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# VILLAGE BULLETIN

2023

## Mayor's Update

by Mayor Elena Villafane



Mayor Elena Villafane

I, along with Trustee Pinto, attended the New York Conference of Mayors Winter Legislative Meeting in Albany on February 6 and 7. The agenda was robust and incredibly educational. It was an opportunity to connect with other mayors from both large and small municipalities and learn that the challenges we face are not unique. Traffic, speeding, and pedestrian safety came up frequently. These issues impact the quality of life in Sea Cliff in the same way they do a small village in western New York.

Climate impacts were the topic of two different breakout sessions. There was a session on recruiting and retaining good employees, and one discussing the future of an all-volunteer Fire Department when housing costs are driving volunteers from our

communities. These are all issues that our Board of Trustees deals with daily.

We were fortunate to hear from Lieutenant Governor Antonio Delgado, who offered a unique perspective gained from both his current position and his three years as U.S. Representative to Congress representing the 19th Congressional District of New York. He touched upon how difficult it was, in a district that was almost the size of Connecticut and Rhode Island combined, to keep in touch with the needs of his constituents. But the thing I found so compelling was when Delgado spoke of the "disconnected constituent," and how dangerous it is when people become so distrusting of government that they stop participating. In his view, it is dangerous for the health of our democracy when people stop caring enough to have an opinion and give voice to it. This message resonated with me in light of our Long Range Planning process, and the need for our residents to participate in the planning for the future vision of

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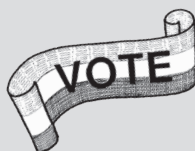
## Village Election 2023

### CIVIC ASSOCIATION: MEET THE CANDIDATES NIGHT

Wednesday, March 15 – 8 p.m.

St. Luke's Parish Hall/Community Center

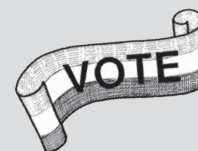
This forum is presented by the Sea Cliff Civic Association – All residents are invited to hear from the candidates running for village office.



### VILLAGE ELECTION DAY

DPW Garage, 66 Altamont Avenue

Tuesday, March 21; 12:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.



*Transportation is available. Call Village Hall at 516-671-0080.*

The 2023 Sea Cliff General Election will take place on Tuesday, March 21, 2023, for the purpose of electing the following officers of the village:

- Village Mayor for a term of two years for the office presently held by Elena Villafane, whose term expires April 3, 2023.
- A Village Trustee for a term of two years for the office presently held by Dina Epstein, whose term expires April 3, 2023.
- A Village Trustee for a term of two years for the office presently held by James Versocki, whose term expires April 3, 2023.

## Mark Your Calendars!

### Village of Sea Cliff Comprehensive Plan Public Workshop #2

Wednesday March 29, 2023; 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

St. Luke's Parish Hall – 253 Glen Avenue

You are invited to contribute to Sea Cliff's plan for the future!

Questions? Ideas? For more information, go to

[www.seacliffcomprehensiveplan.com/](http://www.seacliffcomprehensiveplan.com/)

Or contact Erinn at 516-671-0080 or [emcdonnell@seacliff-ny.gov](mailto:emcdonnell@seacliff-ny.gov)

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# Village Election 2023

## Mayoral Candidate Elena Villafane



Once again, I come before the voters of Sea Cliff and ask for your confidence and your vote as I seek reelection to a second term as Mayor of our beautiful village. When I look back over the last two years, I am proud of how much has been accomplished and humbled by what still needs to be done. In asking for your vote, I am committing to the voters of Sea Cliff to keep working on the never-ending "To Do" list that is at the core of municipal government.

Over the last two years, working with an incredibly talented group of Trustees and the commitment of a dedicated village staff, we have resumed in-person meetings; placed a new ambulance in service; purchased the former water department property; installed a new playground at the beach; enabled a social media presence on Facebook to further communicate with our residents; opted out of the marijuana legislation; completed the renovation of village hall offices; recaptured unused space to create a Mayor's Office; completed a face-lift on the Public Works facility; completed a significant road improvement project; finalized the sewer lines on 7th Avenue and Maple Avenue; right-sized our vehicle fleet as part of our continuing effort toward achieving designation as a Climate Smart Community; contracted for

an LED lighting program; investigated and applied for numerous grant opportunities, including New York Forward for the redevelopment of Glen Cove Avenue; realigned the Village organizational chart; completed the initial process for rebuilding the sea wall at the bottom of Tilley Place; facilitated Youth Activity Board events and adopted numerous pieces of legislation. This list is not exhaustive and does not capture the day-to-day activities that encompass village operations, nor does it address ongoing projects such as 325 Prospect and planning for the future.

We face uncertain economic times with interest rates rising and a sluggish real estate market. As we navigate the future, local government faces an extraordinary challenge from Governor Hochul's "Housing Compact," which has been introduced as part of the Governor's Budget. While local government recognizes the need for housing opportunities at all economic levels, it is local government – not state government – that is best positioned to answer that need in the best possible way for its community. This is an issue I and the Board have seen on the horizon and one of the many reasons we have advocated and implemented the Long Range Planning initiative.

So, as you can see, there is still much to be done and I am asking for your continued trust that I will use my education, professional experience and the knowledge I have developed in 11 years of public service to continue to serve the residents of Sea Cliff.

When I moved to Sea Cliff seven years ago, I knew that I would be a newcomer for a long time. I love the way residents start conversations by citing how many years they have lived here. There is such a pride of community, a love of the life here in Sea Cliff and the artistic bent that motivates, inspires, and energizes our residents.

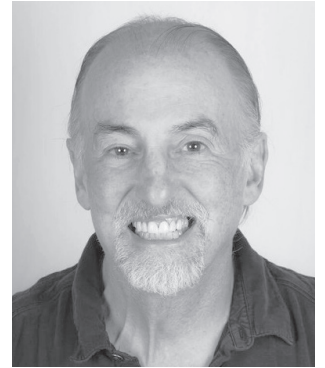
With humility, I seek your vote to serve as a Trustee on the Village Board of Trustees, under the skilled and professional leadership of Mayor Villafane and the most concerned and trusted board any village can have.

I believe that my education and work experiences will aid me in making the right decisions for our community. I earned a bachelor's degree from SUNY Stony Brook and a Master of Industrial & Labor Relations from Cornell University. I worked for over 40 years as a letter carrier, union official and President of the Queens Local representing 2,000 letter carriers, handling contract negotiations and workers' rights. Following retire-

ment, I served as Program Director and on the Advisory Board of The Creative Coalition, a national arts advocacy organization.

Sea Cliff has so much wonder to be protected: the harbor, beach, parks, roads, Victorian homes, and landmarks. But mostly, the village is about its residents. I am proud to have served as Chair of the Environmental Conservation Commission, which, along with the Board of Trustees, is working towards designating the village as a Climate Smart Community. In addition, I am a member of the Traffic and Safety Committee, working to ensure our streets and sidewalks are safe for all.

