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Mayor's Update

by Mayor Bruce Kennedy



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What a brilliant Sea Cliff summer we have had. The beach has again had a record number of visitors. The lifeguards and staff led by Ann Kopple and Nina Ring have done a tremendous job of taking care of the premises and our members. Rob Byrne and his staff at the Beach Café have done a great job satisfying the culinary desires of our beach members and guests. The Friday night music series has been a smashing success thanks to the team of Justin & Jenna DiPietro and Sue Giordano. Most people are unaware of the substantial amount of work that goes into putting together a night of music. Every year we have volunteers who are students of North Shore High School that set-up, break down, and run the soundboard. This year we were lucky to have had Jamie Commando in the lead spot assisted by Matthew Greco (both of whom will be seniors this school year) and I would like to acknowledge the great job they have done.

Speaking of our students, the North Shore Summer Theater Workshop is back and gaining momentum. Julia Brennan produced two shows this summer (Live Out Loud and the 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee) that were professional in quality and sheer joy to experience. I was honored to have a cameo in one showing of the Putnam County Spelling Bee which I thoroughly enjoyed. I had the opportunity to see our student actors from a unique perspective and was once again blown away

by the level of artistic talent of our children.

The Hempstead Harbor Protection Committee held its 20th anniversary celebration in July at Cedarmere. It was a special occasion to recognize the incredible strides the committee has made in the past two decades, especially since two founding members were in attendance - former Mayor Ted Blackburn and State Comptroller Tom DiNapoli. Not only was a great time had by all but it served as a reminder of what communities can accomplish environmentally when they unite and work collectively toward a common goal. Our recognition goes out to the entire committee especially Executive Director Eric Swenson and newly appointed Chairman Tom Powell.

The Fire Department recently held a volunteer drive to expand its membership that resulted in several new members to the department. These men and women are on call 24 hours a day answering the call for help. Please keep these dedicated volunteers in your thoughts when you hear the fire siren go off as they are willing to put themselves in harms way in order to help anyone who calls. There has been some big news in the Fire Department recently. 2nd Assistant Chief Michael Hallquest and his wife Laura had a baby who is named Emily Grace and former Chief Dan Whittemore became engaged to marry Katie Darby. The Board of Trustees and I extend our most sincere congratulations to both chiefs and their families.

Governmentally, the Board of Trustees and I are keeping very busy. We are in the process of awarding the bid for phase II of the Village Hall restoration project, continuing the efforts of re-codifying our zoning code expanding our recycling efforts and expanding the vision of our Environmental Conservation Commission. We have also submitted a grant application to

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Carol Vogt Wins the Whitecap Award

by Cathy Elorriaga



Whitecap recipient Carol Vogt with her family.

Photo by Carol Griffin

On June 12, the Sea Cliff Civic Association recognized former Village Trustee Carol Vogt as this year's recipient of the organization's Whitecap Award. The prestigious honor is bestowed each year upon individuals, groups or organizations that have demonstrated repeated outstanding volunteer service to the Sea Cliff community. The Metropolitan Bistro, which generously contributed an assortment of hors d'oeuvres, hosted the event.

"I can feel the excitement building," declared Civic Association President Ann DiPietro, during her opening remarks - the recipient's name traditionally a tightly guarded secret until it is announced that night. Mayor Bruce Kennedy was then called before the packed room to reveal this year's nominee.

The Mayor spoke of Ms. Vogt's nearly four decades of service to the community since moving to Sea Cliff in 1976 - as a member of the Waterfront/Environmental Committee, the Beach Committee and the Civic Association, as well as on the Landmarks Association, the Zoning Board of Appeals, and the Planning Board, before being elected to her first of three two year terms on the Village Board in 2009,

the same year Mr. Kennedy was elected Mayor. He described Ms. Vogt as a trustee who emphasized the importance of communication, and hearing from as many sides as possible before reaching a decision on an issue. "Carol cares not only about doing the right thing," he said, "but making everybody feel good about the process."

This quality was perhaps best demonstrated during the year and half process during which the Village Tree law was revised and adopted, with Ms. Vogt repeatedly emphasizing the importance of balancing competing interests, and pushing for repeated meetings during which residents could offer input, allowing the board each time to tweek the proposal before ultimately adopting it.

"Carol is an example to me," said Christine Abbenda, of the Civic Association, during her remarks. "Her service is something we should all aspire to."

Resident Dan DiPietro spoke of working with Ms. Vogt to save the Sea Cliff Little League when it fell on hard times during the 1970's.

During that time, he explained, he learned four things about Ms. Vogt - "She's really, really smart; she listens - and those two things don't often go together; she cares, boy does she care; and, she sorely lacks ego." "If it were up to me you would be getting the tsunami of Whitecaps Awards."

Ms. Vogt's son, Justin, then addressed the audience speaking of his mother's civic virtue. "It's peo- (continued on page 2)



Mayor Bruce Kennedy nominated Carol Vogt to receive the Whitecap Award. Ann DiPietro, President of the SC Civic Association was the master of ceremony.

Photo by Carol Griffin

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Attention Seniors: Medicare Open Enrollment

by Karen Montagnese, Senior Outreach



Karen Montagnese

Medicare Open Enrollment is from October 1 - December 7. During this period you have an opportunity to make changes to your Part C and/or Part D coverage. Part C refers to Medicare Advantage Plans. These health plans are alternatives to Original Medicare (Parts A and B) offered by a private company that contracts with Medicare. Medicare Advantage Plans include Health Maintenance Organizations (HMOs), Preferred Provider Organizations (PPOs), Private Fee-for-Service Plans, Special Needs Plans, and Medicare Medical Savings Account Plans. Part D coverage refers to your prescription drug coverage plans. During Open Enrollment it is good to review your plans to af-

firm that you are getting the appropriate coverage for the best value.

This is the right time to re-evaluate your Part D coverage. A good place to start is by reviewing your Explanation of Benefits (EOB). This is the paperwork you receive throughout the year that summarizes your spending and usage of prescription drugs. It gives you a breakdown of what you and your plan have paid as well as a list your generic and brand name drugs. It is also a good idea to review your premium and compare it to other Part D plans offered in our area. There can be quite a difference in premiums from plan to plan. If you consider a change, reach out to the new provider to make sure that your drugs are indeed covered by their plan. Your pharmacist can also be a wealth of information. They too can provide you with a summary of usage as well as a list of insurance companies with which they participate. This is all valuable information when assessing your Part D drug plan.

