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## Quick-Thinking Shipyard Visitor Prevents Fire Spread

By KAREN NANI



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On Feb. 27, 2017, a fire started in a single 35-foot boat in dry dock at Consolidated Yachts on Pilot Street. The fire could have been much worse were it not for the quick action of a heroic visitor (Tom Nash shown above right with shipyard owner Wes Rodstrom), along with shipyard workers and FDNY Ladder 53.

A fire at Consolidated Yachts on Monday, Feb. 27, could have been much worse were it not for the quick action of some heroic visitors and shipyard workers.

Around 11:20 a.m., a fire started in a single 35-foot boat owned by Islander Michael Piparo, longtime co-owner of Consolidated with Wesley Rodstrom. Mr. Piparo had purchased the former *Apache II* fishing vessel and was refurbishing it for personal use.

The boat was inside the main shed at Consolidated, located on the east side of Pilot Street, when the cabin roof and interior caught on fire. Luckily, no one was working on the boat at the time, because the flames intensified quickly and thick black smoke rose from the burning fiberglass.

A visitor was working on a car in the shed, and he noticed the fire. He yelled to other shipyard workers and grabbed a hose to start preventing the spread. Meanwhile, Tom Nash, a boat captain from New Rochelle, was walking around the yard and spotted the flames. The boat was closest to the entrance to the shed, and it was on

a trailer. Mr. Nash told *The Current*, "I hopped on the fork lift and pulled the boat out of the shed."

The large shed houses numerous other boats, from a beautiful Hinckley cabin cruiser to small inflatables, along with some cars and other shipyard equipment.

Mr. Nash probably prevented the fire from spreading to the other boats, as well as the entire shed. Even in the short time the boat was on fire inside the enclosure, most of the ceiling of the structure became black with soot from the smoke.

Workers from the shipyard grabbed fire extinguishers and started trying to douse the flames. Meanwhile, Krista King, Consolidated's office manager, called 911 and the City Island firehouse was notified. Ladder 53 and Engine 70 responded quickly and were first on the scene.

In another twist to this story, 11 other FDNY units were dispatched to the scene, but most were delayed because the Pelham Bridge was raised to allow a barge to pass, Deputy Chief Jim Brosi told *The Current*. A total of 65 firefighters finally arrived at the scene, but the bulk of the work was

handled by Ladder 53 and Engine 70.

When told by this reporter about City Island's history of fighting to keep Ladder 53 at the Schofield Street firehouse, the FDNY chief said, "It's a good thing you did."

Deputy Chief Brosi could not confirm what had started the fire. As *The Current* went to press, possible causes, including an electrical short, were still under investigation. He said there was no diesel fuel aboard or batteries, but the fiberglass cabin roof was quickly consumed in flames and had to be doused with foam. The chief confirmed reports of the quick-thinking person who dragged the burning boat out from the shed, thereby "saving the structure and the other boats inside."

No one was injured, including Con-

solidated workers, boat owners and firefighters, but there was some damage to other boats. The radar tower of a large trimaran in dry dock nearby the burning boat was damaged along with the gel coat of another cabin cruiser's bow. Some of the shrinkwrap winter covers melted on nearby boats inside and outside the shed, but other damage was miraculously minimal.

Mr. Piparo was visibly shaken by the events. "I feel really bad for Pip," said Mr. Rodstrom. "He just put a brand new diesel engine in the boat. It's a shame." But he was grateful for the actions of Mr. Nash in preventing a larger fire. "Tom was here to talk to me about a possible manager position at the shipyard," Mr. Rodstrom explained, causing one observer to quip "I guess he will get the job."

## City Island Pharmacy Closed

By BARBARA DOLENSEK

Much to the surprise of City Island residents, pharmacist Joe Miccarelli closed the City Island Pharmacy at 290 City Island Avenue on Tuesday, March 13, in the middle of the snowstorm, after having given the community one day's notice. Many longtime customers were shocked by the news, since the pharmacy is the only one on the Island, but Mr. Miccarelli had no statement for *The Island Current* to explain his decision. However, he told the Chamber of Commerce president, Skip Giacco, that like many other independent pharmacies, he could no longer compete with the big chain drug stores and mail-order prescription services.

Rumors quickly spread that a rent increase was the reason, but Paul Scavello, whose father owns the building, told *The Current* that in fact the rent had been the same, \$6,500, for the 24 years Joe has owned the pharmacy, and that there were six years to go on the lease. The real problem, Mr. Scav-



Photos by MATTIA PANZA

After 24 years in business, pharmacist Joe Miccarelli closed the City Island Pharmacy on City Island Avenue on March 13, after having given the community only one day's notice.

ello said, is the fact that it is very difficult for small businesses to compete in the current environment, because residents prefer to go off-Island or on-line to shop.

Many pharmacy customers were unhappy that they were given no advance warning of the closing. A sign briefly appeared on the door at the pharmacy indicating that all prescriptions had been transferred confidentially (though without their permission) to CVS Pharmacy at 3681 Bruckner Boulevard in the Pelham Bay section. Some residents registered their complaints with New York State Board of Pharmacy because their prescriptions had been forwarded without their

permission, but were told that it is the responsibility of the pharmacist to do so when closing a business.

The telephone number of the CVS in Pelham Bay is 718-518-7496, and they will deliver; parking is available for free in the lot behind the store if CVS validates the parking ticket. Those who prefer to use another CVS, such as the one in Four Corners in Pelham, can obtain the prescriptions through the CVS network.

In the meantime, Skip Giacco has contacted the National Community Pharmacists Association and the New York Pharmacists Association for help in finding a new pharmacist for City Island.

# BRIEFLY...

**BOY SCOUT TROOP 211 EASTER FLOWER SALE** will take place from April 12 through 15 at Trinity United Methodist Church on Bay Street and City Island Avenue. "Support Good Scouts Doing Good Things!"

**BOATING SAFETY CLASS** will be held by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 05-04 on three consecutive Wednesdays, April 19 and 26 and May 3, at the Harlem Yacht Club. The classes begin at 7 p.m. and end at approximately 10 p.m. You must attend all three classes. Please note there is a new age-related state law for boaters that went into effect in 2015. All individuals born on or after May 1, 1996, are now required to successfully complete a safe boating course in order to operate a motorboat. To receive more information about the new law, or to register for this class, contact the Public Education Officer John Rivera, [uscgauxjohnrivera@gmail.com](mailto:uscgauxjohnrivera@gmail.com). If this date does not work for you, visit them on the web at <http://a0140504.wow.uscgaux.info> for a list of additional classes.

**CITY ISLAND THEATER GROUP'S** next presentation is Philip Barry's comedy "The Philadelphia Story" on Friday, April 28; Saturday, April 29; Friday, May 5; and Saturday, May 6, at 8 p.m., and on Sunday, April 30 and May 7, at 3 p.m. For tickets, call 718-885-3066 or e-mail [tickets@cityislandtheatergroup.com](mailto:tickets@cityislandtheatergroup.com). Tickets may also be purchased on line by visiting the website [www.cityislandtheatergroup.com](http://www.cityislandtheatergroup.com). All performances are in Grace Hall, 116 City Island Avenue at Pilot Street.

**EASTER EGG HUNT** will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 15, at Grace Episcopal Church, 116 City Island Avenue at Pilot Street. All ages are invited.

**CITY ISLAND STREET NAMES:** Everyone who wonders why Carrol (or Caroll) Street is spelled in different ways or whether Rochelle Street is named for a woman or a man is invited to attend a fascinating talk by John Sheridan at the City Island Nautical Museum at 1 p.m. on Sunday, April 30, 2017. The entrance fee is \$5 but members are admitted free, so join now. Visit the museum's website at [www.cityislandmuseum.org](http://www.cityislandmuseum.org).

**FRIENDS OF PELHAM BAY PARK** are holding their annual fundraiser this year on Thursday, April 6, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Pelham/ Split Rock Golf Courses, 890 Shore Road. The funds raised will be used to install all-natural play elements at Pond Walk, the accessible wetland area in the Playground for All Children, and to honor three special friends for their contributions to Pelham Bay Park: Councilmember James Vacca, Ellen Bruzelius, and Jorge Santiago. Tickets are \$60 if ordered in advance; \$75 at the door. For information, call 718-430-4685 or e-mail [friendsofpehambaypark@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofpehambaypark@gmail.com).

## 45 BLOTTER

Complaints reported from City Island to the 45th Precinct during February and March 2017. Unfounded complaints are not included in the list.

- 1 - MENACING
- 1 - ASSAULT
- 1 - GRAND LARCENY AUTO
- 1 - DISORDERLY CONDUCT
- 1 - HARASSMENT
- 9 - GRAFFITI

Police provided details on the following incidents for the period from Feb. 17 to March 13, 2017.

2/23 - At a commercial establishment on City Island Avenue, a group of unknown persons engaged in obscene behavior, including throwing chairs and physically fighting at 10 p.m. Police were called to the location, but all those allegedly involved had fled the scene by the time officers arrived. (See story this issue.)

2/24 - On City Island Avenue, an off-Islander was assaulted by an off-Island male at a commercial establishment at 6 p.m. The perpetrator allegedly punched the victim in the face with a closed fist causing pain.

2/26 - At 4:20 p.m., an off-Island female

reported that her vehicle was stolen after being parked overnight on Minneford Avenue. The vehicle was later recovered on the Shore Road after an Islander spotted it.

2/28 - An Island female reported that she was harassed by a known male at 8 p.m. on Earley Street. The complainant states that the perpetrator followed her and a friend, then verbally threatened her.

2/28-3/14 - The 45th Precinct's Graffiti Removal Coordinator, Officer Frank Malafronte, identified graffiti at numerous locations on City Island and documented them with photos. He scheduled the sites for graffiti removal and cleanup.

3/13 - At 6 p.m., police from the 45th Precinct arrested an Island male, 47, and charged him with menacing on City Island Avenue. The defendant allegedly threatened a female Islander with bodily harm by holding a hammer to her head. The victim feared for her

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# 45TH PRECINCT COMMANDING OFFICER REPLACED

By BARBARA DOLENSEK

Two days after she addressed the City Island Civic Association, the commanding officer of the 45th Precinct, Deputy Inspector Danielle Raia, and her second in command, Captain David Dent, were removed from the precinct under suspicion of not working their scheduled hours and getting paid while doing so, according to a report published by the New York Daily News. DI Raia was moved to Manhattan and remains on duty as she awaits an interview with Internal Affairs. Captain Dent was placed on

modified duty and gave up his shield and gun. They face administrative not criminal charges, according to the News.

Captain Carlos Ghonz, who had been with the 46th Precinct in the West Bronx, was selected to replace DI Raia and he quickly joined the 45th Precinct. When questioned about the issue of paid detail, which DI Raia had tried to get for Seafood City, Captain Ghonz was clear in stating that the NYPD did not permit it for any establishment serving liquor.

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# Riot at Seafood City Creates Controversy

By BARBARA DOLENSEK



On Thursday, Feb. 23, 2017, the video of a brawl at Seafood City went viral on the Internet, creating community concern about how such violence can be handled. The February meeting of the City Island Civic Association brought out a large crowd, which received reassurances from the Seafood City management that measures would be taken to control future problems at the restaurant.

A video of a brawl inside Seafood City Restaurant on Thursday, Feb. 23, immediately went viral on the Internet and sparked a firestorm of public comment. A group of young people had begun throwing chairs at one another and otherwise creating chaos, which was caught on camera, allegedly by one of the participants. Although 911 was called, the fight ended before the police arrived, and no arrests were made, although one summons was issued, according to then 45th Precinct Commanding Officer Danielle Raia (see story on page 2).

City Island Civic Association officer John Doyle posted his concerns about the event on the Civic Association Facebook page, and the site quickly became crowded with comments for and against the restaurant. Dennis Fitzpatrick, evening manager of Seafood City for the past 15 years, quickly responded to assure the community that this was a rare incident and that the restaurant has tried over the years to respond to 311 complaints registered by the community especially those regarding noise.

The day after the brawl, the news media swarmed the Island looking for people to interview, several of whom, including Mr. Doyle, are running for the City Council spot that Jimmy Vacca will be vacating later this year. One of the candidates, Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj, assured the public that the restaurant would hire off-duty police officers (called paid detail) and get additional coverage from

the 45th Precinct, although those assurances were not supported by the Precinct, since the NYPD will not allow paid detail to work at any establishment that sells liquor. Candidate Marjorie Velazquez, who is treasurer of Community Board 10, announced publicly that the New York State Liquor Authority should remove Seafood City's liquor license.

Thanks to the public attention created by the episode, the Civic Association monthly meeting, which usually attracts 40 to 50 members, was filled to capacity at the meeting held the following Tuesday, Feb. 28. More than 100 people were present, including Seafood City owners Dan Pirraglia and Dino Esposito and daytime manager Aimee Breen, all residents of City Island. Mr. Fitzpatrick addressed the meeting to explain the incident and to reassure residents that such incidents were rare. He reported that the bar had been closed from 8 to 10 p.m. that evening. The fight took place at 10:20, so alcohol was not viewed as a factor, although earlier in the evening the brawlers had apparently been at Tony's Pier, which had also closed its bar.

Deputy Inspector Raia, accompanied by NYPD Borough Chief Lawrence Nikunen and other officers, then addressed the meeting to explain police coverage on City Island, specifically relating to drug dealers, underage drinking in restaurant parking lots, and traffic. She said she would continue to keep the stations at the City Island circle in place and would provide new tactics for traffic control by Mother's Day.

Civic member Bill McGee spoke for many residents by noting that such fights take place elsewhere in the Bronx, not just City Island, and that we must all work together to prevent incidents like this from taking place in the future.

Soon after the meeting, Dennis Fitzpatrick posted a message on Facebook to thank the community for its support and to announce that the restaurant has created an e-mail address, [seafoodcityconcerns@gmail.com](mailto:seafoodcityconcerns@gmail.com) so that anyone may ask questions, express concerns or make complaints that will be answered immediately. He reported that efforts "have already gone into effect to change the atmosphere inside. I can't promise nothing will happen in the future, nobody can, but we will do our best to prevent any further incidents from occurring!"

On the evening of March 9, the restaurant was given a multi-agency inspection by representatives of the State Liquor Authority, the NYC Department of Buildings and the Board of Health, in addition to the Fire Department and the NYPD. Inspections of permits, licenses, food handling and bar procedures were carried out and, except for a minor violation that was quickly addressed, all was found to be in order.



Photo by MATTIA PANZA

Shortly before the onslaught of traffic expected for Valentine's Day weekend, the 45th Precinct installed these barricades at the City Island circle in an effort to force drivers to move into the right lane before entering City Island Road. The intention was to keep the barricades in place through the busy traffic season in order to control traffic access to the Island, a plan that is now undergoing revision by the new commanding officer of the precinct, Captain Carlos Ghonz, who replaced Deputy Inspector Danielle Raia during the week of Feb. 27, 2017. Islanders have complained that the barricades are unsightly and confusing.

## FROZEN FLOWERS AND MARCH LION



Photos by KAREN NANI and MATTIA PANZA

The roller coaster temperatures and snowstorms in March 2017 left early blooming daffodils and confused crocuses covered in snow. The large storm on March 14 also dumped icy snow on cars and roofs and seemed to reverse the old March adage, coming in like a lamb and going out like a lion.

