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Mayor's Update

by Mayor Bruce Kennedy



Mayor Bruce Kennedy

With the November elections over, I am more grateful than ever to be Mayor of this incredible Village. In the past six months, I have been the Republican candidate for the New York State Assembly and the Democratic candidate for the New York State Senate. I think that this will put me in some type of record book. Ultimately, I found out what I have known all along – I can't be put in a box. I believe that government should work everywhere the same way it does in Sea Cliff; where everyone deserves a voice, nobody should ever be treated any differently because of who they are, and government should live within the means of the taxpayers. Apparently, this is not necessarily the case outside of Sea Cliff but it was a great experience spreading the word of what is possible. I would like to thank our residents for their support throughout this challenge, and I have accepted the nomination to run for re-election as Sea Cliff Mayor for another term.

In the past four months we have secured multiple grants which will allow us to begin work on the downtown sewer project as well as a complete rehab of the Children's Library. The concept of a sewer line is a project that Mayor Eileen Krieb had but was unable to secure enough funding for. The Board of Trustees and I have worked diligently for the past six years to come up with the monies required and we are now ready to break ground. This project is both environmental in

nature as well as a part of downtown revitalization. Stenson Memorial Library (the Children's Library) hasn't seen a significant facelift since the 70's. The project we are embarking on will provide for an ADA compliant bathroom as well as a new HVAC system, a new ceiling and new lighting. Not only will the library look better but it will be energy efficient.

For more than a year now, we have been discussing the Village Tree Ordinance. After multiple Town Hall meetings since last September and many discussions at Board of Trustee meetings, we are pleased to present a draft at a Public Hearing in the coming months, a copy of which is on the Village website. We have tried to take into account the many diverse views and opinions that have been expressed. Ultimately, I believe that in the end we will have a new tree ordinance that is reflective of common sense and focuses on re-planting efforts.

You would think that with the end of the summer that Sea Cliff events would have slowed down but that is not the case. The annual Mini Mart was a great success thanks to the hard work of the Kiwanis Club. The Fire Department held its Antique Car & Truck Show at Tappan Beach. The Civic Association held the Newcomers Reception, a Cider Social, and the famous Progressive dinner. The Sea Cliff Museum opened a new exhibit, the Sea Cliff Arts Council hosted several events and The Sea Cliff Silly Shakespeare Company performed "MacNoooo" at the Sea Cliff Beach Performance Pavilion. The Sea Cliff Beautification Committee held its annual luncheon at the Metropolitan Bistro, the Methodist Church held their annual Pumpkin Patch Festival and the James F. Brengel American Legion Post held our annual Veterans Day tribute. An event that was held last year and was so successful is now an annual event (continued on page 2)

Sea Cliff Civic Association Hosts Newcomers Party

by Carol Griffin

Sea Cliff Civic Association held its annual Newcomers Party on October 19 at the home of Ann DiPietro, president of the organization, and her husband Dan. Ann said they hosted about 59 newcomers. Refreshments were provided by Metropolitan Bistro. President Ann DiPietro shared the wonderful advantages of living in Sea Cliff. Trustees Ed Lieberman and Elena Villafane spoke about various Sea Cliff events and our local government. Arlene Nevens, Library Director, shared all that our Library offered to our residents.



The Sea Cliff Civic Association Newcomers

Photo by Carol Griffin



*The Mayor and Village Trustees
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Wonderful Holiday Season and a
Happy Healthy New Year.*

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nual occurrence - "Chill Out in Sea Cliff" - is a celebration of our community's cultural arts scene while also promoting our downtown.

As we approach the holiday season please take time to reflect on the successes of the past year, take time to spend with family and friends, and to be thankful for all the blessings each of us has. I am extremely appreciative of our residents, Board members and Village staff, who are dedicated to the primary goal of en-

riching the world we live in. Looking back on our community's successes during the past year, I can't help but feel incredibly fortunate for the opportunity to work with so many extraordinary people. I am grateful for the commitment and service of each and every one of you that work so hard for the attainment of our common goals. Robin and I wish you a Happy Chanukah, a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year.

Bazaar at the Church of Our Lady of Kazan



Russian food, pastries, gift items, jewelry..... They will all be at the annual Christmas bazaar at the Church of Our Lady of Kazan. The bazaar will take place on Saturday, December 13th, from noon to 4 p.m. in the parish hall located on Willow Shore Avenue, off Littleworth Lane. The bazaar information line is 516-468-1579. Come and enjoy!

Volunteer needed to compile the Bulletin Calendar. If interested, call Village Hall 671-0080 and ask for Barbara.

Preparing for Winter

by John A. Mirando, Village Administrator and Director of Public Works

It was just November and here in Sea Cliff the weather was somewhat mild. However, places like Minnesota and Wisconsin have already seen 30 inch plus snow falls. Is Sea Cliff in for a snowy winter?

No one really knows for sure but either way DPW is preparing in the event we see significant snowfall; plows are being readied, sand and salt are being arranged for, snow blowers maintained and supervisors are reviewing snow plow routes for efficiency.

