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VILLAGE BULLETIN

2022

Mayor's Update

by Mayor Elena Villafane



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Welcome to the spring edition of the Village Bulletin. As I write this, winter is upon us, the days are frigid and the nights are long. But I have noticed that the sun feels a little warmer and the days seem longer which can only mean one thing: that spring is right around the corner.

The impact of COVID-19 is still being felt throughout village life, with most meetings are now being conducted on ZOOM. I commend the Board of Trustees, members of the Zoning Board, Planning Board and Architectural Review Board, Bruce Kennedy, Marianne Lennon, Sarah Beaudin and Jennifer Gerrity for being particularly nimble in these trying times in the use of technology to meet and conduct business. It has been challenging, but we have all pulled together to continue to keep the village operational through it all.

As I'm sure everyone is aware, the sale of New York American Water to Liberty Utilities was completed on January 3, 2022, after receiving approval of the Department of Public Service. Initially, the village actively opposed the sale as not be-

ing in the best interests of the ratepayers. After extensive hearings, Department of Public Service approval of the sale with certain conditions as part of the approval. Most notably, the settlement requires Liberty to engage with the newly established North Shore Water in the process of municipalizing our water system. I have been in contact with the mayors of Glen Cove, Old Brookville, Roslyn Harbor and the Supervisor of the Town of Oyster Bay to move forward to the creation of the initial regulatory body. I will continue to report on this very important issue as it progresses.

The Board of Trustees continues to look at various pieces of legislation and passed the necessary legislation to opt out of licensing and establishing marijuana dispensaries and/or marijuana on-site consumption establishments within the village. In adopting this legislation, the Board of Trustees took the necessary steps to allow the village to take a wait and see approach to the issue. The legislature is still working on the necessary regulations surrounding the implementation of the new law, including the Cannabis Control Board and Office of Cannabis Management.

I continue to maintain office hours in Village Hall on the first and third Monday of every month. I am available also by phone and email (evillafane@seacliff-ny.gov) and welcome residents' thoughts and comments. In addition, anyone who wishes to serve on a board or committee should contact me.

Village Election 2022

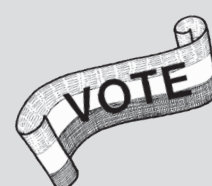
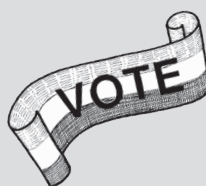
CIVIC ASSOCIATION: MEET THE CANDIDATES

Forum on Zoom

Thursday, March 10th – 8:00 p.m.

E-mail: sccivicassociation@gmail.com

A link will be sent on the day of the event



VILLAGE ELECTION DAY

DPW Garage, 66 Altamont Ave.

Tuesday, March 15th - 12:00 noon - 9:00 p.m.

Transportation available – Call Village Hall, 516-671-0080

The 2022 Sea Cliff Village General election will take place on Tuesday, March 15, 2022, for the purpose of electing the following officers of the village:

- A Village Trustee for a term of two years for the office presently held by Kevin McGilloway, whose term expires April 4, 2022;
- A Village Trustee for a term of two years for the office presently held by Nicholas Pinto, whose term expires April 4, 2022;
- A Village Justice for a term of four years for the office presently held by Charles Parisi, whose term expires April 4, 2022.

Monthly Village Survey Seeks Your Input!

The village would like your input in planning for future initiatives. Every month, a new question link will be posted to www.seacliff-ny.gov under “What’s Going On?.” Results for each question will be discussed at the regularly scheduled monthly Board of Trustees Meeting. Please feel free to contact Deputy Mayor Dina Epstein at depstein@seacliff-ny.gov or Trustee Nick Pinto at npinto@seacliff-ny.gov about the survey program.

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Village Justice Candidate Robin S. Maynard



the community which means so much to myself and my family.

I am a graduate of St. John's School of Law and have been admitted to the practice of law since 2003. I maintain offices for the practice of law in Manhasset and Manhattan. I am a member of New York State and Nassau Bar Associations as well as the New York State Magistrates Association.

It is often said that Village Courts are the closest Courts to the people. For many people, Village Court will be their only exposure to the judicial system. In my role as Village Justice, it will be my priority to guarantee the swift, fair and impartial delivery of justice to all who come before me. As administrator of the court's operation, I will act to ensure the continued smooth operations of our Village Court. I pride myself on being patient and just in carrying out my current duties as Associate Village Justice and wish to continue to do so if I am elected to this new role.

I am pleased to be running on the same ticket with Tannaz Nasirzadeh-Balooch and Nicholas J. Pinto, Esq. who are both seeking election to the position of Trustee. I ask you all to come out to vote and to support us in this upcoming election.

As a resident of Sea Cliff for over twenty years and a practicing attorney, I am honored to have been nominated by the Civic Progress Committee as their candidate for the position of Village Justice in the upcoming election. Over the last two decades, I have been a tireless volunteer and advocate for many community organizations. I currently serve in the appointed position of acting Associate Justice and am the Commodore of the Sea Cliff Yacht Club through October 2022. Previously, I was elected Village Trustee for a term of April 2016 through March 2018. Sea Cliff is a Village run by our community members and service to the community has always been an important part of my life. I wish to continue to contribute to our community as Village Justice in order to utilize my education and experience to give back to

Trustee Candidate Nick Pinto



comed the spring and summer with "Springfest" and "Second Sundays" events.