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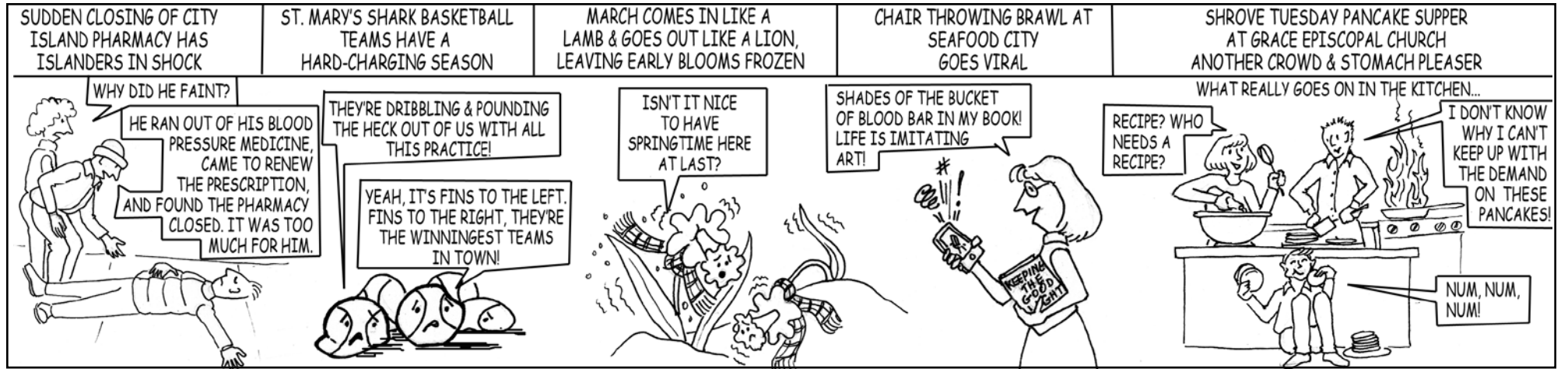
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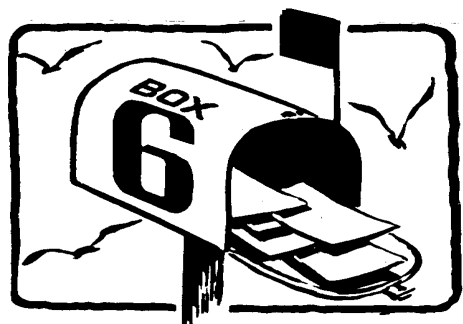
**A Shopping Center with No Shops**

The sudden closing of the City Island Pharmacy has driven home to many residents here a longtime problem with the central section of the Island, which is now lined with 17 empty storefronts between Bay and Schofield Streets. Skip Giacco, president of the City Island Chamber of Commerce, has been meeting with numerous shop owners and residents to determine the causes for this trend, and studies are under way to develop solutions and remedies to a problem that is not exclusive to City Island but has happened across the country.

City Island was once a community where residents worked and shopped, but it is no more. Most residents admit to shopping online and off-Island, where the large retailers offer greater selections and lower prices. And visitors tend to drive to the thriving restaurants, where they park in the large lots and usually leave after a meal rather than walk through the center of town to see the sights and shop for souvenirs. In the summer, Lickety Split serves residents on weekdays and visitors on weekends but must close in the cold months for lack of business. And most of the other businesses are run by those who don't plan to become wealthy; several survive by owning their own buildings or relying on other sources of income.

Another major problem is that many of the landlords don't want to rent; some use their properties for storage or tax deductions, and others have even allowed their properties to deteriorate to the point where few businesses would be interested in renting. A few ideas have been suggested, such as studio/gallery/living spaces for artists; shops that sell art and artifacts but also offer teaching opportunities; a store for dog owners that would offer training, walking and pet sitting along with bathing facilities, a modest shop and a visiting veterinarian. But these shops would have to rely on local customers rather than seasonal tourists, which comes back to the commitment of the community.

Appearances are important, and unrented storefronts would benefit from window decorations to make them more attractive, but the best solution by far would be for City Islanders to recognize that, by working together and thinking locally, we could preserve some sense of the community that we all love.



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.

**Enjoying The Current**

To the Editor:

Congrats to all of you on another great *Island Current*. The front page article in the March issue really caught my attention. I enjoy the whole paper. Kudos to all the staff for all their hard work.

**Diane Duryea**

**Presidential Ethics**

A copy of this letter to the *New York Times* was received by The Current.

To the Editor:

At a recent visit with my hairdresser, we discussed how Americans are now learning more about what the president can and cannot ethically do about his family business. His comment was: "There are more strict regulations for being a hairdresser than there are for being the president of the United States."

**Jane Protzman**

**Sailmaker Dispute Over Facts**

To the Editor:

I would like to acknowledge *The Island Current's* effort to be fair in publishing the article "Courts Issue Judgments in Sailmaker Dispute" in the March 2017 issue, which managed to consolidate an 8+-year legal battle into a clear and readable article. The article was fair to both sides given the

information they had to work with.

However, there was a great deal of misinformation involved in the judge's decision on this matter, and it is now part of the permanent court record. Much of the misinformation emanated initially from a hearing with Judge Garcia of the Environmental Control Board in 2015, who openly admitted to her confusion regarding the difference between condominiums and co-ops. The Sailmaker's board of managers solicited violations from the Building Department, but these were written against the Sailmaker Condominium's managing agent even though the crane and other items in question belonged to Mr. Laddomada and me. This excluded us from participating in any way, including fine payments, hearings and future appeals. Through its attorney, the condominium board requested "the maximum amount" of fines on all counts; they even waived all rights to have the case dismissed. The board then informed the unit owners that Paul Laddomada and I were responsible for the fines but that they would have to pay them. We were ready to pay the fines from the beginning but that did not serve the board's agenda.

The board further succeeded in convincing Supreme Court Justice Lisbeth Gonzales that we, the defendants had "enclosed four garage spaces and turned them into rooms" when we had used one quarter of one space to make a storage locker that had been approved 17 years earlier. They also accused us of erecting a fence to keep other unit owners out of the marina lot but the board had erected that fence without our knowledge or involvement. They also reported that we were storing "junk cars" on premises, when one of them belonged to an employee they had fired and could have been removed at any time. The crane that the board accused us to storing without a permit was part of our government-mandated Superstorm Sandy recovery efforts and was in a commercial not residential zone.

Because these untruths and others were submitted during summary judgment hearings, no corrections were allowed and

Mr. Laddomada and I were not permitted to speak. It is troublesome enough when you are a defendant in a trial and feel that you were not adequately represented; it is unconscionable when you are not even permitted to speak, to correct gross misstatements made against you, or to clear your name.

Our dilemma, in going forward, is that the board of managers' efforts to confound our attempts to put our marina business back in operation is in direct conflict with the governing documents and requirements. Now what do we do?

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# SHARKS ON A STREAK

By KAREN NANI



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The St. Mary's Boys Varsity basketball team won the championship at the OLA Holiday tournament and finished the regular season with a record of 20 wins and 2 losses (photo above, kneeling, l. to r.): Sazan Rexhepi, Sebastian Rodriguez, Michael Gierum, Joseph Goonan, Hazir Novaj and John Russell. Standing: Coach Michael Whelan, Aiden Hanley-Piri, Thomas Whelan, Joshua Rosario, Ryan Amos, Julian McElroy and Coach Peter Russell. Not shown: Mark Piri.

It was another great season for City Island's St. Mary, Star of the Sea basketball teams, known as the Sharks. In his second year as moderator of the program, Bill Whelan told *The Current* that two of the four St. Mary's teams made it to the Bronx Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) championship rounds for the second straight season.

The program fielded four Sharks teams, including Bantams, Boys Tyros, Girls Varsity and Boys Varsity. The Boys Varsity won the A Division Parish Championship for the second straight season and made it to the Bronx Championship game. The Girls Varsity made it to the B Division championship for the second straight season.

Adding to the winning 2016-2017 season, the Boys Tyro regular season record was 20 wins and 2 losses and the Girls Bantam team made a semifinal appearance in the CYO B Division playoffs.

Mr. Whelan commended the efforts of the St. Mary's coaching staff. The Girls Varsity team was coached by Joe Yarusso and Jimmy Mantzaris, while the Boys Varsity coaches were Mike Whelan and Pete Russell. Not just an administrator, Mr. Whelan shared Boys Tyro coaching duties with James Goonan, and the Girls Bantam team was led by Lorenzo Secola and Corley Schaller.

Two years ago, there was uncertainty about the program continuing after the closing of St. Mary's school. Although the program is smaller as a result, "we are well known around the league for our fierce competition," Mr. Whelan told *The Current*. All the teams practiced twice a week learning the fundamentals of passing, dribbling and shooting, as well as preparing for competition.

Mr. Whelan also thanked Father Knapp, the new priest in charge at St. Mary's church, for allowing the basketball program to continue on City Island.

Sharks basketball season runs from September to February each year allowing a safe environment for the children in the community. Participation provides physical activity, as well as lessons in sportsmanship, teamwork and leadership. Registration for next season will be held in September 2017.

Here are the exciting season summaries for each team.

### Boys Varsity

The Boys Varsity team, made up of seventh- and eighth-graders, ended the season with a record of 12 wins and 2 losses. The young men were dedicated, paid attention to detail with game preparation, and worked hard at practice every week.



The Boys Tyro team racked up 20 wins and only 2 losses during the regular season. The enthusiastic fifth- and sixth-grade teammates are shown above (kneeling): Jayden Rodgers, Matthew McGaughan, Ryan Whelan, Cyrus Alston, Jason Girardi and Oscar Etzel. Standing: Coach Bill Whelan, Tommy Forliano, Nicholas Baratta, Patrick Livingston, Marco Mazzella, Ezra Oquendo and Kelvin Bacelli. Not shown: Paul Goonan and Coach James Goonan.



Although they were a small team with only eight players, the Girls Varsity completed the 2016-2017 season by taking second place in the B Division Bronx Championship game. Shown are the determined teammates and their coaches (above photo, kneeling): Adriana Testa, Amanda Acocella, Demi Mantzaris and Nicolette Proscia. Standing: Coach Jimmy Mantzaris, Isabel Whelan, Ava Barretto, Kayla Fusco, Jennifer Gjonaj and Coach Joseph Yarusso.

They participated in the Our Lady of Assumption Holiday tournament and were crowned tournament champions. Sebastian Rodriguez was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player (MVP), and outstanding plays were made by Joshua Rosario, John Russell, Thomas Whelan, Aidan Hanley-Piri, Mark Piri, Michael Gierum, Hazir Novaj, Ryan Amos, Joseph Goonan, Julian McElroy and Sazan Rexhepi.

The team made an amazing run in the CYO A Division playoffs with impressive victories over St. Frances De Chantal, St. Clare's of Assisi and a hard-fought win against Mount Carmel for the Bronx Parish Championship game.

The Varsity Sharks competed against St. Raymond's in the Bronx CYO championship game but fell short of winning the title. However, the team displayed great sportsmanship, teamwork, heart and determination, which made the coaches and parents very proud.

Coaches Mike Whelan and Pete Russell extended thanks and appreciation to all of the boys' parents who committed their time volunteering at games and supporting their children throughout the season. In addition, they thanked the other coaches and families who supported the Boys Varsity team; James Goonan, Joe Yarusso, Jimmy Mantzaris, Lorenzo Secola and Corley Schaller. Last but not least, they gave a special shout-out to program moderator Bill Whelan for his support and for giving them the opportunity to coach and mentor the youth of the community.

### Girls Varsity

It was great year for the St. Mary's Girls Varsity Team. Although they were a small team of only eight players, they finished the regular season with 8 wins and 6 losses.

Most impressively, they completed the 2016-2017 season by taking second place in the B Division Bronx Championship game.

According to their coaches, Joe Yarusso and Jimmy Mantzaris, the girls showed a lot of heart and continued to improve throughout

the year. The hard-working teammates were Isabel Whelan, Ava Barretto, Kayla Fusco, Jennifer Gjonaj, Adriana Testa, Amanda Acocella, Demi Mantzaris and Nicolette Proscia.

The coaches and teammates bid a special farewell to the only eighth-grader and team captain, Isabel Whelan, whom they will miss very much. They would like to thank all the parents that helped and contributed to the program. The coaches are looking forward to another great season in the fall.

### Boys Tyros

The Boys Tyros continued their winning tradition during the 2016-2017 season. The team, led by MVPs Ryan Whelan, Patrick Livingston and Marco Mazzella, racked up 20 wins and only 2 losses. These three boys could always be counted on to make the big shot and defensive stop.

The team jelled quickly, starting the season with 10 consecutive wins until they ran into St. Raymond's powerhouse, which provided the Sharks with their first loss. The team had their second loss to their sister parish OLA at an away game, but avenged that loss by overcoming a seven-point deficit at home to win behind tough defense by Matthew McGaughan, Oscar Etzel and Marco Mazzella. Guard Jayden Rodgers did a great job providing an offensive spark off the bench.

The boys had a great season honing their skill at practice and working as a team. A highlight of the season was their win against Xavier on Xavier's home court. "Patty boy" Livingston fouled out in the third quarter (first time in his career). The team rallied behind strong defensive play by Tommy Forliano and Marco Mazzella and a 39-point performance by Ryan Whelan, who hit seven three-point shots. It was one of the most exciting games of the season and one that the boys will always remember.

The boys had an impressive victory in first round of the playoffs versus St. Ga-

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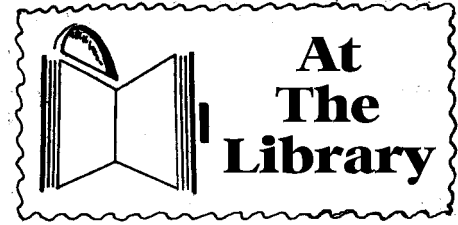
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**Women and Retirement:** It's never too early (and, conversely, never too late) to address your retirement needs. Don't procrastinate! Learn what you should be doing to take control of your financial future by attending our workshop on retirement planning for women. Saturday, April 22, at 1 p.m.

**City Island Scrabble Club:** If you're looking for some friendly competition, then join our Scrabble Club! Come in and flex your vocabulary muscles. You may even learn a thing or two while you're making some new friends. Note: Limited to 12 participants, registration required. Call 718-885-1703 or stop by the branch to reserve your spot! Thursday, April 6 and 20, at 1 p.m.

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**One-on-One: Computer Training:** Stop by or call to make an appointment for one hour of instruction that focuses on your questions and interests.

**Saturday Afternoon Movies:** at 1 p.m. April 1: "Hacksaw Ridge"; April 8: "Postcards from the Edge"; April 15: "Arrival"; April 29: "Girl on the Train"

Some programs require advance registration, which can be done in person or by phone. All programs are free!

# SPRING BREAK CAMP AT PELHAM PICTURE HOUSE

By MARSHA TREIBER

Action and adventure await your budding filmmaker at The Picture House Regional Film Center's Spring Break camp taking place from Monday, April 10, through Thursday, April 13. Using the hit "Lego Batman Movie" as their inspiration, students will create a new action-adventure short film each day of camp. Whether it's a caper, mystery, or stop motion animation, students will get the chance to be behind and in front of the camera as they bring their imaginations to life on film. All films will be a part of the Student Showcase in October where student films from spring and summer semesters will be featured on the big screen in the Main Hall. Parents will also receive a link to each video from camp to share and download at their convenience.

Spring Break camp at The Picture House is open to students in grades K through 2 and 3 through 5. Camp will run from 9 a.m. to noon with an extended day option available. When an extended day option is chosen, students may bring their lunch, have some popcorn on us, and enjoy watching "Lego Batman Movie" in our main hall, or another fantastic children's movie in our screening room. Lunch and movie are fully supervised, extended day hours are from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Spring Break camp is \$65 per student per day, extended day is \$90 per student per day. Picture House members at the family level and above receive a 10 percent discount.

All classes meet at the theatre at 175 Wolf's Lane. Registration is available at <http://www.thepicturehouse.org/education/camps-tph/> or by e-mailing [education@thepicturehouse.org](mailto:education@thepicturehouse.org) or calling 914-738-3161.

