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RESTORING AN AGING LANDMARK

By BARBARA DOLENSEK



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Designs for the renovation of the pavilion at Orchard Beach include beach side access (before and after photos above) and land-side access to the pavilion (top right with inset).

Recognized by the New York Landmarks Preservation Commission as “among the most remarkable public recreational facilities ever constructed in the United States,” Orchard Beach is finally on its way to a major restoration, thanks to the funds provided by elected officials and to a brilliant design produced by Marvel Architects and approved on May 4, 2021, by the Landmarks Commission.

Nearly 85 years ago, on July 25, 1936, Orchard Beach was dedicated by Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia and Robert Moses, his Parks Commissioner, although the pavilion or bath house itself wasn’t completed until the following year. This grand structure, designed by Aymar Embury II, then Consulting Architect for the Department of Parks & Recreation, was designated a New York City Landmark in June 2006 and described as “a major accomplishment of engineering and architecture, and New York City’s most ambitious park project of the New Deal.”

The funding for the massive project was provided by the Works Progress Administration, one of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt’s New Deal programs that had been devised to stimulate the economy and provide jobs during the Great Depression. Mayor LaGuardia and Robert Moses managed to bring the grand idea to reality, as they had done with other city projects. As former Island resident Deborah Wye wrote in 2015 for an exhibition she curated at the City Island Nautical Museum, the building evokes “a sense of stability that must have been reassuring during the Great Depression.”

Sadly, over the years, the condition of the bathhouse deteriorated to the extent that several areas were closed to the public. As the Landmarks designation notes: “During the middle and late 1960s, the windows and doors were restored and new lockers were installed. Following that, however, came an extended period of neglect lasting through the 1970s [and] by 1980, Orchard Beach had become a rundown facility with a reputation for being unsanitary and unsafe.” Beginning in 1980, the Parks Department spent over a million dollars to rehabilitate the building, but the project was not completed, and many parts of the bath house remained closed to the public. In 2010, \$13 million from the Parks Department and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers was spent to add new sand to the beach, but the pavilion remains inaccessible to visitors because of its deteriorated state.

Thanks to funds allocated in 2017 and again in 2019, elected officials have put up over \$60 million to the restoration of the pavilion, including \$20 million allocated by Mayor Bill de Blasio, \$10 million each by Governor Andrew Cuomo and New York Assembly Speaker Carl E. Heastie and over \$16 million by Bronx Borough President Rubén Díaz Jr. As Mr. Díaz has said: “Orchard Beach is one of the jewels of not only our borough but all of New York City, and it has the potential to be an even greater tourist attraction thanks to this forthcoming renovation.”

In spite of the pandemic, the architectural firm managed to complete a major renovation design for Orchard Beach, which was presented to Community Board 10 on



April 15, 2021, and then to the Landmarks Preservation Commission on May 4. In addition to the meticulous restoration of many of the original details, such as lighting and tilework, the architectural firm designed a number of features that would enable handicapped access to the beach. For example, the number of steps leading up to the beach entrance will be reduced and augmented by ramps, and the south stairway on the beach side will be replaced by a ramp. Also included in the design are areas for concessions and rentable space, as well as community activities. In order to prevent damage to utilities such as electric-

ity, water and heating from rising tides and storm surges, the new design calls for the placement of units on the roof of the north waiting room, where they will not be visible once the trees have leafed out in spring.

The renovation is expected to begin in 2022 and be completed by 2025.

Orchard Beach is the only public beach in the Bronx and draws visitors from across the city. Borough President Díaz believes that, when renovated and reopened, the Orchard Beach Pavilion will once again become an amenity to thousands of beachgoers. “We have so many great events,

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Con Ed to Install New Gas Main in 2022

By BARBARA DOLENSEK



Schematic courtesy of CON EDISON

Islanders weary of navigating around the construction zones for the new bridge and water main projects may not get relief until late next spring. On April 14, 2021, representatives of Consolidated Edison presented plans (see above) for the replacement of the gas main from the mainland to City Island, a project that is likely to begin toward the end of 2021, with completion scheduled for the second quarter of 2022.

The gas-main project may overlap with the final stages of the water main project, but they will be working on opposite sides of the bridge and will not intersect. Con Ed’s project will reportedly be contained within the city-owned lot next to the bridge.

Con Ed plans to replace the existing bare steel 6-inch gas main, which runs through Pelham Bay Park and supplies high-pressure gas to City Island, with an 8-inch high-pressure gas main within a 16-inch sleeve, pending the acquisition of permits. The single feed was installed in 1950 at the bottom of the Eastchester Bay from Pelham Bay Park to City Island, and

it needs to be replaced because it is visible and accessible during low-tide conditions, which makes it susceptible to corrosion and third-party damage.

Con Ed plans to directionally bore from Pelham Bay Park to City Island, on the north side of the bridge, through the city-owned land known locally as the Gateway. After the new gas main is connected and gassed in, the 1950 bare-steel 6-inch main will be left in place. During the boring process, in the event of an emergency, Con Ed may use as a temporary back-up feed the gas main that was installed on the new City Island bridge. This gas main can only be used for an emergency, and the valves on either end are in the closed position.

Con Edison wishes to reassure Island residents that the company will coordinate all work with the NYC Parks Department and the Department of Transportation to minimize impact to the surrounding environment and the community during construction.

BRIEFLY...

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING EVENT will be held at 239 City Island Avenue on Saturday, June 19, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Acceptable items will include computers, laptops, printers, copiers, telephones, tables, televisions, etc. Unacceptable items will include household white goods (refrigerators, washers, etc.), smoke detectors, fire alarms, oil/paint containers, batteries, light bulbs and thermometers. Co-sponsored by EcoTech Management and City Island Rising.

BRONX-BOUND BOOKS a special event, will be held in front of Clipper Coffee at 274 City Island Avenue, rain or shine, on Saturday, June 16, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., sponsored by Clipper Coffee and City Island Rising. Registration for the event is outside in front of a mobile van, where craft activities and storytelling will be held for children, and new and used books will be offered for all ages. Only four people will be allowed to enter the bookmobile so long as Covid restrictions are in place. All donated used books will have been disinfected, rebound and recycled and will be offered at no cost; new books will be available for purchase. The idea is to teach children to value and respect books. If you wish to donate books for the event, do so at Clipper Coffee or Archie's Tap and Table.

THE BLESSING OF THE FLEET, a unique City Island tradition, will return on Sunday, June 27, beginning at 1 p.m. (1300 hours). Multi-denominational clergy will bless vessels from Barron's Boatyard dock with the cooperation and support of the City Island Sail and Power Squadron and the Leonard Hawkins American Legion Post. Participation is by water only and boats are to assemble at 12:30 p.m. by Barron's dock near the Hart Island Ferry Dock in City Island Harbor. Communication on VHF Channel 71 begins at 12:30 p.m.

ARTS AND CRAFTS FAIR, sponsored by the City Island Chamber of Commerce, will be held along City Island Avenue on Saturday and Sunday, June 5 and 6, rain or shine. The fair will feature paintings, photography, jewelry, stained glass, native crafts, bath and body products, clothing, face painting and more.

45 BLOTTER

Complaints reported from City Island to the 45th Precinct during April and May 2021. Unfounded complaints are not included in the list.

- 2 – HARASSMENT
- 1 – AGGRAVATED HARASSMENT
- 3 – CRIMINAL MISCHIEF
- 1 – LOST PROPERTY
- 1 – LEAVING THE SCENE OF AN ACCIDENT

Police provided details on the following incidents for the period from April 20 to May 18, 2021.

4/24 – An employee of a commercial establishment on Bridge Street reported an incident of criminal mischief at 10:50 p.m., telling police that an unknown male became agitated when asked to leave the premises and punched the window of the front door causing damage.

4/25 – At 3 p.m. on City Island Avenue, an incident of criminal mischief was reported. Unknown person(s) damaged the fence near the handball court in the schoolyard, possibly to gain access to the premises over-

night.

5/1 – A female Islander told police that an unknown male harassed her on Minneford Avenue at 5 p.m. She alleged that the perpetrator shouted threatening remarks at her and also set up a false Twitter account using her name and photo.

5/6 – On Pilot Street at 1:11 p.m., an Island male reported that an unknown male was threatening tenants in front of the building where he lives. When approached, the perpetrator picked up a rock and threw it at the complainant. There were no injuries.

5/8 – A male Islander at a commercial establishment on City Island Avenue reported an incident of aggravated harassment at 1:30 p.m. He told police that he received threatening text messages from a former employee causing him to fear for his safety.

5/8 – At 6 p.m. on City Island Avenue in the parking lot of a commercial establishment, an unknown vehicle struck the parked vehicle of an off-Island female, then fled the scene of the accident.

5/10 – On King Avenue at 6 p.m., an Island male parked his car and upon returning found that his rear window had been broken by unknown person(s).

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Commissioner Joe Schaller to Retire from NRPD

By BARBARA DOLENSEK

By the time the next issue of *The Island Current* hits the stands, clam digger Joseph Schaller will no longer be commissioner of the New Rochelle Police Department. As the longest-tenured member in history of one of Westchester's largest police departments, he announced in May that he will be stepping aside after nearly five decades (think half a century!) on the force.

Joe's story begins on City Island as the oldest son of Russell and Eileen Schaller. After graduating from P.S. 17, he attended Fordham Prep, where he broke several records in track and field and was later inducted into the Track and Field Hall of Fame. He then attended Fordham University on a track scholarship, graduating with a bachelor's degree in history and political science, and he was selected as a Scholar-Athlete of the Year by the National Football Foundation in 1968. In 1981 he graduated from the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy in Quantico, VA, and in 1999 he earned a master's degree in criminal justice from Iona College and in 2005 a juris doctor from Pace University School of Law. He was admitted to the New York State Bar and licensed to practice in 2006.

