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HOISTED INTO HISTORY

By BARBARA DOLENSEK

On Thursday, Sept. 15, 2016, the City Island Bridge went through yet another major change when it lost the four finials from the center structure that has served as an icon for Islanders since the bridge was opened on July 4, 1901.

The contractor, Tutor Perini, first removed the signs that proclaim City Island as “Seaport of the Bronx,” installed on the bridge nearly 20 years ago by the Chamber of Commerce, with funding from then Assemblyman Steve Kaufman. Then the finials were removed, one by one, in less than an hour, a process captured on camera by Ron Turner and James and Tommy Breen, working from ladders in order to get excellent views of the removal process (see photos below, at right and on page 3).

The finials and the signs have been put into safe storage until the agreements regarding their distribution to the not-for-profit or-



Photos by RON TURNER and KAREN NANI
Photographing the event were (l. to r.): Ron Turner, James Breen, Jason Prager, and Tommy Breen.



ganizations (including the City Island Nautical Museum) have been worked out with the Department of Transportation (DOT).

The remaining bridge spans are currently being demolished; a crane on a barge will be used to lift away the steel spans piece

by piece and float them away. The span connecting to the mainland will be removed soon so that the remaining sheet piles can be installed to hold back the water. Then the abutment wall can be taken down, and crews

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Long Overdue: Firefighter's Life Commemorated

By MAURA MANDRANO



Photos by MAURA MANDRANO

The life of fireman John Daly (photo, left) of NYFD Engine 70 was commemorated in a ceremony and plaque on Sept. 18, 2016, at the City Island firehouse on Schofield Street.

A chance encounter on a subway train between a daughter and a firefighter resulted in a memorial service on Sunday, Sept. 18, at the City Island firehouse, Engine 70.

Veronica Daly Davis of New Jersey always wished that the death of her father, Firefighter John J. Daly, had been more fully recognized. Firefighter Daly succumbed to injuries from a fire on City Island Avenue at Cross Street on Oct. 1, 1954, where he received second- and third-degree burns on his hands and face. He never returned to active duty and died on June 12, 1955.

One day not long ago, Veronica noticed a firefighter standing near her on a subway car and saw that he was from Engine 70 on City Island, the same firehouse where her father had served. She struck up a conversation with the fireman, Gary Sharkey, and the planning of Sunday's memorial service began to take shape at that moment.

Firefighter Mike Hovsepian began the service and introduced John Daly's family, as well as State Senator Jeff Klein, Deputy Chief Jonas, Gary Sharkey and Veronica Daly Davis. Ms. Davis told of how her father had immigrated from Ireland with the money he had earned doing farm work; he then served for years as a police officer before



finding his true calling—the FDNY. Ms. Davis described her father as being calm, brave and dedicated to two things: his five children (including James, who now lives at the Sailmaker Condominium on the same block as the firehouse) and the safety of the City of New York.

Pipers played a haunting rendition of “Amazing Grace,” and Father Gus from St. Mary, Star of the Sea blessed the beautiful bronze plaque that honors Firefighter John J. Daly's service and sacrifice. As Deputy Chief Jonas poignantly put it: “John Daly was a hero . . . not because he died, but because of what he did when he was alive.”

BRIEFLY...

AFTERNOON MUSIC PROGRAM: On Tuesday, Oct. 4, at 1:30 p.m., the Manor Club (1023 Esplanade, Pelham Manor) will present David, Christopher and Lynelle James in a piano and cello concert featuring Chopin's "Polonaise Brillante," Hummel's "Viola Fantasia" (transcribed for cello), Debussy's "Scherzo for Cello and Piano" and Bach's "Sixth Prelude for the Cello." The James Family most recently performed at the Annual Sevenars Music Festival in Worthington, MA, one of the best small music festivals in the U.S. All are invited to attend. \$10 at the door. It will be a special afternoon for music lovers!

ELECTION DAY AND P.S. 175 BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER: Tuesday, Nov. 8, from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. (the sale will close at 8 p.m.). Fun, food, prizes and baked goods will be available at the sale, which is sponsored by the Parents Association. Vote in the historic presidential election and support the City Island School at the same time. Voting is in the school gym at 200 City Island Avenue. You can see a sample ballot at the NYC Board of Elections website at www.vote.nyc.ny.us or call 1-866-VOTE-NYC (866-868-3692) with any questions.

C.I.'S HALLOWEEN PARADE will be on Halloween night, Monday, Oct. 31, at 5:30 p.m. starting from Hawkins Park. The parade is sponsored by the City Island Chamber of Commerce and Atlantic Emeritus Realty. Prizes are donated by local merchants and organizations. Costume prize winners and merchant donations will be featured in an upcoming issue of *The Current*.

WINTER COAT AND CLOTHING DRIVE will be held by the Bronx Masons on Saturday, Oct. 15, at 241 City Island Avenue between the hours of 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. If possible please put men's, women's and children's donations into separate bags for easy distribution. All donations will be going to POTS (Part of the Solution) on Webster Avenue.

GIRLS' NIGHT OUT: Come enjoy a girls' night out at the Manor Club, 1023 Esplanade, on Friday, Oct. 14, at 7:30 p.m. It promises to be a relaxing evening with friends, hors d'oeuvres and wine. Vendors will provide a variety of items (jewelry, makeup and accessories) and a variety of services (acupuncture, massage, psychic reading and astrology, so bring your birth data, including time of birth). RSVP by Wednesday, Oct. 12, by calling 914-738-1528 or e-mailing themanorclubofpelham@gmail.com. Please sign up for any of the services in which you are interested when you RSVP. Members free and guests \$10.

"SWEENEY TODD, THE DEMON BARBER OF FLEET STREET" by Stephen Sondheim will be presented by the City Island Theater Group at Grace Hall, 116 City Island Avenue at Pilot Street, on three weekends in November: Friday and Saturday, Nov. 4 and 5, at 8 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 6; at 3 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Nov. 11 and 12, at 8 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 13, at 3 p.m.; and Friday and Saturday, Nov. 18 and 19, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 20, at 3 p.m. To reserve tickets, please call 718-885-3066 or e-mail tickets@cityislandtheatergroup.com. Tickets may also be purchased online by visiting www.cityislandtheatergroup.com. Please submit your favorite pie recipe no later than Oct. 20 to information@cityislandtheatergroup.com. Donations of new, packaged, disposable men's and women's razors will be collected at the door for our brave men and women in the military (see "Sweeney Todd" on page 9).

45 BLOTTER

Complaints reported from City Island to the 45th Precinct during August and September 2016. Unfounded complaints are not included in the list.

- 1 – CRIMINAL MISCHIEF
- 3 – GRAND LARCENY
- 2 – PETIT LARCENY
- 1 – EMOTIONAL DISTURBANCE
- 1 – BURGLARY

Police provided details on the following arrests and incidents for the period from Aug. 18 to Sept. 20, 2016.

8/18 – On Pilot Street, an Island male, 76, discovered that an unknown person had accessed his bank account and written checks without permission in an act of grand larceny.

8/23 – An Island female, 67, reported an incident of petit larceny on Minneford Avenue at 1:30 p.m. An unknown perpetrator allegedly removed items from her home without permission. There were no signs of forced entry.

8/25 – At 11:30 p.m., the vehicle of

an Island female, 51, was vandalized in an act of criminal mischief. The complainant parked the vehicle overnight and returned to find the rear driver's side tire slashed.

8/27 - Police from the 45th Precinct responded to a report of an emotionally disturbed woman, 22, on Centre Street at 11 p.m. The Island female appeared to have multiple self-inflicted wounds and was taken to Jacobi Hospital for treatment. The woman was uncooperative and had previously spoken to her sister about dying.

8/28 - An off-Island male, 64, reported that an unknown perpetrator stole the Florida license plate from his vehicle on City Island Avenue and Fordham Street.

8/30 – An Island male, 42, was arrested and charged with grand larceny on Minneford Avenue at 3:30 a.m. An Island female told police that the defendant grabbed her purse and stated, "I'm going to ruin your credit." After the purse was retrieved, it was noticed that her credit cards and New York State identification were missing.

9/11 – Police are investigating a burglary at a commercial establishment on City Island Avenue at 10:29 p.m. The complainant found that the office door was broken and items had been taken without permission.



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CLAM CHOWDER CONTEST WINS ON ALL COUNTS

By BARBARA DOLENSEK



Photos by RICK DeWITT

While the weekend of Sept. 10 and 11 was a warm one, the City Island Arts & Crafts Fair was a cool success. Saturday brought out the Grace Tones, a singing group from Grace Episcopal Church (photo, top right), and Sunday featured the popular clam chowder contest, in which New England and Manhattan chowders were evaluated by celebrity judges as well as the public. In the photo above, the judges gathered with the winners (l. to r.): Howard Helmer; Stephanie Rizzolo; Trevor Cooke of the Park Place Café at Turtle Cove; Alison McKay; State Senator Jeff Klein; Stefan Kane of the City Island Yacht Club; Maria Caruso, who organized the contest for the Chamber of Commerce; Patrick Rocchio and Chef Bill Rosenberg.

As usual, the tasty clam chowder contest attracted a large crowd on Sunday, Sept. 11, the second day of the Chamber of Commerce Arts and Crafts Fair. Members of the public were encouraged to taste both types

of chowder—New England (white) and Manhattan (red)—and to cast their votes for the best in the people’s choice part of the contest. At 5 p.m. the celebrity judges gathered to taste the chowders and cast their

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will begin to install the permanent pilings on the mainland. The center span of the bridge will be the last to go.

On the Island side, half of the pilings have been installed. Work has begun on the Legion Triangle, which is scheduled for

completion by February 2017. The flagpole will be reset in the new triangle, along with the Veterans Memorial monuments, which will be carefully removed, refurbished and reinstalled. Work has been on hold in the Catherine Scott Promenade because of a permit issue, but it is hoped that the reinforcement of the seawall will be completed by early next year.



Photos by TOMMY BREEN



Fair goers enjoyed the offerings of vendors on a fair day, and many beautiful painted faces were to be seen among the crowds courtesy of Laury Hopkins.



own votes. Led by State Senator Jeff Klein, sponsor of the event, the judges worked diligently to come up with the best of the best.

The people’s choice winners for the New England style chowder were Park Place Café at Turtle Cove (number 1) and the Black Whale (number 2); for the Manhattan chowder, winners were the Harlem Yacht Club (number 1) and the Sea Shore (number 2). The judges also chose Park Place Café’s entry as the best of the New England chowder, and they selected the City Island Yacht Club as the best Manhattan style chowder.

The celebrity judges included Howard Helmer, a former resident of City Island who holds the Guinness World Record as the world’s fastest omelet maker; Bill Rosenberg, executive chef of NoMa Social in New Rochelle and former owner of F.I.S.H. in Port Chester; Alison McKay, the newly arrived executive director of the Bartow-Pell

Mansion Museum; Stephanie Rizzolo, dining, lifestyle and events specialist at Four Hundred, a lifestyle management company; and Patrick Rocchio, a City Island resident and journalist who works as assignment editor and senior reporter for the Bronx Times.

Before and after the concert, Skip Giacco and his band entertained Island residents and visitors with lively music that was enjoyed by all.

Island Property Owner Indicted on Sex Charges

By BARBARA DOLENSEK

City Island residents were alarmed to read in the New York Post on Sept. 14 that a wealthy New York landlord with property on City Island had been indicted on several charges of criminal sex acts and had been put in custody without bail, according to the Manhattan District Attorney’s office.

