

## Mayor's Update

by Mayor Elena Villafane



The Mayor's letter to the Bulletin is traditionally a recitation of events that have transpired and projects that are ongoing. It can be somewhat pedestrian and often does not reflect the fun events and positive experiences that come with being mayor of our beautiful little village. I'm going to exercise my prerogative as mayor to highlight one of the wonderful occasions that come with being mayor.

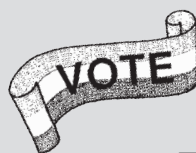
I have been very fortunate for the last two years to have the second-grade students at Sea Cliff Elementary School attend Village Hall as part of an educational unit on Community. During the visit, the grade is divided into two groups. Half the students take a tour of Village Hall and meet the hard-working employees here, while the

other half attends a village Board of Trustees meeting. The groups then switch so that everyone enjoys both experiences.

During the most recent village board meeting, four students sat as Trustees for the day and one student was appointed village attorney. After a brief presentation about how the board works, the floor was opened to the residents. The questions to the board quickly became very serious and illustrated the ancient proverb that out of the mouth of babes comes wisdom and truth. The children focused on traffic and walking to school. A lively debate occurred about sidewalks and road widening. One very astute young man pointed out that if roads are widened and sidewalks

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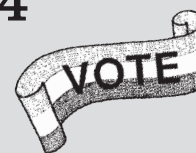
## Village Election 2024



### VILLAGE ELECTION DAY

DPW Garage, 66 Altamont Avenue

Tuesday, March 19; 12:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.



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

The 2024 Sea Cliff General Election will take place on Tuesday, March 19, 2024, 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 Nicholas Pinto, whose term expires April 1, 2024.
- A Village Trustee for a term of two years for the office presently held by Tannaz Nasirzadeh-Balooch, whose term expires April 1, 2024.

## Memorial Day Ceremony

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

**Monday, May 27 at 9 a.m.**

**Memorial Park**

Please join us on this important occasion where a brief program will be observed. The 2024 Memorial Day parade to follow.



**The Sea Cliff Civic Association celebrates Martin Luther King Day with a reading of his iconic 'I Have a Dream' speech at Lincoln Plaza.**

Photo courtesy of Ann DiPietro.

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# Village Election 2024: Candidates For Trustee

## Nicholas Pinto



I have been a member of the Board of Trustees for four years and Deputy Mayor for one year. In that time, our village has faced many challenges and welcomed many new residents. As a Trustee, and now as Deputy Mayor, I have tried to keep our community safe, ensure the village provides exceptional services at the best possible value, and that village taxes stay low. I have had the pleasure of serving with two different mayors and a Village Board made up of dedicated, passionate individuals.

During my tenure, I have served as liaison to the Village Museum, the Beach Entertainment Committee, and the Fire Department. Last year, as part of the Long-Range Plan Steering Committee, I helped coordinate and usher in our current long-range plan. I have been involved in several exciting ongoing village projects including:

- A comprehensive plan that, driven by our community, examined the current state of our village and determined where we plan to be in the next 20 years, giving us a blueprint for our future;
- Redesigning, and re-engineering Prospect and Glen Cove Avenue to create a safer place for walking, biking, and driving;
- Meeting with small businesses, assessing and addressing their needs and insuring that any State, County, and Federal resources that become available are made avail-

able to them;  
- Maintaining Sea Cliff's responsible financial management, keeping taxes flat and our bond rating high.

This year I will join the committee that will examine and rewrite our village zoning code to make it more consistent with our residents' current needs and more compatible with our collective vision for the village. If re-elected, I intend to see these projects through and to do my part to make Sea Cliff even better.

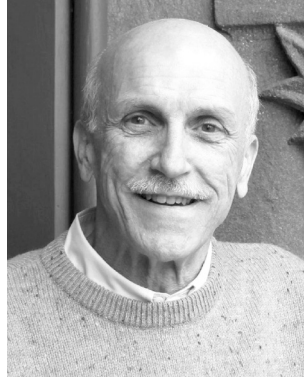
My wife and I moved to Sea Cliff in 2005. It has become our home. My children attended Sea Cliff Elementary and North Shore Middle and High Schools. In the years that we have been here, we have enjoyed all that our wonderful village has to offer.

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 CYO 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 19 for Village Trustee.



## George O. Williams



My wife Gloria and I settled in Sea Cliff one month after our wedding in 1987. We were immediately drawn to the eclectic nature of the village. But it is the deeply embedded sense of community that has kept us here. The various non-profit organizations that serve residents of all ages, as well as the many boards and committees established by the village, reflect a spirit of volunteerism that is a hallmark of Sea Cliff. That we are off the beaten path has allowed Sea Cliff to remain somewhat of an anachronism despite our relatively easy access to Manhattan. The combination of local architecture, our narrow streets, and a host of patriotic observances, baseball and softball parades, summer music, and other activities provide a continuity with the small-town America that has so often been displaced by rampant development and the attendant loss of community identity.

After a stint as an enlisted man in the U.S. Navy, I attended college and ultimately earned a Ph.D. in theoretical physics. Following a decade as a research scientist and college professor, I spent the 1990s working on Wall Street, first as a founding principal of a firm that advised corporate, municipal, and other sovereign issuers on the management of their debt, and later as a senior strategist at Lehman Brothers. I returned to academia in 2001 at Webb Institute in Glen Cove, where I taught for fifteen years and retired as Professor of Science. I am currently involved as a co-founder of an engineering firm supporting the emerging hydrogen economy in Chile. My wife Gloria retired from a career with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

I have served on the Board of the Sea Cliff Village Library for the past six years, and one year ago I joined the Board of the Nassau Library System, a consortium of fifty-four public libraries in Nassau County. I have been on the Board of the Long Island Shetland Sheepdog Rescue for more than twenty years. I am Treasurer of the Glen Cove Yacht Club, and I hold both local and international offices in the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers. I

am also Chairman of the Board of Award for the Elmer A. Sperry Award, a prestigious engineering award given for advances in transportation.

