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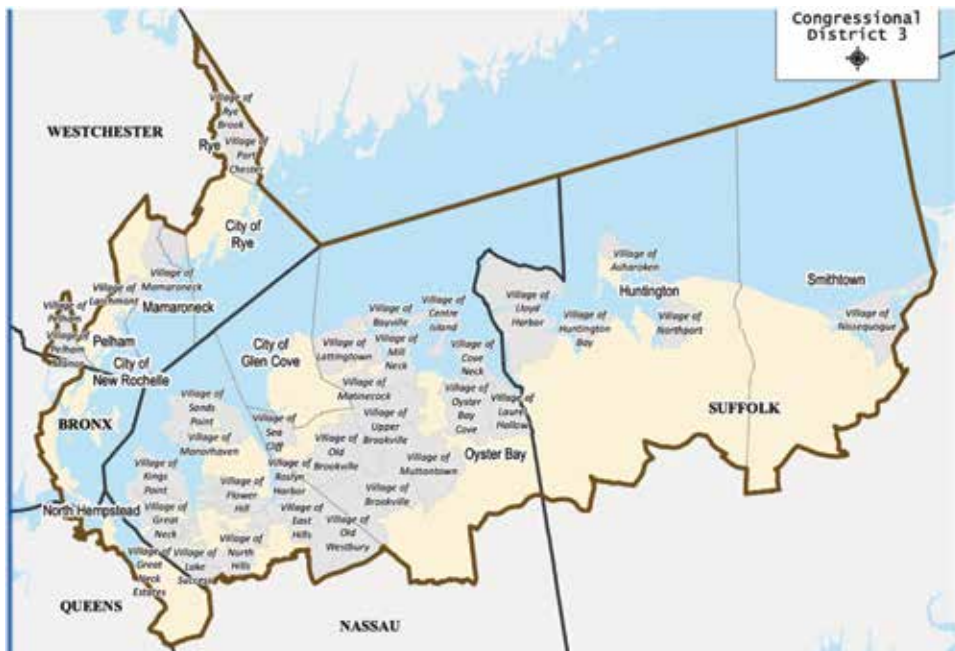
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## Islanders Surprised By New Congressional Redistricting

By BARBARA DOLENSEK



Map courtesy of STATE SENATOR ALESSANDRA BIAGGI

This map of Congressional District 3, which will go into effect as of January 2023, shows that the new district including City Island now extends as far east as Smithtown and as far north as the village of Rye Brook along the northern shore of Long Island Sound.

City Island is currently part of several districts—NYC Bronx Community District 10 and School District 11, NYS Assembly District 82 and Senate District 34, and the U.S. Assembly District 14. That is, we were part of District 14, represented in Congress by Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez. Since the completion of the 2020 census, state governments have been hard at work evaluating and altering their congressional districts, which takes place every decade, and New York State was no exception. City Island, along with Country Club and half of Throggs Neck, are no longer in District 14 but have been added to District 3, which is currently made up largely of the north shore of western Long Island from Great Neck to Smithtown.

After the 2020 United States Census, New York was apportioned 26 congressional districts, one less than the number it had after the 2010 census. On Feb. 3, 2022, the New York State Senate voted 43 to 20 to approve a new congressional map, and the State Assembly voted 120 to 27 to approve the map. That same day Governor Kathy Hochul signed the map into law, which will affect the New York's 2022 congressional elections.

A negative response from the east Bronx was immediate and strong, with a letter signed by a group of Bronx residents noting that the proposal "divides our current congressional district, which also currently shares the same State Senate district, Assembly district, New York City Council district, Community Board and NYPD precinct. This division will make it extremely difficult to get the resources we need. For the last 20 years, these communities have been unified . . . [which] has enabled us to collectively lobby for better transit options . . . better environmental policies," as well as funding for schools.

An unsettling statistic is that the Bronx will represent only 4 percent of this new district, while 66 percent of the voters will live in mostly affluent areas on Long Island. As the residents' letter puts

it: "We don't go to the same schools, take the same transportation, have the same municipalities or services, nor do we share the same problems or interests. Frankly, we have about as much in common with someone in Smithtown, Long Island, as we do with someone on the planet Mars."

Several Island residents, however, were more positive about the new district, noting that it includes waterfront communities like ours all along the western part of Long Island Sound, including Pelham, Larchmont, Mamaroneck, Rye, and the villages of Port Chester and Rye Brook to the north and much of the north shore of Long Island, now stretching as far east as Smithtown.

District 3 is currently represented by Representative Thomas Suozzi, who has held this position since 2017. Mr. Suozzi is not running for this seat again but is making a bid for governorship of New York.

One possible bright note is that City Island's current State Senator, Alessandra Biaggi, has decided to run for Congress to represent the new District 3. As a resident of Pelham, which is also in the new district, and as a representative of City Island since she defeated Jeff Klein in 2018, she believes that she has the determination it will take to win the seat. Remember that Senator Biaggi's grandfather Mario Biaggi served as a member of the House of Representatives from New York from 1969 to 1988, having been re-elected 10 times, seven times with more than 90 percent of the vote.

When questioned about why he voted for the new district, Assemblyman Michael Benedetto admitted that he was disappointed with the lines as drawn but that he was determined to work with prospective candidates on the needs of this part of the district. He sees it as his responsibility to make sure that no elected congressional representative will overlook our communities. He also recalls when Nita Lowey was City Island's representative back in 1992; she was from Harrison, not Long

Island, and she did a great deal for City Island until the district was changed yet again.

The primary election for U.S. Representative from the new Congressional District 3 will be held on June 28 this year, with the election to follow on Nov. 8. In the running so far are six Democrats—

Alessandra Biaggi, Melanie D'Arrigo, Jon Kaiman, Navjot Kaur, Joshua Lafazan, Reema Rasool and Robert Zimmerman—and one Republican, George Devolder-Santos. We will surely be hearing a great deal more about who they are and what they can do for City Island in the months ahead.

## THE RESULTS ARE IN: Shore Road Study Complete

By TOMMY BREEN



### Key Findings: Multi-Use Path

- If included in the project, the multi-use path width of 9-ft will require to be increased to 15-ft, where feasible, to comply with ADA accessibility
  - Note a new path is an optional addition to the project, as the existing bike path runs further to the west
- Northern multi-use path (adjacent to roadway) would result in:
  - Removal of 32 trees, a significant impact to the natural forest area of Pelham Bay Park
  - Disturbance to 0.2 acres of wetlands
  - Significant coordination with Westchester County due to the lack of a connecting bike path along Shore Road north of the city limits
  - Increased construction cost approx. \$2.1 million



Photo by TOMMY BREEN; "Key Findings" from NV5 STUDY

Shore Road between the Bartow Circle and the Pelham border has been a hazard for many years, with flooding conditions caused by run-off from Pelham Bay Park. A study of ways in which the road conditions can be improved has recently been completed by NV5, an engineering company engaged by the NYC Department of Design and Construction.

Shore Road between the Bartow-Pell Circle and the Pelham Manor border is infamous for dangerous flooding conditions, especially in the winter. On Jan. 12, 2022, the engineering firm NV5, which was hired by the NYC Department of Design and Construction (DDC) to study Shore Road, gave a virtual presentation to the Municipal Services Committee of Bronx Community Board #10. This was the first time the results of the Shore Road Capital Project Scoping Development (CPSD) study were made public. The projected cost for the project ranges from \$52 to \$60 million (in 2021 dollars), the variation based on the level of road raising and the inclusion of an extension of the multi-use path that runs parallel to the roadway.

The \$1.5 million study, whose funding was secured by former Councilmember James Vacca, began in August 2018 and

was originally anticipated to conclude in late 2019. NV5, which provides engineering consulting solutions for public infrastructure projects, gave an initial presentation in January 2019, when they also took feedback from the attendees. The study was then delayed in part because of a Covid-19 related work stoppage and was finally completed in November 2021.

Since February of 2016 my brother, James, and I have been documenting the dangers that exist along Shore Road, and our first short film immediately caught the attention of Councilmember Vacca. About 12,000 vehicles a day travel on Shore Road, and there is significantly more traffic when the Hutchinson River Parkway is backed up. As far back as anyone can remember, the road has been plagued with accidents caused by poor road conditions. On Jan. 16, 2019, for

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**BRIEFLY...**

**SAVE THE DATE!** On Saturday, May 14, at 10 a.m. "ShipShape 22," a City Island clean-up organized by the City Island Civic Association and the City Island Strong Coalition, together with the NYC Department of Sanitation, will begin in front of Hawkins Park. Entertainment and other festivities will follow. Be sure to mark your calendars.

**YACHT CLUB OPEN HOUSES:** As spring approaches, the yacht clubs on City Island will be welcoming visitors to show what activities are offered to members, everything from boat moorings to dining facilities. The City Island Yacht Club, located at 63 Pilot Street, will hold its open houses on Saturday, April 23 and 30, from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The Harlem Yacht Club, 417 Hunter Avenue, will be open for prospective members on Saturday, March 5 and April 9, from 1 to 5 p.m. And the Morris Yacht Club, 25 City Island Avenue, will have its open houses on Sunday, April 23 and May 15, from noon to 6 p.m.

**45 BLOTTER**

Complaints reported from City Island to the 45th Precinct during January and February 2022. Unfounded complaints are not included in the list.

- 1 - AGGRAVATED HARASSMENT
- 2 - GRAND LARCENY
- 2 - LEAVING THE SCENE OF AN ACCIDENT
- 1 - MENACING
- 1 - PETIT LARCENY

Police provided details on the following incidents for the period from Jan. 20 to Feb. 21, 2022.

1/28 - On Schofield Street at 5 p.m., an off-Island male stated that he parked his vehicle and upon return found that the passenger side window was broken and multiple items were missing in an act of petit larceny.

1/30 - A male Islander was injured during a vehicular accident on City Island Avenue at 7 p.m. The victim states he was double-parked when he was rear-ended by another vehicle, whose driver fled the scene on foot in unknown direction. The victim was taken to a hospital with an injury.

2/10 - Police from the 45th Precinct are investigating an incident of grand larceny on Pilot Street at 10 a.m. A female Islander told police that an unknown perpetrator stole a check from her and "washed" it for the amount of \$42,000. It is not known where the check was cashed.

2/10 - At 12 p.m. on City Island Avenue, a female Islander reported an incident of aggravated harassment. Complainant states that an unknown person opened a fake Instagram account, took pictures from her account and linked them to a sex account.

2/12 - A male Islander reported that an unknown driver struck his vehicle, causing it to overturn on City Island Avenue at 6:20 p.m. The perpetrator fled the scene of the accident after driving out of a parking lot.

2/12 - On Minneford Avenue at 11:30 p.m., a male Islander stated he had a verbal dispute with a neighbor/landlord. Complainant stated that the defendant had a metal bat and threatened to use it on the complainant. There were no injuries.

2/21 - At 4:45 p.m. on City Island Avenue, a female off-Islander told police that an unknown perpetrator took her property, including a debit card and ID, without permission or authority, in an act of grand larceny.