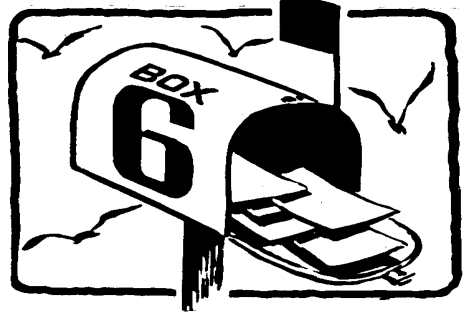
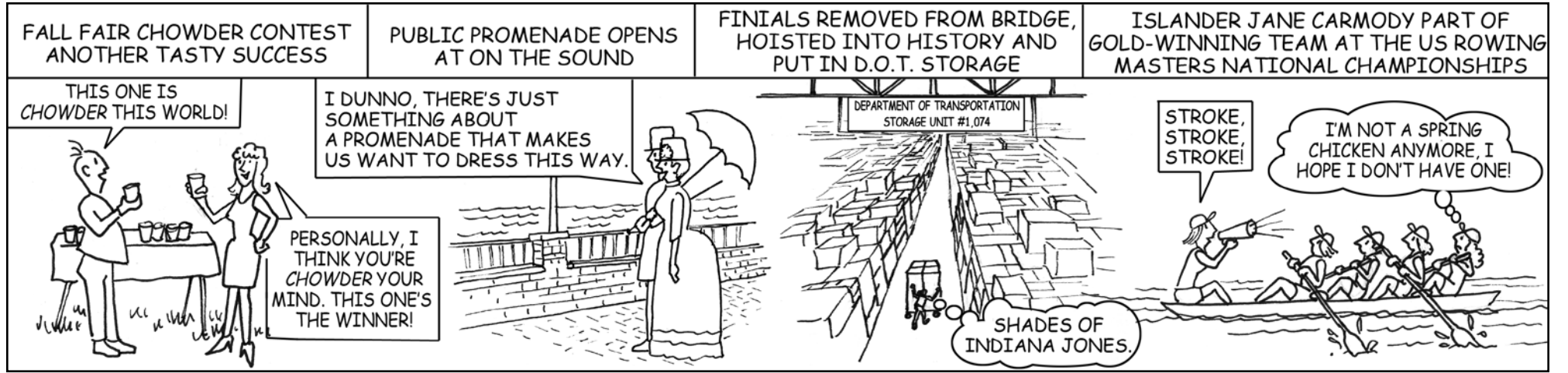
The landlord, Eliseo Mena Adorno, 67, was arraigned on July 20 on 54 counts for having allegedly committed sexual acts in an apartment at 135 Central Park West. According to the Manhattan prosecutor, explicit videos were taken of at least four women in various sex acts while unconscious. The charges include rape, sex abuse and unlawful surveillance.

The judge, Jill Konviser, ordered that Mr. Adorno be held without bail, because, according to the prosecutors, he owns sev-

eral properties in New York and has access to “tremendous resources.”

The New York Post reported that court papers indicate Mr. Adorno had moved out of his apartment on West 73rd Street in Manhattan and had moved to his property on City Island. New York City’s records indicate that EMA Co is the owner of the building at 270 City Island Avenue, which was purchased from Red Brennan at auction on the sidewalk in front of the building in 2009. There are two tenants on the ground floor, but the apartments on the second floor appear to be unoccupied, and the rear yard hasn’t been accessed in a long time.

In any case, Mr. Adorno is in jail, according to the Manhattan D.A.’s office, not on City Island. He is due to appear in court on Sept. 27.



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

Remembering Cathy Scott

The following letter was sent to us by the brother of Catherine Scott, a City Island resident who died 15 years ago and is still missed by many. She was a reporter for The Island Current, a longtime staff member of Community Board 10 (working with Jimmy Vacca) and a community activist of the highest order. It is in her memory that the park formerly known as Bridge Park is now called Catherine Scott Promenade, and we are told that the promenade, now being restored as part of the bridge project, should be open to the public again within a few months. Her book, "City Island and Orchard Beach," is available at the City Island Nautical Museum.

Hovering above us all like an angel, Cathy Scott continues to touch our hearts. All who knew her will never forget the fiery, relentless, risk-taking spirit, who championed the weak and oppressed alike and often even exposed the bureaucracy of big government itself. She devoted almost 20 years of exemplary service to Community Board 10, undertook countless environmental activities, and fought with unswerving resolve to support the people and the surrounding area she represented.

She was for many years the news editor for The Island Current and soon became an embodiment of hope for the community, earning respect and trust by keeping residents informed of local events. Most of the pieces she wrote focused on controversial issues, and she did not shy away from hard-to-write newsworthy articles of vital importance. Cathy's articles were not only meant to be informative and enjoyable to read, but they were also meant to inspire and encourage others to attend the scheduled

meetings and workshops and voice their concerns. In so doing, she endeared herself to us all.

In her backyard, Cathy planted beautiful flowers, and in her granddaughter, she planted the seeds of wisdom. Her paintings on canvas and stained-glass etchings are insightful reminders of her free spirit, which celebrated life. In taking appropriate risks, Cathy earned the respect and admiration of others by striving for what she believed was worthy of attainment. The lessons Cathy taught us all were practiced unflinchingly, especially during the days of her final battle with illness.

Herein lies Cathy's legacy: as a pebble creates a rippling effect in the water, the effect of who Cathy Scott was will forever affect not only for those of us who remain, but also those still to come who will continue the work she started and cared so passionately about.

Cathy will be remembered, not only for her impressive accolades and her final achievement, the book "City Island and Orchard Beach," but she will continue to be revered for her deep love of family, her abundance of friends and a grateful community that will forever cherish and embrace her memory.

Joseph de Stefano

Beware of Scam

To the Editor,

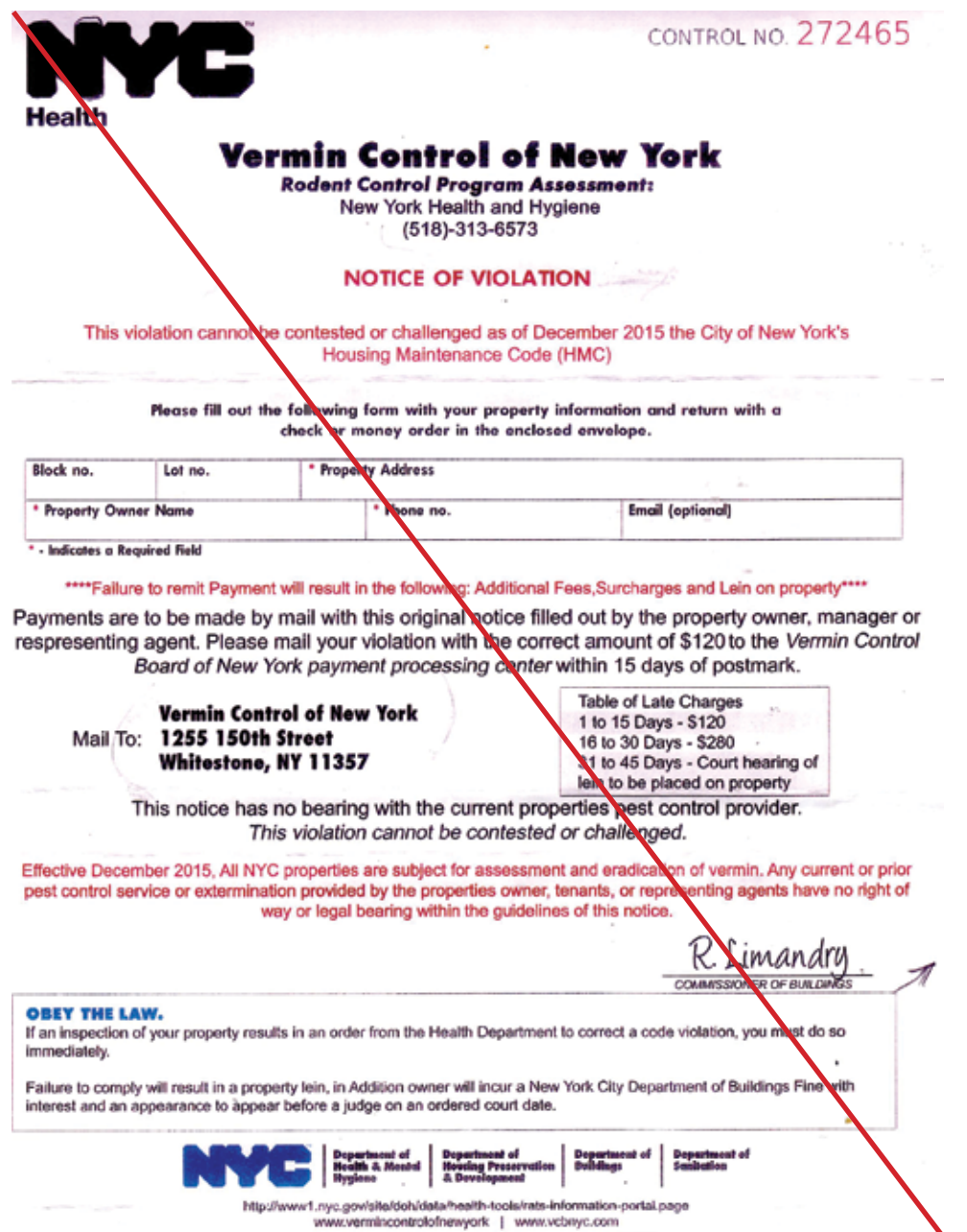
I received this notice of violation in the mail (see photo at right), and after many calls to 911, all the New York City departments mentioned in the document agree that it is a scam.

The address where checks are to be sent is a storefront that does printing and also rents out postal boxes.

I have notified Councilmember Jimmy Vacca and Representative Joe Crowley, as well as the Post Office inspector.

Please alert others on City Island by printing a copy of this letter in The Island Current. The more who know about this scam, the better. Do not respond to this letter or send any money.

Carol Fitzpatrick



City Island Waterfront Opens (a Tiny Bit) to the Public

By BARBARA DOLENSEK



Photo by MATTIA PANZA

The newly opened "esplanade" next to On the Sound, the new condominium development at the east end of Fordham Street. The gates open at dawn and close at dusk to offer visitors a chance to view the waterfront.

Everyone has been anticipating the completion of On the Sound, the new development on the former site of International Underwater Contractors at the east end of Fordham Street. Although the condominium units have yet to be completed, the developer has created an area where the public may enjoy a view of the waterfront at the end of Fordham Street.

In 1992 New York City's Department of City Planning (DCP) proposed a "comprehensive waterfront plan" in an effort to revitalize the city's long neglected shoreline. The plan included a requirement that new developments provide access for the general public to the waterfront on zoning lots larger than 65,000 square feet in low-density commercial and manufacturing districts, such as those on City Island.

When this requirement became part of City Island's Special District Zoning in 2003, there were not many large lots being developed other than Seafood City, which was built on the former site of Kretzer's Shipyard. An area there was set aside for public access and is located on the sea wall next to the restaurant. Another public access will be built alongside the new restaurant that is now currently under construction.

Because the original lot on Fordham Street, rezoned from manufacturing to resi-



dential in 2009, was greater than the square footage specified in the waterfront access zoning regulations, the developer set aside the area north of the gated condominium to be used as a seating area by members of the public. The requirements for what is being called an esplanade are as follows: a minimum area of 2,500 square feet at least 50 feet from the shoreline with at least one linear foot of seating for every 100 square feet. The sitting area must be accessible from a public sidewalk with a planting strip at least four feet wide. The gate is opened at dawn and closed at dusk; no swimming is allowed, nor is access to the condominiums.

Other large waterfront properties that have been zoned for development include the east end of Marine Street, which was rezoned from manufacturing to commercial to allow the construction of two apartment buildings, with public access to run between them to a marina on the water. Royal Marina, still a boatyard although it is zoned residential, was approved several years ago for the construction of 23 two-family houses; it too will need to include a sitting area accessible to the general public. No progress has been made in developing these two projects, but as the real estate market improves, we may expect more publicly accessible areas on the Island.

A New Gateway Into History

By BARBARA DOLENSEK

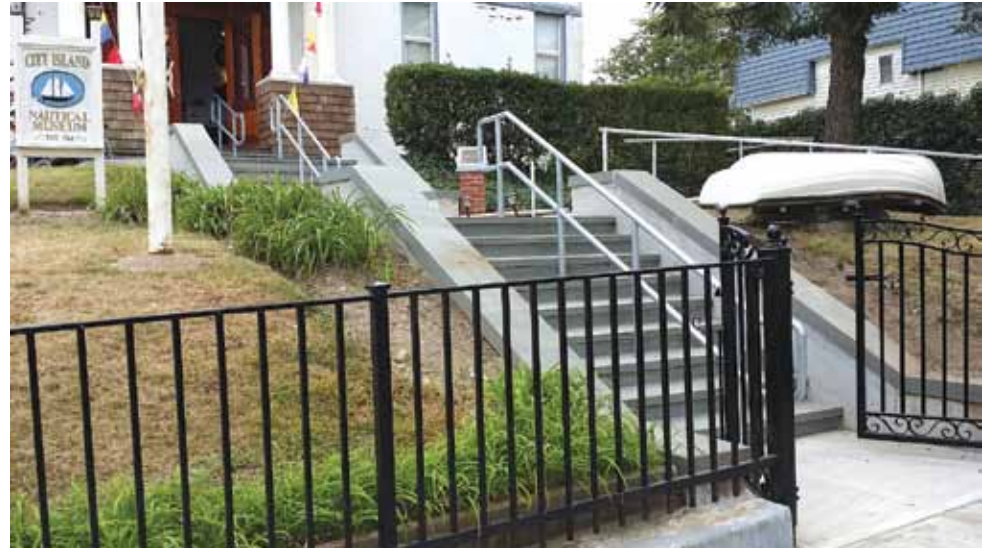


Photo by JANE PROTZMAN

The City Island Nautical Museum at 190 Fordham Street now has its new gate and fencing in place. The next step is landscaping the front yard, also thanks to the generosity of Adelaide Rosenfeld Bialek.

