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ISLANDERS GREET CANDIDATES RESPECTFULLY DESPITE MEDIA STORM

By KAREN NANI



Photos by RICK DeWITT

A standing-room-only crowd of residents, other Bronxites and media showed up for the City Island Civic Association meeting on July 30, 2013, to hear from two mayoral candidates, New York City Council speaker Christine Quinn (top right photo) and former Congressman Anthony Weiner (photo above). The audience gave both candidates a warm reception and focused on issues relevant to City Island.

Hordes of reporters, television cameras and photographers descended on the City Island Civic Association meeting on July 30, 2013, when two mayoral candidates, Christine Quinn and Anthony Weiner, met with the community. Residents and guests greeted the candidates respectfully and appeared more concerned with local issues than with the controversy surrounding Mr. Weiner's personal behavior on the Internet.

Bill Stanton, president of the Civic Association, opened the packed meeting at the Community Center on Fordham Street and introduced Ms. Quinn, speaker of the New York City Council, at 7:45 p.m. She began in a folksy manner with a joke about how many people she keeps employed to maintain her russet hair color.

Ms. Quinn presented her case for being elected the next mayor of New York City because she is a "friend of the middle class." She spoke of her role as speaker in restoring the mayor's proposed cuts to local firehouses, including City Island's Ladder 53, which Islanders have had to fight to save annually since 2009. "I worked with Jimmy Vacca to make sure there is a firehouse on City Island. I will not let the mayor cut into core public safety programs."

She congratulated Islanders on getting the Board of Standards and Appeals (BSA) to "listen to the community" and oppose the proposed four-story assisted-living facility on the vacant property on City Island Avenue at Schofield Street (see July/August 2013 issue of *The Current*). When questioned by Civic board member John Doyle, Ms. Quinn promised a "different mandate" for the BSA if she is elected, compared to their current 97 percent approval rate of projects.

On the issue of the new City Island bridge, she is aware that "Islanders are less than enthusiastic about the current plan" to build a new 164-foot high cable-stayed

bridge beginning in October of this year. "The city needs to start over and get community input," she told the crowd. Civic board member Tom Smith stated the need for immediate action to stall the plan to install a temporary bridge as the first step in the reconstruction project. She promised to look into the possibility of "constructive malingering" until the November election and the departure of Mayor Bloomberg, who supports the new bridge.

When asked about her plans to help reduce drug use and crime in the city, and on City Island specifically, she committed to hiring 1,600 more police officers and insuring that the 45th Precinct gets a "fair allocation" given the large geographical area it covers (City Island, Pelham Bay, Co-op City and Throggs Neck). She also agreed with Mr. Stanton that City Island needs an extra summer police detail to help with the increased traffic and motorcycle problems from June to September.

Ms. Quinn ended the question-and-answer session around 8:15 p.m. with a description of her plans to reduce pollution and lower the Bronx's high asthma rate. "There should be a [commuter] ferry from the Bronx to Manhattan and more non-polluting mass transit. We also have to remove polluting commercial trucks from the roads." She thanked the Civic Association and the audience for inviting her to City Island and shook the hands of many residents on her way out.

After a brief pitch by Bob Kapstatter of the Bronx Times Reporter for new subscribers, the temperature in the room rose even further with the arrival of Mr. Weiner about 8:25 p.m. and the accompanying media storm that arrived with him.

The candidate, who resigned from Congress after his admission in 2011 that he had sent lewd messages and photos of himself to women he met over the Internet, has been dogged by questions about his



entry into the mayoral race.

"It's been a rough week," he told the crowd, "but I previously committed to coming here and I wanted to hear what people on City Island had to say."

He began with a story about growing up in Brooklyn, where he remembered having lobster many times at Lundy's restaurant on Sheepshead Bay as a young boy. But he said that his father had recently corrected him by saying that he had actually been taken more often to City Island for lobster by his grandparents, who lived in Riverdale.

"New York City will not survive without communities like City Island—stable middle-class communities," Mr. Weiner said as photographers surrounded him. "You don't ask for a lot," but he believes communities like City Island are short-changed in ways such as the threatened

removal of Ladder 53, the shortfall in police allocation at the 45th Precinct, the closure of parish schools like St. Mary's and the ill-planned replacement of the bridge. "City Island has a certain character and that character is not honored by the planned design."

Upon hearing that the Department of Transportation (DOT) had not obtained community input on the design of the new bridge, Mr. Weiner recalled that when Rudolph Giuliani was mayor, he held town hall meetings and required all his commissioners, including DOT, to attend and listen to community concerns. (Mayor Giuliani held such a town hall meeting in 1997 at the Lido Restaurant and had many of his commissioners on stage with him to take questions.) "I would like to bring that back if I am elected mayor."

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Old Machines Return for Primary/Runoff Elections

By FREDERICK W. RAMFTL JR.

You heard it right: they're back! Earlier this year, the New York State Legislature approved bringing back the old lever machines that were in use from about 1962 until 2009. The machines will only be used for the Sept. 10 primary and the Oct. 1 runoff if no candidate in a race gets 40 percent of the vote.

Since 2010, optical scanners have been used for which each voter fills out a ballot and places it in the scanner. The New York City Board of Election recently explained to the state legislature that the old machines are needed because there is not enough time between the primary and runoff to reset the scanners. The optical scan system will be used in the November election.

The ballot-marking device (BMD) will still be in use for anyone who is disabled and cannot use the mechanical lever machines or for any other voter who prefers to use it.

Any voter in need of assistance can ask the poll workers, who will be on duty at P.S. 175. Polls on all three days will be open from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Anyone who needs an absentee ballot may call the Bronx Board of Elections at 718-299-9017.

It has been calculated that only 29 percent of eligible voters on City Island participated in the last mayoral election. However, that was considered high for the Bronx and for New York City as a whole. Let's show them we can do better.

Candidates in the primary on Sept. 10, 2013:

Mayor

Republicans: John A. Catsimatidis; Joe Lhota; George McDonald
Democrats: Sal F. Albanese; Randy Credico; Bill de Blasio; Neil V. Grimaldi; John C. Liu; Christine C. Quinn; Erick J. Salgado; William C. Thompson Jr.; Anthony D. Weiner

Public Advocate

Democrats: Catherine L. Guerriero; Letitia James; Reshma Saujani; Daniel Squadron; Sidique Wai

Comptroller

Democrats: Eliot L. Spitzer; Scott M. Stringer

Bronx Borough President:

Democrats: Ruben Diaz Jr., Mark Escoffery-Bey

Bronx Civil Court (Municipal District # 1)

Democrats: Lucianna Locorotondo; Armando Montano

Note: Only voters registered with the Democratic or Republican party can vote in primary elections.

BRIEFLY...

BLOOD DRIVE will take place on Thursday, Sept. 5, from 4 to 8:30 p.m. at the Grace Church Hall, 116 City Island Avenue at Pilot Street. Almost anyone between the ages of 17 and 75, weighing a minimum of 110 pounds and in good general health, can be a blood donor. Photo or signature ID and Social Security Number are required at the time of donation. Please come and give the gift of life.

FREE FLU SHOTS will be available at the grand opening of the City Island Senior Center on Monday, Sept. 23. The center opened in July at Grace Church Hall, 116 City Island Avenue at Pilot Street. Anyone 60 and older is invited to join the celebration with fellow Islanders and friends. In addition to free flu shots, there will be give-aways, art and writing group displays, an information table and more from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The festivities will continue until 3 p.m. with prizes, coffee, cake and snacks, as well as music and dancing hosted by D.J. Ray. Van pickup is available by calling Anthony at 347-834-6466. For more information, call Patty at 718-885-0727.

DICK SADLER, a member of Ted Turner's crew on *Intrepid*, which won the America's Cup in 1977, will talk about his experience at the City Island Nautical Museum on Sunday, Sept. 15, at 2 p.m.

CLEAN-UP AT ORCHARD BEACH on Saturday, Sept. 21, from 9 a.m. to noon, as part of the statewide beach clean-up program sponsored by the American Littoral Society. Volunteers will collect and record the litter around the area. For information, call Brenda Prohaska at 646-286-5594.

AUDITIONS for Neil Simon's "Barefoot in the Park," the City Island Theater Group's fall production, will be held on Friday, Sept. 13, at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, Sept. 14, at 2 p.m. Auditions will be held in Grace Church Hall, 116 City Island Avenue.

"THE LARAMIE PROJECT" by Moises Kaufman will be presented by the City Island Theater Group on Friday, Sept. 20, at 8 p.m., and "The Laramie Project: 10 Years Later" will be presented on Saturday, Sept. 21, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 22, at 3 p.m. All productions will be at Grace Church Hall, 116 City Island Avenue, at Pilot Street. Free valet parking will be available at Sammy's Lot #3, south of the Chinese restaurant on City Island Avenue. For reservations, please call 718-885-0366 or e-mail tickets@cityislandtheatergroup.com. Tickets may be purchased on line by visiting www.cityislandtheatergroup.com.



Photos by LYLA MACDONALD and courtesy of the 45th PRECINCT Police from the 45th Precinct, led by Lieutenant Paul Trapani, along with officers from the NYPD Highway Patrol, responded to Islanders' complaints about motorcyclists and set up safety checkpoints at the City Island circle on Aug. 15 and 16, 2013. Drivers and motorcyclists coming onto and leaving the Island were checked for DWI (driving while intoxicated), as well as for licenses and registrations. Police stopped 25 motorcyclists on Aug. 15 and confiscated four motorcycles (one shown in the foreground above). They also arrested one driver for having a suspended motorcycle license. Earlier in August, police confiscated a dirt bike being ridden on City Island Avenue near the Sunoco gas station (inset photo). The owner had no motorcycle license and no insurance or registration.

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

- 1 - CRIMINAL MISCHIEF
- 2 - CRIMINAL POSSESSION OF A WEAPON
- 3 - CRIMINAL POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA
- 7 - UNLICENSED OPERATION OF A VEHICLE
- 2 - DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED (DWI)
- 1 - AGGRAVATED HARASSMENT

Police provided details on the following arrests and incidents for the period from July 1 to Aug. 22, 2013.

7/3 - Police from the 45th Precinct arrested an Island male, 17, and charged him with criminal possession of a weapon (knife) on Ditmars Street at 8:25 p.m.

7/14 - At 3:25 p.m. on City Island Avenue at Pilot Street, an off-Island male, 32, was arrested and charged with operating a vehicle with a suspended license and criminal possession of a weapon (knife).

7/27 - An off-Island male, 26, was arrested and charged with unlicensed operation of a motorcycle on City Island Avenue at 11:15 p.m. The driver's license had been revoked, and the motorcycle was confiscated by police.

7/30 - On Winter Street and City Island Avenue at 10:13 a.m., a male off-Islander, 40, was arrested and charged with unlicensed operation of a vehicle. The driver's license had been suspended.