I serve on the Board of Directors of the Coalition to Save Hempstead Harbor, whose work is unmatched in protecting our waters. In addition, I am a board member of Blue Sunflower Foundation, committed to creativity, sustainability, thriving, and shining the light on organizations who positively change the world. Finally, along with three creative people,



I worked to reinvigorate a new home for the Sea Cliff Arts Council linking our community and businesses to the arts that are so valued and prevalent in our village.

I am thrilled to be considered for a role on the Village's Board, to join in its dedication, its concerns, its mission. I have been lucky to meet so many good people and look forward to meeting so many more, hearing your concerns, protecting our environment and our way of life. It is easy to do things for a community when one likes what one does. Caring and civic duty have always been my passion. I would be honored to have your vote this March 21 for Village Trustee. Thank you.

## Trustee Candidate James Versocki



My wife, Demetra, son, Jonathan, and I moved to Sea Cliff in 2010. We all know Sea Cliff is a special place. It is a village where every block and house tells us a story and our neighbors are unique and filled with a vibrant sense of life and purpose. It would be my honor to continue to

serve as a Trustee, especially with Mayor Villafane and the board of trustees.

Since moving to Sea Cliff, I have advocated for and served our community in many ways. My greatest joy has been working with our community's children as a coach and formerly serving as Commissioner of the Sea Cliff Junior Baseball and Softball league. As a member of the village board, I have had the pleasure of being the liaison to the Beautification Committee, Youth Advisory Board, and I currently serve as the village's liaison to the Museum and Youth Baseball Association. I also serve as the village's member on the Board of the Water Author-

ity of North Shore where Mayor Villafane asked me to coordinate the potential municipalization of our village's water supply. I am also currently the chair of the North Shore School District's Legislative Affairs Committee (LAC) which advocates for our community in Albany and at the local levels of government. I also previously served on the Village's Zoning Board of Appeals.

I am an attorney who specializes in labor and employment matters; I regularly draft state and municipal legislation, litigate cases in federal and state courts, and draft numerous complex agreements. I started my career as an



# Sea Cliff's Comprehensive Plan

by Nick Pinto, Village Trustee

Have you heard the news? The Village of Sea Cliff is preparing a Comprehensive Plan. New York State recommends that municipalities have and/or update their Comprehensive Plans on a regular basis, to properly identify changes and trends that the community is undergoing, as well as to develop a shared vision and implementation path for the future of the village. We want you to be a

part of the process.

How can you help? First, visit [www.seacliffcomprehensiveplan.com](http://www.seacliffcomprehensiveplan.com) to learn all about the plan and see some of the proposed chapters. You are encouraged to submit comments, questions and ideas on the "Plan Documents" page or on the "Events and Get Involved" page. We need and want your input.

What's next? The best way to learn about and be a

part of the comprehensive plan process will be our Public Workshop on March 29, 2023 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at St. Luke's Episcopal Church. This will be a "hands on" and interactive workshop. There will be opportunities to learn, be heard, and get involved.

Join us in forging the future of Sea Cliff – together.



**This spring, the Good of the Village Association (GVA) plans to repair and paint the pergola on Cliff Way, overlooking Sea Cliff Beach. Members are thrilled to be able to renovate this lovely structure that was originally built by the GVA many years ago.**

## Memorial Day Ceremony

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

**Monday, May 29 at 9 a.m.  
Memorial Park**

Please join us on this important occasion where a brief program will be observed. The 2023 Memorial Day commemoration and parade will take place beginning at 9 a.m. on Monday, May 29.

## The Water Authority of North Shore

by James Versocki, Village Trustee

Many have been asking about the water situation in our community. Sea Cliff and parts of five other surrounding communities (Glen Cove, Brookville, Roslyn Harbor, and large parts of Glen Head and Glenwood Landing) have always had private water dating back to before the incorporation of Sea Cliff. This water district is known as the Sea Cliff Water District. Over the last few years, our water services have been sold between multinational corporations and Liberty is currently the provider of our community's water services.

Due to numerous complaints related to water rates and services, the state legislature – led by Assemblyman Charles Lavine and former Senator James Gaughran – created the Water Authority of North Shore. The Authority was formed in 2022 with six

members appointed by our local governments (one each from the villages of Sea Cliff, Roslyn Harbor, Brookville, one from the City of Glen Cove and two from the Town of Oyster Bay). The Authority commenced meetings in May of 2022 and has begun preliminary discussions with Liberty on the municipalization of the water supply for the Sea Cliff Water District. The Authority has also retained the services of the second largest water supplier in New York State (the Suffolk County Water Authority) to assist in this process.

Please know that municipalization will take time because the Authority and Liberty must negotiate the value of the water district (i.e., the wells, towers, water infrastructure, etc.), come to terms on a sale price, and then coordinate the transition of the private water company

operations to the municipal entity. The Authority board (on which I sit as the Sea Cliff representative) hopes to continue to have movement on this process in 2023. Please know that until municipalization is complete, the Authority does not set water rates or run the system.

The Authority has created a website where you can keep up-to-date on information involving this very important issue for the community. The website can be found at [www.wanorthshorenny.gov](http://www.wanorthshorenny.gov).

The community is encouraged to attend Authority monthly board meetings, which are open to the public, and to report issues involving water services or questions to the Authority via the website. Meeting dates, times and locations are posted on the Authority website.

## Trustee Versocki

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Assistant Attorney General for New York State where I prosecuted companies that engaged in civil and criminal fraudulent acts. I also was counsel to the NYS Department of Labor and defended that agency in federal and state courts. These experiences have allowed me to work with, and build relationships with, many state agencies and local elected officials. These relationships and experiences provide me with a unique skillset that I believe can well serve our village.

If reelected as a trustee, I will continue to protect

the fiscal assets of the village and maintain its high bond rating while ensuring the village provides best in-class services, including well-maintained parks, the beach, our fire department, and our excellent libraries. Thank you for your vote and please feel free to email me any questions at [jversocki@seacliff-ny.gov](mailto:jversocki@seacliff-ny.gov).



## Mayor's Update

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Sea Cliff. As I have often said, this plan is not for me, for my friends, or for the people of my generation. We are in the sunset of our lives here in Sea Cliff. The Long Range plan is for our young families who will be here, hopefully, 30 years from now or more. It is their future that is being "planned." Our Long Range Planning process is close to 50 percent complete and it is critical that all voices are heard and that everyone has the

opportunity to contribute to their future. The Long Range Planning Committee has implemented numerous means and modes of participating either in person or electronically. I urge all our residents, particularly our younger families to get engaged and stay engaged in the process. On March 29, there will be a Town Hall meeting at 7 p.m. at St. Luke's Episcopal Church. I hope to see you there so I can hear what you think Sea Cliff should look like in the future.