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**Key Findings: Roadway Raising**

- Raising the roadway would help address different levels of street flooding:
  - 4-ft road raising protects to 10-year storm event
  - 6-ft road raising protects to 50-year storm event
  - 7-ft road raising protects to 100-year storm event
- Higher elevation would protect to stronger storm event, however, would also lead to increased:
  - Construction costs
  - Number of trees to be removed
  - Disturbance to wetland area

100-Year Storm Elev. 12.9  
50-Year Storm Elev. 11.9  
10-Year Storm Elev. 9.7  
Existing Elev. 7.5

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"Key Findings" from NV5 STUDY

This drawing from the plan proposed for Shore Road shows the various heights to which some sections of the road might be raised along the roadway to prevent flooding.

## Shore Road Study

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example, a fatal head-on collision involving off-duty NYPD officer Brian Kessler and a NYC Parks Department garbage truck, took place near the golf course.

The Community Board presentation on Jan. 12 was attended by members of the NYC Parks Department, the NYC Department of Transportation (DOT) and the NYC Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), as well as staff from the offices of State Senator Alessandra Biaggi and Councilmember Marjorie Velázquez. At the meeting, members of both the board committee and the East Bronx community also commented on issues they want to see addressed in addition to the flooding.

The 1.4 mile stretch of Shore Road between the Bartow-Pell Circle and Westchester County line runs through natural wetlands, and the engineers concluded that adjacent watershed also contributes to the roadway flooding. Natural grades allow the water to flow from Pelham Manor, Amtrak railway swales, scuppers and outlets from I-95 and the golf course area, all of which then flow out onto Shore Road. The engineering firm determined that raising the roadway was the only solution to the flooding problems. This would allow water to flow naturally underneath the new roadway and keep Shore Road above the floodplain. The engineers presented three options: raising the low points of the roadway by four, six or seven feet, which would protect against 10-, 15- and 100-year storms, respectively. Depending on the level of the rise, about 2 or 2.5 acres of wetlands would be disturbed and 80 to 90 trees removed. Regardless of which design is selected, minimizing impact on the wetlands and natural habitat would be a top priority.

In 2019 my brother and I suggested improving the connection of the multi-use path between the Bronx and Westchester County. This path runs alongside Shore Road and is used by both bicyclists and pedestrians. Currently, the northern part of the path veers away from the roadway as it nears Westchester, and it ends at Park Lane in Pelham Manor. For those who want to return to Shore Road, this represents a 0.7

mile detour. Since many people do not want to be detoured, they climb over the guardrail and travel on the roadway (which has no shoulder), creating a very dangerous situation. If the path were extended a quarter of a mile, it could connect to the existing sidewalk in Pelham Manor, thus keeping pedestrians and bicyclists out of the roadway. The engineers studied the multi-use path and proposed an optional extension as part of the project. The path extension option, which would disturb 0.2 acres of wetland and require the removal of 32 trees, is estimated to cost \$3 million. Whether or not the extension is included, reconstruction of Shore Road will include widening and repaving of the existing path.

After the NV5 presentation, the Municipal Services Committee and members of the community seemed to be satisfied that the plans presented were the best options to improve Shore Road and ensure safety. The committee voted to request that the full Community Board send a letter to Mayor Eric Adams and Councilmember Marjorie Velázquez asking that they fund the Shore Road reconstruction project as it was presented by NV5. It was agreed that it is critical for the safety of all drivers and pedestrians that a Shore Road Capital Project is funded for fiscal year 2023. The vote on the budget takes place in June 2022. For now, DDC will work with other city agencies to decide which design option is best.

District Manager of CB10, Matthew Cruz, was asked for comment: "Community Board 10 is proud to be the avenue for any discussion of the improvement of Shore Road. It will remain our priority to get the funding necessary for this project. We say thank you to our residents for their steadfast advocacy. We will continue to contact DOT on what immediate measures can be taken so that no one gets hurt."

A great deal has been accomplished in the last six years since the problems of Shore Road were first brought to the attention of City Hall. It was through the hard work of many community advocates that Shore Road has finally gotten the attention it deserves. Now that we have a project cost estimate, we, along with other concerned residents, will do everything we can to help secure the funding.

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# GETTING TO HART ISLAND

By BARBARA DOLENSEK

**What we've heard so far**  
Summary of stakeholder comments provided below

- IMPROVED ACCESS**
- RESTORATION TO A WOODLAND CEMETERY**  
Maintain Existing Serenity
- FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT WITHIN THE ISLAND**  
Public Access Should Be Respectful of Cemetery Context
- ALTERNATIVE DEPARTURE POINTS**  
Consider Locations with Increased Transit Accessibility
- INCREASED VISITING TIMES**  
Expand Visitation Beyond Reservation Only System
- TRAFFIC & PARKING**  
Alternatives Should Consider City Island Residents Quality of Life  
Minimize or Reduce Automobile Trips and Parking Demand

Image from PARKS DEPARTMENT HART ISLAND TRANSPORTATION STUDY

In February 2022, the Department of Parks and Recreation launched a study of transportation to and from Hart Island, including an online questionnaire asking for community input and a Zoom meeting where members of the public were invited to speak. Another public meeting will be held later in March, and the transportation study is scheduled to be completed in May.

The only public access to Hart Island is through City Island, via a ferry that leaves from the east end of Fordham Street. When the jurisdiction of Hart Island was transferred from the Department of Correction to the Department of Parks & Recreation in July last year, a transportation study was planned to explore expanding access to the island while preserving its function as a public cemetery, and City Island residents were eager to speak up. The study was delayed by Covid-19, but it finally came to life on Jan. 25, via a Zoom meeting coordinated by the Parks Department after a survey was distributed to the community stakeholders for comments about access to Hart Island.

According to Parks, the goal is to develop short-, medium- and long-term concept plans for improving access to Hart Island. The study began in the fall of 2021 and includes, along with Parks, the Human Resources Administration (HRA), the Department of Transportation (DOT), the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME), the NYC Economic Development Corporation (EDC) and City Hall. To conduct the study, Parks hired the engineering firm NV5, experts in transportation planning, marine engineering, and community engagement, and, coincidentally, the same firm that is doing a study of Shore Road (see page 1).

Many Islanders attended the virtual meeting in January, most of them speaking up in favor of having visitation to Hart Island come from locations other than City Island, perhaps by the NYC Ferry

that serves Ferry Point Park, which, as Island resident Herb Schaumburg points out, "already has a working ferry slip, an operating schedule, is close and has a large (but somewhat distant) parking lot with shuttle bus."

At the present time, visitation to Hart Island is limited to relatives of those interred there who must make appointments to visit, and the schedule is limited. It is expected, however, that eventually the island will become more accessible, although many City Island residents feel that the present ferry is not a viable mode of transport for the future. As Cathy Cepek of the Civic Association put it, "there is no parking on the small residential street near the ferry dock, and the area doesn't have the facilities to accommodate visitors."

The transportation study is expected to be completed in May of this year, after one more public forum via Zoom, which will take place later in March. Parks did not have a scheduled date as of press time, so watch for an announcement on the Civic Association Facebook page.

In the meantime, other projects are slated for Hart Island this year, including demolition of the buildings that were constructed many years ago to house hospital patients, prisoners, delinquent youths and more, when the island was supervised by the Department of Public Charities and Correction. When the department was divided in half in 1895, Correction remained responsible for the island, including the burials, until July 2021. The building demolition is expected to take place during the coming year.

## Dr. Raja Flores Addresses Civic on Covid

By BARBARA DOLENSEK



Photo by BARBARA DOLENSEK

Dr. Raja Flores spoke to a group of concerned Islanders about Covid-19.

A world-renowned surgeon, Dr. Raja Flores, addressed the February meeting of the City Island Civic Association to talk about Covid-19 from a doctor's perspective, and he answered a number of questions asked by members of the group.

He acknowledged that there are still unanswered questions about the virus and that the U.S. government's response has often been either confusing or misleading. How-

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SHORE ROAD STUDY OF FLOODING & OTHER ISSUES COMPLETE	DR. RAJA FLORES SPEAKS TO ISLANDERS ABOUT COVID VACCINATIONS AT CIVIC MEETING	GHOST SIGHTINGS ON CITY ISLAND IN NEW BOOK	MORE HISTORIC HOMES ON CI HIGHLIGHTED
SO, TO GET ANY BENEFIT FOR A SIGNIFICANT PERIOD OF TIME IN THE FACE OF RISING WATERS DUE TO GLOBAL WARMING, THEY'D ALMOST HAVE TO BUILD A BRIDGE-LIKE CAUSEWAY BETWEEN HERE AND NEW ROCHELLE.	UM...YOU MEAN IT HAS ALMOST COMPLETELY ERADICATED POLIO IN THE WORLD?	WHAT DO YOU MEAN, USED TO BE A GHOST ON CI? I'M STILL HERE! YOU GUYS ARE JUST TOO WRAPPED UP IN YOUR TECHNOLOGY TO NOTICE.	I'M READING THIS STORY ABOUT THE SAMUEL PELL HOUSE ON CI. ME TOO, BUT DID YOU SEE THAT CI WAS ONCE CALLED MINNEWITS ISLAND? I HOPE MY H.S. CLASSMATES DON'T GET WIND OF THIS!



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**Barge Mystery**

To the Editor,  
I have a question and I have no idea whom to ask. Since we moved to City Island, we've been driving over the drawbridge on Shore Road to get onto City Island Road. As I go by and look over to the side between the drawbridge and the railroad bridge, I have observed a barge and occasionally small boats tied up to the barge. It seems for three years that they have been in the same spot. Do you know what they're up to? I know some were there for the bridge repairs, but what are those other ones?

Meanwhile, congratulations to *The Island Current* on 50 years of publication. That's quite an accomplishment.

**Mickey Burke**

*Editor's Note: There have been barges in that area near the bridge for many years, collecting garbage from the river, among other activities. Some have been removed, but the one mentioned by Mr. Burke has stayed in place. No city agency seems to be responsible for this, but it has been recommended that concerned members of the community appeal to the City Council for funding to remove it. Plans are in the works for a new bridge to replace the current Shore Road Bridge, and it is likely that the barge would be removed at that time.*

**From the Borough President**

Dear Neighbors,  
We had a great week as we traveled across the borough spending time with many of you. On Thursday, we held our Kosova Independence Day event and honored some incredible leaders and trailblazers making a difference in our city. Our office also partnered with elected officials, city agencies, community leaders and nonprofit partners to provide food, PPE and Covid-19 home testing kits in various neighborhoods throughout the borough, made visits to several schools, supported some of our local businesses, participated in cultural celebrations and so much more.

I also want to remind you that New Yorkers who get either their first vaccine

shot or a booster dose at vaccination sites operated by the city or the SOMOS community care network will receive a \$100 bonus, issued via a pre-paid debit card. Please continue to encourage your loved ones to get vaccinated.

As always, I remain committed to leading this borough forward as we work

towards building a healthier, safer Bronx for everyone.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office at 718-590-3500 or by e-mailing [webmail@bronxbp.nyc.gov](mailto:webmail@bronxbp.nyc.gov).