Residents should also prepare and we would like to share some prudent and easy steps you should take in the event of a snow emergency.

- Even if you have a snow blower, you should have a shovel.
- Check that you have good quality flashlights with fresh batteries. You can also purchase self-powered flashlights and self-powered radios. Some models will also charge your cell phone. Sometimes severe snow storms are accompanied by power outages.
- Stock up on canned soups and vegetables, powdered food, and grains like rice and pasta. Make sure you have enough to last your family at least three or four days. Make sure you have a manual can-opener, as well.
- Keep some bottled water in the event your water pipe freezes.
- Blankets and warm clothing. You may already have these items, but remember you will need enough blankets to keep you warm without any heat and in adverse conditions. Consider purchasing mittens, thick woolen socks, and a hooded sweat-shirt if you don't already own these items.
- If you have an electric stove in the kitchen, a camp stove is almost

a necessity. Be sure you use it with proper ventilation to avoid carbon monoxide poisoning, and have plenty of backup fuel.

• Matches to light your gas range/camping stove/candles. Do not rely on lighters that can run out of fuel or break down all too easily.

• Be sure your prescription medications are filled and will last a few days.

• Make sure your car is full of gas. You may need to go out before everything is operational. However, if possible avoid driving until the roads have been cleared of snow and proper sanding has taken place.

• Stay updated. Watch updates on the news or listen to the radio for as long as you can before power goes out.

• The Village will send out important pre-storm information and updates as the event progresses.

In addition to preparing yourself and family, you should prepare your home for the winter. Here are some tips on things to do prior to winter's arrival:

- Insulate walls and attics, caulk and weather-strip doors and windows, and install storm windows or cover windows with plastic.
- Clear rain gutters and repair roof leaks in order to avoid clogging and flooding.
- Cut away tree branches that could fall on a house or other structure during a storm.
- If necessary hire a contractor to check the structural strength of the roof. Make sure your roof can sustain the unusually heavy weight of snow or water.
- Insulate pipes with insulation and if your pipes are subject to freezing, allow faucets to drip a little during cold weather to avoid freezing.

Some safety warnings:

- Invest in a carbon monoxide detector. If you ever need to run a gas stove inside your home for heat or cooking, you'll definitely want a carbon monoxide detector on-hand. Never use charcoal or a propane heater in an enclosed area without proper ventilation. Carbon monoxide can build up. Silent and odorless, it is deadly. Cook on the back porch or near an open window.
- Invest in a portable fire extinguisher.
- If you have a fire hydrant in front of your home, please shovel it out, as it will assist the Fire Department and this simple act might just save your life or property or that of a grateful neighbor.

The DPW crews do their best under long intense hours plowing and they know how frustrating it is for residents when a resident has shoveled their driveway and the plow redeposits the snow back on the driveway apron. In most cases this can be avoided by shoveling the snow out of your driveway to your right as most plowing is done on the right side of the road. On some of our narrower streets this does not always work but it should minimize the amount of snow redeposited.

Leaf Collection

Leaves need to be placed curbside in biodegradable brown bags for collection. Leaf collection will end on December 19.

Harmful Algal Blooms - Let's Keep Them Out Of Hempstead Harbor!

by Eric Swenson, Executive Director of the Hempstead Harbor Protection Committee

Hempstead Harbor, like all our local waters, is full of phytoplankton - small plant-like organisms (algae) that are invisible to the human eye and form the basis of the aquatic food chain. Most are harmless and are important for their role as food for certain marine species. Yet, there are some species that if given the right conditions, can grow rapidly, creating a widespread "bloom" that overwhelms marine habitats and wreaks havoc on the ecosystem. Scientists refer to these "blooms" as harmful algal blooms (HABs).

Harmful algal blooms may color the water red or brown, and are often referred to as "red tide" or "brown tide". The discoloration of the water is caused by the millions of microscopic phytoplankton that bloom. However, some algal blooms that color the water may have no harmful impacts.

Additionally, of the various species that may cause these HABs, there are a handful that can produce

dangerous toxins (marine bio-toxins) that are harmful to the health of marine organisms and humans.

One species of phytoplankton has made a strong appearance in Long Island waters, Alexandrium. It has been present in Long Island waters since the 1970's and made its first harmful bloom on Long Island in 2005, causing large shellfish closures in Northport and Huntington Harbors. Hempstead Harbor, so far, has been one of healthiest in this regard but it could happen anytime here too. Dr. Christopher Gobler from the Stony Brook School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences has monitored for Alexandrium around Long Island and has found only low levels (<100 cells per liter) in Hempstead Harbor.

The algae, Alexandrium, produces saxitoxin, a dangerous neurotoxin that causes Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning (PSP) which can destroy, damage, or impair the functioning of nerve tissue. Shellfish can filter in these cells from the water and

concentrate them in their body tissues, making them very dangerous for human consumption.