I have been involved in several exciting village projects that are currently underway including:

- A comprehensive plan that will, with the input of the community, examine where our Village is and where we plan to be in the next 20 years, looking to address challenges we will face,
- Rewriting our code of ethics to ensure that we maintain the high ethical standards that our residents deserve,
- Engaging and attracting new businesses that will complement our existing businesses and help make shopping and working in Sea Cliff an experience,
- Redesigning, and re-engineering Prospect Avenue to create a safer place for walking, biking, and driving,
- Maintaining Sea Cliff's responsible financial management, keeping taxes flat and our bond rating high.

If re-elected, I intend to see these projects through and do my part to make Sea Cliff even better.

My wife and I moved to Sea Cliff in 2005. It has become our home. My children attended Sea Cliff Elementary and, North Shore Middle and High School. In the years that we have been here, we have enjoyed all that our wonderful Village has to offer.

In that time, I served a three-year term on the Zoning Board, volunteered as a coach for Sea Cliff Baseball and Softball, St. Boniface Basketball and North Shore Soccer. I am an Attorney and practice before the Federal Courts for the Eastern and Southern Districts of New York, as well as the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. I was also trained as a mediator and an arbitrator.

With my experience and knowledge, together with my commitment to this Village, I am uniquely qualified to serve on the Village Board of Trustees. I come to you with no agenda other than to use my skills and experience to make Sea Cliff a better place. I would be honored to have your vote on March 15th for Village Trustee.

Trustee Candidate Tannaz Nasirzadeh-Balooch



To the constituents of this wonderful village: My name is Tannaz Nasirzadeh-Balooch and I am a candidate for Village trustee. Unlike many trustees before me I did not grow up in Sea Cliff or on Long Island. I grew up in Denmark, I am however, Iranian-Persian and was born in Tehran, Iran.

On a cold winter afternoon, my husband and I found Sea Cliff by chance. My husband, Sam, grew up in Great Neck and neither of us had ever heard of Sea Cliff. I so vividly recall our very first drive down Sea Cliff's main street in absolute awe of the beautiful historic architecture and adorable little town.

Within a year we found our residence on Carpenter Avenue, and shortly after started attending various village, school and coalition meetings to really get to know and contribute to this incredible village. I am currently a member of the SC Traffic and Safety Committee, an alternate board member of the Planning Board and on the Board of Directors of North Shore Coalition Against Substance Abuse. In the past I have served on the Youth Activities board and as Co-chair of events with the Sea Cliff Parent Community Association.

My husband and I own a wellness company, Helix & Gene, that we started in 2017. At Helix and Gene, I hire and train new coaches and develop our program manuals. Together with Sam and our partner, we discuss all things related to the development and growth of the company.

I hold a bachelors of business administration from Bernard Baruch College in NYC. My major is in Finance and Investments and I graduated Cum Laude. During college and

shortly after college, I was immersed in the field I studied. After college I moved to the west coast and worked at Nextbio, a biotech company in Cupertino. There I worked closely with the executive team as well as teams of scientists in researching the biotech market as it related to the positioning of the company and its product. My strongest skill as a businesswomen is my ability to recognize where there is a void and to fill that void with what is needed!

I am thrilled to work with our Mayor and the current board of trustees to continue their great work, learn and add in any way I can. As with any growing village and during these unprecedented times we are faced with both urgent and long term issues ranging from improving the safety of our roads and preserving our historic and landmark homes to building a solid long range plan. Contributing to all of the above to the best of my ability and more is what I intend to do.

Sea Cliff Civic Association presents

Sunset Serenades 2022 Summer Preview

Thursdays 6 - 8 p.m.
Clifton Park

June 30: Larry Martone and friends

July 7: The Lazy Dogs

July 14: Rusty String Band

July 21: LOVEPEACE

July 28: RiDe

August 4: Chicken Head

August 11: ALIBI

August 18: Dave Diamond Band

August 25: LIVESTOCK

September 1: HUNT & HUGHES

New York State Needs The Crash Victim's Bill of Rights

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

Presently pending in Albany is a large package of bills to help redesign our streets with safety as a priority, to protect all road users, address the speeding rampant on our streets, educate drivers on bike/pedestrian safety and provide support to those personally impacted. The acts include the following lifesaving bills:

- Statewide Speed Limit: to allow local municipalities to lower speed limits in their own jurisdictions;
- Sammy's Law: to allow NYC to reduce speed limits below 25 MPH;

- Complete Streets: to increase state funding for municipalities that agree to fund a complete street design feature;
- Complete Streets Maintenance: to include complete street design features in resurfacing, maintenance and pavement recycling projects;
- Right to Safe Passage: to require drivers pass bicyclists at a safe distance of a minimum of three feet;
- DMV Pre-Licensing: to educate NY drivers about safely interacting with vulnerable road users;

- Crash Victim Bill of Rights: to guarantee rights and a voice for crash victims and their loved ones in legal proceedings.

New York has seen an unprecedented increase in traffic-related fatalities with Nassau and Suffolk Counties leading the state. This set of lifesaving bills will help decrease this number. Keep an eye on the Sea Cliff Facebook page for updates about this package of bills and what you can do to help them get passed. And remember #slowdowninseacliff.

April is Fair Housing Month

by Erinn McDonnell, Village of Sea Cliff Public Housing Authority

April is designated as Federal Fair Housing Month to celebrate adoption of Section VIII of the Civil Rights Act, commonly known as the Fair Housing Act (FHA). The FHA was signed into law by President Lyndon B. Johnson during the period following the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King in 1968.

The Act prohibits discrimination in housing activities against certain protected classes: race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability and familial status (i.e., presence of children under the age of 18 in the household or pregnancy). Sexual orientation, gender identity and HIV/AIDS status, while not specifically listed, may be covered by the existing protected classes. Housing and housing-related activities covered by the FHA include, but are not limited

to, apartment and home rentals, real estate sales and mortgage lending.