**Picture House Special Events**

On April 1 at 1:30 p.m., come see a live performance by some of Pelham's most talented Middle and High School Improv and Sketch comedy artists!

On April 13 at 7:30 p.m. there will be a special screening of "God Knows Where I

Am" with a Q&A after the film with the directors, the Wilder Brothers. The body of a homeless woman is found in an abandoned New Hampshire farmhouse. Beside the body, lies a diary that documents a journey of starvation and the loss of sanity, told with poignancy, beauty, humor and spirituality. For nearly four months, Linda Bishop, a prisoner of her own mind, survived on apples and rainwater, waiting for God to save her, during one of the coldest winters on record. As her story unfolds from different perspectives, including her own, we learn about our systemic failure to protect those who cannot protect themselves.

On April 22 at 5 p.m., there will be a free Earth Day screening of "A Plastic Ocean," a new feature-length adventure documentary that brings to light the consequences of our global disposable lifestyle. An international team of adventurers, researchers and ocean ambassadors go on a mission around the globe to uncover the shocking truth about what is lurking beneath the surface of our seemingly pristine ocean.

For more information about the programs, check out the Picture House website, [www.thepicturehouse.org](http://www.thepicturehouse.org). Because special programming sometimes pre-empts regular theatrical films, check the website or call the theater at 914-738-7337 for accurate scheduling information.

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# Rodman's Neck Renovation Gets Under Way

By BARBARA DOLENSEK

On Jan. 24, 2017, Mayor Bill de Blasio and the New York City Police Department (NYPD) announced that he had put \$275 million in the city's capital budget for the renovation of the police firing range at Rodman's Neck. As the New York Times reported, this investment in Rodman's Neck "would represent an ambitious effort to modernize and enhance the training accommodations for the city's 35,000 police officers. The project is expected to be completed in two to five years."

Less than two months later, on March 15, 2017, the renovation schedule is looking more like five to seven years, based on calculations provided by Philip J. Heller, director of the NYPD Capital Construction Unit, who made a presentation to a group called together by the 45th Precinct Community Council. He explained that the design process had started but that a great deal more work needed to be done before permits could be applied for and bids sent out to contractors.

Once the design is complete and the contractors selected, work will begin first on infrastructure, including the electrical system and sanitation, and then the ranges themselves will be reconstructed with baffling on side walls and overhead. The ranges will remain open to the air, as the firing range trainers pointed out, in order to train officers to handle actual conditions out on the street. Once the ranges are complete and the sound baffling implemented, work will continue on the tactical portion of the range, administrative and training buildings and the parking lot.

It was suggested that, since the range is occasionally used by federal and state agencies, funding be requested from the U.S. Gov-

ernment and New York State to help defray costs and perhaps increase some of the facility beyond the present plans. Community Board 10 and the City Island Civic Association may approach those entities for additional funding.

Captain Mark Torre of the Bomb Squad, which is a separate function from the firing range, also addressed the meeting to explain the nature of the work that the squad does and the reason for occasional detonations. He noted that actual detonations are not the preferred method for disposing of bombs, as the process can be dangerous and much useful information can be lost. For example, the way in which the pressure-cooker bomb found in Chelsea last summer was dismantled enabled police officers to identify and capture the suspect very quickly through DNA and fingerprint evidence. Although no one at the meeting was aware of it, at the time the meeting was held, a bomb found at Port Authority was being transported to Rodman's Neck, where it was safely dismantled.

Captain Torre explained that the explosions heard on City Island are usually devices used for training and that these occur largely in warm weather. The Office of Emergency Management sends alerts of scheduled detonations to those who register to receive them. Fireworks are usually destroyed twice a year, once just before the Fourth of July and then a few months later when there is a sufficient quantity to eliminate. In the interim, the fireworks are safely stored.

Mr. Heller agreed that he and his office would continue to hold meetings with the Council and other interested parties on a quarterly basis to keep the community up to date on progress with the project.

# REMEMBERING A SOLDIER

By JUDY RAUH



Photo courtesy of JUDY RAUH  
Vera and Charles Buhl on their wedding day, December 1917.



Photo courtesy of MIKE RAUH  
World War I Victory Medal awarded to all those who served.

April 6, 2017, marks the 100th anniversary of the United States entry into World War I, often called the Great War. One of the Bronx men who joined the Army to fight in the war was Charles August Buhl, who was for many years a resident of City Island.

The youngest of 13 children of Peter and Pauline Buhl, Charles was born on Jan. 13, 1892, in New York City. He enlisted in the Army on Aug. 23, 1917, at the Enlistment Recruitment Center on Governor's Island and was sent to Fort Dix, NJ, where he joined the 303 Wagon Company and was quickly promoted to Sergeant. He served overseas in France from Sept. 8, 1918, to June 22, 1919, and was honorably discharged on June 25.

After the war, Charles Buhl began a long career with the Gristede Brothers food stores, where he eventually became the head dispatcher for the trucks and deliveries at the Gristede's warehouse on Bronxdale Avenue in the Bronx. Before the war, he had married Veronica (Vera)

Roche in December 1917, and the couple moved to City Island in 1925, first to Schofield Street and then to King Avenue in 1930, where he bought the house with his World War I bonus. The Buhls raised five daughters, including Vera, mother of *Island Current* staff member Judy Rauh. Charles was an early member of the American Legion Leonard Hawkins Post 156 on City Island. He was active in the Post for many years and served as its commander in the 1940s, often volunteering at the Legion's annual bazaars.

Charles Buhl died on Aug. 6, 1961. He and his wife, Vera, are buried in Pelham Cemetery on City Island. His daughter Dorothy Bunyan, grandson Mike Bunyan and granddaughter Judy Rauh still live on City Island. Six more grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and 7 great-great-grandchildren also carry on his legacy.

If you have a story to share about a World War I veteran, please send it to The Island Current. P.O. Box 6, City Island, NY 10464 or e-mail it to info@theislandcurrent.com.

# Pharmacies on City Island: A History

By BARBARA DOLENSEK

The closing of the City Island Pharmacy marks the first time that City Island has ever been without a pharmacy.

On Aug. 5, 1900, the name of J. F. Seifert, apothecary, put his label on a bottle that once contained a pharmaceutical substance but is now in the City Island Nautical Mu-

seum in an old case that once was a feature of Gilbert's Pharmacy at 282 City Island Avenue. In 1910 Louis Leyes had a pharmacy on Main Street (now City Island Avenue), but apparently he went on to become a machinist and closed the store.

Not long afterwards, however, there were three pharmacies on the Island at the same time: Niedlich's at 530 City Island Avenue (where Captain Mike's Dive Shop is now), Cook's on City Island Avenue at Hawkins Street, and Reynold's Pharmacy near Fordham Street (next to New Way Market). Reynolds was eventually sold to Sam Bierman, who later moved his drug store to the northwest corner of City Island Avenue and Fordham. Pete Kalamakarian bought the pharmacy from Bierman but eventually moved the business to Gilbert's Pharmacy at 282 City Island Avenue, which closed in 1970s. Calgagno Pharmacy was at 474 City Island Avenue, in the same building where AmandaBear Party Rentals is now and where Lina Petite was located for many years. Winifred Doane describes Mr. Peterfoin's drug store in her memoir (reviewed on page 13 of this issue), but that apparently was more of an ice cream parlor than a pharmacy.

More research needs to be done on this subject, so readers are asked to send corrections, updates, memories or other messages to info@TheIslandCurrent.com for publication in a future issue.

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# Mike Rauh Honored at the Armory

By JUDY RAUH

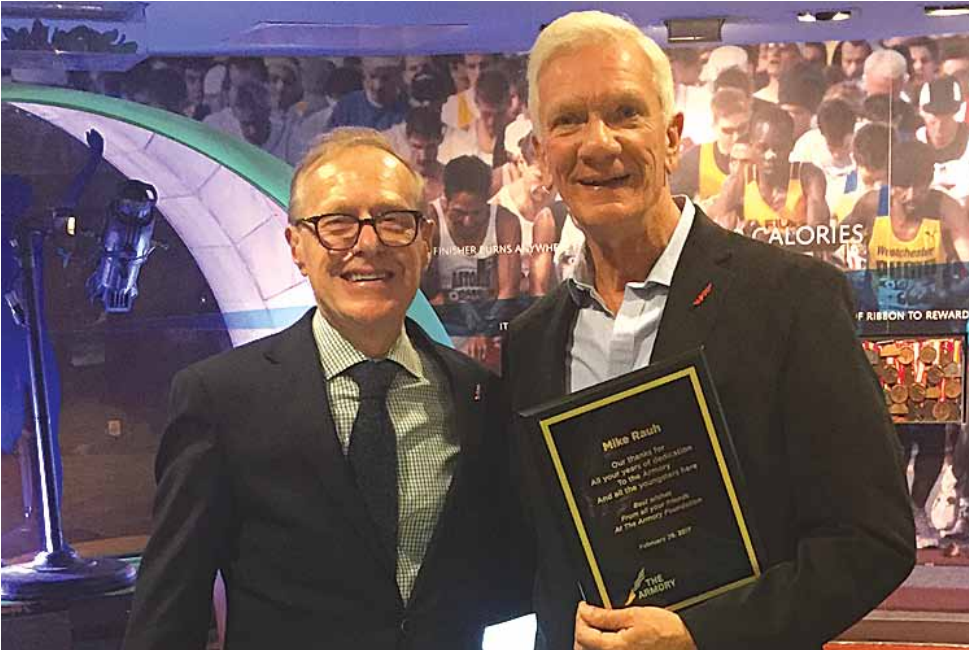


Photo by JUDY RAUH

Mike Rauh received a plaque expressing gratitude for his work at the Armory from the late Dr. Norbert Sander on Feb. 28, 2017.

Many City Islanders know Mike Rauh as “the guy who runs all those marathons,” but for more than 16 years he has also been well known as one of the main announcers at the New Balance Track and Field Center at the Armory in Washington Heights.

After he recently announced his decision to step down from his job at the Armory, the staff there decided to pay tribute to him in a ceremony on Feb. 28, 2017. Former City Islander Dr. Norbert Sander, Armory president and CEO, presented Mike with a plaque thanking him for his “years of dedication to the Armory and all the youngsters here.” Since then, Dr. Sander sadly passed away (see obituary p. 14).

Along with Ian Brooks and Dennis Kornfeld, Mike has provided the play-by-play for countless high school, college and youth meets at the Armory. For the last six years, he was also the press steward for the NYRR Millrose Games as well as the Armory Track Invitational.

Race announcing was the perfect retirement job for someone like Mike, a runner for

nearly 40 years. It started off very unofficially, with Mike helping out at a Westchester Track Club race that led to a job announcing the start of the Fifth Avenue Mile races put on by New York Road Runners. Dr. Sander heard Mike on the podium, liked what he heard and invited Mike to bring his announcing skills to the Armory.

Over the years, Mike has been part of many exciting Armory moments. He recalls being at the microphone when an Iona College athlete ran a sub-four-minute mile. He was also proud when he saw a recent program from a City University of New York (CUNY) meet that listed the meet records for all the CUNY track events. This program reminded Mike that he had called every one of those records.

Mike still has a few meets left in the Armory indoor season, and he will finish out the spring races outdoors at Icahn Stadium on Randall’s Island. But he is looking forward to being able to travel with his wife, Judy, to warmer climes when the Armory indoor season starts again next December.

# A Current Review

## PRELUDE TO A KISS

By BRUCE A. WEIS



Photo by MARY MCINTYRE

“Prelude to a Kiss,” a romantic play by Craig Lucas, delighted audiences over two weekends in March. Directed by Thomas Losito, the cast (l. to r.) did a great job: Bob Livingston, Phil Dante, Carol Dooner, Franca Ritacco, Sarah Quane Smyth (seated), Gary Krigsman (behind her), Greg Morra, Jack McGuirk and Shane Williams.

I did something different with “Prelude to a Kiss,” the latest City Island Theater Group production. Generally, before a play I do a little research: Who wrote the show, what’s the story and so on. With “Prelude to a Kiss” I went in cold. Well, I knew the 1992 movie version starred Alec Baldwin and Meg Ryan and there was a wedding in it, so I expected some light-hearted boy gets girl, boy loses girl, boy gets girl thing, right? Then an uninvited guest swallowed Meg’s soul at the wedding reception.

The play, which was commissioned and originally performed by the South Coast Repertory at Costa Mesa, CA, in 1988, was written by Craig Lucas, who borrowed the title from a 1938 torch song by Duke Ellington. The play tells a story of Rita Boyle, a free-spirited aspiring graphic designer and communist who earns a living as a bartender and falls in love with Peter Hoskins, a conservative employee of a medical publishing house. Shortly after their wedding, that little incident at the reception tests the strength of their love and commitment to each other.

The play moved to New York in 1990, opening off-Broadway at Circle Repertory Company and starring Alec Baldwin and Mary-Louise Parker. After receiving rave reviews, the production moved to the Helen Hayes Theatre with Timothy Hutton replacing Baldwin. It closed in May 1991, after 440 performances and receiving a Tony Award nomination for Best Play.

The City Island Theater Group’s presentation of “Prelude” was intriguing in several ways, with minimalist settings, lighted as if it were a city nightscape. The action takes place in front of this nightscape; actors and stagehands constantly reposition bits of furniture and a single doorframe from place to place on the stage, claiming spaces for scene after scene. This continual movement would have been confusing to the audience but Peter Hoskins occasionally broke character and stepped to the front of the stage. There he addressed the audience directly by discussing the meaning of the previous scene, his thoughts about it and what might happen next. This was a key element of the story line; each of Peter’s updates not only summarized the story, but they tracked the movement of Rita’s soul between persons, which might have been difficult for the audience to grasp.

Greg Morra, as Peter Hoskins, was excellent in the role. Through him, especially

in his moments away from his character, the audience could view his growing tension as it moved from normal honeymoon angst to full-blown anguish, as what should have been a happy Jamaican honeymoon transformed into an event bordering on the supernatural.

Sarah Quane Smyth, as Rita Boyle, was a brilliant counterpoint to Peter through most of the show, as agent of the chaos that was consuming him. While Peter ranted and raved, Rita went forward blithely, meeting his discomfort with incredulity. In the process, she delivered one of the best lines of the show at the end of the first act, telling Peter that if he didn’t see what he thought he’d seen in her before, maybe it wasn’t ever there.

Gary Krigsman’s role of Old Man starts weakly but doesn’t stop gaining strength through the show. He played the role perfectly, grateful to be in the Boyle family wedding at the start of the show and strong enough to dismiss the Boyle family at the end.

Speaking of the Boyles, Doctor Boyle, the head of the family (and possessor of the infamous tattoo) was well played by Phil Dante. As Rita’s father, he proudly marries off his daughter, stoically gathers her back at the start of the second act and finally welcomes Peter back to the family again, after all of the out-of-body stuff gets sorted out between Rita and the Old Man.

Much of that sorting out is accomplished by Carol Dooner who, in the role of Mrs. Boyle, keeps a level head on her shoulders in the face of the bizarre situation. She never doubts Peter and, by arranging a strategic meeting, helps to keep her daughter’s marriage together.

Uncle Fred and Aunt Dorothy, played by Franca Ritacco and Bob Livingston, made up another branch of the Boyle family. As family members, they were present for the wedding, the drama of the body swap, and the final reconciliation, and they both added to every scene they appeared in. Franca also handled the role of Leah in the play.

Jack McGuirk appeared as Peter’s colleague Taylor and provided Peter with valuable feedback on his spiritual musings. Shane Williams multitasked as he managed to juggle the roles of the Minister, the Waiter and the Bartender without dropping any of them.

The show was admirably directed by Thomas Losito, and Nick Sala served as production manager. Amanda Livingston Martin was the stage manager, no easy task with all of the body swapping on stage.