In seeking a position as a Village Trustee, I bring no agenda beyond a love of Sea Cliff and a desire to protect the character of the village while embracing changes that will ensure that our community continues to flourish. Among the tasks that lie before the Village Board, as we begin to implement the recently approved Comprehensive Plan, is an updated zoning code. I will listen to the concerns voiced by residents and seek to minimize unwanted consequences that might arise from changes to the code. I am also committed to ensuring traffic safety and safeguarding the environment in the face of continuing development in Glen Cove. I will work to facilitate programs that serve Sea Cliff residents at every stage of life, from the very young to the eldest among us.

I look forward to working with Mayor Villafane and the other Trustees to preserve and protect our village. Standing as a candidate for Village Trustee, I am mindful of the trust I am asking of the voters of Sea Cliff this coming March 19.

## Village Election 2024

### CIVIC ASSOCIATION: MEET THE CANDIDATES NIGHT

March 7, 2024; 8 p.m.

Village Hall, Meeting Room C

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

## Annual Organizational Meeting

Sea Cliff will hold its annual meeting on Monday, April 1 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.



# Investment in Sea Cliff's 2023 Comp Plan Yields Benefits for 2024 Grant Funding and Projects

by Erinn McDonnell, Grants Administrator

The 2023 update to the municipality's Comprehensive Plan (Comp Plan) is translating into progress for the village in 2024! An award from the NYS Department of State's Smart Growth Community Planning and Zoning program through the 2023 Consolidated Funding Application round will fund 90% of the costs related to hiring a consulting firm to support the upcoming Zoning Update project. The Comp Plan provides direction related to land use, specifically "Chapter 12 - Future Land Use and Implementation," that will help guide the zoning project.

In a similar vein, Sea Cliff will receive a grant award from the US Department of Transportation's Safe Streets for All (SS4A) program to assess our municipal roadway system and produce an "Action Plan." The "Action Plan," assembled with a consulting firm using public input, will yield recommendations for methods and construction activities to benefit our streets and safety. The successful SS4A application was developed using data and guidance

from the "Ch. 4 - Transportation" portion of the Comp Plan. This project will be reimbursed for 80% of its consulting costs and the resultant "Action Plan" will support the village's ongoing funding strategies and eligibility for future capital improvement grant applications.

Various environmental issues are discussed in the Comp Plan and two more funding awards will help Sea Cliff continue on a greener path. In response to the recommendation made in "Chapter 10 - Natural Resources and the Environment," the village will work toward Climate Smart Communities (CSC) bronze certification through the NYSEDERA Clean Energy Intern program. The program will reimburse 90% of wages for two interns who will focus on CSC activities to develop the bronze status application. Through the CSC program, the municipality is expected to gain access to additional environmental funding resources. Our village has also received an award through the FEMA Building Resilient Infrastructure and Com-

munities (BRIC) program that will reimburse 75% of costs for a comprehensive assessment of the municipal shoreline and adjacent properties. Although this award was obtained just prior to the finalized Comp Plan, the BRIC assessment will outline mitigation strategies directly coinciding with objectives outlined in "Chapter 11 - Climate Change, Sea Level Rise and Stormwater Management."

Another recent award from the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Program (HMGP) will maintain and improve our historic Firehouse in accordance with suggestions found in "Chapter 7 - Community Facilities, Services and Intergovernmental Cooperation." Sea Cliff will be reimbursed 95% of the cost to replace its current backup generator, which, while still functioning, is past its operational lifespan.

In 2024, the village is already well along the path mapped by the 2023 Comp Plan through its success pursuing grant funding and projects that benefit all aspects of our beautiful community!

# Time to Boogie! The Woman Behind the Music

by Avery Goodman, Sea Cliff resident and journalism student at USC

Meet Liz Stoppel, joy-maker, and founder and director of Backyard Boogie, a Grown-up & Me music program for babies, toddlers & preschoolers right here in Sea Cliff.

After her time teaching research-based music programs in town and in Oyster Bay abruptly ended due to the Covid pandemic, families started to contact Stoppel to lead safe, socially distanced music classes in their backyards. Word got around and soon enough she was busy several mornings a week doing what she loved again. Thus was born Backyard Boogie, now held regularly at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Sea Cliff.

Stoppel's love for teaching children the art of music stemmed from when she began taking her seven-month-old son to Kris Rice's music classes. She was fascinated with the research about how children learn, and the connection between music and a child's neurological development. After seeing the benefits to her own child, she was compelled to follow in Rice's footsteps and became passionate about helping other children in the community. With Rice as her mentor, Stoppel was able to keep the best features of her classes and bring in her own sense of playfulness

and joy to the mix.

"I only present songs and activities that delight me, and I encourage the parents' and caregivers' enthusiastic participation. That way, their children learn that music-making is worthwhile and fun!" Stoppel says her classes have many musical concepts built into their curriculum, but the joy of making music is the most important foundational skill for any musician.

In addition to her work with children, Stoppel enjoys being involved in theatrical performances and dramatic readings, and feels that Sea Cliff is just the right place for that. She participates in the annual Scrooge Stroll as well as the James Joyce Jaunt every Bloomsday, and the annual staged reading of Joyce's "The Dead," which began at the Metropolitan Bistro and continues at its replacement, Foster. Stoppel says these events keep Sea Cliff interesting and keep her and her husband very busy.

Liz Stoppel currently resides on the Sea Cliff/Glen Cove border with her husband Fred, who is a playwright, and her son Joe, who is now a vocal performance major at Hunter College. Interested in joining a class? Contact Liz at [backyardboogieseaciff@gmail.com](mailto:backyardboogieseaciff@gmail.com).



**Liz Stoppel, creator of Backyard Boogie, steals a dance with Max Greenberg.**

Photo courtesy of Emily Greenberg.

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constructed, property would have to be taken away from people. The children determined that that could be a real problem, and it was something that we all had to think about to craft a solution that was fair to all. Their discussions and questions reminded me that good governance starts with listening, not just lecturing.

The second-grade teachers, Erin Morley, Andrea Schulz, Andie Ebert, Nina Becker,

Kelly Gorman, and Wendy Bruno were amazing in their ability to harness the energy of all these creative young minds to create a wonderful educational experience for all. Following the visit, I received wonderful handwritten and illustrated thank you notes and an invitation to attend the Culmination Celebration.

