street came up for sale and was purchased under the leadership of Commodore Charles Cafferty. The building was renovated, and a porch and a "dance hall" were added.

In 1930 the club purchased the property fronting Reynold Street, and a bulkhead was built, increasing the size of the club boatyard. A pier was also built; shear legs were mounted at the end of the pier to step and unstep large masts, and the marine railway was extended. These additions made it possible to haul and store larger yachts, including 8-meter boats. Initially each member hauled out and stored his own boat, but by 1928, it became apparent that a more organized effort was needed, and a yard manager was hired, a practice that continues today. Renovations continued through the years, particularly after the hurricane of 1938, when the bar room was extended and the kitchen and living room were rebuilt. In the 1980s, the ballroom was rebuilt, and the south porch was enclosed to create the south dining room.

Sailboat racing was an integral part of the yacht club's activities from the beginning, and the 1900 *Times* article suggests that club members commissioned 17-foot sloops, which we would consider "one-design" boats—boats made essentially identical to each other for the purpose of racing. The club newsletter, *The Pilot*, reported in 1958 that team races "were very popular in the 1920s and early 30s." Later on, club members Henry Sayers on his yacht *Narwhal* and Henry Devereaux on *Pendragon*, among others, were noted in the *New York Times* as winning races on Long Island Sound.

The racing program underwent many changes over the years. Henry Sayers, 1926–27 commodore, reorganized the program in 1932 into the one we know today, starting with a race to Lloyds Point bell buoy and return. The race was modified over the years and became what is now the



Photos courtesy of CITY ISLAND YACHT CLUB

Until 1921, the City Island Yacht Club building was a private house. By 1930, however, the Club was obviously very much at home there, as one can see in this going-into-commission celebration.

City Island Distance Race. (Distance races were suspended during WWII, as sailing after dark was prohibited.) Sayers also instituted the family races, which have now become the members-only Sayers Series. In 1952 the Day Race was initiated with a race to Oak Neck Point and back to City Island. By the early 1980s, it was common for 70 boats from clubs all over western Long Island Sound to enter this race. The Women Skippers' Race, initiated in 1981 by Commodore Michael Antunes, is unique in that it is the only PHRF (Performance Handicap Racing Fleet) race on Long Island Sound in which a woman must be at the helm for the entire race.

Although racing is one of the most pub-

lic of the CIYC activities, for many members day sailing, cruising to other ports, parties, the Junior Program in the 1950s, Family Fun Day, and, of course, eating dinner on the porch to watch the sunset have always been what CIYC was all about. The club newsletter over the years has reported these events in detail, down to the menus and complaints about members who did not make reservations for dinner. With the recent institution of the "Club Boat Program," which allows a group of members to share the use of boats to take out for the day, the club hopes to encourage more people to get out on the water and enjoy sailing.



If you live on City Island and don't sail but have wanted to do so, you are missing out on some real fun! Not having a boat, or not knowing anyone who sails, should not be an obstacle. If you don't belong to one of the yacht and boating clubs on City Island, don't let that hinder you either. I moved here six years ago with the hope of sailing and racing, and that dream has become a reality, thanks to the island's friendly and generous sailing community, and I have since joined a club. The doors that opened for me can open for you too, whether you are interested in a leisurely sail, a fun race, or more competitive racing. Here's how to get your foot in the door (or more aptly aboard), whether you're a novice or a salty sailor.

Visit www.meetup.com/Greater-New-York-Sailing-Group for local sailing opportunities, particularly in City Island and Westchester. From cruising to racing, you'll find skippers wanting crew of various levels. EBYRA Wednesday night races have begun off of City Island and run May through September. For more information, visit www.ebyra.com.

Here are just some of the upcoming regattas in our area:

June 1 and 2: City Island Yacht Club (CIYC) Cup Race; www.cityislandyc.org.

June 9: Port Washington Yacht Club Day Race.

June 15: CIYC Distance Race.

July 13: Lloyd Harbor Stratford Shoal Race.

July 25–27: Around Long Island Regatta (www.alir.org); some City Island boats race in this.

Aug. 10: CIYC Women's Skippers Race (the best after-race party of the season).

Aug. 11: CIYC Day Race.

And don't forget about Monday races starting in June out of CIYC aboard J-24s at 6 p.m. It's a great opportunity to learn



on smaller boats and in a casual atmosphere. For more information, visit www.j24fleet61.com.