Long before he became an attorney, however, Joe served as an officer in the New Rochelle Police Department, which he joined in August 1974. He was subsequently promoted to higher ranks, serving as a commanding officer of all three divisions (staff services, patrol and criminal investigations) and eventually achieving the ranks of Sergeant (1979), Lieutenant (1982), Captain (1988), Deputy Police Commissioner (2015), and Commissioner (2018).

The New Rochelle City Manager, Chuck Strome, said that during Joe Schaller's tenure, "the City of New Rochelle has been consistently noted as one of the top safest cities of its size nationally. We were fortunate to have had such a dedicated professional as Joe Schaller in our police

department for so many years, especially in senior leadership and finally as Commissioner. His experience has been valuable during good and also some very difficult times."

During his time with the NRPD, he received a number of awards and citations, including a Westchester County Life Saving Award, three Special Incident Citations, two Class C Citations, and a Police Commissioner's Award. He is also a member of the FBI National Academy Associations, the Westchester County Police Chiefs Association and a life member of the International Association of Police Chiefs.

Joe Schaller's position as Commissioner in New Rochelle will be filled by Rob Gazzola, who has also had a long history with the department and has served as Deputy Police Commissioner since 2018. He said: "It has been an honor working alongside Commissioner Schaller. He has been a true gentleman and great leader during his long tenure, and has earned the respect of all who were fortunate enough to have worked with him."

Now that New Rochelle has been left in good hands, City Islanders are eager to know what he wants to do in retirement. Needless to say, organizations such as the Civic Association, the Oyster Reef group and the Nautical Museum are eager to get him to climb aboard, but as his son Corley reports, "I believe he is planning to utilize his law degree by doing wills, estates, trusts and real estate law for neighbors, friends and family on City Island and beyond. He will also help carry on the baton from his dad, Russell, by continuing to assist his brothers, sons, nephews and grandchildren with the Schaller family landscaping company, CJS Property Maintenance LLC."

Whatever Joe Schaller decides to do, it is clear that he will do it with enthusiasm, intelligence and incredible energy. City Island is very lucky to have him.

Hart Island Hearing Provokes CI Response

By BARBARA DOLENSEK

In December 2019, the New York City Council voted almost unanimously to transfer jurisdiction of Hart Island, the largest public burial ground in the United States, from the Department of Corrections to the Department of Parks & Recreation. That transfer will take place officially on July 1, 2021, but several issues that the Council was to have resolved before that date were not, owing to the pandemic crisis.

One of the bills voted in by the City Council in December 2019 required a hearing on public burials in order to recommend changes to existing programs and to consider the feasibility of alternative programs relating to burial practices. A hearing on this issue was held on May 4, jointly sponsored by the Council's Committee on Health and the Committee on Parks & Recreation, and several Islanders provided testimony.

The year 2020 proved to be a significant one for Hart Island, with more than triple the number of usual burials, because of the Covid-19 pandemic, and a major change in burial process, with contract workers doing the burials rather than prisoners from Rikers Island.

In October 2020, the city's Human Resources Administration (HRA) filed a solicitation seeking qualified vendors to assess the land and identify existing graves to evaluate and determine available land for

future burials on Hart Island. The program proposed by HRA called for the selection of a contractor that "would enable burials at Hart Island for years to come and in a self-sustainable manner." The contractor would be responsible for reviewing many issues related to burials, including capacity, climate change, soil analysis and a consideration of the construction of a crematorium on Hart Island. Members of the Council and other organizations were invited to present testimony on these subjects, and at the very end of the hearing, testimony was invited from the general public.

Although City Island was mentioned only once in the solicitation, in its role as a ferry dock for access to Hart Island, several residents of City Island felt the need to comment on a number of issues relating to plans for Hart Island. These ranged from concern about public access, the proposal for a crematorium, and methods for restoring and maintaining the coastal wetlands, which are vulnerable to storms and rising tides.

Those interested in reading the testimony provided at the hearing may do so at this website: [file:///C:/Users/barba/Downloads/Hearing%20Testimony%20\(8\).pdf](file:///C:/Users/barba/Downloads/Hearing%20Testimony%20(8).pdf).

As part of the paper's recognition of its 50 years, the July issue will provide readers with a summary of *The Island Current's* extensive reporting on Hart Island issues since 1971.

Island Ecologist Is Awarded Guggenheim Fellowship

By BARBARA DOLENSEK

On April 16, 2021, the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS), proudly announced that Dr. Eric W. Sanderson, its senior conservation ecologist, had been awarded a fellowship by the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation.

City Islanders were also delighted to hear the news, since Dr. Sanderson has been a resident since 1998, when he joined the staff of WCS at the Bronx Zoo. He had moved here from California, where he earned a PhD in ecology, with emphasis in ecosystem and landscape ecology, from the University of California Davis.

As an expert in the application of geographic principles and techniques to problems in wildlife, landscape, and ecological conservation, Dr. Sanderson undertook a major study of the island of Manhattan on the occasion of the Quadricentennial in 2009 celebrating Henrik Hudson's visit on Sept. 12, 1609, a study that resulted in a bestselling book entitled *Manahatta*.

The Guggenheim Fellowship was awarded in the field of geography and environmental studies, and during the next year, Dr. Sanderson will be preparing an atlas and gazetteer describing the indigenous landscape of all five boroughs of New York City. He also plans to write a new book, to be published in 2023, as a companion volume to *Manahatta*. The new project will focus on the historical and contemporary ecology of the Bronx, Brooklyn, Queens and Staten Island and the surrounding waters as part of an effort to help the public



Photo by EVERETT SANDERSON

Dr. Eric W. Sanderson

envision climate-resilient designs for the next 400 years. In September 2020, he gave a webinar on the subject for the City Island Oyster Reef (CIOR), for which he serves as an advisor.

In addition to his work at WCS, Dr. Sanderson is on the board of the city's Natural Areas Conservancy and was co-chair of the ecology team at the Bronx River Alliance. Most recently, he has been involved with CIOR's efforts to improve the natural shoreline behind P.S. 175, which his son attended. But his fame has spread far beyond the Bronx; he was profiled in *The New Yorker* in September 2007, and his work was featured on the cover of *National Geographic* in 2009, when he was quoted as saying "If you'd asked me at the time [before he joined WCS] what the chances were that there was a beaver in the Bronx, I'd have said zero." That year, José the beaver, named after former Congressman José E. Serrano, was the first beaver seen on the river in 200 years. Subsequently, another beaver was sighted on the river and named Justin (as in "Justin Beaver/Bieber") by local schoolchildren.

Islanders unfamiliar with Dr. Sanderson's work are urged to view the website he created called welikia.org which enables viewers to explore and compare the island of Manhattan then and now. They can also share their own future vision for City Island with visionmaker.nyc. Some day perhaps we will have the opportunity to look at our own island in the same way, thanks to his brilliant work.



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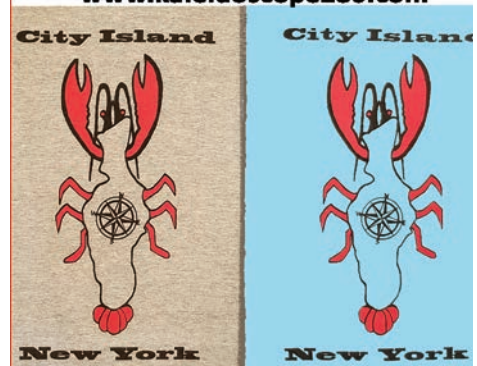
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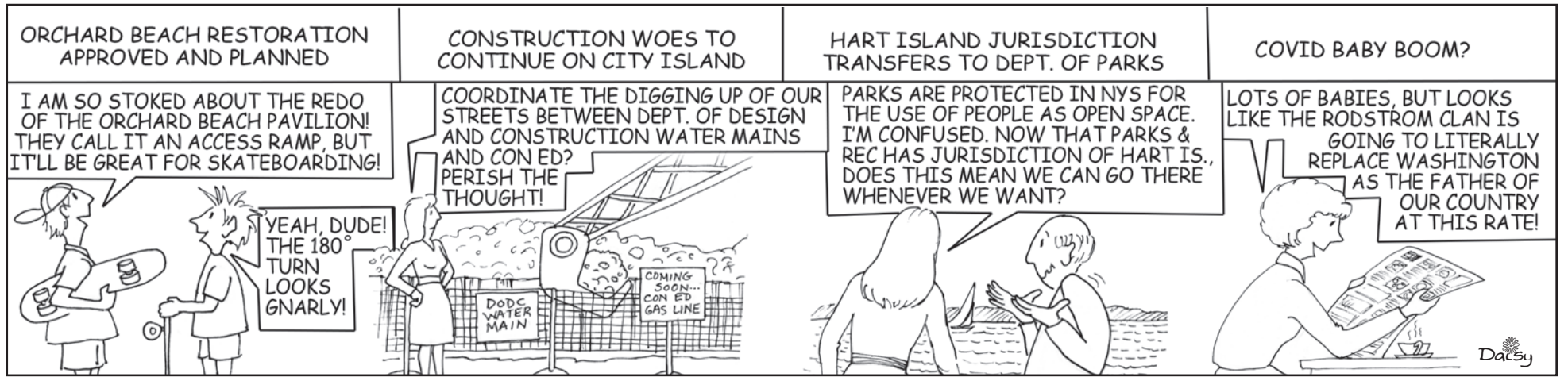
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A copy of the following letter was received by The Current:

To Stephen Caruso, NYC Department of Sanitation,

Thank you for attending the City Island Civic Association meeting on April 27, 2021, and informing us that there will be sanitation pick-up on City Island Avenue seven days a week.