7/31 - Police arrested an Island male, 21, on City Island Avenue and charged him with criminal mischief after he punched and kicked the window of a commercial establishment.

7/31 - An Island female, 36, was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated (DWI) at 11 p.m. on Ditmars Street.

8/3 - An off-Island male, 30, was arrested on City Island Avenue and charged with criminal possession of marijuana.

8/10 - At Sutherland Street and Minneford Avenue, an Island male, 27, was arrested and charged with unlicensed operation of a vehicle at 9:21 p.m.

8/13 - At 10:25 a.m. on Tier Street, an Island female, 42, was arrested and charged with aggravated harassment after she allegedly made threatening phone calls to another Island resident.

8/14 - An off-Island male, 18, was arrested on City Island Avenue at 1:47 a.m. and charged with criminal possession of marijuana.

8/15-8/16 - Police from the 45th Precinct and NYPD Highway Patrol set up a safety checkpoint at the City Island traffic circle. Three arrests were made for unlicensed operation of a vehicle or motorcycle, four motorcycles were confiscated, and one arrest was made for DWI.

8/18 - Police arrested an off-Island male, 33, at 1:55 a.m. on City Island Avenue and Pilot Street and charged him with criminal possession of marijuana.

8/21 - NYPD and FDNY responded to a 911 call in the afternoon about a possible body floating near the City Island bridge. No body was observed or recovered and the complaint was unfounded.

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FORDHAM ST. BEACH CLUB TURNS 50

By BARBARA DOLENSEK

On Saturday, Aug. 17, 2013, the West Fordham Street Residents Association, better known as the West Fordham Street Beach Club, celebrated its 50th year with a lively, well-attended party at one of the few street-end beaches on City Island that is actually owned by the neighborhood.

In 1963 Islanders Howard Smith and Dan Zabriski negotiated with Jennie Barton to purchase her lot at the northwest end of Fordham Street. After many meetings, they managed to collect enough money from about 60 families to give her a down payment, but not until after they spent a great deal of effort collecting the funds, working with an attorney to develop incorporation papers, bylaws and a certificate of occupancy, and correcting violations with various city agencies.

As Howard Smith recounted in a letter to members written in 1986, "many of the original members worked very hard in every aspect of the formation and building of the club." Dan Zabriski and Henry Kuch had been in on the club from the beginning; Kenny Rotello was treasurer; Ed Ciarletta and Bill Cus loaned money when needed; and Pop March helped form the by-laws and rules.

Howard himself spent hours getting permits from the Buildings Department, Marine and Aviation and the Borough President's office in order to correct any violations in the development of the property and to obtain necessary permits for the construction of a building and a bulkhead, as well as a sewer in Fordham Street. The group also had to overcome resistance from the City Island Civic Association, which opposed the project at first but eventually supported it.

In subsequent years, many other residents put in a great deal of time keeping the organization afloat. Tom Smith, Howard's son, was president for 20 years, and Margie McNulty served for many years as secretary and resident artist.

Several of the founding members were part of the celebration at the 50th anniversary party, including Lucy and Buddy Pontecorvo, Dotty Cus, Julian Bates and Pat Dallasandro Brown. Other longtime members, Marty Meinhofer and Jean Anderson, shared stories about the good old days, and the new president, Ann Marie Tomsen, recounted some history and looked to the future. "We are more than a beach club," she told the crowd. "We are a family."

Tom Smith later related a story that many had not heard, a story that says as much about the City Island community as it does about the beach club: "When my father was a teenager, he would see Jennie Barton walking along the avenue carrying bags of groceries, and he would stop to help by carrying her groceries home for her. Fast forward to 1963. As my father and a few others were struggling to recruit enough people to join the fledgling club so they could buy Jennie's waterfront property, a developer got wind that Jennie was willing to sell the property and offered her considerably more for it than she had agreed to sell it for to the newly forming club. Her response was (paraphrasing): 'When Howie Smith was a teenager he would carry my groceries, so if Howie Smith wants the property, Howie Smith gets the property.' And thus it becomes a story with a moral: City Island's favorite beach club exists today because a teenager carried an elderly woman's groceries home nearly 70 years ago."

ASSISTED-LIVING PROJECT TO RESURFACE IN SEPTEMBER

By BARBARA DOLENSEK

On June 11, 2013, the New York City Board of Standards and Appeals (BSA) responded to applications from the Italian Hospital Society (IHS) to construct an assisted-living facility in a manufacturing zone on City Island by telling the applicant to "go back to square one." The applicant was given until July 23 to file a revised application.

The attorney for the IHS and its president, Dr. Domenico Mignone, subsequently requested an extension for the revision, which is now scheduled to be submitted by Sept. 3. If that deadline is met, the community would have until Oct. 8 to respond, with a hearing date tentatively scheduled for Oct. 22.

In the meantime, the IHS attorney withdrew the appeals application for a permit to build part of the first floor below the base flood elevation, leaving only the application for a variance to build a residence in a manufacturing zone. He informed Community Board 10 that the developer plans to reduce the height of

the building by one floor, redesign the façade and locate the mechanicals (electricity, generator, etc.) somewhere other than the basement. No details were given about the floor-area ratio of building to lot size (FAR), which in the original plan far exceeded that of any other large building on City Island.

Although the details of the revised project are not known, the City Island Civic Association is preparing for another fight, as it seems unlikely that Dr. Mignone has given up on his plan to create a massive residence. The real concern is that if he were to obtain the variance for the property and not have sufficient funds to build an assisted-living facility or a license to operate one, anyone else buying the property would have the ability to build a large residence of any description.

Residents of City Island who wish to support the Civic Association by contributing to its legal fund are invited to send checks to the City Island Civic Association, P. O. Box 17, Bronx NY 10464.

CITY ISLAND BRIDGE UPDATE

By BARBARA DOLENSEK



Photos by KAREN NANI

On July 18, 2013, no thanks to the exceptionally hot weather, metal plates on the west side of the City Island Bridge popped up, and the Department of Transportation (DOT) put up some cones on the bridge so that oncoming traffic would have to move into the fire lane to avoid having their tires ripped. The condition continued for over a week, as DOT tried to figure out what to do. The heat had caused problems with other bridges in the city, and pouring cold water on them was apparently not seen as a solution. Islanders worried that the elimination of one lane would cause problems over the weekend, but happily no incidents were reported. As the weather cooled down, the plates stayed up, but finally, after nine days, the bridge was more or less back to normal and the cones were removed.

On Monday, Aug. 10, the New York City deputy comptroller called the City Island Civic Association on behalf of John Liu to report that his office had been obliged to register the contract with Tutor Perini for the construction of the new City Island bridge. He told *The Current* that this action "in no way represents any enthusiasm for the design or the wisdom of putting a new bridge of this type on City Island."

Mr. Liu had rejected the contract at first, in support of the City Island community's objections to the bridge design, but he was advised by city attorneys that the lack of a public hearing on the issue

was not sufficient grounds to object to the contract.

Tutor Perini has not released any news of a signed contract as of press time, but has announced to at least one local property owner, from whom the firm wishes to rent space for equipment storage, that the construction of the temporary bridge will commence soon.

In the meantime, the Civic Association reached out to elected officials, who have sent a letter to Mayor Bloomberg on behalf of the community protesting the bridge design as it was never the subject of a public hearing and has become far more expensive than originally budgeted.

Candidates

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Civic Association officer Barbara Dolensek asked about the predicted dramatic rise in flood insurance rates for City Islanders following Hurricane Sandy. Mr. Weiner, who used to represent waterfront neighborhoods like Breezy Point in Congress, agreed that the federal flood insurance program needs an overhaul. "It's not a shared risk program! The people buying flood insurance are paying full freight. Future generations should have to build according to a code and take extra precautions, but Congress has to give incentives to the banks to provide mortgages to waterfront homeowners and revamp the program."

Mr. Stanton asked the question on many minds. "How do we trust politicians who continue to betray the public trust?" He referred to the former governor Eliot Spitzer's hiring of prostitutes and Mr. Weiner's lewd Internet photos as examples of this violation.

Mr. Weiner, in a passionate statement, told voters that if his personal life is distasteful, "then don't vote for me. But don't deny others the right to vote for me. I won't quit; I won't hide in a corner." He suggested that it should be up to the voters whether he is on the ballot on Sept. 10 (primary elections) and November 5 (mayoral election), not up to the media and late-night comedians.

He believes his ideas are worth debating and criticized his opponents for wanting him to quit the race. He recommended that voters read his ideas in his book "Keys to the City." It includes proposals and incentives to keep

small businesses, like those on City Island, profitable and sustainable, an issue raised by City Island Chamber of Commerce president Skip Giacco.

Mr. Weiner interjected a moment of levity saying that he used to be 6'9" tall and 240 pounds compared to his current gaunt appearance, presumably caused by the strain of trying to keep his candidacy afloat amid scandalous allegations.

After concluding his remarks, Mr. Weiner shook hands with the Civic board members, including Janie Blanks, Fred Ramftl, Mr. Smith, Mr. Doyle, Ms. Dolensek and Mr. Stanton. He left hurriedly out the rear of the Community Center and did not take additional questions from the press.

Regardless of their political preferences, Islanders applauded both candidates respectfully for attending the meeting and taking their questions, which focused on City Island and Bronx issues. Civic board members were immensely pleased at the turnout for the meeting (over 150 in the audience), and the media attention to issues such as the fight to save the City Island Bridge. "We recognize that the reasons for the attention had to do with Mr. Weiner's sexting scandal, but the end result was that attention was paid to our local issues," Ms. Dolensek told *The Current*.

Other candidates have already attended Civic meetings, including Comptroller John Liu, and former Bronx Borough President and Island resident Adolfo Carrión. John Catsimatidis and Joe Lhota are expected to attend the next Civic meeting, which will be on Aug. 28. Make up your own minds about who should best lead New York City for the next four years.



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Although City Island is not a large community (with one-tenth the population of Co-op City, for example), we are well known for speaking our minds when something goes wrong. Rallies to save Ladder 53, protests against the development of a massive residence on Schofield Street or against the bridge design—all of these issues have compelled Islanders to raise their voices loud enough to be heard at City Hall (even if they are sometimes ignored!). So it is no surprise that some mayoral candidates have found it worth their while to visit City Island and reassure us that they will work to protect our middle-class values and interests.

But regardless of who ends up in City Hall, we have to keep up our own fight to save the island's quality of life, which is threatened in many ways, even by those of us who live here. Drug sales (by and to residents), a blatant disregard for traffic and zoning laws, property neglect—the list is long, and the result is a neighborhood that encourages many off-Islanders to treat us with disrespect as they race their motorcycles up and down the fire lane, throw their take-out debris on our lawns or worse. Several off-Island landlords fail to maintain their properties or leave their storefronts empty and take a tax deduction; others allow renters to inhabit illegal apartments without doing background criminal checks.