Actions that discriminate against a person who may be a member of a protected class (or classes) might include:

- Refusal to negotiate, rent or sell housing;
- Setting different terms, conditions or privileges for sale or rental of a property;
- Advertising or making statements indicating preference(s) or limitation(s) based on protected class membership.

"The Village of Sea Cliff is committed to continuing to be a community that welcomes all and rejects discrimination in all its forms," adds Village of Sea Cliff Mayor Elena Villafane. "In the month of April, we commemorate the passage

of the Fair Housing Act of 1968 by renewing our commitment to equal access to housing and upholding fair housing laws."

If you, or someone you know, has experienced housing discrimination, listed below are resources that may be able to help.

U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development - 800-669-9777 portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/topics/housing_discrimination Nassau County Human Rights Commission - 516-571-3662 www.nassaucountyny.gov/414/Human-Rights-Commission

Long Island Housing Services - 516-292-0400 <https://www.lifairhousing.org>

Village of Sea Cliff - Erinn McDonnell, Community Development Administrator - 516-671-0080 or email emcdonnell@seacliff-ny.gov

Village Prospect Avenue Property

by Elena Villafane, Mayor

Since acquiring the former Water Company property at 325 Prospect Avenue in June of 2021, the Sea Cliff Board of Trustees and I have begun the process of discerning the appropriate utilization of this wonderful asset. Our first steps involved securing the buildings, assessing basic needs (roof, windows etc.), and establishing a working budget. As I happily reported in December 2021, the village was the fortunate recipient of a \$500,000 donation from a private foundation to restore the exterior of the 1940 Pump House building. While that is a substantial amount, the village is also pursuing various governmental grant programs and real-locating some budget money to ensure sufficient funding for a historically sensitive restoration of the buildings. The village is well positioned to begin moving forward.

This leads to the obvious question: where do we want to go? To help answer that question, I have created a small working group of residents (Eileen Krieb, Matthew Nichols, and Stephanie Sobel), Trustee Kevin McGilloway, with the assistance of Village Administrator Bruce Kennedy acting as a communications conduit to ensure our entire community can contribute their thoughts to our

planning efforts. The committee will also assist in creating a sustainable financial plan, including fundraising events.

Towards these ends, this '325 Committee' has:

- Created a short video to afford everyone a better sense of the property and buildings (special thanks to Matthew Nichols for curating).
- Created a high-level questionnaire to get an initial sense of our community's thoughts on potential uses.
- Planned for the first of many public meetings (location dependent on COVID-19 regulations or on Zoom) on March 22 to review survey results, answer questions, and solicit input.
- Begun planning for an initial on-site fundraiser in June (stay tuned).

I urge all residents to go to the village website and select the '325 Committee' option for more information. The committee is actively seeking community input.

Many thanks to the committee for their hard work. I look forward to working with them and the entire Sea Cliff community to realize the exciting potential of our newest property.

Beach Parking Permit

Parking permits for the municipal beach parking lot are currently available at the Sea Cliff Village Hall. The application is available on the village website www.seacliff-ny.gov under forms and documents. Permits are issued at the Sea Cliff Village Hall along with a \$35 fee (cash or check).

Memorial Day Ceremony

by Phil Como

Monday May 30, 2022 at 9 a.m.
Memorial Park

Please join us on this important occasion where a brief program will be observed.

The 2022 Memorial Day commemoration will take place beginning at 9 a.m. on Monday May 30. We will either return to our annual parade that starts at Memorial Park with village organizations marching or will we have a brief ceremony at Clifton Park. As this issue of the Village Bulletin is going to press, a determination about the type of event has not yet been determined.

2022 Beach News

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

Welcome back to Sea Cliff beach! Our beautiful piece of paradise will officially open on Memorial Day weekend, and we can't wait to see you. After another crazy year, our beach offers peace and tranquility right at our doorstep, so please come and enjoy it! We are happy to have a great team working at the beach again for the 2022 season.

Please note that all kayak rack renewals will be at the beach office. If you had a rack for 2021 you need to renew by June 19 or it will be opened up for new rack holders. If you do not have a rack, or want to switch locations, stop down to the beach office as soon as possible to be put on a waiting list. The waiting list is first come, first serve. The beach accepts credit card, check or cash for membership, kayak racks, and parking permits. T-shirt sales are cash only please.

This season will again host children's storytime (an absolute favorite!), Sea Cliff Makeshop science classes for kids, yoga at the beach on Saturdays (please note that there are no facilities open for the yoga class), and Friday night beach music. Follow the Sea Cliff Beach Facebook page for up-to-date activity information, dates and times, as well as beach closures, special events, and more!

The beach will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., weekends only beginning Saturday, May 28, and then daily starting Saturday, June 25. We look forward to seeing you at the beach and sharing another great season together!

Mutual Concerns Committee

by Peggie Como, President, MCC

Due to the rise in COVID-19 cases, the Tuesday Mutual Concerns Senior Lunch Program at St. Luke's was suspended in December. We now see cases diminishing and we are hopeful that we can resume the lunch program on Tuesday, March 1. We know how important this program is to our seniors, and we can't wait to get back to St. Luke's! Our seniors are also anxious to resume the local bus tours given by former mayor Ed Lieberman.

This February, goody bags were distributed to the seniors that attend the lunch program. These bags contained rapid COVID-19 tests that were supplied to us through Nassau County Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton's office, KN-95 masks, game books, gloves, cookies and candy.

If anyone would like to join the fun, please call Peggie Como at 516-675-7239.