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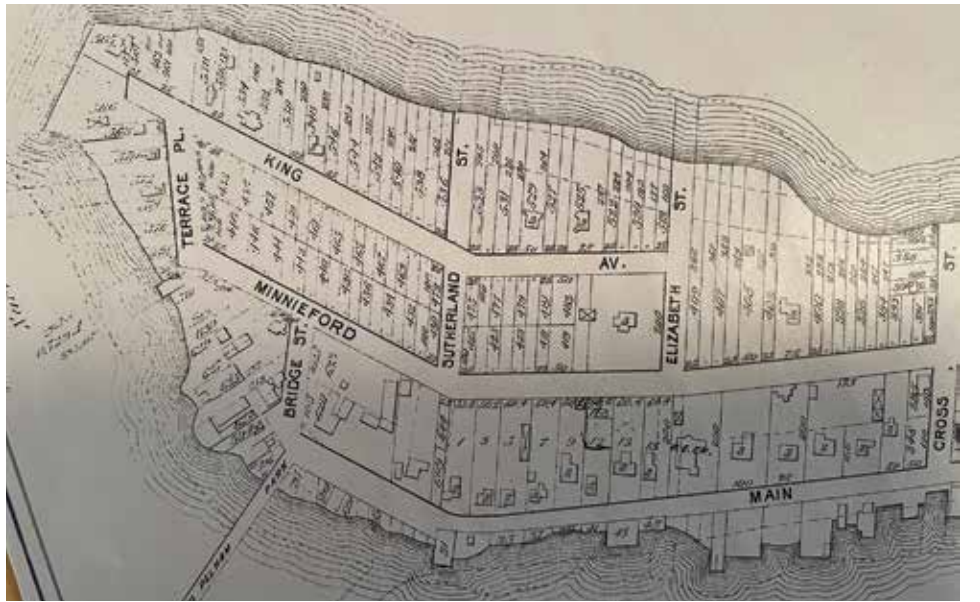
# THE HOUSE THAT OYSTERS BUILT

By BARBARA DOLENSEK



Photos courtesy of THE CITY ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The landmark building at 586 City Island Avenue is as handsome now as it was half a century ago (photos above). The building across the street (top, right), now owned by the Sea Shore Restaurant, was once the property of oysterman Samuel Pell and later Edgar P. Feeley. The map (middle, right) is dated 1900, before the completion of the steel bridge, and shows the Pell house just above the word MAIN, next to St. Mary's church. The lot next to it is occupied by another house, but in the 1902 Mack and Cameron map (bottom, right) the lot appears to be empty.



Soon after you cross the City Island bridge onto the Island, you will see on the east (left) side of the avenue a series of buildings, some impressive, some not so much. There have been structures at the north end of the Island for over 150 years, when the Island was part of the town of Pelham and when visitors had to come by ferry. In 1873, however, a wooden bridge was constructed, and a number of imposing new houses began to line Main Street, as City Island Avenue was then called. One of them, now a designated New York City landmark, is still as impressive as when it was first built, and its history reflects that of the Island on which it stands.

Samuel Pell was a descendent of the Pell family that had owned the island, which they called Minneford, Minnewits or Great Mulberry Island, since 1654, when Thomas Pell purchased thousands of acres from the indigenous people who lived on the mainland. In the 18th century, Benjamin Palmer gave it the name City Island and determined to create a rival to New York Harbor, although the Revolutionary War, specifically the local Battle of Pell's Point, brought an end to his dream, and eventually the island became part of the town of Pelham. Samuel Pell, who was born in 1821, moved to City Island about 1850 and made his living as an oysterman, which was a thriving business here during the 19th century. He married Elizabeth Scofield, the daughter of William and Maria Scofield, whose family had settled on City Island in the 1830s and whose house, also a landmark, is still standing at the corner of Schofield Street and William Avenue.

In December 1875, Samuel Pell bought a prime piece of property on the east side of Main Street from Elizabeth Rodman Bowne King, who owned much of the northern end of the island at the time. He also purchased a lot 100 feet wide on the west side of the street that extended to Eastchester Bay.

This gave him riparian rights, an important factor in his oyster business, since millions of oysters and clams were stored on the waterfront south of the bridge, according to a New York Times report in 1878, "awaiting shipment to the New York market."

Pell built his house in 1876 at what is now 586 City Island Avenue. He and most of his 12 children lived in the house until about 1900 and were prominent members of the City Island community for many years. According to the NY Landmarks Commission, the original site extended 100 feet along the east side of Main Street and ran 200 feet through the block to Minneford Avenue. The house, which had 15 rooms, including five bedrooms, a parlor, music room, breakfast room and servants' quarters, reflects both the size of the Pell family and the sizeable income they derived from the oyster business.

The style of the house is known as Second Empire, and the Landmarks Preservation Commission believes that a local contractor built it, as there several similar houses were constructed on City Island at about this time. The Pell house, however, is the largest and best preserved of those that survive today. The three-story frame building has its original clapboards and decorated doors and windows, cornices and porches. The mansard roof still has original polychrome slate shingles and dormer windows with pediments.

The other Second Empire structures on City Island, constructed at a time when City Island was enjoying prosperity thanks to the new bridge, the oyster business and the emergence of ship-building, include the three-story houses at 577 Minneford Avenue, 128 City Island Avenue and 186 Cross Street, all of which have been altered over the years. Smaller houses in this style include the attached houses at 84-86 Schofield Street, the matching pair at 87 and 91 Carroll Street, and the building at 562 City

Island Avenue where Cormac McEnery has his office. The Landmarks Commission makes a special point about this last house, or cottage, which was probably built about the same time as the Pell house: "Both houses have slightly flared mansard roofs with pedimented dormers; their moldings and brackets have almost identical profiles; and their roofs are enriched with similar decorative slate patterns featuring rosettes of red and gray-green hexagonal slates."

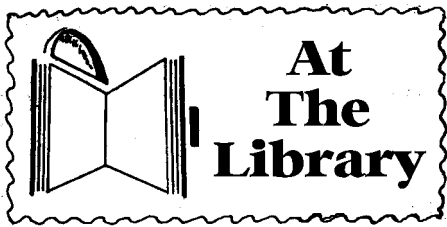
Interestingly, Island tradition has it that the house at 577 Minneford, now called the Old Captain's Manor, was actually built just south of the Pell house on Main Street facing west, perhaps by a member of the Pell family, but that a falling-out between the residents led to the house being turned around to face east. This might seem far-fetched until one realizes that many houses were moved from place to place a century ago and that the date on the sign above the porch is circa 1876, the same year that the Pell house was constructed. It is also interesting to note that the lot next to the Pell house, now owned by Johnny B's Marina, is empty and being used as a parking lot. However, two maps in the City Island Nautical Museum, one dated 1900 and the other about 1905, show clearly that there was a house in the lot next to the Pell home, comparable in size to the Old Captain's Manor, and that there was no house at all in the lot where it now stands facing Minneford Avenue north of the church. And speaking of St. Mary, Star of the Sea, the parish was founded in 1887, over a decade after the Pell house was built on the lot next door.

According to the federal census of 1880, three of Samuel Pell's sons followed him into the oyster business. Another son, Sherman Pell, got the family into trouble when

as a supervisor of Westchester County from Pelham he managed to forge documents and failed to turn over tax funds that had been entrusted to him. He fled to Florida, but his father and brother Percy were sued by the town for \$10,000. Shortly thereafter, Samuel Pell sold the house and the waterfront property to his daughter Lydia Scofield, who developed a successful real estate business. Samuel Pell died in March 1894, and Lydia and her son Fletcher moved into the house, joining several of her unmarried brothers and sisters. All of the Pells moved out of the house in 1906, and Lydia sold it and the waterfront property in September 1907 to James J. Feeley, who was in the dry goods business. Feeley and his wife, Elizabeth, had moved to City Island in the late 1890s with their six children and lived in a rented house on Main Street until they purchased the Pell house.

In 1925, Feeley enlarged the old carriage house/garage at the back of the property and converted it to a residence with the address 589 Minneford Avenue. Then he subdivided the lot on which the big house stood, gave it to his daughter Vera, and built a garage on the remaining part of that lot to be used by residents of 586. When James Feeley died in 1928, his son Edgar bought the house and the waterfront property across the street at 583 City Island Avenue, which the Feeleys used for their own boating business. An Island resident who grew up on City Island remembers that during the 1960s Tyne Burne, Edgar Feeley's mistress, had an antique shop in that location in addition to her shop in Scarsdale; the building is now owned by the Seashore Restaurant, which operates a boatyard in the same location where Samuel Pell must have run his

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# At The Library

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**Family Storytime:** This event will take place in person at City Island. Join us for a live program with songs, rhymes and favorite read-aloud books as we show you that story time is fun for the whole family. Ideal for caregivers with multiple-aged children. Online registration required. Limited to 15 children and caregivers per session. March 1, 4, 8, 11, 15, 18 and 29 at 11 a.m.

### MARCH TEEN AND TWEEN PROGRAMS

**Virtual Teens Talk Books:** Chat about YA historical fiction within the lens of National Women's History Month, and leave with a list of recommended titles! Friday, March 18, at 3 p.m.

**Virtual Monday Meditation:** Start your week with a 30-minute meditation, and leave with guides and resources on resetting your mind. Monday, March 21, at 3:30 p.m.

**Crafty Teens—Online!** Take some time to relax and chat about crafting while working on whatever craft you prefer: drawing, knitting, photo editing or whatever you're currently working on! Thursday, March 31, at 4 p.m.

**Women Heroes: A Lecture Series:**

This program will showcase key figures in the women's movement while delving into feminist history including gender inequality and theory. Thursdays, March 10, 17 and 24, at 3 p.m.

### MARCH ADULT PROGRAMS

**City Island Book Club:** Every month, a new title will be chosen and copies will be available for pickup on a first-come, first-served basis. Call us for details on what we're reading next. Monday, March 14 and 28, at 5 p.m.

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

**One-on-One Job Support:** Do you need help with your resumé, cover letter or job search? Our trained staff can help you write and format your resúmes and cover letters, conduct mock interviews and identify job search resources. Wednesday, March 2, 9, 16 and 23, at 10 a.m., will be virtual. No registration required. Register at <https://www.nypl.org/adults/career-employment/virtual/support>. Wednesday, March 30, at 10 a.m., will be in-person at the library.

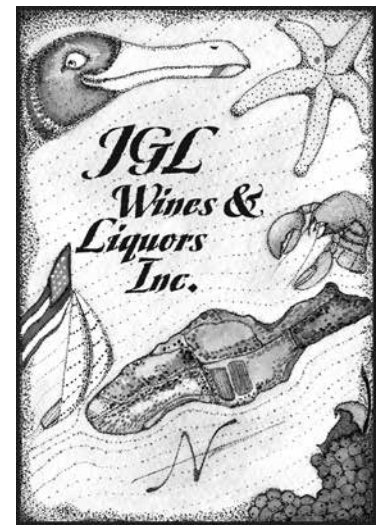
**What Are You Reading?** Calling all avid readers! Let's come together as a community to discuss what you've been reading, and what you may want to read next! This is an open discussion for all genres, and each session will also include a presentation of titles related to a particular topic. Thursday, March 24, at 5 p.m., in person at the library. On Saturday, March 26, at 3 p.m., this program will be presented virtually with registration required.