Costume design for “Prelude to a Kiss” was by Carol McCabe, and the work of actually putting them together was accomplished by Carol and Cheryl Brinker. Lighting and set design for was by Joe Burck, who wore a number of hats for this production, as he usually does. Denis Zepeda designed the sound effects, which were operated by Hannah Glick, and Barbara Dolensek was prop mistress.

The City Island Theater Group’s next production will be the comedy “The Philadelphia Story,” which will open at the end of April.

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## Organization News

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### Current Calendar

#### APRIL

Sat., April 1, **Spring Fair**, Trinity Methodist Church at the corner of Bay Street, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Thurs., April 6: **Friends of Pelham Bay Park Spring Fundraiser**, Pelham/Split Rock Golf Courses, 6 to 8 p.m.

Sat., April 8, **CILL Opening Ceremony**, Ambrosini Field next to P.S. 175, 9:30 a.m.

Sat., April 8, **Temple Beth-El Gala Dinner Dance**, Pelham/Split Rock Golf Courses, 7 to 11 p.m.

Sat., April 15, **Community Easter Egg Hunt**, Grace Episcopal Church, City Island Avenue at Pilot Street, 1 to 3 p.m.

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

Sat., April 29, **POTS Program**, St. Mary's School Yard, Minneford Avenue and Kilroe Street, drop-off between 4:30 and 5 p.m. Menu: meatloaf with vegetable and potatoes.

#### MAY

Thurs., May 18, **Garden Club Luncheon**, City Island Yacht Club, Pilot Street, 12 noon.

### Garden Club of City Island

Members of the Garden Club have been busy working on the club's spring activities. They have cleaned out the garden club's planter boxes on City Island Avenue and are eagerly organizing the upcoming spring plantings.

Our Annual Beautification Fund Drive begins in April. Members will mail letters to local businesses and hand-deliver them to Island residents. The letters outline our revenues and expenses for 2016 and have a tear-off slip for making a tax-deductible donation to the Beautification Fund Drive. These funds are used for cleaning City Island Avenue, upkeep and planting of the Avenue planter boxes and special projects such as the creation of the brick planter box at the front gate to Pelham Cemetery. We want to thank the businesses and residents who have so generously donated in past years.

The new Garden Club brochure, prepared by membership committee chair Maggie Higgins, is now in local businesses and placed throughout the community. This brochure gives information about the club and how to join.

Club members are making preparations for the club's Annual Luncheon, which will be held Thursday, May 18, at the City Island Yacht Club. The cost will be \$55. Committee chair, Francine Alheid, has chosen "Azaleas" as the theme for the luncheon. Please look for our posters, which give the details of the luncheon.

Carol Wilkinson, co-chair of the program committee, has been setting up our spring trip to Untermyer Gardens in Yonkers and Wave Hill in the Bronx. The program committee has also spoken with experts on gardening care and design, tree care and birds of Pelham Bay Park about presenting at our monthly meetings.

Members are mourning the loss of long-time member and hospitality chair Lily Bryant. We will miss her energy and friendship. Our next meeting will be on Monday April 3, at 10 a.m. at the City Island Yacht Club. All are welcome. Happy springtime wishes.

Carol Hansen

### Temple Beth-El

Temple Beth-El of City Island (TBE), "your shul by the sea," 480 City Island Avenue, is a stimulating non-denominational place for observance of Jewish tra-

ditions. Jewish renewal is the style of our deeply spiritual, innovative, all-inclusive and open-minded worship. Twice a month Rabbi Shohama Wiener and Rabbi David Evan Markus lead services with music by Your Band by the Sea. At other times the services are led by congregants in a joyful celebratory manner. Events begin promptly, so please come 15 minutes before listed times. Services are followed by a celebratory *oneg* (refreshments). Reminder: for the health and comfort of all, please refrain from wearing perfume or cologne. We look forward to seeing you at our services.

Temple Services Friday evenings from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., with music by Your Band by the Sea and celebratory *oneg* after the service.

April 7: Community-led  
April 14: Rabbis Shohama and David  
April 21: Community-led  
April 28: Rabbi David

#### Saturday Morning Services

(note: new event)

April 1 from 10:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. Join Rabbi David for Shabbat morning *davvenen* (prayer) in the style of Jewish Renewal as we open the Book of Vayikra (Leviticus) and link ancient past to present and future. Traditional *oneg* to follow, sponsored by Ellen Ruth Topol in honor of hers and Violet Smith's special day. Help us celebrate.

April 29 from 9:45 to noon. Shabbat morning at the New York Botanical Garden. Join Rabbi David and TBE congregants for a Shabbat morning experience in the New York Botanical Garden at the heart of spring. Guests are welcome. We will begin gathering at 9:45 a.m. for an authentic journey of mindfulness, chant and reflection, mapping to the spirituality of a traditional Shabbat morning. Free to all. Participants must be inside the Main Gate of the Botanical Garden by 10 a.m. for free admission. Please wear comfortable shoes and dress for the weather.

#### Special Events

Saturday, April 8 from 7 to 11 p.m. 83rd Annual Gala Dinner and Dance at Pelham/Split Rock Golf Courses. A highlight of our year! Join Temple Beth-El for an evening of dinner, music and dancing to support Your Shul by the Sea. We will honor long time Temple supporters David Stark and Rachel Singer who will be celebrating their upcoming marriage, as well as giving a special Community Service Award to Brenda Prohaska. Silent auction items can be previewed at Kaleidoscope Gallery at 280 City Island Avenue. To volunteer or support this event, please contact us at [yourshulbythesea@gmail.com](mailto:yourshulbythesea@gmail.com) or stop by Kaleidoscope Gallery.

On April 11 from 6 to 10 p.m. there will be a community Seder led by Rabbi David. Join Rabbi David and your Temple Beth-El family for a community Passover Seder on the second night of Passover. With song and imagery, we will honor the four promises of liberation of ancient days and today. Our Seder is congenial and Glatt Kosher. A traditional chicken dinner (or vegetarian dinner) with all the trimmings, from soup to nuts, for \$59 for adult members, \$69 for guests and \$29 for children under 13. E-mail your RSVPs, including the number of guests (and names if you know them), to [yourshulbythesea@gmail.com](mailto:yourshulbythesea@gmail.com) to guarantee your place.

#### Adult Education and Exercise:

April 25 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Rabbi David will lead an adult education class, "Seeking and Spirit: Re-introducing Judaism for the Renewal Age." This is an ongoing series.

TBE invites the City Island community to our yoga class on Monday evenings from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Daniella Haney (Patreesha Sat Inder Kaur), a certified instructor in spiritual disciplines of breath and body, continues our weekly Monday series in transformative breath, body and spirit for



Photo by KAREN NANI

**Pancakes were flipping at the Grace Episcopal Church annual Shrove Tuesday supper on Feb. 28, 2017. Shown above are the chefs and volunteers who helped feed about 75 hungry guests the night before Ash Wednesday.**

deep healing in body, mind and soul. Suitable for all persons, ages, body types and experience levels. Dress in loose-fitting clothes: participants can take session on the ground (mats and pillows provided) or sit in a chair. Tea and cookies are served after sessions. Suggested freewill offering \$10 per session. RSVP to Daniella at [kycnyc@aol.com](mailto:kycnyc@aol.com).

*Oneg* sponsorships: Special events to honor others or celebrate your own special occasion (e.g., birthday, anniversary, new job, achievement, *yahrzeit* or memorial) can be a joyful moving community celebration as we warmly invite you to sponsor a Friday night *oneg*. To sponsor an *oneg* or for more information, please contact Violet Smith at 718-885-0978 or [violetsmi@aol.com](mailto:violetsmi@aol.com).

For additional information, check out our website at [www.yourshulbythesea.org](http://www.yourshulbythesea.org).

Dr. Ellen Ruth Topol

### AARP 318

We meet on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 1 p.m. in the Trinity Methodist Church hall on Bay Street. On April 5, we will have an elder law attorney give a presentation on issues pertinent to seniors. On April 19 we will travel to Hunterdon Hills, NJ, for a dinner/theater production of "Born Yesterday." The bus leaves Trinity church at 9:30 a.m. Future meetings include May 3, Mother's Day luncheon at the church hall; May 17, a fashion show. Be sure to mark your calendar and to come and bring a friend.

Rosetta Woods

### Grace Episcopal Church

Grace Episcopal Church, located at 116 City Island Avenue on the corner of Pilot Street, a place of worship and fellowship, warmly welcomes you to the following:

Worship Schedule: Sundays at 10 a.m. led by Father John Covington. On the Sundays during Lent: Holy Eucharist Rite I; on Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Day: Holy Eucharist Rite II. After the service, we offer coffee hour, a time for refreshments and fellowship. All are welcome.

New to Grace: We now do birthday and anniversary prayers during the service and healing prayers after the service on the first Sunday of each month.

Sunday School: A new season of Amazing Grace's Sunday School has begun, but it's not too late to join our enthusiastic group of children. The school meets on the first and third Sundays each month led by Karen Nani. The students range in age from 2 to 12 and newcomers are welcome. No extra time is needed; students will begin the service with the entire congregation at 10 a.m. and then leave with Mrs. Nani for lessons and activities, including arts and crafts, for 30 to 40 minutes during the service. They will rejoin the congregation after the exchange of peace. Students will begin preparing for the "Passion of Christ" to be presented during Holy Week in April.

Music Ministry: The Grace Tones, our music ministry, is starting its second year! Comprising members of the church choir and singers from on and off City Island, we

perform at area nursing homes and rehabilitation centers. We rehearse on the second Sunday of the month and the Monday before the show. In April, we are scheduled to perform at Providence Rest in the Bronx. If you would like to join our voices in lifting the spirits of those we sing for, please call Sandy Dunn at 917-566-1296 or e-mail [accentfix@gmail.com](mailto:accentfix@gmail.com).

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 15. This is a fun event for all ages, with games, contests, music and more. You won't want to miss it!

Sandy Dunn

### St. Mary's Thrift Shop

We are now presenting our annual spring collection. We will have a pop-up sale on Thursday, March 30, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and on Saturday, April 1, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the St. Mary's school gym.

Arlene Byrne

### City Island Theater Group

CITG is pleased to present "The Philadelphia Story," a 1939 American comedy written by Philip Barry. The wealthy, well-established Lord family of Philadelphia is about to host the second wedding of their daughter Tracy. Tracy's ex-husband is invited to the home by Tracy's sister, and the press has been invited in the hopes of smothering the gossip about an affair carried on by the father of the bride. What could possibly go wrong? Amanda Livingston Martin will direct the play; the cast includes Jean Eifert, Claudia Kimmel, Bob Livingston, Robert McEvily, Casey Mecker, Joseph Montano, Greg Morra, Robert Mulroy, Elizabeth Paldino, Steven Pearce, Frances Suro and Thomas Worden. Please see *BRIEFLY* on page 2 for performance dates and ticket information.

Mary McIntyre

### REGULAR MEETINGS

Weekly Twelve-Step Meetings  
on City Island

#### Narcotics Anonymous:

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

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

#### Alcoholics Anonymous:

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

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

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

Saturdays and Sundays at 7:30 a.m., AA open meetings at City Island Community Center, 190 Fordham Street.

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.

Save a 30-minute commute by participating in the wonderful exercise programs we have here on City Island at the Community Center. We have aerobics, ballroom dancing, Bollywood events, belly dancing, beginner yoga, gentle yoga, chair yoga, Irish step dance and zumba classes, all offered by excellent instructors. Give yourself an extra healthy bonus by walking to the Center (always less than 30 minutes.)

Annual membership to the City Island Community Center is only \$30 for families and \$20 for individuals. Members can rent our big room for family events and parties at very reasonable rates. To join the Center, to request our brochure, and for up-to-date information, visit: [www.cityislandcommunitycenter.org](http://www.cityislandcommunitycenter.org), call 718-885-1145 or "Like" us on Facebook and check FB for any changes in classes.

The Center is run by a volunteer board of directors who meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Community Center Main Room at 190 Fordham Street. All members are encouraged to attend this open meeting. We always welcome and really need volunteers and donations. Think about it.

**COMING EVENTS**

**Girl Scout Cookie Sale:** Sunday, April 2, 12 noon to 4 p.m. Support City Island Girls Scouts and Brownies at this walk-in sale stocked with the full variety of delicious GS cookies right in front of the Community Center, 190 Fordham Street.

**Bunny Bingo:** Friday, April 7, 7 p.m. Fun for the whole family with great prizes and refreshments available. Members get one free card.

**Pysanki Egg Craft and Decoration:** Sunday, April 9, 3 p.m. Young people are invited to make the most beautiful eggs for the season with Jay Howard.

**NEW PROGRAMS**

**Parent & Child Art Classes:** Wednesdays, April 5, 19, 26 and May 3, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Spend time with your child creating art together. Classes focus on developing artistic skills making still life and landscape painting together using water color on paper and acrylics on canvas. Contact Lorraine Cantori at 914-552-5268 or [ceasardante@optonline.net](mailto:ceasardante@optonline.net).

**Art Camp:** July 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Children 7 to 12 register now for this innovative summer camp program and explore drawing, painting and sculpture. Register now for the summer camp. To enroll contact Lorraine Cantori at 914-552-5268 or [ceasardante@optonline.net](mailto:ceasardante@optonline.net).

**Spanish Classes for Children:** New sessions beginning in April, weekdays after school and Saturday afternoons. Enroll now for this exciting new educational program for children at the Center. Taught by experienced school teachers, The Español Experience teaches conversational Spanish to children grades K-5 through fun-filled activities and visits by performing artists. The Español Experience enables children who know a little Spanish to speak more fluently and introduces children who don't know any Spanish to a whole new cultural experience. For more information, call 917-889-4938, or visit [www.espanolexperience.com](http://www.espanolexperience.com).

**Yoga with Ryan:** Thursdays, 7:15 to 8:30 p.m. In this class expect a series of yoga poses with emphasis on alignment, coordinated with breath to build strength, increase flexibility and balance, and ending with deep relaxation to integrate the practice. Good for new students or students with limited experience. For information, contact Ryan at 914-356-6673 or [ryangillyoga@gmail.com](mailto:ryangillyoga@gmail.com)

**Healing Service:** Francesca Vitale,

Board Cert/Registered Polarity/CranioSacral and Raindrop Practitioner formerly of the NY Open Center, is offering healing. A person can heal and become empowered receiving clarity of mind and balance within. A portion of services given back to the Community Center. Visit [www.thehealingforce.net](http://www.thehealingforce.net). For free consultation or an appointment call 914-837-6830.

**Ballroom Dance:** Wednesdays, 7 p.m. Welcome spring with the Swing and Waltz with instructor Maurice Bonilla. It's lots of fun and soon you may be "Dancing with the Stars." For information, call 347-920-3127.

**Bollywood Dance:** Saturdays, Tweens, 12 and under, 2:30 p.m. Teens/Adults, 3:30. Join Lalitha Cosme to explore the dance, energy, movement and culture of India and Indian films. To register or for more information call 646-269-2033 or e-mail [lalithadance@gmail.com](mailto:lalithadance@gmail.com).

**YOUTH PROGRAMS**

**Irish Dance for Children:** Mondays, Step dancing for all ages. Tiny tots 6 to 6:30 p.m., Beginners 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Intermediate 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. All classes are taught by Caitlin Nora Kelly. For information, e-mail [caitlin.nora.kelly@gmail.com](mailto:caitlin.nora.kelly@gmail.com) or call 914-262-4517.

**Introduction to Art Portfolio Prep:** For high school prep or just for fun! To enroll, call Geri Smith at 718-885-1503.

**Jill's Playgroup:** Wednesdays 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Preschool children are invited to have fun and socialize with other children. No charge, but donations are appreciated. Call Jill at 917-330-0922 for information.