There is also a Friday night twilight series at Harlem Yacht Club. According to the HYC website, "This is a low-key event. It's not about winning at any cost; it's about getting your boat off the mooring and enjoying yourself at the start of a lazy summer weekend." You do not need to be a member to get in on this fun Friday night action! The schedule is: June 14, 28; July 12, 26; Aug. 9, 23. For additional races with HYC, visit www.hyc.org/racing.

And put on your calendars now the Rock the Dock concert at City Island Yacht Club on the evening of July 20. Come out for a lively night of music, dancing and good eats, all to help raise funds for the new dock that had to be rebuilt after Hurricane Sandy obliterated their old one! Visit www.ciycfundraiser.com to find out more info about sponsorship and tickets for this event!

For more information about sailing opportunities on City Island, or to navigate your way to becoming crew, visit me at www.cityislandsailing.com, or write me at cityislandsailing@gmail.com.

And don't forget to visit the exhibition devoted to City Island's boating and yacht clubs at the City Island Nautical Museum, which is open on Saturdays and Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m.

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Jerry Rivalsi

Gerald Rivalsi

Gerald Rivalsi, known to everyone as Jerry, passed away peacefully in the presence of family on April 29, 2013, at the age of 74, after a brief illness. He was born in Throggs Neck to the late Armand and Isabelle Nelson Rivalsi. He attended Fordham Prep, graduated from Christopher Columbus High School and went on to attend Brooklyn Polytech.

For a number of years, Jerry lived in Lower Westchester County, where his son, Steven, was born. He moved to City Island in 1976 shortly after he met his future wife, Susan Statkowski-Rivalsi, there. Jerry and Susan were married at the City Island Yacht Club in 1983 and continued to reside on City Island until 2009, when they moved to Somers, New York.

Jerry spent his entire working life with Rivalsi Paving Corporation, founded by his father, and surfaced many sidewalks, driveways and parking lots on City Island. Jerry and Susan were avid power-boaters for the entire time they lived on the Island and were members of the Harlem Yacht Club for the past 16 years.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Susan; his son, Steven, and daughter-in-law, Philomena; and his grandchildren, Isabella and Lucas. He is also survived by his mother-in-law, Marie Statkowski; his sisters-in-law Marie Sandauer (Bruce) and Bay Street's Stephanie Statkowski (John Garrone); his brother-in-law Henry Statkowski (Sharon); a niece; three nephews (including Islander Peter Coyle); great nieces and great nephews; and many adoring cousins and friends. Donations in Jerry's memory may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project (go to woundedwarriorproject.org or dial 212-629-8881). Messages may be posted on Jerry's Tribute Wall at www.coxeandgraziano.com.

IN THE GARDEN

By MARY COLBY

"A rose is a rose is a rose"

Gertrude Stein "

Growing roses, I must admit, has always mystified me. I was handy with the wild types, easy enough with hardly any pruning required, as they naturally form vase shapes and are wont to ramble. Also, most come off their own root, making them almost impossible to kill. Yet the cultivated varieties, the beautiful David Austin cabbage roses, never took off. I was frustrated and needed expert advice. So I turned to the famous rosarians Peter Beale and Graham Thomas. Finally, success! Even though I still find roses to be very high maintenance, I realize there is nothing more beautiful.

First, prepare the hole and the soil well. One shovel deep or more if you have the back for it, and wide enough to accommodate the spread of the root system. Mix a composted manure to the soil to make the earth friable and the nutrient rich. Invest in a good rose food, and add one application at planting time and one each year in April if your soil is rich; apply again in July if poor.

Bury the scion, the part that is grafted to the top of the rose, by one inch. You want the new shoots to emerge from under the ground. Now here's the hard part: whether

you buy bare-root or container-grown roses, prune them, flowers and all, by one-third back when planting. This will encourage a great root system and the rose will dazzle you in later years with its performance. One must be brave. The best time to prune on the eastern seaboard is in March. Take out any dead wood, remove branches that cross each other and with an artful eye shape the bush. Climbers need only be cleaned and tidied, as with the wild roses.