During the Culmination held on February 9, the students presented their final project which was obviously the result of a tremendous amount of hard work.

I was even fortunate enough to meet Logan Abreau, the Mayor of Kid's Town who gave me some great tips on being a good mayor. It was truly an educational experience for me and one I will not soon forget.

This was not just a visit to a classroom, it was an inspiring reminder that the future is bright and even the smallest voices can hold the biggest wisdom. Sometimes, the best solutions come from the most unexpected places.



## Meet the Chief

by Emmy Chabowski, member, Sea Cliff Fire Department

Let's get ready and meet the Chief of the Sea Cliff Fire Department! James Ajamian is the current Chief of Department, with a tremendous backstory. Joining the Sea Cliff Fire Department in 1985, James has been a dedicated member of this community for many years and has worn many hats.

James has served as Captain of the Fire Medic Unit many times and also as Captain of the Engine Company. He has served as a Warden in the Fire Council, Motor Chief, and previously Chief of Department in the early 2000s. This type of long-term active dedication is rare, and Sea Cliff is all the better because of it. He is a consistent top responder for all calls and provides top notch advanced life support care on our ambulance. In addition, you might recognize his name as a previous winner of the White Cap award!

When speaking with Chief Ajamian about why he decided to join the Fire Department, he spoke

about camaraderie and a desire to give back to his community. Having grown up within the Village of Sea Cliff, serving his community remains important to him. James also spoke to the important role the Fire Department has played in his life – giving him lifelong friendships, professional connections, educational opportunities, and of course, introducing him to his lovely wife Eileen.

The Sea Cliff Fire Department wants to remind village residents that the department is totally composed of volunteers, all of who have families and jobs outside of the Fire Department. This is a perfect time to join us. We are always looking for motivated individuals who think they might have the desire to help their community. We deeply encourage anyone interested to reach out and get more information via a phone call or our website ([seaclifffiredept.org](http://seaclifffiredept.org)), or speak to any member around town!

## Sea Cliff Garage Sale Day Returns!

*Saturday, June 1, 2024*

For more information, contact the Sea Cliff Civic Association at [sccivicasociation@gmail.com](mailto:sccivicasociation@gmail.com).

## Good of the Village Association

by Renee Swanson

At its January meeting, held at the Sea Cliff Museum, the GVA voted to donate to the Sea Cliff Arts Council. Also of special note, GVA'S Golfing Through Sea Cliff will be back again this fall. Be sure to Save the date: Saturday, September 14. More information to follow. It is the overwhelming support for this popular fundraiser that allows GVA to provide funding for Sea Cliff organizations like the Sea Cliff Arts Council.

## Happenings at the Museum

by Courtney Chambers, Museum Director

Following its incorporation in 1883, the newly established Village of Sea Cliff required a fire department. The former Methodist summer campground had relied on bucket brigades for the area's rare fire fighting needs, but as the new village trustees began to develop public services, they established rules for governing a fire department and set aside money in the budget for the construction of water cisterns and fire fighting equipment. After the first village budget of \$2,680 failed to pass, the village's mayor, then known as the village president, Frederick W. Geissenhainer, personally paid \$1200 for a Remington hand pumping engine.

The Sea Cliff Fire Department was formally organized on May 2, 1884, when a group of men met at Sea Cliff's Gardiner's Hotel and elected a committee to write the newly formed department's constitution and bylaws, elected local contractor Chancy Combs the department's foreman, and voted to name the company the F.W. Geissenhainer Fire Engine Company No. 1 in honor of the village's president and the department's benefactor. Chancy Comb's carpentry shop served as the young department's first engine house while the village's first official fire house was built. Constructed by the department's

members, the new fire house was completed in May 1886. It was located on Sea Cliff Avenue in what is now Pirie Park.

The young village, rapidly expanding in the late nineteenth century with wooden Victorian houses, quickly outgrew the Remington hand pumping engine, and, in 1890, the department purchased a steam fire engine. Also in 1890, the department's second company, the Sea Cliff Hook and Ladder Company, was organized with Charles E. Connor elected foreman. By 1896, the fire department had outgrown its first home and moved to a new fire house on Roslyn Avenue. That same year, the Enterprise Hose Company was formed, making the Sea Cliff Fire Department a three-company department. The new Enterprise Hose Company moved the original fire house from Pirie Park to Roslyn Avenue, next door to the new fire house. In 1908, following the death of fire department benefactor and first mayor Frederick W. Geissenhainer, the F.W. Geissenhainer Engine Company No. 1 legally changed its name to the Sea Cliff Engine and Hose Company, Inc.

By the 1920s, the fire department had ceased using horse-drawn engines and began purchasing modern gasoline engines. In 1932, the current fire house was built to accommodate all

three companies of the Sea Cliff Fire Department and their larger, modern machines. The department weathered the loss of its members in World Wars I and II, the Korean War, and Vietnam, and celebrated milestone anniversaries in 1959, 1984, and 2008. As the Sea Cliff Fire Department celebrates the 140th anniversary of its founding in May 2024, the Sea Cliff Village Museum is honored to exhibit the history of Sea Cliff's bravest.

The museum is open Wednesdays 12-5, Saturdays 11-2 and by appointment. For more information, please call 516-801-3401. And follow along at [www.Facebook.com/seacliffmuseum](http://www.Facebook.com/seacliffmuseum) for information about the museum's upcoming spring cocktail party.



**The 1896 Sea Cliff Fire House on Roslyn Avenue.**  
Photo courtesy of Courtney Chambers.



**Members of the Sea Cliff Fire Department pose in front of the second Sea Cliff Fire House, 1908.**  
Photo courtesy of Courtney Chambers.



# Sea Cliff Beautification Committee

by Debra Dumas, Member, Beautification Committee

Spring will be here before you know it and the Sea Cliff Beautification Committee (SCBC) has been busy preparing to welcome it. This past fall, we planted approximately 550 flowering bulbs in Memorial Park, Pirie Park, Centennial Park, and near the Library and Village Hall. As a result, Sea Cliff residents will enjoy some beautiful pops of color this spring. We also did some work in Central Park clearing the oval planter in preparation for a new planting in the spring.