One last variable when reviewing your Part D coverage is "the donut hole" or coverage gap. In some cases, after you and your plan have spent a certain amount of money, you will have to pay more for your prescriptions until you hit a "catastrophic" limit. This coverage gap

is slated to be eliminated by 2020 and currently there is in place some new savings benefits. When you are in the gap you now get a discount when buying covered brand name and generic drugs. In 2016 the savings in the gap is 45% off participating brand name drugs and 58% off generic drugs. The full cost will count towards you getting out of the gap. Brand name drug companies must sign an agreement with Medicare to participate in this gap discount program, so not all drugs are eligible.

Sounds complicated? Remember if you are happy with your coverage, you don't have to do anything. Your policies will continue uninterrupted unless you hear otherwise from your providers. **To assist you in this process HIICAP (Health Insurance Information Counseling and Assistance Program) will have an information session upstairs at Village Hall on Thursday November 19th at 10:00 a.m. Bring your medication list or print out and HIICAP will advise on the top plans that best fit your needs.**

If you have any questions please visit www.medicare.gov or feel free to call me, Karen Montagnese, Senior Outreach, at 671-0080 x 36.

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bring the newly installed sewer line in the business district from Prospect Avenue to the Nassau County Treatment Plant in Glen Cove and we are hopeful for a positive response. In addition we are also in the midst of restoring and repairing a record number of Village streets

and avenues. Please feel free to reach out to me or any member of the Board should you have any questions, concerns or issues you would like to discuss. It continues to be my honor to serve the members of this fine community.

Beautification Committee Luncheon

by Sally Davies, President

As summer turns to fall, I hope you are enjoying Sea Cliff's wonderful parks! The flowers on the light posts on Sea Cliff Avenue are extremely beautiful.

Our big fall event is our Annual Luncheon. This year it will be held again at the Metropolitan Bistro on Roslyn Avenue. Thank you to

all who made last year's luncheon such a huge success. We hope you will join us again this year on Thursday, October 22 at noon. Tickets are \$25 and are available from SCBC members and Sherlock Holmes and Daniel Gale offices. As usual, we will have fabulous raffle prizes.

Senior Alert

Beware of Scams. They are all around us.

by Dan Maddock

It's a quiet mid-week summer night. The doorbell rings and a pleasant young man begins telling you that your house needs some urgent repairs. You don't want to be rude or unpleasant so you let him in. Besides, he is talking about your house. An hour later, your resistance and common sense grow weary and you end up agreeing to work that's a) not really needed and b) grossly overpriced and c) possibly includes a credit agreement with an obscene interest rate. It happens more frequently than you might think. And there are other scams. Some come on the telephone. You have won a prize or a trip or someone has won a lot of money but they can't collect because they are not a legal citizen. Just give them your bank account number, or Social Security number, or send them some money to show good faith and you will get the prize or a cash payment. A caller may claim to be a grandchild in trouble. Please send them some money. The scam may come in the mail. You have won a free cruise to the Bahamas, all you have to do is

send a deposit to cover certain expenses.

People get taken by these scams every day, particularly the elderly. So you have to be on alert. Never sign a contract without consulting with your attorney or a family member or close friend. Ask their advice. Nothing is so important that it has to be signed that day. Never give out personal financial information over the phone, especially your bank account number(s). Remember the old adage: "If it sounds too good to be true, it usually is".

The New York State Attorney General's Office has prepared an excellent booklet called: Smart Seniors. It's full of good advice on avoiding scammers. They will send it to you free of charge. Call them at 1-800-771-7755. Or write: Office of NYS Attorney General, The Capitol, Albany NY 12224-0341. It's well worth the reading. Also, if you have any questions about your affairs or health or government services, you can call Karen Montagnese, Sea Cliff's Senior Outreach person at 671-0080, Ext. 36.

Carol Vogt

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ple like you, mom," he said, "that make a community work."

In recognition of Ms. Vogt's service as board liaison to Sea Cliff Beach during her tenure as Trustee, Beach Director Ann Kopple presented the Whitecap award winner with a Sea Cliff Beach t-shirt

and a Len Jacobs photograph of the beach.

"I am just so overwhelmed...because I got so much more back," said Ms. Vogt in response. "This community has given me so much more than I have given it."



At the SCFD Inspection, Bill Moser joined in a photo with the fire medics.

Photo by Carol Griffin

Sea Cliff Fire Dept. Inspection

by Carol Griffin

Sea Cliff Fire Department held its annual Inspection at the Sea Cliff Fire House on June 7. Awards given at the Inspection included the Hook & Ladder Company for most men in line with 95 percent, Engine & Hose Company with 88.85 percent, the Fire Medic Unit with 83.32 per-

cent and the Enterprise Hose Company with 82.33 percent. The Best Appearing Company went to the Enterprise Hose Company.

The Charles E. Theurer Award for an outstanding member of the Fire Medic Unit went to Brittany Grella. The award was presented by Ted

Kopczynski, Theurer's grandson. Brittany's name was the 27th to be added to the plaque which honors award recipients. The plaque is on permanent display in the main hall of the firehouse.



(l-r) Tom DiNapoli (NYS Comptroller), Mayor Nora Haagenon (Baxter Estates), Councilwoman Anna Kaplan (North Hempstead), Councilwoman Dina DeGiorgio (North Hempstead), Supervisor Judi Bosworth (North Hempstead), Eric Swenson (HHPC Executive Director), Tom Powell (HHPC Chair), Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton (Nassau County), Former Mayor Ted Blackburn (Sea Cliff and Islamorada, FL), Mayor Bruce Kennedy (Sea Cliff)

Photo by Jennifer Wilson Pines

Hempstead Harbor Protection Committee Celebrates 20th Anniversary

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

On Sunday, July 12, the Hempstead Harbor Protection Committee ("HHPC") celebrated its twentieth anniversary along the banks of Hempstead Harbor in the formal gardens of Cedarmere, the former home of William Cullen Bryant in Roslyn Harbor.