It's been a very busy summer for the museum, with many visitors (mostly from Brooklyn and Manhattan!) and large groups that come during the week for a tour of the museum and lunch at one of the local restaurants. The museum volunteer staff is delighted to welcome these visitors and give them an introduction to the history of our community.

The gate and the railing have been installed as part of the new steps project. The museum has expressed gratitude to C.I. Contracting for the excellent job they did and reports that the next step is landscaping the front yard. All of these improvements are thanks to the generosity of Adelaide Rosenfeld Bialek, who is the daughter of the museum's founder and who donated funds in memory of her aunt Josephine Rodstrom. Museum member Frank Hoffman designed and installed a handsome plaque next to the steps to inform visitors of this dedication.

Thanks to a donation last fall from "Law and Order: SVU," which filmed scenes for an episode in the Community Room, and donations from members of the City Island community, the museum was able to replace the windows, which were in poor condition. However, a much larger project looms, which is the museum's share of repointing the brickwork in the building. Although there is no definitive estimate of the expense (the extent of the damage to the brickwork will not be evident until after the work has begun), it is likely that the museum's share of the cost will be several thousand dollars.

Because of these impending expenses, the museum officers, after much discussion, decided that it would be necessary to charge a \$5 admission fee to the museum. For many years, visitors were asked to make

a donation to the museum as they arrived; and although many did so, the amounts were usually very small, barely enough to keep the museum warm in the winter and cool in the summer. There has always been a \$5 charge per person for special groups visiting during off hours, but this charge for regular admission is a new development. So far, the volunteer staff has received very few objections from visitors, who have paid the sum willingly. All children under 12 are admitted free, as are members of the City Island Historical Society, which administers the Nautical Museum.

Free admission is definitely one of the advantages of membership. Renewal letters will soon be going out to existing members, and an effort is being made to reach out to non-members in the City Island community.

The museum closes at the end of December each year so that the staff may work on various projects, such as new exhibits and other tasks that cannot be accomplished during the rest of the year. All who are interested in volunteering their time to help out are welcome and are encouraged to e-mail info@cityislandmuseum.org or to call 718-885-0507.

One of the projects in the works is the development of interesting programs that will be of special interest to the community. Last year Tom Nye's talk on the boatbuilding history on City Island attracted a standing-room-only crowd, and he repeated the talk in January. (The video of the presentation can be viewed at <https://vimeo.com/158393591>.) The prohibition talk by Tom Vasti and Bob Apuzzo in April was also very popular. Those who wish to suggest new programs are encouraged to send their ideas to info@cityislandmuseum.org.

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Join the fun at City Island's new toy store at 239 City Island Avenue on Oct. 14 at 5 p.m. and participate in "Misfit Monsters & Mayhem" to get ready for Halloween.



Photo by RICK DeWITT

Ron Turner of the Focal Point Gallery celebrated 42 years on City Island with an exhibition of his own work entitled "Photo Sculptures." Mr. Turner (above, standing fourth from left) hosted an opening reception on Sept. 9, 2016, at the gallery. The exhibition will run through Nov. 27, so stop by Focal Point at 321 City Island Avenue and wish Mr. Turner a happy 42nd anniversary.



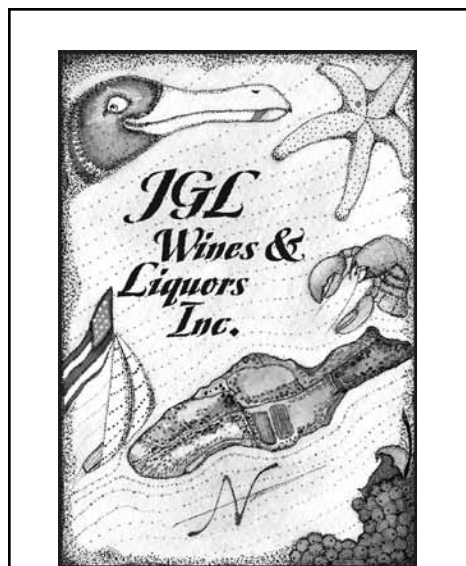
"Misfit Monsters & Mayhem," featuring assemblage art and undiscovered toys for sale, plus Halloween goodies for all ages, will open on Friday, Oct. 14, from 6 to 9 p.m. (with a preview party at 5 p.m.) at 239 PLAY (aka the General Store) at 239 City Island Avenue. The first 20 people through the door get a mystery prize!

Starving Artist Cafe & Gallery (249 City Island Avenue) brings an October filled with music with roots as close as Broadway and as far as France. Highlights this month include: "An Evening of Broadway with Hannah Glick & Friends" (Saturday, Oct. 1, 8 p.m.); the "jazz man" Lou Volpe (Sunday, Oct. 2, 4 p.m.); Nungan, from Saint-Barth and France, with special guest City Island's own Papa Guyo Guyocious (Friday and Saturday, Oct. 7 and 8, 8 p.m.); the start of the second Sunday jazz residency with the Nagi Okamoto duo (Sunday, Oct. 9, 3 p.m.); the duo of City Island's Freddie Lando and Theresa Sareo, Starving Artist's "sweetheart" (Saturday, Oct. 29, 8 p.m.); and City Island's Chris Wertenbaker and Elliott Glick (Sunday, Oct. 30, 3 p.m.). For a full schedule, visit www.StarvingArtistOnline.com or our Facebook page (Starving Artist Cafe, City Island, New York).



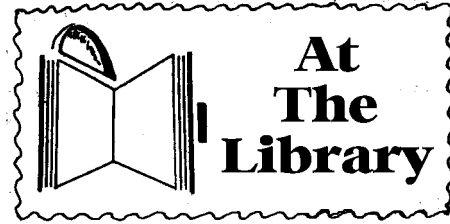
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OCTOBER CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Bilingual Birdies: Fall is our favorite time of year to teach about the changing colors of the leaves, emotions, as well as the sun, moon, and stars! Families with children newborn to age 6 will enjoy learning new vocabulary through live music, movement and puppetry. As always, we provide instruments for everyone to use in class and conclude with a bubble dance party! Monday, Oct. 17, 24 and 31 at 11 a.m.

Circle Time: Children from birth to 3 years old and their caregivers can enjoy stories, songs and finger plays while spending time with other toddlers. Limit of 15 children with their caregivers. Every Tuesday from 11 to 11:45 a.m.

Read & Play: Children from birth to 3 years old and caregivers can take part in wonderful stories, discover amazing toys, and meet new friends in this fun, informal program. Limit of 15 children with their caregivers. Every Friday from 11 to 11:30 a.m.

Lego League: Bring your imagination and join us for fun with Legos! Blocks of various sizes will be provided. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Ages 5 through 11. A limit of 10 children with their caregivers. Every Thursday from 3 to 4 p.m.

Craft-A-Way! Drop in and participate in creating projects related to a theme or holiday. Ages 2 through 11. Friday, Oct. 21, at 11:30 a.m.

It's Bin Fun! Toddlers and preschoolers can play and explore our various sensory bins that will encourage curiosity through touch, sight and sound! Parent and child participation required. Ages 2 through 4 years old. Friday, Oct. 8 and 29. First come, first served.

OCTOBER TEEN AND TWEEN PROGRAMS

After-School Lounge: Come to the library after school for studying and a chance to unwind. Monday through Thursday from 3 to 5 p.m.

Friday Afternoon Activities: at 3 p.m. Oct. 7: Wii & Board Games; Oct. 14: Supersize Selfies, Part 1; Oct. 21: Supersize Selfies, Part 2; Oct. 28: Wii & Board Games.

Family Movie: Wednesday, Oct. 12, at 3 p.m. "The Angry Birds Movie"

OCTOBER ADULT PROGRAMS

First Thursdays at the Library: Writers will exchange stories while learning how to develop a plot, describe characters and design backgrounds. Don't be surprised if your most colorful stories arise from the folks you meet in your daily life. Led by Gail Hitt. Begins Oct. 6 from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

The Island Writers: This is a group for all who are interested in writing professionally or personally. Come check us out! Every Tuesday at 1 p.m.

Intro to Computers: Come to the library, ask questions about how to use computers and sharpen your skills through computer use. "How do I turn the computer on?" "How do I set up my own e-mail account and e-mail family and friends?" Every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Résumé Workshop: Designed to assist in creating a new or updated resume. Topics include cover letters and resources for job opportunities. A flash drive is required. Every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. One-on-One: Computer Training: Stop by or call to make an appointment for one hour of instruction that focuses on your questions and interests.

Saturday Afternoon Movies: at 1 p.m. Oct. 1: "Race"; Oct. 8: "Miracles from Heaven"; Oct. 15: "Batman Vs Superman"; Oct. 22: "Point Break"; Oct. 29: "The Last Witch Hunter"

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

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The Girls in the Boat

By JANE PROTZMAN



Photo by JANE PROTZMAN

The winning rowing team at the U.S. Rowing Masters National Championships in August (left to right): City Island resident Jane Carmody, Stacy Caffrey (coxswain), Debra Orlando, Laurel Choate and Susan Sales.

New City Island resident Jane Carmody, together with a crew of three and a coxswain, won a gold medal for the first time in the history of the Pelham Community Rowing Association (PCRA) at the U.S. Rowing Masters National Championships, held in mid-August on Lake Quinsigamond in Worcester, MA. The crew, which competed in the Women's E 4+ level, with an average age of 55, had the fastest times in their heats and beat 15 crews along the way. Jane and three other women won a bronze medal in a separate sculling event. More than 2,000 rowers representing 165 clubs from across the country participated in this annual regatta, making it the largest regatta of the year.

The PCRA, which was founded in 2003, has its boathouse on Glen Island. Their program is open to anyone who wants to row, whether for recreation or competition, and members come from Westchester County, New York City and Connecticut. Until the organization was formed, there were no other community-based programs in the area offering programs for both children and adults, but since then, the sport has become very popular. For many young people, being a competitive rower in high school can open many doors for college applications and scholarships. The sport has become increasingly popular among young women, and in order to comply with legislation requiring that women be given equal opportunities in sports, many colleges now offer rowing scholarships to offset the scholarships offered to young men who play football, basketball and baseball.

Jane Carmody suggests that the popular 2013 book "The Boys in the Boat" about

America's winning team at the 1936 Olympics gives readers an understanding of the physical and mental demands of the sport, which are not readily apparent to the public. She believes that the book offers a glimpse of the euphoria and sense of satisfaction that every rower experiences after a great race. "I think it is the quest to experience that euphoria and satisfaction that motivates rowers and keeps them going."

Jane and her husband, Michael, moved to City Island from Pelham in February 2016. She grew up in Bethlehem, PA, and he grew up in Mt. Vernon, NY; they met at the NYU School of Law. Jane is an Associate Broker with Houlihan Lawrence in Pelham and an award-winning artist whose work has been exhibited locally. Michael is a partner in his own law firm in Manhattan and specializes in real estate law. Their children, Sean, 28, and Megan, 26, live in Chicago and Pelham respectively.

Jane and Michael enjoy bicycling, rowing, kayaking and walking to Orchard Beach, as well as our local stores and restaurants, from their home on Tier Street, and they look forward to becoming an integral part of the community. As Jane puts it: "Our friends and family who have come to visit are awestruck when they see where we live and the amazing views that we now have. We are constantly running outside to take photos of the sunsets, each one seemingly more spectacular than the ones that preceded it. We have always dreamed of living on the water, but we never realized that the dream could or would be fulfilled right here in New York City. We also love the diversity and sense of community that is such a big part of City Island."

Coast Guard Auxiliary Celebrates 50 Years



Photo courtesy of COUNCILMEMBER VACCA

Councilmember James Vacca presented the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 05-04 of City Island a proclamation celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. The ceremony took place at the Harlem Yacht Club on Sept. 8, 2016.

United States Coast Guard (USCG) Auxiliary Flotilla 05-04 reaches its 50-year milestone this year. Since the USCG established its volunteer branch of the Auxiliary in 1939, it has been an active part of City Island and all areas of our nation. During World War II, many Island residents went on to serve overseas, leaving our shores vulnerable. The USCG Auxiliary stepped up and lent the use of their privately owned vessels to patrol the waters of our city, many of which belong to area yacht clubs.

One such club was the Harlem Yacht Club (HYC), where the Auxiliary established a base of operations during the war. On June 6, 1966, the USCG Auxiliary Flotilla 05-04 was chartered, and it has been using the HYC as a meeting place and a place to teach boating safety courses to the general public.

Ever since, Flotilla 05-04 has been an integral part of City Island, teaching boat safety classes, doing vessel examinations and countless patrols, supporting maritime domain awareness and running environmental safety patrols, providing literature to the marine dealers as well as the public, rescuing stranded boaters and providing as-

sistance to the active duty members of the Coast Guard. All of this has been performed on a voluntary basis.