SCBC also hosts an Arbor Day celebration in concert with the Sea Cliff Elementary School, whose second-graders come out to help plant a tree in a local park and provide a little entertainment for the event. The tentative date is April 19, but look for a confirmed date and location as Arbor Day draws nearer. All are welcome to enjoy this charming event.

Last year, we planted an Eastern Redbud tree, a native species, in Geohegan (Headless) Park. This tree has beautiful deep pink blossoms in the spring, so be sure to take a stroll over there or even a picnic at Geohegan to enjoy it.

Save the date for our plant sale at St. Luke's on May 4, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. You will find annuals for sun and shade,

herbs, hanging baskets, and a few perennials as well.

Consider volunteering with us! We help keep our local parks beautiful and we can always use more hands in the dirt (or helping with events).

SCBC meetings are held the third Thursday of each month, 9:00 a.m. at St. Luke's Parish Hall. We welcome newcomers.



**Sea Cliff second-graders get dirty helping the Beautification Committee plant a new tree in Geohegan Park last Arbor Day.**

Photo courtesy of Laura Kavanaugh.

## Sustainable Lawn Care Tips for Spring

by Coalition to Save Hempstead Harbor

As longer, warmer days motivate us to start thinking about yard and lawn care, we should also consider ways to conserve water and reduce potential negative impacts to Hempstead Harbor. Water demand goes up dramatically during the spring and summer months, much of which can be attributed to caring for our lawns. Ultimately, the runoff from lawn irrigation, containing chemicals and an excess of nutrients, ends up in Hempstead Harbor. As a harborside community dependent on our sole-source aquifer for drinking water, we can all help protect and conserve our precious water resources by reducing usage. Please commit to best lawn-care practices by following these tips:

- Water less frequently,

but longer, to help roots grow deeply. Lawns need about an inch of water per week.

- Deploy irrigation controllers, smart hose timers and meters for your irrigation systems to help monitor usage. For specific tools and technology suggestions and discounts, visit [libertyutilities.com](http://libertyutilities.com).

- Choose a natural fertilizer – compost is best; or use a fertilizer with a water-insoluble nitrogen content of less than 12%.

- To address pests, apply natural insecticides such as milky spore, neem oil, or diatomaceous earth.

- Eliminate weeds early by digging up small patches by hand; for larger areas, use natural garden products. Manual weed removal helps

avoid harming important spring pollinators.

- Mow high; cut grass at three inches to allow grass to build strong roots. Leave clippings on the lawn to add nutrients to the soil and prevent evaporation.

- Consider replacing grass with native plants that are best adapted to this region; they require less irrigation, grow stronger roots, and support local pollinators and wildlife populations.

These small changes can help make a big difference in protecting both our drinking water and Hempstead Harbor water quality.



## The Power of Lunch

by Peggie Como, President, MCC

Human connections are key to health and happiness. They keep our minds sharp and bring new opportunities and joy. As we age, our circle of friends narrows. This leads to isolation. That's why social connection is essential. It helps us live longer. It protects us from a whole host of health conditions.

It is the mission of the Mutual Concerns Committee to enhance the quality of life of our senior community. Special events and informational programs are scheduled throughout the year, and we are continually adding to our list of program offerings. Former Mayor Ed Lieberman is planning more historical tours and visual presentations. Ed, a lover of history, takes our seniors to some amazing local places such as Oyster Bay, Sagamore Hill, the Culper Spy Ring Tour, which goes along Route 25A to Northport, and the Roslyn/Great Neck historical tour. His latest visual lecture of Jacqueline Onassis was a big hit!

We are very excited to announce that the village has a new Senior Citizen's

Program Development Specialist, Tracy Warzer. Tracy's goal is to keep seniors safe and to make sure all their needs are met. She will determine what kind of assistance is needed and will walk the seniors through the process. Of course, she'll be a frequent visitor to the lunch program. Tracy has many ideas for new programs. We can't wait to hear her ideas!

We certainly have a lot to offer and it is our hope that you will join us. This popular lunch and socialization program is open to all seniors every Tuesday at St. Luke's Parish Hall. For a \$4.00 donation, you can enjoy a full catered lunch and partake in programs such as gentle chair yoga, bingo and crafts. This is not a needs-based program. All seniors are welcome. If you need transportation to and from St. Luke's, it is available by calling Village Hall at 516-671-0080. The village bus will pick you up and drop you off at your door. For more information, call Peggie Como at 516-675-7239.



**Some local seniors enjoy the Triple Crown luncheon.**

Photo courtesy of Peggie Como.

## Calling All Lifeguards!

The Village of Sea Cliff is interviewing now for full- and part-time lifeguard positions for the 2024 beach season.

Applicants must be at least 16 years old, with CPR and Grade II Lifeguard certification by June.

Applications can be obtained in Village Hall. All interested parties should send the completed application to:

Sarah Beaudin

Village Clerk

P.O. Box 340

Sea Cliff, NY 11579

Or by email to: [sbeaudin@seacliff-ny.gov](mailto:sbeaudin@seacliff-ny.gov)

## Trees are Good for All of Us

by Sea Cliff Tree Committee

Winter is a perfect time to see the structure and beauty of trees before they flush a new green. As we transition to spring, trees smile down on us.

Here in the village, the good news is that we are planting new trees as other trees are removed. The reasons for tree removal are varied: danger to people and property, clearing way for new construction, and non-native invasive species removal. These removals offer an opportunity to replant new trees in a thoughtful manner. Considering location, density, canopy, and specified variations can all add up to a greater diversity of trees and adds value to our property and quality of life. Some of the reasons for living in Sea Cliff are the seashore, the parks and the trees. They all add up to a village that has abounding natural beauty.

