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Mayor's Update

by Mayor Elena Villafane



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Over the last several weeks, residents have commented "We live in a resort town. Why leave Sea Cliff in the summer?" I couldn't agree more! I have traveled to many resort communities and always come back and wonder – why did I leave when I have the same if not better right outside my front door? But sometimes you must take a step away to truly appreciate what you have right in front of you. I always come home with a fresh appreciation for all that comprises our beautiful village.

As I write this, there are four more Sunset Serenades and three more Music on the Beach events. The days are getting shorter, and the hustle and bustle of the fall is right around the corner. It gives me pause and I take this opportunity to look back at the summer and forward to the excitement of the fall.

For many of us, the summer is a time to slow down and relax. It is the exact opposite in the village. Summer is the time to complete as many projects as possible.

This summer has been a very busy time for our DPW Staff. Working with outside contractors, the village completed a road paving project that saw a number of our roads milled and repaved, completing 2.5 lane miles repaved in all. The Public Works facility is in the process of having the façade repaired with painting to follow in the early fall. With the assistance of a local resident, the Children's Library was painted. Sidewalk repairs are being completed all over the village. All these projects are in addition to the day-to-day work of park maintenance, trash pick-up, recycling and general maintenance throughout the village facilities.

I am very happy to report that Mini Mart is returning to Sea Cliff on October 2. The village, working with Lisa Larsen Hill and Roger Hill of Kiwanis, have come together to craft a plan that we hope will alleviate some of the street congestion. We are very excited to welcome back Mini Mart and my fingers are crossed for beautiful weather.

After a year of significant effort, the members of the Long-Range Planning Steering Committee made a recommendation to the Board for the retention of Buckhurst, Fish & Jacquemart, Inc. to guide the village forward in the process of adopting a Long-Range Plan. There will be significant public outreach and many opportunities for resident engagement. I urge all our residents to participate as we discern the path forward for our wonderful one

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Sea Cliff Residents Needed to Help Shape Our Future

by Dina Epstein, Deputy Mayor

Sea Cliff is looking forward to a bright future, and we are planning for it. We aim to preserve what is best about our village while understanding that some change is inevitable. Ensuring that change will be positive and only happens with the agreement of residents is where you come in. There will be many upcoming opportunities for residents to help shape the future of Sea Cliff by voicing opinions

and participating in the planning process.

Soon after Mayor Villafane took office she appointed a Long Range Planning Steering Committee made up of Jay Fossett, a business consultant with urban planning expertise, William Bryant, an architect, and Paulina Urbanowicz AICP, an urban planner, as well as the Village Grants Administrator, Erinn McDonnell, Trustee Nick

Pinto and myself, Deputy Mayor Dina Epstein. The committee has been focusing on engaging a consultant to formulate a comprehensive plan to guide the village in its future growth, writing grant applications focused on village planning efforts and future growth, and participating in a weekly program to spur economic growth for village businesses.

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Sea Cliff at Work: Sanitary Sewer Project

by Bruce Kennedy, Village Administrator and Director of Public Works

As many of you are aware, the village now has an operating sanitary sewer system that is connected to the Nassau County sewage plant in Glen Cove. The system serves Business District A and several streets surrounding it. A map of the sewer lines can be found on the village web-

site under "Department of Public Works" and then "Sanitary Sewer Project."

Any parcel that has the capability to connect had a house connection put in front of their property. According to Nassau County Health law, connection is mandatory by June 2023.

Quite a few property owners have already connected and abandoned their old cesspools. However, these connections have been at the expense of the property owners. While this cost is not exorbitant, it is not inconsequential.

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9/11 Commemoration

by Phil Como, Commander of the James F. Brengel American Legion Post 456

The Village of Sea Cliff will observe its annual commemoration of this dark day in American history. The brief ceremony will take place on Sunday, September 11, beginning promptly at 8:46 a.m. at the memorial clock in front of the Sea Cliff Children's Library.

All village residents are invited to attend this memorial to the sad day and those innocent souls who perished.

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Trombonist John Mosca, the former leader of the Village Vanguard Jazz Orchestra, played with North Shore High School musicians at Still Partners on August 7.

Photo courtesy of Elizabeth Winchester



Sean Llewellyn, who helped organize Sea Cliff's very first Porchfest, also hosted a performance along with son, Mike (right), and Antigone Rising's Kristen Ellis-Henderson. The event, held on May 21, was a marked success.

Photo courtesy of Juliette Peckham Guddat



The Sea Cliff Civic Association hosted Sunset Serenades throughout the summer, each Thursday, at Clifton Park.

Photo courtesy of Ann DiPietro



Sea Cliff's Paul Mahnken, 9, gives it his all in a Tug of War game to celebrate the end of the Sea Cliff Baseball and North Shore Softball clubs, held June 18. Jason Bader, who runs the club, said enrollment numbers this past year were the highest they've been.

Photo courtesy of Juliette Peckham Guddat

Summer Sounds

by Elizabeth Winchester

Kingfisher kicked off **Sea Cliff Beach Concert Series**, playing on July 1. "This show was the most fun I can remember ever having in my years playing in rock bands," said lead vocalist Rollin Becker. "In November we added a new drummer and lead guitar player. Our drummer, Chris Roach is not only an amazing, energetic drummer but he owns the Minerva sound and lighting company and brought his wonderful crew to mix our sound and provided a great light setup. Brooks Leigh, the new guitarist, is always on point and raises the bar on everything we do. Steve Sebetic on bass has been the glue holding it all together since we started this project almost 10 years ago. We feel so fortunate to be able to perform in this magical place of Sea Cliff where all four of us currently call home."