On hand were its co-founders, New York State Comptroller Tom DiNapoli (then a NYS Assemblyman) and former Sea Cliff Mayor Ted Blackburn (who recently completed a stint as Mayor of Islamorada, Florida), as well as numerous other elected officials and representatives, including the newly-formed Setauket Harbor Task Force.

Attendees were even able to enjoy littleneck clams from Hempstead Harbor which were harvested and donated by local bayman Patrick Ward. This was fitting since one of the milestones in the improvement of the harbor was the re-opening of 2,500 acres of shellfish beds in 2011 after being closed for 45 years. In 2014, Hempstead Harbor became the state's second-

largest producer of hard clams (behind Oyster Bay Harbor) bringing \$1.7 million in value to the local economy.

Protection of our waterways entered a new era twenty years ago. For the first time a harbor began to be managed without regard to municipal boundaries. It was a novel concept to have five villages, two towns, a city and a county share ideas, and workload costs to improve Hempstead Harbor. However, the model has worked and is now being followed by almost every other harbor on Long Island.

There has been a lot of progress over the past 20 years. The 70 or so rotting barges are gone; the antiquated Roslyn sewage treatment plant has been replaced by a pumping station that directs the sewage to the south shore; the incinerators, landfills and superfund sites that lined the harbor are history; wildlife has returned in big numbers including osprey, peregrine falcons, diamondback terrapins, and occasionally harbor seals and whales; new shoreline trails and wetland

restoration areas have been constructed; over a dozen coastal interpretive signs have been installed around the harbor; Scudder's Pond has been restored; the Sea Cliff business district now has a sewer line; and the county has appropriated \$12 million toward sewerage along Hempstead Harbor.

But while it was nice to stop and reflect on the past, we cannot afford to become complacent. A lot of work remains to be done.

Improvements to our harbor require the active participation of everyone - not just government - but citizens, businesses and institutions alike. The more effort we put into this harbor, the more it will pay us and future generations back. We hope that this Committee can long serve as a catalyst to bring everyone together for this worthy goal.

Hempstead Harbor, which served as Long Island's first colonial harbor, has been good to us for a long time. It is our duty to take care of her.

Annual Bazaar at St. Luke's – November 7

by Debbie and Jack Pierce, Chairpersons

St. Luke's Episcopal Church, at 253 Glen Avenue, will be holding its annual Bazaar on Saturday, November 7 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Bazaar's renowned Country Kitchen will be offering fine homemade jams and jellies, herb infused oils, pasta sauces, barbeque sauces, and fudge, plus a whole lot more. Also featured will be a wheel of Vermont cheddar cheese custom cut for purchasers, as well as peanut brittle, and pies, cakes and cookies.

Handmade fine jewelry will also

be on sale. There will be a crafts table, handmade pottery, handmade floral arrangements, a unique boutique and Advent calendars will be available as well.

The Thrift Shop will offer a wide variety of items at bargain prices, including ladies' sweaters, men's shirts, linens, laces and articles for the home.

Take a break from shopping and enjoy a scrumptious lunch with choice of Padra MacDonald's Pork-a-Palooza sandwich or another delicious sandwich, choice

of homemade soup, an apple cake with fresh whipped cream, or any combination you wish. All of the food is prepared fresh on the premises. Enjoy a refreshing glass of homemade apple cider made from a blend of New York State apples (and take a bottle home to enjoy after the bazaar).

A Chinese auction will be held as well with many great prizes.

So come early and stay late - this is one fun event!

"Golfing Through the Village" on Saturday, September 19

by Dan Maddock

Yes, that zany, preposterous golf event through the front and back lawns, hidden gardens, parks and passageways of our 132 year old Victorian Village is back. The Good of the Village Association will use this delightfully wacky contest as their primary fundraiser for 2015.

Each participant will bring their own irons. It's suggested that a three iron and a pitching wedge be used. Participants will get true-flight practice balls, a map, a scorecard and will be assigned a hole to start. There are 24 par three holes for a par score of 72. A foursome is \$100 or \$25 per player. Anyone can

walk the course without golfing for \$10. Check-in time is 8:30 a.m. and tee-off will be 9:15 a.m. Pre-registration is available at the Daniel Gale Agency on Sea Cliff Avenue. Don't miss out on this unique, fun event, since foursomes are limited. There will be "Masters Green Jackets" for the winning male and female participants, as well as other prizes.

The Association is seeking sponsors for this special event. You or your business can sponsor a hole for \$100. Other sponsorship forms are available. For information contact Sheila Wenger at sheilawenger@danielgale.com.

Mutual Concerns Committee

by Peggie Como

The Mutual Concerns Committee had a very exciting summer. Our lunch and social program moved to the Tappan Beach picnic area for the month of July. We took advantage of the great weather and enjoyed delicious picnic lunches and programs such as chair yoga and bingo.

Our fall schedule starts on Tuesday, September 1. We always welcome newcomers and we are especially looking forward to more men joining. Aside from a delicious home-cooked meal for the nominal fee of \$2.00 and the wonderful company of friends and neighbors, participants can partake, if they so desire, in games such as bingo and cards, a little light exercise such as chair yoga, or an outing every now and then. For those who like to play bridge,

we are looking forward to including this as one of our new activities. Occasionally, students from local schools visit and perform for our entertainment. A visiting nurse comes by every second Tuesday of the month for health assessments such as blood pressure checks, and our very popular Senior Outreach contact, Karen Montagnese, stops by every third Tuesday of the month to address any concerns you might have.

Our program meets every Tuesday and Friday at noon at St. Luke's Parish Hall on Glen Avenue. Bus transportation is available to and from St. Luke's. Please call Village Hall at 671-0080 if you require this service. We hope to see you at St. Luke's in September!



(l-r) Trustee Elena Villafane, Chairperson Jean Stratford, Gen Woods, Debbie Pierce, Ann Costagliola, Alice O'Donnell, Maureen Maddock and Claudia Moyne.