On the Love Front

Love Your Neighbor Project (LYNP) will be celebrating two years of supporting our community this May. "The evolution of where we started to where we are today to where we plan to be tomorrow is a journey I am grateful to be on every day," says LYNP founder Jaime Teich, who was the LI Herald Person of the Year 2020.

Here's a look at LYNP by the numbers:

1 People in the community LYNP initially set out to protect against COVID-19

24 Projects developed (including this February's Gifts for Goodness, which granted

the wishes of 35 neighbors)

30 Events and fundraisers

50 Local business partners

97 Percent of proceeds that go back to the community

2,250 LYNP connections to social goodness

5/21/22 Date for Rock for Love, Sea Cliff's Porchfest 2022. This progressive outdoor concert, in partnership with Sean Llewellyn and sponsored by the Sea Cliff Arts Council, will feature the music of community members from beginners to local musical celebrities on—you guessed it—porches throughout the village. Stay tuned for how to take part!

Produce Picks by Ricky Radish: Know Your Grapes

by Ricky Armata

Often, we categorize grapes by color. However, there are many types or varieties one should look for as they all possess different characteristics and flavors.

Green: Best variety available now is the Thompson, identifiable by its elongated shape. This variety eats best when yellow color started to break in the berry, this is sugar.

Red: Best variety available now is the Sweet Celebration. Identifiable by its round shape, it often can be mistaken for the seeded red globe. One of the best eating varieties with hard crunchy texture and sugar sweet flavors.

Trees Matter

by Ken Krumenacker, Sea Cliff Tree Committee

Springtime is the perfect time to provide your trees with some extra love and attention. You don't have to hug a tree to love a tree. Trees play a vital part in the village. Consider trees as an investment in your property. A tree canopy is your friend. For the health of the tree, mulch, prune, fertilize and clear debris from around the trunk root base and remove all ivy.

Trees are good for air quality, wildlife, soil erosion and shade.

They regulate temperature and bring beauty and vitality to our neighborhoods.

When residents complete their Tree Removal permits, the Sea Cliff ReLeaf Fund grows. This will enable the planned planting of forty-two new street trees to proceed.

The village will enjoy a beautiful blossoming spring.

Sea Cliff Village Museum to Reopen in March with Waterfront Exhibit

by Courtney Chambers, Museum Director

After a busy winter working to improve our attic and basement artifact collection storage areas, the Sea Cliff Village Museum will be reopening in March with a new exhibition on the history of the Sea Cliff waterfront. The Sea Cliff shoreline was a bustling place of recreation, transportation, and commercial activity during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Did you know that Sea Cliff Beach was the site of a protest to allow topless bathing? That a rivalry between bathing pavilions led to a brawl with axes? That in addition to the yacht club, Sea Cliff boasted a motor boat club? Visit the museum to discover these stories and more with the new exhibition Sea Cliff by the Sea. Step back in time and visit Sea Cliff as it looked over one hundred years ago. We would love to include any of your family photographs, artifacts, or family stories of the Sea Cliff waterfront during the summer resort period. Please contact the museum if your family is willing to share. In addition to upgrading our collection storage facilities over the winter, the museum has also made some improvements to the first floor exhibition gallery. We look forward to welcoming visitors back in March! The museum will be open on Wednesdays and Saturdays; if interested in serving as a docent, please email museum@seacliff-ny.gov.

The museum's board of trustees join me in thanking the law firm Marchese & Maynard for their recent generous donation to the Friends of the Sea Cliff Village Museum. This gift, one of the largest the museum has received, will assist the museum in our mission to preserve and showcase our village's historical treasures, and we are grateful.



This 1906 Henry Otto Korten photo shows the shorefront as it looked for a brief moment in time—after a fire severely damaged the ferry dock in 1905, and prior to the village taking ownership of the beach in 1908 and the removal of most of the private bathhouses.

Sea Cliff Welcomes New Senior Outreach Worker The Shoebox System

by Melissa Sornick, Sea Cliff Senior Outreach

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Melissa Sornik and I am the new Senior Outreach Coordinator for Sea Cliff Village. Although I'm new to this position, I'm not new to Sea Cliff or community outreach. I've lived in Sea Cliff since 2001 and I am a licensed clinical social worker with a private practice for children and families located in Sea Cliff Village. In addition to providing clinical services, my practice has focused on community outreach and program development. I am looking forward to putting those skills to work for Sea Cliff's seniors.

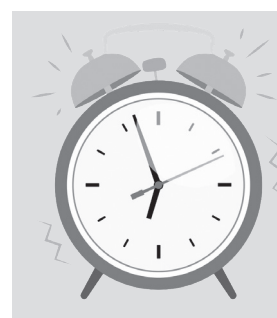
With that in mind, I would also like share an idea that I had during my first few weeks in this new position. I would like to initiate something I am calling a "shoebox system" for keeping important papers together throughout the year so that they are easy to locate when needed. Being somewhat organizationally challenged myself at times, but having to answer to my accountant every year, I have learned that although I may not keep things filed in the most orderly

way, I have two containers on hand to keep track of income and paid receipts, and a third for personal expenses. It may take a few minutes to sort through the papers, but at least I know where they are. For many of our seniors who rely on services like HEAP and SNAP as well as property tax reductions and other qualifiable discounts and services, it's important for them to be able to put their hands on important papers like the prior year's tax return, social security statements, bank statements and heating and utility bills. The anxiety of not being able to locate required documents at the end of the year, or to have to rely on others to help locate or request copies can be overwhelming.