Ann DiPietro captured the beautiful sky over the **Rusty String Band** at the season's second **Sunset Serenade** on July 14. "Every year, I so look forward to Sunset Serenades. Petrice Kaider, the founder of Sunset Serenade and my very dear friend, and I start planning the lineup in early fall and throughout the winter," said DiPietro. "Petrice does all the work and I get to enjoy the plotting and planning. Our numbers have grown each year so Clifton Park is really a great spot as all ages gather for a magical two hours every Thursday. We are so grateful to our musicians!" **RiDE's** performance on July 28 was complete with hula hoop dancers.

"I created **Broadway on the Beach** because while Sea Cliff has a fabulous band community, I wanted to highlight a different genre and raise awareness of classical theater shows," explained Lesley Haley, who presented the show on July 22. "This year I'm able to bring in some family members and do some surprise duets. I'm hoping that Broadway on the Beach will become an annual event." Author's note: My "surprise duet" with my daughter, Caroline, was my personal high note for sure!

"For me, highlights have been the **Second Sunday performances** at the library or Still Partners, and the **Jazz Brunches at Still Partners**," said Frank Ferrara. "There are some kids achieving certain 'firsts' whether it be a first performance, or a first performance in which a student accompanies herself on the guitar. There have also been a few students who have finally returned to performing since the onset of the pandemic, and the reentry for them was a challenge that they needed to overcome. The jazz brunches have enabled a group of young jazz players to learn their craft on the bandstand," continued Ferrara. "We can practice at home forever, but there is no substitute for actual performance, and it's wonderful that they are getting that opportunity, and wonderful to see the resulting growth in their confidence and ability."

Beach News

by Cate, Elaine, Joni, and Keri - Sea Cliff Beach Managers

What a great season we had at Sea Cliff Beach this year!

The new, beautiful, shaded playground was a huge hit with children of all ages! Cliffside Café brought another season of delicious food. We had record breaking attendance on holiday weekends (everyone loves Sea Cliff Beach!). Friday night music offered residents and neighbors a relaxing and beautiful place to listen to favorite bands. Swim lessons returned after a long pandemic hiatus, and to top it all off, we had an amazing, seasoned staff working this summer.

Many of our lifeguards will be graduating next June so if you know of a high school sopho-

more or junior who might be interested, have them take the course over the winter at the Glen Cove YMCA. Lifeguards must be 16 years old to work at the beach.

Please keep in mind if you utilize the beach in the off-season, to place any trash in the garbage cans out on the road or in the parking lot. Also, please remember to not feed the wildlife (geese, seagulls, etc). It is not good for their digestive systems since bread and crackers contain way more carbohydrates than they need; it can make them too fat and lazy to look for natural food sources and ultimately affect their wings and make them susceptible to attacks from pred-

ators. It also makes them much too comfortable around humans – creating a nuisance and potentially dangerous situation (angry geese are mean)! Help spread the word!

Thanks for making another memorable summer and we look forward to seeing you again next year!



Sea Cliff Architectural Styles: Gothic Revival 1840 - 1860

*First in a series presented by the Sea Cliff Landmarks Association
and the Sea Cliff Landmarks Preservation Commission*

by Leslie Guerci

The proliferation of the Gothic Revival, sometimes called “Carpenter Gothic” was, to a large extent, inspired by the published works of Andrew Jackson Downing who wrote about the picturesque designs of architect Alexander Jackson Davis in two books, Cottage Residences (1842) and The Architecture of the Country House (1850). In areas like Sea Cliff Grove, the Gothic Revival was executed in wood. Gothic Revival buildings are characterized by steeply pitched roofs with carved bargeboards at the eaves, pointed lancet windows or square-topped windows with prominent drip moldings. Gothic Revival buildings were often executed on an asymmetrical plan, but symmetrical or asymmetrical, they were always accentuated by steep gables and dormers. Their porches were characterized by narrow fluted (sometimes quatrefoil) posts or decorative carved “lattice” posts and carved spandrel brackets.

This style has several identifiable features:

- Board and batten vertical siding
- Pointed arch windows, diamond panes and tracery (muntins in a pattern), and square-topped windows
- Front-facing gables with decorative “gingerbread” trim (vergeboards or bargeboards)
- Porches characterized by narrow fluted (sometimes quatrefoil) posts or decorative carved “lattice” posts and carved spandrel brackets
- Accented by steep gables and dormers
- Steeply-pitched roofs with carved bargeboards at the eaves
- Gables often topped with finials or cross-bracing
- Decorative crowns (gable or drip mold) over windows and doors

Sea Cliff’s development as a Methodist Camp coincided during a period in which the Gothic Revival was popular for both secular and residential architecture, especially residential architecture with ecclesiastical associations.



Some of the most significant Gothic Revival buildings in Sea Cliff include: 162 16th Avenue (pictured above), 282 8th Avenue, 182 14th Avenue, 105 Glen Avenue, 307 8th Avenue “Ravine Cottage,” and 378 Glen Avenue.

The Sea Cliff Gardener

by Donna Kianka, Winter’s Edge Micro Farm

Settling into autumn brings the harvesting of all our garden labors. If you have the room, pot up some herbs and create a kitchen herb windowsill garden. Basil is a great indoor plant and can be sown repeatedly. Divide your oregano and put the plant in a small pot to add to sauces and soups over the winter. Rosemary typically does not make it through the winter outside but can be repotted and brought in. Rosemary likes it a bit cooler but with sun exposure. If the plant begins to fail, strip the branches, dry, or freeze and store. Consider making herb ice cubes.