Rugosas are lovely in a beach setting. I pruned mine to one foot high every year so they would be no more than four feet in autumn. I like them short. I don't care for the double blooms, because they wad up in the rain. The single white and single pink are gorgeous, with perfume delicate and fine. Later, their hips (fruit) packed with vitamin C make a good tea when dried. I love hedges and the newer knockout roses perform perfectly and are disease resistant. Try to buy the ones that are, or spray for black spot as soon as the foliage begins to unfurl.

Roses, I think, are best displayed within a border of shrubs and perennials. The gardener Christopher Lloyd ruthlessly ripped out his old rose garden and made horticultural news by replanting it with an exotic

garden. Starting a trend, he left a few old favorites to mingle between the plantings.

One rose grown to perfection is enough for a small garden. Try Graham Thomas, a double yellow climber. Altissimo, for scarlet single large blooms climbing high above shiny dark green foliage. Pair this with a Kousa dogwood nearby and you will lose your mind. Mutabilis, a shrubby rose with single flowers of light pink, lemon yellow and dark pink, all on one rose!!! It sounds garish but it is enchanting, like butterflies alighting. And it blooms from May through October.

Don't forget the clematis with your rose, and don't forget to gather ye rose buds while ye may. Tempus fugit!

Mary Colby is a gardener and fine artist, whose studio and gallery, Fe Fi Faux, is on City Island.

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Bay Street's Maria Christina Swieciki graduated from St. Bonaventure University on May 12, 2013.

Congratulations and God bless all the children who received their First Holy Communion at St. Mary, Star of the Sea on May 18.

Happy birthday wishes across the miles on June 21 to former clam digger Carolyn Foley Peters, who now lives in Huntsville, Alabama, with love from your pal Barbara.

Happy June birthday wishes to *Island Current* staffers Karen Nani and Margaret Lenz on June 7 and also to Rose Kolb and Ginger Dannegger and Judy Rauh.

Congratulations to Maria Provenzano and Carmen Cabbell on their wedding celebration, which took place at a waterfront home on May 18.

Best wishes for continued success to Bay Street's Maria Christina Swieciki, who graduated magna cum laude from St. Bonaventure University on May 12. We love you and are very proud of your accomplishments, the Swieciki and Iovieno families.

Run, Daddy, run! Arturo Mazzeo of Fordham Street ran the Long Island Marathon on May 5 in 3:26:09, coming in 77th overall (out of 700!) and 14th in his age group. Love from Mommy and Luca.

Congratulations to Bay Street's Matthew Sasko, who graduated from John Jay College of Criminal Justice at the age of 20. Matthew was in an accelerated program and graduated cum laude. We are very proud of all your accomplishments,



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with love from your family!

Welcome to the world, Jack Cusmano, born on April 8, 2013. Jack is the son of Lisa and Chris Cusmano, our branch manager at the Chase Bank here on City Island.

Happy June 29 birthday greetings to Marine Street's Ann Butterworth, with love from the Butterworth and Doyle families.

Birthday wishes go out to Tier Street's Marion Rosenfeld on June 1 with love from the gang at Atlantic Emeritus Realty and, of course, Lucy. Woof!

Congratulations to the Sailmaker's John Iovieno, who will celebrate his birthday on June 23.

Best wishes for a lifetime of happiness to Winter Street's Lydia Gaster and Jeff Smith, who tied the knot on Feb. 16 at reBar in downtown Brooklyn.

Happy birthday to my Uncle Fred, with love from Gianna Marie.

Happy June 20 birthday wishes to Fred Ramftl, with love from Grandma, Mom and Dad, Frank and Spanky.

Happy June birthdays to Vera Thompson, and her children, John Wright and Judy Rauh.

Our very best wishes for a happy birthday to Debra Erickson on June 19, with love from Mom, Lz and Ken.

Best wishes for a lifetime of happiness to Michelle Dede and Michael Jawski Jr., who were married at St. John the Baptist Church in Yonkers on May 17 with a reception following at the Surf Club in New Rochelle. Proud parents of the bride are Ken and Kathy Dede of Yonkers and Patti and Michael Jawski of City



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Michelle Dede and Michael Jawski

Photo courtesy of Patti Jawski



Jack Cusmano, born on April 8, 2013 to Lisa and Chris Cusmano.



Carmen Cabbell (left) and Maria Provenzano at their wedding ceremony on May 18, 2013.

Island. The happy couple honeymooned in Hawaii before returning to their home in City Island.

A very Happy Father's Day on June 16 to all our wonderful dads and grandpas.
Maria Swieciki

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