Many former members have gone on to serve or are currently serving in our armed services, thanks in part to their commitment to our country and our community. Our members are mothers, fathers, sons and daughters who put in countless hours of their free time to learn, teach and provide a safer environment for recreational boaters and the general public.

At the beginning of the year, while preparing the calendar of upcoming events, the flotilla members wondered how they could make their 50th year special. John Rivera, acting flotilla staff officer (FSO) for public education, suggested that they get a proclamation. He and Joe Pena, acting FSO for public affairs, and Nelcon Cancel, FSO for publications, made some phone calls and drafted a brief history for Councilmember James Vacca, whose office was very receptive to the idea. He presented the proclamation at the Flotilla's meeting on Sept. 8, 2016, giving congratulations to Flotilla 05-04 for its 50th year and for its continued success over the next 50 years.



Photo by JIMMY LIVINGSTON

On Sept. 12, 2016, the American flag was removed from the Legion Triangle at the beginning of City Island Avenue. This was necessary due to the ongoing construction of the new bridge and the reconstruction of the triangle itself. Members of the Leonard Hawkins Post 156 and the Sons of the American Legion (SAL) Squadron 156 completed the removal with dignity and respect. Members who participated were executive board member Michael Jawski, squadron commander Victor Anderson, and SAL past commanders James Livingston and Walter Nativ.



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KEE Electric: Loyal to the Community that Gave Him His Trade

By BILL STUTTIG



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Kurt Ebinger in front of one of his fleet of service vehicles.

Kurt Ebinger, the founder and owner of the City Island-based KEE Electric contracting firm is someone whom many people would describe as a self-made, successful business man.

But like many successful people, Kurt knows well that his success has been partially the result of help and kindness from others who gave him a chance and taught him the skills and the fortitude it takes to

make it here as an electrician and business owner.

"I started working when I was 17 years old for Walter Henning as part of Seaside Electric," Kurt recalls. "I grew up with his son. Like many kids I did not know which direction I was going to go. I never went to college, but I was always self-sufficient, and electrical work seemed to come very easily to me. I was very mechanical and enjoyed working with my hands and working on boats. So Walter recognized that, took me in and taught me the trade. Soon he was sending me out on my own as a mechanic. I liked the responsibility of doing my own projects. He would hand me the blueprints and say 'Here, do the job!'"

Kurt ended up being a key electrician at the late Mr. Henning's electrical firm for more than 10 years, from 1986 to 1996, and when Walter decided to retire, he gave Kurt the encouragement and confidence to strike out on his own.

KEE Electric began on City Island in 1996 and depended almost exclusively on City Island homes and businesses to keep the business afloat in those early years. "It was tough for those first few years," Kurt says. "I didn't have many clients. City Island, because of its size, can supply only a limited number of customers, for the most part only restaurants and marinas, both which I came to specialize in. That special niche is still a key part of this business today. You need a little knowledge to know how to go about doing electrical work around salt water."

But Kurt knew that in order to grow the business he needed to reach out beyond that local maritime trade. Kurt says he began to market his business by stopping at construction sites and introducing himself. "That first year, business was minimal, but I kept that aggressive practice of going out and meeting people." He says the business began to grow incrementally.

"Now I have nine employees and a very diversified customer base—everything from small residential jobs like installing a ceiling fan in your home to commercial storefronts and light industrial work in restaurants, retail, schools and churches." He is currently the electrical contractor for the new 22 two-family home development on Fordham Street.

Although the business has become diversified throughout the region, it is still based on City Island and currently operates out of the former headquarters of Kroepke Hand Controls, which he purchased from the Kroepke family after Walter Kroepke passed away.

Speaking from those offices at 104 Hawkins Street, Kurt says: "I own this

building and the property behind it, and we are currently building a two-story structure to house KEE Electric for the future. We are a growing business but I will always be on City Island."

"When I started, I had a 20-year business plan," he recalls. "I projected where I wanted to be 5, 10 and 20 years down the road, and I actually achieved my 20-year goal after 10 years, which is to have a piece of real estate with my shop and to have three or four trucks and three or four crews going out."

Despite his success, Kurt admits that "I wanted to stay small. I never wanted to be huge. I enjoy the outdoors and I have three children so I coach basketball and baseball. I like having the flexibility so I can do that. Get home and coach and be with my family, have three or four hours a night to be with family. That is the most important thing to me."

"On weekends when we have to work, we will do so, but I don't like to," Kurt says. "I don't push weekend work on my workers. I try to say let's get everything done Monday through Friday. There is always work to be done, and if they want to work I will find them work, but I try not to have them work on the weekends if they don't want to. That is their family time."

His lead mechanic, Armando, has been with him since the beginning, more than 20 years. "He is like my partner I wouldn't be here without him. I wouldn't be here without all my employees."

As in most businesses, ever-changing technology presents the greatest challenge. "The jobs have become larger and more complex, and there are a lot more legal aspects that you have to follow," Kurt explains. "The trade has become so big now with increased electronics—from home theaters to the use of integrated systems—replacing old systems with new more energy-efficient technologies, even on City Island. You always have a lot of old houses here but the new generation comes in, and they want to fix it up and get it to the next level."

A clam digger, Kurt moved off nine years ago to raise his three children in Lake Mahopac, NY, because of his concern about the quality of public education in New York City.

"I love City Island," he says. "It is a great place. Everyone understandably wishes it was still the same place that we knew when we were kids, but nothing stays the same. There will always be stable families, and I don't think they would ever leave, but it is nice to see new faces as well, people with new energy to put into the community."

"Sweeney Todd": It's Really Just a Love Story

by MARY McINTYRE

Although Stephen Sondheim's musical "Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street" deals with dark themes, Nick Sala, the play's director for the City Island Theater Group production in November, believes that it is grounded in the idea of love and devotion, which often lead to obsession. So those who might cringe at the idea of mayhem and murder are encouraged to attend this great play in a positive and optimistic spirit.

The Theater Group is thrilled to be presenting this dramatic play, which has been a musical theater staple since its premiere on Broadway in 1979, when it won eight Tony awards, including Best Musical. The play will be presented over the first three weekends in November; see *Briefly* on page 2 for times and ticket information.

The CITG cast includes Dominic Accella, Brian J. Alvarado, Karen Andronico, Alex Arlotta, Sandra Benedetto, Megan Bruno, Dennis DeLeo, Mary DelVecchio, Demerre Files, John Hartigan, Joshua Judin, Thomas Losito, Vanessa Lynah, Katie

McAllister, Robert McEvily, Jack McGuirk, Stephanie Murdock, Maurice Richard, Eugenia Rosa, Carol Serrano and Ryan Slone. Nick Sala will direct the show, along with Heather Edwards, musical director.

The November production brings with it CITG's annual give-back program. For "Sweeney," the group is asking members of the audience to donate new, packaged, disposable men's and women's razors. These will be collected and sent to U.S. troops overseas through SupportOurTroops.com. The audience's generosity in the past has been overwhelming, and CITG is again asking for community support to pass these items on to the brave men and women of our military forces.

The Theater Group is also looking for great pie recipes. Although no one is likely to have a pie recipe quite like Mrs. Lovett's, supporters are being asked to submit their favorite pie recipes (of any sort) to Information@cityislandtheatergroup.com by Oct. 20. The best pie recipe will be printed in our program for everyone to enjoy.

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The City Island Community Pride committee, Candy Mancuso and Teri Kurtz, would like to acknowledge John Marano for his continued graffiti clean-up projects on the temporary bridge, many of the bus stops on City Island Avenue, the wall above the Chase bank and other locations. Thanks also go to Donna McGowan for sweeping the sidewalk and keeping the avenue clean between the Diner and Laura's.

Organization News

News on this page concerning organizations, and events listed in, are submitted by representatives of those organizations. A limit of 150 words is requested for all news items submitted. In most cases news will be edited and every effort will be made to preserve the substance of longer items. News and calendar events must be received by no later than the 20th of each month except December and July. If the 20th falls on a holiday or Sunday, the deadline is the 19th. Mail submissions to P.O. Box 6, City Island, NY 10464. YOUR NAME AND PHONE NUMBER MUST BE INCLUDED.

Current Calendar

OCTOBER

Sat. and Sun., Oct. 1 and 2, **American Legion Pumpkin Sale.** Legion parking lot at City Island Avenue and Cross Street, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sat., Oct. 15, **Coat and Clothing Drive,** sponsored by the Bronx Masons, 241 City Island Avenue, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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

Sat., Oct. 29, **POTS Program,** St. Mary's Schoolyard, Minneford Avenue and Kilroe Street, drop-off between 4:30 and 5 p.m. Menu: baked ziti.

Mon., Oct. 31, **Halloween Parade,** starting at Hawkins Park, 5:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER

Tues., Nov. 8, **Election Day,** P.S. 175, 200 City Island Avenue.

Sat., Nov. 12, **Chamber of Commerce Awards Dinner,** 7 to 11 p.m., Scavello's On The Island (see ad this issue).

Temple Beth-El

Temple Beth-El of City Island (TBE), "your shul by the sea," at 480 City Island Avenue is a stimulating, non-denominational place for observance of Jewish traditions. Jewish renewal is the style of our deeply spiritual, innovative, all-inclusive and open-minded worship. Rabbi Shohama Wiener and Rabbi David Evan Markus lead services with music by Your Band by the Sea. Events begin promptly, so please come 15 minutes before listed times. Services are followed by a celebratory Oneg, light refreshments. Reminder: for the health and comfort of all, please refrain from wearing perfume or cologne. For more information, visit www.yourshulbythesea.org. We welcome you to follow us on Facebook.

Kabbalat Shabbat services are on Friday evenings from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Oct. 7, with Rabbi David; Oct. 14, Community-led Shabbat; Oct. 21, Community-led Sukkot Shabbat; Oct. 28, Community-led Shabbat.

High Holy Day Schedule

All services are free and open to the public on a first-come, first-serve basis. Plan ahead for traffic and parking and invite friends. Services will begin on schedule.

Oct. 2, 6:30 p.m.: Erev Rosh Hashanah
Oct. 3, 10 a.m.: Rosh Hashanah 1;
12:30 p.m.: Beachside Tashlich
Oct. 4, 10 a.m.: Rosh Hashanah 2
Oct. 7, 7:30 p.m.: Shabbat Shuvah
Oct. 11, 6 p.m.: Kol Nidre
Oct. 12, 10 a.m.: Yom Kippur; 2 p.m.: Class: Hope & Purification (at the Samuel Pell House, 586 City Island Avenue); 2:30 p.m.: Practice: Breath & Body (also at the Pell House); 5 p.m.: Mincha & Jonah; 6 p.m.: Neilah & Havdalah; 7 p.m.: Break Fast

Events & Classes

Mondays 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.: Prana Yoga led by Daniella Haney a certified instructor in transformative breath, body and spirit for deep healing. Suitable for all, dress in loose clothing. Suggested freewill offering \$10 per session. RSVP to Daniella at kyncyc@aol.com.

Oct. 9, 10 a.m. to 12 noon: Learning before Yom Kippur: Hope and Purification. This session will focus on the Yom Kippur chapters of Lew's book and the deep symbolism of Kol Nidre.
Oct. 16, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.: Sukkot

and potluck dinner in sukkah. Dress for the weather (layers) and bring stories about entertaining guests. All foods should be dairy or pareve (vegetarian or fish).

Oct. 23 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.: Simchat Torah. Come for personal blessings and wear dancing shoes!

Looking Ahead

Seeking and Spirit: Judaism for Seekers. Starting in November, TBE will co-sponsor a year-long program for seekers, whether new to Judaism or wishing to see Judaism in a new way. This program is co-sponsored by the Miller Program at American Jewish University. To pre-register, e-mail yourshulbythesea@gmail.com.

Adult B'nai Mitzvah Program. TBE needs three more participants to begin our adult bnai mitzvah cohort for 2016-17. This rigorous program will include the Seeking and Spirit series, a second monthly meeting, Hebrew lessons and learning a Torah portion. If you're ready to commit, we promise a year of deep learning and inner transformation that's worthy of your fullest effort of mind and heart. For info, email yourshulbythesea@gmail.com.

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Outreach

Enrollment continues for TBE's Hebrew school partner, Sinai Free Synagogue, in nearby Mount Vernon. To enroll a child or obtain more information, contact Rabbi Shohama via yourshulbythesea@gmail.com.

Leslie Lichtman-Berland

American Legion Ladies Auxiliary

The next meeting of the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary Unit 156, which will include initiation of new members, is Tuesday, Oct. 4, at 7:30 p.m. The 2016 membership payment is now due. If you'd like to become a member of the Auxiliary, please contact Doreen Wall for information and an application at doreengwall@gmail.com or apply online at <https://www.members.legion.org>.