Sea Cliff has extensive gardens throughout the Village. I like to think this stems from our extensive history of horticulturalists and agriculturalists throughout time.

Albert Pester was an early 20th Century landscaper and florist who owned a house and greenhouses at 229 Glen Cove Avenue on the corner of Littleworth Lane. The greenhouses were converted into retail space

and are now Restoration Oak. According to his advertisement in the Sea Cliff News, Pester offered 25,000 bedding and vegetable plants as well as landscaping and gardening work. He retired by 1930 and his son, Henry, became the landscaper and gardener in the family. According to Nassau County records, the Pester residence was built in 1853 with a stone and brick foundation; the greenhouses were built in 1916. This house is in the same proximity as a residence of one of the minister’s associated with the Metropolitan Grove Association. The Beers map of 1873 showed the house was the home of Reverend Boole. So, in one fell swoop, we have located a very original house to Sea Cliff as well as the home of one of our better-known gardeners historically.

Another nursery that offered cut flowers, bedding, and window box plants, as well as English Ivy vines and vegetable plants (now we know where all the English Ivy came from!) was

William Schierhorst, of 4 Irving Place. This nursery was located on a large lot and in 1938 a 10 by 22 foot greenhouse was listed on the assessor’s card as well as a shed. There was an extension to the left of the house that was a “hot house” and was 8 feet across by 28 feet in length. It must have been difficult selling plants opposite the Sea Cliff Village incinerator (no longer in existence) with a whole host of bad-smelling odors.

I am continually amazed at how many nurseries and landscapers there were in Sea Cliff in the first half of the 20th Century. Today we have two nurseries, Country Club Florist and Giordano Country Gardens, both along Glen Cove Avenue. While their inventory changes seasonally from lilies to bundles of wood and Christmas trees, they are steadfast in their commitment to serving the community. And as in centuries prior, we all reap the benefit.

Comprehensive Plan

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After much preliminary work, the committee drafted a Request for Proposals for a Comprehensive Plan seeking a consultant who could work with us to develop a plan reflective of the values and needs of the village for future growth. The committee, as well as the Board of Trustees, reviewed the RFP submissions and conducted interviews with respondents. We are proud to announce that BFJ Planning has been engaged to write the comprehensive plan for the village. BFJ has experience in completing comprehensive plans for communities similar in scope to Sea Cliff. Their team includes urban planners, urban designers, traffic engineers and a partnership with a socioeconomic and market analysis firm. Work on this plan will commence in the fall. There will be public outreach including surveys and meetings. Residents should not hesitate to take advantage of these resources - you need to make your preferences known so that your voice is incorpo-

rated into our future plans.

The committee is also working on grant applications specific to the re-design of the Glen Cove Avenue corridor. We have been seeking public input and opinions about the Glen Cove Avenue area and will continue those efforts through the end of September. We look forward to speaking with you in-person.

Finally, the committee has been participating in weekly sessions to develop a plan to support the growth of small-scale manufacturing businesses within Sea Cliff. We have been, and will continue, reaching out to speak to local business owners to find out what can be done to help the growth of businesses within the village so that our business districts will serve to foster a sense of community for all residents.

Sea Cliff will continue to thrive, but we need your input to make sure that the village continues to be the place you love to live or work in.

Mayor’s Update

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square mile.

The fall is a wonderful time in Sea Cliff with too many events to list. Stay in touch with upcoming events by subscribing to the Sea Cliff Circle, checking out the village website and clicking on

the village Facebook page. So, as the hazy days of summer leave us, I look forward to seeing everyone at the many wonderful events that are on the calendar this fall.

Sewer Project

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Now for the great news. Nassau County has agreed to assist property owners with the cost of this connection. Our county legislator, Delia DeRiggi-Whitton, has gotten the legislature and County Executive to agree to use some of their ARPA funds for this purpose.

While we do not have the exact details of the written agreement, the terms of the agreement will most likely entrust these county funds to the village for us to administer in reimbursements to property owners who connect to the sewer system. It is also tentatively agreed that this reimbursement will also apply to property owners that have already hooked up.

The anticipated maximum covered costs are to be \$7,500 per property. These funds can be used to cover the costs of

connecting to the sewer line, abandoning existing cesspools and covering the cost of permits from the county and village.

As soon as we have a written agreement in place with the county, we will make an announcement. While residents can feel free to reach out to me about this exciting opportunity, they can also reach out to Sarah Beaudin or Jennifer Gerrity with the Building Department. These two extremely capable individuals have been handling the required permits for sewer connections and are very helpful to residents wanting to connect.

We will get more information out as soon as we get it from Nassau County. In the meantime, if you have already connected to the sewer system, put the paperwork and invoice(s) you paid in a safe place.

A New Face at Village Hall

by Connor Darouvar

Marian Sereno has taken on the role of the new Deputy Clerk of Sea Cliff. Residing in Glen Cove with her husband, Michael Rodi, and her daughter, Nicole Rodi, Marian has enjoyed living on the North Shore, with hobbies such as cooking, golfing, ballroom dancing, and floral design. Recently, Marian took a break from working in the city to have a more local, community-based job.

At the end of July, Marian began her role as Deputy Clerk, mainly handling applications for Plumbing, Landscaping, Towing, and Sani-Cess-pool, as well as licenses and permits and supporting the Village Clerk/Treasurer.