Photo by Carol Griffin

Senior Action Committee News

The Senior Action Committee would like to thank all the volunteer drivers for senior doctor appointments and bus escorts who have helped us this year. We are dependent on our volunteers—thank you again.

If any senior needs a ride to a doctor appointment, call Claudia Moyne at 759-9251 at least 3 days prior to appointment.

The Senior Action Committee will be meeting on September 17 at 9:30 a.m. upstairs in Village Hall.

Sanitation Holiday Schedule

September, October and November

Labor Day is observed on Monday, September 7 (Holiday Schedule)

Monday/Thursday pick up moves to Tuesday/Thursday
Tuesday/Friday pick up moves to Wednesday/Friday
There will not be any Recycling pick up that week

Columbus Day is observed on Monday, October 12

Normal Sanitation Schedule – No Change
There will be Recycling pick up on Wednesday

Veterans Day is observed on Monday, November 11

Normal Sanitation Schedule – No Change
There will be Recycling pick up on Wednesday

Thanksgiving Day is observed on Thursday, November 26 (Holiday Schedule)

Monday/Thursday pick up moves to
Monday/Wednesday
Tuesday/Friday pick up remains on Tuesday/Friday
There will not be any Recycling pick up that week

Important Information on Leaf Collection For the 2015 Season

by John A. Mirando, Village Administrator

We are now heading into our 5th season of our leaf collection program and the results continue to show that this program makes our streets cleaner and safer, in addition to holding the cost of leaf collection to a minimum. The public's cooperation in the implementation of this program over the last four years has been excellent and continues to make the program a success.

With the start of last year's leaf season, the Village notified the public that the disposal site could no longer accept leaves in plastic bags as this interfered with the mulching process and increased labor costs. As was required last year, residents will be required to use brown bags up to the 40 gallon biodegradable size. These bags can be purchased at establishments like Sea Cliff Hardware and big box, stores and can also be ordered on line.

Some of these bag manufacturers also make a cardboard shoot to load the leaves into the bags making the resident's job easier. At the start of the leaf season, the Village will send a CodeRed message reminding everyone of these changes and the dates the program will be active.

So for 2015 the following requirements for the leaf program remain in effect:

- Leaves are to be placed curbside in biodegradable brown bags for collection by the Village. They can no longer be blown or raked into the streets. Leaves in biodegradable brown

bags can be placed curbside on either of your two garbage days (Monday & Thursday or Tuesday & Friday). This policy is effective immediately.

- Please place only leaves in the biodegradable brown bags. If any household refuse, grass, or debris is visible inside, the bag will not be collected. This is important since contaminated leaves cannot be composted and added to the waste stream.

- There is no limit to the number of biodegradable brown bags you can place curbside between November 2 and December 18. For the remainder of the year, a maximum of four bags may be placed curbside on your "rubbish" or "heavy" collection day.

- At any point throughout the year, leaves placed in black, white or clear plastic bags will be treated as rubbish. This does not help the environment.

- Landscapers are required to remove leaves and dispose of them at their own cost.

- Failure to comply with these regulations will result in fines.

We look forward to everyone's continued cooperation with the program for the good of your neighbors and the Village. Landscapers are aware of these changes, but we need your help to ensure your landscaper's compliance.

If you have any questions regarding this new program or need to report violators, please call Village Hall at 671-0080.

New to Sea Cliff?

If you moved here in the last 12 months, email us at annmdipietro@gmail.com and we will send you an invitation to our yearly Fall Newcomers Party.



Artists exhibited at the Library's "The Beauty of Sea Cliff and Long Island" attended the opening (l-r) John Murello, Katie Seiden, Jean Davis, Janet Swinburne, Miranda Best, Heidi Hunt, James Foote, Julia Cagney, Alan Klein and Kathleen DiResta.

Photo by Carol Griffin

Arts Council Update

by Miranda Purcell

The Sea Cliff Arts Council has had a very busy, and successful, summer! On July 22, the Sea Cliff Village Library hosted an art gallery opening presented by the Sea Cliff Arts Council, entitled "The Beauty of Sea Cliff and Long Island". This gallery showcases paintings, photography, and other mediums, all displaying local settings. A common link between all of the artists was their love and appreciation for the overwhelmingly beautiful area that we live in. Many attended the gallery opening and were able to observe and speak to the artists about their work. It was a very

successful start to an exhibit that will be up at the library all summer!

Coming up next for the Sea Cliff Arts Council will be an art show at the Sea Cliff Village Library featuring paintings by local artist Miranda Best. Best is currently featured in the summer art gallery, and we can't wait to see more of her work! There will be a gallery opening on Sunday September 20th from 3 to 5 p.m., so make sure to stop by and view her artwork!

In November and December, the Sea Cliff Arts Council will be showing artwork done by residents of St. Christopher Otilie. This is a first for the Arts Council, and it

should be a very beautiful show!

The Arts Council will also have a show hosted by Daniel Gale/Sotheby's this fall, featuring works from Amanda Treco.

Be sure to attend these openings and view all the incredible artwork! If you are interested in becoming a member of the Sea Cliff Arts Council, send a check for \$15 to PO Box 56, Sea Cliff, NY, 11579. Membership supports local art exhibits, events, and our scholarship program for graduating art students of North Shore High School. Email seacliffartscouncil@gmail.com to learn more, or call 671-5895.

The Trees of Sea Cliff

Be on the Lookout for a Tree Killer!

by the Sea Cliff Tree Commission



Asian Longhorned Beetle.

Image courtesy USDA

Our Sea Cliff trees are under attack from a host of enemies, not the least of which are some imported insects that have few or no native predators to keep them in check. Besides the Japanese Beetle (1916), Hemlock Woolly Adelgid (1950's), and the Emerald Ash Borer (2002), the destructive Asian Longhorned Beetle (ALB) was first discovered in New York in 1996. Adult beetles are usually 1-1½ inches long with shiny black coloring and random white spots on their bodies. These six-legged insects are named for their long, jointed antennae with white bands. Adults are most active between July and October. Adult beetles lay eggs in the bark of trees, and the hatched larvae tunnel into the tree, cutting off movement of water and nutrients, causing the death of the tree. As they mature into adult beetles,

the larvae bore a tunnel out creating a round dime-sized exit hole.