In recent months, trees have been planted by the village and by private property owners. One spruce tree was transplanted from the Village Green to Central Avenue and 15th Avenue, where it will thrive and grow to its full potential. Recent plantings on Sea Cliff Avenue, Circle Way and in Geohegan Park provide beauty and added value for generations to come. Keep in mind trees provide oxygen, aid air quality, conserve water and preserve soil and our climate. Let's not forget where the birds fly to, and where else would our wildlife friends go?

Thank you for respecting nature and our village.

**SCUDDER'S POND CLEANUP**  
EARTH DAY • 2024

**Saturday, April 20**  
**9 AM - 11 AM**  
(Rain or shine)

Please bring:  
work/garden gloves • three-pronged rakes (for grabbing)  
buckets for collecting trash (some buckets will be available)  
boots and long pants (strongly suggested)

Water monitoring & oyster gardening demos!

Meet at the Shore Road entrance to the pond.  
Please keep cars off the road; parking is available at Tappen Beach.

## 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! Memberships, parking passes and kayak rack renewals will all be available at the beach office. We will be accepting credit cards, checks or cash. Please have a valid form of ID showing Sea Cliff residency such as a driver's license, utility bill, tax bill, lease, etc.

All of your favorite activities will return for another fun-filled summer:

Wednesday – Children's Story Time

Friday – Sea Cliff Make-shop Science demonstration for kids

Friday Night – Music at the Beach

Saturday – Yoga at the Beach (8 a.m.; please note that the facilities open at 9 a.m.)

Tie Dye Day – TBA

Follow the Sea Cliff Beach Facebook page for up-to-date information, beach closures, lost and

found items, and more.

The beach will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekends only beginning Saturday, May 25. Daily operation will begin on Thursday, June 27. You can renew your kayak rack rental at the beach office. If you had a rack for 2023 you must renew by Sunday, June 16 or it will be opened up for new rack holders.

Sea Cliff is an amazing place that we are fortunate to call home. Our best kept "secret" is not so secret anymore and we have seen an increase of guests visiting the beach, the café and the boardwalk. Unfortunately, with this increase

of people comes an increase in trash. The beach staff does our best to monitor and collect trash during beach hours but what happens after we close up is beyond our control. Please pitch in and dispose of your trash (take it home if the cans are full), and pick up trash when you can. Whatever is on the beach will eventually end up in the water so please dispose of trash properly. Sea Cliff beach is a beautiful spot for all to enjoy and we want to create a clean and pleasant environment for everyone. 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 also available on the village website ([www.seacliff-ny.gov](http://www.seacliff-ny.gov)) under Forms and Documents. Permits are issued at Village Hall and cost \$35 (cash or check).

## A Salute to Sobel

by Elizabeth Winchester

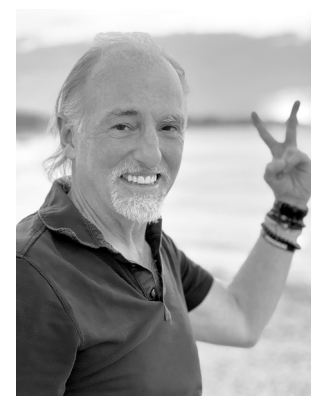
Every year, the Sea Cliff-Glen Head Herald recognizes an individual who is a true do-gooder in their community for the newspaper's annual Person of the Year award. The 2023 honor fittingly went to village resident and activist Mark Sobel, for his community engagement, transformative leadership, arts advocacy, and environmental stewardship.

"I'm a little taken aback about the honor only for the sake that there are so many people deserving of such recognition," said Sobel. "I'm just grateful to be motivated by so many wonderful people in our community that have provided the reason to be so inspired. I am honored more so that it is about Sea Cliff and what it brings out in us all."

Sobel, a former letter carrier, represented postal workers as a union president for 15 years. He earned a bachelor's degree from Stony Brook University and a master's degree in Industrial and Labor Relations from Cornell. When he moved to Sea Cliff with his wife Stephanie in 2016, they began volunteering for the Coalition to Save Hempstead Harbor (CSHH). Sobel's community involvement has grown ever since. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of the CSHH and the Sea Cliff Arts Council (SCAC), and is the SCAC's producer at large. For the past year, he has also served as a village trustee.

"My hope is that concerns for our environment never wane, our children

have a community space to flourish in their creativity, and we celebrate the beauty of the arts in Sea Cliff with the creation of our own film festival," Sobel shared.



*The Village Bulletin thanks Sobel for his continued service and dedication to making Sea Cliff the thriving community that it is today and congratulates him for this well-deserved honor.*



# The Sea Cliff Gardener

by Donna Kianka, Winter's Edge Micro Farm

Yes, it is time. It is the season of budding shrubs, trees, and perennials. And it is time for cleaning and sharpening our gardening tools. I have found an excellent garden maintenance kit, which includes rust erasers, a tool file (for sharpening), and a stiff brush for cleaning. I looked for comparable kits, and this was one of the best. The family-owned company is LeeValley.com, which offers a potpourri of garden and kitchen equipment, tools, and hardware. In addition, scrub your tools and planters with a sponge and a ten percent bleach solution essential to controlling plant viruses such as black spot, cankers, etc.

A major competitor to Sea Cliff's nurseryman, Ferdinand Boulon (the early 20th-century nursery on the corner of DuBois and Glen Ave.), was Thomas Watkins, located a stone's throw from today's North Shore Farms. This

greenhouse complex was written up in the Sea Cliff News in 1907 when a newly constructed greenhouse was severely damaged by wind. The 100-foot greenhouse framing was lifted from the foundation, the metal structure destroyed, and the glass broken. The florist had carnations under cultivation, which were damaged and resulted in additional financial loss. In 1903, according to the Brooklyn Eagle newspaper, Mr. Watkins was claiming prizes at the Nassau County Agricultural Fair in both the fruit and vegetable categories and was probably a formidable rival to Sea Cliff's florists.

Mr. Watkins had four large greenhouses on a sizable lot and a house for his family. His three sons were listed as helpers in the 1910 census, and by 1950, two of his sons, William and George, were listed as partners in the business. This business, Thomas Watkins and Sons, appears

to have survived up into the mid-1960s. In 1982, the property was sold to Park Manor Associates, and houses that now ring Park Manor Court were built. The vegetables and fruits were replaced with a macadam road and stick-built homes.