Marian has a connection to the Yacht Club and enjoys the village's quaint and historical feel. She would like to thank the mayor and village board for their confidence and she is "delighted to join the Village of Sea Cliff to support the residents, businesses, and organizations of this beautiful and unique community."



Marian Sereno, new Village Deputy Clerk

A Season for the Senses

by Ken Krumenacker, Sea Cliff Tree Committee

Autumn is a time that delivers happiness and triggers memories – a 'cooling off' season of transition and change. There are lots of songs that romance these changes. Johnny Mercer wrote "Autumn Leaves", Edith Piaf has a song with the same title and Simon and Garfunkel sang "Leaves that are green turn to brown."

Notice the heart shaped leaves of the Linden tree, or the broad shape of a Maple leaf. Fall tends to be the most beautiful time in the Northeast and Sea Cliff is a place of wonderful fall colors and outside activities. There are lovely Honey Locust trees on Sea Cliff Avenue and excellent American Elms on Prospect Avenue. It is a good time to enjoy the new trees planted throughout the village and appreciate the future beauty they

will provide. Just as important is the need to water and mulch new plantings, remove invasive ivy and address any needed

pruning. The Sea Cliff Village website has lots of tree information and the Tree Committee is available for support.



Sea Cliff's most notable Cedar of Lebanon casts a beautiful shadow looking westward.

Photo by Sue Giordano

New to Sea Cliff 2021-2022?

The Sea Cliff Civic Association's iconic Newcomers Party is scheduled for September 11.

Email annmdipietro@gmail.com for details!

Sea Cliff Beautification Committee

by Sally Davies, President

Please join us for our fall luncheon October 6 at Sea Cliff Yacht Club at 12:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$35 and can be purchased at Daniel Gale, Signature Premier Properties and from SCBC members.

I hope you will be able to join us!

Happenings at the Museum

by Courtney Chambers, Museum Director

Over 100 friends of the Sea Cliff Village Museum packed the museum and the beautiful blooming adjacent Centennial Garden on Friday, June 3 for our second annual Spring Cocktail Party celebrating the museum's 2022 exhibit "Sea Cliff by the Sea: Sea Cliff's Waterfront in the Resort Era 1890-1920." Attendees sipped, snacked, and listened to the music provided by local acoustic musician Eric Rubinacker. One imagines the gathering was not so different from cocktail parties during Sea Cliff's resort era, when city residents escaped the summer heat to spend their summers bathing, boating, and of course socializing in our village. To learn more about Sea Cliff's history as a popular summer resort, visit the museum before the exhibit closes on Saturday, October 29.

While visitors have been enjoying the museum's current

exhibit, we've been hard at work planning our winter exhibit. "Sea Cliff's Fabulous Flappers" will focus on the museum's rather fabulous collection of flapper dresses, hats, and other accessories from the roaring 1920s. Do you have any family flapper dresses or accessories you'd like to display? Contact the museum for more information on sharing your family treasures! The museum would also like to display any family photographs you may have of your relatives in their fabulous flapper dresses!

For more information on the museum and our current and upcoming exhibitions, please visit our website, www.seacliffmuseum.org. If interested in volunteering as a docent, or if you would like to join our mailing list, please email museum@seacliff-ny.gov.

Mutual Concerns Senior Lunch Program Resumes!

by Peggie Como, President, MCC

After a very challenging year with so many of us separated from family and friends, it is a huge comfort to think better times are ahead!

After a 5 month hiatus, the popular senior lunch program will resume at our senior lunch home, St. Luke's, on Tuesday, September 6. We know how important this program is to our seniors and we can't wait to get back to visiting with our friends and enjoying the delicious lunches and chair yoga. Our se-

niors are especially excited to resume the bus tours given by former mayor, Ed Lieberman.

If you are interested in joining the lunch program, please call Peggie Como at 516-675-7239. Bus transportation is available. We'd love to see you there!

Our community has given generously to Mutual Concerns since the very beginning of the pandemic. Covid-19 has affected our community like never before. Families have had to make difficult budgeting choices,

making it hard to put food on the table. However, thanks to the outpouring of support from our neighbors, we have been able to help these individuals.

On behalf of the entire Mutual Concerns Committee, I want to express my heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you that sent in cash or food donations. The outpouring of love and support is just amazing and we can't thank you enough!

When Returning to School, Try Something New

by Daniel Flanzig, Esq., Chairman of Village of Sea Cliff Traffic and Safety Commission

As our kids return to school in September, keep this in mind before you jump into your car for dropoff:

- Kids who walk or bike to school are shown to be more alert and attentive in class.
- One less car means less carbon footprint in our village.
- One less idling car in a dropoff line also lowers emission output.
- Walking and biking brings a sense of community to our kids.

Finally, if you choose to drive, SLOW DOWN. Someone else's child should not be at risk because you left the house late. Remember our hashtag: #slowdowninseacliff.

Clean Boating Tips to Protect Hempstead Harbor

by Eric Swenson, Executive Director, Hempstead Harbor Protection Committee

Having a clean harbor enhances our quality of life. Many of us are boaters and there are steps that we can take to ensure that we do not harm the waters that we enjoy. Here are some tips.

Fueling: Gas, diesel, and oil are toxic to aquatic plants and animals. A single pint of oil spilled on the water can cover one acre of surface area. Fish and shellfish are particularly sensitive to contaminants in the water. When fueling, do not “top off” the tank. There are devices that you can easily install on your fuel line to “whistle” when the tank is almost full. In any event, keep an absorbent pad handy to absorb any spills that may occur.