ALB probably travelled inside solid wood packing material from China, and has been intercepted at ports and found in warehouses throughout the United States. It has spread throughout the northeast and midwest, with current quarantines in place preventing removal of any wood in areas of Massachusetts, northern New Jersey, New York City (Manhattan, Queens, and Staten Island), central Long Island, Chicago, and Ohio in an attempt to stem its spread. Recent reported sightings in Locust Valley are being investigated.

Preferred trees of the ALB are Maples, including Norway, Red, Silver, Sugar, and Boxelder. Other trees attacked include Birch, Goldenrain, Willow, Horse Chestnut, Elm, Katsura, Hackberry and Ohio Buckeye. Less commonly affected are European Mountain Ash, London Planetree, Mimosa, and Poplars. More than 80,000 trees have been killed so far, and there is real potential for further damage to valuable woodland and urban areas. Currently the only effective means to eliminate ALB is to remove infested trees and destroy them by chipping or burning.

A study by the United States

Department of Agriculture (USDA) Forest Service determined that if the Asian Longhorned Beetle became established across the country, it would probably kill 30% of all urban trees — at a compensatory value of \$669 billion.

Be on the lookout for damaged trees and beetles, especially in mid to late summer. Early signs of infestation include yellowing or drooping leaves, oozing sap, dime-sized exit holes in trunk and limbs, shallow scars in the bark and sawdust material where branches meet other branches or at the base of the tree and dead limbs.



ALB Adult Exit Hole.

Image courtesy of The Nature Conservatory

For additional information or to report suspicious findings, contact the USDA at their website: Asianlonghornedbeetle.com, or call the NYS ALB Eradication Program at 1-866-265-0301.



Leading the Memorial Day Parade (l-r) Mayor Bruce Kennedy, Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton followed by Trustees Ed Lieberman, Elena Villafane and Dina Epstein.

Photo by Carol Griffin



Marching in the Memorial Day Parade (l-r) Dan Maddock and Carol Vogt.

Photo by Carol Griffin



Summer readers rate their favorites!

Photo by Ann DiPietro



Dan and Ann DiPietro led a tour of our Village in celebration of Bloomsday, the annual tribute to James Joyce's *Ulysses*.

Photo by Cathy Ellorigge

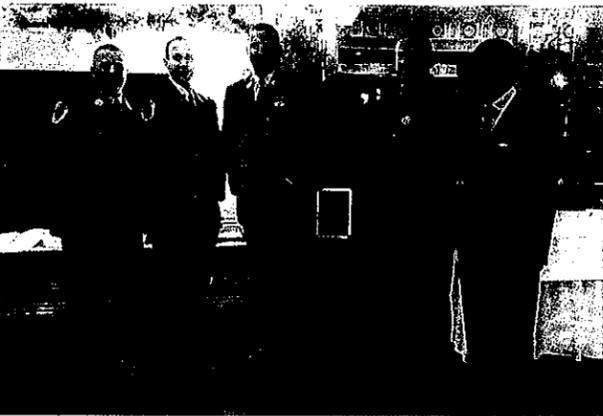


Members of the Beautification Committee marched in the Memorial Day parade.

Photo by Carol Griffin



Youngsters enjoying a book at the Stenson Library centennial celebration.



Chief Ernie Longobucco, 1st Assistant Mark Vitale and Mayor Bruce Kennedy presented Firefighter of the Year 2014 awards to 2nd Assistant Chief Mike Hallquest, Emergency Medical Technician Kira Watkins and Robert Murphy

Photo by Jaime Vitale



Jenn Gerrity and her Pop Stars dance to the music!

Photo by Ann DiPietro



Kindergarteners of 2015 discuss "The Night Before Summer Vacation"

Photo by Ann DiPietro



The Hook and Ladder Company members gather around Ernest Longobucco (in the center) to honor his 70 years of service.

Photo by Jaime Vitale



Happy Birthday, USA!

Photo by Ann DiPietro



Top row (l-r) Arthur Barnes, Albert McNamara, Harold J. Ransom, Jerome Loewenberg, and Robert Jonas. Bottom row (l-r) May Martin, Grace Quinn, Helen McNamara, Bess Jonas and Gladys Baboras.

Topless Suits Banned at Sea Cliff Beach

by Sara Reres, Museum Director

As the current summer season sadly winds down, some photographs and newspaper articles at the Sea Cliff Village Museum bring to light a disagreement over a new ordinance the Village adopted almost 80 years ago. On August 30, 1937, a group of protesters showed up at Sea Cliff Beach wearing bathing suits, swimming shoes and mustaches from the early 1900's. Included in the group were Village Police Justice Jerome Loewenberg, and Jack Ransom, brother of Charles E. Ransom, Nassau County Clerk. Wearing swimming costumes that came below the knees and way up to the neck, a group of men and women protested a Village ordinance of 1936 that prohibited boys and men from 12 and up to wear suits without tops at the municipal bathing pavilion. The Village Board passed an ordinance to prohibit bathers from baring their "hairy, unpleasant chests" on Sea Cliff beaches.

The women in the protest group, wore long stockings, high-laced canvas shoes, full skirts and high-necked tops. The men frolicked at the shore with sleeved shirts and drooping shorts, to the great amusement of fellow beach-goers.

After the protest and new deliberation, the Village Board raised the age level from 12 to 18 for those males who would be allowed to wear suits without tops.

The Sea Cliff Village Museum will open in October with our new exhibit "Sea Cliff in the Sixties", which includes some surprise photographs that show how the Village and its inhabitants have changed or not in the past 50 years. Unlike the bathing suits of the early 1900's, some of the clothing and styles of the 1960's, shown in color and black and white photographs by Bertram W. Scholes, make it difficult to tell that half a century has passed. Many of the residents look very similar to those we meet on the streets and businesses in the Village today, until a glance at the 1960's cars brings us back to a very different era. The exhibit includes insightful sculpture and collage by Sea Cliff artist, Katie Seiden, who brings the uniqueness and turmoil of the sixties to life.