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



As a service to our readers, *The Island Current* will periodically list recent sales of residential and commercial property as found in the public record. This feature is designed to give a general idea of the fair market values of property on City Island. An update will be published every few months at our discretion. The following information was collected by Janie Blanks, associate broker with Exp Realty, LLC. *The Current* is not responsible for errors or omissions in the data.

Address	Sale Price	Closing Date
<b>One-Family Houses</b>		
151 Pilot Street	\$580,000	10/21/21
463 King Avenue	\$803,000	11/23/21
467 King Avenue	\$913,000	12/02/21
487 Minneford Avenue	\$490,000	12/03/21
649 Minneford Avenue	\$675,000	12/15/21
690 Bridge Street	\$470,000	12/28/21
21 Pell Place	\$539,000	1/10/22
667 King Avenue	\$799,000	1/11/22
<b>Multi-Family Houses</b>		
53 Fordham Street	\$800,000	10/22/21
60 Centre Street	\$850,000	11/30/21
447 Minneford Street	\$338,075	12/15/21
179 Cross Street	\$950,000	12/20/21
106 Caroll Street	\$755,000	12/22/21
76 Renolds Street	\$975,000	1/11/22
<b>Condominiums</b>		
190 Fordham Street #4	\$430,000	12/30/21
170 Schofield Street, 2E	\$400,000	1/24/22
43 Island Point	\$1,300,000	1/28/22
<b>Commercial</b>		
266 City Island Avenue	\$299,000	12/16/21

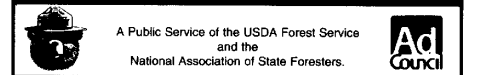


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**LOCAL VIEWS**  
By VIRGINIA DANNEGGER

*During the past few months, when we were all coping with the pandemic, did you experience a sense of community here on City Island, with people helping each other during these trying times?*

**Sandy Dunn**



News travels fast on City Island. On Dec. 7, 2021, when I found out that the Sextons' house had caught fire, I reached out to the Grace Church family and friends of Harlan and David to inform them that a collection would be taken up at the church on the following Sunday, Dec. 12. From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., there was a constant flow of monetary donations, clothing and household items from Islanders showing genuine care and concern. It was heart-warming to witness so much giving over a brief period of time, and when it was done, the gifts were piled high around a filled collection box. There were many who helped and supported the Sextons in their time of need that day. I was happy to be one of them.

**Ed Parenti**



I did experience a sense of community here. During these last few months, neighbors have continued to check with neighbors on their health, on whether they need groceries, or any other errands run. They have continued to update each other about testing, vaccination and other pandemic-related information, as well as supporting food drives and other activities sponsored by City Island organizations.

**Ken Binder**



The isolation during the pandemic was compounded by a cancer diagnosis and beginning a long siege of treatments and hospitalizations. A community of friends on City Island formed to assist us through this trying time. They continue to be there for us. Friends are essential!

**Hans Dannegger**



Whether it's my next-door neighbor shoveling my sidewalk after a snowstorm, someone giving me a ride to a doctor's appointment or a lift home from church, or making a caring call, City Islanders step right up to help even when there isn't a pandemic.

**Mary Ellen Burgess**

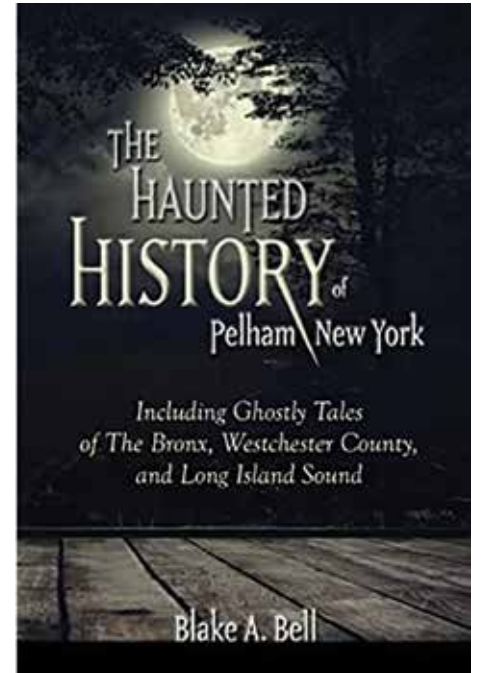


I'm grateful for the opportunity to say "Thank you" to those in the community who brought delicious soups, pastas and groceries during the time I needed to quarantine. Although many wished to remain anonymous, this little note is for you.

*A Current Review*

**The Haunted History of Pelham, New York: Including Ghostly Tales of The Bronx, Westchester County, and Long Island Sound**

By BARBARA DOLENSEK



Although the title of this book indicates that its ghost stories originated in the town of Pelham in Westchester County, everyone familiar with City Island history knows that until 1898 this Island was officially part of Pelham. In fact, for many years, more Pelhamites lived on City Island than on the mainland. It is not surprising, then, that a number of the wonderful, scary tales in this book are based on ghosts seen on City Island, some as faceless shadow ghosts, others as phantom ships.

The author of the book, Blake Bell, is well known to local historians. His website, *historicpelhamblogspot.com*, is a rich resource for all who are interested in local history, and for several years he also wrote a column in the Pelham Weekly newspaper, where a number of these stories originally appeared.

Mr. Bell starts his collection of tales by featuring spirits seen by native Americans, who were called Siwanoy for many years but are now known to have been Wiechquaeskecks, who spoke Munsee, an Algonquin language. It was a Wiechquaeskeck sachem known as Anhoōke who signed a deed in 1654 transferring about 50,000 acres of land to Thomas Pell. Years before that, however, a "wicked giant devil, known by many names including Habboamoko, long had roamed the region." It was this devil who frightened the indigenous Americans, who gathered together to chase him off the mainland across Long Island Sound. As they did so, however, the devil gathered giant boulders and threw them down, creating the famous "Stepping Stones" in the Sound but also Split Rock, Glover's Rock and a number of other notable boulders in Pelham Bay Park. Mr. Bell reminds us that Washington Irving, author of "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow," spent a good deal of time in the area, as a close friend of Rev. Robert Bolton of Bolton Priory, and noted this legend in his book "Tales of a Traveler."

Other ghostly spirits include the renowned Anne Hutchinson, several British soldiers who fought in this area in October 1776, and Captain Kidd, a Scottish sailor who is said to have buried his treasure on Huckleberry Island off the coast of Pelham.

Phantom ships make several appearances, along with the "tens of thousands of ships" that once passed the coast of Pelham on their way to and from New York Harbor. Hart Island, of course, has had its share of spirits, one of them a "moaning ghost" who haunted the island during the Civil War, when it was a military base.

Many Pelham houses, including Bartow-Pell, the Bolton Priory and the Manor Club, were haunted at times, legend has it, but the winter of 1887-88 was the most frightening, at least for those who lived on City Island, which "was virtually overrun by phantoms." That winter a young woman named Allie Sturges, who was engaged to Rochelle Horton, was terrified by a specter that chased her across the Island. It may have been the same phantom that chased Will Darling down Main Street (now City Island Avenue) a few months later and became known as the Floating White Phantom of City Island.

Halloween has come and gone, but for those of us who love to celebrate it year round, here is a perfect gift or, even better, a book that will keep you on your toes the next time you venture out at night!

(Excelsior Editions, Imprint of the State University of New York Press; available on Amazon and at Kaleidoscope Gallery on City Island)



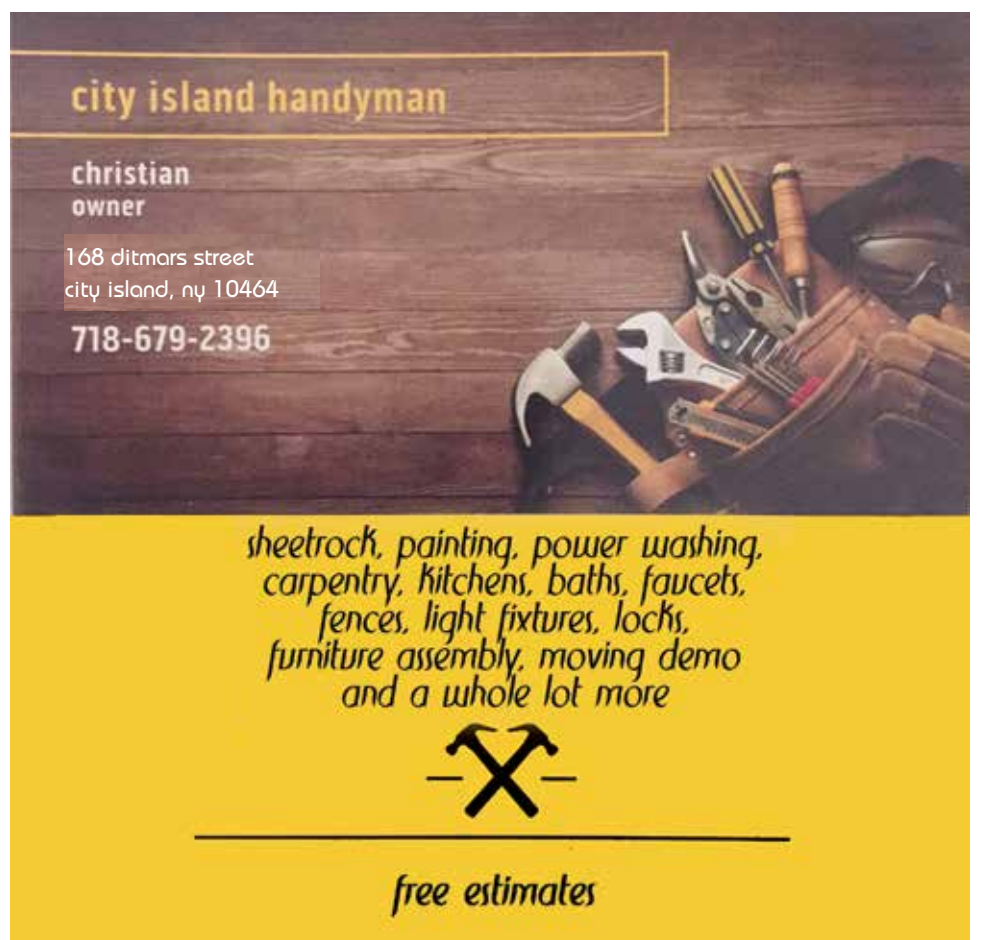
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### St. Mary's Thrift Shop

The Thrift shop is open on Thursdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. We will be having our End of Season \$1.00 bag sales on March 3, 5, 10 and 12. Then we will be closed from March 17 through March 26, reopening on March 31 with our Spring Collection. Hope to see you soon.