Laura Booth, Doreen Wall and Betty Carman attended the American Legion Auxiliary Fall Conference 2016 on Sept. 13. The Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS) was presented as a means to service thousands of our veteran's surviving family members. We hope to contribute to this significant program in the coming year.

Please mark your calendars for our annual bake sale on Sunday, Oct. 2, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. If you would like to contribute an item, please contact the Post at 718-885-0639.

Anne Marie Rogers (past president) will be sponsoring a Halloween Party on Saturday, Oct. 29, from 7:30 to 11 p.m. at the Leonard Hawkins Post for \$25 per person. All are welcome to attend. For more information, please e-mail Ann Marie at arogers@aol.com.

Tuesday, Nov. 1, at 7 p.m. we will be hosting our yearly charitable "Baby Shower" following the monthly meeting. Through the generosity of our members, we are able to donate items to various shelters and those in need.

Many thanks to Laura Booth, our presi-



Bobby Salerno preparing a homemade Italian feast for the Ladies Auxiliary. Mangial!

dent, for hosting our Summer Social Event on Saturday, Aug. 27. Special thanks to Chef Bobby Salerno, who prepared an assortment of delectable Italian dishes, including eggplant parmigiana and pasta. It was delicious and appreciated by all the ladies. A special thank you to Tsuyako Sandy Dunn and the Grace Tones for performing a medley of songs. It was a wonderful venue with a wide variety of musical talent.

Joanne Valetta

City Island Republicans

The presidential race is tightening. Everyone needs to come out and vote. No excuses. Anyone in need of an absentee ballot can call the Bronx Board of Elections at 718-299-9017.

Congratulations to Elections Commissioner Mike Rendino on his award from the Bronx Conservative Party on Thursday, July 22.

Fred Ramftl Jr.

St. Mary, Star of the Sea Church

Our religious education program for Our Lady of the Assumption / St. Mary, Star of the Sea has begun. Both students and teachers have gotten off to a great start.

Revising the monthly Eucharistic Holy Hour with the parishioners' input has been postponed. More information will follow sometime in October.

In honor of the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, we will have the Blessing of the Animals on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 2, at 2 p.m. in St. Mary's schoolyard or in the school gym in case of rain.

Our monthly coffee hour will take place in the rectory on Sunday, Oct. 9, after the 9 a.m. Mass. Come join your fellow parishioners for light refreshments.

Rose Dietz

Garden Club of City Island

The Garden Club of City Island acknowledged the beginning of the autumn season with a talk on tree care by Trevor Hall of Bartlett Tree Service at our September meeting. "Trees have a personality" was one of the compelling ideas he presented in this informative and amusing talk.

The October meeting will feature a slide presentation by Richard Rosiello from Meadowbrook Gardens in New Milford, CT on native plants and invasive species. Members look forward to a visit on Oct. 11 to Steinhart Gardens in Mount Kisco, NY, organized by Carol Wilkinson, chair of the program committee. Participants are encouraged to wear sturdy, dependable footwear.

The club continues to be busy maintaining the planter boxes on City Island Avenue. The beautification committee thanks all of the merchants and residents who have helped

water the plants throughout this hot and dry summer.

The next meeting will be on Oct. 3 at the City Island Yacht Club at 10 a.m. If you have an interest in civic beautification and promoting gardening, come join like-minded people on the first Monday of the month. Annual dues are \$35. Meetings are followed by coffee, tea and fresh baked goods provided by our hospitality committee.

Carol Hansen

Sons of the American Legion Squadron #156

Dues are now due. They are \$30. New members are always welcome. If you are a male descendant, step-descendant or adopted descendant of a veteran set forth in the dates established by Congress, we would love to have you as a member. Stop by the Post to pick up an application. We will also need a copy of a DD-214 from your relative.

Thanks to John Ainette for the grill, charcoal and tent.

Our Oktoberfest will be held rain or shine on Saturday, Oct. 15, from 2 to 6 p.m. in the parking lot or in the hall set up like a German beer garden, depending on the weather that day. Limit is 70 people. Cost is \$35 per person, which includes a \$5 50/50 ticket. The menu will include the following: a roast pig, German potato salad, potato pancakes, cucumber salad, pretzels, pickles, German meatballs, red cabbage, knockwurst, bratwurst and sauerkraut.

On Sunday, Oct. 23, we will be hosting a brunch, which includes a breakfast buffet from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. during the Giants game that will be televised from London. Kickoff is at 9:30.

Bill Clancy Jr.'s campaign for state commander is moving forward. The election will be held next July.

All retired flags should be deposited in the red, white and blue mailbox next to the flagpole.

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

Fred Ramftl Jr.

AARP 318

We meet on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at Trinity Methodist Church Hall on Bay Street. At our Oct. 5 meeting, we will celebrate Oktoberfest in Staten Island (cost \$80 per person). Oct. 19 is our Penny Auction at the church hall beginning at 12 noon. It will be a fun day with 50/50, raffles, hot dogs, chips, cake and coffee (cost \$10 per person). Any donations for the Penny Auction can be dropped off at the church hall on Oct. 5 at 12 noon. Be sure to come and bring all of your friends.

Rosetta Woods



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

October brings some great activities to the Center. Come to a screening of "Carry on Papa," a delightful Bollywood comedy featuring City Island's own John Dylan Howard on Friday, Oct. 14, at 7 p.m. We host Family Pumpkin Bingo on Saturday, Oct. 22, at 7 p.m. We wish everyone a happy Halloween but we're sorry that we will not have a Haunted House this year.

Remember that the Community Center is here for you and your families, so please support the programs and let us know if there is something you would like to see on the schedule.

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

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

EVENTS

Carry on Papa: Friday, Oct. 14, 7 p.m. See this Bollywood film comedy with Islander John Dylan Howard in a featured role. Donation \$5.

Family Pumpkin Bingo: Saturday, Oct. 22, 7 p.m. Fun for the whole family with great prizes and refreshments available. Members get one free card. Cards are \$5 each. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

NEW PROGRAMS

Spanish Classes for Children: Wednesday after school, Saturday afternoon. An exciting new educational program for children is coming to the Center. Taught by experienced school teachers, the Español Experience teaches conversational Spanish to children grades K through 5 through fun-filled activities and visits by performing artists. The Español Experience enables children who know a little Spanish to speak more fluently and introduces children who don't know any Spanish to a whole new cultural experience. Classes start in September and are forming now. For more information and to register your child, visit www.espanolexperience.com, or call 917-889-4938.

Healing Service: Thursday by appointment. Rev. Francesca Vitale, polarity/ craniosacral practitioner, formerly of the New

York Open Center, is offering her healing services to anyone in need. Exploring energetic anatomy and the mind-body connection, a person can receive clarity and balance within in order to heal and become empowered. A donation of \$33 per hour session is suggested. For further information, visit www.theevitalforcefoundation.org. To schedule an appointment call Francesca at 914-837-6830.

Mommy and Baby Yoga: Tuesday, 11:15 a.m. Sarah Hutching's special class offers gentle stretching, toning, baby massage and relaxation. A wonderful and nurturing way to spend time together. For information call Sarah at 914-216-5851.

Ballroom Dance: Wednesdays, 7 p.m. In October, the featured dances will be the hustle and rumba with instructor Maurice Bonilla. It's lots of fun and soon you may be "Dancing with the Stars." For information, call 347-920-3127.

Bollywood Dance: Saturdays, Tweens, 12 and under, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Teens/Adults, 2:30 to 3:30. Join Lalitha Cosme to explore the dance, energy, movement and culture of India and Indian films. To register or for more information, e-mail lalithadance@gmail.com.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Art for Children: Saturdays 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon. Ages 7 to 12 explore drawing, painting and sculpture: Study art from the 15th to 21st century with Lorraine Cantori. Try one session, \$20. Classes begin Oct. 1. Register at ceasardante@optonline.net or call 914-552-5268.

Irish Dance for Children: Monday, beginning Sept. 12. Step dancing for all ages. Tiny tots 6 to 6:30 p.m., Beginners 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Intermediate 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. All classes taught by Caitlin Nora Kelly. For information, e-mail caitlin.nora.kelly@gmail.com or call 914-262-4517.

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

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

ADULT PROGRAMS

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

Belly Dance/Shimmy by the Sea with Kristin, aka Gypsy Curves. Classes resume in October. To enroll, call Kristin Amezcua at 646-625-1575.

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

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

City Island Community Supported Agriculture: Mondays, 5 to 6 p.m., The CSA provides fresh organic fruits and vegetables throughout the summer and fall. We now have meat, poultry and eggs available. For information, e-mail laurenbriggsrn@gmail.com or call 917-238-0529.

City Island Culinary Club: First and third Mondays at 7 p.m. Have fun with other Islanders who like to cook. Share your favorite recipes and pick up some new cooking skills. Mondays at 7 p.m. For information, call Kenny Selesky at 917-533-7873.

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

Parenting Group: Meets at 7 p.m. on the last Tuesday of the month. We laugh, we cry and we learn from one another. Join us on this journey through parenthood. For information, call John Scardina 718-884-9305.

Weight Watchers Meetings: Tuesday evenings at 6 p.m. (NEW TIME) with Debbie. Trim down and be healthy with the support of a great group. Now is a good time to join. For more information, call Elena at 718-885-2268.

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

Zumba with Julia/Kickbox with Maria: Saturday, 9:30 to 11 a.m. Want to lose those extra pounds and that belly fat? Well, here is your chance. Join this high-energy 90-minute workout with toning. For information, call Julia at 917-601-5514 or Maria at 347-267-0591.

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

Patty Grondahl

Grace Episcopal Church

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

Worship Schedule: Holy Communion Rite II, Sundays at 10 a.m. After the service, we offer coffee hour, a time for refreshments and fellowship. All are welcome.

Sunday School

A new season of Amazing Grace's Sunday School has begun, but it's not too late to join our enthusiastic group of children. Led by Karen Nani, the students range in age from 2 to 12, and newcomers are welcome. No extra time is needed; students will begin the service with the entire congregation at 10 a.m. and then leave with Mrs. Nani for lessons and activities, including arts and crafts, for 30 to 40 minutes during the service. They will rejoin the congregation after the exchange of peace.

Grace Events

The Grace Tones, our musical ministry made up of members of the church choir and singers from the Island, perform at area nursing homes and rehabilitation centers. We will be joining forces with Girl Scout Troop #1115 to sing at Beth Abraham Nursing Home on Oct. 22. If you would like to join us, please call Sandy Dunn at 917-566-1296 or e-mail accentfix@gmail.com.

Hearts and Hands is a group of parishioners who knit and crochet comfort items (hats and blankets) for patients at Calvary Hospital. The group will meet on Monday, Oct. 17, at 6:30 p.m. in Grace Church Hall, and we invite other crafters to join us. For more information, please call Lori Swink at 914-523-7413.

New for 2016: Preparations have begun for the return of Grace's Christmas Pageant, which is planned for Sunday, Dec. 18, at 10 a.m. If your child would like to participate as an angel, shepherd, wise man, Mary, Joseph or narrator, please join us! All interested parents and children are welcome.

Please visit our website at www.gracecityisland.org.

Sandy Dunn

PSS City Island Center

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

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

All programs and events are subject to change. Please call ahead to check if you have not attended before. To receive our newsletter and calendar of events send your email to pattis@psusa.org.

Highlights

New!! Dance Party Exercise Wednes-

days at 9:15

Oct. 4: Center for Vein Restoration scanning and presentation at 12:20 p.m.

Oct. 7: Operation Safe Travel at 1 p.m. (travel safety for those who are visually impaired or have low vision)

Oct. 20: Jokesercise 12:30 p.m.

Oct. 25: Food Safety with Toni from Shop Rite 12:15 p.m.

Oct. 26: Concert for Seniors, 1 p.m. (Bronx Council on the ARTS Trio or Quartet)

Oct. 31: Halloween Party

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

October Programs: Mondays: Learn Canasta at 10:15 a.m.; Individualized Computer Instruction at 1 p.m., Jewelry Making 1 p.m.; Tuesdays: Conversational Spanish at 10:15 a.m.; Blood Pressure Monitoring 10 to 11:30 a.m.; Oct. 11 and 25: Wednesdays: Calligraphy at 1 p.m.; Donut Express Oct. 6, 27 at 12:45 p.m.; Haircuts by Brenda on Oct. 12 for \$10; Thursdays: Acrylic Painting at 10 a.m.; Bingo at 12:30 p.m. on Oct. 13; Birthday Party Oct. 20; Fridays, Bake and Tag Sale Oct. 14 at 12:30 p.m.