The museum, which is located at 95 Tenth Avenue, will be open in October on Sundays from 2-5 p.m. Please call 671-0090 for further information.

Mini Mart

On Sunday, October 4, Sea Cliff will hold its 46th. annual Mini Mart from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. There will be no rain date this year.

The fair was originally instituted to help business owners in Sea Cliff and is one of the more widely known street fairs on Long Island. The fair and art festival includes more than 200 exhibitors and food purveyors. Mini Mart is run by the North Shore Kiwanis Club. We hope to see you there!

Hail and Farewell at St. Boniface

by Carol Griffin

Fr. Robert Romeo

Fr. Robert Romeo, the well-liked pastor of St. Boniface Martyr Church was recently transferred to St. Mary's in Manhasset, where he will serve as pastor and oversee the larger parish with elementary through high school classes. During his 8 years at St. Boniface Martyr, Fr. Bob as he was called, accomplished a lot. He increased parish membership and income and, with the strong support of committees, stimulated parish participation and fundraising. He actively supported the further development of a variety of spiritual groups, supported and participated in religious education and even hired a youth minister. In the past year and a half he successfully was able to raise over one million dollars for his final project to beautifully renovate and update the church. Although parishioners miss Fr. Romeo and wish him well, the Bishop apparently needed his strong leadership skills at St. Mary's Parish.

Fr. Kevin Dillon

Upon Fr. Bob leaving St. Boniface Martyr during the last week in June, the parish welcomed Fr. Kevin Dillon from St. Aidan's parish in Williston Park as the new pastor. Fr. Dillon has been a priest for 12 years and this is the first time he has served as pastor.

After graduating with a B.A. in English and a M.A. in English Education, Father taught seventh and eighth grade English in several Catholic elementary schools.

Having always felt a calling to the priesthood, he entered Cathedral Residence of the Immaculate Conception in Douglaston to begin his studies and continued them at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington until 1994. Still unsure of his vocation to the priesthood, he returned to teaching at several Catholic High Schools. In 2000 he returned to the seminary, where he was ordained to the priesthood on June 14, 2003. Since then he has served as an Associate Pastor in several parishes in the local diocese. On March of this year, after 12 years as a priest, Fr. Dillon was appointed Pastor of St. Boniface Martyr.

Fr. Dillon is open and friendly and he gives insightful homilies while making reference to the local area. He has a passion for fitness, likes to travel and has even sung with the Vienna Boys Choir. He enjoys spending time with his family and friends. Speaking to the congregation he noted that he is a self-proclaimed Yankee and Rangers fan.

We welcome Fr. Dillon to the parish and the local community and wish him well in his time here.



Father Bob Romeo.

Photo by Carol Griffin



Father Kevin Dillon.

Photo by Carol Griffin

Home for the Holidays Fair

by Juanita Fairclough

November seems a long way off, but our members at the Sea Cliff United Methodist Church are busily planning our annual Holiday Fair.

Our tables open Friday night, November 6, with special early viewing for those that have dinner reservations. Following our scrumptious Holiday meal, tables will remain open for shopping.

The Fair continues on Saturday November 7 with our Café open for lunch and snacks.

Our Thrift Shop will be open, along with Grandma's Attic, Nearly New, Baked Goods Table, Toy Table and many other surprises.

Please mark the dates on your calendar and see you at the Fair!

Raymond A. Pierce

Raymond A. Pierce, a 60 year resident of Sea Cliff, passed away on May 28, 2015. Born and raised in Glen Cove, he attended St. Boniface School and Glen Cove High School. He married Audrey J. Golden, a lifetime Sea Cliff resident, on September 1, 1951. They were married 63 years.

Ray is a 58 year member of the Sea Cliff Fire Department, Hook & Ladder Co. #1 and served as Captain from 1969-1971. His devotion to the fire department inspired future generations of his family to join and started a family tradition. He received the prestigious Sea Cliff Civic Association's Whitecap award in 1988. He retired from LILCO in 1975 as a cable splicer and formed his own corporation, General Street Light & Maintenance Corporation, where he serviced many private

communities, towns and villages in Nassau County. Owing "cherry picker" trucks, Ray was once asked by a customer to please remove a limb from a tree and there began his tree removal business. He was in the tree removal business for 20 years.

Throughout his life Ray was always singing. Ray enrolled in private voice lessons and performed with Ray and Joey Heatherston as part of LILCO's retirees program throughout Long Island. The "Irish Tenor" loved to sing at many Sea Cliff and Glen Cove events especially Memorial Day, Veteran's Day, and Fire Department events, as well as the Hempstead Harbor Yacht Club, Glen Cove Senior Citizen Center and St. Luke's Church. Ray recorded several cassettes and CDs over the years, which will have a special memory

for his family. Ray and Audrey raised five children, Jack (Debbie), Marjorie McDonnell (William), Kevin (Gayle), Diane Bunce (Glenn), Audrey Kuti (Steve). All together they have 10 beloved grandchildren and 4 cherished great grandchildren.



Ray Pierce.

Photo by Carol Griffin



A wonderful gathering to celebrate the Stenson Library's centennial. (l-r) Ann DiPietro, Peggie Brucia, Arlene Nevens, N.Y. State Senator Carl Marcellino, Catherine Pickering, Mimi Leipzig and Janet Swinburne.

Stenson Library Celebrates Centennial

by Janet Swinburne, Friends of the Sea Cliff Village Library

The grounds in front of the Stenson Memorial Library (Children's Library) were festive and colorful, as Sea Cliff residents young and old celebrated 100 years of the library's service and history. Residents were celebrating a renovation and restoration of the building, funded by N.Y. State, the Gottlieb Foundation, community organizations, private donations and the Village.

In 1915, Mrs. Mary Stenson donated the building as a memorial to her husband Samuel, an early and active supporter of the library. The building housed the adult and children's library at its inception, but then became the children's library in 1971.

Formal presentations, hosted by Frank Murray, President of the Library Board, were made by N.Y.S. Senator Carol Marcellino; Mayor Bruce Kennedy; Sheila Wenger, President of the Good of the Village; Arlene Nevens, Director of the Library; and Ann DiPietro, Coordinator of the Children's Library.