**Arlene Byrne**

### St. Mary, Star of the Sea

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

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

Out of an abundance of caution we have decided to conduct our Religious Education classes online for the rest of the school year.

Wednesday, March 2, is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the holy season of Lent, a time of prayer and fasting. Masses on that day will be at 7 a.m. and 12 noon. Ashes will be blessed and distributed at all the Masses.

The Lenten devotion of Stations of the Cross will be held each Friday evening during Lent at 7 p.m.

**Rosette Dietz**

### AARP Chapter 318

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

**Carroll A. Reid**

### City Island Republicans

During March we will be circulating petitions throughout the Island. Please sign up to help get our candidates onto the ballot. We are looking at having a full slate once again.

The state convention will be held in Nassau County this year. Lee Zelden looks to be the official nominee for governor. Candidates for other offices will be nominated at the convention. Those who do not get 25 percent will have to petition their way onto the primary ballot.

The legislative lines are currently being redrawn, and the congressional lines have been drawn. City Island is now in the 3rd congressional district, which is much more of a swing district than the old 14th. There will be a competitive race this fall.

We hope to have meetings this year. Our dues are \$20, payable to City Island Republicans. Our address is P.O. Box 19, Bronx, NY 10464.

**Fred Ramftl**

### Grace Episcopal Church

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

Bible reading over coffee and tea is held on the second Sunday of each month. We have started a new gathering of parishioners and friends of Grace to read a chapter of the Bible together and discuss it right

after the church service, around 11 a.m., under the leadership of Molly Grose, a certified mentor of Bible studies.

Ash Wednesday service will be held on March 2 starting at 7 p.m.

We will be holding Sunday School sessions periodically in preparation for special services such as Palm Sunday (presentation of The Passion of Christ) and Father's Day (Youth Service). If you would like to be part of Grace's Sunday School, call Karen Nani at 917-853-4401 or e-mail her at [karenrnl@optonline.net](mailto:karenrnl@optonline.net).

The Grace Choir is looking for more singers! For the upcoming months, we will be working on new music for our regular worship cycle. There are no formal auditions, and reading music isn't a requirement; you'll learn the basics as a member of the group. If you have singing experience, great, but if not, that's okay. The choir members also play hand chimes for special occasions. The ability to juggle two or three hymnals is a requirement and will be mastered with practice.

The expected commitment will include regular attendance at Sunday worship service and arrival before the service (usually 9:15 a.m.) to review and warm up. Also, rehearsals after coffee hour (from about 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.) on the first and last Sunday of every month. If you'd like to give it a try, or have any questions, please contact Caroline at [geccimusic@gmail.com](mailto:geccimusic@gmail.com) or see her after Sunday service.

The GraceTones are rehearsing for upcoming shows planned for late spring. If you play a musical instrument, such as guitar, harmonica, flute or fiddle, and you'd like to join in rehearsals, please contact Sandy Dunn at [accentfix@gmail.com](mailto:accentfix@gmail.com) or text to 917-566-1296.

**Sandy Dunn**

### American Legion Post 156

The next meeting will be Sunday, March 6, at 12 noon, both in person and via Zoom. Dues are past due: \$55 for 2022. Please drop the dues off at the Post, and make sure your name is on the envelope. We are operating at 100 percent capacity, so currently we can offer the Hall for rental. We will continue to remain compliant to New York State and City requirements as we move out of this pandemic.

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

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

The following are dates of upcoming events:

March 12: St. Patrick's Dinner hosted by Squadron 156, 1 to 6 p.m.

March 13: Throggs Neck St. Patrick's Day Parade

March 17: Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Thank you to the entire City Island community for all your support over the past 103 years. It's our honor to be your community partner.

**Peter C. Del-Debbio**

### Temple Beth-El

Temple Beth-El (TBE), "your shul by the sea," is a stimulating non-denominational, welcoming place for observance of Jewish traditions. Jewish Renewal is the style of our deeply spiritual, innovative, all-inclusive and open-minded worship. All Temple offerings are online via Zoom. Many tutorials for reg-

istering a new free Zoom account are available online. You do not need an account to join our offerings. To participate in any of our offerings please e-mail [yourshulbythesea@gmail.com](mailto:yourshulbythesea@gmail.com), and identify which you would like to attend.

For the month of March, Rabbi David Evan Markus will lead Friday night Shabbat services on March 11 and 25 in person at the shul and on Zoom. Other services will be community-led on Zoom on March 4 and 18. Please see our online calendar for our community-led Havdalah services, which begin at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday nights, except March 26, which will be in person at the Emelin Theater and on Zoom. All services are held in a joyful celebratory manner.

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

On March 6, TBE joins with our "cousins" at Congregation Beth Israel of North Adams, MA, for a monthly book club on Zoom. We meet one Sunday night a month at 7 p.m., led by Rabbi Pamela Jay Gottfreid. We welcome you to join us from now to May 2022. Fee for members: \$72; for non-members \$120 for the entire series.

On March 16, TBE will celebrate Purim in person and on Zoom. It's Judaism's upside-down holiday of frivolity, farce, jokes and other delights to reveal the holiness hidden within. Come in costume at 7:30 p.m. dressed to impress, with Rabbi David. (Y'never know what antics they have in store.) Happy Upside Down Day, and for our Irish friends, Top of the Mornin'!

On March 26, join us as we journey to Emelin Theater in Mamaroneck, NY, for a concert with David Broza and Trio Havana, a wonderful blend of Israeli and Cuban beats. Tickets can be purchased through TBE group tickets.

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

Prayer Group: TBE has an informal prayer group to hold members, friends and family in prayer for healing. If you feel called to join this group, please e-mail us at [yourshulbythesea@gmail.com](mailto:yourshulbythesea@gmail.com). Join us on the first Sunday of the month at 6 p.m. for a Healing Circle on Zoom led this month by our creative and informative board member

Shari Berkowitz.

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

The entire TBE community offers gratitude toward the community, along with prayers and best wishes to all as we continue our journey toward the lighter and warmer days of spring.

**Lillian Winard**

### City Island Civic Association

At our January meeting, the Municipal Services Committee reported that members had attended community meetings on the Shore Road flooding study and the Hart Island Ferry study. The NYC Department of Transportation reported that potholes would be filled.

A car theft was reported, and car owners were advised not to leave their cars unlocked or to leave their keys in the car.

Board members regularly post resources on Facebook. The Unity and Solutions Committee continues to work with the Food Pantry at the Trinity Methodist Church. Hours are from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday and Monday; at other times, contributions can be left on the porch at 113 Bay Street.

A spring clean-up day, ShipShape 22, will take place on May 14, starting at 10 a.m. in front of Hawkins Park. Members of the Civic will reach out to other Island organizations so that the entire community can participate.

A guest speaker, Dr. Raja Flores of the Mount Sinai School of Medicine, addressed the February meeting on the subject of "Covid-19: Facts, Myths and Unknowns."

Feel free to bring any matters or concerns to our meetings, and we will do what we can to be of assistance to you. And bring a friend or neighbor with you. You can e-mail the Civic at [city.island.civic@gmail.com](mailto:city.island.civic@gmail.com) to ask for assistance. Calling 311 beforehand (and getting a reference number!) to register a complaint about anything from a flooded street to a broken street light or graffiti is the best way to document your issue. Send your complaint number to the Civic Association at [city.island.civic@gmail.com](mailto:city.island.civic@gmail.com). Additionally, remember that all of our elected officials have full-time staff to assist constituents with community issues. Our Community Police Officer can be reached at [Neil.Anderson@nypd.org](mailto:Neil.Anderson@nypd.org).

We are collecting dues for 2022 membership: \$20 for one year or \$50 for three years. Please send to P.O. Box 117, Bronx NY 10464 or by PayPal to [city.island.civic@gmail.com](mailto:city.island.civic@gmail.com). Remember to use the "friends and family" option so that a service charge is not deducted.

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

Happy March and “almost spring” from the board of the City Island Community Center. We hope everyone reading this is in good health. Thank you to everyone who participated in our annual Blood Drive on Feb. 2. Thirty six pints of blood were collected by the New York Blood Bank and will help address the critical blood shortage caused by Covid-19. It was great to see our community come together to support such a life saving cause.

As the pandemic infection rates continue to decline, we are re-evaluating safe programming for spring and summer. The Culinary Club is off its pause and will resume on March 7 for in-person cooking. Please see contact information below for that class and all the other family-friendly programming our Center offers. Below are our current offerings.

**Irish Dance:** Mondays, 6 to 7:30 p.m. Caitlyn Kelly, 914-262-4517.

**Culinary Club:** Mondays, 7 to 9 p.m. We are always looking for exciting new recipes and new faces. Kenny, 917-533-7873.

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

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

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

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

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

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

For up-to-date information, visit [www.cityislandcommunitycenter.org](http://www.cityislandcommunitycenter.org), or call 718-885-1145, or like us on Facebook!

Melissa Cebollero

**PSS Senior Center**

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

one time.

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

**Special March Events**

Monday, March 21, 1 p.m.: Colorectal Awareness presentation with Pnina Mohr at the Center and on Zoom.

March is Women’s History Month, so check the calendar for special events.

The Center will be opening at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, March 9, at which time lunch will be offered. The Center is closing early on March 23 at 1 p.m.

**The Current Schedule**

**Mondays**

9 a.m. Tai Chi with Lucy (remote)

10:30 a.m. Balance Class with Susan, remote and in person

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

**Tuesdays**

9 a.m. CardioFit with Mary (remote and in person)

10 a.m. Yoga Stretch with Mary (remote and in person)

11 a.m. Game Day. Grab some friends for chess, checkers, Rummy q, Scrabble, cards, mahjong or Monopoly.

1:15 p.m. Bingo (March 8, 15, 22)

**Wednesdays**

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

1:30 p.m. Happy Crafters Club

**Thursdays**

9 a.m. Tai Chi with Lucy (remote)

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

1 p.m. Trivia Thursdays (remote and in person)

1:30 p.m. Blood Pressure Monitoring

**Fridays**

10 a.m. Tech Class

11:30 a.m. Brain Games

1:15 p.m. Singing Group with Napat (remote)

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

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

Stay safe and healthy.

Susan Rosendahl-Masella

**Sons of the American Legion**

February was another productive month for the SAL. We again were able to support those in need in our community. It is our honor to work alongside the Veterans and

the Auxiliary to accomplish these duties. The SAL will continue to help those in need when help is needed.

The Legion band continues to show progress, and it is encouraging to hear the kids as they are learning to play their instruments. We look forward to hearing the band perform for us in the springtime.

We had a very successful Super Bowl party in February, and everyone had a great time. Thanks to all of you who came and participated, especially those who donated their time making food. Your efforts were much appreciated by all at the Post.

The SAL will be hosting this year's St. Patrick's Day party on Saturday, March 12, at 3 p.m. Please make reservations, as this is sure to be a sold-out event.

We are currently planning our spring event schedule, so stop by the Post to see when we are going to have these events. As a reminder, 2022 dues are \$30 for adult members, \$11 for our junior members. Dues can be dropped off at the Post or mailed to 550 City Island Avenue.