# Sea Cliff Arts Council News

by Kathleen DiResta, President, Sea Cliff Arts Council

Sea Cliff Arts Council is keeping busy with lots of new programming at our new space and beyond.

At the Sea Cliff Library, a retrospective of the artwork of the late James Foote will be on view through March. Geri Reichgut's photos in honor of the 10 year anniversary of the Offbeat Artifact Sale will be on view during April, May, and June.

Thanks to Joan Harrison for the recent exhibit at 86 Roslyn Ave., titled "Head's Up." The colorful mixed media show brightened the space. For the month of March, Women's History Month, we host a photo exhibit by Sarah Hughes. Through portraits and interviews, "Safe & Sexy" explores how social conventions, economic struc-

tures, personal history, and location shape our visual and psychological landscape. You're invited to the opening on March 3. Workshops with Sarah will be listed on our website. We are collaborating with Arts Angels with North Shore student work in April. And in May, we are honored to host the colorful paintings of Wendy Csoka.

Mark your calendars for these cool cultural events: "Poems into Music" with poems by Hank Bjorklund transformed into songs with Helen Kotsky and Diane Menzel on March 5 at 12 p.m. Meet Jennifer Curn, author of Cradles of the Reich, on March 18 at 2 p.m. Ticket includes the book reading and a copy of the book. "Twisted Shorts" by Fred Stroppel on April

21 will keep you laughing. And we are working on a date to showcase the angelic voice of Joseph Stroppel. As always, we host music lessons, art, wellness, and more.

Our "Second Sunday" markets will continue to take place during the spring and summer. Come to town, stop by the vendors set up near the Library and enjoy the music and shopping throughout the village.

While we are the conductors of these great programs, it's YOU who helps make it happen. Visit [www.seacliffartscouncil.org](http://www.seacliffartscouncil.org) to sign up for classes, learn about events, and join as a member. When you do, you allow us to continue and grow our community. We appreciate it!

# Lighting the Way

by Bruce Kennedy, Village Administrator

We are in the home stretch of the LED street light upgrade. This is not just a simple swap out of light fixtures, but a complete assessment of the existing streetlights and a comprehensive evaluation of what is appropriate. We had a professional investment grade audit completed with respect to locations, light color, intensity, and light spread. Our goal is to have proper street and sidewalk lighting while also minimizing the light spread onto private properties. As part of the exercise, sample lights have been installed in a few locations so that the lighting could be experienced. The good news is that we have received no objections about them.

These lights will also include smart controls so that Village Hall will automatically know of any failures in live time. Additionally, we will have the capacity to address intensity concerns that may arise. While this is not an inexpensive capital project, the project has been financed in a way that the energy and maintenance savings will keep this a cash-positive improvement.

All purchase orders for the vendors have been issued and a contract has been signed with the contractor doing the installations, so work is scheduled to begin shortly.

**Interesting fact:** *The Village of Sea Cliff currently has 496 streetlights*

*and will have 508 when this project is complete.*

As it relates to the sewer grant monies from Nassau County that will assist residents with hook-up costs, we are on the final stretch of the paperwork. While everybody has the best of intentions, sometimes bureaucracy takes more time than we would like. There were many county departments that had to get on the same page. These included the Nassau County Department of Public Works, the County Attorney, the County Comptroller and the County Legislature. Everybody rightfully demands accountability along with proper oversight and control of government spending, and that is what has been occurring. Once again, I would like to acknowledge our County Legislator, Delia DeRiggi-Whitton, for spearheading this assistance to Sea Cliff residents who are part of the new sewer district.

On a final note, I would like to publicly offer good wishes to our recently retired Village Clerk, Marianne Lennon. At her retirement party, one of Marianne's daughters referred to her as my "work wife." I have worked side by side with Marianne for 14 years and didn't realize exactly how much I enjoyed it until she retired. She has been an unwavering friend and colleague and I wish her nothing but the best in her future endeavors.

## Sea Cliff's Fabulous Flappers at the Museum

by Courtney Chambers, Museum Director

The Sea Cliff Village Museum's current exhibit, Sea Cliff's Fabulous Flappers, is open and will run through May. Step back into the Roaring Twenties at the museum and view our rather fabulous collection of flapper dresses and accessories, including hats, purses, and jewelry. We would still love to add any family photographs you may have of your family members wearing their fabulous flapper attire during the 1920's!

Although the museum's current exhibit is focused on the fashion of the 1920's, behind the scenes we're putting together our next exhibit – Sea Cliff in the 1950's! But we can't do this without your help. Please consider sharing your 1950's artifacts, clothes, documents and photographs with the museum. The 1950's was a busy decade for the village – the Sea Cliff Summer Theatre operated from the old Tabernacle on Main Avenue, Sea Cliff High School closed and North

Shore High School opened, and the village celebrated its Diamond Jubilee (75th anniversary). Do you have photographs of your family on Sea Cliff Beach in the 1950's? School photos? Pictures of parades, Sea Cliff's 75th anniversary party, or other events? We would love to scan a copy and return your original to you. Thanks to professional photographer and Sea Cliff resident Henry Otto Korten, whose glass plate negatives are in the museum's archive, the museum has a strong collection of Sea Cliff photographs from the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Our collection of mid-century photographs is less robust. Please consider sharing a copy of your photographs of Sea Cliff from the mid-twentieth century with the museum. Email [museum@seacliff-ny.gov](mailto:museum@seacliff-ny.gov) if you have photographs you'd like to share with us!

We're always looking for docents to join us! If you're interested in serving as a docent at the mu-

seum, or would like to get more involved in any other capacity, please email [museum@seacliff-ny.gov](mailto:museum@seacliff-ny.gov). The museum is also still collecting Covid-19 artifacts for its collections. If you, your business, or your family have any photographs, signage, documents, masks, or other items dating from the recent pandemic, please consider donating them to the museum. Thank you for helping preserve Sea Cliff's history for future residents of our village.



Sea Cliff Summer Theatre operated from 1948-1956 in the old Tabernacle on Main Ave.



# Spring Awakenings at the Sea Cliff Library

by Camille Purcell, Library Director

Even though our winter was mild, in March, our thoughts inevitably turn to spring. Our spring programming calendar offers a number of varied fun programs for adults and young adults. Our librarian, Rosa Cella, has been busy selecting, scheduling, and promoting events for all of our patrons. With her guidance, Sea Cliff Library has been developing a Seed Library repository! This is something that we have been trying to do for quite some time and we are thrilled to finally offer it to the community. Sea Cliff patrons will have the option to check out up to five different varieties of plants and herbs. For our middle and high school

students, we revamped the Youth Services section of our website. They are now able to leave reviews on their favorite books, movies, and games.