We were also happy to learn from you that organic pickup will resume in the fall of this year.

We are grateful to you for helping us keep our community clean, especially during the height of the pandemic when you made it possible for the Department of Sanitation to provide additional trash cans and pick-ups for City Island.

City Island Civic Association Executive Committee

Speeders Be Warned
A copy of the following letter was received by The Current:

Dear Senator Biaggi and Assembly Member Benedetto:

First, thank you for your service to our community. We appreciate the effort you undertook last year to get us a speed camera (installed in the school zone near

P.S. 175) on City Island. While some residents and visitors may not like getting ticketed for high speeds, we do believe the camera has made City Island Avenue a safer place.

Unfortunately, state law stipulates that these cameras can only be operational between the hours of 6 a.m. and 10 p.m. Monday through Friday. As you both know, City Island's traffic pattern is unique, with heavy weekend travel and car congestion being a fact of life on the Island. There are regular reports of drag racing during the midnight hours on weekend evenings and motorists speeding in the fire lane. This creates dangerous traffic conditions that could result in someone being harmed or losing their lives.

With this in mind, we respectfully request that we both review and co-sponsor NYS Senate Bill 1493, which would eliminate the restrictions on when speed cameras can operate within the State of New York. We believe this camera can then help reduce speeding on busy summer weekends and help keep our neighborhood safe.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and feel free to reach out to us at CityIslandRising@gmail.com if we can provide any additional information or clarifications.

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Photo by CATHY CEBEK
Stephen Caruso of the Department of Sanitation addressed the April meeting of the City Island Civic Association and offered some good news about the department's plans for City Island.

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City Island Rising celebrated Teacher Appreciation Day on May 4, 2021, by partnering with Clipper Coffee to provide P.S. 175 teachers with free coffee, bagels and pastries.

From Portugal to City Island: A Realtor's Story

By KAREN NANI



Photo by KAREN NANI

Century 21 realtor Louise Del Giudice in front of one of her listings on King Avenue.

The following profile is part of our long-time advertiser series.

The number one Century 21 agent in the Bronx and Westchester does her best work on City Island, but her story begins in a small town across the Atlantic Ocean.

Louise Del Giudice was born Louise Alves in Portugal. Her parents moved Louise and her two siblings, to Mount Vernon, NY, when she was five. They moved back to Portugal when Louise was 13, but she returned to America when she was a teenager to live with her aunt in Westchester. It was against her parents' wishes (they were planning an arranged marriage for her), so she needed to support herself as a 16-year-old.

Louise left high school and attended a beauty school to earn a license as a hair stylist on the advice of a guidance counselor to whom she is forever grateful. She was determined not to be a "beauty school dropout," as the song goes, so she graduated and was hired by a salon on Central Avenue in Yonkers. After a few years, she moved to Hair Dimensions in Pelham Manor, where she began to meet clients from City Island.

In 1986, she met and married Joseph Del Giudice, who, along with Islander Carmela Henning, encouraged her to open her own salon. So in the late 1990s, she started Personal Touch on City Island Avenue, and her friend Carmela was the receptionist. The salon flourished for 21 years providing hair styles and manicures for many Islanders. Louise also purchased the building at 413-415 City Island Avenue when the landlord put it up for sale. "I am thankful to the owner, Betty Proietti, for encouraging me to purchase the building," she explained.

Meanwhile, Louise and Joseph had two daughters, Bianca and Ashley, and Joseph was busy "flipping houses in Westchester," she told The Current. Because of her husband's success and the booming housing market, he suggested she get her real estate license. Louise was skeptical since she had never finished high school and did not consider herself a proficient student. But he persisted, so she signed up for a course at New Rochelle High School and, to her surprise,

passed the class and the exam with high grades in 2005.

In 2006, she joined Century 21 Marciano in New Rochelle and began a successful 15-year career in real estate. Eventually she became so busy with her real estate business that it became too much to also manage Personal Touch, which she later named Art of Beauty, and which she sold to an employee in 2018.

In addition to her salon business and the numerous homes she has brokered on City Island, Louise and her husband lived at the Boatyard on Carroll Street for almost three years but returned to Yonkers following her husband's illness to be near her sister and nephew.

Her fondness for City Island is evident in many ways. "When I show a house to a potential buyer who has never lived here, I tell them they are not just buying a home, they are getting an entire caring community." She recalled when a fire severely damaged the building housing her salon and ToGo Express in October 2009 that neighbors and residents reached out to her with support, offers of assistance and even a fundraiser to help those displaced by the fire.

Louise is a proud longtime advertiser in The Island Current. "I love that we have a community newspaper that showcases City Island. Whenever I get a new client and close on a house, I give them a gift bag that includes the latest issue of The Current."

She acknowledges that real estate is a 24/7 business and that she is busier than ever. "Because of the pandemic and low interest rates, people are moving from Manhattan and Queens and buying houses on City Island and in Westchester." She loves helping people find a home and staging a house for sale. This attitude has earned her the #1 rating for Century 21 in the Bronx and Westchester, and #11 overall in New York State. Look for the signs showing Louise's smiling face on a number of houses for sale around City Island.

Water Main Construction Continues

By BARBARA DOLENSEK

The Department of Design and Construction (DDC) is installing two 20-inch subaqueous water mains that will later serve as the sole water supply to City Island. The two subaqueous mains will be activated in the fall after they have been tied in with the existing water mains at Pelham Bay in the Bronx, and it is anticipated that the project will be completed before the end of the year.

The contractor is occupying part of Pelham Bay Park and will return the area to Parks next winter. The scope of this project does not entail tree planting, which will be managed in the future by the Parks Department.

Any resident who wishes to receive e-mail notifications of the work schedule for the project should contact the Community Construction Liaison for NYC DDC Project #HED564, bycalling 929-447-5407 or by e-mailing Cityislandccl@gmail.com.

The community memorial to Liz Mass was removed from the Legion Triangle, but it has been set up across the street at the north end of Catherine Scott Promenade, and candles continue to be lighted in her memory.

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Orchard Beach

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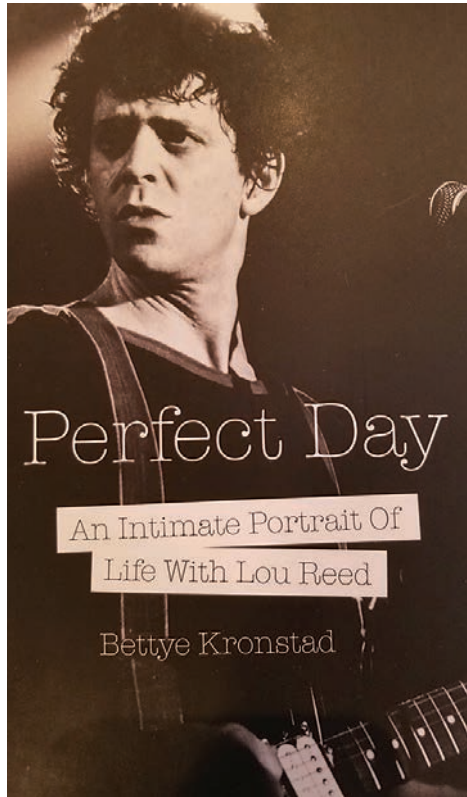
based at Orchard Beach, that bond our community, but there is also so much untapped potential. Our investment will allow for us

to be able to build first-rate concessions, top-notch performance spaces and the ability to host even more top-notch events. Renovation of Orchard Beach will allow the area to evolve into the economic engine it once was and could be once again."

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In 2020 Bettye Kronstad moved back to City Island, where she lived for nearly a decade in the 1980s and 90s, and became a teacher of English composition and literature at Iona College. She is the author of **“Perfect Day: An Intimate Portrait of Life with Lou Reed,”** a memoir about the five years, from 1968 to 1973, that she spent with Lou Reed, her first husband, who at that time was leaving the iconic rock group The Velvet Underground to begin his career as a solo artist. This period, considered his most musically creative, occurred during their time together. The book, published in 2016 by Jawbone Press, is now on sale at Kaleidoscope Gallery, 280 City Island Avenue, where she will hold a reading in September.



Bartow-Pell Events

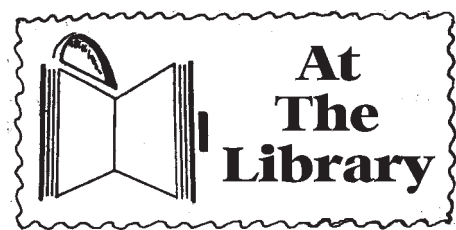
Both a New York City and a National Landmark, Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum, 895 Shore Road in Pelham Bay Park, offers programs, exhibitions and special events that speak to contemporary life, connect the past to the present and cultivate appreciation for the area’s historical, natural, and cultural resources. The museum is open to the public Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays, 12 to 4 p.m. For more information or reservations, call 718-885-1461.

From June 4 through June 13, BPMM will feature 12 performances of “Sherlock Holmes: A Scandal in Bohemia,” a new adaptation by Amy Frey from the classic story by Arthur Conan Doyle. Join Sherlock Holmes and Dr. John Watson at the inimitable Bartow-Pell Mansion-Museum, where a mysterious masked visitor calls on them to assist in a matter of royal proportions. Together with the famous detectives, enter a world of blackmail, disguise and intrigue, where the fate of two coun-

tries rests in the hands of a single woman. Holmes and Watson need every ounce of ingenuity they can muster to outwit the notorious Irene Adler. Cost: \$35 Adults; \$30 Students/Seniors

On June 25 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. join the Bartow Quest. Test your mettle during this indoor-outdoor challenge race/scavenger hunt throughout the grounds of Bartow-Pell. This event requires cleverness, agility, teamwork and speed, so lace up your sneakers and brush up on your history for a chance to win Bartow Quest. Be the first team to complete all 14 challenges, and you’ll not only have bragging rights, but your team will also receive a complimentary picnic on the lawn, a Friend Family level membership to the museum, and we’ll throw in \$100 for good measure. This event is suitable for children ages 8 and up when accompanied by an adult. Teams may consist of two to five members.