Resident speakers included Lexi Stoff, a 6th grader, who related how she was surprised and honored by a spontaneous celebration of her birthday one day during an activity called "Pizza and Paperbacks." Katherine Hunt, a 7th grader, spoke of her connection to the community and love of reading, which began when her mother took her to the library at 3 months of age. David Swinburne, a returning resident, now with 2 children, told his parents

carefully choosing Sea Cliff because of a visit to the children's library and detecting the "magic of Sea Cliff" there.

Reminiscences were honored in several ways. Display boards by Friends of the Library had historical information as well as current pictures of children and their activities and programming. Another showed the amount of support and financing of library activities that the Friends provides. Children young and old made comments and drawings on post-it notes and attached them to a poster in celebration of this historic birthday.

Food and beverages were provided by local vendors and community organizations. Birthday cake, balloons, face painting, commemorative pens provided by Citibank, free children's books and a magnificent spring day made the day a very special one.

Many thanks to the planning committee, chaired by Library Trustees Angeleta Dhandari-Donovan, Kim Hertlein and Lilli Scott, and Catherine Pickering and Janet Swinburne of the Friends.

We happily honored the Stensons and their generous gift that has brought so much meaning and joy to the residents of Sea Cliff. Their support for the library and the common good is a model of good citizenship. Let us all, by our participation, continue to support this "jewel" as Ann DiPietro described it, for the next one hundred years.



Children at the Stenson Library enjoying the celebration.

Autumn Happenings at the Library

by Camille Purcell, Assistant Library Director

So we bid adieu to summer and welcome the refreshing months of autumn. This summer our library members took full advantage of all we have to offer- from museum passes and video games to our growing music collection. Middle-school students have been coming in and applying for their own library cards. Summer reading materials have been moving steadily off our shelves.

This autumn we are pleased to present a new type of "book" club

- the Cookbook Club. Simply choose a recipe from our featured cookbook, prepare it and bring it in for a potluck-style tasting. Also, look for the return of our Classic Cinema Chats. Check our newsletter for more information. September is Library Card sign-up month. This 5 minute transaction will give you access to a treasure trove of print materials, CDs, DVDs, audio and ebooks that are all here waiting for you. We are on Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest and Goodreads so

please look at us there for updates. If you are looking for something to read, join NextReads, an online subscription based readers advisory service where you can pick the genre you read and receive weekly updates. This service requires you to leave your email at the desk and we will enter it into our system. In the words of Ray Bradbury: "I discovered me in the library. I went to find me in the library." Come in and find yourself!

Peggy Neice - 1939 - 2015

by Dan Maddock



Peggy Neice.

Photo by Elaine Niecc

Sea Cliff lost a community activist, dedicated volunteer and wonderful Nana on June 2, 2015 with the passing of Peggy (Murray) Neice. A long-time Sea Cliff resident, Peggy was born in Glen Cove in 1939 and graduated from Glen Cove High School. She married the late Edwin "Brud" Neice in 1963 and settled into life in the Village. As the wife of a Sea Cliff

Fire Chief and founder and Chief of the Sea Cliff Police Auxiliary, she was frequently at community events and was the first to pitch-in and lend a hand during a crisis, always with a smile on her face and a can-do attitude.

Peggy was a very active volunteer. During the late 1970's she became a Certified CPR Instructor and travelled all over Long Island with a small group teaching CPR. In the early 1980's Peggy began volunteering with Long Island Riding for the Handicapped (LIRHA), an organization designed to help young people with physical challenges master the ability of riding horses. She loved seeing the smiles and accomplishments of those kids learning to do what most people take for granted. Peggy went on to become the Volunteer Coordinator for LIRHA and was an integral part of the organization for over a decade. She also was a dedicated volunteer for the Meals on Wheels

program and Den Mother in her son's Boy Scout Troop.

As a long-time Village resident having such close ties to the Fire Department, Peggy was a natural fit to be a charter member of the newly formed Sea Cliff Fire Medic Unit in the early 1990's. She went "back to school" in 1994 to be re-certified as an EMT and then served as 2nd Lieutenant, 1st Lieutenant and Captain of the Unit. She was a respected member of the Unit known for her compassion and bedside manner in assisting hundreds of residents over many years of service. Peggy received numerous honors and awards over the years, including Firefighter of the Year, Fire Medic of the Year and the prestigious Whitecap Award in 1996 from the Sea Cliff Civic Association. Peggy is survived by her son, Kenny and his wife Joanna (Keenan), her daughter, Elaine and her grandchildren, Drew Davies and Abigail Neice.

The Environmental Conservation Commission Asks Residents to Save the Milkweed

The Environmental Conservation Commission (the "ECC") has rolled up our sleeves and started working on a number of issues vital to Sea Cliff. These issues include: preserving of milkweed as the essential habitat for monarch butterflies, a composting initiative to accompany the ongoing recycling initiative, identifying outdoor lighting that can encompass both dark skies and safety, and exploring alternative energy sources for the Village.

Our role is to examine environmental issues, advise the Board of Trustees, educate our citizens and take any other appropriate action authorized by the Village Code. To those ends, the ECC is asking all residents to permit milkweed to grow wild on their property by curtailing the use of herbicides, such as Round-Up, and by not weeding it, in order to

conserve the butterfly population. Milkweed, a lacy wildflower weed that has been identified at Sea Cliff Beach, and which grows all around the Village, is the only place where monarch butterflies can lay eggs and where those eggs can thrive. Our Department of Public Works is no longer using herbicide at the beach and beach parking area so that the milkweed can proliferate. We hope that our residents will also allow milkweed to grow in order to save the butterflies.

The role of the ECC is to protect, preserve and enhance the environment within our Village. Our membership is appointed by the Board of Trustees. Lisa DeBenedittis is our Chairperson. We would like to encourage the input and energy of any junior environmentalists who would like to join in our efforts. We welcome any school-aged children who are

interested in environmentalism. Please contact Lisa DeBenedittis or Dina Epstein, the Trustee liaison to the ECC, to arrange to attend our meetings. Dina Epstein's contact information is available on the Village website.