Another local turn-of-the-century florist was Benjamin Webber of Glenlawn Avenue, whose obituary listed him as a florist and landscape gardener. He lived at 37 Glenlawn on the corner of Franklin Ave. According to his obituary in 1912, he was considered to be one of Sea Cliff's oldest residents. Like Watkins, Mr. Webber was born in England and settled in this area. He was also Sea Cliff's Justice of the Peace and Tax Collector at the turn of the 20th Century.

Enjoy Spring. It is brief, as winter hates to release its grip, and summer squeezes out those mild, fragrant days. Stop and smell the lilacs.

## Sea Cliff Landmarks Association



The license plate in the REO Speedwagon panel truck dates this photo to 1929 when the residence behind it, like many large homes in Sea Cliff, was converted to provide rented rooms and meals to tourists. It was known as "Cliff Manor" and was run by Lipp and Poppen. Cliff Manor, at 87 Summit Avenue near Pirie Park, is instantly recognizable for its distinctive cast iron fence along the sidewalk. It was once also the home of J. Pairs Dunn, second president of Sea Cliff, who died in 1899 at 39 years old, leaving a wife and two children. Mrs. Dunn inherited the house, then known as "The Armstrong," and later rented, then sold it to John Griffith Jenkins, Sr., a prominent Brooklyn banker. The Village of Sea Cliff foreclosed on the property in 1943. The Sea Cliff Landmarks Association thanks Jehudith Cohen for her recent donation of this photo to the association.

## Hempstead Harbor Protection Committee Update

by Eric Swenson, Executive Director, Hempstead Harbor Protection Committee

I normally devote this column to specific topics that affect our beautiful harbor. However, given the new year, I thought it would be helpful to provide an update on many of the HHPC's activities over the past year.

At this time last year, Governor Hochul unveiled her proposed Housing Compact plan which, among other things, would have mandated local governments to rezone all land within a half-mile of railroad stations to allow 50 housing units per acre and, at the same time, eliminate nearly all environmental reviews, including the impact to drinking and surface water, the ability of wastewater treatment plants to handle the sewage, and so on. If this were approved, the Village of Roslyn Harbor, with its 356 homes would be

required to allow an additional 6,122 homes. While there was much opposition from local governments, virtually no one was addressing the removal of environmental reviews until HHPC raised the issue. We became the de-facto leader on this aspect. We worked with the Town of Oyster Bay to hold a press conference, and spoke at several other press conferences here and in Albany. Our Letter to the Editor and a Guest Opinion piece were both published in Newsday, and our Director appeared on News12. In the end, the governor withdrew her proposal. This year, her initiative does not take away zoning powers or environmental reviews.

More locally, we were able to receive funding from the Nassau County Soil and Water Conservation District to remove in-

vasive Phragmites at Scudder's Pond and replace them with native plants. It took most of last year to go through the DEC permit process and that work is expected to begin this spring.

HHPC has also played a lead role in administering Nassau County's Septic Environmental Program To Improve Cleanliness (S.E.P.T.I.C.) grant program whereby property owners who are on conventional septic systems or cesspools can receive up to \$20,000 in grants to install state-of-the-art nitrogen-reducing septic systems. Of the 120 systems installed under this program on the north shore, Sea Cliff is second only to Bayville in the number of applicants and installations. To date, 60 applicants in the village have been approved for grants and 13 have been

installed.

During 2023, we also spent a considerable amount of time on developing the plans and obtaining a hatchery to carry out a large-scale shellfish seeding program on the north shore. Thanks to former Congressman Tom Suozzi, we received a grant of \$300,000 for this project. This will allow 2 million oyster seeds to be planted in Hempstead Harbor over the next three years.

Since knowing water-quality is a key to knowing where problems are and how effective our responses have been, we continued to work closely with the Coalition to Save Hempstead Harbor to perform the monitoring, and last year secured \$200,000 in grants to cover the cost through 2025. Of particular concern is continued high bacteria levels com-

ing from an outfall at the bottom of Glenwood Road. We have been working with the Town of Oyster Bay and Nassau County (which own the drainage network) on possible solutions.

We have also kept abreast of issues such as new electric transmission cables that will be installed in our harbor, a proposed battery storage facility in Glenwood Landing, and represented Hempstead Harbor communities in recommending parcels for listing in the upcoming revision to the NYS Open Space Plan.

Finally, at the very end of the year, the DEC issued a game-changing stormwater permit that all local municipalities must adhere to. HHPC has taken the lead on providing needed guidance.

# April is Fair Housing Month

by Erinn McDonnell, Community Development Administrator

April is designated as Federal Fair Housing Month to celebrate the 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 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."

Deanna Caliendo-Spinelli's family includes her husband, one son, two daughters, and usually up to six dogs. An animal rescue volunteer for the past 17 years, Caliendo-Spinelli regularly adds adult dogs she meets while volunteering to her busy Sea Cliff household.

"I never know how long I will have with the dogs, but I make sure that my family and I give them the best life possible," she said. "We aspire for our pack to be ambassadors for rescue dogs as a whole. Hopefully neighbors will see how great our dogs are and will consider rescuing a dog of their own."

Caliendo-Spinelli currently volunteers for the North Shore Animal League and the Town of Hempstead Animal Shelter (TOHAS) up to four days a week, about five hours a day, walking dogs, helping staff socialize the dogs, teaching basic commands, and providing enrichment. She posts about dogs up for adoption on Instagram (@Ravens\_Nest\_2424) and Facebook, and about the TOHAS Partner for Paws program. TOHAS has started to work with local businesses – includ-

# Leader of the Pack

by Elizabeth Winchester

ing Pezzi Pizza – to bring awareness to the dogs and cats available for adoption.

"A flyer with a dog or cat picture and QR code links directly to the dog or cat shelter profile," Caliendo-Spinelli explained. "Any exposure for these programs directly helps the animals, and any local business can participate by reaching out to @adopt-shelterpetstohas on Instagram or to me."