The Garden Club, the Civic Association, the Chamber of Commerce, the Community Center and other groups do their best to prevent City Island from losing its reputation as an attractive, safe place to live and visit. But residents must do more than rely on these organizations to keep up the good work. The city's 911 / 311 system of reporting crimes and illegal activity is effective and should be used by everyone when something is going wrong. A call to 911 will not always bring a police car to the Island (the 45th precinct doesn't have sufficient officers) but the complaint is registered by the city and becomes part of the public record. A complaint to 311 will be forwarded to the appropriate city department. The Civic Association will follow up on all complaint numbers that are sent via their website (*civic.org*).

We cannot rely on elected officials or volunteer groups to maintain our property values, the safety of our neighborhoods and the quality of our lives. The responsibility for City Island's future rests with all of us.



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.

Sadness and Rebirth

To the Editor:

Like everyone else, I was really saddened by the closing of St. Mary, Star of the Sea School. I was there for 25 years, teaching several grades, including Pre-K, kindergarten and second and third grades. I was also dean of discipline, test coordinator and most recently assistant principal.

We fought very hard to keep the school open, raising money and working on proposals to continue. However, I now realize that the new regionalization of schools may just be the rebirth of the Catholic school system.

It didn't take me long to decide to throw my hat into the ring and apply for a principal position. The interview process and appointment came within a week and I was delighted to be offered the job as principal of St. Clare of Assisi School in the Bronx. It is a big school with about 390 students. We have a three-year early childhood program through grade 8. The renowned program Education through Music, which includes singing and strings, is part of our curriculum. Everyone at St. Clare's has been very warm and welcoming.

I have been very busy getting ready for the start of the new school year fixing up

and decorating my office, though it has taken me a while to think of it as my office, not my "classroom." My family has been very encouraging and supportive in my career, especially this new chapter as principal.

Theresa Bivona

Con Ed Flickers

To the Editor:

After making complaints to Con Edison over the July 4 weekend about the constant flickering of power, I received an e-mail on Monday indicating that the problem was an isolated incident affecting only a "handful" of Islanders.

On Tuesday, however, I received a call from several Con Edison employees who described a much different story and provided far more details. Here's the background: City Island receives its power from two primary feeders, one of them connected through Westchester County; the other is Bronx based. Each carries roughly 50 percent of our power. Last year after complaints from the Civic Association, which met with representatives of Con Ed in Jimmy Vacca's office, upgrades were made to the system replacing storage poles and providing amplification equipment and voltage regulators. This work was completed in June.

On the July 4 weekend, Con Ed broke citywide records for electricity use, and to make matters worse, the Westchester feeder had to be taken out of service because a defect was found in the cable under the bridge that had to be repaired. As a result, because of the upgrades and the installation of the voltage regulators, everyone was switched over to the Bronx-based feeder, which supplied low-volt conditions to everyone on City Island. (This explains why people's air conditioners didn't work properly.)

Had the upgrades not taken place, half of City Island would have been dark. I was further advised by Con Ed that additional improvements will be undertaken on the

system over the next two months to make further improvements, because even though the Island didn't go dark, Con Ed was not happy with the situation that did take place.

However, here's the conflict: I asked over the phone whether or not Islanders would be seeing some level of a refund as a result of what happened. I was told no, because they're only required to give refunds when there's an actual blackout, not for supplying limited voltage. I'm not sure how this will affect people's utility bills as people are charged for kilowatt hours but if folks are being charged full price for limited service, we might want to file a complaint with the Public Service Commission and get Sena-

tor Klein and Assemblyman Benedetto involved.

John Doyle, Secretary
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Batten Down the Hatches: Hurricane Season is Here

By BARBARA DOLENSEK

The greatest potential for hurricanes in New York City is from August through October, and the city's Office for Emergency Management (OEM) has sent out pamphlets alerting residents to the dangers of serious storms and offering advice on how to prepare for them.

The definition of a hurricane is a tropical cyclone (a rotating low-pressure weather system) with sustained winds of 74 mph or greater. In addition to destructive waves, heavy rain and winds, hurricanes can also bring storm surges, which account for the largest number of hurricane fatalities as the wind pushes ocean water ashore.

City Islanders are well aware of the damage that such storms can do, and many are familiar with the steps to take in order to minimize damage. The first is to evacuate the island when evacuation is recommended by the OEM; City Island is in Zone 1, the most vulnerable zone level in the city, and evacuations were ordered by the mayor's office for both Hurricane Irene and Hurricane Sandy.

The OEM suggests that you sign up for Notify NYC to receive emergency notifications and updates via e-mail, telephone, SMS text or Twitter. (sign up at www.nyc.gov/oem). Be sure that your flood insurance is in order; for information about the National Flood Insurance Program, go to www.fema.gov/national-flood-insurance-program. If you do not know the base flood elevation for your property, find out by visiting www.region2coastal.com.

Then develop an evacuation plan by arranging for help from friends or family if you need help or a place to stay off the Island.

Prepare a "go bag" that you can have handy to take in case of emergency. A go bag should include copies of your important documents in a waterproof and portable container (insurance cards, photo IDs, etc.); an extra set of car and house keys; copies of credit/ATM cards and cash; bottled water and nonperishable food such as energy or granola bars; a flashlight; a battery-operated AM/FM radio; extra batteries; a list of medications you take, why you take

them, and their dosages; doctors' names and phone numbers; a first-aid kit; contact and meeting place information for your household and a small local map; child care, pet care, and other special and personal items.

If your home is surrounded with trees, have them pruned periodically to lower their wind resistance. A tree with many branches is like a sail that invites the wind to push it over. If you are concerned that a tree on the sidewalk belongs to the city and cannot be pruned without a permit, which can take months to obtain from the Parks Department, call a tree pruning firm, which will take care of the permitting process much more efficiently.

If a storm is approaching, prepare your home and your vehicles. Bring inside loose, lightweight objects, such as lawn furniture and garbage cans, and anchor objects that will be unsafe to bring inside, such as gas grills or propane tanks. Close windows and outside doors securely, and move valuable items from the basement to upper floors. Charge your cell phone batteries and refill your prescription medications. Top off your vehicle and generator with fuel and consider moving your vehicle to higher ground. Turn your refrigerator and freezer to a colder setting so that if you lose power, items that need refrigeration will stay cooler for a longer period. Fill the bathtub and other large containers with water.

If you are instructed to evacuate, be sure to include also sleeping bags or bedding and at least a week's supply of medication and toiletries, a gallon of drinking water per person per day; canned foods and a can opener, a whistle and a phone that does not rely on electricity. Above all, stay tuned to the latest weather reports on the NOAA websites (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration www.nws.noaa.gov/om/marine/home), or listen to the radio or television or other device, and follow the instructions of OEM and other city officials.

Above all, don't panic. Rely on your neighbors for help if you need it, and keep yourself informed about the status of the storm.

Unclaimed Funds Awaiting Islanders

By BARBARA DOLENSEK

On Friday, July 26, State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli visited City Island as part of his campaign to encourage residents and businesses to search the state's online database in order to determine if New York

State is holding any unclaimed funds that might be owing to them.

The comptroller's office estimates that of the nearly \$213 million of unclaimed funds in New York State, at least \$1 million could be claimed by Islanders. The database indicates that in the zip code 10464, there are 1,086 accounts adding up to more than \$1 million. Most of these funds are in small accounts, often unclaimed refund checks from insurance companies or utilities or money left in abandoned bank accounts.

Those interested in searching for funds should go to osc.state.ny.us and click on "Our Office" and "Unclaimed Funds" and then type in a name, either a present name or a previous one or variations in spelling or initials.

CHAMPION BOYS OF SUMMER



Photo by SUSAN ROSENDAHL-MASELLA

Cheers for the City Island Little Leaguers, ages 11 and 12, who competed in the Bronx Invitational tournament this summer. The boys won the championship after defeating the Bronxchester team on Friday, Aug. 16, 2013, by a score of 20 to 7. The starting pitcher was Anthony Masella, who pitched four complete innings. Two home runs were hit in the game, one by Anthony Marks and the other by Gabriel Montilla Jr., who hit for the cycle. Joseph Leni hit a triple. The long, hot road to the championship started slowly for the City Island team, which lost the first four games. They rebounded quickly, however, and won their remaining season games and three playoff games. They beat a very tough Pelham Parkway team in the semifinal by a score of 7 to 2, and then beat Bronxchester in the final. Shown above are the exuberant champions (front row, l. to r.): Michael Masella (mascot), Erik Lomonaco, John Tomsen, Angelo Nieves, Gabriel Montilla Jr., James Mettler and Marc Lomonaco (mascot); middle row: John Tomsen (City Island Little League president), Anthony Marks, Joseph Leni, Angel Ventura, Frankie DeJesus, Anthony Masella Jr. and coach Lawrence Marks; back row: coaches Thomas Leni, Louis Lomonaco and Anthony Masella. Players not pictured: Joseph Cordero, Joseph O'Keefe and Pablo Campusano.

Local Officials Support New Boating Safety Law

By BARBARA DOLENSEK

On Monday, July 15, State Senator Jeff Klein held a press conference at the City Island Yacht Club to announce his support of new legislation that will make boat safety training a requirement for operators of motorboats in New York State.

Along with Senator David Carlucci of Rockland County and Assemblywoman Sandy Galef of Westchester County, Senator Klein called upon Governor Cuomo to sign the legislation, which is comparable to laws that exist in Connecticut and New Jersey.

All three legislators cited boating accidents that have occurred in New York, focusing on one that took place near City Island, when a young man drowned as the result of a boating prank. The mother and grandmother of Bryan Johnson, the accident victim, attended the press conference and were grateful to the elected officials for their support of the legislation.

Senator Klein said: "It's clear that boating safety education is a critical part of reducing the number of tragic incidents that happen every year on New York's waterways. Here in the Bronx, we have the third highest rate of boating accidents in the state. That's unacceptable, and it demonstrates why we have a duty to do more. That's why I supported legislation that will

increase boating safety education, bring our standards in line with neighboring states and, most importantly, save lives. I urge Governor Cuomo to sign this common sense legislation into law for the safety of all New Yorkers who enjoy spending time on the water."

The law, when signed, will be implemented through a multi-year process beginning in 2014, when 18-year-olds will be required to take a boat safety course. The following year, 18- and 19-year-olds, will be required to take the course and obtain a certificate. This will continue until everyone in the state will be required to obtain a certificate before operating a motor-driven vehicle.

The officials were asked a number of questions by those in attendance at the press conference, such as whether those renting boats will be required to take such courses. Senator Klein replied that boat rentals were not to be affected by the law, presumably because of pressure from the tourism industry. The law will not apply to canoes, kayaks and rowboats, but it will apply to sailboats with motors.