**ADULT PROGRAMS**

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

**Belly Dance/Shimmy By the Sea with Kristin,** aka Gypsy Curves. Saturday or Sunday. To enroll, call Kristin Amezquita 646-625-1575.

**Chair Yoga with Michael:** Friday, 10 a.m. Stretch and flex with an easy combination of yoga, tai chi and pilates. For information, call Betty at 718-885-1095. Class is on hold until April.

**Chess & Card Club:** Tuesday at 7 p.m. Come play cards. Wednesday at 7 p.m. Chess taught, played and discussed. All levels welcome. Come on in! Avoid TV. Have fun. If you plan to attend, call Bill at 718-541-3995.

**City Island Civic Association:** Meets at 7:30 p.m. on the last Tuesday of every month. Join your community in action.

**City Island Community Supported Agriculture:** Sign up now for the upcoming season beginning June 5. The CSA provides fresh organic fruits and vegetables. For information, e-mail [laurenbriggsrn@gmail.com](mailto:laurenbriggsrn@gmail.com) or call 917-238-0529.

**City Island Culinary Club:** Mondays, April 3 and 17 at 7 p.m. Share recipes for brunch menus and have fun with other Islanders who like to cook. Pick up some new cooking skills as well. For information, call Kenny Selesky at 917-533-7873.

**City Island Drawing Society:** Sunday, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Find your inner da Vinci and enjoy the art of drawing with Joshua Glick. For information, call 917-721-1419.

**Weight Watchers Meetings:** Tuesday evenings, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. with Deborah Weiss. Trim down and be healthy with the support of a great group. Now is a good time to join. For more information, call Emily at 718-885-3420 or Patty at 718-885-1891.

**Yoga with Jo Ann:** Tuesday, 7 to 8:15 p.m. and Saturday, 8 to 9:15 a.m. \$10. Gentle level-one class. Please bring a mat, a strap and if possible, a yoga blanket. For information, e-mail [joannngny@aol.com](mailto:joannngny@aol.com) or call 917-853-4719.

**Zumba with Julia and Lettie:** Saturday, 9:30 to 11 a.m. Want to lose those extra pounds and that belly fat? Well, here is your chance. Join this high energy 90-minute workout with toning. For information, call Julia at 917-601-5514.

**Zumba with Lettie:** Thursday, 6 p.m. Lettie's very creative class is a real calorie burner and a blast. Classes are \$10. For information, call 917-292-4228.

**Patty Grondahl**

**PSS City Island Center**

The mission of PSS City Island Center is to provide neighborhood adults 60 and over with the tools to live life to their fullest, keeping them healthy, engaged and connected through innovative programs and classes. We are not your everyday senior center!

The center is located at 116 City Island Avenue in Grace Church Hall and is open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. A delicious lunch is served every day from 12 to 1 p.m. Suggested donation: \$2. Programs are funded by PSS and the NYC Department for the Aging.

All programs and events are subject to change. Please call ahead to check if you have not attended before. To receive our newsletter and calendar of events send your email to [pat-tis@pssusa.org](mailto:pat-tis@pssusa.org).

**Highlights**

Reserve a table! Gather five or more friends and reserve a table for lunch especially for you.

April 4, 11, 18: 10:30 to 11:30, Explore Your Future: Discussions and activities for people who seek passion and purpose in the next phase of life. Join us in the Purposeful Aging Movement.

April 5, Wednesday: Hot Fudge Sundae Day

April 10: Medicaid. The bottom line is there is no amount of income, resources or property that would disqualify someone from being Medicaid-eligible. Join us for this eye-opening presentation.

April 11 and 25: Blood Pressure Monitoring, 10:30 to 11:30

April 13 and 20: Palliative Care- Your Health, Your Way, 1 p.m.

April 17: Easter Meal, with baked ham, mashed sweet potatoes, peas and carrots, pull-apart rolls

April 21: Diabetic Nutrition Presentation, 12:30 p.m.

April 25: Mohegan Sun Trip, with pancake breakfast for those on the trip

April 26: Disaster Preparedness, 11 a.m. Are you ready? Learn how to make a disaster plan with your household members to prepare for what to do, how to find each other, and how to communicate in an emergency.

**April Physical Exercise:** The exercise program offers classes at various levels of fitness. Drop in and try one of our classes for yourself. Mondays: Tai Chi for Arthritis at 9:15 a.m.; Tuesdays: Cardio Fitness at 9:15 a.m. and Yoga Stretch at 1 p.m.; Wednesdays: Arthritis Workshop at 10:15 a.m.; Thursdays: Tai Chi for Arthritis at 9:15 a.m. Fridays: Fit for Life at 9:15 a.m., Yoga Stretch at 10:30, Balance Class at 1 p.m. The suggested donation for the Arthritis Workshop, Yoga Stretch, Balance and Tai Chi classes is \$1 each. The suggested donation for all other exercise classes is \$3 each.

**April Programs:** Mondays: Card games and Canasta at 10:15 a.m.; Individualized Computer Instruction at 1 p.m., Jewelry Making at 1 p.m. Tuesdays: Conversational Spanish at 10:15 a.m.; Blood Pressure Monitoring 10 to 11:30 a.m. April 11 and 25; Wednesdays: Board games, including mah jong, Rummy Q and more; Calligraphy at 1 p.m.; Haircuts by Brenda at 1 p.m. for \$10 on April 12 and 26; Thursdays: Acrylic Painting at 10 a.m.; Birthday Party April 27 at 12:30 p.m.

**Information, Referrals and Assistance.** Need help with filling out forms or applying for certain benefits? Don't know if you are eligible for benefits? We can help. Call Patty at 718-885-0727 or drop by the Center.

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

**Transportation Services.** Off-island shopping trips leave at 9:30 and include Shop Rite, Stop & Shop, Target, Farmers Market, Trader Joe's, Empire City and more. All shopping trips require you to sign up ahead of time as we have limited seats. Sign up is available starting the Thursday before, for the following week's trips. See our monthly calendar for specific dates. The suggested contribution for a round trip

is \$1 on City Island and \$2.50 off-island shopping trips. Anyone over 60 is encouraged to take advantage of our door-to-door transportation services. Call Roe at 347-834-6466 for pickup or trips.

**Patty Attis**

**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. This season the children are studying the story of Joseph in Egypt and progressing through the story of Moses. All children are welcome to attend.

Please visit Trinity's new home on the web ([www.trinityofcityisland.org](http://www.trinityofcityisland.org)), where you will find all things Trinity, including the texts of Reverend Yew's sermons.

Don't forget the Trinity Spring Fair, on Saturday, April 1, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., with lunch served from 11:30 to 1:30. Lots of great gifts will be available for Easter and Mother's Day, as well as homemade goodies and treats.

Easter is April 16; begin the special day right by attending the Sunrise Service in Pelham Cemetery at 6:15 a.m.

The Budget Shop is open! Stop in and see what is new. The shop is open the first and third Tuesday of each month, and occasional Saturdays. Trinity is thankful for City Island's continued support, in both the volunteering of time and the generosity of the donations.

**Rick DeWitt**

**Holiday Services**

**Temple Beth-El**  
480 City Island Avenue

Saturday, April 8, Annual Gala Dinner and Dance at Pelham/Split Rock Golf Courses. 7 to 11 p.m.

Tuesday, April 11: Community Seder, 7 to 11 p.m.

**Trinity United Methodist Church**  
113 Bay Street

Saturday, April 1, Spring Fair, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Sunday, April 2, Lenten Bible Study Group led by George Cavalieri, 11:15 a.m.

Sunday, April 9: Palm Sunday service, 10 a.m.

Friday, April 14: Good Friday service, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 16: Easter Sunday Sunrise Service at Pelham Cemetery on King Avenue, 6:15 a.m. Easter Celebrative Worship at Trinity Church, 10 a.m.

**St. Mary, Star of the Sea Church**  
City Island Avenue near the bridge

Saturday, April 8: Confessions, 4:30 to 5 p.m. Vigil Mass at 5:15 p.m.

Sunday, April 9, Palm Sunday: Masses at 9 and 11 a.m. Blessing of Palms at all Masses.

Thursday, April 13: Tenebrae, 9 a.m., Holy Thursday psalms and readings. Solemn commemoration of the Lord's Supper, 7:30 p.m. Adoration to 10 p.m.

Friday, April 14, Good Friday: Tenebrae, 9 a.m. Stations of the Cross, 12 noon. Commemoration of the Passion and Death of Jesus, 3 p.m. Confessions, 5 to 6 p.m.

Saturday, April 15, Holy Saturday: Tenebrae, 8 a.m. Confessions, 9 to 10 a.m. and 4 to 5 p.m. Solemn Easter Vigil, 8 p.m. to be held at Our Lady of the Assumption Church.

Sunday, April 16, Easter Sunday: Masses at 9 and 11 a.m.

**Grace Episcopal Church**  
116 City Island Avenue at Pilot Street

Sunday, April 9, Palm Sunday: The Liturgy of the Palms and Holy Eucharist, 10 a.m. Sunday School presentation of "The Passion of Christ."

Thursday, April 13: Maundy Thursday, Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, April 14: Good Friday service,



## Remembering Debbie and Carrie

December 2016 marked the passing of two beloved, talented movie stars, Carrie Fisher and her mother, Debbie Reynolds. One of Debbie's first films, **Singin' in the Rain** (1952), is considered by many as one of the great musicals of all time. The story takes place during the silent film era, and the top stars are Don Lockwood (Gene Kelly) and Lina Lamont (Jean Hagen). While passionate on the screen, Don cannot stand Lina, and he falls for singer/dancer Kathy Selden (Debbie). When talking pictures come into vogue, this spells disaster for the on-screen couple because Lina has such a terrible voice. Donald O'Connor is Don's closest friend, Cosmo Brown. Those who enjoy cinema trivia will be amused to learn that when Kathy is supposedly lip-sinking for Lina at the end of the film, it is actually Jean Hagen's voice we hear.

In **Bundle of Joy** (1956), Debbie stars as Polly Parrish, a department store salesgirl whose life is turned upside down when she finds an abandoned baby. Despite her protestations, everyone assumes that she is the mother of the child, including Dan Merlin (Eddie Fisher, Debbie's first husband in real life), the son of store owner, J. B. (Adolphe Menjou). J.B. is convinced that his son is the baby's father and is determined that his boy will "do right" by Polly.

**Tammy and the Bachelor** (1957) stars Debbie as Tammy in this romantic comedy about a country girl living in the South who cares for pilot Peter Brent (Leslie Nielsen) after his plane crashes near her home.

When Peter invites her to his plantation, she shocks his family with her frankness and candor at first but ultimately charms them. The film's title song earned an Oscar nomination and became a number one hit for Debbie.

In the romantic Western **The Second Time Around** (1961), recently widowed Lucretia Rogers (Debbie) leaves her children with her mother-in-law in 1911 and moves to Arizona, where she is hired as a ranch hand by Aggie Gates (Thelma Ritter). Lucretia makes an enemy of the sheriff (Ken Scott), but two men vie for her affections—Dan Jones (Steve Forrest), as Dan the saloon owner, and Pat Collins (Andy Griffith), a rancher.

How the **West was Won** (1963) is a star-studded classic Western that tells the story of three families and their travels from the Erie Canal to California between 1839 and 1889. This 19th-century westward expansion epic covers the Gold Rush, the Civil War and the building of the railroads. The all-star cast includes (in alphabetical order) Carroll Baker, Lee J. Cobb, Henry Fonda, Carolyn Jones, Karl Malden, Gregory Peck, George Peppard, Robert Preston, Debbie Reynolds, James Stewart, Eli Wallach, John Wayne and Richard Widmark. The film is narrated by Spencer Tracy. In Debbie's section of the film, she plays Lily Prescott, who becomes a dance hall entertainer and has adventures with a professional gambler named Cleve Van Valen (Gregory Peck) during the trip from St. Louis to San Francisco by wagon train. A must-see for fans of the Western genre.

Debbie stars in the title role in the musical **The Unsinkable Molly Brown** (1964), as a sweet woman who with her millionaire husband, Johnny Brown (Harve Presnell), tries to insert herself into Denver high society. Rejected by her snobbish neighbors, the Browns head for Europe, where members of the royalty love their American charm. The Browns return to Denver with a few crowned heads and hold a party that has disastrous results. When Johnny decides to go home to Deadwood, Molly goes to Europe alone and returns on the Titanic.

After making a few more films in the

1960s, Debbie spent a decade traveling the country with a night club act, and then she went on to work in television. Debbie's first major film role in over 20 years was playing the title role in **Mother** (1996). Albert Brooks portrays John Henderson, a novelist who moves back home with his mother, Beatrice, after his second divorce. He wants to figure out why all his relationships with women have been unsuccessful. This an insightful and hilarious film.

Carrie Fisher made her debut in the rather sad film **Shampoo** (1975), briefly appearing as Lorna Carr, a teenager who decides to have sex with the womanizing hairdresser (Warren Beatty) with whom her mother (Lee Grant) is having an affair. Carrie was then thrust into stardom when George Lucas cast her as Princess Leia in **Star Wars** (1977), followed by **The Empire Strikes Back** (1980), **Return of the Jedi** (1983) and **The Force Awakens** (2015). She completed filming **The Last Jedi** (to be released in 2017) before her untimely death.

One of Carrie's successful non sci-fi films was Woody Allen's **Hannah and Her Sisters** (1986), a classic tale about three New York City sisters—Hannah (Mia Farrow), Holly (Dianne Wiest) and Lee (Barbara Hershey). The film begins with a festive Thanksgiving dinner, during which Hannah's husband, Elliot (Michael Caine), realizes he is falling in love with Lee, who lives with an artist, Frederick (Max von Sydow). Woody Allen plays Mickey, Hannah's hypochondriac ex-husband, who is a neurotic producer interested in ex-drug addict Holly. Carrie appears in a small role as April, Holly's friend and fellow actress. They open a catering business together and wind up as rivals in auditions for parts in Broadway musicals, as well as for the affections of an architect (Sam Waterston).

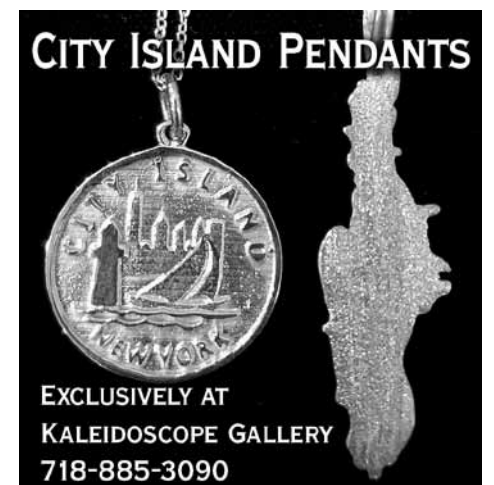
Carrie's other supporting role of note is in **When Harry Met Sally** (1989). In 1977 college graduates Harry Burns (Billy Crystal) and Sally Albright (Meg Ryan) share a contentious car ride from Chicago to New York. Ten years later, Harry and Sally meet again at a bookstore, in the company of their respective best friends, Jess (Bruno

Kirby) and Marie (Carrie). Marie tries to help Sally by offering to fix her up with single men she knows. Marie is also having an affair with a married man and is always saying, "I know, I know. He's never going to leave her."

In 2008 Carrie wrote and performed in the one-woman show **Wishful Drinking** (2010), which was later recorded by HBO. This is a not-to-be-missed, hilarious autobiography. Carrie was also a talented writer, who authored the semi-autobiographical book "Postcards from the Edge," which she turned into a screenplay for film in 1990 starring Meryl Streep as Suzanne Vale, a drug-abusing actress (like Carrie). Her famous actress mother, Doris Mann (Shirley MacLaine), is herself a maintenance alcoholic. This is a rather satirical poignant film with some fun musical numbers.