Sewage: Human waste contains nutrients that can cause algae growth and loss of dissolved oxygen in the water. Always use sewage pump-out stations. Discharging sewage from your boat is prohibited in all of Long Island Sound and its bays

and harbors.

Bottom Cleaning and Painting: Minimize the discharge of heavy metals found in soft-sloughing antifouling paints by using a less toxic, or nontoxic antifouling paint. Use non-abrasive underwater hull cleaning techniques to prevent excessive paint discharge.

When you scrape the bottom of your boat, place a tarp underneath and capture all of the scrapings and dispose of them properly. Copper and other compounds in the paint can contaminate the water and sediment in the harbor, greatly increasing the cost for dredging.

Boat Engines: When purchasing a boat engine, consider an electric engine or a less polluting model. Note that four-stroke engines are better for the environment than two-stroke engines. On a traditional carburetor two-stroke engine, when the piston engages its downstroke, the intake and exhaust

ports are wide open, allowing a hefty amount of fuel to slide by unburned. That translates into a 20 to 30 percent of fuel loss as it travels through the combustion chamber – which is then released directly into your favorite fishing spot.

Control Oil in the Bilge: Place absorbent pads or bilge socks underneath the engine and keep your engine well tuned.

Protect Wildlife: Proceed slowly in shallow areas to avoid causing shoreline erosion and destruction of habitat areas. Do not disturb wildlife. Every so often, whales, dolphins, and other majestic creatures visit our harbor – give them space!

Our harbor has come a long way in recent years but it takes “all hands on deck” to keep it that way. A good source for more information can be found on the following website: www.boatus.org/clean-boating/. Thank you for doing your part!

Single Use Plastics

by Mark Sobel, Environmental Conservation Committee

More than half of all plastic products are discarded after a single use and take up to 1,000 years to disintegrate. Larger items, such as plastic bags and straws, can choke marine life, while smaller fragments (microplastics) are consumed into a marine animal’s digestive system and cause liver, reproductive, and gastrointestinal damage.

Single-use plastics are the bane of our existence. While they might end up in the recycling bin and be used again, the chances of that are close to nil because we are a disposable society. It’s easier to toss it away than buy products that can actually be reused or recycled. And because what’s one plastic wrapper ending up in the ocean or a plastic bottle bobbing on the open seas compared to the millions of miles of ocean? And yet, plastic is recycled less than 10% of the time, meaning 90% ends up either in the garbage heaps or in the environment where we

live. Either it gets burned or buried or thrown into the life cycle of a living creature who digests it, breathes it, consumes it and eventually it destroys all that is beautiful and majestic about the earth we share.

Plastics are not going away. Some plastics save lives, save foods, save homes. The goal is not to end the production of plastics, but to eliminate the dependence on single-use plastics. Let’s start with that: Buy a water bottle and refill it. Reuse the sushi container from last night’s dinner by simply washing it. Bring your own shampoo to the hotel. You might think it will have no impact on saving our planet, but if every person does it, think how many less plastic waste products will be spared from our beaches and oceans and forests. All it takes is us!

CSHH’s Pilot Community Oyster Gardening Program a First for Hempstead Harbor

by Martha Braun, Oyster Gardening Project Manager, CSHH

For the first time in Hempstead Harbor, trained volunteers have had the opportunity to raise oysters as part of the Coalition to Save Hempstead Harbor’s “Community Oyster Gardening Program.” Community oyster gardening is a conservation education program that invites community members to directly participate in restoring their local waters by raising oysters in cages.

Earlier this summer, approximately 30,000 oysters in the form of spat on shell (oyster larvae attached to shells) were delivered to Town of Oyster Bay’s Tappen Marina from Cornell Cooperative Extension of Suffolk County’s shellfish hatchery in Southold. The oysters were distributed to cages in Tappen Marina, as well as at the Hempstead Harbour Club and the Sea Cliff Yacht Club.

This pilot program for Hempstead Harbor has presented a hands-on opportunity for local residents to learn how oysters can improve habitat and water-quality. Oysters feed by pumping water through their bodies, filtering phytoplankton, bacteria, and other small particles and improving the surrounding water-quality. Oysters also grow in clusters to form reefs, which provide habitat and protection for many other species, helping to support marine biodiversity.

Volunteers have been working in teams at each site throughout the summer to scrub the cages clean and measure the oysters as they grow mature enough to be released into the water, which will be by late October. Once released, the oysters grown through this program will be able to reproduce in a protected area and continue to increase their population.

This process has helped foster important conversations and curiosities for all involved. Each time the cages are lifted from the water, new questions arise, and we get the opportunity to inform the public on the role of oysters as they connect with one another and the environment. By continuing to engage the community and expand this ef-

fort in the coming years, we can work toward reestablishing an invaluable ecological resource in Hempstead Harbor.

Following the release of the oysters, the oyster gardeners from all three gardening sites around Hempstead Harbor will have an opportunity to meet and celebrate their success in raising the oysters to a stage that will maximize their chances of survival in open waters. The celebration will also be an opportunity to plan for next year’s program.

This program is funded in part by generous local residents and organizations. To help support this program, go to coalitionto-savehempsteadharbor.org/you-can-help/ to make a donation.



A group of volunteers measuring oysters at Sea Cliff Yacht Club.

Time to Sign Up!