When asked about how the law would be enforced, the officials said that this would have to be worked out with the Coast Guard, which, along with the New York City Harbor Patrol, is already responsible for enforcing existing laws relating to driving a boat while intoxicated. The accident in which Bryan Johnson lost his life was believed to have involved drinking.

Laws already exist requiring all those aged 14 and over to have a boat-safety certificate in order to operate a personal watercraft, such as a JetSki, and children between the ages of 10 and 18 must have boating safety certificates in order to operate a mechanically propelled vessel unaccompanied. These certificates are issued by the New York State Department of Parks and Recreation, the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary or the U.S. Power Squadron. Presumably, the new law will also affect motorboat operators on freshwater ponds and lakes throughout New York State, but no mention was made of this at the press conference.

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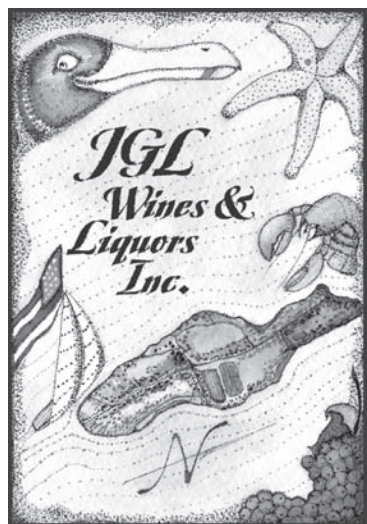
The **Dragons Path Academy** (229 City Island Avenue) begins its "Kickin Kids" Martial Arts After-School Program on Sept. 9, so register soon. Also check out the new Lil Dragon program and the Saturday Tae Kwon Do program. Call Sensei Eddie at 347-945-3172 or 917-742-2007.

Save the date! **Fe Fi Faux Studio and Gallery**, 276 City Island Avenue, will host the long-awaited exhibition of the entire collection of the daily paintings of Marguerite Chadwick-Juner during the month of November just in time for holiday gifting. A wine and cheese opening reception will be held on Friday, Nov. 1. More details will follow in the October issue of *The Island Current*.

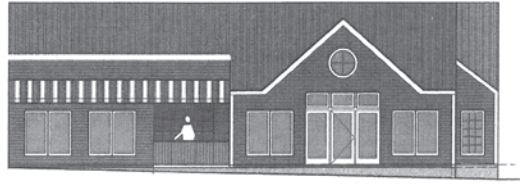
Tony's Pier at 1 City Island Avenue is delighted to announce that they are planning to reopen on Labor Day. The restaurant, destroyed by fire in Hurricane Sandy, has been in business for 60-plus years. The owners have missed all of their loyal patrons and will be happy to serve them again. One major difference is that the building is higher up from the water, so that the view of Long Island Sound, Manhattan and the Throgs Neck and Whitestone Bridges is nothing short of spectacular.

Physical therapist Janine Mantzaris (340 City Island Avenue) is pleased to announce that as of September her office will provide Durable Medical Equipment (DME) to Medicare and private pay patients. Equipment will include walkers, canes and so on. They have recently partnered with Phillips Lifeline to provide and install the Lifeline Remote Monitoring System and in September will begin providing and installing the Lifeline Alert system to those who are living alone and would benefit from this service. Those who know of someone who might benefit from this service are asked to contact the office. By ensuring that patients who fall and are unable to get up will receive in-home assistance in a timely manner, the system provides security to patients who are wish to maintain their independence by staying in their homes. The Lifeline system connects the user to a 24/7 response center; a live Lifeline Associate will take the call and contact a neighbor, loved one or emergency services based on their specific needs and will then follow up to confirm that help has arrived.

Starting in September the office will be open four days a week, available for appointments on Monday and Wednesday mornings in addition to the existing full-day schedule on Tuesdays and Thursdays.



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After being destroyed by fire in Hurricane Sandy, Tony's Pier Restaurant has been hard at work rebuilding (plan shown above) and is hoping to reopen on Labor Day weekend.

September at Bartow-Pell

On Friday, Sept. 6, the museum will launch "A Gardener's Library: Vintage Books from the Bartow-Pell Collection," which will be on view until Nov. 17. This is an exhibition of books collected by the International Garden Club (now the Bartow-Pell Conservancy) in its early days. See the exhibit during open hours, Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. Mansion admission is \$5 adults, \$3 seniors and students; free for children under six.

Also on Sept. 6, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. is the First Friday event, when the free Bronx Seaside Trolley will convey visitors to and from the Pelham Bay station, City Island and the BPMM, which will present singer/songwriter Maya Cabellero. Registration requested. Cost \$10 adults; \$8 seniors and students; members free. Call 718-885-1461.

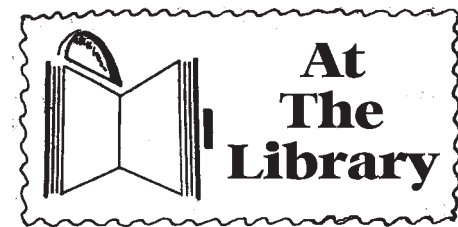
The fall series of Yoga in the Orangerie will take place on Fridays, Sept. 13, 20 and 27; Oct. 4, 18 and 25; and Nov. 1 and 8 from 9 to 10:15 a.m. Eight-class series; class size limited to 12. Students should bring their own mats. Registration and prepayment required. Cost \$144 for series; members \$120.

An Urban Park Ranger hike through the historic estates of Pelham Bay Park will take place on Sunday, Sept. 22, starting at 1 p.m. Once there were many mansions on the shores of Pelham Bay; now only Bartow-Pell remains. Comfortable shoes or boots, water and a light snack are recommended. Meets at the museum parking lot. Free.

Guest curator of the library exhibition, Joseph Disponzio, a preservation landscape architect with the Parks Department,

will give a talk on "A Gardener's Library" on Thursday, Sept. 26, at 7:30 p.m. Free.

On Saturday, Sept. 28, from noon to 4 p.m. Bartow-Pell is participating in Museum Day Live!, an annual event hosted by Smithsonian Magazine in which museums across the country open their doors for free. Enjoy free guided tours at quarter past the hour. See www.smithsonianmag.com/museumday for details.



City Island Branch Library Events for September 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.

September Children's Programs

Tuesday Read-a-Loud: Come to the library during Zumba!, hear a few books read aloud and do some coloring inspired by the stories. Every Tuesday from 2 to 3 p.m., Sept. 3, 10, 17 and 24.

September Teen Programs

Relax with Wii: Play Wii, bring a book, do your homework and sneak in a snack. Monday through Friday from 3:30 to 5 p.m.

September Adult Programs

Introduction to the Internet: This workshop is designed to introduce anyone who has never been on the Internet before. Every Tuesday morning from 10 a.m. to noon, Sept. 3, 10, 17 and 24.

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Weekly Movies: Please check our flyers in the library or call for Saturday movies or lecture programs. All events begin at 1 p.m.

Art exhibit: Calling all artists! The City Island Library is now displaying art work from local artists. Displays must be framed and ready to hang. No fees. A short biography is to be included along with picture descriptions. This month a new art exhibit never publicly displayed before.

NEW: Zumba! Free classes for people of any age or skill to exercise in our new Zumba program. Every Tuesday from 2 to 3 p.m., Sept. 3, 10, 17 and 24. Children will have Read-a-Loud at the same time.

NEW! Tablet Group. Learn how to borrow and download library e-books, discuss your favorite apps, and ask questions about how to use tablets in your day-to-day life. Every Thursday afternoon from 2 to 3 p.m., Sept. 5, 12, 19 and 26.

Lecture: "Bronx Tales" "The Bronx and 9/11, Twelve Years Later," a recollection of tales, stories, and illustrations connecting the Bronx and this fateful event on Sept. 11, 2001. Prof. Victor Mastro will present this popular, interesting and illustrated topic as he has done countless times before. Please call the branch for the Saturday date and time.

We are located at 320 City Island Avenue and Bay Street. Please call the branch at 718-885-1703 for events in September and 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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During the first weekend in August, City Island welcomed a fleet of 22 boats sailed by the Corinthians, a group of amateur yachtsmen, several of them residents of City Island who coordinated a great weekend for the members. The Bronx Trolley transported them between guided tours at the Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum and the City Island Nautical Museum, and they were all delighted to have some ice cream at Lickety Split, where they were greeted by "Welcome, Corinthians" chalked on the sidewalk. The members gathered for photographs at the Harlem Yacht Club, where they enjoyed cocktails, dinner and a magnificent sunset. The following morning, the fleet made its customary parade of boats around the end of the Island to continue the cruise to their final destination in Northport.

Laramie Revisited

By MARY MCINTYRE



Photo by FRANK FRAIOLI

On Friday, Aug. 23, 2013, a lively group of City Island Theater Group supporters, board members and the cast of "The Laramie Project," to be presented in two parts over the weekend of Sept. 20-22, gathered for the unveiling of the window at 282 City Island Avenue, joined by (l. to r.): sponsors of the play, Richard DePierro and Stanley S. Passo; Carol McCabe and Nick Sala of the theater group; and Councilmember James Vacca, who helps fund the group.

"An incredible night of great theater...an important work, a moving story, and a message that must be embraced. The cast, acting, staging and direction were all superb. Thank you for a job very well done."

Michael Shanley

Last September the City Island Theater Group presented a staged reading of Moises Kaufman's "The Laramie Project," the story of the 1998 beating and death of Matthew Shepard, an 18-year-old gay student at the University of Wyoming. Kaufman and the Tectonic Theater Company traveled to Laramie and conducted more than 200 interviews with the townspeople after Matthew's death and brought attention to the issues of gay rights and hate crimes. The group returned to Laramie 10 years later and conducted more interviews with the locals, which resulted in "The Laramie Project: 10 Years Later," and provoked the editor of a local paper to write, "Laramie is a community. It is not a project."

"I knew Laramie was going to be an important piece of theater, but I did not realize how important until audience members approached me and thanked me. Why thank me? If they wanted to thank anyone, it should have been Matthew. I realize now that they were thanking me as part of the group who elected to address this issue. Until we live in a world without prejudice and bigotry, Mat-

thew's story is still important to tell."

Susan Rauh, cast member

It has been 15 years since that horrific event, and "The Laramie Project" has become one of the most frequently produced plays in America. The Tectonic Theater Group estimates that 15 million people have seen the production, yet, as recently as the spring of 2012, one week into the rehearsal of a high school production in New Jersey, the school board closed down the play because of pressure from the community, which felt it was inappropriate. One student was quoted as saying, "It was shut down for the same reasons we felt we needed to put it up."

"I believe Jonas Slonaker [Laramie resident] said it best: 'If I don't tell you I'm a fag you won't beat the crap out of me. . . . What's so great about that?' It reminds me of when I had to hide my yarmulkeh walking to Hebrew School as a kid, for fear of being found out as a Jew."