With this in mind, a "shoebox system," literally a shoebox to collect all important documents

as they are received in the mail throughout the year, will make year-end service renewals and tax reductions easier to reapply for. It should also facilitate the process of annual taxes. I am happy to make a monthly home visit to quickly sort through collected papers so that at the end of twelve months all that will need to be done is complete any forms and attach the saved documents. Shoeboxes will be decorated by the children who participate in my practice's talent development program. Shoebox donations are welcome.

Anyone interested in setting up a "shoebox system" or anyone with any questions about services available to our senior community can reach me by email at msornik@seacliff-ny.gov. I look forward to hearing from you!



Spring Ahead!

Don't forget to change your clocks and check your smoke detectors on Sunday, March 13th.

Bill Before State Legislature Aims to Reduce Waste from Packaging

by Michelle Lapinel McAllister, Coalition to Save Hempstead Harbor

Plastic pollution is a global problem, and we can see the impact locally. Creation of plastic packaging, in particular, consumes energy and is a major contributor of greenhouse gas emissions. Waste generated by all types of packaging, as well as single-use items, continues to increase while recycling rates diminish and large quantities of material intended for recycling end up in landfills or incinerators. More must be done to reduce waste at the source and minimize the amount of garbage entering the waste stream. That's the goal of the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) bill, which is currently before the New York State legislature. The EPR bill targets waste products that result from packaging, shifting the burden of cost associated with dealing with that waste from municipalities to producers. In so doing, the bill should ultimately result in less packaging entering the waste stream and also increase recycling rates.

The EPR bill has now garnered support by Governor Kathy Hochul and has been included in her first-term executive budget. While the bill has the potential to create significant change, many environmental organizations are working to convince the governor and state legislature that the current bill needs to be a lot stronger. Suggestions to that end include:

- Eliminate all plastic in packaging
- Incorporate support for re-use/refill systems
- Set goals for reducing packaging by type of material used and volume

- Set design standards for packaging reduction

The Coalition to Save Hempstead Harbor has joined other environmental groups in discussing strategies to strengthen the EPR bill and other state legislation, such as an expanded Bigger Better Bottle Bill and a more comprehensive Toxics in Packaging Act.

While the EPR bill has been included in the executive budget, with final state budget approval by April 1, lawmakers can continue to consider the

matter throughout the legislative session, which closes in June. (EPR bills have already passed in Maine and Oregon and are in progress in numerous other states.)

Please write to Governor Hochul and our local legislators to support and strengthen the impacts of the EPR bill (see S.1185-C, <https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2021/s1185>; A.5801, <https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2021/A5801>).



Upcoming CSHH Events

Crawl for a Cause

Friday, March 4, 7 p.m. - 11 p.m.

Cost of the event: \$40

Includes 5 tickets to redeem at participating restaurants for food or drink item.

Purchase tickets on the day of the event, 5 - 8:30 p.m., at the CSHH office. Call 516-801-6792 for directions.

BRING YOUR OWN MUG!

Help us reduce plastic by bringing your favorite 12 oz. mug or tumbler. Mugs will be available for purchase.

BACK FOR 2022, \$20 POKER HAND!

Scudder's Pond Cleanup

Saturday, April 23 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Celebrate Earth Day 2022 by joining friends and neighbors for the CSHH spring pond cleanup.
(Rain date: Saturday, April 30)

For more info on both events go to
www.coalitiontosavehempsteadharbor.org
Call: 516-801-6792 E-mail: cs hh.org@gmail.com

New York State Foam-Free Ban

by Mark Sobel, Environmental Conservation Committee member (ECC)

Who hasn't gone to a deli for lunch or ordered takeout from a restaurant and their food was packed in those white clamshell polystyrene containers? Thankfully, New York State's legislative session ended with the passage of a bill banning all expanded polystyrene foam containers and loose-fill packaging (those annoying peanuts thrown into boxes that do nothing but disperse everywhere) effective January 1, 2022. This is great news for our environment, the hopes of recycling in our community and for the health and welfare of our residents.

New York City had banned polystyrene in 2019 and Nassau County followed a few months

after that, but with mixed results. Now the entire state will be subject to the ban, which mirrors the city's rules and aims to dramatically reduce the amount of difficult-to-recycle foam that finds its way into landfills, or worse, our waterways.

"We all grew up with these Styrofoam cups blowing around the street and waterways and parks," said Basil Seggos, the state environmental conservation commissioner. "That stuff doesn't biodegrade. So, we've seen a good increase in cleanliness in the city and where these bans have been in place, and we're looking forward to seeing that statewide now."

These polystyrene foam con-

tainers and loose fill packaging are not accepted by recycling programs in New York State because the foam is difficult to recycle, easily contaminates the recycling stream, is often soiled, and has low value.

The affected businesses and organizations include any food service provider that is engaged in selling or distributing prepared food or beverages for consumption including the following:

- Restaurants, delis and coffee establishments;
- Food trucks, street vendors and cafeterias;
- Hotels, motels and inns;
- Community meal programs;
- Sporting venues and amuse-

- ment parks;
- Faith-based organizations;
- Hospitals and schools.

The banned items include any single-use, disposable polystyrene container such as bowls, cartons, clamshells, cups, lids, plates and trays; also, packing peanuts or other void-filling packaging product made of polystyrene foam.

It should be noted that there are exemptions for groceries that use containers for raw meat, pre-packaged food sealed prior to receipt and hard plastic food service containers marked with a number 6 on it. The NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has listed alternatives that these estab-

The Sea Cliff Gardener

by Donna Kianka, Winter's Edge Micro Farm

And just like that, we are back to spring. March is the time to plant peas, providing the soil is not soggy. Peas are traditionally planted around St Patrick's Day, and I think it is a rather nice tradition to open the gardens with this planting. Early spring is a time that seems to meander along and before you know it is May and warmer. It takes discipline to stay on track with cold-weather plantings. It is rare that I think it is a good time to plant lettuce on cold spring days.