Children ages 6 through 12 are invited to attend BPMM Discovery Camp, spending a week at the museum from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. having fun and learning about gardening, sustainability and local history. This unique program mixes core activities in the vegetable garden with exploration of the 19th-century mansion, the Northeast Woodlands wigwam and family life in both. Kids will also enjoy engaging crafts, wildlife investigations, creative cooking, nature hikes and more. Space is limited to 10 children per session. Session I: July 26 through July 30, 2021; session II: Aug. 2 through Aug. 6, 2021. Cost per session: \$300.



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Shelf Help: While browsing is limited, we offer a friendly, adventurous alternative. Tell us your reading interests and we’ll pick five books for you! Fill out the online form or call Ask NYPL to receive reads handpicked for you based on your interests: www.nypl.org/shelfhelp.

JUNE VIRTUAL CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS

Online Family Storytime: Join us for a live, online program with songs, rhymes and favorite read-aloud books as we show you that Storytime is fun for the whole family. Ideal for caregivers with multiple-aged children. Tuesdays at 11 a.m.

One-on-One Help: Databases for Children: Are you interested in exploring some databases that can help with your child’s schoolwork? Book 30 minutes to speak with a Library staff member! Mondays and Thursdays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

JUNE VIRTUAL TEEN AND TWEEN PROGRAMS

Teen Writers Assemble! Get together to talk fanfic, fandom culture and writing! Bring some writing if you want a critique! Every Wednesday at 3:30 p.m.

Teen Pride Trivia: Test your knowledge of LGBTQIA+ history, important figures, and pop culture. Friday, June 11, at 3:30 p.m.

Juneteenth Letter Writing Campaign! Learn about Juneteenth, then write letters to be sent to local representatives encouraging them to advocate for Juneteenth to be made a national holiday. Friday, June 18, at 3:30 p.m.

Identity Maps: What makes your identity yours? What makes you, you? With just the outline of a person, make a map of yourself to really connect with what matters to you. Friday, June 25, at 3:30 p.m.

JUNE VIRTUAL ADULT PROGRAMS

Article Discussion: Far From the Internet, These Big, Benevolent Trolls Lure Humans to Nature. This NPR article about Thomas Dambo’s whimsical art installations that will call Maine home through the summer is just in time for June being Great Outdoors Month. Be sure to read the article in time for our virtual discussion: [tinyurl.com/42ht4s7h](https://www.npr.com/42ht4s7h). Thursday, June 3, at 3:30 p.m.

Article Discussion: Social Media Hate Speech, Harassment 'Significant Problem' For LGBTQ Users. Join us virtually to discuss this NPR article, which examines the overwhelming social media discrimination towards LGBTQ users: https://www.npr.org/2021/05/10/995328226/social-media-hate-speech-harassment-significant-problem-for-lgbtq-users-report_. Saturday, June 12, at 3:30 p.m.

One-on-One Job Support: Do you need help with your resumé, cover letter or job search? Our trained staff can help you to write and format your resumes and cover letters, conduct mock interviews and identify job search resources. Register for a one-on-one session through Google. Meet at <https://www.nypl.org/adults/career-employment/virtual/support>. Wednesday, June 9 and 30, at 10 a.m.

Virtual 1-on-1 Classes: Topics include Help with Databases for Adults, NYPL Catalog and e-Book Borrowing, and Getting Started with e-Books. These classes will be scheduled in half-hour time slots. Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Open Book Hour: What Are You Reading Now? One of the most popular activities at home is reading. Join us and share selections with other readers. Saturday, June 5 and 19, at 3:30 p.m.

For any or all programs listed, please go to <https://www.nypl.org/locations/city-island> or call 718-885-1703 for more details and to register.

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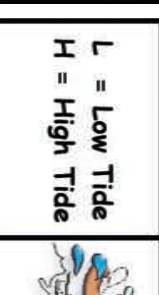



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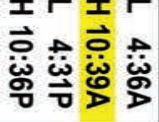

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Island Current August 2021 Tide Calendar

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Organization News

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City Island Oyster Reef

It is with great sadness that CIOR acknowledges the passing of our dear friend and CIOR colleague Malcolm Campbell, on April 29, 2021. Malcolm was a much loved, gifted and passionate member of our team who brought great flair and energy to everything that he did. He was a magnet to everyone who was involved in our project, a dedicated volunteer who generously donated his time and extraordinary talents to CIOR. His Southern charm, irreverent humor and great warmth made everyone feel welcome. His marketing expertise gave our grassroots effort polish, and his work on the design and development of our website has left an indelible reminder of his wonderful contributions to CIOR.

We miss Malcolm deeply and mourn together with Charlene, his wife, Chandler, his daughter, Ian, his son, and CC, his faithful pooch. The CIOR Board will pay tribute to him by naming a new annual event, the CIOR Malcolm Campbell Summer Film Series, in his honor. Dates for CIOR Malcolm Campbell Summer Film Series include June 4, 7 p.m., 89 Horton Street; July 16, 7 p.m., 89 Horton Street; Aug. 20, 7 p.m., 89 Horton Street; Sept. 10, 7 p.m., 21 Tier Street.

After a winter hiatus, CIOR and a group of volunteers of all ages returned to BOP Oyster Research Station (ORS) monitoring for the 2021 season. The oysters were carefully removed from the four cages placed around the island, and meticulously counted, measured, and observed. The cages were scrubbed clean of the sediment that accumulated over the winter before the oysters were placed back into the cages and deployed at their respective locations. New biodiversity not seen last season was discovered in the cages including clams, barnacles, golden star tunicates, and stalked tunicates. This data will enhance the statistics from monitoring done in 2020 and will be used to compare survival and growth at the four locations.

CIOR's webinar series continues. The 12th webinar was by Danielle Bissett, Director of Restoration for the Billion Oyster Project, an important CIOR partner who discussed an array of oyster reef restoration projects throughout the New York City area. Our next webinar, entitled "Beach Surveys around City Island: A Glimpse into the Future," will be hosted by Christine Frohnert on Thursday, June 24, at 7 p.m.

The second annual CIOR Water Jubilee (Kayak Challenge and Nautilus Sailing Race) is scheduled for Aug. 7; details to follow. The first virtual planning committee is Tuesday, May 25, at 7 p.m. Please join us if you would like to get more involved in this event by contacting us through our website, Cloysterreef.org, or by e-mailing cityislandoysterreef@gmail.com.

Grace Episcopal Church

Grace Church is open for in-person worship on Sundays at 10 a.m. The church is located at 116 City Island Avenue on the corner of Pilot Street. Please enter by the main entrance, where a church member will welcome you. The use of a mask is required, social distancing will be observed, and hand sanitizer will be available at the door. You can also watch our service on Youtube via a link that is distributed weekly. To be added to the distribution of this link, please contact us at gracecityisland@gmail.com. The link is also found on the Grace Church website: <https://www.gracecityisland.net>.

Grace Church is also open for prayer between 2 and 3 p.m. each Wednesday. Those not able to attend in person are invited to pray at home. Feel free to visit at any time during the hour. Please enter by the main entrance, and a church member will seat you, observing social distancing. The use of a mask is required, hand sanitizer will be available at the door. Please join us for a time of prayer, with masks on, sitting socially and safely distanced in the pews. We pray for each other, for ourselves, the sick, the lonely, the care-

givers. And as Father John suggests, "Find a moment to be thankful for our lives and those things that bring us comfort and joy."

Members of the Sunday School have been meeting intermittently and safely during the pandemic to prepare for special services. They will meet again in early June to prepare for a Youth Service scheduled for Father's Day, June 20. Participants will present all aspects of the liturgy at that service, including the readings and the homily. If you would like to be part of Grace's Sunday School, call Karen Nani at 917-853-4401 or e-mail her at karenrnl@optonline.net.

Our music ministry is always welcoming new members. Anyone who would like to sing for our worship services or play hand chimes on special occasions should contact Caroline Coppola, Minister of Music. No prior musical experience is necessary (geccimusic@gmail.com).

The GraceTones are also welcoming new members. You don't have to sing like an angel, just have the desire to spread joy and happiness to those in need!. For information on upcoming rehearsals, please contact Sandy Dunn at accentfix@gmail.com.

Sandy Dunn

St. Mary's Thrift Shop

The shop will be open on Thursdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sales! Sales! Bag Sales and Half-Price Sales, End of Season Sale! On June 24, we will hold our Big Closing Sale.

Arlene Byrne

St. Mary, Star of the Sea

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

On Fathers' Day, June 20, we will honor all our fathers with a special blessing at all the Masses.

St. Mary's Thrift Shop will be open during the month of June but will close for the summer at the end of the month, to reopen in September.

Have a happy, healthy and safe summer.
Rose Dietz and Teri Kurtz

Garden Club of City Island

The Garden Club held its May 3 meeting on the lawn of City Island Yacht Club, our first in-person meeting since the fall. It was great to see everyone and to spend time together while enjoying the view of the water. Our June 7 General Membership Meeting will be held at City Island Yacht Club at 10 a.m. Garden Club members are looking forward to taking a tour of member Barbara Dolensek's garden on Thursday, June 17, at 11 a.m. After the guided tour of the garden, members will have a brown-bag lunch on the lawn.

The flowering bulbs at the Post Office garden were spectacular this year. These have been planted by Garden Club members over the years. Summer maintenance on the Post Office garden has begun with mowing and weeding. With the rainy spring, the weeds have been prolific. CJS Property Care has begun its monthly weed-whacking in the unmaintained tree pits on City Island Avenue. Garden Club members will soon be planting summer flowers in the containers on City Island Avenue, and we look forward to the color they bring to our community.