Andy Ravick, cast member.

Thanks to the continued interest of the City Island community and the continuing timeliness of the topic, the City Island Theater Group is proud to present once again its staged reading of "The Laramie Project" at 8 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 20, and of "The Laramie Project: 10 Years Later" on Saturday, Sept. 21, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 22, at 3 p.m. Elizabeth Paldino will direct both productions.

With these back-to-back productions, CITG is pleased to create and sustain dialogue on important issues.

All productions will be at Grace Church Hall, 116 City Island Avenue at Pilot Street. Free valet parking will be available at Sammy's Lot #3, south of the Chinese restaurant on City Island Avenue. For reservations, call 718-885-0366 or e-mail tickets@cityislandtheatergroup.com. Tickets may be purchased on line by visiting www.cityislandtheatergroup.com

These productions have been proudly funded by Richard DePierro and Stanley S. Passo in memory of Dominic Consoli.

King Avenue's Choreographer



Award winning director and choreographer Hyonok Kim divides her time between City Island and South Korea, where she is on the faculty at Keimyung University of Dance. On Aug. 3, 2013, she previewed her new dance film, "Passion and Reborn," to neighbors and friends at her King Avenue home. Her previous film, "Teile dich Nacht," received the Gold Award Dance on Camera in New York. Ms. Kim graduated from the University of Paris IV Coursus de Diplome de Danse, and received a Ph.D in Arts. She studied film directing at the New York Film Academy in 2005.

The Devil in the Details

By CORMAC MCENERY

A will is only as good as the thought that went into preparing it. What this means is that a hastily drafted will probably won't reflect the desired intentions of its maker. On the other hand, a will that is the byproduct of much reflection, carefully drafted and properly executed under the supervision of an attorney, will insure that it does just what its maker intended.

If your will is poorly drafted and not specific about your exact wants, your family may spend years fighting in court over your true intentions. Just because you executed a will doesn't mean that your wishes will be completely honored when you die if you aren't clear.

The devil is in the details, and here are some tips for making a will and other estate-planning documents to insure that your final wishes are carried out:

Inventory your assets. You should provide your attorney with a complete list of your assets, including real property, personal property, cash security and retirement accounts, pension and death benefits from employment, business and partnership interests, and the estimated worth of each. Include details such as account numbers, the title of each asset and any designated beneficiary (in trust for (ITF) or payable upon death (POD)) of an asset. You may wish to consider providing passwords to your executor separately, especially if any of your accounts generate only paperless statements.

Decide who will get what. Your will directs specifically how you want your property to be divided at your death. You can designate specific amounts and/or specific items of property to certain heirs with the remainder or all of your estate being divided between your designated beneficiaries by percentages listed in your will. As your will only directs the distribution of your assets that are not held jointly with another, or to which there is no designated beneficiary, you should also review how your assets are held and your beneficiary designations.

Designate an executor. An executor carries out the terms of your will. Make sure you ask ahead of time if they are willing to serve. You should also designate a successor executor should your designated executor be unable to serve at the time of your death.

Designate a guardian for your minor children. Decide who you want to raise your children if both you and the other parent die, and make sure the guardian is willing to serve in this very important role. Also name someone to manage the children's money until they reach adulthood. You may designate the same person, or different people, to raise your children and to manage your children's money. The person who manages your children's money until adulthood, or any other trust created under your will, is a trustee.

Plan for your beneficiaries future medical needs. Your will should authorize your executor to distribute any social services dependant beneficiary's bequest under

your will into a Supplemental Needs Trust, so that a bequest to such a beneficiary under your will does not disqualify that beneficiary from benefits such as Medicaid, Veterans or SSI benefits which he or she may be receiving, or about to become eligible to receive, at the time of the distribution of that bequest under your will.

Letter of Last Instruction. To insure that your specific funeral and burial preferences are carried out, you should complete a Letter of Last Instruction, which lists your personal wishes as to your burial and funeral services and the distribution of your items of personal property that may have sentimental rather than monetary value.

Estate Planning Asset Location Record. You should have an Estate Planning Asset Location Record, which you should keep with your other important papers, along with giving copies to your designated executor and attorney. The asset location record form will assist your designated executor in locating your original will, safe deposit box, life insurance policies, assets and other important documents upon your death.

Burial Directive. In New York State only a person designated in a written instrument, spouse, domestic partner, child over 18 years old, parent, brother or sister, guardian, grandchild, great-grandchildren, niece or nephew, grandparent, aunt or uncle, first cousin, great-grandchild of grandparents or second cousins (in order of authority) can make your funeral and burial arrangements. If you do not have a family member in one of those categories, only the public administrator of the county in which you resided can make your funeral and burial arrangements. It is imperative that you complete an Appointment of Agent to Control Disposition of Remains form if you do not have a family member in the aforementioned categories or if you want to designate someone to make your funeral and burial arrangements.

Family information. You should provide your attorney with your family information, including predeceased family members and family members you are not providing for in your will. The reason for this is twofold. First, it evidences that you knew who your family was (the natural objects of your bounty), which is one of the proofs of your competency to execute your will. Second, the information may be of assistance to your executor in locating family members after your death.

Review your will periodically. You should review your will, especially at major life changes, such as marriage, divorce, and birth of a child. A review every three years is a good rule to follow.

If you follow these tips and include these details, your New York wills attorney will have no problem drafting a document that, upon proper execution supervised by an attorney, will ensure that you wishes are carried out.

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Current Calendar

SEPTEMBER

Thurs., Sept. 5, **Blood Drive**, 4 to 8:30 p.m., Grace Church Parish Hall, 116 City Island Avenue at Pilot Street.

Tues., Sept. 10, **Cub Scout Troop 211 Registration**, 6:30 to 8 p.m., Trinity Methodist Church Hall at the corner of City Island Avenue and Bay Street.

Thurs., Sept. 19, **Community Board meets**, Schuyler House, 3077 Cross Bronx Expressway, Bronx, 7:30 p.m.

Sat., Sept. 21, **Cleanup at Orchard Beach**, 9 a.m. to noon, sponsored by the American Littoral Society.

Sat. and Sun., Sept. 21 and 22, **Arts and Crafts Fair**, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. City Island Avenue.

Tues., Sept. 24, **City Island Civic Association meets**, 7:30 p.m., Community Center, 190 Fordham Street.

Sat., Sept. 28, **POTS Program**, St. Mary's School Yard, Minneford Avenue and Kilroe Street, drop-off between 4:30 and 5 p.m. Menu: chicken with peppers, potatoes and onions.

OCTOBER

Fri., Sat., and Sun., Oct. 4, 5, 6, **American Legion Pumpkin Sale**. Legion parking lot at City Island Avenue and Cross Street, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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.

Mark your calendars now for a spaghetti dinner and square dance to be held in Fellowship Hall on Saturday, Nov. 16. More details will be announced in the next issue.

The Budget Corner will reopen soon. Workers have been busy clearing out last season's goods and bringing out new items. The donation box will soon be ready to accept your donations. The members and friends of Trinity United Methodist Church are thankful for the community's generous donations and continued support of the Budget Corner.

Rick DeWitt

St. Mary's Thrift Shop

The shop will reopen on Thursday, Sept. 19, at 10 a.m. New and used clothing, shoes, bags, linens and household appliances, plus CD's, tapes, records, books, toys, games and our new and used bric-a-brac will be displayed. Enjoy our complimentary coffee and crumpets while shopping. Thrift shop dates in September are 19, 21, 26 and 28, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. And remember, donations are always greatly appreciated.

Arlene Byrne

American Legion Ladies Auxiliary

We hope everyone had a good summer. We are looking forward to another good year with lots of fun and good will.

American Legion is holding their annual clam bake Sat., Sept 7 at 6 p.m., \$50 per person.

Remember our meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month. Our next meeting will be held on Sept. 3 at 7:30 p.m.

Maryann Occhicone

Grace Episcopal Church

Located at 116 City Island Avenue, at Pilot Street, Grace Church is an historic Episcopal parish that has served the nautical community of City Island for over 160 years. We welcome you! Our Holy Communion Rite I is every Sunday at 10 a.m.

Grace Church is ready to kick off the fall season with a return to our Fellowship Fridays. All members of the City Island Community are invited and encouraged to attend these events, which are held on the first Friday of every month. For further information on guest speakers, as well as times and dates, please see the article in this month's *Current*.

Eileen Marcus

Sons of the American Legion Squadron #156

We would like to remind all members that dues (\$30) are now past due. The money can be mailed or dropped off to the Post and placed in the SAL Box.

The annual golf outing will be held on Friday, Sept. 6, at the Pelham / Split Rock course. The cost is \$125 per person, which includes lunch, golf, prizes and dinner back at the Post. Registration is 12:30 p.m. and Shotgun is 1:30 p.m. The next day, Saturday, Sept. 7, will be the annual clambake. The price is \$50 if you sign up in advance and \$55 at the door. The clambake starts at 6 p.m. in the parking lot.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, Sept. 12, at 8 p.m.

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

All old flags should be deposited in the red, white and blue mailbox next to the flagpole. They will be retired with dignity.

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

Fred Ramftl Jr.

AARP Chapter 318

The chapter meets on the first and third Wednesdays of each month in Trinity United Methodist Church Hall on Bay Street at 1 p.m. Our second meeting, on Wednesday, Sept. 18, will take place at Pelham Cemetery at 12:30 p.m. for a brief 9/11 memorial service, and then we will move to Trinity Hall for a regular meeting and refreshments.

Our chapter enjoyed a day trip on Wednesday, Aug. 14, to Mount Airy Lodge in Pennsylvania. We hope to see everyone back after the summer. We have planned some wonderful activities for the 2013-14 year. Bring a friend; new members are always welcome.

Rosetta Woods

City Island Republicans

It is with deep regret that we announce that our secretary Marge McNulty has died. She was truly a major part of our club and her presence will surely be missed.

The Republican primary will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 10. We want to remind all registered Republicans to come out and support Joe Lhota on primary day.

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

Fred Ramftl Jr.



Photos by RICK DEWITT

On Sunday, July 14, Reverend Yew baptized two new members of Trinity's congregation (l. to r.): Pastor Yew, new member Yi Rong Chen, proud parents Alexandra and Paul Siegfried holding Sophia Claire Siegfried, and godparents Patrick and Julie Guarnieri. Sophia is the granddaughter of Philip and Clair Fitzgerald. On the same day the congregation honored longtime member Carol Stewart for her many years of dedicated service to Trinity United Methodist Church. Along with a certificate she was presented flowers by the Sunday school children.

Rotary Club of the Bronx

The club had a hugely successful President's Dinner on June 27, 2013. Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj, the keynote speaker, was awarded a Paul Harris Fellow. Refreshingly, his speech was not about political agenda, but about his devotion to family and the values that his father, who sadly passed away the previous week, had instilled in him. Those values are what drew his attention to Rotary in general and the Gift of Life program specifically. At the dinner, Assemblyman Gjonaj vowed to personally fund one Gift of Life child per year for the Bronx Club.