Another HAB found in Long Island waters is called Dinophysis, which produces okadaic acid and dinophysis toxins and causes Diarrhetic Shellfish Poisoning (DSP). Dr. Gobler has also monitored for this in Hempstead Harbor and has found moderate levels (1,000 to 10,000 cells per liter).

Even non-toxic algal blooms can cause problems. At high concentrations, they can significantly decrease the amount of sunlight that penetrates through the water, thereby reducing the ability of other plants and algae to produce the energy they need to survive. This shading effect results in the mortality of important habitats like eelgrass beds and can also inhibit the ability of shellfish to eat, grow and reproduce. Additionally, they can deplete oxygen levels in the water, causing much marine life to move out of the impacted area.

So how do we prevent such blooms in Hempstead Harbor? First, it helps to understand how these blooms develop. It is thought that when the environmental conditions are ideal for the particular organism, algae cells will begin to grow or divide. They grow by photosynthesis, and thus only need light and inorganic nutrients such as phosphate, nitrate, ammonium, carbon dioxide or carbonate and very small amounts of trace metals to grow. When they run out of the supply of nutrients, they begin to die off. That is why they seem to appear overnight and then disappear just as quickly. While we cannot control the light, we can control the supply of nutrients that can prevent such blooms.

Nutrients can come from both fertilizers and malfunctioning septic systems. In Nassau County, property owners are prohibited from applying fertilizer between November 15th and April 1st but during the other times of the year,

it is important to use slow release fertilizers and to check the weather forecast before applying them. Only apply as much as the grass or plants need and only when rain is not in the forecast. Since most of us have cesspools or septic tanks rather than being connected to a sewer system, it is important to maintain our systems. Maintenance includes regular pumpouts (generally every 3 years); avoiding flushing or placing toxic materials down the drain; and overwhelming your system with too much water at one time (such as doing several loads of laundry back to back).

While we are fortunate to have one of the healthiest harbors around, the Hempstead Harbor Protection Committee (HHPC) is looking into more comprehensive monitoring of HABs, possibly as part of the federal government's Phytoplankton Monitoring Network. For more information on the HHPC, visit the website: www.HempsteadHarbor.org.



Our veterans gathered at the Rock in Clifton Park to commemorate Veterans Day.

Photo by Carol Griffin

Veterans Day Observed

Veterans Day was observed on Tuesday, November 11th. At precisely 11 a.m., the National Ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery commenced including a wreath laying at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Veterans Day ceremonies throughout our country are meant to honor and thank all who served in the United States Armed Forces.

The Village of Sea Cliff held its own brief observance at the large rock in Clifton Park. Veterans and Village residents, especially our young students, were asked to join us on November 11th at 11 a.m. as we demonstrated our appreciation to all those who have served and are serving in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, and Coast Guard. All Veterans were invited to lunch at the Sea Cliff Fire Department after the ceremony.



W.W. II veterans at our Veterans Day remembrance.

Photo by Carol Griffin

Sea Cliff Circle

If you wish to receive bi-monthly emails regarding events in Sea Cliff, go to the Sea Cliff Village Website and click "Sign up."

Annual Mutual Concerns Christmas Dinner

Come Meet Neighbors and Join the Spirit of the Season!

The Mutual Concerns Committee, together with Sherlock Homes Realty, is sponsoring the 20th annual Christmas Dinner, which will again be held on Christmas Day, December 25th from noon to 2 p.m. at the Sea Cliff Methodist Church on Downing and Carpenter Avenues.

Terry Sciubba of Sherlock Homes started this dinner 20 years ago so that people who didn't have family nearby could enjoy a wonderful holiday dinner with friends and neighbors. Through the years, more and more people have joined this festive occasion. They look forward to this dinner and entertainment every Christmas. It has become a wonderful holiday tradition.

All are welcome. We encourage, but do not require reservations. We will provide transportation if needed. For reservations or questions, please call Sherlock Homes Realty at 516-671-1717 and let them know if you need transportation.

Former Trustee Vito Capuco

1921 – 2014

by Dan Maddock



Vito Capuco

Vito Capuco, a 41-year resident of Sea Cliff, a former Head of the Building Department, and a former Village Trustee and member of the Zoning Board, passed away in his home in Annapolis, Maryland on Sept. 13, 2014. A month before, Vito celebrated his 93rd birthday and a week before, he celebrated 67 years as the husband of Rose Capuco, herself an extraordinary volunteer in the Village.