We thank the community for your support. As always our mission is to help our veterans at all times. God bless America.

Tom Vivolo

**City Island Oyster Reef**

Shell collection is starting up again in March! CIOR’s Shell Collective continues to work with City Island restaurants in the collection and recycling of discarded shells. Last year, 19 cubic yards of recycled shells were donated by CIOR for use in two environmental efforts in Bellport, Long Island, and West Pond in the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge, and an additional 165 bags of shells were collected from local restaurants. If you want to get involved in our shell collection program, contact Orion Lillyreed at [orionlillyreed@gmail.com](mailto:orionlillyreed@gmail.com).

CIOR has been busy planning the initial steps for the implementation of the City Island Oyster Reef Research project that has been funded by the National Fish and Wildlife Long Island Sound Futures Fund. Its main partners on this project are the Billion Oyster Project, Hudson River Foundation and Save the Sound. A requirement of this project is to develop a Quality Assurance Protection Plan (QAPP) outlining how data will be collected at several sites around City Island in order to determine the most favorable sites for oyster reef restoration. We will be back out on the water by May 1 monitoring Oyster Research Stations and water quality, and we need volunteers!

Part of the educational aspect of this same project has CIOR busy collaborating with the

science teacher and principal of P.S. 175 and educators from the Billion Oyster Project to create educational programs for the study of marine ecology at the school and in the living shoreline next to Ambrosini Field.

CIOR is looking to hire a part-time educator to organize these programs for two years, a graduate student majoring in marine biology/ecology. This position entails the scheduling of schools and other groups to visit the City Island Living Shoreline Education Field Station. It is expected that at least five schools a year will come to the Field Station. The educator will receive training about oysters and other aspects of marine ecology, as well as the monitoring of oyster cages and water-quality protocols, along with effective ways to instruct school children on these topics. The salary is \$16,865 a year (\$1,405 a month) and is based on an average of eight hours a week at \$38 an hour. This position is funded by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation’s LIS Futures Fund.

For more information about CIOR, visit our website at [Cioysterreef.org](http://Cioysterreef.org) or send an e-mail to [cityislandoysterreef@gmail.com](mailto:cityislandoysterreef@gmail.com).

Sally Connolly

**Garden Club of City Island**

The Garden Club of City Island held its February general membership meeting via Zoom. Daryl Beyers, instructor at the New York Botanical Garden, gave a PowerPoint presentation on how to have color in your garden throughout the year. We are all familiar with annuals and perennials that bloom in the spring and early summer, so Daryl suggested extending our repertoire of plants by considering bulbs, bushes and trees. Bulbs, which are planted in the fall, can provide color as early as January, and, with different varieties of bulbs, the blooming season can extend through the fall. He then took us through the seasons by showing us beautiful photos of his favorite perennials, bushes, trees and annuals, noting that color can come from foliage as well as from flowers. His talk included lots of tips for successful plant care. He will return for our March 7 meeting to talk about ideas for container gardening. We will let members know if this meeting will be held in-person or via Zoom.

The winter greenery in the Club’s 30+ containers on the sidewalks along City Island Avenue have held up well, but we will slowly begin to remove it as spring approaches. Keep an eye out for emerging bulbs that were planted last fall at the Post Office garden and at Belden Point. Thanks go to the businesses and residents near the containers and tree pits who help us with the watering and removing trash. If you see a container with trash in it, you can help us by removing the trash. Thanks also to everyone who contributed so generously to the beautification fund this year. We are moving ahead with using those donations for community projects. Future donations can be sent to the Garden Club, P.O. Box 43, Bronx NY 10464.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Garden Club or being a "Helping Hand" for Club projects, send an e-mail to [gardenclubofcityisland@gmail.com](mailto:gardenclubofcityisland@gmail.com) or attend one of our meetings. We hold meetings the first Monday of every month (except July and August). Our next meeting will be Monday, March 7, at 10 a.m.

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### Seventh Annual Bingeworthy Television

It's been very fortunate that for the homebound there have been a plethora of excellent TV series to keep us occupied. One very thought-provoking entry is **Dopesick** (2021, 8 episodes), a miniseries based on the nonfiction book "Dopesick: Dealers, Doctors and the Drug Company that Addicted America" by Beth Macy. It stars Michael Keaton as Dr. Samuel Finnix, an old-school doctor from a small mining town in Virginia. Being assured by enthusiastic drug company rep Billy Cutler (Will Poulter) that it's not addictive, he begins prescribing his patients OxyContin for pain relief. Injured in a mining accident, Betsy Mallum (Kaitlyn Dever) is one such patient whose life is practically ruined by taking the drug. Michael Stuhlbarg is convincing as the greedy creepy Richard Sackler of OxyContin manufacturer Purdue Pharma. Peter Sarsgaard is on hand as Rick Mountcastle a lawyer trying to put an end to the opioid crisis along with DEA Agent Bridget Meyer (Rosario Dawson). The impactful series explores the epicenter of America's struggle with opioid addiction, from the boardrooms of Purdue Pharma to a distressed Virginia mining community and the halls of the DEA and DOJ.

**Atlantic Crossing** (Norwegian/American, 2020, 8 episodes) is a compelling PBS historical drama set in Norway and the United States during World War II. It depicts the fond relationship that develops between Crown Princess Martha of Norway (Sofia Helin) and President Franklin Roosevelt (Kyle MacLachlan) during the period when Martha was a war refugee in the United States after fleeing the 1940 Nazi invasion of Norway. Those looking askance at the relationship include Martha's husband, Prince Olav (Tobias Santelmann), and her father, King Haakon VII (Søren Pilmark), as well as Eleanor Roosevelt (Harriet Sansom Harris).

**The Baker and the Beauty** (2020, 9 episodes), based on the very popular Israeli series **Lehiyot Ita**, is a delightful comedy starring Victor Rasuk as Daniel Garcia who works in his Cuban family's bakery. He unexpectedly finds himself in a relationship with Noa Hollander (Nathalie Kelley), an international superstar, successful model and daughter of a real estate magnate. This relationship is much to the consternation of Daniel's parents, Mari and Rafael Garcia (Lisa Vidal and Carlos Romaz), and Noa's manager, Lewis (Dan Bucatinsky). The unlikely couple struggles to decide how they can be together and deal with the cultural differences.

**The Kominsky Method** (2018–21, 22 half-hour episodes over three seasons) is both a laugh-out-loud funny and extremely poignant dramedy that stars Michael Douglas as aging revered Hollywood acting coach Sandy Kominsky and Alan Arkin as Norman Newlander, his agent and best friend. The supporting cast includes Sarah Baker as Sandy's daughter, Mindy, who runs his acting studio with him; Susan Sullivan as Norman's wife, Eileen; Nancy Travis as Lisa, a recent divorcée who decides to take acting lessons from Sandy; Paul Reiser as Mindy's boyfriend, Martin Schneider; Kathleen Turner as Sandy's ex-wife, Dr. Roz Volander; Lisa Edelstein as Norman's estranged daughter, Phoebe, who struggles with a pill addiction; Jane Seymour as Madelyn, a rekindled flame from

Norman's past; Danny DeVito in a small role as a hilarious urologist; with cameos by Morgan Freeman and Allison Janney playing themselves. This is a special series for the right audience, especially those having difficult with the aging process. The show has one of the most perfect endings of a series I've seen.

**Counterpart** (2017–19, 20 episodes over two seasons) is based on a fascinating premise: what would life be like if there existed two divergent realities with each person having an "other" in the alternate universe and a secret passage connecting the two worlds known to very few. The differences between the two worlds became more pronounced after 1996, when a flu pandemic killed hundreds of millions on one side. The series stars the outstanding J.K. Simmons as gentle, quiet office worker Howard Silk, who has been working for a Berlin-based United Nations agency for 30 years in the "Alpha" world. He also plays Howard "Prime," his other self, a ruthless intelligence operative who exists in the parallel world. Through a series of circumstances, the two meet and learn about each other's lives. Olivia Williams appears as Emily, Howard's wife in the Alpha world, and Prime, Howard's ex-wife, who is a counterintelligence agent. The agency where Howard and Emily work in the Alpha world has as the Deputy Director Peter Quayle (Harry Lloyd), who is married to Clare (Nazanin Boniadi), daughter of diplomat Roland Fancher (Richard Schiff). Sara Serraiocco is Nadia Fierro/Baldwin, a mysterious assassin and concert violinist. Those in the ensemble cast that have dual roles are very effective.

In **Money Heist** (Spanish, 2017–21, 41 episodes over five seasons) Álvaro Morte stars as The Professor, a criminal mastermind who has a plan to pull off the biggest heist in recorded history by robbing the Royal Mint of Spain. To help him carry out the ambitious plan, he recruits a team of people who take names of cities in order to maintain anonymity. They include runaway turned robber Tokyo (Úrsula Corberó); the Professor's terminally ill jewel thief brother, Berlin (Pedro Alonso); former miner Moscow (Paco Tous); counterfeiter Nairobi (Alba Flores); young hacker Rio (Miguel Herrán); Moscow's son, Denver (Jaime Lorente); veteran Serbian soldier Helsinki (Darko Perić); and engineer Palermo (Rodrigo de la Serna). Itziar Ituño appears as Raquel Murillo, an inspector of the National Police Corps who is put in charge of the case until her sympathies make her decide to join the group as Lisbon. The thieves take hostages to aid in their negotiations with the authorities that lead to the requisite showdowns with the police. The series has two complete stories, one in the first two seasons and the second in seasons three through five. I recommend the first two seasons as the superior of the two story arcs.

Based on real accounts and inspired by contemporary events, **The Bureau** (French, 2015–21, 50 episodes over five seasons) is a spy thriller series that revolves around the lives of agents of the DGSE (General Directorate of External Security), France's equivalent of the CIA. It focuses on intelligence officer Guillaume Debailly (Mathieu Kassovitz), code named "Malotru," who is mysteriously recalled to Paris after spending six years under cover in Syria. As he tries to reconnect with his family and colleagues, Debailly risks everything by resuming contact with his married lover, Syrian history professor Nadia El Mansour (Zineb Triki), which puts them both in jeopardy. The supporting cast features Sara Giraudeau as Marina Loiseau, a young and brilliant woman who has been tasked with becoming the next deep-cover agent who prepares an infiltration of the Iranian nuclear industry and later the Russian cybercenter. Florence

Loiret-Caille (Marie-Jeanne Duthilleul), Debailly's handler, becomes Loiseau's handler after Debailly's return from Syria, and eventually succeeds Henri Duflot (Jean-Pierre Darroussin) as Bureau Chief.