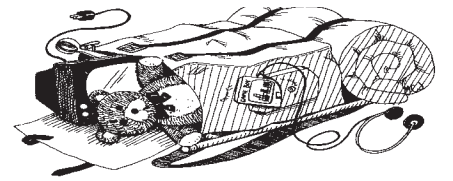
Louise and Louis DiMeo were also awarded Paul Harris Fellows at the dinner. They pledged to fund one or two children a year for the club. The first child funded by the DiMeos is Jaeden Ramkaran, who arrived from Trinidad with his mother, Jacqueline, on Aug. 17. He is two years old and is scheduled to have his life-saving heart surgery at Montefiore Children's Hospital on Aug. 27.

There are many logistics to handle when preparing for the arrival of a Gift of Life child. We thank Bronx Rotarian Ed Hicks for finding a host family for the child and mother, but there are many smaller things that need to be found as well, such as car seats and portable cribs. The Bronx Club is grateful to those who have stepped up to donate these items. Special thanks go to former Islander Lyn Roth Jacobs, who found us an infant car seat and who has been a great champion for the Gift of Life program, personally hosting two children so far.

The Bronx Club is also happy to announce that their meetings will now be held at the Light House Restaurant. Meetings are at 12

noon every Tuesday except for the third Tuesday of each month. The third Tuesday will be a "sunset meeting" at 6 p.m. Come join us for a meal and find out what the largest service organization in the world is all about!

Marguerite Chadwick-Juner



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. For more information, call Patty at 718-885-1891.

Teen Dance: Teen dances are coming this fall; continue to watch for upcoming dates. 8 to 10:30 p.m. Free.

City Island Parenting Group: This program will resume in September.

NEW PROGRAMS

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. For more information, call Mimi at 203-641-6426.

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 auditor. \$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 help 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.

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

St. Mary, Star of the Sea Church

On Saturday, Sept. 14, we will hold our annual outdoor Mass at 5:15 p.m. in St. Mary's schoolyard. This is always a very special occasion. Mark your calendars and plan to join us.

Sunday, Sept. 15, has been designated National Catechetical Sunday. Because of our special evening Mass the previous day, we will celebrate this special Sunday the following week, on Sept. 22. At the 10 a.m. Mass we will commission our catechists for the work they will do in our religious education program throughout the year.

Our religious education program will begin on Wednesday, Sept. 18, with grades 1 through 3 meeting from 2 to 3:30 p.m. and grades 4 through 8 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Anyone who has not yet registered should contact Sr. Bernadette as soon as possible. No registrations will be accepted on the first day of class. Forms are available in the rectory or in the vestibule of the church. New students must present a copy of a baptismal certificate if he or she has not been baptized here at St. Mary's.

St. Mary's Thrift Shop will reopen officially on Thursday, Sept. 19. Come and check out all the fall selections.

Our monthly Holy Hour will resume on Friday, Oct. 4, from 4 to 5 p.m.

Sr. Bernadette, osu

Cub Scout Pack 211

The pack hopes everyone had a wonderful and exciting summer and is calling all first- to fifth-grade boys who wish to be challenged and do exciting things like camping, hiking and sleepovers. Cub Scout Pack 211 has a very exciting calendar planned, with trips to many interesting places and some combined trips with Troop 211.

We will have registration on Tuesday, Sept. 10, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Trinity Methodist Church Hall. Come one come all.

Angelo Bellocchio

Temple Beth-El

Temple Beth-El of City Island, Your Shul by the Sea, an unaffiliated, all-inclusive synagogue, offers a stimulating place for observance of Jewish traditions. The spirited congregation led by our innovative Rabbi, Shohama Wiener, our joyful and musical associate spiritual leader, Reb David Evan Markus and our multi-talented Rabbinic intern, Reb Eva Sax-Bolder. For 79 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 all words to be easily sung and read. Your Shul by the Sea Band offers a delightful quality to our services and some of us are inspired to dance as we welcome the Sabbath.

Our special events and services for September are as follows: Remember the High Holy Days come early this year: Rosh Hashanah Sept. 4, 5, 6; Yom Kippur Sept. 13 and 14. We look forward to seeing you at our free High Holy Days services. Please plan to come early to each of these services, for they begin on designated times listed below. Our doors will be open at least 15 minutes before starting time.

High Holy Days 2013-5774:

Wednesday, Sept. 4: Erev Rosh Hashanah 8 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 5: Rosh Hashanah. Morning service 10 a.m.; Shofar service 12 noon; Tashlich 12:30 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 6: Morning service 10 a.m.

Friday, Sept. 13: Erev Yom Kippur 7 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 14: Yom Kippur. Morning service 10 a.m.; Yiskor service 11:30 a.m.; afternoon programs with Reb David and Reb Eva; lecture/discussion 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.; Yoga, Chant, Walk 4 to 5 p.m.; Mincha



Photos by BOB BERENT

On July 19, 2013, Temple Beth El of City Island held its annual summer Shabbat by the Sea at the Bay Street home of Ken Binder and Steve Roth. This year the service focused on the holiday of Tu B'Av, a festival of love dedicated to social justice and care for one's community. Your Shul by the Sea Band offered dance music, and an Oneg followed the service, sponsored by Ken and Steve in honor of their wedding anniversary.



PSS Healthy Seniors

Fitness Program

Exercise is an important key to good health, especially for older people. We hope more seniors 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 a.m. at Grace Church Hall, 116 City Island Avenue; **Arthritis Exercise with Patty:** Tuesdays at 10 a.m. at Grace Church Hall; **Yoga Stretch with Michael:** Thursdays at 9 a.m. at Grace Church Hall; **Fit for Life with Sarah:** Fridays at 9 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

We cannot change the past. But we can write the story with a different ending. Come write out new endings and beginnings, too. Every Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. Grace Church Hall. Call Gail for more information at 718-885-0444. No charge. All are welcome.

Volunteering

We are pleased with our many volunteers and appreciate their help in many areas, including clerical, computer, arts and crafts, visiting and help with parties and events to name a few. We welcome all new volunteers in helping make this senior center the absolute best for our seaside community.

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 Patty at 718-885-0727 to receive our detailed monthly calendar featuring trips, events and activities. Programs are funded by Presbyterian Senior Services and the NYC Department for the Aging.

Patty Attis

Ellen Ruth Topol

American Legion Post #156

The next regular meeting will be held on Thursday, Sept. 12, at 7:30 p.m. The executive board meeting will be on Thursday, Sept. 19, at 7:30 p.m.

The annual golf outing will be held on Friday, Sept. 6, at the Pelham / Split Rock course. It is \$125 per person, including lunch, golf, prizes and dinner back at the Post. Registration is 12:30 p.m. and Shotgun is 1:30 p.m. The next day, Saturday, Sept. 7, will be the annual clambake. The price is \$50 if you sign up in advance and \$55 at the door. The festivities start at 6 p.m. in the parking lot.

The Veterans Administration accepts clothing donations for our veterans. Donations can be dropped off at the Post or taken to the fourth floor of the VA hospital in Kingsbridge.

Vice Commander Mike Treats reports that membership dues (\$45) are now due. The money can be mailed or dropped off at the Post.

Football season is here. Come and watch your favorite teams on our many televisions. We have space for your next party; the Post can accommodate up to 100 people. Members receive a discount on all hall rentals.

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

We are in need of flag stewards to help put up the flags this year. Anyone interested should contact the Post at 718-885-0639.

On a sad note, we recently lost one of our World War II veterans, Bob Branizza. Eric Eckland is out walking the Island again after his recent fall. Social member Tony Reiley is recovering from surgery. There are no other sick call reports at this time.

Thomas Lynch



Contagion

Although the U.S. government has become increasingly concerned in recent years with pandemics and biochemical warfare, Hollywood has been considering this topic for years. A classic film based on the Michael Crichton novel is **The Andromeda Strain** (1971). When a deadly virus is brought to earth by an American space probe, a group of scientists, Drs. Jeremy Stone (Arthur Hill), Charles Dutton (David Wayne), Mark Hall (James Olson) and Ruth Leavitt (Kate Reid) are called in to stop the spread.

Three very gory films have been based on Richard Matheson's dark novel **I Am Legend**. Years after a plague kills most of humanity and transforms the rest into monsters, the sole survivor in New York City struggles valiantly to survive and find a cure. **The Last Man on Earth** (1964) stars Vincent Price as Dr. Robert Morgan. **The Omega Man** (1971) and **I Am Legend** (2007) star Charlton Heston and Will Smith, respectively, as Dr. Robert Neville.

Two movies for those with strong stomachs are **28 Days Later** (2002) and **28 Weeks Later** (2007). In the first film, a handful of survivors try to find sanctuary four weeks after a mysterious incurable virus spreads throughout the U.K. In the sequel, order is restored, but a carrier of the Rage Virus enters London and unknowingly starts the spread of the deadly infection all over again.

And the Band Played On (1993) is a superb docudrama starring Matthew Modine as Dr. Don Francis, a Center for Disease Control physician fighting the

spread of AIDS. The cast includes Alan Alda as arrogant, self-serving Dr. Bob Gallo; Lily Tomlin as a San Francisco public health inspector, Phil Collins as a bathhouse owner, Richard Gere as a choreographer, and Ian McKellen as a gay politician. The viewer is riveted by the frustration experienced by those who are trying to contain the disease.

Outbreak (1995) is an action thriller starring Dustin Hoffman as Dr. Sam Daniels and Rene Russo as Robby, his estranged wife. Sam heads a military team that includes Major Casey Schuler (Kevin Spacey) and Major Salt (Cuba Gooding Jr.), who report to General Ford (Morgan Freeman) and the evil General McClintock (Donald Sutherland). Their job is to control a deadly hemorrhagic fever.

Twelve Monkeys (1995) stars Bruce Willis as James Cole, a man who travels back in time to gather information to help scientists in the future prevent the death of five billion people caused by a deadly germ. He is aided by a psychiatrist, Dr. Kathryn Raily (Madeleine Stowe). Brad Pitt gives a Golden Globe-winning performance as the very crazy Jeffrey Goines, who is a key to save the world.

In **The X-Files: Fight the Future** (1998), the appearance of a deadly virus of extraterrestrial origin could destroy all life on Earth. FBI Special Agents Fox Mulder (David Duchovny) and Dr. Dana Scully (Gillian Anderson), with the help of a paranoid doctor, Alvin Kurtzweil (Martin Landau), fight a secret conspiracy overseen by an international group of powerful men.