Golfing Through Sea Cliff Tournament Saturday, September 10, 2022

Presented by
Sea Cliff’s Good of the Village Association

Registration Starts July 25

Reserve your foursome at:
Signature Premier Properties or
Daniel Gale Sotheby’s

Want to be an Underwriter or Sponsor a Hole?
Call Gwynne Lennon at 516-662-2821

All funds raised by this event will be used to further enhance our village by supporting our libraries, museum, public spaces and so much more.



A good time was had by all at last year’s Golfing Through Sea Cliff event. Pictured here (left to right): Marc Wenger, Mike Biolsi, Matt Camardella and Jonathan Waechter.

It's Back! Mini Mart 2022

by Anne Kelly

Mini Mart is back on October 2! After the COVID-19 pandemic hit, the many event shutdowns included this favorite of not just Sea Cliffians, but the people of North Shore as a whole – Mini Mart! Picture it – Sea Cliff Avenue packed with vendors, music and people all coming together, and the smell of food (apple cider donuts being a frequent favorite) wafting through the air, carried on an early October breeze.

After a two-year hiatus, this annual gathering is back, and hopefully better than ever. We can expect “the same wonderful energy of years past with lots of vendors, music, and the shops open,” said local business owner Kathleen DiResta.

This is exciting news for the community. Not only is Mini Mart vital for business owners, but also for the togetherness of our neighborhood. After so much isolation, and though the pandemic is not over, with the return of Mini Mart, the village is reviving what was once a constant in everyone’s life. To be sure, many families and people young and old will attend. According to DiResta, there will be hands-on crafts, and she herself will have a make-your-own bracelet site. Of the many things DiResta is looking forward to about Mini Mart this year, she is most excited about “people being together again,” she said, and “see[ing] all the bands and artists that come for just that day.”

Mini Mart is special. Come and take a glimpse, and become a part of this wonderful community. See you there!

The North Shore Kiwanis is delighted to announce the 2022 Sea Cliff Mini Mart Sunday, October 2 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

More than 200 Sea Cliff businesses, vendors and surrounding community artisans are excited to show after two years of absence. Local artists, jewelers, craft creators and nonprofits will be highlighting their talents. Come and support them.

For the safety of all, NO DOGS PLEASE.

If you have any questions, contact us at:
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Beer Here!

by Elizabeth Winchester

Sea Cliff was once a summer campground retreat. Now it is home to Campground Beer, owned by Pete Johnson and Emil Lanne. Pete and Emil met in 2011 while working together at an advertising agency in New York City. Johnson moved to Sea Cliff with his family in 2016 and Lanne in 2020.

“While the craft beer scene is exploding across the country (and the world), the North Shore of LI (save for a few amazing breweries) has very few options for beer lovers to discover hard-to-find local, national and international brands,” said Johnson. “As beer-lovers, we wanted to create a hybrid retail/tasting room where countless different flavors and varieties of craft brew can be enjoyed on premise or brought home.”

Located at 208 Sea Cliff Avenue, which was formerly Ray’s Towing, the back will be a beer hall where customers can enjoy 10 different taps of beer, rosé, and Prosecco. The 10th Avenue space is available for private parties and events.

The name Campground was derived from Sea Cliff’s origin. “As residents, we aim to honor the weirdness, traditions, and community-first appeal that makes Sea Cliff such a special place,” said Johnson. “Our goal is to not only provide a different kind of environment to drink craft beer, but to also serve as a go-to gathering place for friends and families.”

Sea Cliff Arts Council News

by Kathleen DiResta-Roth, President, Sea Cliff Arts Council

Exciting news! The Sea Cliff Arts Council has found a home in the heart of our village! Stay tuned for classes, workshops, and music lessons offered throughout the year. Art exhibits and creative gatherings will fill our space with inspiration. Support the arts in our community and beyond by becoming a member today. Visit seacliffartscouncil.org to find out more information.

On Sunday, September 11, join us on the corner of Sea Cliff Avenue and Central Avenue for Second Sunday. There will be an outdoor market, live music, crafts for kids and specials throughout town. We will start the live music portion with

music dedicated to the remembrance of 9/11. Shop, dine and stroll our village every Second Sunday.

We are proud to continue our tradition of showcasing artists at Sea Cliff Village Library. Patricia Kaegi Weiss added color and fun with her exhibit through August. Lifelong resident Janet Swinburne shows off an array of talent and mediums from September through November. There will be a holiday art sale in December.

We are grateful to the Poets of Sea Cliff Library who make our Poetry in the Park even more special. Join us the last Wednesday of September and October at 6:45 p.m. at Spooky Park to

read a poem you wrote or one you love. OR just join to listen – it’s always wonderful.

The Sea Cliff Arts Council is committed to blending art, culture and community to discover, inspire, and create together. We love to hear from community members, artists, makers and collaborators. Email us your ideas to seacliffartscouncil@gmail.com. Sign up for our newsletter and follow us on Facebook and Instagram for the latest news, including upcoming fall performances with Frank Ferrara, dancer Nicole Loizides and more at St. Luke’s. We value your support year-round! Thank you from SCAC!

St Luke’s Bazaar

by Renee Swanson

Mark your calendars for Saturday October 15 for the annual St. Luke’s Bazaar. The event’s ever popular Country Kitchen will once again feature the standbys you love from strawberry, blueberry and peach jams to marmalades, pickles and infused oils, all made in the church’s kitchen by the women of St. Luke’s. This year, a new addition will be “spirited jellies,” such as cherry bourbon and strawberry daiquiri. The Country Kitchen will also have other favorites like Vermont cheddar cheese, fruit pies and homemade barbeque sauce. As always, the Bazaar will also have crafts and a White Elephant Sale. A perfect place to start your holiday shopping, it’s an event not to be missed!