Over her years as a Sea Cliff resident, Caliendo-Spinelli has noticed fewer pitbulls, greyhounds, and other commonly rescued dog breeds in town, and more "hypoallergenic dogs," like poodle mixes, which "are not your typical shelter dogs," she said. While she recognizes that

some people may want a purebred dog with a unique temperament, or a hypoallergenic dog for allergy concerns, she urges all to adopt from a local shelter or breed-specific rescue first.

Of the 6.3 million companion animals that enter U.S. animal shelters each year, about 920,000 are euthanized. From Caliendo-Spinelli's perspective as a dedicated animal rescuer, "breeder-purchased dogs are not helping the homeless shelter population, but are in fact adding to it," she said. "Foster-to-adopt is always a good alternative because it allows you to get to know the dog and see if the dog is a good fit for you and your family."



Sea Cliff's Deanna Caliendo-Spinelli shares a sweet moment with a rescue dog.

Photo courtesy of the North Shore Animal League.

*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

[www.hud.gov/program\\_offices/fair\\_housing\\_equal\\_opp/online-complaint](http://www.hud.gov/program_offices/fair_housing_equal_opp/online-complaint)

Nassau County Human Rights Commission – 516-571-3662

[www.nassaucountyny.gov/414/Human-Rights-Commission](http://www.nassaucountyny.gov/414/Human-Rights-Commission)

Long Island Housing Services – 516-292-0400

[www.lifairhousing.org](http://www.lifairhousing.org)

Village of Sea Cliff – Erinn McDonnell, Community Development Administrator – 516-671-0080

[emcdonnell@seacliff-ny.gov](mailto:emcdonnell@seacliff-ny.gov)

## The Importance of "Daylighting" Intersections

by Daniel Flanzig, Esq., Chair, Traffic and Safety Commission

Daylighting is the technical term for a common-sense solution to traffic safety; by removing visual obstructions in approaching intersections, users can better see and more safely cross each other's paths. Daylighting also makes roads safer for vulnerable road-users such as pedestrians and cyclists. It is one simple, low-cost step to help make our village streets safer.

The city of Hoboken, which has famously eliminated pedestrian deaths in recent years, has credited daylighting as one of its primary tactics, which it

has seen as an easy and cheap solution to preventing traffic injuries. The National Association of City Transportation Officials explains, "Intersection design should facilitate eye contact between street users, ensuring that motorists, bicyclists, pedestrians, and transit vehicles intuitively read intersections as shared spaces." The easiest and simplest way to create daylighting in our village is to be conscious of parking in close proximity to intersections, especially with larger vehicles. By not parking within one to three car lengths of an in-

tersection, you now have opened up or "daylit" the space, allowing those approaching or crossing the intersection to have a clear and unobstructed view.

In our village, with our tight and narrow streets, residents should keep this in mind while parking on the street. This is especially important if parking is occurring at or near bends or inclines where sight lines are already limited.

Daylighting is a simple step you can take to make our village streets safer. And remember our hashtag, #slowdowninSeaCliff!



## Spring Ahead!

*Don't forget to change your clocks and check your smoke detectors on Sunday, March 10.*



# Sea Cliff School News

by Megan McCormack, Principal, Sea Cliff School

We have had a very busy but exciting winter at SCS!

We kicked off the holiday season with a musical Holiday Extravaganza. To the delight of all students, faculty and staff, high school students and teachers from the jazz band, chamber orchestra, advanced dance ensemble, and Madrigals all performed for everyone to enjoy. It was a wonderful example of our oldest North Shore students inspiring our youngest students to be creative and fulfill their dreams!

We are looking forward to upcoming grade level culminations and contin-

ued field trips to provide authentic learning experiences for all students. Our 3rd graders will perform their very first Sea Cliff School concert while our 4th & 5th graders look forward to performing in May. Our 5th graders performed in the annual National Circus Project and it was an incredible show!

Our Student Government Organization has organized a variety of meaningful opportunities for all. This group organized a food drive and delivered all we collected to NOSH. We partnered with the North Shore High School Key

Club and participated in an annual toy drive, where all donations were sent to Cohen Children's Medical Center.

Please note that UPK & Kindergarten Registration has started! See the North Shore website for additional information.

We have a terrific partnership with our PCA and are so grateful for everything they do at SCS! We are looking forward to upcoming events such as Movie Night and the GALA. It will be an exciting, thrilling spring at Sea Cliff School!

## Spring Awakenings at the Library: A Renewal

by Camille Purcell, Library Director

*"In principle and reality, libraries are life-enhancing palaces of wonder."*

— Gail Honeyman, Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine

Spring arrives on March 19 and our thoughts immediately turn to new beginnings. A recently published study shed some light on how Millennials and Gen Z-ers view and use libraries, and I am happy to report that among these groups, libraries are experiencing a renewed popularity. Sea Cliff Village Library is also experiencing a renewal.

Our website and online newsletter showcase all of our offerings. If you would like to receive our weekly informational email blasts, please send us your email

address and we will add you to our list. Our website features many new services for the library patron including offering options for visual enhancement or language choice. Using the Libby app, not only can you access print books, audiobooks and magazines, you are also able to view Independent films via IndieFlix and concert events via Qello simply by using the app. The library subscribes to research databases to help casual and seasoned researchers. NextReads is an online book list delivered to your email based on the selections that you pick.

We are now part of a programming consortium with our neighboring libraries

presenting various lectures via Zoom featuring different genres. The Family Museum Pass Program has grown in popularity and now includes a pass to the 9/11 Memorial & Museum. We are offering a Knitting and Crochet Circle on Friday afternoons, where crafters can come and share their skills with each other in pleasant camaraderie. The Friends of the Library sponsors many of our events and programs. That organization lobbies on behalf of the library to help with fundraising and hosting special events.

There are many ways to experience the library. Join us and see what we have to offer.

## Sea Cliff's Supporter

by Elena Villafane, Mayor, Sea Cliff

Historically, Sea Cliff has been fortunate to have a large number of citizen volunteers who help to keep the village vital and growing. We have also had the support of many of our elected officials across the Town of Oyster Bay, Nassau County and New York State.