Some gardeners practice planting by the phases of the moon. It is supposedly a good time to plant above-ground bearing vegetables (corn, tomatoes, watermelon, and zucchini) during the waxing (from the new until it is full) of the moon. Those flowers and vegetables that bear below the ground should be planted during the waning of the moon (from the full to the day it is new). As the moonlight changes nightly, the plants respond by growing accordingly. The underlying premise is the moon impacts the moisture in the soil like the gravitational pull causes tides. Does it work? Some farmers and gardeners practice this religiously and others, not so much.

As gardeners, we also need to be cognizant of the freeze dates for our area. According to the Farmer's Almanac the last spring frost date is April 10 for this area. The first fall frost is November 4. We have a 207-day growing season. But as growers, we must keep an eye on the weather and as none of these dates are carved in stone. These dates should be used in planning

our gardens and when reading the back of the seed packages. If your seed instructions read two weeks before the last spring frost, they are referencing the 27th of March.

And keep on growing, as the best vegetables and fruits will come from your own gardens. This includes the best flowers. I am growing a flower called Love-in-a-mist. This plant belongs in the buttercup family, germinates within 2-3 weeks, and should be planted from seed as soon as the soil can be worked in the early spring. This is an excellent cutting flower, and the seed pods can also be used in dried arrangements. There are many online companies that offer the seeds including Johnny's: (<https://www.johnnyseeds.com/flowers/nigella/love-in-a-mist-nigella-seed-1532.html>).

Happy gardening and enjoy the spring.



A Colorful, Caring Career and Community

by Elizabeth Winchester

On January 28, Pam Shea [Weingart] walked down the long hallways of North Shore Middle School to a school-wide clap out. It was her last day of more than thirty years of teaching art in the district. “If you want to make someone feel appreciated, I highly recommend giving them a clap out,” said Shea. “That was one of the greatest moments of my life.”

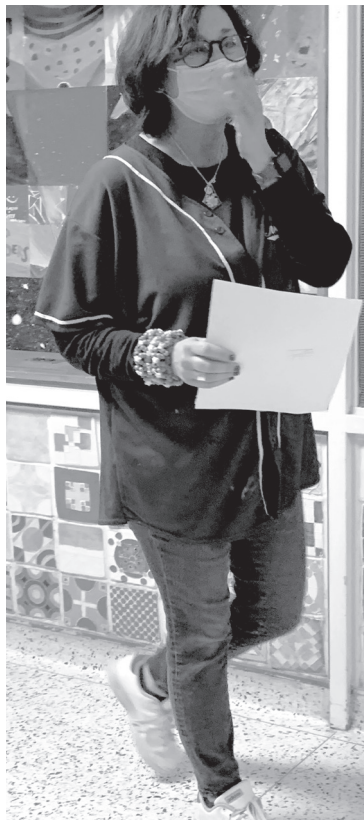
The “amazing outpouring of love” for Shea on her retirement is due to her long-time connection to the community and district, as well as her creativity, commitment, and overall person. Shea spent the better part of forty-six years of her life in North Shore Schools, starting kindergarten in 1971 at Sea Cliff School and graduating from North Shore High School in 1984. Her siblings, children, nieces and nephews have also gone through the North Shore Schools.

“I am in awe of the education they received from the incredibly dedicated staff and faculty. For me it was always such an inspiring place to work because everyone cares so deeply about their students,” Shea explained. “The teachers and all support staff strive to deliver the best experience for their students and collaborate tremendously. There is a shared level of caring and investment in the whole child that feels more like a big family than an institution.”

The Trail to Teaching

Shea graduated from Duke University with degrees in Art History and Psychology and hoped to work in a museum or an art gallery. But after her first day of subbing in 1988 at what was then North Shore Junior High School, “I was hooked,” Shea said. “I absolutely loved it.” Shea enrolled in the master’s program in Art Education at Long Island University, subbed, student taught at Manorhaven and Weber Middle Schools in Port Washington, and not too long after was called for her first position in the North Shore district.

For Shea, being an art teacher in the district was a privilege. “I have always felt like our community values the arts tremendously,” Shea explained. “Unlike many art teachers in other communities who need to fight for validation of the importance or even the continuation of their



On her last day, Shea wore a jersey with the number 88 on it signifying her first year of work in the district.

programs, the arts at North Shore have been supported and celebrated.” She remembers an administrator years ago calling the arts the “jewel in the crown” of the district.

For many years Shea was the only art teacher at the Middle School, which meant she taught every person who graduated from North Shore High School. As enrollment has ebbed and flowed, she also had the opportunity to teach in every building in the district. Shea started with chalkboards and art books checked out from local libraries, and is leaving with smartboards and chromebooks. “I can’t really say there were ‘highlights’ in my career although teaching many ‘grand-students’ over the years might be a highlight,” Shea said. “It’s really amazing to teach the child of someone you taught.”

Shea’s primary goal for her students was to have them all come away from their time in her class with a positive feeling. “I wanted them to feel empowered, creative, successful and seen,” she said.

With her epic clap-out send-off, Shea’s students and colleagues did just that for her.

Celebrate Spring with the Sea Cliff Arts Council

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

Happy Spring from Sea Cliff Arts Council. Our mission is to blend art, culture and community to discover, inspire and create together. Hope you got to see our show showcasing the “Beauty of Hempstead Harbor” at Sea Cliff Library. Proceeds of sales benefitted Coalition to Save Hempstead Harbor in honor of their efforts to keep our waters clean. Exhibits coming up at the library: Doug Barnaby for March/ April, Susanne Hipel for May/ June and Patricia Kaegi Weiss for July/ August.