The Cottage on the Cliff

by Will Winchester

Victoria and Hank Bjorkland purchased 24 Cliff Way in 2006. Having known the house since their teenage years, both were immediately taken with it. “Hank went to North Shore, I went to Manhasset,” said Victoria. “So when we saw the for sale sign we thought we’d take a look.”

Cliff Cottage sits on Dock Hill, where passers-by can enjoy unobstructed views of Hempstead Harbor. The house, constructed in 1908, remains from Sea Cliff’s resort era, when it was built in a transitional Victorian, Arts and Crafts style.

In 1946, Harry and Margot Kahn purchased the property, which included two other cottages they would later demolish. The couple spent 42 summers in Sea Cliff, selling the house in 1987. It has since been held by a series of owners, including the Bjorklands, who recently applied for Landmark status.

There have been many rumors about the cottage over the years. For example, a dumbwaiter, since removed, suggests that drinks may have been served to visitors as they climbed Cliff Way.

In 2004, the cottage was rebuilt by my grandmother, Teresa Pickman, who worked with Cece Wheeler and local contractor Peter Fleishman to restore the building’s original character. Hurricane Ida, which made landfall last year, damaged much of Dock Hill. CBS footage shows the cliff collapsed onto the road below, where work on the property is still being managed today. Sea Cliff and Glen Cove, Victoria said, were presidentially-declared a disaster area. Since then, the Bjorklands have been working to save both the house and the cliff.

“We believe in historic homes being maintained true to their historic character,” Victoria told me. “Owners are stewards... you should do your best to preserve the character of a home, make sensitive modifications, and pass the home on to the next steward.”

In addition to their work on the cliff, the Bjorklands have maintained scenic vistas along Cliff Way, allowing residents to enjoy the view of Hempstead Harbor. They hope that by landmarking the house, generations of Sea Cliffians continue to enjoy the view.



Photo courtesy of Victoria Bjorkland, current owner and steward of Cliff Cottage.

Autumn Happenings at the Sea Cliff Library

by Camille Purcell, Library Director

September is National Library Card Sign-Up Month. Sea Cliff is one of 54 libraries in Nassau County and with your Sea Cliff card you become part of a much larger system. You can take out passes to museums, gardens and historical places. Streaming movies, documentaries, and classic films is easy with Kanopy. Using the Libby app, you have access to downloadable ebooks, e/audiobooks and magazines. Sign up for our programs and events. Become a library user; drop in, sign up, and start your library journey today.

Our website has been revamped. Our newest feature is a review blog and suggested reading lists for Tweens and Teens. We encourage our middle and high school patrons

to write their reviews on their latest reading and to help us rename our blog. Submit your ideas for a fun new name to: seaclifflibrary@hotmail.com. The website also has a “Library of Things” attachment. Some featured items include: puzzles, chess/checkers set, binoculars, telescope and games. The binoculars and telescope require a form to be filled out before you can take them home. We are constantly re-evaluating our site and collections so that we can better serve our community. Give us a try at: www.seaclifflibrary.org.

We invite residents to join the Friends of the Sea Cliff Library and to come to our Open House during National Friends of the Library week in October. More

information about this will be forthcoming. Friends of the Library is a worthwhile organization which has supported our mission through tireless fundraising efforts, sponsorship of library programs, events, museum passes, renovations and technology upgrades.

Libraries are part of the fabric of American life. We offer opportunities to learn, grow and engage in respectful dialogue. We encourage all members of the Sea Cliff community to get and use a library card, visit our buildings, come to our programs, and help us grow.

As Arthur the Aardvark once said: “Having fun isn’t hard when you’ve got a library card!”—Marc Brown

Sea Cliff’s Youth Activity Board

by Connor Darouvar

For this past summer, Alison Camardella and Amie Sanborn have been arranging events for teens and tweens of Sea Cliff. The Village of Sea Cliff’s Youth Activity Board (YAB) works to “support and empower Sea Cliff youths by providing a safe space and social opportunities to engage them in the life of their community and encourage healthy decision-making,” says Sanborn. In other words, “YAB is hoping to create events and opportunities for our local youth to connect with each other and the community at large.” Various types of entertainment are held in these spaces such as music, food, and most recently, lawn games.

The most recent event, titled “Lawn-a-Palooza,” was held in Roslyn Park on July 27, featuring outdoor games for kids to enjoy, as well as plenty of food and drinks, with a special

performance from musician Charlotte Marchioli. The event hosted somewhere between 75 to 100 kids, landing it as a great success. Before that, on June 15, the “YAB Ice Cream Study Break” was held, allowing kids to get outside and relax for a while.

In order to set up future events, a poll was held for teens and tweens to vote for what kind of activities they would like to see, the most popular ones being held throughout and after this year. The next event will be held sometime in early fall, featuring one of the most popular activities, such as a Movie Night or Game Night, in which kids can gather expecting to enjoy a movie while having fun through socializing. Other ideas include Fancy Feasts, which would consist of collaborations among YAB and local restaurants, allowing for private din-

ner menus available for teens only, and Master Classes, which would allow teens to get a peek into the trade of jewelry with Kat DiResta, or photography/painting with local artists. On top of this, there could be a Poetry Slam, Karaoke Night, or even a Scavenger Hunt. Regardless of what is next to come, rest assured that it will be open to all kids, allowing for a fun and engaging event which will certainly bring a great beginning to the new school year.