Vito was born in the Pelham Bay section of the Bronx. When he was about 14, a new family moved in next door and that's when he first set eyes on Rose, who would one day become his wife. He graduated from Evander Childs High School and was set to enter City College when Pearl Harbor was attacked and WWII began for the United States. In a move that was to be repeated many times during his life, he volunteered his services. He enlisted in the Army Air Corps and became a Radar/Navigator Officer, eventually deploying to England in the 81st Troop Carrier Squadron. He participated in the Normandy invasion and operations Market Garden and Rome-Arno in Italy. He devoted 3 1/2 years to serving his country. In 1945, he returned to civilian life, got a job, started college at night and began courting the girl next door. In 1947, they married. Thirteen years and four children later, the now established family arrived in Sea Cliff, where Vito and Rose would remain until moving to Annapolis in 2001. By then, Vito was a full-fledged engineer and was working on the new United Nations building in Manhattan. Life was hectic, but he found the time to be a Eucharistic Minister and fund raiser at St. Boniface Church, a Boy Scout Leader and active in the Sea Cliff Yacht Club, where he served on many committees and eventually became Commodore. He was also active in the North Shore Kiwanis Club and at one point served as its President. In his spare time, Vito built beautiful furniture, but only for his children and grandchildren. Each offspring has an exceptional piece to remember him by.

After a busy career as an engineer and raising his family, he retired and then really got busy in Sea Cliff. He served as Head of the Building Department, two terms on the Zoning Board of Appeals and then six years on the Board of Trustees. I got to know him well, serving with him on the Board of Trustees for four of those years. We were often referred to as "Ike and Mike, they think alike." Even though we were separated by many years, we had much in common and did tend to think the same way about things. We spent hours talking about Village issues and I valued his judgment and he was patient with mine. I can tell you from first-hand experience what a hard-working, effective Trustee he was. He devoted hours each day to the Village. He had important areas of responsibility such as Public Safety, Police and Fire Dept., both libraries, and capital projects, of which there were many. In everything he did, he did it all out, with both hands on, taking the time to really find out the facts and helping to make the outcome better. In 2000, Vito was given a White Cap Award for community service by the Sea Cliff Civic Association and that same year, Vito and Rose were named Citizens of the Year by the North Shore Kiwanis Club.

However, professional success and community service weren't Vito's greatest achievements. At a reception in Annapolis, following Vito's funeral, one of his sons revealed another achievement. He described his father, and certainly along with his mother, as having created a special home for the family. A home of love and caring, where he and his brothers and sister always felt safe and secure and, just as important, a home that stressed values such as honesty, respect and hard work – the importance of doing your best all of the time and of respecting all people as children of God and being concerned about their welfare. He thanked his parents for creating such a home, whether in Sea Cliff or Annapolis. It was a place he and his siblings could always go to and feel they were home. I can't think of a better achievement and his children and grandchildren are a testament to it. We will miss Vito, but all that Vito was, all that he knew, and all that he felt is not lost. His spirit lives on certainly in the inspiration and example he gave to all of us.

Vito is survived by his wife, Rose, sons Anthony (Laura) of Virginia, John (Marti) of New Hampshire, Benedict (Carrie) of Maryland, daughter Elvira (John) of Maryland and eight grandchildren.



Home for Convalescent Babies 1897

Growing Up in Sea Cliff

by Sara Reres, Museum Director

Have you ever wondered about the history of St. Christopher Otille's on Downing Avenue? The story of St. Christopher is fascinating, involving the rich and powerful as well as the most vulnerable and ill children in the area.

In 1895, a group of wealthy women established the Country Home for Convalescent Babies in Upstate New York. The home admitted sick and suffering small children, whom hardly anyone else can take after they were released from the hospital following an acute illness and before they were returned home to their families. The children recuperated at the home for several weeks.

Two years later, a new Country Home for Convalescent Babies was built on 14 acres in Sea Cliff. Included in the list of donors as noted in the "Notice of Annual Meeting of January 16, 1920" were:

Mrs. Andrew Carnegie
2 East 91st Street
Daniel Guggenheim
Sands Point, Long Island
Mrs. Otto H. Kahn
1100 Fifth Avenue
John Pierpont Morgan
231 Madison Avenue
John S. Phipps
1067 Fifth Avenue

George DuPont Pratt
640 Park Avenue
Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt
1 West 57th Street
Payne Whitney
972 Fifth Avenue
Beekman Winthrop
38 East 37th Street

A letter from a grateful parent stated "All who saw Frances were astonished at her wonderful appearance, as they fully expected to see a feeble and emaciated little girl. But thanks to the great care and attention received while in your charge, Frances looked almost as well as she ever was, and showed little or no effects of the terrible crises she had passed through before she went to Sea Cliff to recuperate."

The Sea Cliff Village Museum's current exhibit, *Growing Up in Sea Cliff*, will run to June 2015. The exhibit features original letters from parents whose children recuperated at the Country Home for Convalescent Babies right here in Sea Cliff. The Sea Cliff Village Museum is located at 95 Tenth Ave. It is open on Sundays from 2-5 p.m. Admission is \$1.00.



Our Sea Cliff Museum docents enjoy the opening of our exhibit "Growing Up in Sea Cliff."

Photo by Sara Reres

Sanitation Holiday Schedule for December, January, February 2014-2015

Please note changes from original schedule.

Christmas Day observed on Thursday, December 25, 2014

This week recycling pick-up will be on Wednesday. If you normally have a Monday and Thursday garbage pick-up schedule, your garbage will be picked upon Monday and Friday. If you normally have a Tuesday and Friday garbage pick-up schedule, your garbage will be picked up on Tuesday and Saturday.