Fund-drive letters for the Beautification Fund are being delivered to every resident on City Island. We thank you for your wonderful generosity in 2020 and hope that you will consider giving again this year.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Garden Club, you can contact us at gardenclubofcityisland@gmail.com or you can attend one of our meetings. We hold our meetings the first Monday of every month at 10 a.m. at the City Island



Photo by KAREN NANI

The blessing of the colors ceremony was held at Grace Episcopal Church on May 16, 2021. Flag bearers from the Leonard Hawkins Post 156 of the American Legion presented the colors to be blessed by Father John Covington, including a 100-year old flag from the Bronx Morrisania chapter of the Legion (fourth from left), which was given to the City Island post after the Bronx chapter disbanded.

Yacht Club at the west end of Pilot Street.
Judy Judson

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 156

Unit 156 will host its annual year-end dinner at the Harlem Yacht Club on June 8. We had a productive 2020-21 year, despite the lockdown, helping our veterans and military families and deepening our community bonds. Many thanks to all our members! With special gratitude, we thank these quiet community heroes: Ron Terner for his photography of Legion events and Chef Alex Pertsovsky of Archie's Tap and Table and David Diaz for their never-ending support in providing meals and groceries for our veterans and Island community. You are valued and appreciated! Congratulations on a selfless job well done.

On Saturday, May 29, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., you will find Unit 156's Poppy Drive in front of Dominick's Market. Please stop by to donate in support of our veterans and Legion family. We will have paper poppies, crocheted poppy pins, poppy flower seeds and patriotic poppy tile bracelets available (rain date: June 5). If you would like to donate to our Poppy Fund, please contact Joanne Valletta at jcute53@aol.com.

This year National Poppy Day is on May 28, the Friday before Memorial Day. The poppy is a symbol of sacrifices made in World War I and on through all wars. The American Legion Family adopted the poppy as its memorial flower in the early 1920s. Wearing a poppy this National Poppy Day is one simple way to show gratitude for those who gave their lives to protect ours. With your help and support of the American Legion National Poppy Day, we can continue to support our veterans when they need it most.

Harlan Sexton

Trinity United Methodist Church

Trinity will continue its 10 a.m. in-person worship in the Sanctuary. All persons wishing to attend must wear masks and enter

through the Fellowship Hall entrance on Bay Street. Attendance is recorded and temperatures are taken. While maintaining social distance, attendees then enter the Sanctuary where seating is staggered. The great news is that we can now sing the hymns that are played by the extraordinary organist Joy Kim. Every effort is being made to thoroughly clean the facility after the service. Trinity understands these are unprecedented times. Many people will not feel comfortable coming to a service, even while wearing a mask and social distancing, so the services will be live streamed and recorded for YouTube. To request information about the live stream, email Pastor Dave at david.jolly@nyac-ucm.com.

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

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


Rick DeWitt

City Island Republicans

This is a reminder that there is a Republican primary election for mayor of New York City. We are backing Fernando Mateo, since he is the best bet for our borough and has the greatest chance of winning in November. Thank you to all of those who signed the petition to get him on the ticket as a mayoral candidate.

The primary is Tuesday, June 22, from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. at P.S. 175. Early voting will be held from Saturday, June 12, through Sunday, June 22, at St. Frances De Chantal Church in Throggs Neck. Voting hours are different each day.

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

Summer greetings from the board of the City Island Community Center. We hope everyone has been enjoying the lovely weather in a safe manner as our borough, city and state slowly reopen. Our Community Center is also in the reopening process!

We have brought back a number of our existing programs, including Irish Dance, Yoga and Zumba, which will be back starting June 5. We have also brought in some new programming: high-intensity interval training. Our goal is to offer a wide variety of programming that meets the needs of our membership. We hope to have programs that accommodate a wide range of ages and preferences, so that we can serve all of our members. Please see the program schedule below with confirmed dates and times.

If there is a program or service that you would like to see offered at the City Island Community Center, please share your suggestion with us via our Facebook page. We welcome the recommendations of our members.

The board would like to wish all of the fathers and surrogate fathers a happy and healthy Father's Day. Please celebrate and enjoy the day safely!

Please don't forget to stay safe, wear your masks and observe social distancing in public and indoor spaces even if you are fully vaccinated!

APPROVED PROGRAMS:

Irish Dance: Mondays, 6 to 8:30 p.m.

Yoga with Joann: Tuesdays, 6 p.m.

Aerobics with Mary: Fridays, 9 to 10 a.m.

AA Meeting: Saturdays and Sundays, 7:30 a.m. All are welcome.

High-intensity interval training exercise class: Sundays beginning May 2 at 10 a.m. Please check our FB page for any changes in class schedule.

Friendly Reminder: You can help support the City Island Community Center through an official membership. Our Membership Drive continues! If you need a renewal form, please call 718-885-1145 and we will mail one. We greatly appreciate all those who have already renewed or have made a generous donation on behalf of a group or business.

For up-to-date information, visit www.cityislandcommunitycenter.org, or call 718-885-1145, or Like us on Facebook and check Facebook for any changes in classes. Have a safe and warm month!

Melissa Cebollero

Temple Beth-El

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

Rabbi David Evan Markus will lead Friday night Shabbat services on June 11 and 25. Other services will be community led on June 4 and 18. Please see our calendar for our community-led Havdalah services. All services are held in a joyful celebratory manner.

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

On Saturday, June 12, we will be holding Shabbat in TBE's garden. You do not need to be a member to attend. Please visit our website for details.

Chesed Committee: If you need a helping hand, a caring call, a ride to the doctor, etc., please let us know.

If you have love to give, we need your support. No experience required. To seek support and/or to volunteer, please e-mail us at yourshulbythesea@gmail.com.

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

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

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

Jodie Sadovsky

City Island Nautical Museum

As long last, the Nautical Museum will be reopening its doors on June 12 after over a year of being closed to the public because of the pandemic. Although we will have some rules for visitors, we are delighted at the prospect of again sharing our collection and exhibits. We will be charging an entrance fee of \$5; members, of course, are admitted free of charge, so if you haven't renewed your membership, now is a good time to do it.

Some of the rules are as follows: no more than 10 visitors at a time, who will sign in, wear masks and observe social distancing. Temperatures will be taken but not recorded. Our hours will be Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. Our new gallery space will feature an exhibition of the works of Mark Whitcombe, and the library will tell the history of boat building on City Island. We hope that everyone will be as happy as we are that the museum's doors are again open.

Barbara Dolensek

Quilters by the Sea

Quilters by the Sea (QBTS) recently held its second Quilts of Valor Sew Saturday of the year. We completed a red, white and blue quilt top for an Island veteran. The summer Sew Saturday will be in late June or early July. Contact Harlan Sexton at harlan.sexton1@gmail.com if you are interested in participating.

QBTS warmly thanks Ron Turner for his generous support of our mission with his photography of Quilt of Valor awardees. He has attended every public award ceremony and taken moving portraits of the veterans wrapped in their quilts.

On June 5, please stop by the QBTS fundraising table at the City Island Arts & Crafts Fair. We will have baked goods and other items for sale, along with information about Quilters by the Sea QOV.

Harlan Sexton

PSS Senior Center

The City Island Center van is available on a very limited basis. You must call ahead to reserve a spot. Only three people are allowed per trip and masks are to be worn at all times. Temperatures will be taken when boarding and you must sit in the assigned seats. The windows will remain open to circulate air. The only trips allowed are to the doctor, physical therapist or Dominick's for groceries. No other drop offs or pickups are allowed at this time. We want to follow the Department for the Aging's rules strictly to be able to continue providing transportation, however limited.

PSS City Island is currently open Tuesday and Thursday from 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. to distribute meals, masks, sanitizers and more as we receive them. Please be sure to listen to the One Call Now sent to members to update them on meal pickups, virtual classes and new groups.

If any member needs instruction on how to use their tablet, iPad, iPhone or Smart Phone, please contact the center and we can schedule a time with you privately. We want everyone to have the option to join our Zoom and other available classes. Our Facebook page (PSS City Island Center) is updated regularly as new information becomes available for our members. It also shows instructions on how to access exercise classes online, our remote balance class, arthritis class, craft classes, nutrition classes and our singing group.

We encourage everyone 60 and over to access Get Set Up for a variety of classes available- cooking, travel, exercise, health, nutrition, technology and more. Please access all classes through the PSS portal: <https://www.getsetup.io/partner/pss>.

Remote Classes: Please note that classes are updated weekly as things change. If you cannot access a class, please contact the center at 718-885-0727. You can pick up a calendar Tuesday or Thursday between 12 and 1:30 at the center during our pantry hours or e-mail pattis@pssusa.org.

Mondays

9 a.m. Tai Chi with Lucy (to join, please

e-mail pattis@pssusa.org to be added to the e-mail list).

10 a.m. A Matter of Balance, Evidence-Based Class with Susan and Alex. This Zoom class is currently at that maximum capacity allowable by DFTA.

Wednesdays

10:15 a.m. Arthritis Exercises with Patty G. ID: 409 210 4917 Passcode: 12345

1 p.m. Table Talk 2: An open discussion where we explore different topics. ID: 409 210 4917 Passcode: 12345

Thursdays

9 a.m. Tai Chi with Lucy (see above)

Fridays

10:15 a.m. Arthritis Exercises with Patty G. ID: 409 210 4917 Passcode: 12345

12:30 p.m. Singing Group with Napat. ID: 467 029 1237 Passcode: 3E4ZTp

Our staff regularly calls members individually to check on their well-being. If you are not on our calling list, please e-mail pattis@pssusa.org with your name and phone number. Or you can reach the center at 718-885-0727. Until we're together again, stay safe and healthy.