Based on a series of books by Michael Connelly, **Bosch** (2014–21, 68 episodes over seven seasons) is a police procedural drama starring Titus Welliver in the title role as Hollywood homicide detective Hieronymus "Harry" Bosch, a former Army Special Forces operator and a veteran of the First Gulf War and Afghanistan. The supporting cast includes Jamie Hector as Detective Jerry Edgar, Bosch's partner; Amy Aquino as Lieutenant Grace Billets, Bosch's immediate superior and friend; Lance Reddick as Chief of Police Irvin Irving; and Mimi Rogers as Honey "Money" Chandler, a civil rights attorney. Harry's family consists of his ex-wife, Eleanor Wish (Sarah Clarke), a former FBI agent turned professional poker player, and daughter "Maddie" Bosch (Madison Lintz), who wants to follow in her father's footsteps and become a cop.

**Veronica Mars** (2005–7, film, reboot 2019, 72 episodes over four seasons) is an American teen noir mystery drama set in the fictional town of Neptune, CA, starring Kristen Bell in the title role. She is a student who goes from high school to college while moonlighting as a private investigator under the tutelage of her private detective/former sheriff father, Kenneth (Enrico Colantoni). Once popular, she has become a social outcast because of a series of personal and family traumas, but she puts her intelligence to good use. In every episode, she is hired by students, including sons and daughters of the rich and famous, to solve their problems. Supporting cast members include Teddy Dunn as Veronica's ex-boyfriend Duncan Kane; Jason Dohring as "bad-boy" Logan Echolls, son of an A-list actor; Percy Daggs III as Veronica's best friend and frequent mystery-solving partner, Wallace Fennel; Francis Capra as local biker gang leader Eli "Weevil" Navarro, who is also Veronica's friend; and Tina Majorino as computer expert Mac, who helps solve cases.

Another high school drama of an entirely different sort is **Friday Night Lights** (2006–20, 76 episodes over six seasons). Set in the rural town of Dillon, TX, winning the state football championship is prized above all else. Coach Eric Taylor (Kyle Chandler) guides a high school football team through pressure-filled seasons while dealing with struggles relating to his own family, including his wife, Tami (Connie Britton), a guidance counselor turned principal at Dillon High, and teenage daughter high school student, Julie Taylor (Aimee Teegarden). When star quarterback Jason Street (Scott Porter) suffers an in-game spinal injury in the pilot episode, quiet and reserved Matt Saracen (Zach Gilford) becomes the Panthers' starting quarterback and falls for the coach's daughter. Matt's father is serving as a soldier in Iraq, so he

is the sole caretaker for his grandmother Lorraine (Louanne Stephens), with a little help from his best friend, Landry Clarke (Jesse Plemons). Star running back Brian "Smash" Williams (Gaius Charles) works hard but sabotages himself while trying to get a college football scholarship. Injured quarterback Jason's best friend, fullback Tim Riggins (Taylor Kitsch), struggles with alcoholism, complicated family problems with his older brother, Billy (Derek Phillips), and relationships with different young women, including town vixen Tyra Collette (Adrienne Palicki) and Jason's girlfriend, Lyla Garrity (Minka Kelly). The series uses this small-town backdrop to address many issues facing contemporary American culture, including family values, school funding, racism, drugs, abortion and the lack of economic opportunities. Because this series, which had been unknown to me, appeared on many "best of" lists, I recently did binge watch all 76 episodes and found it compelling and deserving of the accolades.

**Mom** (2013–21, 170 half-hour episodes over eight seasons) is a mostly funny and poignant comedy starring Allison Janney as Bonnie Plunket, a recovering alcoholic and drug abuser, whose daughter, Christy (Anna Faris), is also in recovery and a single mother of two, Violet (Sadie Calvano) and Roscoe (Blake Garrett Rosenthal). Christy decides to restart her life in Napa, CA, working as a waitress and attending Alcoholics Anonymous meetings, with the ultimate goal of going to law school. While Christy pursues her dream of becoming a lawyer, Bonnie develops a romantic relationship with retired wheelchair-bound stuntman Adam Janikowski (William Fichtner), whom she eventually marries. Through it all, Christy and Bonnie rely on their support system from AA, including the wise Marjorie (Mimi Kennedy), wealthy and materialistic Jill (Jaime Pressly), submissive and sometimes overly-emotional Wendy (Beth Hall), and loudmouthed but sweet Tammy (Kristen Johnston). Collectively, they help each other stay sober in the face of the myriad conflicts in this mostly delightful comedy.

And until next time, stay healthy and grateful and happy viewing. . .

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### House That Oysters Built

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oyster business.

After Edgar Feeley got his law degree, he worked in Manhattan as an attorney for Leo Bondy, who served as counsel for the owner of the National Amusement Company, the parent company of the New York Giants baseball team. After Bondy died in

1944, Feeley took over legal affairs for the Giants and became their treasurer, and after the team moved to California in 1957, he served as custodian for the Polo Grounds until 1962 when the lease expired. He was also active on behalf of City Island. In 1927 as chairman of the City Island Committee on Polluted Waters, he told the New York Times that "the recent finding of the Board of Health that waters at City Island were dangerous was not borne out by tests made by leading laboratories at the instigation



Photos by BARBARA DOLENSEK and CORMAC MCENERY LAW FIRM

The Captain's Manor (above left) is located at 577 Minneford Avenue, but it may have been moved from the lot next to the Samuel Pell house on Main Street as early as 1902. The building occupied by Cormac McEnery and the City Island Real Estate, Inc., at 562 City Island Avenue (top photo above) and the two-family house at 82-84 Schofield Street (bottom photo above) are very similar and may have been built by the same contractor.

of our committee." He claimed that it was safe for bathing and was even fit enough to drink! However, the Commissioner of Health told the Times that "Unfortunately there is a group of City Islanders who are determined that they will not make their place habitable until they are obliged to. They have done all they could to hinder us, but after the most painstaking tests we have disproved the claims of Mr. Feeley and his associates. We have found the waters polluted and dangerous."

In 1936 Edgar Feeley took on the city of New York again on behalf of the residents of Pilot Street, which he claimed was not being properly plowed, paved or cared for. Apparently the city claimed that it owned the southern half of the street but not the north and thus did not need to care for it. In order to bring the matter to the attention of the court, Feeley had a client park on the north side, where he received a ticket. Feeley claimed that if the north side was not city-owned, his client should not have received the ticket, and he was delighted to lose the case, since it proved that the city did have jurisdiction over the street and would have to care for it in the future.

Feeley also worked as an attorney for several City Island residents, including Jean Walsh Delmour Drury, the widow of Tammany Hall politician Lawrence Delmour and owner of the house at 21 Tier Street. Drury also owned a house at 41 Tier, which burned down in the 1960s and resulted in a lawsuit filed by a firefighter who was injured fighting the blaze. Feeley handled the case for her, which was eventually resolved after her death, and the deed for 21 Tier ended up in Feeley's desk.

It has often been claimed that the 1969 television version of "Arsenic and Old Lace" was filmed at the Samuel Pell

house, but that is not entirely accurate. This remake of the play, starring Helen Hayes, Lillian Gish and Fred Gwynne, was actually filmed on a stage, but the opening credits and a few exterior shots show the Pell house, which was thought to resemble the sort of mansion where two creepy old ladies might live. It is not known why ABC-TV should have chosen a City Island house for this shot, but we know that location scouts were aware of Edgar Feeley, because in 1960 he had allowed the filming of "Long Day's Journey into Night" at 21 Tier Street, soon after he acquired it from Mrs. Drury.

Although we know that Feeley had a daughter, Caroline Hines, we have little information about a wife, except that her name was Rubie Cornhill Feeley. When he died in 1972, the house at 586 was left to his mistress, Tyne Burne, who stayed in the house until 1983. After her death, the property went through a number of different owners. It is now owned by Michele French, who leased it from 2005 to 2009 to Pierre St. Denis, who ran his restaurant Le Refuge (formerly at 620 City Island Avenue) on the first floor. She also operated a bed-and-breakfast inn in the house, but because of complaints from unidentified Island residents, the Buildings Department issued violations against her for using the building as more than a two-family dwelling, and both the restaurant and the B&B were closed.

There are a number of large structures like the Pell house along this stretch of City Island Avenue, which is zoned residential and not commercial like the rest of the Avenue. Thanks to the amount of care that has gone into maintaining their original elegance, we can assume that they will continue to impress visitors to the Island for many years into the future.

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# The Value of Routines: Set Up Some Family Events and Practice, Practice, Practice

By JOHN SCARDINA, Certified School Psychologist

We humans have natural rhythms that align us with the planet. Unfortunately, although these rhythms—called “circadian”—are meant to be based on a 24-hour cycle, following the daylight cycle throughout the year, some people have very different time lengths for a full “day.” Research with people kept in isolation and away from all natural light and means of telling time has shown that a “day” can last from 12 hours for some and up to 48 hours for others. You may already know this: your teenager seems to be living on another planet and following the cycles of a distant star!

While I was growing up, my father worked seven days a week on shift work in a sugar refinery in Red Hook. He would change shifts every three weeks, often with no transition time, and then get three days off every few months so they could shut down the plant and do cleaning and maintenance. I have no idea how he managed this: I seem so tied in to sunrise and sunset that I can barely stay up after dinner in the wintertime!

So what does that do for us in trying to manage a family? We cannot just let everyone “do their own thing”: we need touch-points, or anchors, at various points in the

day, so that we can connect, regroup as family and set off on the next task at hand.

Here are some tips for setting up a schedule at home:

- Make one meal a day a must-show event. This can be dinner but you could try breakfast on school days or lunch on the weekend.
- Ask every family member to commit to a set time rise each day: this is an old piece of advice that still runs true. If teenagers need the weekend to catch up on sleep deprivation from the week, suggest they get up at the usual time and take a nap. This would work for you, too!
- Have everyone develop some daily schedule. A child’s schedule might be morning exercise with you, then school, then a snack after school, homework before dinner, family time after dinner, and bedtime rituals with the little ones.
- Get outside and check on the weather and the state of the planet. Watch the sunrise or the sunset or both on a regular basis. Feel the circadian sense of light and darkness, and enjoy your connection with a universe that’s larger than any of us.
- Have weekly family scheduled events:

a pajama dinner with popcorn for Friday movie night at home; Saturday morning chores for everyone, followed by a special lunch and a family fun adventure; community service and joining your faith community on Sunday.

Throughout our evolutionary history,

humans have used small groups for bonding and cooperation. Our families have become busy and divergent, with people going off in all directions. As often is the case, just try to change one thing and see what happens. With commitment and practice, you can improve the quality of your family’s well-being.