We are pleased to announce our newest endeavor: the SCAC original music concert series. We kick it off with a father/

son collaboration, featuring the art and music of Frank Ferrara and the new album release from son John, at St. Luke’s Church, March 5th at 8 p.m. Celebrate Andy Aledort’s latest album at the release party at Still Partners on March 18th at 8 p.m.

On March 13th, Second Sundays are back! Join us at St Luke’s annex from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., shop our local businesses, hear live music and, new this year, visit our Creativity Corner where kids can explore a variety of mediums while making something all their own. In the warmer months, Second Sundays heads outdoors to the village green. Be sure to stop by.

Weather permitting, we host Poetry in the Park on the last Wednesday evening each month at Spooky Park.

If you are an art lover and want to learn more about our events, sign up for our email newsletter by sending a request to seacliffartscouncil@gmail.com. Find great images and art news on Facebook at Sea Cliff Arts Council and Instagram @seacliffartscouncil. As we continue to compile a list of all the creatives in town, you are invited to introduce yourself and your work to us via email any time. Stay tuned for more fun collaborations coming up. Thanks for your support!

Popping In with the Potters

by Elizabeth Winchester

The beginning of the week has been extra delicious for local take-out diners. That’s thanks to Tanya and Jason Potter, who started What’s Pop-In on January 17. The Potters, who have many years of restaurant experience, offer take out options on Monday and Tuesday nights. Customers pick up their meals from the Metropolitan Bistro, where the cooking is done.

During the pandemic, the Potters became close with Bistro owners Billy and Anita. “We’ve partnered on holiday catering, Mother’s Day brunch, and other occasions,” Tanya explained, “so when they mentioned they were closing the restaurant on Mondays and Tuesdays during the Omicron surge, we offered to do a pop-up take out concept to keep things exciting and fresh here in town.”

The Pop-In menu, which has included pizza, tacos, and ramen, changes weekly. “Each week we get more and more people calling or texting in orders,” said Tanya. “By week three, we were sold out by 11 a.m.”



Jason and Tanya Potter.

Want in on the Pop-In? Find the menus posted in the Facebook group “What’s Pop-In Sea Cliff” and on Instagram @whatspop_insc. While the Potters only plan to continue the service through February—possibly into March—they intend to again run the Sea Cliff Beach Café as they did last summer. The Potters also hope to open a restaurant in Sea Cliff so the community can pop-in with them all year long.

Take Advantage of the Library’s Wide Array of Garden & Museum Passes

by Peggy Brucia

Thanks to the generous support of the Sea Cliff community, the Friends of the Sea Cliff Library (FoSCL) is delighted to offer residents four new family memberships to the following museums: the Heckscher Museum in Huntington; Raynham Hall Museum in Oyster Bay; the New York Historical Society and the American Museum of Natural History, both in Manhattan. These new additions join a full complement of museum and garden passes already provided by the Friends. They include: Brooklyn Botanic Garden, The Cradle of Aviation, Garvies Point, The Guggenheim Museum, Intrepid Air and Space Museum, Long Island Children’s Museum, MOMA, New York Hall of Science, Nassau County Museum, Old Bethpage Village, Old Westbury Gardens, and Planting Fields Arboretum.

Passes may be reserved and checked out in the Adult Library. We urge all library patrons to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to enjoy the cultural, educational and environmental attractions of New York City and Long Island. Your gift to the library is a gift to the community, for which the FoSCL is grateful.

Spring Awakenings at the Sea Cliff Village Library

by Camille Purcell, Library Director

Warmer weather ushers in renewed hope for a bright future in our Sea Cliff community. This winter saw many of us hunker down as cold weather and the new COVID-19 variant brought new challenges. The library has been steadfast in its resolve to remain a place where all are welcome, while trying to keep staff and patrons safe.

Our children's department kept our youngest patrons entertained in all kinds of weather. Neither the chilliest winds nor a light frost on the ground deterred department head Ann DiPietro from entertaining the village's children with her wonderful outdoor storytelling! Her dedication, determination to weather the elements and her enthusiasm to share her love of storytelling is a wonder to behold.

Spring programming is taking shape under the direction of librarian Sue Barell. We will be offering a wide variety of pro-

grams to educate and inform our Sea Cliff community. We welcome our middle and high schoolers to take advantage of the new blogging platform on our website. Librarian Janet Gillen has been working on this project and we look forward to reading and posting their reviews on their favorite books, movies and games. Tween crafts and book discussions are available for students in grades five and up. Keep your eyes open for announcements and join in the fun. These programs are free and offer a way to stay connected to and engaged with the library.

Take advantage of our museum pass program, sponsored by the Friends of the Sea Cliff Library. This organization works tirelessly to raise awareness and funds for the library. The Friends are always looking for new members. Please check out their website: [https://www.](https://www.friendsoftheseaclifflibrary.com/)

[friendsoftheseaclifflibrary.com/](https://www.friendsoftheseaclifflibrary.com/). If you haven't been to the library in a while, we invite you to come in, sign up for a card and use our resources. All you need is proof of a Sea Cliff address. You can add your library card to your phone using our app—Nassau Public Libraries—it's easy to use and you can keep track of your library items. Please remember to return/renew your library materials. Even though there are no fines for most library items, patrons still need to return them. Items returned in poor/damaged condition will result in replacement costs being assessed. Be a good library citizen and do your part to make this fine-free movement a success.