Our museum pass program includes the Walt Whitman Birthplace Association. These passes have been generously sponsored by the Friends of the Sea Cliff Library. The Friends recently purchased binoculars and even a telescope to view the night sky. 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 at [www.friendsoftheseaclifflibrary.com](http://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. This makes it easy to keep track of your library items. Download the Libby app and the world of downloadable books awaits you. Sign up to receive reading lists based on your favorite reading genres, with our NextReads Newsletters. All these services are yours and all you need is your library card!

*"Libraries always remind me that there are good things in this world."* - Lauren Ward

## Adventure Awaits! And It Begins at the Sea Cliff Library

by Madeleine Mahnken, Co-President of the Friends of the Sea Cliff Library

Looking for an affordable adventure this winter? Look no further than the Sea Cliff Library, which affords patrons the opportunity to visit a number of wonderful institutions in the area for free! The tickets are funded by the Friends of the Sea Cliff Library. Residents with library cards are able to reserve tickets to many marvelous museums and gardens. These include Old Westbury Gardens, MOMA, Nassau County Museum of Art, Guggenheim, Long Island Children's Museum, Intrepid, Cradle of Aviation, New York Hall of Science, Brooklyn Botanical Gar-

dens, Planting Fields, Garvies Point, Raynham Hall, Heckscher Museum of Art, New York Historical Society, Museum of Natural History and Walt Whitman's Birthplace.

Soon, with additional funding from the Friends, the library will be implementing a software program known as Tixkeeper. This program will enable patrons to reserve these tickets online using a personal device like a home computer. Some museums even allow library cardholders to print on-demand museum tickets. Days when the library is closed, tickets can still be reserved and printed! But don't fret

if you aren't tech-savvy. A librarian can still help you reserve them online.

Thank you to Camille Purcell, our brilliant Library Director, for researching this software program and making it even more convenient for patrons to take advantage of these tickets. So treat yourself and your loved ones to a day of adventure! Stroll through opulent gardens or marvel at modern art! Educate yourself about local history or have your mind blown at one of our incredible science museums. How lucky we are to live in a place with so many phenomenal attractions so close to home!

# Mutual Concerns Committee

by Peggie Como, President, MCC

Many people don't realize that there are people in our community who go without proper food every day due to a variety of factors including low wages, job loss, injuries, illness, age or divorce. While all of us are susceptible to hard times, children and the elderly are most at risk.

In times like this, we're reminded of how interconnected we are. Many in our community have already donated food and made financial donations to us. The outpouring of love and support has been awe-inspiring and we can't thank you enough!

The Mutual Concerns Senior Lunch Program is back and running. Our seniors enjoy a half hour of chair yoga, a delicious

lunch and bingo or other fun activities. Transportation is available.

As a special treat, former Mayor Ed Lieberman has been giving historical tours of local areas on Fridays. Ed is a lover of history and so far the seniors have traveled to Oyster Bay, Sagamore Hill, a Roslyn/Great Neck historical tour, and the Culper Spy Tour Route, which goes along Route 25A to Northport. The village bus is provided and seniors receive a picnic lunch. All seniors can join in on the fun even if they don't attend the lunch program.

If you'd like more information about the lunch program or the tours, please call Peggie Como at 516-675-7239.



Chair Yoga at the Senior Lunch program.

## Heads Up from the Sea Cliff Beautification Committee

The annual **Beautification Plant Sale** will be held on Saturday, May 6 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. on the front lawn of Saint Luke's Church. *Rain or Shine.*

All proceeds are dedicated to making Sea Cliff beautiful.

Sea Cliff's **SECRET GARDEN TOUR** is set for Saturday, June 10 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Save the date so you can enjoy the walking tour through the village's hidden landscapes and gardens. Refreshments are included along the way in one of Sea Cliff's shaded parks cared for by SCBC. Details to follow!



## Move to the Music!

Move to the music, Sea Cliff! Look for a bigger, better, second annual Porchfest this May as 25+ local bands and musicians join together in a progressive concert across Sea Cliff. Rock For Love Porchfest is a project begun by Sean Llewellyn in conjunction with the Love Your Neighbor Project. In a band? Register to play at [www.lypn.org/porchfest](http://www.lypn.org/porchfest). Or donate your porch for the tour! The music plays May 20. Rain date: May 21. Lots of surprises to come!

# A Tree Has Found a Home

by Sea Cliff Tree Committee

There are many special places in the Village of Sea Cliff but none lovelier than the village green in front of the library. The Cedar of Lebanon, planted in 1944 as a memorial to the Methodist Church Men's Bible Class, graces the space with history, age, and beauty. A Blue Spruce stands tall on the north side, planted in honor of the Hendrickson Family. With the help of Sue Giordano and Bill Laderer, a spruce tree was chosen and planted next to the bell to celebrate the holiday season during the COVID winter of 2019. The initial vision for the tree was to enjoy some time on the green, then move it to a suitable park or playground. The time for the move has come. The Village located a lovely site on the corner of Central Avenue and 15th Avenue where the spruce will grow to its potential. The Department of Public Works has been in charge of the care in moving it. Thank you to the DPW and the women and men of the Village Hall for their support in this effort. Take a visit to the spruce tree's new home and say hello.

## Calling All Lifeguards

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

Time to start thinking about our beautiful beach! Memorial Day weekend will be here before we know it!

We are happy to have a great team working at the beach again for the 2023 season; however, we will need some new lifeguards as the majority of ours head off to college this year. If you are 16 or older, love to swim, and love the beach, go to [www.redcross.org/take-a-class](http://www.redcross.org/take-a-class) to find locations and upcoming courses. If you are interested, please notify village hall as soon as possible so we can prepare our 2023 roster.

As a reminder, all kayak rack renewals will take place at the beach office. If you had a rack for 2022, you need to renew by June 18 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 cards, check or cash for membership, kayak racks, and parking permits.

We are planning to have favorite activities return; story time, Sea Cliff Make-shop, yoga, Friday night music as well as adding in some new things too! Follow the Sea Cliff Beach Facebook page (in season) 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. – 5 p.m. weekends only beginning Saturday, May 27 and then daily starting Saturday, June 24. We look forward to seeing you at the beach and sharing another great season together!

## Beach Parking Permit

Parking permits for the municipal beach parking lot are currently available at Sea Cliff Village Hall. The application is available on the village website ([www.seacliff-ny.gov](http://www.seacliff-ny.gov)) under forms and documents. Permits are issued at the Sea Cliff Village Hall, and cost \$35 (cash or check).

During the pandemic, Peter Primont, like many, took to walking. A lot. During his walks, he noticed tons of bottles and other trash scattered on Tappen Beach. But unlike many, Peter decided to do something about it – pick it up.

When Peter first started his daily trash walks around the village, he'd fill five tall, white, kitchen garbage bags. His family thought he was crazy. Until they didn't. "We started feeling badly that we weren't helping so he gave us grabbers," Peter's wife and pick-up partner, Cindy Ash-Primont, explained. Peter's daughter, Brooke, started helping regularly, too. "We became apprentices and learned how to use the grabbers."