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

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

Transportation Services. Off-island shopping trips leave at 9:30 and include Shop Rite, Stop & Shop, Target, Farmers Market, Trader Joe's, Empire City and more. All shopping trips require you to sign up ahead of time as we have limited seats. Sign up is available starting the Thursday before, for the following week's trips. See our monthly calendar for specific dates. The suggested contribution for a round trip is \$1 on City Island and \$2.50 off-island shopping trips. Anyone over 60 is encouraged to take advantage of our door-to-door transportation services. Call Roe at 347-834-6466 for pickup or trips.

Patty Attis

St. Mary's Thrift Shop

The shop is open every Thursday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. October is Halloween sale time. Look for costumes, shirts, bags and decorations. Also, clothing bag sales will be featured throughout October. Come, browse and enjoy coffee with your fellow shoppers.

Arlene Byrne

Trinity United Methodist Church

Our weekly worship service and Sunday school are at 10 a.m. Holy Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of each month. Trinity often has a coffee hour after the service. Come and join us for worship and fellowship. Children's Sunday school

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REGULAR MEETINGS
Weekly Twelve-Step Meetings on City Island

Narcotics Anonymous: Fridays at 7:30 p.m., St. Mary, Star of the Sea Church, City Island Avenue near the Bridge.
Thursdays at 8 p.m., Trinity United Methodist Church hall, 113 Bay Street.

Alcoholics Anonymous: Mondays at 8 p.m., Trinity United Methodist Church hall.
Tuesdays at 8 p.m., St. Mary, Star of the Sea Church.
Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m., Grace Episcopal Church.
St. Mary, Star of the Sea Church: 718-885-1440
Trinity United Methodist Church: 718-885-1218
Grace Episcopal Church: 718-885-1080

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



Serious Spielberg

Through his many serious works, director Steven Spielberg has shown a fascination with true stories, and evocative historical time periods and settings. His first foray into such a theme (and nominated for 11 Academy Awards and a win by the Director's Guild of America) was **The Color Purple** (1985), based on the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel by Alice Walker that spans 1909 to 1949 in the Deep South. Whoopi Goldberg is spectacular as Celie, the center of the film. She is sold into a life of servitude to her brutal husband, Albert (Danny Glover), after having been raped by her father and borne two children that were taken away from her. Another remarkable performance is that of Oprah Winfrey as Sofia, the strong-willed wife of Albert's son from a former marriage. Celie forms a strong friendship with Albert's mistress, Shug (Margaret Avery), which empowers her. She searches through her husband's belongings and discovers that her sister Nettie (Akousa Bousia) had been writing to her for years from Africa. This film's final reconciliation of forces that had been beyond Celie's control is profoundly moving.

Empire of the Sun (1987) is based on an autobiographical novel by J. G. Ballard. It tells the story of Jim Graham (Christian Bale), a spoiled young British boy who is living with his family in Shanghai at the dawn of World War II. When the Japanese invade, Graham is separated from his parents, and he is befriended by an American opportunist named Basie (John Malkovich). They are thrown into a prison camp where they spend the duration of the war struggling to survive. The cinematography is dazzling, and there is haunting music and song. The final act of this film is the question of whether Graham's parents are still alive and if he will ever be reunited with them.

Schindler's List (1993), for which Steven Spielberg won two Academy Awards (Best Picture and Director), is the true World War II story of German businessman Oskar Schindler (Liam Neeson), who initially uses Jewish workers in his factory because it is cheaper than using Polish labor. When he hires Itzhak Stern (Ben Kingsley) as his bookkeeper and office manager, Schindler reluctantly begins to understand the plight of the Jews. Schindler's counterpoint is Nazi Amon Goeth (Ralph Fiennes), who is evil incarnate as head of a labor camp. Goeth is one of many Nazi relationships that Schindler must cultivate to keep his business going, and this ultimately leads to the saving of hundreds of lives. The final scene of the movie has each actor accompanying the actual survivor he or she played in the film. Filmed in black and white, this is a moving and uplifting film, despite its difficult subject matter.

Amistad (1997) recounts the story of an 1839 mutiny aboard the slave ship Amistad on its voyage to America. Much of the story involves a court-room drama about Cinque (Djimon Hounsou), the free man who led the revolt with the ultimate aim that the 53 African captives reclaim their freedom and return to Africa. When the ship is captured by an American Navy vessel, the Africans are charged with murder and piracy. The Africans are championed by abolitionists Theodore Joadson (Morgan Freeman) and Lewis Tappan

(Stellan Skarsgard), and a young real estate attorney named Roger Baldwin (Matthew McConaughey). However, as the case becomes the symbol of a divided nation, two great Americans join the debate on opposing sides. Pro-slavery President Martin Van Buren (Nigel Hawthorne), seeking re-election, is willing to sacrifice the Africans to appease the South and Queen Isabella of Spain (Anna Paquin). But his will is challenged by former President John Quincy Adams (Anthony Hopkins), who comes out of retirement to fight the Africans' cause in the United State Supreme Court.

Saving Private Ryan (1998) won Oscars for Director, Cinematography, Sound, Film and Sound Effects Editing and was nominated for six others, including Best Picture, Best Actor for Hanks, Score, Screenplay, Art and Set Direction and Make-up. It is one of the greatest anti-war stories ever filmed. Its realistic re-creation of WWII's Omaha Beach invasion and the immediate aftermath renders the first half hour of the film virtually unwatchable. There is an opening prologue in which a veteran brings his family to the American cemetery at Normandy and in a flashback joins Capt. John Miller (Tom Hanks) and GIs in a landing craft. Once the slaughter is over, a backpack is found on the beach with the name "Ryan" stenciled on it. When Army Chief of Staff General George C. Marshall (Harve Presnell) learns that three Ryan brothers have all been killed in a single week, he requests that the surviving brother, Private James Ryan (Matt Damon), be located and brought back to the United States. Captain Miller, along with right-hand man Sgt. Horvath (Tom Sizemore); Corporal Upham (Jeremy Davis), skilled in language but not in combat; plus privates Mellish (Adam Goldberg), Medic Wade (Giovanni Ribisi), cynical Reiben (Edward Burns) from Brooklyn, Italian-American Caparzo (Vin Diesel) and religious Southerner Jackson (Barry Pepper) are given the assignment. Searching through areas still thick with Nazis, eventually they lose one man in a skirmish at a bombed village. Some in the group begin to question the logic of losing more lives to save a single soldier. The film is based on a true occurrence in Stephen Ambrose's 1994 best-seller, *D-Day: June 6, 1944*.

On a somewhat lighter note yet true, **Catch Me if You Can** (2002) is based on the early life of Frank W. Abagnale, who was employed as a doctor, a lawyer and a co-pilot for a major airline, all before reaching his 21st birthday. A successful con artist and master of deception, Frank (played by Leonardo DiCaprio) is also a brilliant forger, whose skill at check fraud has netted him millions of dollars in stolen funds. FBI Agent Carl Hanratty (Tom Hanks) has made it his prime mission to capture Frank and bring him to justice. Featured is Christopher Walken as Frank's father.

Munich (2005) is based on the true story of the Black September aftermath, about the five men who were chosen to eliminate the ones responsible for the murder of 11 Israeli athletes and their coach at the 1972 Olympics. Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir (Lynn Cohen) and her cabinet decide that retribution is in order. Former bodyguard to Meir, Avner Kaufman (Eric Bana) is made leader of a secret revenge squad. With the help of a driver (Daniel Craig), a forger (Hanns Zischler), a toy-maker expert at disarming bombs (Mathieu Kassovitz) and a former soldier (Ciarán Hinds), Avner conducts a worldwide operation, targeting 11 individuals. As the assassinations pile up, Avner begins to question the morality of his actions.

War Horse (2011) is set against a sweeping canvas of rural England and Europe during the First World War. It begins with the development of a special and enduring bond between a horse named

Joey and a young man called Albert (Jeremy Irvine), who tames and trains him. Though parted, both Albert and Joey move through the war, with the horse changing and inspiring the lives of everyone he meets. The war is experienced through the horse's odyssey.

Daniel Day-Lewis stars in the title role as **Lincoln** (2012) in an extraordinary Oscar-winning performance. The film garnered 12 Academy Award nominations, with only two wins (Best Actor and Production Design). While it begins with the carnage on the Civil War battlefield, the rest of the film is quite cerebral as discussions and politicking around the battle to pass the slavery ending 13th Amendment takes center stage. The film focuses on the final months of Lincoln's life, which also includes, the surrender of the Confederacy and his assassination. President Lincoln is portrayed as a soft-spoken, self-educated man who communicates through stories and parables. The passage of the amendment is overseen by William Seward (David Strathairn), his secretary of state, and by Representative Thaddeus Stevens (Tommy Lee Jones), the most powerful abolitionist in the House. Lincoln's wife, Mary Todd Lincoln (Sally Field), has already lost one son in the war and is afraid of losing the other, but to her horror, Robert Todd Lincoln (Joseph Gordon-Levitt) refuses the privileges of family.

Bridge of Spies (2015) is an historical drama and legal thriller starring Tom Hanks as James B. Donovan, an insurance lawyer with substantial negotiation experience, having worked on prosecutions of German war crimes in the Nuremberg trials. He is recruited to negotiate the release of Francis Gary Powers (Austin Stowell), a pilot whose U-2 spy plane was shot down over the Soviet Union. He is supposed to arrange for Powers' release in exchange for Rudolf Abel (Mark Rylance), a convicted Soviet KGB spy, whom Donovan represented at trial. However, Donovan also wants to secure the release of American student Frederick Pryor (Will Rogers), who was captured on the wrong side when the Berlin wall went up. Alan Alda is on hand as Donovan's boss, Thomas Watters Jr.; Amy Ryan as his wife, Mary Donovan, and Sebastian Koch as German intermediary Wolfgang Vogel. The film received six Academy Award nominations, including Best Picture and Best Original Screenplay, and won Best Supporting Actor for Rylance.

Spielberg still has plenty of new projects in the works. And until next time,

Organization News

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takes place during the 10 a.m. service. This season the children are studying the story of Joseph in Egypt and progressing through the story of Moses. All children are welcome to attend.

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

Fall Disciple Group Bible Study:

Trinity United Methodist Church is having a Disciple Group Bible Study class beginning Sunday, Oct. 23, and continuing for five consecutive Sundays through Sunday, Nov. 20. Meeting in Trinity's Fellowship Hall, after the worship service, beginning at 11:15 and concluding at 12:30 sharp.

The study is of the New Testament letter written by the Apostle Paul while prisoner of Rome, to the Ephesians.

His theme is God "who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places." Paul refers to the "heavenly places" five times in this amazing let-

ter, challenging our true understanding of the Christian mystery.

George Cavalieri will instruct and moderate the group. The scripture texts and a study outline will be provided at no cost. All interested are welcome to these studies.

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

Rick DeWitt

American Legion Post #156

The next regular meeting will be on Sunday, Oct. 2, at 11:45 a.m. Dues for 2016 are now due. They are \$50.

Thanks to Mike Jawski for everything that he does. Thanks to all those who volunteer for Post 156.

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

Tudor Perini will give us a date when the memorials at the triangle will be renovated since a date has not yet been set in stone.

The SAL will hold an Octoberfest on Oct. 15 from 2 to 6 p.m.; \$25 per person. Congrats to SAL member John Peters for winning the Giants tickets raffle. Thanks to Post member Billy Moen, who donated the tickets for the raffle.

Thanks to Dianne O'Sullivan for all the fundraisers she throws to help the Post.

Remember to play the Queen of Hearts game each week. The weekly drawing is held at 7 p.m. on Saturday night. The jackpot starts at \$500 and grows each week until someone hits. Game is open to all. Proceeds from the game already paid for our new portholes in the side doors and are now going toward installing a new awning in front of the building.

Our website is back! Thanks to Dottie Payne for restarting the site. It is still Post156.com.

Thanks to SAL member Bobby Riordan for the drain estimate and Roland Rigos, the NYCDOT liaison, for keeping us up to date on the bridge project and the status of the triangle. Also thanks to John "Ponytale" Mazzanti for maintaining the POW table in the lobby.

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

Post member Arthur Castiglia recently died. We have several members on sick call. Mike Treat has been under the weather and is at home. Frank Hoffman is improving after recent heart surgery. Associate member Donald Blau is now home after a recent fall. Best wishes to all those members of our Post 156 family who are ill.

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

Any retired veterans willing to help out around the Post are asked to contact John Muhlfeld at 718-885-0639. Help is greatly appreciated. We are always in need of new members. The Post pays the dues of members who are on active duty. Younger people are necessary for the continuation of the Post.

Thank you to the entire City Island community for all of your support over the past 97 years.

John Muhlfeld



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Many City Islanders may not be aware of an important group in our midst that is devoted to the preservation and enrichment of Pelham Bay Park, the largest park in New York City, which is located just over the bridge.