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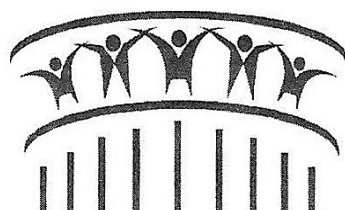
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02	Wed	0529	-0.69	1127	8.17	1758	-0.97	2352	7.99	Wed 02
03	Thu	0616	-0.86	1213	8.09	1840	-0.87			Thu 03
04	Fri	0033	8.03	0700	-0.83	1256	7.86	1920	-0.61	Fri 04
05	Sat	0114	7.93	0743	-0.61	1337	7.52	1956	-0.24	Sat 05
06	Sun	0152	7.71	0825	-0.26	1419	7.13	2026	0.19	Sun 06
07	Mon	0230	7.43	0907	0.17	1502	6.72	2050	0.62	Mon 07
08	Tue	0310	7.12	0951	0.62	1551	6.36	2120	1.02	Tue 08
09	Wed	0356	6.83	1046	1.03	1654	6.11	2203	1.40	Wed 09
10	Thu	0500	6.61	1152	1.30	1803	6.02	2300	1.69	Thu 10
11	Fri	0619	6.54	1256	1.39	1906	6.12			Fri 11
12	Sat	0033	1.82	0723	6.64	1353	1.30	2001	6.35	Sat 12
13	Sun	0151	1.69	0917	6.84	1542	1.08	2150	6.64	Sun 13
14	Mon	0344	1.40	1002	7.07	1625	0.81	2231	6.95	Mon 14
15	Tue	0427	1.01	1039	7.30	1701	0.51	2303	7.23	Tue 15
16	Wed	0504	0.58	1106	7.51	1730	0.21	2325	7.53	Wed 16
17	Thu	0537	0.15	1131	7.70	1756	-0.07	2348	7.84	Thu 17
18	Fri	0611	-0.25	1203	7.84	1826	-0.31			Fri 18
19	Sat	0020	8.14	0648	-0.54	1241	7.89	1900	-0.44	Sat 19
20	Sun	0057	8.35	0729	-0.68	1322	7.81	1938	-0.43	Sun 20
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30	Wed	0527	-0.46	1127	8.02	1752	-0.56	2348	8.13	Wed 30
31	Thu	0613	-0.75	1212	8.03	1834	-0.57			Thu 31
APRIL 2022										
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2	Sat	0107	8.18	0738	-0.74	1333	7.67	1948	-0.15	Sat 2
3	Sun	0142	8.02	0817	-0.47	1410	7.37	2015	0.19	Sun 3
4	Mon	0213	7.78	0851	-0.09	1445	7.05	2032	0.54	Mon 4



**THE OTHER STREET NAMES OF CITY ISLAND**

Have you ever thought about all of the different kinds of roads in our area? For example, there are avenues and streets, places and lanes, drives and actual roads, as in Shore Road or City Island Road. Some of you probably still remember the City Island back roads! How urban planners define different kinds of roads is not as straight ahead as you might imagine. In other words, there are always exceptions to the rules and quirks, and, as you might expect, City Island has its share of quirky exceptions.

First, the rules. A Street is a public road with buildings on either side. So is an Avenue. The difference is that they always run perpendicular to one another. Well, almost always. For example, Fordham Street runs perpendicular to City Island Avenue. This rule applies even when you go back in time, when City Island Avenue was called Main Street. On the 1902 Mack and Cameron map of City Island (see page 5), you will see Main Street for City Island Avenue and a perpendicular Fordham Avenue, not Street. Of course, on the same map you will also see streets that don't conform to the rule. This can best be explained by the fact that the 1902 map is a mix of old and new names.

Not surprisingly, today's Fordham Place—the gravelly half road where Baron's boatyard has its home—was once known as Fordham Street, in keeping with the perpendicular rule (see the same Mack and Cameron map). Technically, though, Place may have been the better choice all along, since a Place is defined as a road that ends with a dead end that is not a loop or circle (a.k.a. a cul-de-sac). On the other hand, Pell Place is as much a Street as any

other City Island street. So why is it Pell Place and not Street? The answer is that it once was Pell Street. According to John McNamara, it was changed to Pell Place to avoid confusion with another Pell Street located in Chinatown. You have to wonder, though, how much consideration was given to the confusion that was created by the change versus whatever confusion may have been averted.

Banta Lane is as about as quirky as you get as far as City Island Street names go. While it appears on some of the old maps, it doesn't always appear on the new ones. And yet, sometime it does. A home on Banta Lane, in other words, might have a listed address as 179 Banta Lane or 179 Hawkins Street. What cannot be denied, however, is that a Lane is defined as a narrow road in a residential area; and they don't get narrower than Banta Lane on City Island. As you might have guessed, an actual road such as Shore Road and City Island Road is usually the kind that moves through a less developed part of an urban landscape. Our favorite, though, is a Drive, which is the kind of road that takes its usually winding shape from the surrounding geography. Park Drive, for example, is so named because it is shaped by nearby bodies of water.

If you're having trouble keeping score here, you're not alone. The definitive text on the street names of City Island has yet to be written—although John McNamara's "History in Asphalt" is an excellent place to start for any and all who may be interested in the subject. In the meantime, consider yourselves lucky that you don't live in Tucson where they count Stravenues as yet another kind of road to contend with, the kind that runs diagonally between both a Street and an Avenue.



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# In The Garden

By MARY COLBY



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"The Gardeners at Giverny," oil on canvas by Mary Colby

### Finally

Like a snail I creep toward spring. The days have gone unmarked and all is a blur. This spring is more precious, it seems, than all the others. As unprecedented as these last pandemic years have been, so this spring is anticipated with more enthusiasm and joy than usual. The garden is still in repose, frozen solid after an ice storm that broke and battered many evergreen trees. I lament and take to my bed for an hour before rallying myself to go out to clean up the debris. While doing this, I find little green pointy shoots emerging from the earth, and it makes me glad. It is coming, cyclical and without delay.

The weather warms. This week it will be in the 50s! Yes, March is upon us, the beginning of the gardening year. Catalogues

of the newest, the most unusual and the best have been scoured and items greedily ordered. Spread out on the bench are packets of long-season annuals: zinnias, impatiens, cosmos and ruffled petunias.

Perennials and biennials too, such as white foxglove, salvia white swan, white bell flower, lychnis in white. I love white, as I'm sure you noticed, especially the giant mullein (*verbascum olympicum*), which looks great with grasses like calamagrostis Karl Foerster. The list goes on. There are so many good poppies to grow if you have sun and free-draining soil. I chose papaver dubium this year and the perennial oriental poppy, royal wedding. Some I scatter out in the garden while backing them up with seeds sown in pots under lights. Hollyhocks bring height to the back of the border. I am growing the red mars magic and pairing it this year with that big verbascum. I can see that picture with red zinnias and white cosmos.

Perennials take two or three years to come into bloom, but a gardener knows the value of planning ahead and the joy of it. If you are impatient, try self-sowers that you simply cast into newly raked earth: verbena bonariensis, ox-eye daisy, orlaya, Queen Anne's lace and sunflowers. You must thin the seeds to three inches apart at least and keep them damp with a sprinkling hose. Do this in May and you will be in a meadow the first year. There are many more self-sowers. Look them up to see the many varieties that are so easy to grow.

Now is the time to lightly prune roses and clematis and to feed the hungry soil with compost, be it leaf or manure. Spread Holly-Tone on evergreens and feed the entire garden with Espoma Plant Tone or a fertilizer of your choice. It is nice to force forsythia blooms and bring them into the

house to grace the hall or porch. When cutting, think about shaping your shrub as you work. Remove the foliage from the lower third, and mash the ends lightly with a hammer for better intake of water. You may find roots beginning after the flowering, and if you change the water and add a pinch of soluble plant food, you will have new plants in a jiffy. If you have ivy in your garden, root long slips in water to adorn pots.

All tools and garden machinery should be serviced, cleaned and oiled. I buy new gloves if needed, twine, and bamboo stakes. If you are buying new garden tools, think about buying the best for they will last a lifetime. You can find excellent hand pruners, loppers with bypass blades, bow saws,

weeders and hedge shears from Niwaki, Felco and Sneeboer. (Sneeboer has a short spade that I cannot live without.) I am also sure to have at hand masonry nails with pliable hooks for fastening vines to concrete or cement, and a narrow, shaped shovel for getting into tight spots. For tools and garden gear like clogs and outerwear, try [gardenheir.com](http://gardenheir.com). And for seeds, go to Park Seed, Thompson and Morgan, Wildseed Farms and Jelitto Perennial Seeds.

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# Dr. Flores

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ever, he made it very clear that he believes getting vaccinated was extremely important for all ages.

Dr. Flores is chair of thoracic surgery at Mount Sinai Hospital in Manhattan, but he is no stranger to the Bronx. He grew up in the meatpacking district but often visited Orchard Beach as a youngster. Years later he went to the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in the Bronx, interned at Columbia and served a three-year residency at Brigham Hospital in Boston. He worked at Sloan Kettering for 10 years and now specializes in lung surgery at Mount Sinai. In 2021 he ran as an independent for mayor of New York City, focusing on low-income housing projects where residents have developed serious illnesses caused by asbestos and second-hand smoke exposure.

Dr. Flores described conditions at Mount Sinai over the past two years, including the months when the hospital was so overwhelmed that it had to construct tents in Central Park to handle the patients suffering with Covid. He reported that a great deal has been learned about the virus since that time, that hospitalizations are way down, and that most of those now in the hospital are unvaccinated.

He believes that the issue of vaccination has been needlessly complicated by politics, but he feels that widespread vaccinations and forms of treatment have improved to the point where mortality and serious illness have decreased. He himself had a case of Covid early in the pandemic, but he has had the full range of vaccinations, as has his family. "Even if it were necessary to get a ninth vaccine down the road, I would definitely do it," he told the group.

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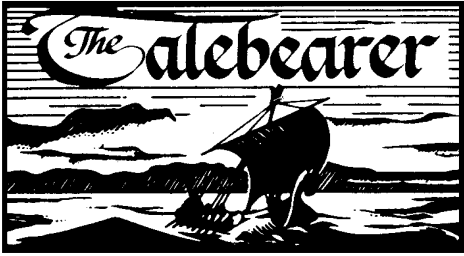
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Belated February birthday wishes to our son-in-law Scott Alit! Have a great day!

Special 18th birthday greetings on March 23 to our granddaughter, Emma Rose. Hope your day is as beautiful as you are! Love, Mimi and Papa.

Happy belated 80th birthday to Bob Moen, who celebrated on Feb. 15. Bob was a resident of Bay Street before he relocated to Long Island. He celebrated his milestone birthday at a dinner party with his wife of 55 years, Carole, his daughter and son-in-law, son and daughter-in-law, five grandchildren and their spouses. We wish him many more years of love, health and happiness!

The proud family of Mark Piri, 2022 Infielder, is thrilled to announce that he will continue his academic and athletic

career at Eastern University! Let's go, Eagles!

Get well wishes and happy birthday on March 31 to Pell Place's Barbara Stiene, who is recuperating at home from surgery.

Happy birthday on March 8 to Christopher Butterworth, with love from your family.

Best wishes for continued happiness to Bay Street's Anne and Scouse McIntyre, who will celebrate their anniversary on March 28. With lots of love from the Butterworths.

God bless little Daniel William, who was baptized on Feb. 19 at the Free Gospel Assemblies of God. Proud parents are Michael and Izzi DeRosa, and happy god-

parents are Michael and Prousha Dettmer.

Happy first birthday on March 19 to James Philip Rodstrom, with love from Mommy and Daddy.

Wishing our friends, neighbors and readers a very happy spring on March 20!  
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