And to juniors and seniors, youth volunteers are needed, so feel free to help out for community service hours by reaching out to Alison Camardella (camardella@optonline.net) or Amie Sanborn (amiesanborn@gmail.com).

And next time an event springs up, come stop by!

It Was A Great Summer at the Children’s Library

Photos courtesy of Ann DiPietro



Summer StoryTime in the Secret Garden behind the Children’s Library.



Family Twilight Hour at the Children’s Library and the story of Amelia Bloomer!



StoryTime at Sea Cliff Beach met every Wednesday with a story, music and bubbles!

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING DATES 2022-2023
Days, times and locations subject to change
Please confirm on the Village website
www.seacliff-ny.gov or call 516-671-0080

Tuesday	September	6	2022	Conference
Monday		19	2022	Meeting
Monday	October	3	2022	Conference
Tuesday		11	2022	Meeting
Monday	November	7	2022	Conference
Monday		14	2022	Meeting
Monday	December	5	2022	Conference
Monday		12	2022	Meeting
Tuesday	January	3	2023	Conference
Monday		9	2023	Meeting
Monday	February	6	2023	Conference
Monday		13	2023	Meeting
Monday	March	6	2023	Conference
Monday		13	2023	Meeting
Monday	April	3	2023	Organizational Meeting



A game of volleyball at Lawn-a-Palooza.
Photo courtesy of Amie Sanborn



Game board painted by YAB volunteer Jordyn Rivera.
Photo courtesy of Amie Sanborn

INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF SEA CLIFF	day(s) of the month	time	Meeting location	additional information
Board of Trustees Conference	1st Monday	6:00 PM	Village Hall	no comment period
Board of Trustees Meeting	2nd Monday	7:00 PM	Village Hall	comment period
Architectural Review Board	2nd & 4th Tuesday	7:00 PM	Village Hall	
Planning Board	2nd Wednesday	7:00 PM	Village Hall	
Zoning Board	3rd Tuesday	7:00 PM	Village Hall	
Environmental Conservation Commission	1st Thursday	7:00 PM	Village Hall	
Landmarks Preservation Commission	4th Wednesday	7:00 PM	Village Hall	
Tree Commission	2nd & 4th Wednesday	9:30 AM	field site visits	Call Village Hall for details

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Recycling, Garbage & Other Refuse Information

Pick Up and Drop Off days and policies are subject to change - please check the Village website at www.seacliff-ny.gov or call 516-671-0080 for more information.

Village of Sea Cliff reserves the right to limit pick up or drop off quantities

Recycling, Garbage & Other Refuse Pick Up Schedule

Pick Up Type	North of Glen Avenue	South of Glen Avenue
Single Stream Recycling	Wednesday	
Garbage	Monday Thursday	Tuesday Friday
Metal Pick Up	call 516-671-0080 to schedule for pick up on Thursday (<i>fees may apply</i>)	
Heavy Pick Up/Rubbish	call 516-671-0080 for more information and pick up schedule (<i>fees may apply</i>)	

Recycling & Garbage Holiday Schedules 2022

Holiday	Date Observed	Change in Schedule
Labor Day	Monday 09/05/2022	No Garbage Pickup
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday 11/24/2022	No Garbage Pickup
Christmas Day	Sunday 12/25/2022	No Change
New Year's Day 2023	Sunday 1/1/2023	No Change

Dept. of Public Works Garage on Altamont Ave. - "Village Yard"

Open Only to Sea Cliff Village Residents on days and times below

Drop Off Type	Day & Time
Single Stream Recycling Only	Thursday 7 am - 2:45 pm
Yard Waste, Garbage, E-Waste, C&D and Recycling	Saturday 10 am - 2 pm

IMPORTANT VILLAGE YARD INFORMATION

please call 516-671-0080 during business hours with questions

- Village Yard access is limited to Sea Cliff Residents only -
- The Village Yard does not accept liquids and various other materials -
- A \$50 fee is required to dispose of construction debris (C&D) at the Village Yard -
- Landscapers are required by law to take yard waste with them and are prohibited from leaving at curbside or taking to the Village Yard -

GO TO www.seacliff-ny.gov AND SEARCH FOR "CodeRED" TO SIGN UP FOR COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS RELATED TO GARBAGE PICKUP

Would you like to join the Village Bulletin staff as a writer or photographer? We are looking for volunteers.
Contact scvillage@gmail.com

The Sea Cliff Village Bulletin is available online at www.seacliff-ny.gov

Join the Sea Cliff Circle—an online semi-monthly calendar. Email: seacliffcircle@gmail.com

Village of Sea Cliff Justice Court

All Courts Dates are WEDNESDAYS

7:30 PM - Village Hall DOWNSTAIRS

	Arraignment	Conference
2022		
September	7th	21st
October	12th	26th
November	9th	30th
December	14th only	

Please call the Court during business hours at 516-671-0080 with any questions

Addiction Resources

In Case Of Emergency Call 911

Long Island Crisis Center

Hotline: 516-679-1111

NY State HOPEline

1-877-846-7369 or Text: 467369

Long Island Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence (LICADD) licadd.org

Hotline: 631-979-1700

Nassau Alliance For Addiction Services (NAFAS) nassaualliance.org

516-481-4000

Nassau County Overdose Prevention Events

Naloxone/Narcan trainings throughout Nassau County:

www.nassaucountyny.gov/3378/Nassau-County-Overdose-Prevention

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