New Years Day observed on Thursday, January 1, 2015

This week recycling pick-up will be on Wednesday. If you normally have a Monday and Thursday garbage pick-up schedule, your garbage will be picked upon Monday and Friday. If you normally have a Tuesday and Friday garbage pick-up schedule, your garbage will be picked up on Tuesday and Saturday.

Martin Luther King Day observed on Monday, January 19, 2015

Normal sanitation schedule - No Change
There will be recycling pick up on Wednesday

Presidents Day observed on Monday, February 16, 2015

Normal sanitation schedule - No Change
There will be recycling pick up on Wednesday

Happy Holidays from Karen Montagnese, Senior Outreach

Finding Peace in this Hectic Season

by Karen Montagnese, Senior Outreach



Karen Montagnese

Easing up on oneself over the holidays is important. The connection between stress and illness is real, says Simon A. Rego, PsyD, an assistant professor of psychiatry and behavioral sciences at Albert Einstein College of Medicine and associate director of psychology training at Montefiore Medical Center in the Bronx. He reports that under stress, the body pumps out cortisol, a hormone that suppresses a protective cell enzyme that leads to stress. A recent study found that people under chronic

stress are more vulnerable to a host of ailments including heart disease, skin conditions, digestive disorder flare-ups, immune disorders, anxiety, depression, insomnia, and worsening pain.

Who needs this? In an effort to reduce the stress of the season I have reviewed some pertinent articles and constructed a list sure to help us all chill out during this busy time.

Don't rush, give yourself plenty of time. Say no when you know it is too much. Remember the rules of fall prevention: keep clutter at a minimum, eliminate loose carpets, take extra care in the bathroom and if you have a cane, use it.

Plan in advance, make a list, refill prescriptions, prep your cooking, shop early, and don't be afraid to ask for help. Our door to door shopping bus goes to Stop and Shop every Wednesday, so start stocking up now on your holiday supplies. Call Village Hall for a reservation.

Have reasonable expectations, not every holiday is a Norman Rockwell experience. You can't be in two or three places at the same time. Know your limits. Holidays

are a season not a day, spread it out.

It's the thought that counts, try not to break the bank in hopes to wow the recipient. Post-holiday bills can be a bummer. If you shop on the internet, look for free shipping and returns. If you need help navigating the internet, call me, 671-0080 x36.

Carve out time for yourself; don't overlook your book group or your exercise. Join chair yoga at St Luke's (provided by Mutual Concerns) Tuesdays and Fridays at 11:15 a.m. and stay for a nice hot lunch. On Tuesday December 23rd there will be a holiday lunch/party, an annual highlight.

Volunteer and reach out to your community. Take part in local seasonal celebrations. The Village Green Tree Lighting is at 5:00pm on December 7th and Hanukah Happenings is at the Sea Cliff Fire House on December 16. Enjoy the moment.

Wishing you all a PEACEFUL holiday season, and I can be reached at Village Hall 671-0080 x36.

Village Taxes Due

by Marianne Lennon, Collector of Taxes

The second half of Village tax payments are due December 1, 2014 through January 2, 2015. Tax bills are not sent again for the second half taxes. If needed, a copy of your tax bill may be obtained from Village Hall. Taxes may be paid by mail or at the office of the Village Clerk every Tuesday thru Friday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., except Saturdays, Sundays, Holidays or such other times the Village Hall offices are closed. Office hours on Mondays are from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for public convenience.

When Penalties Apply

On all second half taxes paid on or before January 2, 2015, no penalty or interest will be charged. If paid after January 2, 2015, interest will be added monthly or for any fraction thereof until paid at the current rate in effect, as set by the State Commissioner of Taxation and Finance, as prescribed in subdivision 2 of Section 924-a of the N.Y.S. Real Property Tax Law.



Members of the Good of the Village Association ran a very successful Antique Sale this September at the St. Boniface field (l-r) June Scheu, Marilyn Anthony, Lanie Ganzenmuller, Sylvia Wagner and Sheila Wenger.

Photo by Carol Griffin



Seniors enjoy their lunch at Tre Sorelle's.

Photo by Carol Griffin



Dan Roth (owner of Still Partners) on the drums with son, Dillon, playing the trumpet at Mini Mart.

Photo by Meaghan Murray



Erinn Mc Donnell welcomes the 2nd graders to Village Hall where she explains how our Village works.

Photo by Lorraine Baker



(l-r) Heidi Hunt, Ann DiPietro, Christine Abbenda Hughes and Dan DiPietro at the Cider Social in Central Park.

Photo by William Hunt



Mayor Bruce Kennedy and his wife speak to one of the entertainers at the Mini Mart.

Photo by Carol Griffin



St. Boniface Youth Group sold out on their delicious donuts at Mini Mart.

Photo by Carol Griffin



Girl Scouts from Troop 22 enjoy the annual Cider Social.