Patty Attis

American Legion Post 156

The next meeting is Sunday, June 6, at 12 noon, when we will be conducting the reopening of nominations for Post officers, followed by elections. Dues are past due (\$55.00 for the year 2021). Please drop them off at the Post, and make sure your name is on the envelope. The hall is available for your next party. We can accommodate up to 80 people, and members receive a discount on all hall rentals. Please call our Activities Vice Commander, Joe Goonan, at 917-825-9576 for availability. All retired flags should be dropped off in the former mailbox, by the Post's flag pole.

Please come in and play the Queen of Hearts game of chance each week. The weekly drawing is held at 7 p.m. Saturday night. The jackpot grows each week until someone selects the Queen of Hearts. We also have "Pull Tabs," a variety of games of chance, and these games are open to all; proceeds help fund projects around the Post.

Please note the following dates for upcoming events:

The Bronx County Convention will take place on Friday, June 4, at 7 p.m. The location will be Samuel Young Post 620 at 1530 Hutchinson Pkwy East.

The Pig's Knuckle Party will be June 12, from 6 to 10 p.m. This event is being hosted by Squadron 156. The cost is \$30 per person; please sign up and pay in advance at the Post.

Happy Father's Day to all on June 20.

The Blessing of The Fleet takes place on Sunday June 27, at 1 p.m., at Barron's Marina, 350 Fordham Place. The event is proudly hosted by City Island Sail & Power Squadron VHF Ch71. Participation is on the water only for this multi-denominational blessing.

All future meetings/events will be posted as soon as possible, please visit our website at Leonardhhawkinspost156.com or e-mail: Leonardhhawkinspost156@gmail.com for the latest information.

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

Peter C. Del-Debbio

AARP 318

Hi, everyone. Good news! We have been informed by the National AARP organization that we may begin having meetings again in September! We don't know all the details yet, or what rules and restrictions will be in place, so keep watching the Current for updates. And if you haven't already been vaccinated, we strongly suggest that you do so.

See you all in September!

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Women Directors in the 20th Century

The world of cinema has been largely dominated by male directors, but many women have been able to reach that glass ceiling and have delivered ground-breaking films. Most people are not aware that the actress Ida Lupino was, in fact, a director. **The Hitch-Hiker** (1953) is a thriller that is considered the first noir directed by a woman. When friends Roy Collins (Edmond O'Brien) and Gilbert Bowen (Frank Lovejoy) are going to a fishing trip, they stop to pick up Emmett Myers (William Talman), who turns out to be a psychotic escaped convict. The musical score by Leith Stevens keeps the tension building throughout. Ida Lupino was the first female director to be part of the studio system in Hollywood.

Cléo from 5 to 7 (French, 1962) was directed by Agnès Varda, a former photojournalist who became the premiere female director of her generation in French New Wave Cinema. As the film begins, Cléo (Corinne Marchand), a beautiful, egotistical pop singer, has to call a doctor in two hours to find out the results of a biopsy. After an ominous tarot card reading, she seeks comfort from her friends, but they disappoint her. Wandering around Paris, she finally finds comfort talking in a park with Antoine (Antoine Bourseiller), a soldier who is on leave from the Algerian war. The film gives the viewer a fascinating tour of 1962 Paris via cab and bus, with juxtapositions of beauty and ugliness.

Written and directed by and starring Elaine May, **A New Leaf** (1971) also stars Walter Matthau as Henry Graham, a desperate man who has squandered his inheritance. In order to find a way to maintain his lavish lifestyle, Henry sets his sights on heiress Henriette Lowell (Elaine May), who is clumsy, awkward and scholarly. His plan is to court, marry and do away with her in order to get her money. However, he finds that seeing it through may not be as easy as he had thought.

Director Lina Wertmüller's 1974 Italian film, **Swept Away . . . by an Unusual Destiny in the Blue Sea of August**, stars Mariangela Melato as Raffaella, a rich, spoiled, capitalist upper-class wife, and Giancarlo Giannini as Gennarino, a lower-class Communist deckhand. While cruising on a yacht, the two are separated from the group and find themselves stranded on a deserted island. Raffaella finds that their roles are reversed and that she must depend on him for her survival. The subtitled version is the best, because Melato's grating voice is integral to the plot. Be sure to avoid the dreadful Madonna remake. Although Wertmüller was the first woman to be nominated for a Best Director Oscar in 1975 for "Seven Beauties," I find this film more enjoyable.

Jeanne Dielman, 23 Quai du Commerce, 1080 Bruxelles (French, 1975) is an art-house film by Belgian filmmaker Chantal Akerman. Jeanne Dielman (Delphine Seyrig), the widowed mother of a teenage son, Sylvain (Jan Decorte), lives out a drab, repetitive existence in her tiny Brussels apartment. Jeanne's days are divided between humdrum domestic chores—shopping, cooking, housework—and her job as an occasional prostitute, which keeps her financially afloat. She seems perfectly resigned to her situation until a series of slight interruptions in her routine leads to unexpected and dramatic changes. It is a unique film with meticulous details, with a single camera filming each scene in real time. It is a compelling movie experiment in which the minutiae of everyday life, the stuff most filmmakers skip over or leave out, are central to Akerman's 1975 masterpiece.

Amy Heckling's first directorial effort, **Fast Times at Ridgemont High** (1982), is a teen comedy based on Rolling Stone

reporter Cameron Crowe's account of posing as a high school student in L.A.'s San Fernando Valley. Pretty and inexperienced Stacy Hamilton (Jennifer Jason Leigh) is given dating advice by her uninhibited friend, Linda Barrett (Phoebe Cates) and becomes trapped in a love triangle with nice guy Mark Ratner (Brian Backer) and his more self-confident buddy Mike Damone (Robert Romanus). Meanwhile, Stacy's classmate Jeff Spicoli (Sean Penn), who lives for surfing and being stoned, continuously battles with Mr. Hand (Ray Walston), a strict teacher who has no time for these pranks.

In Penny Marshall's **Big** (1988), 13-year-old Josh Baskin makes a wish at an amusement park's fortune-telling machine, and the next morning he wakes up to discover that he has grown into an adult overnight (Tom Hanks). Still mentally and emotionally an adolescent, Josh decides to hide in Manhattan. A chance meeting at FAO Schwartz with the toy company executive McMillan (Robert Loggia) turns into a big-time job. Although he falls in love with fellow employee Susan (Elizabeth Perkins), he still misses his home and family. Hanks received his first Oscar nomination for this role.

A long-time favorite is Joan Micklin Silver's **Crossing Delancey** (1988), a charming romantic comedy starring Amy Irving as Isabelle "Izzy" Grossman, who works in an Upper West Side bookstore. When her grandmother Bubbie (Reizel Bosyk) goes to a matchmaker (Sylvia Miles), Izzy is introduced to Sam Posner (Peter Riegert), who sells pickles for a living. Izzy yearns for a romantic life with the pompous, narcissistic writer Anton Maes (Jeroen Krabbe), but somehow Sam gets under her skin.

An extraordinary, true story is told in Agnieszka Holland's **Europa, Europa** (1991). It concerns Solomon Perel (Marco Hofschneider), a multi-lingual German Jewish boy who on the eve of his 13th birthday, leaves home with his brother because of the anti-Semitic violence that has been escalating in his home town. He winds up in a Communist school in Poland. When the Germans invade, he is drafted into the German army. Impersonating an Aryan, he is sent to a Hitler Youth School, where he must hide his Jewish identity, especially from the girl he loves (Julie Delpy). Perel's proficiency in both German and Russian take him from side to side, until he eventually winds up in Israel. Here, truth is much stranger than fiction.

In 1991 **Daughters of the Dust** was filmed by Julie Dash, the first black woman to have her picture released in a theater. Set at the beginning of the 20th century, this is a vivid portrait of Gullah Geechee culture—communities descended from enslaved Africans who settled along the coast and sea islands of South Carolina and Georgia, where they retained many of their African traditions. The film depicts the last gathering of the Peazant family, as the younger generation prepares to leave the island and move north,

while their matriarch, Nana (Cora Lee Day), stays behind. The cinematography is exquisite. Virtually every shot could be a painting.

In Penny Marshall's **A League of Their Own** (1992), women are recruited to keep baseball fever alive while men are at war. It stars Geena Davis as Dottie Hinson and Lori Petty as her younger sister, Kit. They are discovered by the hilarious scout Ernie (John Lovitz) and wind up on a team coached by has-been baseball player Jimmy Dugan (Tom Hanks). The terrific cast is rounded out by teammates Mae Mordabito (Madonna) and Doris Murphy (Rosie O'Donnell). The women on this team indeed become like sisters and band together as Jimmy recites the unforgettable classic line "There's no crying in baseball!" in this a fine, family flick.

Written and directed by Nora Ephron, **Sleepless in Seattle** (1993) stars Tom Hanks as the widowed father of Jonah (Ross Malinger). They move to Seattle to start a new life, and when Jonah calls a radio talk show host and says "my father needs a new wife," the program is heard by Annie Reed (Meg Ryan), a reporter from Baltimore who becomes obsessed with Sam. A wonderful supporting cast includes Rosie O'Donnell as Annie's boss, David Hyde Pierce as Annie's brother and Bill Pullman as Annie's fiancé. This film is an homage to the wonderful "An Affair to Remember" (from the 1950s).