Lara Craft, Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life (2003) stars Angelina Jolie in the title role. She fights an evil scientist who is dealing in killer viruses with the intention of selling a cure to the highest bidder. A similar plot is followed in **Mission Impossible II** (2000), starring Tom Cruise as U.S. government secret agent Ethan Hunt, who is assigned to find and destroy Chimera, a virus engineered so that profiteers can make money selling its antidote.

The Plague (2005) is an excellent History Channel documentary that chronicles the most devastating biological disaster in

human history. This highly contagious disease decimated one-third of the population of Europe in 1437 and forever altered the social and economic future of society.

The Painted Veil (2006), based on a novel by Somerset Maugham, is the story of Dr. Walter Fane (Edward Norton). When he discovers that his wife, Kitty (Naomi Watts), is having an affair with Charlie Townsend (Liev Schreiber), Dr. Fane takes her to a Chinese village where he works to contain an outbreak of cholera. The real star of this film is the cinematography.

Contagion (2011) is an intelligent thriller that follows the progress of a lethal airborne virus that kills within days. The worldwide medical community races to find a cure and control the panic that is destroying society. One of the first casualties is executive Beth Emhoff (Gwyneth Paltrow), whose husband, Mitch (Matt Damon), is taken into custody because he is immune and might be the key to finding a cure. The deputy director of the Center for Disease Control, Ellis Cheever (Laurence Fishburne), and another physician, Erin Mears (Kate Winslet), struggle valiantly to contain the virus. In the same capacity, Dr. Leonora Orantes (Marion Cotillard) works for the World Health Organization.

A real surprise was this year's **World War Z**, a riveting film that follows United Nations troubleshooter Gerry Lane (Brad

Pitt), as he travels around the globe, racing against time, to contain a zombie epidemic that threatens to annihilate all of humanity. Its action scenes are cleverly conceived and executed in ways that make them feel surprising and exciting. At a time when cinema overwhelms audiences with the tedium of explosions and over-the-top destruction, this intricate and genuinely suspenseful film is smarter than the usual blockbuster.

Stay well, get vaccinated, and until next time happy viewing. . . .

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GRACE CHURCH TO OFFER FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP

By JOANNE BROGAN

Grace Episcopal Church has planned another year of Friday Fellowship meetings, which everyone in the City Island community is welcome, indeed, encouraged to attend. The meetings, which are free, will offer programs of interest to all Islanders in the parish hall, which is located at 116 City Island Avenue, at Pilot Street. The meetings will begin at 7 p.m., and refreshments will be served.

We will kick off the year on Sept. 6 with information about four important City Island organizations. Barbara Dolensek will talk about the City Island Nautical Museum; Nick Sala will tell us about the City Island Theater Group; Don Mattson will speak on the good work of the Masons; and Jimmy Booth, fleet captain, will offer information about the Touring Kayak Club.

On Oct. 18, we will make sandwiches for Part of the Solution (POTS), an outstanding non-profit organization that runs the largest food pantry in the Bronx. Please roll up your sleeves, put on a hairnet and join in the fun.

Nov. 8 will repeat last year's most popular program: Chef Michael Proietti, City Island's own award-winning chef, who will bring us new recipes, demonstrate his how-to tips and let us taste the results.

Dec. 6 will offer a scrapbooking session: Joanne Russo Lanza will help participants make a 12-by-12-inch page that can be framed and displayed or given as a holiday

present. All you need to do is bring three or more photographs to include in your page; the themes will be Christmas or Chanukah, beach vacations or family.

After the holidays, Jan. 10 will offer a session in which CARE packages will be prepared for local residents who are on active military service. If you collect unused grooming products from your hotel rooms, here is a perfect opportunity to put them to good use. The boxes will also include locally obtained treats that our brave servicemen and service-women miss while they are away protecting us.

On Feb. 7, Han-Ye Hung, City Island resident and N.Y. Botanical Garden employee, and I will talk about raising chickens in an urban setting. How many chicken farmers are there on City Island? We don't know, but we'll be happy to share our experiences, as well as some freshly laid eggs for someone to take home.

March 14 is so close to St. Patrick's Day that we could not avoid doing an Irish program! There will be Irish soda bread recipes and demonstrations, as well as photographs of trips to Ireland, music and lots of fun.

On April 11 Captain Chris from the Island Current fleet will tell us about fishing in the area for Islanders, imparting invaluable advice and information to all ages and genders!

May 16 will feature City Island's very own experts for a local version of antiques road show. Bring one or two small items for them to evaluate, and you just might learn something new about that vase your grandmother left you.

On June 13, our photographer extraordinaire, Ron Turner, will tell us how to take better photographs. After this program, you will no longer have telephone poles growing out of your loved ones' heads.

We will publish reminder notices as the year progresses; if you want to have email reminders sent to you, please contact joanneok@aol.com.

IN THE GARDEN

By MARY COLBY

MUSINGS ON FOLIAGE PLANTS

Most people like color, and if you do, this column may not be for you. But consider that foliage, even of flowering plants, is with us for most of the season after the blooms have gone. So why not choose the ones that have the most impact and presence? Green is the color that pulls it all together. Some foliage plants can provide full stops in the garden and make accent points where the eye can stop and rest. Contrast versus flow is important in garden making.

Combinations of plants create beautiful pictures. Striped, variegated, silver, yellow or green: there is so much variety without the blooms. So I will make a short list of what I consider some of the best of foliage plants.

For sun: Yucca Filamentosa, striped yellow and green; Verbascum Arctic Summer, a fuzzy and white exclamation point; Rheum Palmatum, gigantic; Artemisia Valeriana, cut leaf and silver; Melianthus Major, outrageous foliage that smells of peanuts (tender, but if covered with bracken may overwinter on City Island); the zone 7 Euphorbia Characias, which has begun to colonize City Island via my seedlings all the way from Sissinghurst, England (they have chartreuse domed heads amidst evergreen blue foliage); Cornus Elegantiissima Variegata, and Boxwood together are wonderful; Bergenia, called pig squeak from the noise the leaves make when you tweak them (keep these to the front as they make a lovely border like lettuce that will not go to seed); Willow-leaved Pear Tree, a small tree of silver leaf; Sambucus Racemosa Plumosa Aurea (quite a mouthful), fine filigreed and golden; Purple Smokebush; Bamboo Nandina, which will not spread and still you may have the elegance of bamboo (please don't plant the big boys; they really are the thugs of the botanical world).

For medium shade: Rodgersia, Hellebores, Hostas, Oakleaf Hydrangea; Ferns (cinnamon, polystichium), and Toad Lilies. All of these would look lovely intermingling among Ajuga. Ajuga for sun or shade is the



Black-eyed Susan, phlox, Cornish variegata, and the bulb crocosmia

no-maintenance groundcover with its purplish brown leaves and deep violet flowers.

Boxwood and Holly gleam and shimmer. The new growth on Yew is yellowish green and looks so fresh that I would take a hedge of it before any flower. Yew and Box can be clipped into any imaginative fancy. Or just the straight tight shear gives the garden furniture or walls for the truly lucky. Be lucky and plant these early in life. Evergreens in the garden give structure. If you plant between these with say Phlox, Black-eyed Susans, and Asters, the garden will bloom summer and fall, and the evergreens, like a fire, will be a living presence in winter. Of course, you can tuck some bulbs in and you have a four-season garden.

Too much green? Color possessed? Why not try an old-fashioned cutting garden and relegate it to stand alone or be intermingled in the veggie garden? How lovely to be able to bring the color inside.

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

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Ruth Patricia Collins

City Island lost a genuine clam digger with the passing of Ruth Collins on July 17, 2013. The last City Island resident of a large network of cousins who lived on the Island as children, Ruth died of the effects of a stroke at the Willow Towers Nursing Home in New Rochelle. She was 85.

Ruth was born on Nov. 27, 1927, to Marion and Daniel Collins at her grandparents' home at 20 Centre Street and shortly thereafter moved with her parents to a smaller house just a few hundred yards distant, where she lived her entire life.

She worked for many years as an administrator at Young & Rubicam advertising agency and finished her career as a manager with Office Temps, Inc. After her retirement in the late 1990s, she continued to consult in the field of human resources.

Ruth enjoyed gardening and planting and was an active member of the Garden Club of City Island. She was a weekly volunteer at Accent on Antiques, an antique shop in Pelham that serves as a fund-raiser for the Sound Shore Medical Center. She was also a member of the Manor Club in Pelham.

Ruth enjoyed visiting and keeping in touch with her extended family for which she took pride in being the "unofficial historian." She traveled frequently to visit her late sister, Georgene Hannon, and her late cousin, Marion Quest, in North Carolina and Florida.

Robert Branizza

Longtime Island resident Robert Branizza died on June 22, 2013, at the Veterans Administration facility in Montrose, New York.

Bob was an avid golfer, a dedicated gardener, a World War II veteran and a beloved family man. The only child of Robert and Alba Branizza, he moved to the states when he was two years old and lived on City Island nearly his entire life.

He joined the Army Air Corps shortly after graduating from high school and, while performing duties as a navigator, he was shot down on June 21, 1944, during a bombing mission over Berlin. The only survivor of his crew, he spent 11 months in a German prisoner of war camp.

After the war, Bob graduated from New York University with a degree in civil engineering and worked for AT&T his entire career. A devout Catholic, he was very active at St. Mary, Star of the Sea Church, where he served as an usher for over 50 years. He was also a talented painter and filled his house on King Avenue, which he designed and built himself, with paintings. Two of his City Island scenes are in the collection of the City Island Nautical Museum.

Bob's wife, Donna, passed away in 1991. He is survived by his son, Robert Jr.; his daughter, Jean; and his son-in-law, Larry. The family asks that memorial donations be made to Wounded Warriors.



Margie McNulty

Margaret B. McNulty

Island resident Margaret (Margie) McNulty died on August 14, 2013.

Born on January 27, 1935, to John and Masie Fitzgerald, Margie and her sisters, Sheila, Kathleen and Betty, grew up in Bexleyheath, Kent, outside London. After living through the turmoil of World War II, Margie immigrated at the age of 17 to the United States and settled in the Bronx with her parents and her sister, Sheila.

One of Margie's greatest points of pride and passion was her 23-year career with the National Football Foundation and College Football Hall of Fame, which afforded her the opportunity to meet presidents, top athletes and film stars. More importantly, she forged over her career many close friendships that lasted decades.

Margie was very committed to the City Island community. Her second career was working with the City Island Chamber of Commerce, where her contributions were recognized with the Drue Breen Exemplary Citizenship Award in 2000. Over the years, she also supported the activities of the Garden Club, the Community Center, the West Fordham Street Residents Association, the former City Island Arts Organization, the City Island Theater Group, *The Island Current* and St. Mary's choir.

Margie was well known for her artistic talents, which she shared with many friends and fellow Island artists. Her paintings have been featured on the walls of the Focal Point Gallery and hang in the homes of many friends and loved ones. With her business skills and snappy writing style, Margie was always willing to help a friend or a cause in need by writing letters to politicians, CEO's and anyone she could win over to her campaigns.