Photo by Heidi Hunt



(l-r) Sandy Colgen, Vivienne Smith, Stancy Mentnech, Joyce Milowski and Kathy Leich working a booth at St. Luke's Holiday bazaar.

Photo by Carol Griffin



(l-r) 1st Assistant Mark Vitale, Chief Ernie Longobucco, Jimmy O'Donnell and 2nd Assistant Mike Hallquest at this year's SCFD car show.

Photo by Carol Griffin



Sea Cliff Elementary School Parade.

Photo by Erinn McDonnell.



Chill Out in Sea Cliff brought out many people who were shopping, dining, and enjoying music in town.

Photo by Heidi Hunt



Dancers from Long Island Ballet Academy & Dance.

Photo by Kathleen DiResta

Ballet In Our Backyard

by Elizabeth and Caroline Winchester

Almost every ballet school performs a Nutcracker. "This is a tradition for ballet, like the Super Bowl is for football," says Irina Lebedeva, the artistic director of the Long Island Ballet Academy & Dance in Sea Cliff. Lebedeva's dancers will preview "the Party Scene" from this year's production at Sea Cliff's Christmas Tree Lighting on December 7 at 5 p.m.

Russian ballet is itself a Sea Cliff tradition. Lebedeva is the third Russian director of the studio, which is on Glen Avenue. Kaleria Fedicheva, a prima ballerina and three-time gold medalist, opened the studio after moving from Russia to the United States in 1975 with her son Ivan. "When my mother came to America she naturally wanted to open up a school," explains Ivan,

"and because Sea Cliff has such a high Russian population it was just a natural place to be." Fedicheva bought the property, which Ivan says then included "a basketball court that was all overgrown," from St. Boniface. "The floor is a professional ballet floor that is easy on the joints," says Ivan. "You don't hurt your back when you're doing jumps." Fedicheva taught every day except Sunday, and a lot of her students went on to be very well known. "She was a true, honest, loyal friend to the ballet," says Ivan. "More than anything else, I want her to be known as someone who did it for the art and never for the money."

After Fedicheva died in 1994, Lebedeva continued in her tradition, reopening the studio in 2006.

Like Fedicheva, Lebedeva trains students in the Vaganova method of classical ballet. Ballet stars who trained in this leading method include Mikhail Baryshnikov. Lebedeva was a principal dancer at Ballet Festival Moscow, and since defecting to the U.S. in 1990, has performed and taught with the Eglevsky Ballet and has led seminars and classes in 28 states. "I think [my mother] would be happy and proud that the tradition still lives in Sea Cliff," says Ivan.

To purchase Long Island Ballet Academy & Dance Nutcracker tickets, at \$10 each, and learn more about the school, call 516-801-4393. Performances are on December 20 at 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. at the studio on Glen Ave.

Sea Cliff Senior Action

Sea Cliff's Senior Action Committee announces a change of staff.

Beginning November 1st, Claudia Moyne (759-9251) has been handling rides to local doctor appointments for our seniors. Jean Stratford will remain as chairperson of the Senior Action Committee. Thank you Claudia for joining us in taking care of our seniors.

The Library in Winter

by Camille Purcell, Assistant Director

The weather may be turning colder, but your Sea Cliff Library is hotter than ever! Our collections have grown steadily over a number of years, adapting and updating to reflect changing times and issues. The young adults in the community have supported our commitment to provide them with stellar service in terms of title selection and research needs and we have not forgotten our stalwart friends, who have been with us year in and year out. The Children's Library will be undergoing some modest renovations but will still provide outstanding programs. Come in and browse our shelves for the latest in books, audio, CDs, and DVDs. We guarantee you will find something to pique your interest.

Programming remains a large part of our mission. Join us as we present a fun and informal new program called - Classic Cinema Chats. This new program will take place once a month so be sure to look for the date and time in our newsletter and on the website -

www.seaclifflibrary.org. Of course we will continue to offer first run movies twice a month. Our newsletter is available online and our website is continuously updated to reflect new and exciting resources and to highlight our feature programming.

The library is many things to different people. We continually strive to provide the public with the best possible service and will continue to support the educational and recreational welfare of the community in which we live.

I think this quote by Vicki Myron sums up our little library nicely:

"A great library doesn't have to be big or beautiful. It doesn't have to have the best facilities ... or the most users. A great library provides. It is enmeshed in the life of a community in a way that makes it indispensable. A great library is one nobody notices because it is always there, and always has what people need."

One Dollar A Year Men

by Priscilla Young Waltz, Village Historian

During World War II President Roosevelt set up an advisory board of business men to help lay out plans for the war effort. They were men who were in companies that dealt with commodities needed for manufacturing in our country such as steel for trucks and tanks, rubber for trucks and planes, and electronics.

These men worked one day per week in their own companies (Mondays) and then spent the rest of the week in Washington on what was known as the War Labor Board. They were paid a token salary of \$1.00 per year.

There were several men from Sea Cliff on the Board until the war was over. The one I knew was my father, Thomas Harding Young.