Set in Louisiana, Kasi Lemmons' **Eve's Bayou** (1997) is a rare and powerful depiction of the African-American experience from the perspective of a young black girl, written and directed by a black woman. Lemmons successfully avoided the violence and other clichés that were common among studio-backed black films of the period, instead telling an emotionally-resonant coming-of-age story set against a lush Louisiana setting. It is the story of 10-year-old black girl, Eve Batiste (Jurnee Smollett), who discovers that her family's affluent existence is merely a façade. The philandering of her suave doctor father, Louis (Samuel L. Jackson), throws Eve's mother, Roz (Lynn Whitfield), and teenage sister, Ciseley (Meagan Good), into emotional turmoil. Eve, however, manages to find some solace with her quirky psychic aunt, Mozelle (Debbi Morgan).

The Wachoskis' film **The Matrix** (1999) is futuristic cyber adventure that depicts a dystopian future in which humanity is unknowingly trapped inside a simulated reality. When computer programmer Thomas Anderson (Keanu Reeves), under the hacker alias "Neo," uncovers the truth, he is drawn into a rebellion against the machines along with other people who have been freed from the Matrix, including Morpheus (Lawrence Fishburne) and Trinity (Carrie-Anne Moss). They delve into the virtual reality concept of the world and a quest to free humankind. The machines are represented by Agents, all of whom are portrayed by Hugo Weaving, who fights the main characters that all have extraordinary martial arts skills. It is interesting to note that the credits for this film indicate that it was directed by the Wachowski Brothers. However, they are now known as Lana and Lily Wachowski, the first transgender directing team in history. As part of a quadriology, the film is followed in increasingly less interesting order with **The Matrix Reloaded** (2003) and **The Matrix Revolutions** (2003), with a fourth film scheduled for release at the end of 2021.

Knowledgeable film buffs will wonder where is Jane Campion's **The Piano** (1993). Even after revisiting this critically acclaimed film, it still wasn't to my liking. And until next time, happy viewing....

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Tide chart by Tom Smith

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06 Sun	0413	0.31	1014	7.16	1624	0.79	2229	7.85	Sun 06
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CITY ISLAND SCAVENGER HUNT, TAKE 2

Here are the answers to last month's scavenger hunt. They correspond to last month's photos from the late 30's early 40's in a left-to-right, then top-to-bottom direction. #1. 9 Fordham Street. #2. 72 Bay

Street. #3. 14 Bay Street. #4. 329 City Island Avenue. #5. 11 Fordham Street. and the BONUS was 191 Hawkins Street (aka Banta Lane and, if you can believe it, on Google Maps it's still called Orchard Street).

In the spirit of a much better City Island summer this year than last, here are a few City Island restaurant locations for you to track down. Good luck!



#1



#2



#3



#4



#5



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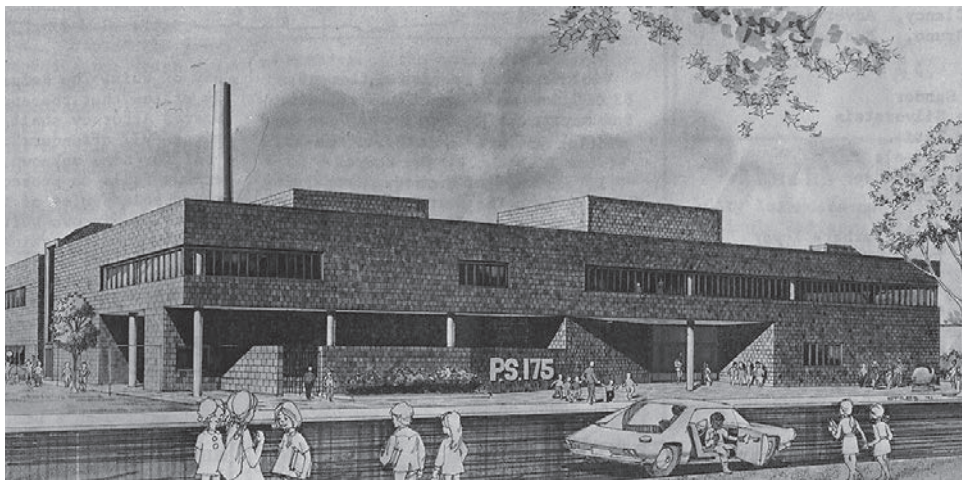
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The *Island Current* has reported on City Island's schools over the last 50 years, including the closing of St. Mary, Star of the Sea School in 2013 (the first St. Mary's eighth-grade graduation class is shown above) and the construction of the new P.S. 175 building in 1975 (below).

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City Allocates Funds for Construction on Nevins Site
P.S. 175 First 'Open Corridor' School in City
by Julia Yurwitz



Over the last 50 years, *The Island Current* has reported on the many graduations, events, reunions and changes at City Island's public and parochial schools.

St. Mary, Star of the Sea School opened in 1931 with 30 children in kindergarten through fifth grade, each year adding a new grade for a final total of nine, including kindergarten. The elementary school first opened officially in the parish auditorium, a building attached to what was then the convent. Owing to increased enrollment over the years, a larger, permanent school was needed. In 1948, during the pastorate of Father Edward Nilan, a new building and schoolyard were constructed at 580 Minneford Avenue, just south of Kilroe Street.

On June 19, 2013, at 11:30 a.m., the final dismissal bell rang for the students of St. Mary's School, and 82 years of Catholic education on City Island provided by the Dominican Sisters of Blauvelt and lay faculty came to an end. St. Mary's was one of 22 elementary schools that were closed by the Archdiocese of New York at the end of the 2012-13 academic year. *The Current* covered the unsuccessful fight by many alumni and Islanders to save the school throughout 2013.

An Early Childhood Program was held in the St. Mary's building in 2013 and 2014, but soon closed. Island residents

were pleased to have Holy Rosary School use the building from January through June 2015 for its 300 students in grades K through 8 following damage to their building off Gun Hill Road during the bitterly cold winter. But at the present time, the school building and the parking lot are usually empty.

In addition to the many graduations featured in *The Current*, St. Mary's sponsored Catholic Youth Basketball teams for over 80 years until 2019, when the program ended. Every year since the 1970s, the success and efforts of the SMSS hoopsters were recognized and applauded in each April issue. The school's gymnasium was also used occasionally for town hall meetings and such events as the Cub Scouts annual Pinewood Derby.

P.S. 17, located at 190 Fordham Street, was City Island's public elementary school for 77 years. It had been built in 1898 after City Island became part of New York City, but shortly after *The Current* began publishing in 1971, a controversial relocation of the school was proposed, and a new building was eventually constructed at 200 City Island Avenue on the former site of Nevins Shipyard. In 1975 the school was opened and called P.S. 175, to the consternation of many alumni, and for many years the building was plagued by leaks and issues with the open classroom format



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The July issues of *The Current* featured many graduating classes from both P.S. 17, P.S. 175 and St. Mary's (above photos and next page).

on the second floor.

The Current covered the controversies over the school's relocation, the dedication of the new building and the conversion of the old P.S. 17 building to condominiums and the current home of the City Island Nautical Museum and the Community Center. We also featured the P.S. 175 eighth-grade graduating classes every year in the July/August issue, including the 2020 "virtual" graduation caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. Other historic events at the school, such as the renovation of the schoolyard in 1993, the installation of playground equipment and Fleet Weekend, were also covered. In 2000, a nonprofit organization called IDEA developed an educational project in the wetlands behind the school, a program that is being taken up again now by the City

Island Oyster Reef in collaboration with the teachers at P.S. 175.

For nearly 40 years, *The Current* carried a regular column called School News, first written by Annalea Ricci, then Carole Phillips and most recently Virginia Dannerger. Unfortunately, with the demise of St. Mary's School and a change in administration at P.S. 175, the column has been on hiatus since the beginning of 2020.

Although there are no high schools on City Island, there have been pre-K and nursery schools over the years, including the Crayon Box and the French School. As long as there are schools on City Island, *The Current* will continue to document and celebrate events related to the education of Island youth.

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St. Mary's basketball team results were highlighted in every April issue of *The Current*, such as the Girls Varsity CYO Champs of 2012.



The dedication of the first playground behind P.S. 175 made the front page in 1993.

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The P.S. 17 class of 1942 (above) and other eighth-grade classes from both schools held regular reunions which were featured in *The Current*. Students show their appreciation for P.S. 175 during the period of time they had to home school because of the pandemic in 2020-21 (photo below).

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In The Garden

By MARY COLBY



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Rosa Madame Alfred Carriere Climbing Rose

The Loveliness of June

It is June. Everything is opening, unfurling, beginning to bloom. There are so many blossoms that one cannot help but to aimlessly walk about looking at it all. Roses are at their peak, and I have Queen Anne's lace around them as skirts.

The best Queen Anne is amni visnaga, which is easily purchased from any good seed source. They are what is called fill, coming up between plants and taking up hardly any room, for they are tap-rooted, like poppies. I like orlaya even better, though, because the foliage is beautiful like a sturdy fern and the flat white discs have different-sized petals, not unlike jewelry. Sow them in August for next year's flowering. Orlaya is nice also with iris, as it comes into bloom after the iris have exhausted themselves, so there is interest there where nothing would be.

Clematis are tricky if you want to grow them with roses. To grow them correctly

together, you would need to plant the late-flowering types like pearl d'azur or any of the gorgeous viticellas. These are the ones to hack back to 12 inches in February. Now your rose is free of them, and you have the opportunity to train and pin their arms to the wall or trellis without any hindrance.

All plants that have budded or are in flower benefit from weekly applications of tomato food, which promotes flowering. But stop feeding once the flowering is over. Too much nitrogen will turn the leaves yellow.

In June indoor plants like ivies, geraniums and Christmas cactus can go outside. Check trees for suckers and cut them off. Lift and divide the iris. Use only the newest pieces, cutting out sections of rhizome that are bare. Replant with the tops of the rhizome showing, as they need to bake in the sun, and water them.