Margie is survived by her daughters, Mary Anne McNulty and Kathleen Marangos. She also leaves behind her sister, Sheila Lyons, of Bay Street and her nephews, John Lyons and Michael Lyons, as well as nieces Alexandra Jack and Caroline McDonough. She is predeceased by her husband, Robert F. McNulty, a veteran of World War II.

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HH = hours; MM = minutes

Tide chart by Tom Smith

SEPTEMBER 2013

DAY	TIME	HEIGHT	TIME	HEIGHT	TIME	HEIGHT	TIME	HEIGHT	DAY
	HH MM	FEET	HH MM	FEET	HH MM	FEET	HH MM	FEET	
01 Sun	0350	1.08	0954	7.34	1601	1.31	2213	7.67	Sun 01
02 Mon	0432	0.90	1036	7.54	1641	1.06	2252	7.78	Mon 02
03 Tue	0509	0.73	1113	7.70	1716	0.79	2324	7.84	Tue 03
04 Wed	0538	0.56	1138	7.83	1743	0.52	2341	7.90	Wed 04
05 Thu	0557	0.38	1149	8.01	1807	0.25	2359	7.99	Thu 05
06 Fri	0618	0.20	1213	8.24	1838	0.03			Fri 06
07 Sat	0031	8.08	0649	0.05	1247	8.46	1914	-0.11	Sat 07
08 Sun	0109	8.09	0726	0.00	1326	8.59	1955	-0.12	Sun 08
09 Mon	0152	8.00	0807	0.07	1409	8.59	2041	0.00	Mon 09
10 Tue	0238	7.80	0853	0.27	1458	8.45	2131	0.25	Tue 10
11 Wed	0330	7.52	0944	0.56	1551	8.19	2229	0.56	Wed 11
12 Thu	0428	7.22	1042	0.89	1650	7.88	2344	0.83	Thu 12
13 Fri	0536	7.00	1153	1.14	1801	7.62			Fri 13
14 Sat	0136	0.81	0710	7.00	1348	1.08	1939	7.57	Sat 14
15 Sun	0250	0.49	0843	7.35	1510	0.63	2109	7.83	Sun 15
16 Mon	0350	0.07	0945	7.81	1611	0.07	2211	8.13	Mon 16
17 Tue	0443	-0.31	1038	8.22	1706	-0.43	2304	8.35	Tue 17
18 Wed	0533	-0.57	1127	8.52	1756	-0.77	2352	8.44	Wed 18
19 Thu	0619	-0.67	1212	8.67	1844	-0.91			Thu 19
20 Fri	0038	8.37	0703	-0.59	1255	8.65	1930	-0.84	Fri 20
21 Sat	0122	8.18	0744	-0.34	1337	8.50	2015	-0.57	Sat 21
22 Sun	0206	7.90	0823	0.03	1417	8.24	2059	-0.16	Sun 22
23 Mon	0249	7.57	0858	0.46	1457	7.91	2143	0.33	Mon 23
24 Tue	0335	7.24	0927	0.91	1539	7.57	2230	0.81	Tue 24
25 Wed	0427	6.96	0956	1.33	1629	7.26	2323	1.24	Wed 25
26 Thu	0529	6.78	1041	1.68	1742	7.03			Thu 26
27 Fri	0022	1.52	0633	6.74	1153	1.92	1855	6.95	Fri 27
28 Sat	0120	1.64	0733	6.85	1330	1.94	1955	7.02	Sat 28
29 Sun	0214	1.59	0826	7.05	1429	1.76	2048	7.16	Sun 29
30 Mon	0302	1.42	0914	7.30	1518	1.45	2133	7.34	Mon 30

OCTOBER 2013

01 Tue	0344	1.18	0954	7.54	1601	1.07	2212	7.50	Tue 01
02 Wed	0419	0.90	1025	7.77	1638	0.67	2240	7.64	Wed 02
03 Thu	0446	0.61	1044	8.02	1709	0.27	2301	7.80	Thu 03
04 Fri	0512	0.33	1107	8.31	1741	-0.08	2330	7.95	Fri 04
05 Sat	0544	0.08	1141	8.59	1817	-0.34			Sat 05



Photo by RICK DEWITT

Helping out with the Hutchinson River cleanup on Aug. 11 are Eleanor Rae and Toby Liedermann, cofounders of the Hutchinson River Restoration Project, along with board members Violet Smith, Rose Zervas and Jack Ullman, and many Islanders and several representatives from the Department of Sanitation.



THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME???

For us, one of the best parts of going away on vacation is coming home. It's not that we don't enjoy ourselves when we are away. It is, rather, the comforts of home that seem to catch up with us and make us anxious for more familiar surroundings. Here on City Island, during the summer especially, the comforts are many, and there is a real temptation to forego traveling altogether. This would be a mistake. As beautiful as City Island can be, the world is infinitely bigger and more beautiful. Some destinations should be required. The Grand Canyon, for instance. Rome. Some would say Disneyland.

It is, perhaps, the experience of seeing new places that matters most. It shapes our perspective and teaches us to be humble in our daily lives, because as much as we may think we know about the world and how things operate, there is always something more, something different, something new and exciting that we didn't know before.

Case in point: Kenya. Before traveling there this summer, we had expectations that were so far removed from what we actually found when we got there that a part of us was (and still is) embarrassed to admit it. The weather, for example, was as comfortable as the best sunny southern California days you can imagine. The landscapes were similarly spectacular, from endless savannas to mighty mountains and lush green valleys.

But the sweetest surprise of all were the

animals. It wasn't only the "Big Five" that you would expect to see on safari in Kenya—lion, leopard, elephant, rhino and buffalo—but it was how often we were reminded of our own fauna here at home, particularly where the birds were concerned. For example, we noticed bird nests that reminded us of the kind an orchard oriole would build in Pelham Bay Park. Sure enough, they were built by African golden orioles. The ubiquitous European starling, which is commonplace here at home, has a Kenyan cousin just as commonplace and ready to feed on table scraps. There were also herons, egrets, a fish eagle as opposed to our fish hawk (i.e., the osprey) and cormorants. Kenyan cormorants, however, seem much more social than our own, loner kind. They were observed swimming in groups.

The surprises that traveling has to offer are as much a part of the experience as the planned parts. They are the discoveries that can elevate even the greatest of vacations into game-changers. Speaking of discoveries, Laury stopped us the other day to tell us about a new, invasive plant species that may be taking over in the woods just after you go over the bridge. It's called wild parsnip and if it were an animal it would bite. Some people who have come into contact with it have reported "burns, blisters and welts," so beware these innocent looking, little yellow flowering plants. And stay tuned.

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- 8. Thank . . . your teachers.** We all have teachers, and not just when we are in school. Let people know how they enhance your life by showing you how to live well.
- 9. Love . . . instead of fear.** Some see this as the fundamental choice we make in how we live our lives.
- 10. Remember that life is a journey, not a race.** Take a breath—or two or three—and just sit there a moment. Notice the beauty around you, and then go out and make the world a better place. Blessings to all.

City Island resident John Scardina is a school psychologist, child development specialist, and parent educator. Check out his website www.ThinkLaughLearn.com. His parent group discussions will resume in the fall at the CI Community Center.

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Jackie Kyle Kall was honored as one of the 25 Bronx Influential Women on June 27, 2013, at the Villa Barone Manor ceremony sponsored by the Bronx Times Reporter. Jackie's nieces, Leslie and Lauren Kyle, were on hand to applaud their aunt (center, photo above) as she accepted accolades and told the audience, "I am glad to be here. At my age I am glad to be anywhere."



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Arlo Rota was born to Beth and Matt Rota on July 11, 2013.

Congratulations to Beth and Matt Rota on the birth of their son, Arlo David, on July 11. Proud grandparents are Mike and Judy Rauh of City Island and Dave and Margaret Rota of Waterloo, Illinois. Happy aunts and uncle are Susan Rauh and Annie and Ben Rota.

Rachel Mirabito and Sean Denehy exchanged vows at St. Mary, Star of the Sea Church on July 27, 2013, in front of a thrilled crowd of family and friends. They highlighted their day with some unique transportation, arriving and departing from the church in a 1938 Chrysler Royale. Later they were driven in the City Island Yacht Club launch from the Earley Street dock to the reception at the Morris Yacht Club by maid of honor and former launch operator Lauren Nye. Proud parents are Jean and Robert Mirabito of City Island and Paul and Ellen Denehy of New Jersey.

They're tying the knot! Congratulations to Alaura and Bowie on their engagement. You two were made for each other. Our warm wishes for a lifetime of joy and happiness together. Love from Mom and Dad.

Best wishes for continued happiness to Bay Street's Ben and Virginia DiGregorio, who will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary on Sept. 5.



Scott Briggs and Lauren Comerico were married in St. Thomas in July.

Happy September birthday to Mike Rauh, who is training for his 35th consecutive NYC Marathon.

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

A fond farewell and good luck wishes to Rosetta Arlia, who after 38 years has retired from Chase Bank. Your co-workers—Chris, Brenda, Joe, Ron, Herman and Margaret—along with your City Island friends will miss you!

Theresa Bivona has accepted a new position as principal of St. Clare's School in the Bronx. Congratulations from family, friends and former students at St. Mary's.

Birthday greetings on Sept. 5 to the Sailmaker's Ann McGuire.

Congratulations to Lauren Comerico and Scott Briggs, who were married on the island of St. Thomas in July. We love you, the Comerico Family.

It's a girl! Magnolia Jane Mazzeo was born in the courtyard of 190 Fordham Street on July 6. Yes, right outside the apartment where her parents live. The little clamdigger was delivered by her dad, now an honorary obstetrician. The FDNY arrived minutes later to lend a hand and Mom and baby were transferred to Jacobi Hospital with no complications.

Our precious Alana turned three on July 9. Happy birthday, sweetheart! Love and kisses from Nonni and Pop Ribaud.

Belated birthday wishes to Fordham Street's Jackson Wepler, who turned nine on Aug. 17.

Happy birthday to Bay Street residents Jean Anderson, Ben DiGregorio and Bob Swieciki, who all share a Sept. 12 birthday.

Birthday greetings to Minneford Avenue's Tina Ruggiero, who will celebrate her big day on Sept. 28.

Best wishes for continued happiness to Angela and Danny D'Allara, who will celebrate their 20th wedding anniversary on Sept. 18. With love from your family.

Maria Swieciki



Photo by LAUREN ALLMOND

Lauren Nye (l.) gave newlyweds Rachel Mirabito and Sean Denehy a ride in the City Island Yacht Club launch to the reception at the Morris Yacht and Beach Club. They also enjoyed a vintage 1938 Chrysler Royale as their wedding limo (inset).



Congratulations to Alaura Imperiola and Bowie Stivala on their engagement.

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