Amazingly, viewers can have the opportunity to see the two women interact in the critically acclaimed documentary **Bright Lights: Starring Carrie Fisher and Debbie Reynolds** (2016), which was released by HBO the week after both women died. It is an intimate portrait of a unique Hollywood mother/daughter relationship in all its eccentricity, and it even includes a visit by Carrie to see her father, Eddie Fisher. The film culminates in a moving scene as Debbie is preparing to receive the 2015 Screen Actors Guild Life Achievement Award, which Carrie presented to her. They will be missed.

And until next time, happy viewing...



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# CAN I SAVE A LIFE?

## How to Respond to a Drug Overdose

By KATHY LONERGAN and NANCY ADAMS

Deaths from heroin and other opioid overdoses are on the rise. In 2016, more than 1,000 residents of New York City died from overdoses, mainly caused by opioids such as heroin, fentanyl and oxycodone. This is three times the number of New Yorkers who were murdered in 2016. From 2009 to 2013, heroin and opioid overdose deaths in New York State increased by over 60 percent, with the Bronx being one of the most affected counties. The usual victims of opioid overdose are white males. It is estimated that much of the increase in deaths is caused by dealers adding fentanyl (a dangerous opioid) to heroin, cocaine and street pills such as Xanax.

Many deaths caused by overdose can be prevented with the use of Naloxone (aka Narcan), a drug that is now available without prescription in dozens of pharmacies in the Bronx and around the state. Now, thanks to the availability of Naloxone, anyone can help to reverse a fatal opioid overdose.

### What is Naloxone?

Naloxone is a medication that reverses overdoses from opioids, such as heroin and prescription painkillers. It is a safe medication to use and will have no effect on alcohol or other drugs. It can be administered as a nasal spray (cost about \$85) or as an intramuscular injection (cost about \$45) and is covered by some insurance plans. It is also available free of charge at many drug treatment programs.

Anyone who is at risk of opioid overdose—or knows someone who is at risk—can and should have Naloxone on hand to save a life. If the answer to any of the following questions is “yes,” you should have Naloxone available and know how to use it.

- *Do you ever use heroin or other opioids?* Even if you’re just an occasional user, you are actually more at risk for overdose if your body has been drug free for a while. Make sure people know that you have Naloxone with you, in case they need to use it.

- *Is there a chance someone in your home (or someone who visits your home) may use heroin or other opioids?* Most drug overdoses happen at home.

- *Do you spend time with friends or family members who use heroin or other opioids?* Most drug overdoses are witnessed.

### How to Handle an Overdose

Overdoses are usually not immediate but can occur one to three hours after taking heroin or other opioids. This is why it is so

important that you are never alone when you are using such drugs. Signs of overdose are:

- Breathing slows down and will eventually stop.

- The person loses consciousness and cannot be aroused.

- There is no reaction to a hard knuckle-rub on the chest bone.

If you suspect that someone is overdosing, don’t worry about what drug they may have taken. Naloxone is safe and will not harm anyone who has not taken opioids. But it can save the life of someone who is overdosing on those drugs. Here are the steps you need to take:

- Try to wake the person up, by shouting, shaking or applying a knuckle-rub.

- Call 911.

- Give the person Naloxone. Naloxone works in 3 to 5 minutes; a second dose may be required.

- Give rescue breaths.

- Stay with the person until emergency help comes.

- Keep in mind that Naloxone stays in the system for 30 to 90 minutes, so the person should not take more drugs when he or she starts feeling better.

### How to get Naloxone

Naloxone can be obtained without a prescription or doctor’s order at dozens of participating pharmacies in New York City, and for free from certain community programs. Lists of participating pharmacies and community programs are available on the NYC Department of Health website (search Naloxone) or by calling 311. Pharmacies may ask you for ID to show that you are over 16. Otherwise, no other information (or reason for your purchase) is required.

Many City Islanders have recently been touched by loss and have expressed a desire to gather together to remember, grieve and support one another. If you would like to be included, call Nancy Adams at 646-319-4677 or 718-885-2053 for details. Let’s work together to stop these deaths whenever we can.

*Kathy Lonergan and Nancy Valentine-Adams are both 25+ year residents of City Island, nurses and parents. Kathy is currently an adjunct professor at Mercy College and a teacher at Bronx Community College. Nancy is a manager in the area of quality management at Jacobi Hospital, where she has been a nurse for over 29 years.*



### Public School 175

There was a lot going on at P.S. 175 in March. Students in all grades worked diligently on their Science Fair projects, which were displayed during Parent-Teacher Conferences on Thursday, March 9. Lower grade students worked on group projects and upper grade students worked on their projects individually and in pairs. Students did a beautiful job preparing their displays, and it was evident that a lot of hard work went into the presentations and that much learning had taken place.

Our students also attended some exciting trips! Kindergarten went to the American Museum of Natural History to visit the dinosaur, mammal and ocean life exhibits; fifth-graders went to Queensboro College to see a performance of “Harriet Tubman: A Women’s History Month Celebration”; the seventh grade made its annual journey to Philadelphia and visited many iconic sites, including the Liberty Bell, Independence Hall and the Franklin Institute of Science Museum; deserving seventh and eighth graders went to Dave & Busters for a Reward Trip. We also had some exciting in-school events, including some fabulous stories from visiting storyteller Lou Ann Adams for kindergarten and first and second grades. All K–8 students attended a Hip Hop H.E.A.L.S. assembly, which used fun, interactive hip hop songs, videos and games to promote a healthy understanding of calories as food energy and encouraged a balance between food consumption and physical activity.

Fifth-grade students and teachers are continuing to work with teaching artists

from the Bronx Arts Ensemble in preparation for their spring musical production of “Shrek, Jr.” which will culminate in two evening performances in May. These teaching artists are also working with our third-through eighth-graders in an after-school choral program, which will culminate in a wonderful performance for parents and guardians. We are grateful to Councilman James Vacca for the arts grant that helps subsidize the work we do with the Bronx Arts Ensemble!!

We are also working with a visual arts teacher from BAE who will have an opportunity to work with all classes by the end of the year. This work is subsidized by our generous PTA!

Our phenomenal Parent Teacher Association held its annual Card Party at the Scavello’s On-The-Island. Thanks to the hard work of our dedicated parents, the event was a tremendous success! Many thanks to all the parents who spent countless hours preparing for the event. Also, a huge thanks to all the teachers who “donated” an activity to the Silent Auction. We are very pleased that the funds raised will enable the PTA to continue to assist us in providing exciting and enriching experiences and opportunities for our students. Many thanks also to the businesses in our community that supported the party!!

Please keep in mind these important dates: Families with children turning five on or before Dec. 31, 2017, who have not already used the online tool to pre-register their children for kindergarten, can come into school to do so now. Please see the NYCDOE website for registration information.

Eighth-grade graduation will take place on Friday, June 23, at 9 a.m. The eighth-grade dance will take place the same evening from 7 to 10 p.m. The Eighth-Grade Awards Night Dinner will take place on Wednesday, June 14, at 6 p.m.

The kindergarten moving-up ceremony will take place on Wednesday, June 21, at 9 a.m., followed by a family celebration in the gym.



The St. Mary’s Boys and Girls Bantam team consisted of third- and fourth-graders, including (sitting): Lea Acocella, Jake Penny and Bella Hauser. Kneeling: Victor Lopez-Sterling, Jonni Bacelli, Joseph Secola, Joseph Penny and Matthew Schaller. Standing: Coach Lorenzo Secola, Bogdan Gelevan, Thomas Riordan, Donzell Mitchell, Sarah George, Antalya Rodriguez and Coach Corley Schaller.

## BASKETBALL

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briel’s, but fell in the second round. Overall, their season record was 21 wins and 3 losses—“not too shabby,” according to coaches Goonan and Whelan.

The coaches thanked all the parents for their support and for working the door and concession stand at home games, as well as getting the boys to practice and games on time. “A true family experience is what it is all about. The boys have a genuine love of the game and can’t wait until next season.”

### Bantams

The Boys and Girls Bantam team included third- and fourth-graders. They had some returning players from last year, and

this helped the younger kids with their confidence and sportsmanship.

The team showed in the progress from the 2016 season. The highlight was reaching the semifinals of the B division playoffs, which was credited to the hard work the kids put in every week.

Coach Lorenzo Secola thanked Bill Whelan for giving him the opportunity to coach the St. Mary’s Bantam team. The enthusiastic teammates were Lea Acocella, Jake Penny, Bella Hauser, Victor Lopez-Sterling, Jonni Bacelli, Joseph Secola, Joseph Penny, Matthew Schaller, Bogdan Gelevan, Thomas Riordan, Donzell Mitchell, Sarah George and Antalya Rodriguez.

He looks forward to leading the bantam team once again in the 2017 season.



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## Obituaries

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### Arthur Karpf

Arthur Irwin ("Art") Karpf, who grew up on and often returned to City Island, died on Feb. 4, 2017, at the age of 83, in an accident as he left his New Rochelle houseboat, *Off Limits*, for a party being held in his honor at the Black Whale.

Born on Dec. 13, 1933, Art was raised by his parents, Lee Karpf and Mildred Schiffer Karpf, along with his sister, Joan, in one of the eight bungalows at 104 Fordham Street. These bungalows were built in the 1920s on the site of a former chicken farm and is now known as the Rose Lane Co-op. His family ran City Island Avenue's Thorman's clothing store and the Chas. Schiffer grocery.

Art graduated from P.S.17 (class of 1948) and the Bronx High School of Science (class of 1952), and he loved socializing at the Grand Concourse's Tremont Temple, but his real passion was sailing. He crewed on Snipes starting in his early teens, especially at the Stuyvesant Yacht Club. At SUNY Maritime, he became a regatta-winning lead skipper.

Art's first weekend date with his future wife, Maxine Gensburg of Westerly, RI, and his proposal of marriage both took place at Snipe races. After they married, at her parents' home on Feb. 26, 1961, the newlyweds honeymooned at Snipe races up and down the East Coast.

After working as a journeyman compositor (encouraged by his typesetter father) in Manhattan, Art served his country in the U.S. Army and Reserve as a specialist at Fort Dix, NJ. Then he sold candy to retailers for a British firm and later became a yacht broker for the A. LeComte Company. For more than 40 years, Art also managed the sailboat-only West Harbor Yacht Service and Glen Island Yacht Club in the western end of New Rochelle Harbor. Art and Maxine lived in the Fordham Street bungalow until they moved to Glen Island Yacht Club, where they lived aboard the Chris-Craft Aquahome *Off Limits*.

Above all Art loved non-spinnaker sailboat racing. For many years, he skippered a C&C 35, *Snow Goose*, in the Can One Evening Race Association's Thursday-night series and other Long Island Sound regattas, eventually buying the boat for himself and racing it even more frequently.

Steve Cain, president of the Yacht Racing Association of Long Island Sound, said: "His *Snow Goose* won just about every non-spinnaker event on the Sound for years. Art, who suffered no fools, was always happy to discuss a race, to share his all-encompassing knowledge. His critical role in building Can One to its position as one of the largest weeknight vespers series on the Sound brought yacht racing to many who had never considered it before. And his yard was one of the few around that was for sailors only. To earn his respect and to share a laugh with him over some poor soul's folly on the water was to feel that you had entered a special group."

Art is survived by his sons Stephen (Bhadrika) and Josh (Juliet); his grandchildren, Jazz, Wolf, Maritza and Javier; his brothers- and sisters-in-law, Rob and Leslie and Lenore and Jim; and several nieces, nephews, cousins and their children and grandchildren.

Donations in Art's name may be made to the City Island Nautical Museum, P.O. Box 82, Bronx, NY 10464.

### Elizabeth (Lily) Bryant

Elizabeth Bryant, known to all as Lily, passed away at the age of 79 on Thursday,

March 16, 2017, after a long illness.

She was born in Manhattan on June 8, 1937, one of seven children of Thomas McGuire and Margaret Owens McGuire, who were from County Limerick in Ireland. Lily grew up on 97th Street and Lexington Avenue and worked as a telephone switchboard operator for the Bell Telephone Company.

At Ma Bell, she met Jack Bryant, a resident of City Island, and they were married in November 1959. They moved to a house on Schofield Street in City Island and then to Hawkins Street, where they lived for over 50 years and raised three children. Jack passed away in 2003.

Lily was the hospitality chair for the Garden Club of City Island, a member of the Morris Yacht Club, the AARP and the PSS Senior Center, and she was an active swimmer. She was a member of the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary; she loved parades and often marched in the Memorial Day Parade on City Island. She also went to the St. Patrick's Day parade in Manhattan every year.

Lily was predeceased by her husband and by her brothers Lawrence, Patrick and James. She leaves her children, Elizabeth Montalbano of City Island, Susan McDermott of Pennsylvania and John Bryant of New Jersey; her brother Christopher and his wife, Vivi, of City Island; her brother Thomas and his wife, Gail, of Schuylers Falls, NY, and her sister Juliet DeLong of Fairbanks, AK, as well as four grandchildren, Michael and Brian Montalbano and Caitlin and Sean McDermott; and two great-grandchildren.

### Norbert W. Sander, MD

Norbert W. Sander Jr. died suddenly at the age of 74 on March 17, 2017, at his home in Hastings-on-Hudson, NY.

He grew up in Yonkers and attended Fordham Prep, Fordham College, the University of Lausanne and the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. Norbert's interest in running began when he was in grammar school, and he competed throughout high school and college, where he raced both track events and cross-country on teams that won city championships in 1958 and 1959. He continued to run cross-country and track at Fordham University, winning a title at the Penn Relays championship in 1963.

After college, he switched to long-distance races. In the early 1970s he was one of the top marathon runners in the country, winning the New Orleans Marathon, the Yonkers Marathon and the prestigious New York City Marathon, which he won in 1974 and remains the only New Yorker to have done so. He was a longtime member of the board of New York Road Runners, which organizes the New York marathon and other races.

Dr. Sander was a doctor of internal medicine, but he combined his love of running with his profession by specializing in sports medicine. In 1977 he opened the Preventive and Sports Medicine Center at 610 City Island Avenue, where he also lived. In 1979, however, he moved the center to East 84th Street in Manhattan and the building, now privately owned, for a time became the Northwind Museum. In a letter to the editor of *The Island Current*, written in November 1979, he credits John Persteins, who owned the building, with having reconstructed and furnished it "into one of the finest structures of its kind in New York with impeccable style."

Dr. Sanders' connection with City Island began with his father, an airplane pilot who frequented the seaplane port on east Fordham Street and took his family for flights over Long Island Sound. After the sports medicine facility moved to Manhattan, he moved to Tier Street, where he practice internal and family medicine until the spring of 1995, when he established the Medical Group of City Island at 340 City

Island Avenue, where he practiced internal medicine.

In the early 1990s, he led the movement to reclaim and transform the Fort Washington Armory into a world-class track and field facility that served New York City's young people and the community of Washington Heights. At his death, he was the president and CEO of the Armory Foundation.

He was also a published author. His book "Forever and a Day: Stories of Love" was published in December 2002, and he held a well-attended publication party at the Worm Bar, where he read from the essays about personal experiences and moments in his life.

Besides his many devoted patients, Dr. Sander leaves his wife, Bridget a registered nurse; his mother, Gertrude; his children Eva Fitzgerald and Jessica, Emma and Phoebe Sander; and his grandchildren Catherine and Kiera Fitzgerald.

Donations may be made in his memory to the Armory Foundation, 216 Fort Washington Avenue, New York, NY 10032, or through the website [www.armory.nyc](http://www.armory.nyc).



### Ivio Mazzella

Ivio Mazzella, a longtime resident of City Island, passed away on March 17, 2017, at the age of 97.