Clean up flowering plants that have finished flowering and deadhead roses and other annuals and perennials that have gone. For climbing annuals, I love cobaea scandens, the cup-and-saucer vine, and of course all of the morning glories. Soak the seed overnight before planting. There is still time. The cup-and-saucer vine in open ground will reach 20 feet in one season. The leaf has six smaller leaves in a cluster with curly tendrils that give them a strong hold on railings and fences.

June is the time to visit great gardens and get out in the sun. Wave Hill, Untermyer Park and of course our own NYBG are an eye-ful.

After this long, sad winter, gardens are quite a blessing.

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Summer As a Learning Lab: Making the Most of Continuing Education

By JOHN SCARDINA, Certified School Psychologist

Summer is fast approaching, and we may actually have a chance to enjoy some of our more usual activities as the pandemic winds down here and vaccinations provide safety and peace of mind.

Summer can also be a time to solidify new skills learned in school and to explore new topics and activities. Let's look at the five areas for growth that provide a wholistic life for ourselves and our children:

- Physical. Take advantage of the mind/body/soul connection. Learn a new physical skill with your child: rollerblading, surfing, mountain biking, sailing, whatever! Share outdoor passions—spending as much time as possible in the fresh air—and find a healthy balance for sleep, exercise and eating well. Physical routines are important during the summer, too.

- Cognitive. Become a lifelong learner and model that attitude for your child. Read about a new topic of interest together. Have family read-aloud times that use both fictional and non-fictional books. Engage your creative brain by spending time as an artist/playwright/musician/sculptor, even if it just means a sandcastle on the beach with make-believe characters acting out a story. Using our cognitive skills all summer allows our children to transition back to school ready for new tasks.

- Emotional. Become an emotional scientist rather than an emotional judge: accept the feelings that carry us through our days and develop a toolbox to deal with each one. Sadness might respond well to a walk outside, anger may need some intense physical activity, and worries might feel less challenging with a hug from a family member. Emotional intelligence (EQ) is just as valuable as IQ as we go through life.

- Social. Make new friends and keep the old (as we have often heard). Work with our children to solve conflicts in ways that promote mutual respect and win-win solutions.

Model how to respect differences and find face-to-face ways to promote social justice: volunteer at a food bank, join a group that engages with different ethnic groups than your own, and learn the history of our island/our community/our state/our nation to find out where social justice has not thrived. Each of us can make reparations for the past misdeeds of our institutions by becoming more loving and compassionate with everyone.

- Spiritual. Learn to be a part of something bigger than ourselves. Respond to that of the Divine in every person. Visit other houses of worship than those we grew up with and learn about the commonality of all faiths that promote loving kindness.

So pick a family theme for the summer—local indigenous peoples/how to identify birds and trees/the history of our island/how to get a bill passed in your local government/how to best be of service to others—and put these ideas into practice.

For the past ten years I have been a facilitator with the Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP), a program designed to teach peacemaking skills through self-awareness, community building, and life-affirming communications. Check out the program (www.avpusa.org) and let me know if we might benefit from an AVP workshop here on City Island this summer (johnscardina@hotmail.com).



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Malcolm McDonald Campbell

Island resident Malcolm Campbell died from pancreatic cancer on April 29, 2021, at the age of 61, surrounded by his wife of 30 years, Charlene (Schulz); his son, Ian Beck; his daughter, Della Chandler and his ever-faithful dog, CC.

Malcolm was born on Aug. 24, 1959, in Johnson City, TN, to Ellen Chandler (Worthy) Campbell and Edward Malcolm Campbell and was raised there with his brothers and sisters, Eleanor, Preston, Ray, Volney, and Lecy Campbell, and his cousin Katherine (Worthy) Grizzanti. Decades of bluegrass and folk music suffused his spirit in the Tennessee hills, and started Malcolm's lifelong passion for listening to and collecting 45 records and albums. He attended Christchurch School in Christchurch, VA, and Wofford College in Spartanburg, SC.

In 1987, Malcolm moved to Chicago and began his career as an advertising executive at Foote Cone & Belding. Soon he joined Chris Schuba and Spin Magazine, where he advanced from Midwest Advertising Manager to Advertising Director. Later, in New York, he would move from being Spin's Associate Publisher to Publisher and eventually went on to hold media executive positions at Blender, Vice, the Fader and PMC.

Charlene and Malcolm married in Chicago on Aug. 18, 1990, and their respective careers brought them to Manhattan in 1993 and to City Island in 1995. Early on, Malcolm developed an enduring passion for sailing from his father and siblings, and it was the call of the water that brought them

to City Island, where his beloved boat, the *Lover's Knot*, was moored in the City Island Yacht Club fleet. He loved taking family, friends, neighbors and co-workers sailing throughout Long Island Sound, and on several occasions he rounded up a salty crew of friends to cruise to Newport, RI, for the Newport Folk festival.

Malcolm's contributions to the City Island community during his 25 years here included his membership at Grace Episcopal Church and the City Island Yacht Club; he was also a co-chair of City Island Indivisible and an active volunteer with the City Island Oyster Reef. Malcolm's favorite charities include Fordham University Voice (FUV), Pancreatic Cancer Action Network (PanCan) and the City Island Oyster Reef (CIOR).

He was predeceased by his parents and his older sister, Eleanor, and is survived by his wife and children, along with his brothers, sister, uncle, several nieces, nephews and cousins. A memorial service was held to honor Malcolm at the City Island Yacht Club on May 11, where members of his family and friends told moving and entertaining stories about his life and played music reflecting this passion for the concerts and festivals that had driven his life and career.



Robert J. Detorres

Robert Detorres, known as Guido by many of his friends, passed away on May 4, 2021, at the age of 96, after a bout with cancer.

A true clam digger, he was born on Sept. 17, 1934, and was living in Florida at the time of his passing.

He is survived by Cynthia Detorres, his wife of 67 years, 6 children, 13 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. He was predeceased by his son Christopher.

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Photo by JOANNE VALLETTA

Ron Terner receives a well-deserved Certificate of Appreciation and gifts from Quilters by the Sea QOV (left to right): Harlan Sexton, QBTS Group Leader, Ron Terner and Sandra Panzarella.



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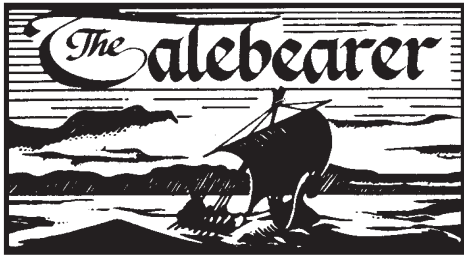
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Matthew DeSantis

This year it's the Big 50 for Greg and Trish Penny. They will celebrate their big days on May 22 and June 4. Congratulations, kids! Lots of Love, Mom.

Happy birthday on June 5 to Chase Bank's Paul Krebaum from your City Island friends and colleagues.

Congratulations to Matthew DeSantis on his eighth-grade graduation. We all are so very proud of you and can't wait to see what high school holds! Love you lots! Mom, Dad, Karina and Jojo.

Wedding bells rang for Islanders Mark Nani and Lorena Nogueira on May 1 in Cancun, Mexico. Proud parents are Karen and Paul Nani of King Avenue and Lydia Dos Santos of Belo Horizonte, Brazil. Many family members and City Island friends celebrated with the couple at the beautiful



Islanders Mark Nani and Lorena Nogueira were married on May 1, 2021, in Cancun, Mexico.

destination wedding. Cheers to the bride and groom!

Happy birthday and good golfing to former Earley Street resident Bob McKenna, on June 11. His City Island relatives, Rita Lynch, Patty Jawski and Karen Nani wish him a great day!

Welcome back to City Island Bettye Kronstad, who is the author of "Perfect Day: An Intimate Portrait of Life with Lou Reed," a memoir about her marriage to the iconic rock star.

Happy June birthdays to Judy Rauh and her brother, John Wright.

Congratulations and best wishes to Islander and New Rochelle Police Commis-



Proud new parents, Richard and Elizabeth Masotti, with their newborn.



Henry Covington Allen

sioner Joe Schaller, who will retire on June 30 after 47 years with the department.

Happy birthday wishes go out to Minneford Avenue's Debra Erickson, who celebrates her special day on June 19. With lots and lots of love, Mom, Elzie and Ken.

Barbara and Chris Skokos of Reynolds Street are delighted to announce the birth of their first grandchild born March 4, 2021. The proud parents of Richard Joseph are Elizabeth and Richard Masotti of Yonkers.

Happy birthday on June 23 to the Sailmaker's John Iovieno, with love from the Swieciki and Iovieno families.

Welcome to the world three new Rodstrom grandchildren. James Philip Rodstrom made his debut on March 19. Proud parents are Justin and Nicole Rodstrom of Middletown, DE.



James Philip Rodstrom



Benjamin Walter Ng Rodstrom

It's a boy! Matthew and Lisa Ng Rodstrom of Warwick, NY, are proud to announce the March 30 birth of Benjamin Walter Ng Rodstrom.

Congratulations to Chelsea and Matthew Allen of Bellevue, KY, who are thrilled to introduce Henry Covington Allen, born on April 23.

Happy birthday on June 29 to Marine Street's Ann Butterworth, with love from your family and friends.

Congratulations to clam digger Marguerite Chadwick-Juner who had her painting "Reef Music—The Violinist II" chosen for the cover of the April 2021 issue of Artistonish magazine. The magazine features the work of



Marguerite Chadwick-Juner's painting on the cover of Artistonish Magazine.



Olivia Esposito with her dad, Nick.

contemporary artists from all over the world. It is available online and in print form.

Welcome Olivia Esposito, born on April 10, 2021. Proud parents are Michelle and Nick Esposito and very proud grandparents Bonnie and Gaeton Esposito and Diane and Andy Picciano.

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