Peter also taught them his Do's and Don'ts and special lingo, like, Butt-crack: a cigarette butt in a sidewalk crack. "There are cigarette butts all over the place. They slow you down, but I have a philosophy – I'll pick it up if I don't have to break my stride," Peter explained, adding that, "on any given day, [he] could pick up at least 100 cigarette butts – and that's without going past Still Partners and Gallagher's."

*Butthole*: a cigarette butt on a manhole cover. *Double back*: garbage passed by mistake that you go back to collect. *CNFN (Color Not Found in Nature)*: trash that's not a natural color. "A color that stands out like a neon sign saying, 'pick me up, pick me up,'" Cindy explained. "Like the yellow packaging on Ricola cough drops, which makes you sing out, 'Ricola!' People probably think we're crazy." Hmm...no! ;) *Pizza box fold-over*: the special technique for folding a pizza box so it fits into the garbage bag.

Cindy and Peter shared that prime places for pick-

# Talking Trash

by Elizabeth Winchester

ing up include Carpenter Ave., the curved, one-way street coming up from Sea Cliff Beach. This is the street that "does not disappoint, 99.9 percent of the time," said Peter. "The Considerate Litterer leaves trash there." This title is reserved for a McDonald's-loving litterer who puts all his food wrappings inside the large, clear soda cup and leaves it there. Near the top of that street on Prospect Ave. is what Cindy refers to as "Lover's Lane" – no explanation needed! They don't get to the stretch of Downing between Glenlawn and the Methodist Church often enough but when they do, "it's usually so bad that I can't even finish cleaning it up because the bag gets too heavy and there isn't a nearby garbage can," said Cindy. *Note to Village Hall: Can we please put a garbage can there?*

The Primonts have spotted the other couple who have been also picking up trash around town. (Who are you?!) That couple generally takes different routes. The Primonts are

thankful for their help in creating a cleaner community. And it is cleaner! These days, the Primonts together only fill two kitchen bags on their trash walks instead of the original five!

"We theorize that if people notice the village is cleaner, they may think twice about littering," said Cindy. "People often roll down their car windows to thank us and that always makes us smile!"

Would you like to join the clean-up crew? Peter has generously offered to buy grabbers for anyone who would like to help, and assures all that after reading this article, "you're going to start seeing trash where you've never seen it before."

If you'd like a grabber, please email [scvillagebulletin@gmail.com](mailto:scvillagebulletin@gmail.com). And if you have a community service project that you'd like to highlight in the next issue, include that, too. We're all for spotlighting things residents can do to help make Sea Cliff a better place.



Peter and Cindy, on the job with pup Bree.

Photo courtesy of Sebastian Li.



# Estelle Moore to be Honored

by Renee Swanson, Gala Co-Chair



The North Shore Soup Kitchen will honor Sea Cliff's own Estelle Moore at a Gala Event on Thursday evening, May 18 at the Unitarian Universalist

Congregation at Shelter Rock.

Estelle has served as president of the North Shore Soup Kitchen since 2009. During that time, with the exception of the short period when the soup kitchen was closed due to the pandemic, she has been at the soup kitchen whenever it is open. She arrives early and stays late, until everything and everyone is taken care of. For Estelle, there has never been a problem that couldn't be solved and, throughout her tenure, she

has addressed every issue with intelligence, creativity and an impeccable work ethic. For her, the guests always come first. Many hundreds of lives have been impacted by her skill and devotion to each guest, and to the mission of the North Shore Soup Kitchen, *Feeding the Hungry with Dignity and Respect*.

Please join us on May 18 to celebrate Estelle. For tickets and sponsorship opportunities, go to [www.northshoresoupkitchen.org](http://www.northshoresoupkitchen.org).

# Water Conservation in the Peak Season

by Michelle Lapinel McAllister,  
Programs Director, CSHH

Due to concerns about the long-term availability of safe drinking water on Long Island, CSHH commissioned and released a report called "Water Sustainability for Hempstead Harbor Communities," researched by leading local aquifer expert Sarah Meyland, MS, JD. Water usage for seven local water districts is analyzed as to whether they meet the required 15% water usage reduction set by the New York Department of Environmental Conservation. During the period studied, Sea Cliff's water usage increased by almost 4%.

Water usage goes up dramatically from May through September, referred to as the peak season. For Sea Cliff, these five months represent roughly 56% of water usage for the entire year. Long Island has one source of drinking water, and that is the groundwater aquifer. Taking less from the aquifer allows it to successfully recharge. Pumping out too much water can cause additional problems such as saltwater intrusion. The Lloyd aquifer on which

Sea Cliff relies is especially vulnerable to saltwater intrusion. Emerging contaminants also threaten our drinking water, and the risk of closing contaminated wells further diminishes the available water supply.

There are lots of ways for individuals to reduce water consumption, particularly during the peak season. These include use of low-maintenance native plants, xeriscaping (landscape design that uses drought-tolerant plants and other features), smart irrigation systems (such as rain sensors) that tailor watering needs to your yard, and rain-barrel collection systems for garden irrigation. Focusing on ways to conserve water as individuals and as a community is a great way to kick off this peak water-demand season.

Please read the full report on our website, [www.coalitiontosavehempsteadharbor.org](http://www.coalitiontosavehempsteadharbor.org), found under Resources/Water-Quality Reports/Water-Supply Sustainability.



## Upcoming CSHH Events

### SCUDDER'S POND CLEANUP

Saturday, April 22 (rain or shine), 9 – 11 a.m.

Please bring: bucket for collecting trash, work gloves, boots, long pants, three-pronged rake for grabbing (optional)

Meet at the Shore Road entrance to Scudder's Pond. Please keep cars off the road; parking is available at Tappen Beach.

### HARBORSIDE GALA: YEAR OF THE OYSTER

Thursday, April 27 at the Sea Cliff Manor, 6:30 – 10:30 p.m.

The event includes a cocktail hour, full buffet, open bar, local clams and oysters.

Tickets are \$150 per person.

### For more information

visit: [www.coalitiontosavehempsteadharbor.org](http://www.coalitiontosavehempsteadharbor.org)

call: 516-801-6792 email: [info@thecshh.org](mailto:info@thecshh.org)

# The Sea Cliff Gardener

by Donna Kianka, Winter's Edge Micro Farm

Get your pea seeds and shears ready as March is the month for pruning and pea planting. It is also the season for flower shows and sales. Hicks has a rather nice flower show from March 10-25, while the Philly flower show runs from March 4-12. Hicks is free, providing you can escape the show without stuffing your cart with seed packages and plants. Garvies Point Museum holds their Native Plant Sale April 29 so check their website for a list of plants available for purchase and preorder. I am looking to buy prairie smoke plants myself. Clark Gardens also has a plant sale in the be-

ginning of May, which is quite extensive.