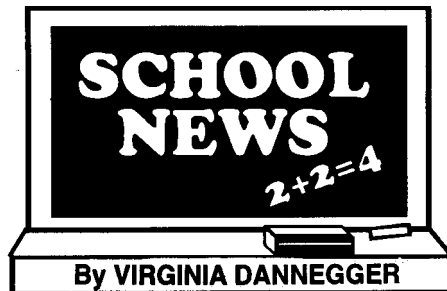
Friends of Pelham Bay Park is a not-for-profit group that has been dedicated since 1992 to ensure that the park is used for recreation, education and conservation by present and future generations. This is a diverse group of neighbors, ballplayers, hikers, cyclists, dog owners, horseback riders and history lovers who care about the park and contribute a range of skills. They recruit, train and supervise volunteers to plant trees, remove invasive plants and maintain the park's hiking and riding trails, and they sponsor or participate in community events and raise funds for educational programs, such as the Sensory Garden for special-needs children.

Volunteers for the Park's trail maintenance program, working with the Parks natural areas manager John Grayley, are invited to help with the South Meadow Restoration at 10 a.m. on Oct. 15 (and again on Nov. 12). Meet at the Middletown Road parking lot. Volunteers should wear appropriate footwear, long pants or jeans, a long-sleeved shirt, and bring water or a beverage and lunch. The Orchard Beach Restoration project will take place on Oct. 29 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Meet at the southeast corner of the Orchard Beach parking lot.

To learn more or to become a member, visit the Friends website (www.friendsofpelhambaypark.org) or Facebook page, where you can learn more about the park, its upcoming events and volunteer opportunities. Many seniors may not be aware of the free senior fitness program in Pelham Bay Park sponsored by New York City's Department of Parks & Recreation. The program will be

taking place every Tuesday and Thursday until Nov. 4 from 9 to 10 a.m. at the tennis courts at Orchard Beach. Mark your calendars for Oct. 4 and 6, 11 and 13, 18 and 20 and 25 and 27.

On Sunday, Oct. 16, the American Cancer Society will sponsor its annual three-mile breast cancer walk at Orchard Beach, "On Making Strides of the Bronx." Registration begins at 8 a.m. and the walk starts at 10 a.m. For more information, contact Janett Florindo at BronxNYStrides@cancer.org or call 800-227-2345.



Public School 175

The new school year on City Island is off to a great start. Principal Amy Lipson welcomed the following faculty members for the 2016-17 school year. Ms. Bellon and Ms. Kaufman are teaching kindergarten; first grade will have Ms. Fallon and Mrs. Cambria; Mrs. Carter-Spencer and Mrs. Mazzella are working with the second grade; and Grade 3 will have Ms. Schenk. Teachers for the fourth and fifth grades are Ms. Fisk, Ms. Lawless and Ms. Montenare. Middle school teachers are Ms. Stabile, Ms. Ramos, Ms. Romero, Mr. Daley, Ms. Hinkley, Ms. Heil, Ms. Adesso and Ms. Shea.

The computer/technology department is headed by Ms. Lichtenthal, and Mr. Sabatello is running the physical education program. The parent coordinator is Mrs. Gisante, and the school nurse is Mrs. Gjonaj.



Photo by JIM BUDD

Early in September, the Harlem Yacht Club was used as the backdrop for an episode of the Amazon series "Sneaky Pete." The show, which can be streamed from Amazon Prime, is a crime drama directed by Seth Gordon and written by David Shore. It debuted on Aug. 7, 2015, and stars Giovanni Ribisi (above), who previously played Phoebe's brother on the television series "Friends." On Sept. 2, "Sneaky Pete" was given a full series order, so check Amazon for future airing dates and watch for the atrium at the Harlem Yacht Club.

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Civil Discourse Begins at Home

By JOHN SCARDINA

We live in a challenging time. Our children may overhear politicians, peers and even family members speaking to one another in language that is divisive and hurtful. They may hear things that are overstated or simply not true. How, then, do we model the behavior we hope to see in our children – respect, honesty and civility?

Respect is the right of every individual. We can always find common ground with another, in any dispute, even if that common ground is simply being human. Humility and honor are ways of showing respect. No one of us is better than another; we are equals. Everyone is worthy of dignity. We respect our children when we avoid shame, ridicule, threats and punishment but instead provide opportunities for restitution, forgiveness and future growth.

If Johnny drops a glass full of lemonade, instead of saying something like “You clumsy child! Now I have to clean this up. Grow up!” we can come up with appropriate consequences in a respectful way by saying something like “I will deal with the broken glass, so you don’t cut yourself, and then you need to get some paper towels and wipe up the lemonade. Everyone makes mistakes; let’s think about how you might do this differently next time, Okay?”

In terms of honesty, here are a few tips:

- Try to tell the truth with your children.

If they cannot handle the information (about a family member’s illness or a difficult situa-

tion), tell them that the adults are doing what they can to take care of the situation and that you will fill them in later.

- Avoid words such as “always” and “never.” They are rarely true and tend to close doors in an argument or conflict.

• Hold yourself to the highest standard. Our integrity is a valuable part of who we are and can be thrown away with a lie or a cheat or a steal. Let your children know how you work on rigorous honesty and ask them to do the same.

Civility—manners, politeness, courtesy—is a basic currency in how we communicate with and treat one another. It is not “political correctness” but common sense. We all know the Golden Rule: “Treat others the way you want to be treated.” But let’s also think about what some are calling the Platinum Rule: “Treat others the way they want to be treated.” We can do even better if we follow Immanuel Kant’s advice: “Act in any situation the way you would want every other person to act.” If we spend some time thinking about the implications of this, with our own actions and those of our children, we may see some startling results.

John Scardina is a child development specialist, school psychologist, and parent educator. Check out his website at www.ThinkLaughLearn.com and join his parent support groups at the CI Community Center (usually the last Tuesday of the month).

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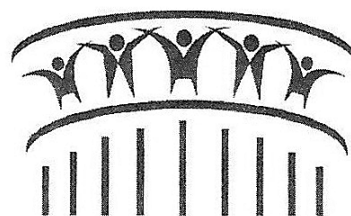
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Reading Blake Bell's article in last month's *Island Current* reminded us of the author's Historic Pelham webpage. It is a site we have visited many times over the years, but not recently. Because City Island was at one time part of the town of Pelham in Westchester County, many of his posts reference City Island. Each one in its own wondrous way recalls a bygone era when life here was even simpler, quite a bit slower and yet surprisingly familiar at times.

Some of our favorite posts include the game of baseball. In our own lifetimes, organized baseball for kids—the Little Leagues—has both waxed and waned in terms of popularity. At the moment and thanks to the hard work and dedication of parents and other volunteers, Little League seems to be as popular as ever on City Island. Well, maybe not as popular as 1865, when the Nonpareil Junior team took on the Uniteds of Westchester and crushed them 26 to 19. Some of the other teams to play baseball on City Island were the Shamrocks (who changed their name



to the Minnefords in 1888), the Rivals and the Beldenites.

On the *Historic Pelham* webpage, readers can also learn more about the rise and fall of City Island businesses, such as oyster fishing and amusement parks. Yes, amusement parks! In June of 1891, William Belden opened up his own amusement park on City Island's southern tip. It was Mr. Belden's answer to similar, already established parks at Coney Island and Glen Island. There were advertisements in some of New York City's most popular newspapers—examples of which are made available at Historic Pelham—there were offerings of free passes, fine dining, music throughout the day and night, rides for kids, bowling and billiards. But it was all for naught. Mr. Belden's park was bankrupt by 1892.

Another delight to be had at Blake Bell's *Historic Pelham* webpage is the trove of early advertisements, maps and old photographs that he has unearthed.

The building in the picture above is reported to have been the home of one Gilbert Horton, a former owner and resident of Rat Island. Images such as this and so much more are available now for your reading and viewing pleasure at www.historicpelham.blogspot.com. Give it a try.

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IN THE GARDEN

By MARY COLBY



Photo by MARY COLBY

Mary's garden in late September with ligularia, rudbeckia, and hydrangea pinky winky

The End of the Gardening Year

As I write this, it is mid-September, early evening, and I am under the boardwalk watching the sky turn toward the violet hour. Photographers and gardeners are up early or late to catch the low slanting light that illuminates plants, making them transparent and seemingly lit from within. The leaves on the trees are beginning to crisp as the garden shows off its grasses. One grass, calamagrostis acutiflora "Karl Forester," looks better in its demise. Straw-colored and standing erect for the entire winter, it holds its shape and, when back lit, it is gasp worthy. I would not be without these delicate garden sentinels mingling among blue asters that billow and sparkle sapphire with the sulphurous heads of yellow goldenrod.

I love gardening at the edge of winter. The garden is winding down and putting itself to bed. We can help it along by tidying up the spent perennials and mulching. Tools can be sharpened and oiled and watering cans cleaned and put away. Autumn is a good time to prune deciduous trees after the leaves have fallen, and still there is time to plant a new one in the early part of October. Small wondrous trees that top out at 15 feet include Stewartia pseudocamillia, Sorbus alnifolia, cornus mas, and malus trilobata, the crab apple.

Tasks to Accomplish in October

Perennials and biennials that were started from seed are set out to bloom next spring.

Do not divide or transplant grasses at

this time or cut them down, as they need their stalks and leaves to survive the winter. To be sure, this is the most valued time for the grasses, as they add beauty to the winter garden.

Seed half-hardy annuals directly into the soil. Verbena, bonariensis, California poppy, gaillardia and the tiny daisy erigeron kavinskianus will all self sow.

Plant spring-flowering bulbs, but hold off planting tulips until November to avoid tulip fire. Daffodils, windflowers and blue bells worship the sun, but in the shade you might try charming cyclamen coum, snowdrop elwesii, and erythronium pagoda. Purchase groups of 25 or more for a naturalized look.

Scarify, spike and top-dress the lawn if not done in September. You can also lay turf now on eight inches of enriched topsoil. Shred fallen leaves with a mower, and add them to the compost heap.

The garden begins its fiery descent, coloring to warm browns, siennas and reds. Pots of evergreens are grouped together by my front steps, and for decoration berried branches, holly sprigs and dried seed heads accompany the pots. Pumpkins scattered around the pots set the scene.

Now is the time to watch the garden when all our chores are done, and watching is the gardening pastime that I enjoy the most!

Mary Colby is an artist and gardener whose studio is at 276 City Island Avenue. She can be reached at 917-804-4509 for consultation and design.



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Fall into Fall Harvest Festival, Saturday, Oct. 8, 12 to 4 p.m. (rain date Oct. 9). Come celebrate autumn in the park at the mansion! BPMM is hosting an indoor/outdoor festival of fall delights for all ages, with music, crafts, games, a horse-drawn hay wagon and seasonal treats including fresh cider from our outdoor press. Meet some birds of prey, help harvest the season's final bounty from our organic vegetable garden, and pick your own pumpkin from BPMM's pop-up pumpkin patch. There's something for everyone! BPMM is partnering with the City Island Chamber of Commerce to

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Gravestones and Goth, Saturday, Oct. 29, 6 to 8 p.m. Cemetery Walk and Parlor Presentations of Classic Horror Literature Readings by the City Island Theater Group. Fact or Fiction? Take a guided, candlelit stroll to the Pell gravesite and learn the true story of Goodwife Pell's involvement in a 1650s witchcraft trail. Continue the exploration of the supernatural throughout history with staged readings of 19th-century horror literature in the mansion parlors. Space is limited. Registration required. Cost: BPMM Members \$15 adults, \$10 seniors and students; Not-Yet BPMM Members: \$20 adults, \$15 seniors and students.



Photo by PETER QUINONES

Ghost Bikes are small and somber memorials for bicyclists who are killed or hit on the street. A bicycle is painted all white and locked to a street sign near the crash site, accompanied by a small plaque to serve as reminders of the tragedy that took place on an otherwise anonymous street corner, and as quiet statements in support of cyclists' right to safe travel. City Island has its own ghost bike, located on the road between the circle and the bridge, dedicated to the memory of Gabriela Aguilar-Vallinos, 27, who was killed by a hit-and-run driver on Sept. 11, 2015.

A Current Review

“Free to Run”: a Film Directed by Pierre Morath

by CON GRONDAHL

City Island's own Dr. Norbert Sander is one of the featured commentators in the new documentary film “Free to Run,” which traces the evolution of over-the-road, recreational distance running from the avocation of a handful of eccentrics in the 1960s Bronx to the current passion of thousands who participate in the New York City Marathon.

Running enthusiasts will need no encouragement to see this movie, but for the rest of us it provides multiple insights into the emergence of the sport, its connection with the women's rights movement, and the recognition that elite distance runners are professionals deserving of prize money. When the casual race on the streets surrounding Yankee Stadium changed its venue to Central Park, Dr. Sander in 1974 was one of its early winners. The first NYC Five Borough Marathon occurred in 1976 as part of the city's Bicentennial Celebration, and it

has grown into the most iconic marathon in the world.