Village Bulletin Fall Calendar

Compiled by Karen Montagnese

September

- 1—North Shore Schools-First day of school
- 2—Village Justice Court-Village Hall Room A - 7:30 p.m.
- 7—Labor Day- Schools closed
- 8—SC Library- Movie-Citizen Four - 1:15 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
- 9—Village Justice Court-Village Hall Room A-7:30 p.m.
- 12—North Shore High School-ACT -8:00 a.m.
- 13—SCFD- Antique Car, Truck, Fire Truck and Military Show - Tappan Beach-
Rain date Sept 20
- 14&15—NS Schools-Closed
- 15—SC Library-Classic Cinema Chats-The Maltese Falcon - 2:00 p.m.
- 17—SC Library-Music Jam - 7:30 p.m.
- 19—The Good of the Village-Golfing through Sea Cliff- preregister at Daniel Gale or
sign up at the Village Green starting point - 8:30 a.m.
- 20—SC Civic Assoc-Newcomers Party-for those who have moved to Sea Cliff from Fall
2014 to present-contact annmdipietro@gmail.com
- 20—SCAC - Art Exhibit by Miranda Best- Opening Reception-SC Library -
3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
- 22—SC Library-Movie-The Age of Adaline - 1:15 p.m.
- 23—NS Schools-closed
- 27—SC Civic Assoc-Silly Shakespeare Company-Sea Cliff Beach - 5:00 p.m.
- 30—SC Library-College Essay Writing Workshop w/Linda Aron - 7:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.

October

- 1—Sea Cliff-Glen Head Lions Club-Fall Classic IV - Golf Outing and Dinner - Glen
Cove Golf Course - 12:00 p.m. Dinner following at The View - 6:00 p.m.
- 3—NS High School-SAT and subject tests - 8:00 a.m.
- 4—Sea Cliff Mini Mart
- 6—SC Library-Classic Cinema Chats - The Innocents - 2:00 p.m.
- 7—Village Justice Court-Village Hall Room A - 7:30 p.m.
- 12—NS Schools-Closed
- 13—SC Library-Movie-True Story - 1:15 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
- 14—Village Justice Court-Village Hall Room A - 7:30 p.m.
- 15—SC Library-Music Jam - 7:30 p.m.
- 16—SC Library-LI Paranormal Investigators - 7:00 p.m.
- 17—SC Library-OPEN HOUSE - 2:00 p.m.
- 19—SC Library-Adult Trivia-The Movies - 7:00 p.m.
- 22—SC Beautification- Luncheon-Metropolitan Bistro - 12:00 p.m.
- 24—SCLibrary-Cookbook Club-The Barefoot Contessa at Home - 1:00 p.m.
- 27—SC Library-Movie-I'll See You In My Dreams - 1:15 p.m.
- 30—SC School-Halloween Parade - 1:30 p.m.
- 30—NS High School-SGO-Halloween Carnival K-5-HS Cafeteria - 4:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

November

- 3—North Shore Schools-Closed
- 4—Village Justice Court-Village Hall Room A - 7:30 p.m.
- 7—The Bazaar at St Luke's Church - 11:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.
- 7—Home for the Holidays Fair-Sea Cliff United Methodist Church
- 11—North Shore Schools-Closed
- 18—Village Justice Court-Village Hall Room A - 7:30 p.m.
- 19—SC Senior Outreach-Medicare Open Enrollment Info Session-Health Insurance
Information Counseling and Assistance Program-Review your Part D coverage-
Village Hall - 10:00 a.m.
- 22—Sea Cliff Civic Association's Turkey Hunt - 2 p.m.
- 24—Mutual Concerns-Thanksgiving Lunch for Seniors-St Luke's Parish Hall -
11:00 a.m.
- 25-27—North Shore Schools-Closed
- 26—Nassau County Bar Assoc. - Thanksgiving Day Luncheon for Seniors-Call at
least a week in advance for reservations - 516-747-4070

Mutual Concerns - Senior Lunch every Tuesday and Friday. Chair Yoga. Monthly blood pressure screenings, monthly senior outreach and annual flu shots-Call Village Hall for bus transportation-St. Lukes's Parish Hall-11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

The Sea Cliff Farmer's Market is back for the 2015 season at its new home at St. Luke's Church. (corner of Glen Ave. and Roslyn Ave.) The market will be held Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., thru October

Golden Ring

Mondays—Sea Cliff Methodist Church-9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Thursdays—Town of Oyster Bay Comm. Center-Glen Head-1 to 4 p.m.

Village of Sea Cliff

Zoning Board – Meets third Tuesday of the month-Village Hall Room A- 7:30 p.m.
Planning Board – Meets the second Wednesday of the month-Village Hall Room A-
7:30 p.m.
Architectural Review Board — Meets second and fourth Monday of the month-Village
Hall- 8 p.m.

Children's Library Fall 2015

by Ann DiPietro, Children's Library Coordinator

Come join us at the Children's Library for a full array of story hours and book clubs plus special events throughout the year, starting September 16. Our story hours, for 3 year olds and up, will be on Wednesdays and Fridays from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. We offer a story or two with lots of toy props and audience participation, followed by songs, games, and an age appropriate craft. For our youngest patrons--birth through 2 year olds--we have two programs: Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. and Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m. For these young children, we have a simple story, lots of singing and dancing, plus a simple craft for the toddlers in the group.

On Thursdays at 4:00 p.m., we have a story hour for all ages. There are also book discussion groups for the older children where we have pizza, drinks, discussion, Legos, and crafts. Preschoolers entering kindergarten in Fall of 2016 meet for lunch and discussion on Fridays at noon. First, second, and third graders gather Wednesdays at 3:00 p.m. right after school, while kindergartners and first graders meet Fridays at 3:00 p.m.. On Thursdays, our third, fourth, and fifth graders meet to discuss short chapter books at 3:00 p.m. Once a month we have a Family Book Night, which will be held on Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. on September 24, October 22, and November 19. Families will read a book together ahead of time and then meet for dinner, dessert, and discussion.

We are always adding workshops and classes so check with northwordnews.com for late additions. Hope you can find time to visit us at the beautifully renovated Children's Library!



Friends reunite at the Children's Library.

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