He was born on the Italian island of Ponza on June 11, 1920. When came to America, he chose City Island because it reminded him of home. He owned and operated a boat yard at the east end of Ditmars Street for more than 20 years.

He served his country in the Aleutian Islands campaign during World War II. He was a faithful Catholic, devoted to Our Lady of Mount Carmel. A true New Yorker, he knew the city better underground than above, having worked on his faithful cranes to help build the city he loved. Always cheerful, he loved to tell jokes and will be greatly missed.

Mr. Mazzella was predeceased by his wife, Isa Mazzella, and his son, Mark Ivio. He is survived by his daughters Mary DeRosa (Biagio) and Loraine Mazzella, M.D. (Dr. Giuseppe Maiolo), and his grandchildren, Michael (Isabel), Ilario (Josiane) and Giancarlo.



### Bartow-Pell Events

Both a New York City and National Landmark, Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum 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. Private group tours of

10 or more and school class trips are available daily with advance reservations.

The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 1, from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. This is the one day when it's okay to put all your eggs in one basket! Children 2-12 hunt for eggs, enjoy arts and crafts and have photos taken with the Easter Bunny. Light refreshments offered. Please bring your own basket. Tickets online at [www.bpmm.org](http://www.bpmm.org) or at the door. Registration required. Rain date Sunday, April 2, 1 to 3:30 p.m. Free parking is available across the street in Pelham Bay/ Split Rock Golf Course parking lot. Cost: BPMM Member Children: \$10; Not-Yet BPMM Members: \$15.

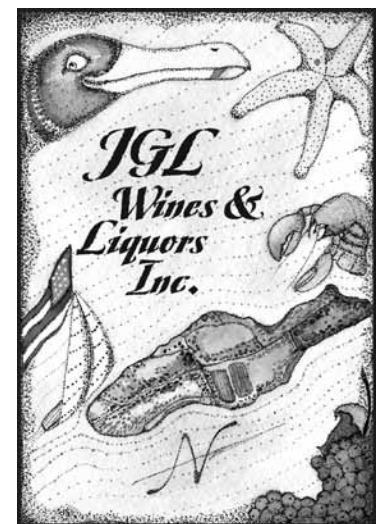
An Author's Spotlight will take place on Saturday, April 2, from 2 to 3 p.m. when author Sergey Kadinsky will discuss his book "Hidden Waters of New York City," a guide to the forgotten waterways throughout the five boroughs. The remnants of these once-pristine waterways are all over the Big Apple, hidden in plain sight. The book offers a glimpse of the forgotten past and the ever-changing present. Mr. Kadinsky is an analyst at the New York City Department of Parks & Recreation and an adjunct professor of history at Touro College. He is a contributor to *Forgotten New York*, and his articles on the city's history have appeared in New York Post, New York Daily News and Queens Chronicle. Registration requested. Cost: BPMM Members: free; Not-Yet BPMM Members: \$10 (includes admission to the museum).

Morning Yoga in the Parlors will take place on Wednesdays, April 5, 12, 19, 26, from 9 to 10 a.m. Join Carolyn Frost of Balance Yoga & Wellness for vinyasa yoga in BPMM's double parlors. Bring a yoga mat and leave invigorated to start your day. Space is limited. Registration requested. Cost: BPMM Members: \$10; Not-Yet BPMM Members: \$15.

First Friday! Music & Trolley on Friday, April 7, from 5:30-8:30 p.m. will feature the Kenn Morr Band performing from 6 to 8 p.m. Enjoy the music, explore the museum and stroll the garden; light refreshments are available. The trolley makes an hourly loop starting at 5:25 p.m. from the #6 Pelham Bay Park subway station to BPMM to City Island. Registration requested. Cost: BPMM Members: free; Not-Yet BPMM Members \$12 adults, \$10 seniors and students.

Spring Break Kid's Workshop on Terrarium Building will be held Thursday, April 13, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sign your children up for a time slot and have them spend an hour making a terrarium filled with ferns, moss and angel's tears that they can bring home. Recommended for students 8 to 12 years old. Registration required. Cost: BPMM Member Children: \$25; Not-Yet BPMM Members: \$30 (includes admission to the museum and materials fee).

Join the New York Cares Volunteer Garden-Clean Up Day on Saturday, April 22, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Come get your hands dirty and help make the grounds of BPMM beautiful! Registration required. Cost: free.



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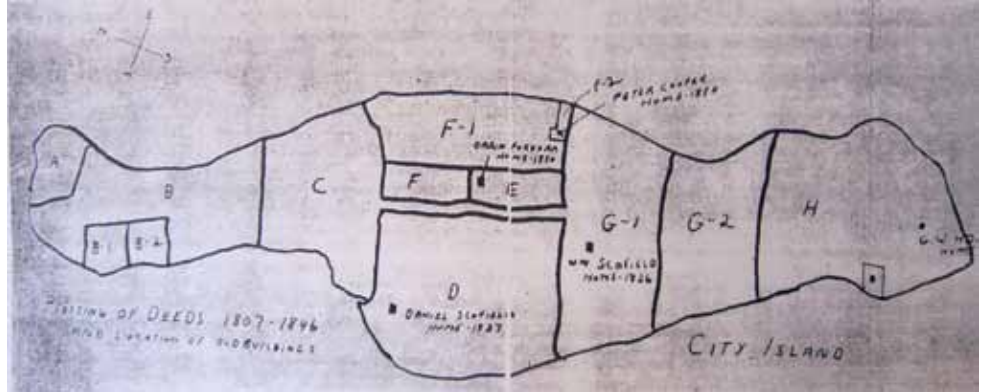
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**In the Beginning...**

Some of the most important documents historians have for plying their trade are maps. Even the crudest renditions have their stories to tell. Take the following example...

and, we believe, still is, situated on the eastern portion of today's Fordham Street. The William Scofield home (G-1) also still stands today. It is located where William Avenue terminates on Schofield Street. George Washington Horton's homestead



It is, of course, a map of City Island. The cartographer, as far as we can tell, is someone from the Fordham family, perhaps Alfred Fordham, who wrote a regular column for the City Island News, an Island newspaper that preceded *The Island Current*. The letters on the map represent plots of land that were sold off by two of City Island's earliest owners after the Pells, Benjamin Palmer and Nicholas Haight. Parcels B-1 and B-2 were sold to an S. Hicks and a Captain Berriman by Palmer, who began selling off his land in 1763. Parcels E and F were conveyed by Palmer to the widows Talcott and Hicks, respectively. At least two of these early landowners, Hicks and Berriman, established ferry services to and from the Island.

(G-1), on the other hand, survives but as an incorporated portion of the Lobster Box restaurant. There is a wonderful old picture of the house before the incorporation at the City Island Nautical Museum.

The balance of the land on the map was owned then parceled out by Nicholas Haight beginning in 1807. We would like to draw your attention to parcels F-1, F-2, G-1, and H. F-1 was Orrin Fordham's land. His home, as indicated by the map, was

The last parcel, F-2, was owned by a man who may be familiar to you, but not because his home still stands—it does not—or because his name has been used for a City Island street. F-2 was Peter Cooper's land. Yes, that Peter Cooper, of Cooper Union fame in lower Manhattan. Although the map indicates that a home was built in 1850, the historical record has the Cooper family on City Island as early as 1820. One E.C. Cooper, Peter's brother, was City Island's first entrepreneur. His business was salt production, but his methods proved costly and the business ultimately failed.

For more interesting tidbits such as these, stop by the City Island Nautical Museum on April 30 at about 1 o'clock. Then and there, we will be sharing more of what we have unearthed so far.

*Cormac McEnery, Esq.*

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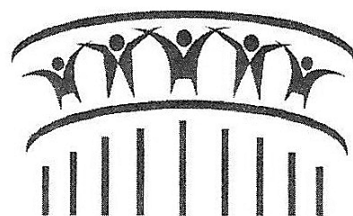
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# IN THE GARDEN

By MARY COLBY



Photo by MARY COLBY

**Daffodil Ice Follies with Hellebore Foetidus**

## Spring at Last!

How does nature announce spring? From the sparrow flying with a twig in its mouth to the haze of bluebells in the woods at the Bartow-Pell Mansion. The skunk cabbage emerges at the Hutchinson River Circle, while the egrets build their nests at Turtle Cove. Frogs spawn, woodpeckers drum on hollow trees. The triumphant chorus at dawn sings from every rooftop, wire and tree. It's a symphony that everyone is privy to.

Spring is the gift not even politics can take away. Whatever your religion, spring is the time for resurrection. You can smell it in the air as the sap rises and the trees spread out their delicate cloaks of light chartreuse. Daylight increases, and we are uplifted. The earth bursts forth in all her loveliness, forsythia yellow and weigela pink. Yes, winter is banished as the celandines open like stars underfoot.

So beyond cleaning the spent garden debris, pruning and laying down the good compost and mulch, we can relax into what is the most beautiful time of the year. Brisk walks over to Hunter Island may produce a sighting of our photog Ron Turner if it is early enough, or you might meet Tim Moses out bird watching. It's a great time to dust off your sketchpad and get out there and make pencil notations of what you see. Or you can be a botanist and write down all the indigenous plant species you can find that flourish in these parts. You might photograph the ones that you can't identify and research them in the RHS Plant finder or send them to me at [marycolby7@gmail.com](mailto:marycolby7@gmail.com).

I will be teaching plein air sketch classes in the months ahead. If you are interested, look for signs in my studio window.

The best of weather must be a beautiful spring day. Enjoy it! Happy spring and happy planting to everyone.

Mary Colby is an artist and gardener whose studio is at 276 City Island Avenue. She can be reached at 917-804-4509 for consultation and design. [www.theartistgardener.com](http://www.theartistgardener.com).

## Organization News

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7:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 15: Community Easter Egg Hunt, 1 to 3 p.m.

Sunday, April 16: Easter Sunday, Festival and Holy Eucharist, 10 a.m.

### St. Mary, Star of the Sea Church

The beautiful Lenten devotion of Stations of the Cross will be held each Friday during Lent at 7 p.m., except for Good Friday when it will be held at 12 noon.

Our monthly coffee hour will be held on Sunday, April 9, in the rectory following the 9 a.m. Mass. Join us for light refreshments.

We welcome Bishop Dominick Lagonegro, who will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to our young people on Friday, April 7, at 5 p.m. at Our Lady of the Assumption Church.

Sunday, April 9, marks the beginning of Holy Week. On April 9, Palm Sunday, there will be procession with the palms and subsequent blessing of the palms. On Thursday and Friday at 9 a.m. and Saturday at 8 a.m., we will have the Tenebrae, a solemn service that consists of psalms, readings, lamentations and chanting.

The Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Supper will take place on Holy Thursday evening, April 13, at 7:30 p.m. followed by adoration until 10 p.m. The Solemn Com-

memoration of the Passion and Death of our Lord Jesus Christ will take place on Good Friday, April 14, at 3 p.m.

The Easter Vigil will be held on Holy Saturday, April 15, at 8 p.m. at Our Lady of Assumption Church. Our Masses on Easter Sunday, April 16, are at 9 and 11 a.m. Because of Easter Week, there will be no religious education classes on April 12 and 19.

Our prayer and wish is that this Easter will bring us all a deeper awareness of our faith in God and our need to love one another. Happy Easter to all!

Rose Dietz

### American Legion Post #156

The next meeting will be held on Sunday, April 2, at 12 noon. Dues (\$50) are past due and can be dropped off at the Post.

Thanks to Mike Jawski for everything that he does and to Mike Treat for all of his hard work managing our membership. Thanks also to all those who do for Post 156.

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

Remember to play the Queen of Hearts game each week. The weekly drawing is held at 7 p.m. on Saturday night. The jackpot grows each week until someone hits. The game is open to all. Proceeds from the game already paid for our new portholes in the side doors and are now going toward installing a new awning in the front of the building. Proceeds

will also fund the installation of the new flagpole.

Thanks to all who helped with the St. Patrick's party; the assistance was greatly appreciated.

Thanks to the Ladies Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion for all their help. Unfortunately, we cannot do it all ourselves anymore.

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

Any retired veterans willing to help out around the Post should contact John Muhlfeld at 718-885-0639. Help is greatly appreciated.

We are always in need of new members. The Post pays the dues of members who are on active duty. Younger people are necessary for the continuation of the Post.

Thanks to the Garden Club of City Island for the wonderful wreath they gave us to decorate our front door. Thank you to the entire City Island Community for all of your support over the past 97 years.

John Muhlfeld

### City Island Republicans

The county dinner was a huge success. Mayoral candidates Paul Massey and Reverend Falkner spoke at the event trying to garner support. We are hoping to once again have the mayoral candidates to City Island later this year.

Our next meeting will be held later in the Spring, details to follow.

Fred Ramftl Jr.

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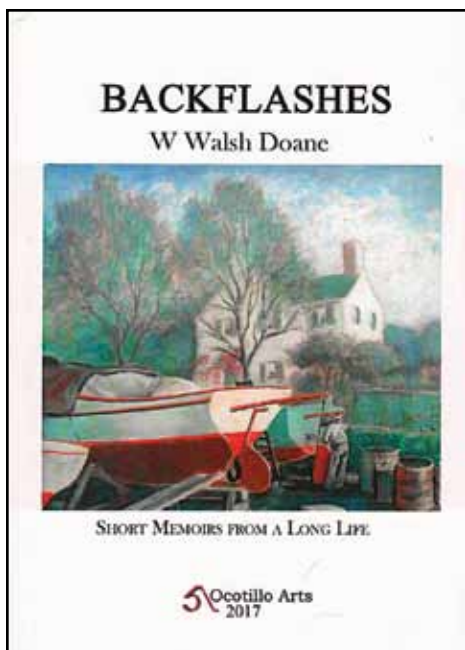
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# A Current Review “Backflashes: Short Memoirs from a Long Life” by W. Walsh Doane

By BARBARA DOLENSEK



“Don’t go past Belden Point!” is the first sentence in this charming book by clam digger Winifred Doane, who grew up on Pilot Street in a house built by her father, Harold Vandervoort Walsh. Thus starts a series of memoirs in which City Island plays an important role.

That first story describes the adventure that Winifred (then Winkie) and her two sisters, Jeanne (Jeannie) and Myra (Maisie) had when they took their catboat, *Barnard Barge*, out for a sail but made the mistake of going past Belden Point and ended up somewhere near Execution Light!

Another chapter describes her childhood on the Island, particularly her admiration for Mr. Peterfoin, the pharmacist whose store was on the first floor of City Island’s “skyscraper,” where Carmine DeDonato now has his office. Mr. Peterfoin’s

prices were lower than those at Sam Bierman’s pharmacy across the street (where Connie’s market is now), and the teenagers loved to hang out there.

Mrs. Doane left City Island after graduating from Hunter College in Manhattan to take a teaching assistant’s job at the University of Wisconsin, where she met her future husband, Charles Doane. The two studied and taught at a number of different institutions after they married in 1953. She got her PhD at Yale, on whose faculty she served for 15 years, and became a renowned biologist specializing in genetics. In 1977 became a professor of zoology at Arizona State University. She retired in 1998 and now enjoys a new career as a writer, as well as taking care of the other family homestead, a lovely farmhouse in Vermont.

Because this is not an autobiography but a collection of essays about her life, the chapters make for entertaining reading, especially her recollection of the most memorable dinner she ever enjoyed (at the Chateau de Chantilly in France) and her description of another hair-raising incident in a sailboat on Long Island Sound.

Although her sisters passed away some years ago and she remains a resident of Arizona, Winifred Doane has never forgotten her City Island roots, like the true clam digger she is. She remains a steadfast supporter of the City Island Nautical Museum (which owns a collection of paintings by her father) and chose to put her childhood home on the cover of her book.

The book is available in paperback from *amazon.com* or, as she would likely prefer, from *smile-amazon.com*, which makes donations to the City Island Historical Society.