"A library outranks any other one thing a community can do to benefit its people. It is a never failing spring in the desert." – Andrew Carnegie.

Come Together at the Children's Library

Photos courtesy of Ann DiPietro



What's a little cold when you can hear a good story? Storytime at the Children's Library meets outside throughout the year. Register at scchildrenslibrary@gmail.com.



Families celebrate a New Year on noon of the eve.



Pretzels and Paperbacks discuss another great book—funded by the Friends of the Library.

Children's Library Update

by Ann DiPietro, Children's Library Coordinator

Hi all! Despite the turbulent times we are living in, the Children's Library continues to offer a myriad of programs. Our Storytimes meet on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays at 10 and 11 a.m. on the front lawn of the library throughout the year. All ages are welcome, but space is limited, so registration is necessary for all our programs. Pretzels and Paperbacks meets also on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays every week—again on the front lawn. Registration is limited to ten children at each session so that everyone can get a chance to share ideas. These book groups are funded by the Friends of the Sea Cliff Library. Crafty Kids is a stimulating Grab and Go program with a different craft each week for children ages 7 and up. The library is open throughout the week to browse and check out books—plus we offer an exciting "Bag of Books" program—e-mail us, and we gather ten books especially suited to your child's interests. To register for any of these programs, email us at scchildrenslibrary@gmail.com. Looking ahead to the summer months, mark your calendars: Storytime at Sea Cliff Beach will meet on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. beginning the end of June and continuing through August.

Sea Cliff Junior Baseball and Softball Association

by James W. Versocki, Outgoing Commissioner Sea Cliff Jr. Baseball and Softball Association

It is with great excitement that our hometown junior baseball and softball league announces that registration is open for the spring 2022 season! Baseball and softball have a long history in our community, and nothing is better than the sound of bats hitting balls and children playing the "national pastime" in our wonderful Sea Cliff parks. Registration is open to all children in Sea Cliff and the North Shore community for those enrolled in Pre-K through 7th grade. Our league is a welcoming league for children of all skill levels as we teach children the game, how to be great teammates, and have fun. More information and online registration can be found at www.scbaseballsoftball.com.

Please note that registration is open until March 15th with the opening day parade scheduled for April 2nd. Local businesses wishing to sponsor a team may find a sponsorship form on the website as well.

On a personal note, I have had the great pleasure of being a part of this league for nearly a decade. I have met many of my neighbors through the league and I have truly enjoyed coaching many of your children and helping grow our league into one of the best leagues around (I know I am biased on this point!). I will always remember and cherish the wonderful times I have been able to spend with my son on the fields of Sea Cliff as a part of this league.

I would like to thank the dozens of coaches and league board members who have stepped up to be community leaders, grow the league, and keep the league strong; I thank each one of you for exemplifying the spirit of volunteerism that remains strong in this community. I would like to specifically thank Matt Camardella, my predecessor commissioner, and those commissioners before me who so ably set the foundation upon which our league has been built. While I will miss the league terribly, I am very happy to announce that Jason ("Jay") Bader will be assuming the helm as league commissioner. I know the league is in good hands with Jay and the board of directors.

I look forward to the sounds of spring at our parks for many years to come and am grateful for the trust you placed in me to be a caretaker of our community league.



Photo by James W. Versocki

Annual Organizational Meeting

Sea Cliff will hold its annual meeting on Monday April 4th at 7 p.m. at Village Hall. Please join us to honor the swearing in and appointments of all the members in our community who serve the Village.

INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF SEA CLIFF	day(s) of the month	time	Meeting location	additional information
Board of Trustees Conference	1st Monday	6:00 p.m.	See website	no comment period
Board of Trustees Meeting	2nd Monday	7:00 p.m.	See website	comment period
Architectural Review Board	2nd & 4th Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	See website	
Planning Board	2nd Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	See website	
Zoning Board	3rd Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	See website	
Environmental Conservation Commission	1st Thursday	7:00 p.m.	See website	
Landmarks Preservation Commission	4th Wednesday	7:30 p.m.	See website	
Tree Commission	2nd & 4th Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Field site visits	

Days, times and locations subject to change - please check the village website at www.seacliff-ny.gov or call 516-671-0080 to confirm information.

Recycling, Garbage & Other Refuse Information

Pickup 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 pickup or drop-off quantities

Recycling, Garbage & Other Refuse Pickup Schedule

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

Recycling & Garbage Holiday Schedules 2022

Holiday	Date Observed	Change in Schedule
Memorial Day	Monday 5/30/2022	No Garbage Pickup
Independence Day	Monday 7/4/2022	No Garbage Pickup
Labor Day	Monday 9/5/2022	No Garbage Pickup
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday 11/24/2022	No Garbage Pickup
Christmas	Sunday 12/25/21	No Change
New Year's Day 2023	Sunday 1/1/23	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 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.
Yard Waste, Garbage, E-Waste, C&D and Recycling	Saturday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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 INCLUDING GARBAGE PICKUP INFO

To comment or to contribute to the Village Bulletin email scvillagebulletin@gmail.com

Would you like to join the Village Bulletin staff? We are looking for volunteers. Contact scvillagebulletin@gmail.com

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

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

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING DATES 2022
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Monday	March	7	2022	Conference
Monday		14	2022	Meeting
Monday	April	4	2022	Organizational Meeting

Village of Sea Cliff Justice Court

All Courts Dates are WEDNESDAYS
7:30 p.m. - Village Hall DOWNSTAIRS

	Arraignment	Conference
March	9th	23rd
April	13th	27th
May	11th	25th
June	8th	22nd
July	13th only	
August	17th only	
September	7th	21th
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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