Priscilla Young Waltz



(l-r) Pat Guy, Ann DiPietro, Peggy Costello, Barbara Murray and Louann Boeckem enjoying the Beautification luncheon at the Metropolitan Bistro.

Photo by Carol Griffin

Beautification Committee News

by Sally Davies, President

So many people have said the Sea Cliff Beautification luncheon on October 16 at the Metropolitan Bistro was terrific. The food was good, our speaker Sue Giordano was very informative, we had home made cookies for dessert, and great raffle prizes. Everyone went home happy! Thank you to all who supported SCBC by attending, buying raffle tickets, and making donations.

On December 2 at 10 a.m., please join us for a pleasant morning preparing the wreaths that decorate the Village during the holidays. We meet at the Village garage to enjoy music, refreshments, and holiday merriment.



The Beautification Committee celebrated their luncheon at the Metropolitan Bistro.

Photo by Carol Griffin

All That Glitters Is... Swarovski Crystal

New Jewelry Shop on Roslyn Avenue

by Margie Malone

Thomas Knoell Designs, which specializes in wedding jewelry, has opened a shop at 86 Roslyn Avenue. When Thomas and his wife, Raquel, moved their shop to Sea Cliff, they devoted space to everyday jewelry as well.

The shop's feeling is one of elegance -- blue walls, a crystal chandelier, large decorative mirror -- the right place for displaying each wedding piece, handmade with gold and Swarovski crystals.

Though they have created a large, inviting retail space, the major-

ity of their business is selling to bridal shops across the country and around the world. Tom goes on tour with trunk shows, and as the designer, gives advice to brides on what goes best with their style. Back in their extensive workshop (they employ two full-time and one part-time worker), they were busy filling orders for New York City, Arizona, Germany, and three cities in California.

"Because we have a workshop, we can customize," said Tom "If you can think it, we can make it."

Upcoming will be an event to introduce their holiday line, geared for gift-giving.

Their shop hours are Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m., Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Sunday and Monday by appointment.

The Knoells and their four children live in Sea Cliff and are happy to bring more business to Sea Cliff. According to Raquel, "Sea Cliff is such an artistic town. For us, it's a perfect fit."



Tom and Raquel Knoell in their Sea Cliff shop, Thomas Knoell Designs.

The Trees of Sea Cliff

What Residents Need to Know about the Proposed Revised Tree Ordinance

by the Sea Cliff Tree Committee

Early in the summer of 2013 the Board of Trustees and the Tree Committee started reviewing the existing Tree Ordinance with the goal of easing the law's restrictions while ensuring that Sea Cliff will maintain its treed character. These discussions came about because several major storms had made many residents fearful of their trees, and consequently the Committee reviewed many applications to remove not only dead, diseased and dying trees, but also many that were healthy.

Since then, a number of "Town Hall" style meetings were held to solicit input from residents and as a result, the Board of Trustees posted a revised Tree Ordinance on the Village website in early September. A Public Hearing will be held on January 12, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. and residents will have a final chance to comment on the proposed Tree Ordinance changes. The Board of Trustees continues to welcome any input prior to this date.

The core requirements of the revised Tree Ordinance are based on a tree's diameter at 4½ feet

above the ground, and consist of three mutually exclusive tree classes:

Class A - Any number of trees up to 10" diameter can be removed without a permit.

Class B - 1 to 3 trees per year, with a diameter greater than 10" and less than 20" can be removed without a permit, with prior notification to the Village (a simple form, no approval required).

Class C - More than 3 trees, in a 12 month period, greater than 10" diameter, or any tree 20" diameter or greater, requires a permit. A removed tree(s) in this class must be replaced with a new tree(s), of similar eventual size, or the applicant will be assessed a fee (resident's choice). If residents do not want to plant any new tree(s), they will be assessed a fee that will be prescribed from time to time by resolution of the Board of Trustees. As of now, the Board is considering a fee that would be equal to what it would cost the resident to replant a tree. These fees will be placed into the Sea Cliff Village Releaf Fund, which is to be used for planting

new trees in Sea Cliff.

These requirements are summarized in the table below.

Other changes in the new Tree Ordinance are summarized as follows:

- Changing the composition of the Tree Committee from two volunteer residents, one Village Trustee, and the Village Building Superintendent, to a Tree Commission consisting of three volunteer residents with two alternate volunteer residents.
- Changing the current "Specimen Tree" definition to a "Heritage Tree" definition to allow

recording of special trees in the Village. A Heritage Tree would be considered a Class C tree, requiring a permit for removal. Only a resident can nominate a tree on their property for this designation, and any resident may nominate a tree on Village property.

- Recognizing the dangers and impact of removal of trees from a hillside area, to alert residents to the possible consequences of slope erosion due to tree removal.
- Revising the Land Development Procedures (section 121-

901) to align with the revised Tree Classes.

If the proposed new Tree Ordinance is approved by the Board of Trustees, it will give residents more freedom to remove trees on their properties, while all residents, current and future, will benefit from the new trees that will be planted throughout the Village.