Sea Cliff Beautification has a plant sale on May 6 at St Luke's Church on Glen Ave., which helps support community programs. During the summer of 2022, Beautification used prior funds to remove the weed trees from the hillside of Veteran's Memorial Park to improve the view of Hempstead Harbor. The Beautification Garden Tour will be held on June 10, and tickets will be on sale through local businesses. This is an opportunity to see the gardens and landscapes of your neighbors.

Poison ivy is the gardener's nemesis. This is one of

the most toxic of all weeds and should be approached well covered from head to toe. Do not pull, but rather cut it at the base and dispose of it in a heavy plastic bag. Poison Ivy should not be composted. Weed killers will alter the soil and kill the surrounding plants. I have exhausted numerous weeds by just cutting but this takes time and patience. A cocktail of salt, vinegar and water will be effective in killing this plant. I have a plastic bottle with a tiny hole that allows for accurate applications. If you have a crop of poison ivy and do not care about the soil, use a small amount of Clorox

by the base of the plant. It is important to know what this plant looks like as it is not uncommon for hedges and privets to have the ivy grow up and through the branches.

As a follow-up to my last Bulletin article, more information was obtained about the former greenhouse at 46 Dubois Avenue. In the May 9, 1931 issue of Sea Cliff News, it was reported that "William S. Linnekin's garden, one of the loveliest in Sea Cliff, was completely ravaged on Monday night." The gardens and greenhouse were vandalized and approximately \$500 of rare Holland tulips were stolen.

Other plants were plucked or trampled, and the gardens were destroyed. Sounds like Linnekin had a jealous adversary – and we think this type of vandalism only happens today. However, the greenhouse and gardens appeared to have recovered as in 1945, Isabelle De Puy Finholm was selling tomato plants, broccoli, lettuce, petunias, candytuft, and herbs from the greenhouse. She advertised in the Sea Cliff News.

We are now in the planting season. Plant it all: seeds, good actions, and hope.

# Help Needed to Reduce Nitrogen in Hempstead Harbor

by Eric Swenson, Executive Director, Hempstead Harbor Protection Committee

Excess nitrogen in our bays and harbors has been identified as one of the major water-quality problems that we face here and throughout Long Island. It can lead to algae growth (some of which are toxic to humans and animals), decreases in oxygen levels in the water (which can lead to fish kills), and loss of wetlands (which provide habitat and protection for our coasts).

How can homeowners in Sea Cliff help to reduce nitrogen in our harbor? In addition to installing a new septic system (for those who are not in a sewer area), you can participate in the Coalition to Save Hempstead Harbor's oys-

ter gardening program. For most of you though, the easiest way is to reduce or eliminate fertilizer use.

1. **Don't fertilize!** If you like the way your lawn looks, then you don't need to fertilize at all!

2. **Keep grass clippings on your lawn.** Grass is 80 percent water and so it takes a short period of time for clippings to decompose and provide natural, slow-release nitrogen for a thriving, healthy lawn. Leaving grass clippings on the lawn allows you to lessen the amount of fertilizer you apply by up to 25 percent.

3. **Apply less fertilizer.** If you use fertilizer, ap-

ply one-third to one-half the amount recommended on the fertilizer bag.

4. **Calibration is key.** If you fertilize, calibrate your spreader at the correct application rates. Equipment used to spread fertilizer should be calibrated for a single application rate of a maximum of 0.6 pounds of total nitrogen per 1,000 square feet at least once annually or each time fertilizer products are changed. Directions are also available on the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Suffolk County website.

5. **Timing is everything.** If you are going to fertilize, apply it at the right

time – close to Labor Day and/or Memorial Day. On Long Island, if you fertilize once a year, it makes the most sense to do so around Labor Day.

6. **Shrink your lawn.** One of the most effective methods is to replace part of your lawn

with less water-intensive landscaping, also known as "xeriscaping." Use native plant species, which require little to no fertilizer and can help to absorb and filter rainwater.



## Spring Ahead!

*Don't forget to change your clocks and check your smoke detectors on Sunday, March 12.*

## Clearing the Air About Marijuana

by Alison Camardella, Pres. NS-CASA & Kevin McGilloway, VPNS-CASA

Since the Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act was enacted in New York in March 2021, confusion remains about marijuana's legal and medical realities. As part of NS-CASA's efforts to reduce the use and abuse of substances by our youth, we offer below some information on marijuana so you can inform yourself and your family.

The law allows those 21 years and older to use cannabis wherever smoking tobacco is permitted, except in a motor vehicle or where the Clean Air Act is in effect. Specifically, it allows for adult possession of up to 3 ounces of cannabis and up to 24 grams of cannabis concentrate. An adult may grow up to three marijuana plants at home; homes with more than one adult may grow up to six plants (three mature, three immature). It is illegal for anyone to consume marijuana while in a car or to drive while under the influence of, or impaired by, cannabis.

So, does that mean that adults can purchase adult-use marijuana locally now?

The answer may surprise you – no! At the end of 2021, the Town of Oyster Bay, the City of Glen Cove and the Village of Sea Cliff all opted-out of permitting retail sale of marijuana in their jurisdictions, so no LEGAL retail sales of marijuana are permitted in our community. For a complete review of what is legal and illegal to sell in our community, please go to our website at [www.nscasa.org/talk-to-your-kids.html](http://www.nscasa.org/talk-to-your-kids.html).

As important as legality is to the conversation around marijuana, equally critical is the discussion of its impact on teen health. For example:

- Marijuana potency has steadily increased in the past decades, up from about 4% THC levels in the 1980's to an average of 15% today. More disconcerting is that marijuana extracts, used in dabbing and edibles, contain on average 50% THC and can go as high as 90%. This doesn't include the risk of marijuana being laced with any more powerful drug. The

message to parents: This is NOT necessarily the pot of your youth. Don't assume it's the same strength and impact.

- Marijuana use is not safe for kids. Research suggests that kids may face greater mental health risks such as worsened depression and anxiety, poor attention and memory problems. Using a cannabis product with a THC potency of over 15% is linked to a three-fold increase in the likelihood of experiencing mental health and other problems.

- Much like alcohol, marijuana affects judgment and general motor skills, which is especially risky for new and inexperienced drivers. Driving while high on weed is not safer than driving drunk!

- The risk of developing marijuana use disorder is stronger for people who start using marijuana during their youth and for those who use marijuana more frequently. Studies suggest that 17% of those who start using

marijuana in their teens will become dependent on it.

Here are a few suggestions of what you can do to address these risks:

- Know the facts and TALK to your kids; [www.nscasa.org](http://www.nscasa.org) is full of FACTS!
- Stay informed by joining NS-CASA via our website. We are planning a marijuana education event for March 2023. Join as a member so you

don't miss info on our next event!

- If you're an adult recreational user, buy legally from a reputable vendor and lock it up to keep it away from youth.
- If you see illegal sales, feel empowered to call the Sixth Precinct at 516-573-6600.