The movie's rich archival footage and compelling interviews with the pioneers and promoters of the sport capture and sustain our interest throughout the long running time (100 minutes). The film's director, Pierre Morath, also includes coverage of parallel developments in France.

After the showing at the Pelham Picture House on Sept. 8, Dr. Sander joined Nina Kuscsik, the first woman to win the Boston Marathon, and George Hirsh, chairman of the board of the New York Roadrunners, on stage for a Q&A, which proved to be a warm and charming conclusion to the evening. More attention to Dr. Sander's service as president of the Armory Foundation and his long years of support and encouragement of sports would have been welcome, but that could be the stuff of another documentary.



The American Littoral Society and Ocean Conservancy held the 16th annual International Beach Cleanup on Saturday, Sept. 17, 2016. Returning volunteers and P.S. 175 eighth-graders cleaned the beach area near the City Island Bridge as part of the event (photo above, l. to r.): Praised Ortiz, Patricia Grondahl, Miracle DiMartini, Cameron Ehertoff, Angelina Almedina, Taylor Henry, Brenda Prohaska and Barbara Sulkowski.



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Alvin Carl Bender

Alvin Carl Bender, an active member for years of the Harlem Yacht Club and the U.S. Power Squadron, passed away in Margate, FL, on July 21, 2016.

Born on Sept. 23, 1941, Alvin grew up in the Bronx and during his teens worked as a lifeguard in the Rockaways. He attended Miami University, where he was an active member of the swim team. He was also an avid skier, white-water rafter, horseback rider, racquet ball player, camper and scuba diver.

Alvin was the president of NYC Auto Wrecking and Salvage Association for over 25 years. Until 1980, he was the owner of Spuyten Duyvil Auto Wreckers, on 221 Street and Broadway, the last existing auto wrecker in New York City, until he moved his salvage business to Spring Valley, NY.

Al was a boating Captain and docked his boat in Pelham Marina in the Bronx. He raced in various regattas around Long Island, Block Island and Newport aboard his boat the Mister B.

After moving to Florida in 2010, Al volunteered with Shake-a-Leg in Miami, a sailing organization that works with handicapped families. He is survived by his wife, Miriam Marcano Bender, and his children, Janet and Robin.

Joseph Salzarulo

Joseph Salzarulo, a resident of City Island for over 50 years, died on Aug. 15, 2016. He was 82.

Joseph was born on January 17, 1934, in the Bronx to Joseph and Mary (Urbanik) Salzarulo. He served in the Navy during the Korean War.

He is survived by his loving wife, Tomasina "Mazie" (Brescia) Salzarulo, whom he married on Feb. 11, 1956, as well as his children, Joseph Salzarulo and Valerie Korzec, her husband, Arthur, and two grandchildren, Sarah and Henry; his brother, Ronald Salzarulo, and his sister, Vita Germano.

Donations may be made in his memory to the American Cancer Society.



Frederick Ramftl Sr.

Frederick William Ramftl Sr., 65, died on Saturday, July 30, 2016, at his home on Carroll Street. He was born at Union Hospital on Tiebout Avenue in the Fordham section of the Bronx on Dec. 3, 1950, to Francis and Carmelia Ramftl.

Fred grew up on Tiebout Avenue and attended Our Lady of Mercy Grammar School and Chelsea Vocational High School.

Although he was raised on the main-

land, he spent his summers on City Island at his grandparent's house on Carroll Street, which is located on the same property where he would one day build his home and raise his family. When he moved to City Island permanently in July 1976, he already had family and many friends here.

Fred became a member of International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local #3 in April of 1969 and worked as an electrician until his retirement in December 2010. He worked on many construction sites around New York City, including the Museum of Radio and Television, the VA Hospital on Kingsbridge and the Ed Sullivan Theater, where he wired the marquis for the David Letterman show.

After he retired, Fred enjoyed watching television murder mysteries such as "Columbo," "Murder She Wrote," "Diagnostic Murder" and "Quincy." He also enjoyed viewing old movies in black and white and listening to the oldies on the radio while sitting on his boat.

Fred is survived by his wife, Joan; his sons Fred Jr. and Frank; and his mother, Carmelia Ramftl of City Island; his granddaughter Gianna Ramftl; his sisters Angela Doyle of New Rochelle and Diane Ramftl of Atlantic City, along with many extended family members. He was interred in Pelham Cemetery.



Neil Corwin

Neil Raymond Corwin, 66, a former City Islander, passed away on Saturday, Aug. 13, 2016. He died of complications from myasthenia gravis and heat stroke.

Neil was born on July 8, 1950, in Miami, FL. He attended Lehman College, graduating with a BA in education and psychology. He graduated from the College of New Rochelle with a Masters in special education. During his career of 20-plus years, he helped many special education students, who all adored him.

After he retired from teaching, Neil and his wife, Dale, started a small painting company and were well known around City Island as the Paint Pals. He was also devoted to caring for many cats with Dale on their spacious houseboat in the East Bronx on the Hutchinson River. Together they ran a cat rescue called Archangel Cat Rescue and a website called *cathugger.com*, which is a Facebook-like site for cats and their people.

Neal enjoyed singing and playing the guitar. During his teenage years in Florida, he played in many bands, including the New Generation and the Royal Guardsmen.

He is predeceased by his parents, Max Corwin and Sandra Berger, as well as a brother, Gary. Neal is survived by his wife, Dale S. Eggers, his daughter, Michelle Warner, and her husband, Tom, and his stepchildren, Ali Lopez and Caitlin Riley.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the cat rescue (through *cathugger.com*) would be greatly appreciated.



From EDWARD D. HEBEN, C.P.A.

Tax Records: Which Ones to Toss and When

Now is a great time to clean out that growing mountain of financial papers and tax documents that clutter your home and office. Here's what you need to keep and what you can throw out.

Let's start with your "safety zone," the IRS statute of limitations. This limits the number of years during which the IRS can audit your tax returns. Once that period has expired, the IRS is legally prohibited from even asking you questions about those returns.

The concept behind it is that after a period of years, records are lost or misplaced, and memory isn't as accurate as we would hope. There's a need for finality. Once the statute of limitations has expired, the IRS can't go after you for additional taxes, but you can't go after the IRS for additional refunds, either.

The Three-Year Rule

For assessment of additional taxes, the statute of limitation runs generally three years from the date you file your return. If you're looking for an additional refund, the limitations period is generally the later of three years from the date you filed the original return, or two years from the date you paid the tax. There are some exceptions:

- If you don't report all your income, and the unreported amount is more than 25 percent of the gross income actually shown on your return, the limitation period is six years.

- If you've claimed a loss from a worthless security, the limitation period is extended to seven years.

- If you file a "fraudulent" return or don't file at all, the limitations period doesn't apply. In fact, the IRS can go after you at any time.

- If you're deciding what records you need or want to keep, you have to ask what your chances are of an audit. A tax audit is an IRS verification of items of income and deductions on your return. So you should keep records to support those items until the statute of limitations runs out.

Assuming that you have filed on time and paid what you should, you only have to keep your tax records for three years, but some records have to be kept longer than that. Remember, the three-year rule relates to the information on your tax return. But some of that information may relate to transactions more than three years old.

Here is a checklist of the documents you should hold on to:

1. Capital gains and losses. Your gain is reduced by your basis: your cost (including all commissions) plus, with mutual funds, any reinvested dividends, and capital gains. But you may have bought that stock five years ago, and you've been reinvesting those dividends and capital gains over the last decade. And don't forget those stock splits.

You don't ever want to throw these records away until after you sell the securities. And then if you're audited, you'll have to prove those numbers. Therefore, you'll need to keep those records for at least three years after you file the return reporting their sales.

2. Expenses on your home. Cost records for your house and any improvements should be kept until the home is sold. It's just good practice, even though most homeowners won't face any tax problems. That's because profit of less than \$250,000 on your home (\$500,000 on a joint return) isn't subject to capital gains tax.

If the profit is more than \$250,000 (\$500,000 joint filers) or if you don't qualify for the full gain exclusion, then you're going to need those records for another three years after that return is filed. Most homeowners probably won't face that issue, but of course, it's better to be safe than sorry.

3. Business records. These can become a nightmare. Non-residential real property is depreciated over a period of 39 years. You could be audited on the depreciation up to three years after you file the return for the 39th year. That's a long time to hold onto receipts, but you may need to validate those numbers.

4. Employment, bank and brokerage statements. Keep all your W-2s, 1099s, brokerage and bank statements to prove income until three years after you file. And don't even think about dumping checks, receipts, mileage logs, tax diaries and other documentation that substantiate your expenses.

5. Tax returns. Keep copies of your tax returns as well. You can't rely on the IRS to actually have a copy of your old returns. As a general rule, you should keep tax records for six years. The bottom line is that you've got to keep those records until they can no longer affect your tax return, plus the three-year statute of limitations.

6. Social Security records. You will need to keep some records for Social Security purposes, so check with the Social Security Administration each year to confirm that your payments have been appropriately credited. If they're wrong, you'll need your W-2 or copies of your Schedule C (if self-employed) to prove the right amount. Don't dispose of those records until after you've validated those contributions.

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More than 230 people attended the annual outdoor Mass in St. Mary's schoolyard on Saturday, Sept. 17, 2016. At the end of the Mass, 37 parishioners of Our Lady of the Assumption/St. Mary, Star of the Sea parish were commissioned as catechists for the religious education program. The beautiful weather helped to make the standing-room-only church service more eventful.

WHERE IS IT?



Photo by PETER QUINONES

Can anyone identify the location of this historic sign, which is in plain view on City Island? In our haste to get from one place to another, we all too often overlook what is right in front of us. This is another in a series of photographs that will put a spotlight on special City Island features that shouldn't be missed.



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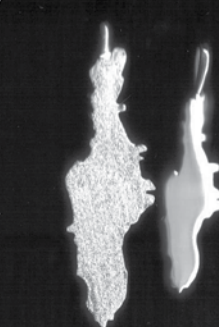


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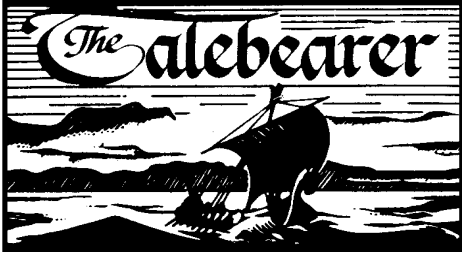
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Photo courtesy of CANDY MANCUSO
Bowie and Alaura Stivala

Happy birthday on Oct. 20 to King Avenue's Michael Treat from your three sisters and lots of nieces and nephews.

Best wishes for a lifetime of happiness to Islander Danielle Lyons and Kevin Farrell, who became engaged on July 4, 2016, and will be married on Aug. 4, 2017. Proud parents are Gigi and Michael Lyons of King Avenue.

Congratulations to a beautiful couple, Bowie and Alaura Stivala—who were married on Aug. 20, 2016. It was a perfect day and we wish you many years of happiness. We love you!

Keep up the good work to Islander Bobby Swieciki, who was promoted to Boatswains Mate First Class in the U.S. Coast Guard on Sept. 1 in Newport, RI. Semper paratus!

Happy birthday wishes to our grandson Joseph, who will be celebrating his eighth birthday on Oct. 24, with lots of love from Grandma and Grandpa Penny.



Sarah Williams

Anniversary greetings being sent to Phil and Danielle Ribaud, who are celebrating their eighth wedding anniversary on Oct. 3, with love from Mom and Dad.

Congratulations to Sarah Williams, a sophomore at St. Michaels College in Vermont. Sarah, a soccer player at the college, made the Commissioner's Honor Roll and the Dean's List! Her proud parents are John and Christine Williams.

Birthday wishes across the miles to former Carroll Street resident Sunjay Sebastian, who turns 30 on Oct. 29.

Happy birthday to King Avenue's Mark Nani, who will blow out 30 candles on Oct. 22. Enjoy!

Happy, happy birthday wishes to our sweet Scarlett, who turns three on Oct. 19, with love, hugs and kisses from Nonni and Pop.

Best wishes for continued happiness to Judy and Mike Rauh, John and Linda Wright and Mike and Roseann Bunyan who are all celebrating wedding anniversaries.

If you are running in the NYC Marathon this year, please call Judy Rauh at 718-885-2079, as she is trying to set up a photo before the race.

And a very happy Halloween to all! See you at the parade!

Maria Swieciki



Bay Street's Bobby Swieciki being promoted to Boatswains Mate First Class in the Coast Guard on Sept. 1, 2016, in Newport, RI.

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