Proposed New Tree Ordinance Classes

Tree Class	Diameter of Tree(s)	Number of Trees to be Removed per 12 months	Simple Prior Notification to Village Required?	Tree Removal Permit Application Required?	Tree Replacement Required?
A	10" or less	1 or more	No	No	No
B	More than 10" AND less than 20"	1, 2 or 3	Yes	No	No
C	More than 10" AND less than 20"	4 or more	No	Yes	Yes
C	20" or greater	1 or more	No	Yes	Yes

Mutual Concerns Committee

by Peggie Como

November and December are the busiest time of year for the Mutual Concerns Committee. Holiday food baskets will be delivered to those who need a helping hand, and the emergency pantry is always available at any time of year for anyone who needs food. Call Peggie Como at 671-1717 if you need help.

There are many organizations and individuals that contribute to keep the MCC up and running. The Sea Cliff-Glen Head Lions Club recently presented us with a generous donation from this summer's "Beach Blast". Lions Club president Marc Neal, Village Trustee Ed Lieberman and Sea Cliff resident Shane Dommin were instrumental in organizing this event for us. The Lions Club also held a food drive for us at their annual "Chill Out", and Jack Pierce held another very successful food drive for us in October at the fire house. We are always astonished and appreciative beyond expression -- to see the outpouring of giving. It's an outpouring that seems to intensify and grow each year. It gives us yet another reason to be thankful.

Arts Council Update

by Margie Malone

Mark your calendars for "A Day of Shopping in Sea Cliff" on Sunday, December 7th. Throughout the Village, shops and studios will be open, featuring artwork and unique creations by local artists. Shopping begins at noon and ends at 5 p.m. Stores in town will be hosting additional "visiting artists" for the day. The shop at the Sea Cliff Village Museum, will be open from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. and has many unique collectibles and gifts that relate to Sea Cliff.

The day of shopping, sponsored by Donna Barrett and the Sea Cliff Arts Council, is to support the businesses and artists of Sea Cliff.

Current and upcoming art exhibits at the adult library are the photography of Noah Barker through December, the artwork of North Shore High School students in January and February, and the work of Nancy Yoshii in March through April. From November thru January, the photography of Dan Jenney will be on exhibit at Daniel Gale/ Sotheby's.

Sea Cliff Children's Library

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 10 - 5

Thursday 10 - 7, Saturday 10 - 2

by Ann DiPietro, Children's Library Coordinator

Wednesday	10:30 a.m.	Story Time for 3 year-olds and up
	3:00 p.m.	Pizza and Paperbacks for 1st and 2nd Graders
Thursday	8:15 a.m.	<i>Bagels and Books</i> Discussion group for adults Dec. 11, Jan. 8, and Feb. 12
	10:30 a.m.	<i>Babies and...</i> An informal program for infants and toddlers
	3:30 p.m.	<i>Twilight Story Hour</i> for all ages
Friday	10:30 a.m.	Story Time for 3 year-olds and up
	1:00 p.m.	Picture books for Kindergartners 2015
	3:00 p.m.	Pizza and Picture books for Kindergartners
	4:00 p.m.	Lego Club for Kindergartners & up

Family Book Nights

Thursdays, Dec. 11, Jan. 8, and Feb. 12 at 6 p.m.

Dinner, dessert, and discussion

Introduction to "The Nutcracker": Song, story, and dance led by Dan DiPietro as Drosselmeyer - appropriate for children 4 years and older Saturday, Dec. 13 at 10 a.m.

Programs require pre-registration

Call 671-0420 or email scchildrenslibrary@gmail.com

Check out northwordnews.com for late breaking information about our programs.



Twenty children gathered on Election Day to learn about 3D printing at a SC Makeshop workshop presented at the Children's Library.

Photo by Ann DiPietro



Kindergartners 2015 dine and discuss every Friday afternoon.

Photo by Ann DiPietro

The Sea Cliff Library: A Literary Sea Cliff Community Center With Open Doors and a Welcoming Spirit

by Carol Poll, President of the Friends of the Sea Cliff Village Library

Walk into Sea Cliff Adult Library and you will be greeted by friendly people, kind words and librarians ever ready to help you with the library computer, find an interesting book, take out a delightful movie or read fascinating magazines. Give yourself another treat and visit the Sea Cliff Village Children's Library and you will enter a world of make-believe filled with kind librarians and mesmerizing story hours. Plus, iPads abound to draw children into the joy of learning. In other words, Sea Cliff Library is truly a welcoming community center where neighbors meet each other and enjoy the resources in our beloved Village.

The Friends is a non-profit organization committed to supporting our cherished libraries. Friends provides money and volunteers to help the Library achieve its goals. The Friends' money for these items comes from you: when you send in your membership dues to the Friends, shop at and donate things to Mike Lennon's Offbeat Artifacts sales, and buy and donate books at the Friends' "Gigantic Used Book Sale" held on the Village Garage Day Sale in June. Thank you for your support for our beloved Sea Cliff Village Library.

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