# FORMER ISLANDER TO RUN FOR CITY COUNCIL

By KAREN NANI



New York State Assemblyman and former City Islander Mark Gjonaj is running for New York City Council. He held a “meet and greet” at the home of Islander Brenda Prohaska on March 3, 2017. Shown above at the event with Mr. Gjonaj is his wife, Roberta (left), and Ms. Prohaska.

New York State Assembly member Mark Gjonaj, who lived on City Island for 14 years, has thrown his hat into the ring for the New York City Council seat from the Bronx being vacated by Jimmy Vacca. He joins Islander James Doyle and Community Board 10 member John Marano, who have also announced their candidacies (see profiles in the March 2016 and January 2017 issues of *The Current*).

Mr. Gjonaj (pronounced “Joneye”) lived with his wife and two sons, both of whom attended P.S. 175, at Pickwick Terrace on Pilot Street, which is owned by his family. His wife, Roberta, currently works at P.S. 175 as the school nurse, and the assemblyman joked, “I am often referred to on City Island as ‘Nurse Roberta’s husband.’”

Mr. Gjonaj moved his family to Morris Park after assuming his current Assembly seat in 2013. “Unfortunately, the 80th Assembly District does not include City Island. My family and I never wanted to move off City Island, and we look forward to moving back one day,” he told *The Current*.

Even after moving off City Island, the Gjonaj family has remained a supporter of the local card parties, the Parent Teacher Association and the City Island Little League Association. Last year, Assemblyman Gjonaj contacted the NYC Parks Department on behalf of the teams to insure that the field would be ready for opening day, and he will do so again this year.

Most recently, Mr. Gjonaj addressed issues stemming from Rodman’s Neck noise and the Seafood City brawl (see story p. 3). While pleased with Mayor de Blasio’s decision to allocate \$275 million to rebuild the outdated training facility, he voiced concerns over exactly how the City planned to reduce noise pollution from the range to the nearby City Island community. Along with his colleagues in government, Mr. Gjonaj asked to review data collected by the administration so that they would be assured local concerns over noise and environmental pollution would be addressed. In

response to the incident at Seafood City in late February, Mr. Gjonaj reached out to the 45th Police Precinct to see what immediate measures could be taken to ensure the safety of City Island residents.

He also addressed the growing concern about empty storefronts on City Island Avenue, including the recent closing of the City Island Pharmacy (see story p. 1). Mr. Gjonaj said that it has bothered him for years to drive by the same empty storefronts, some of which have become eyesores. He was also surprised by the abrupt closing of the pharmacy and told *The Current*, “I reached out to a pharmacy organization, and there is interest in having a new pharmacy come to City Island.”

Regarding long term solutions, he wants to work with the City Island Chamber of Commerce and the 45th Precinct to develop creative ideas to bring more foot traffic to City Island Avenue. He is exploring a “BID” (Business Improvement District), which could provide funds to help market City Island businesses and events, such as the Halloween parade.

Mr. Gjonaj also addressed the sharp increase in flood insurance incurred by many Island homeowners. He would spearhead a collective elevation survey of every residence on City Island to reduce the cost of insurance for those homes in the less flood prone sections of the Island. “By collectively purchasing this survey, it will lower the cost and enable reclassification of many homes that have been forced to have expensive flood insurance.” He would then introduce legislation to counter the high cost of the insurance.

He summed up his local views this way: “City Island is a unique diamond in the Bronx. It needs more recognition and support. I will continue to work with the Chamber and the Civic Association on the range of concerns to residents.”

The City Council Democratic primary is on Tuesday, Sept. 12, and residents should pick a candidate and vote to make sure that City Island voices are heard.

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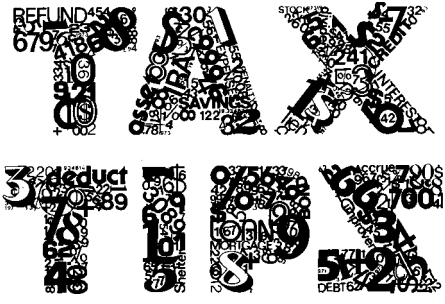


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**IRS Dirty Dozen Tax Scams for 2017**

Compiled annually by the IRS, the "Dirty Dozen" is a list of common scams that taxpayers may encounter in the coming months. Although many of these scams peak during the tax filing season, they may be encountered at any time during the year. Here is this year's list:

**1. Identity Theft**

Tax-related identity theft occurs when someone uses your stolen Social Security number to file a tax return claiming a fraudulent refund. Taxpayers should use caution when viewing e-mails, receiving telephone calls or getting advice on tax issues, because scams can take on many sophisticated forms, according to IRS Commissioner John Koskinen.

Taxpayers should secure personal information by protecting their computers and only giving out Social Security numbers when absolutely necessary. Though the agency is making progress on this front, taxpayers still need to be extremely cautious and do everything they can to avoid becoming victimized.

**2. Phone Scams**

Aggressive and threatening phone calls by criminals impersonating IRS agents remain a major threat to taxpayers. In recent weeks, the agency has seen a surge of these phone scams, as scam artists threaten police arrest, deportation, license revocation and other things. Scammers make unsolicited calls claiming to be IRS officials. They demand that the victim pay a bogus tax bill. They con the victim into sending cash, usually through a prepaid debit card or wire transfer. They may also leave "urgent" call-back requests through phone "robocalls" or via a phishing e-mail.

Scammers often alter caller ID numbers to make it look like the IRS or another agency is calling. The callers use IRS titles and fake badge numbers to appear legitimate. They may use the victim's name, address and other personal information to make the call sound official.

**3. Phishing**

Phishing schemes using fake e-mails or websites are used by criminals to try to steal personal information. Typically, criminals pose as a person or organization you trust and/or recognize. They may hack an e-mail account and send mass e-mails under another person's name, or pose as a bank, credit card company, tax software provider or government agency. These criminals create websites that appear legitimate but contain phony log-in pages, hoping that victims will take the bait so they can steal the victim's money, passwords, Social Security number and identity. Scam e-mails and websites can also infect your computer with malware, which can give the criminal access to your device, enabling them to access all your sensitive files or track your keyboard strokes, exposing login information.

**4. Tax Return Preparer Fraud**

About 60 percent of taxpayers use tax professionals to prepare their returns. The vast majority of tax professionals provide honest, high-quality service, but there are some dishonest tax preparers who set up shop each filing season. Well-intentioned taxpayers can be misled by preparers who don't understand taxes or who mislead people into taking credits or deductions they aren't entitled to in order to increase their fee.

Illegal scams can lead to significant penalties and interest and possible criminal prosecution. IRS Criminal Investigation works closely with the Department of Justice (DOJ) to shutdown scams and prosecute the criminals behind them.

**5. Hiding Money or Income Offshore**

Through the years, offshore accounts

have been used to lure taxpayers into scams and schemes, evading U.S. taxes by hiding income in offshore banks, brokerage accounts or nominee entities and then using debit cards, credit cards or wire transfers to access the funds. Although there are legitimate reasons for maintaining financial accounts abroad, U.S. taxpayers who maintain such accounts and who do not comply with reporting requirements are breaking the law and risk significant penalties and fines, as well as the possibility of criminal prosecution.

**6. Inflated Refund Claims**

Taxpayers should be on the lookout for unscrupulous tax return preparers pushing inflated tax refund claims. Scam artists routinely pose as tax preparers during tax time, luring victims in by promising large federal tax refunds or refunds that people never dreamed they were due in the first place. They might, for example, promise inflated refunds based on fictitious Social Security benefits and false claims for education credits, the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), or the American Opportunity Tax Credit, among others. Because taxpayers are legally responsible for what is on their returns (even if it was prepared by someone else), those who buy into such schemes can end up being penalized for filing false claims or receiving fraudulent refunds.

**7. Fake Charities**

Taxpayers should be aware that phony charities use names or websites that sound or look like those of respected, legitimate organizations. For instance, following major disasters, it's common for scam artists to impersonate charities to get money or private information from well-intentioned taxpayers.

**8. Falsely Padding Deductions on Tax Returns**

The vast majority of taxpayers file honest and accurate tax returns on time every year. However, each year some taxpayers fail to resist the temptation of fudging their information. The IRS warns taxpayers that they should think twice before overstating deductions such as charitable contributions, padding their claimed business expenses or including credits that they are not entitled to receive. Avoid the temptation of falsely inflating deductions or expenses on your return to underpay what you owe and possibly receive larger refunds.

**9. Excessive Claims for Business Credits**

Improper claims for business credits such as the fuel tax and the research credit are also on the IRS "Dirty Dozen" list this year. The fuel tax credit is generally limited to off-highway business use or use in farming. Consequently, the credit is not available to most taxpayers. Still, the IRS routinely finds unscrupulous tax preparers who have enticed sizable groups of taxpayers to erroneously claim the credit to inflate their refunds. Fraud involving the fuel tax credit is considered a frivolous tax claim and can result in a penalty of \$5,000.

The research credit is an important feature in the tax code to foster research and experimentation by the private sector; however, the IRS does see a significant amount of misuse of the research credit each year. Improper claims for the research credit generally involve failures to participate in or substantiate qualified research activities and/or satisfy the requirements related to qualified research expenses.

**10. Falsifying Income to Claim Credits**

This scam involves inflating or including income on a tax return that was never earned, either as wages or as self-employment income, usually in order to maximize refundable credits. Just like falsely claiming an expense or deduction you did not pay, claiming income you did not earn in order to secure larger refundable credits could have serious repercussions.

**11. Abusive Tax Shelters**

Phony tax shelters and structures to avoid paying taxes continue to be a problem, and taxpayers should steer clear of these types of schemes as they can end up costing taxpayers more in back taxes, penalties and interest than they saved in the first place. Abusive tax schemes have evolved

from simple structuring of abusive domestic and foreign trust arrangements into sophisticated strategies that take advantage of the financial secrecy laws of some foreign jurisdictions and the availability of credit/debit cards issued from offshore financial institutions. Trusts also commonly show up in abusive tax structures, when unscrupulous promoters urge taxpayers to transfer large amounts of assets into trusts. The IRS is committed to stopping complex tax avoidance schemes and the people who create and sell them.

**12. Frivolous Tax Arguments**

Taxpayers are also warned against using frivolous tax arguments to avoid paying their taxes. Examples include contentions that taxpayers can refuse to pay taxes on religious or moral grounds by invoking the First Amendment or that the only "employees" subject to federal income tax are employees of the federal government; and that only foreign-source income is taxable. While taxpayers have the right to contest their tax liabilities in court, no one has the right to disobey the law or disregard their responsibility to pay taxes. The penalty for filing a frivolous tax return is \$5,000.

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The T-Ball schedule is set, and the teams will meet every Saturday at 9:30 a.m. beginning April 15. As of press time, the game and practice schedule for Majors and Minors is not finalized. Check the Facebook page for dates. Coaches will be in contact with their teams when the dates are set.

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**Holy Week Schedule**

April 9th, Palm Sunday:  
Liturgy of the Palms and Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM

April 13th, Maundy Thursday: 7:30 PM

April 14th, Good Friday: 7:30 PM

April 16th, Easter Sunday: 10:00 AM

**All are Welcome!**

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Information for the Talebearer must be received in writing no later than the 15th of the month except July and December. Mail to The Island Current, P.O. Box 6, City Island, NY 10464; include your name and telephone number.



Photo courtesy of LAUREN NYE

Earley Street's "coolest kids."

A very happy birthday on April 23 to the Sailmaker's Judy Iovieno, with love from the Iovieno and Swieciki families.

Best wishes for continued happiness to Elizabeth and Ken Farnum, who will celebrate their 26th anniversary on April 20 and Elizabeth's birthday on April 22.

Birthday greetings to David Butterworth on April 30 and his aunt Mari Doyle on April 14.

Keep up the good work to Islanders (and Girl Scouts) Fiorela Miria and Scarlett Sparks who recently performed in the Bronx House production of "Seussical, Jr."



Photo courtesy of CHERYL RIORDAN

"Seussical, Jr."

Happy birthday wishes and many more are in order this April to two of Earley Street's "coolest kids" on the block—John Boy and Father Sean. With love from the Nyes.

A very happy birthday on April 28 to one of New York's Finest, Matthew Sasko. We love you "everything!" Bamma, Daddy Benny, Tabitha, Aunt Michelle and Ray.

Wishing continued success to Whytey and the gang at Papa John's Deli. They will be celebrating their 17th year in business on April 3.

Happy ninth birthday wishes to Thomas, our Captain of the Seas! With love from Mom, Dad, Grace and Emma.

April birthday congrats to Frank Ramftl on April 4, Anne McIntyre on April 22 and Maria Swieciki on April 25.

Still going strong! Happy April birthday wishes to former Islanders Eric Rauhauser on April 2 and Carol Gauss McKenna on April 14. Eric will blow out candles in California, and Carol will celebrate her big day in Florida with her husband, Bob, and former Islanders Joe and Barbara Rizzuto.

Wishing all a very happy spring!

Maria Swieciki



Photo by RICK DEWITT

Oh, what a night! Saturday, March 4, was a perfect mix of fun, food and nonstop dancing for Girl Scouts from all three City Island troops. This year's event, a long-standing community tradition, was held in the large ballroom at Scavello's. DJ Ray kept the crowd entertained from beginning to end. Lots of memories made!



Photo by RON TERNER

The City Island Nautical Museum held a reception on Sunday, March 19, 2017, to celebrate the exhibition of Mark Whitcombe's work curated by Ron Turner in which more than 40 of Mark's etchings and paintings lined the walls of the Walsh Library. Many of the works were loaned by Roseann and Mike Bunyan, pictured here at the left with Elizabeth (Tibby) Whitcombe, Mark's widow, and Mark's grandson, Sebastian, and his fiancée, Jennifer.

St. Mary Star of the Sea Church

Holy Week Schedule 2017

CONFESSIONS SATURDAY-April 8 4:30-5:00 P.M.

PALM SUNDAY-April 9 VIGIL MASS-SATURDAY-5:15 P.M. SUNDAY-9:00 A.M., 11:00 A.M. (Blessing of Palm at all Masses)

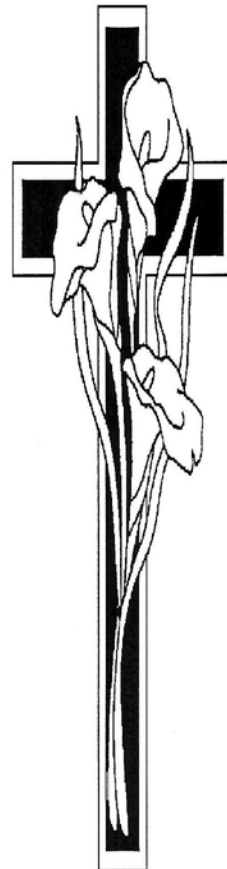
HOLY THURSDAY-April 13 9:00 A.M.- TENEBRAE (No Morning Mass) Consists of Psalms and Readings SOLEMN COMMEMORATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER - 7:30 P.M. Procession to Repository Adoration to 10:00 P.M.

GOOD FRIDAY-April 14 9:00 A.M.-TENEBRAE (No Morning Mass) Consists of Psalms and Readings STATIONS OF THE CROSS-12:00 NOON COMMEMORATION OF THE PASSION AND DEATH OF JESUS-3:00 P.M. Confessions 5:00-6:00 P.M.

HOLY SATURDAY-April 15 8:00 A.M. TENEBRAE (No Morning Mass) Consists of Psalms and Readings Confessions 9:00-10:00 A.M. & 4:00-5:00 P.M.

SOLEMN EASTER VIGIL-8:00 P.M. WILL BE HELD AT OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION CHURCH

EASTER SUNDAY-April 16 Masses- 9:00 A.M., 11:00 A. M.



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