Together we can – and are – making a difference. Thank you.

## 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](http://licadd.org)  
Hotline: 631-979-1700

**Nassau Alliance For Addiction  
Services**  
[nafas.org](http://nafas.org)  
516-481-4000



# History Made at Sea Cliff School

by Megan McCormack, Principal, Sea Cliff School

History was made at Sea Cliff School on Wednesday, February 1, 2023! We welcomed our first Universal Pre-K program and it was an incredible experience. The classroom was filled with 18 students who happily attended a full day from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The class will follow the school schedule, including using the lunch menu, before-care and after-care; they are already a valuable part of our school community. These students have met new friends and have had a few visits and welcomes from our oldest students! We are so excited to have the program at SCS and want to thank the Board of Education, Dr. Zublionis, Dr. Smyth and Mr. Pappas for their leadership and

support.

Funding for Universal Pre-K was provided by a New York State Education grant from the Office of Early Learning and the Office of State Aid. The grant gave the district approximately \$5,400 per pre-K student, which was awarded Spring 2022. The program is being led by SCOPE Education Services,

a non-profit founded in 1964 that provides similar services to schools statewide.

The Governor's budget has included Universal Pre-K for the 2023-2024 school year as well. More information will be available soon. The universal lottery will begin as early as this March.



## Join the Sea Cliff Landmarks Association For Our Second 2023 Lecture

by Leslie Guerci, President, Landmarks Association

Dean Yoder and Jonathan Grimm, of Dean Yoder Interiors, will speak on "The Restoration of a 1910 Gold Coast Estate Lord and Burnham Greenhouse," and a bit about their garden and Chinese-inspired chicken coop at their 1910 Dutch Colonial home in Glen Cove. It will be Wednesday, March 22 @ 7:30 p.m. at the Sea Cliff Yacht Club.



## Let's Play Ball!

by Jay Bader, Commissioner, Sea Cliff Jr. Baseball & Softball Association

The Spring 2023 Baseball and Softball season for Pre-K through 7th grade children is almost upon us!

Our hometown league – which offers seven divisions of play for children from kindergarten through 7th grade – is run by a dedicated group of parents. The league is open to children of all skill levels from any

local neighborhoods as we focus on education, sportsmanship, and fun for all children. We are especially excited to host games this year at our newly renovated fields at Clifton Park! We would like to thank the village and County Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton for the funds to upgrade the fields.

Our league depends on parent volunteers to help coach and run our league. All are welcome! Similarly, our sponsors, including many wonderful Sea Cliff and North Shore businesses, help provide equipment, uniforms, and events for the children.

We encourage you to register your children as early

as possible. All registrations must be completed online via our website [www.seacliffbaseball.com](http://www.seacliffbaseball.com). Sponsors are also free to contact us via the league website or by email at [scbaseballsoftball@gmail.com](mailto:scbaseballsoftball@gmail.com).

All are welcome to join us for the opening day parade on April 1 at 9 a.m. as

the kids march down Sea Cliff Avenue to Clifton Park for opening day festivities!

We look forward to seeing you all at the baseball and softball diamonds!

# Sea Cliff's Youth Activities Board is Revitalized

by Tannaz Nasirzadeh-Balooch, Village Trustee

It is hard to believe it has been almost a year since I took office as one of your village trustees. An important question I asked myself before deciding to run was, "If I were to get elected, what purpose would my term serve the village of Sea Cliff?" Although that is an evolving and multifaceted question, it was clear to me then and is still clear to me now that one of the many ways I can contribute to an already well-run village is to connect with the younger residents. From new families entering the elementary school to college graduates who decide to move back here, and for middle and high school students: bringing their visions, skill sets and talents to the many boards and committees of our village is imperative to the progress of our town.

To begin achieving these goals, I aided with the recent revitalization of the Youth Activities Board (YAB). YAB's mission is to support and empower Sea Cliff youth by providing a safe space and opportunities to engage them in the life of their community while encouraging healthy decision-making. It only seemed natural to connect new and interested Sea Cliff residents to that board. Since April of 2022, nine new members, who hadn't previously served on village boards, have joined YAB. In just

a few months, the board has hosted several very successful events, one of which was attended by 150 Sea Cliff youth.

Another way in which I can contribute is to encourage collaborations between the various boards, entities, and committees of the village. On December 4, YAB and the Sea Cliff Fire Department co-hosted a Tween Football viewing event at the firehouse attended by more than 50 Sea Cliff youth. I am grateful for the efforts of the Youth Activities Board and the Fire Department for making this event happen. YAB and the Library are in conversation about future collaborations and YAB will also be collaborating with Sea Cliff Beach for upcoming events this summer. Be on the lookout for some fun events for our youth this spring and summer.

As a resident I was drawn to this village six years ago mainly because of the sense of home and community I instantly felt the very first time I visited Sea Cliff. As a village trustee, I feel honored to give back and be able to create opportunities for residents to share their wonderful ideas and visions with the boards and committees in this beautiful village we all call home. I look forward to the many events and adventures my second year as trustee holds.





**Book groups meet Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays throughout the year.**

Photo courtesy of Ann DiPietro.



**Puzzles, stickers and craft fun every day at the Children's Library.**

Photo courtesy of Ann DiPietro.



**Proud Duck Hunters at the Sea Cliff Civic Association's annual Holiday Duck Hunt.**

Photo by Ann DiPietro.

## Our Lady of Kazan Easter Bazaar

Enjoy a Sea Cliff tradition – come to the Easter Bazaar of the Church of Our Lady of Kazan! We'll have homemade pirogi and delicious borscht. Be sure to enjoy our wonderful desserts! For those of you who don't want to make dinner, we have a take-out option.

We have many beautiful gift items, from jewelry to nesting dolls to Easter eggs. You can buy a gift for yourself – Easter eggs in a glass bowl make a striking and unusual holiday centerpiece for the table. You can also view the church, which was founded in 1942 and is on the National Register of Historic Places.

The bazaar is on Saturday, April 1 from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the parish hall of the Church of Our Lady of Kazan. We are located at 2 Willow Shore Avenue, off Littleworth Lane. The bazaar information line is 516 468-1579. Come and enjoy!

## Sea Cliff's 3rd Annual All You Need Is Love Fundraiser



**On February 11, Sea Cliff's Love Your Neighbor Project hosted a successful '80s Prom Night in their 3rd Annual All You Need Is Love fundraiser that had everybody grooving to raise funds for the All You Need Is Love Scholarship. Pictured here are Heidi Hunt and Kathleen DiResta.**

Photo courtesy of Juliette Peckham Guddat.

## Is Dinner Theater Dead?

by Elizabeth Winchester

If you've lived in Sea Cliff for a while, you've probably met Ann and Dan DiPietro. And if you've met them, you probably know that they are huge James Joyce fans. They've performed the The James Joyce Jaunt in Sea Cliff for a number of years with the cast of characters (plus more) pictured here, as well as The Scrooge Stroll, as walking events. After having seen a staging of Joyce's iconic novella The Dead at the Irish Repertory Theatre that included dinner for the audience, they were hungry to do the same, but locally. Enter friend Fred Stroppel, and dinner theater was on the menu at Foster Restaurant!

"If left to our own devices, the idea would have remained in the ozone layer of our minds, but Fred has written and directed Off Broadway and Community Theatre plays and skits," explained Dan. "He was the perfect partner. I agreed to abridge the Joyce novella and format it as a play and he agreed to bring it to life."

And bring it to life they did! The group staged two,

one-hour productions at Foster, which started with drinks and appetizers, and after the show, included a Foster buffet dinner and dessert from Sleepy Jean's Bake Company.

"Exploring one of Joyce's masterworks through this dramatic reading has been such a rewarding experience," said cast member Heidi Hunt. "With the atmosphere and ambience of Foster, a fantastically talented cast, and an enthusiastic crowd from in and around our village, it makes the experience un-

forgettable."

To answer the question raised by the article heading, you may have picked up that dinner theater is – and isn't – dead. (Frank, are you reading this?) "The success of Dinner & The Dead is giving us reason to consider doing more," said Dan. "Stay tuned!"

In the meantime, if you have a suggested name for the merry band, please email [scvillagebulletin@gmail.com](mailto:scvillagebulletin@gmail.com). We will happily pass it along to the Chief of Merriment!



**The cast of characters, standing (from left): Heidi Hunt, Joe Hughes, Al Reres, Fred Stroppel, Joe Stroppel, Jenna Fendt, Christine Abbenda Hughes, Liz Stroppel, Ann DiPietro, John Canning and Dan DiPietro; seated (from left): Jen Sebetic, Miranda Best, Sara Reres and Adam Friedberg.**

Photo by Ann DiPietro.



# April is Fair Housing Month

by Erinn McDonnell, Community Development Administrator

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 Pres. 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 famil-

ial 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 also 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 to
- 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," said 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/hous-

ing\_discrimination

- Nassau County Human Rights Commission – 516-571-3662; www.nassaucountyny.gov/414/Human-Rights-Commission

- Long Island Housing Services – 516-292-0400; www.lifairhousing.org

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

## Happy Birthday to Pezzi

by Elizabeth Winchester



From left: Pezzi owners and brothers Calogero and Emanuel Mannino.

For 20 years, Pezzi Pizza has been delivering the goods for birthday parties, school celebrations,

and everyday cravings. On February 19, it was time to fire up the pizza ovens to celebrate their own work! It was on that date 20 years ago that brothers Calogero and Emanuel Mannino opened the Italian restaurant neighboring the schools on Glen Cove Avenue.

"We came from Italy for a better future, the American Dream," explained Calogero, "but it was scary, knowing that 60 to 80 percent of restaurants fail." Now, the brothers have been around to see two generations of high

schoolers – customers they served as kids now coming in with their own kids. "I feel I'm getting old," joked Calogero, although he loves being close to the schools because "it creates a friendship with the kids and the support goes both ways."

The secret to the brothers' success may be in the sauce. They use their family's marinara sauce recipe that they learned to make growing up in Sicily, cooking with their grandmother in her kitchen. All their salad dressings and other sauces are home-

made favorites, too. "In Italian families, moments in the kitchen stay with you for always," Calogero explained. "The memories and the moments are imprinted in memory."

Their favorite thing to cook is their pizza. Pezzi pizza means "pizza pieces" in Italian. "I love my

pizza," said Calogero. And apparently, we do, too. Keep the Pezzi pizza coming!

Calogero would like to thank customers for their support over the past 20 years. Right back at you, Calo! Thank you for all the pies – here's to many more!

### Village of Sea Cliff Justice Court

All Courts Dates are WEDNESDAYS

7:30 p.m. at Village Hall DOWNSTAIRS

	Arraignment	Conference
<b>2023</b>		
<b>March</b>	1st	15th
<b>April</b>	12th	26th
<b>May</b>	10th	24th
<b>June</b>	7th	21st
<b>July</b>	12th only	
<b>August</b>	9th only	
<b>September</b>	6th	20th
<b>October</b>	4th	18th
<b>November</b>	1st	15th
<b>December</b>	13th only	

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

### VILLAGE BOARD MEETING DATES 2022-2023

Days, times and locations subject to change

Please confirm on the village website

[www.seacliff-ny.gov](http://www.seacliff-ny.gov) or call 516-671-0080

Monday	<b>March</b>	6	2023	Conference
Monday		13	2023	Meeting
Monday	<b>April</b>	3	2023	Organizational Meeting

### INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF SEA

#### CLIFF

	Day(s) of the month	Time	Meeting location	Additional information
<b>Board of Trustees Conference</b>	1st Monday	6:00 p.m.	Village Hall	no comment period
<b>Board of Trustees Meeting</b>	2nd Monday	7:00 p.m.	Village Hall	comment period
<b>Architectural Review Board</b>	2nd & 4th Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Village Hall	
<b>Planning Board</b>	2nd Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Village Hall	
<b>Zoning Board</b>	3rd Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Village Hall	
<b>Environmental Conservation Commission</b>	1st Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Village Hall	
<b>Landmarks Preservation Commission</b>	4th Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Village Hall	Call Village Hall for details
<b>Tree Commission</b>	2nd & 4th Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	field site visits	

Days, times and locations subject to change - please check the village website at

[www.seacliff-ny.gov](http://www.seacliff-ny.gov) or call 516-671-0080 to confirm information

## Recycling, Garbage & Other Refuse Information

Pickup and Dropoff days and policies are subject to change

please check the village website at [www.seacliff-ny.gov](http://www.seacliff-ny.gov)

or call 516-671-0080 for more information.

Village of Sea Cliff reserves the right to limit pickup or dropoff quantities

### Recycling, Garbage & Other Refuse Pick Up Schedule

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

### Recycling & Garbage Holiday Schedules 2023/2024

Holiday	Date Observed	Change in Schedule
Memorial Day	Monday 5/29/2023	No Garbage Pickup
Independence Day	Tuesday 7/4/2023	No Garbage Pickup
Labor Day	Monday 9/4/2023	No Garbage Pickup
Thanksgiving Day	Tuesday 11/23/2023	No Garbage Pickup
Christmas Day	Monday 12/25/2023	No Garbage Pickup
New Year's Day 2024	Monday 1/1/2024	No Garbage Pickup

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

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

Dropoff 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

- 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](http://www.seacliff-ny.gov) AND SEARCH FOR "CodeRED" TO SIGN UP FOR COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS RELATED TO GARBAGE PICKUP

## Annual Organizational Meeting

Sea Cliff will hold its annual meeting on Monday, April 3 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.

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