One of our staunchest supporters has been County Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton. Since her first election in 2011, DeRiggi-Whitton has been a tireless advocate for Sea Cliff, securing crucial grant funding for projects that have enriched the lives of

residents. From the arts pavilion at the beach to the revamped Children's Library, new baseball fields in Clifton Park, the restoration of Scudder's Pond, and the essential sewer line, her leadership and determination have brought these endeavors to life.

Delia's impact in our village extends far beyond infrastructure. She has been a loyal supporter of community groups like the Sea Cliff Arts Council, North Shore CASA and Toys for Tots. Her commitment goes beyond funding – she actively participates in events and

demonstrates genuine involvement. Delia delivers tangible results that make a real difference in the lives of Sea Cliff residents.

Thank you Delia!

## Sea Cliff's 4th Annual All You Need Is Love Fundraiser



**Tobi LeBron won "Grooviest Moves" while celebrating the 1960s at LYNP's All You Need is Love Prom Night.**

Photo courtesy of Juliette Peckham Guddat.

## Our Lady of Kazan Easter Bazaar

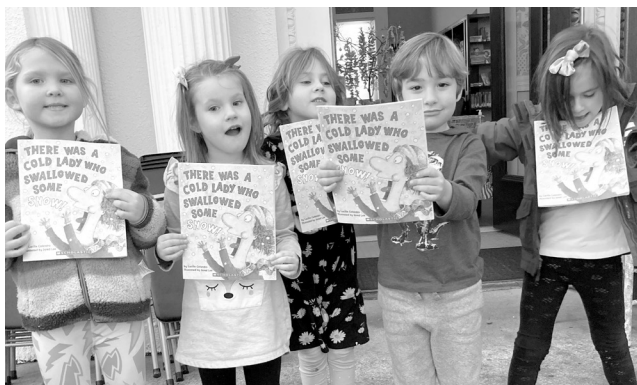
We're back! Come to the Easter bazaar at the Church of Our Lady of Kazan! We'll have home-made pierogi and delicious borscht, and be sure to enjoy our wonderful desserts! For those of you who don't want to make dinner, we have a take-out option.

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

The bazaar is on Saturday, March 23 from 12 p.m. - 4 p.m. It will be held in the parish hall of the Church of Our Lady of Kazan. We are located at 2 Willow Shore Avenue, off Littleworth Lane, in Sea Cliff. The bazaar information line is 516-468-1579. Come and enjoy!

## Snapshots from Sea Cliff Children's Library

Photos courtesy of Ann DiPietro.



Pretzels and Picturebookers share a good book and great camaraderie!



Story Time friends gather on a rainy day.



Little Sea Cliffians put their ducks in a row following the New Year's Eve annual Duck Hunt, hosted by the Civic Association.

Photo courtesy of Ann DiPietro.

## The Sea Cliff Fisherman: Spring Urges

by Andy Roberts, Fly Fishing Enthusiast

Right now, in dark waters with tidal currents, there are huddled bio masses clinging to life while waiting for better times. As each day passes, storms come and go. Temperatures fluctuate and sometimes ice floats above. Food is sparse and nights are long. As each day passes though, a primal instinct begins to brighten their spirits. A subtle awareness that the nights are passing a bit quicker, the light above seeming to last a bit longer. Most importantly, the environment around them begins to warm. At some point, one member of that mass feels an urge to move, and others follow.

As they move inland, seeking food and following a path their ancestors have traveled for thousands of years, there are many among us who will be waiting to greet them. Our own bodies will urge us out of bed, out of the warmth of our covers and into the cool spring air to pull on damp waders. As we travel towards the water, flickers of anticipation will sparkle internally, making us wonder if what we seek feels the same.

We will stalk quietly towards the shore, senses heightened as we finally see the water and all the potential that it holds. In the wet quiet, we can feel the tide now passing over our waders; a strange sensation of being in cold wa-

ter yet also being dry. As the sky begins to glow, we may notice an egret in the distance as still as stone.

We will prepare our tackle; some will tie on pieces of fur and feathers wrapped to metal hooks to begin silently casting out into the whisper of light. It isn't quite morning but isn't quite night either. We look into the darkness, and we listen for gentle slurps or maybe a splash. Stripping line through our wet fingers we imagine what our flies look like in the water and attempt to replicate the movement of small bait fish.

In the murk, they sense movement. It's been too long since the last time they ate. It's hard to tell if this is food or not but the impulse to strike prevails and the fish takes its prey. Initially satisfied with success, the mood shifts at the realization something is off. Predator mode shifts instantly to prey mode. Time to flee. Panic sets in.

At first, as we feel the line come tight, there's a sense of denial. Did we snag bottom or maybe a branch? Then the line pulls back. That sense of panic on the other end of the line becomes palpable. The heart will leap, any sensation of cold or worry or doubt will be erased. We become entirely focused on this singular event. We allow the line to pull out of our fingers while retain-

ing some tension. We work with the fish to get any extraneous line onto the reel. Once that is achieved, our confidence grows as we can now harness the full power of the tool we've brought for this task.

If we're lucky, that life on the other end will take even more line and there will be a terrific back and forth. We'll put pressure on the animal. If she runs, we let her run. We reel in when she rests. Maybe the sky is a little brighter now. Purple and navy streaks become pink and orange swirls. We can see a flock of geese in a massive V above the horizon. As the fight comes to a close, we can see the color of the fish in the water. White belly with a black-green back and black horizontal stripes along her side. A thick tail that kicks water even as defeat becomes inevitable.

If we've done it right, we'll quickly remove the hook and hold the animal by the tail keeping her in the water. We'll help her breathe and make sure she has time to recover. She'll let us know she's ready and give a good hard thwack with her tail, a mix of annoyance and relief, as we send her back. Her mindset will shift back to predator mode quickly as she finds her school and the prey they seek. These are the better times she's been waiting for.

## Get More Out of Your Recycling Efforts and Protect Your Privacy

by Bruce Kennedy, Village Administrator

We received a phone call recently from a concerned resident. He reported that individuals have been going through recycling bins early on Wednesday mornings. It is apparent that the garbage pickers are seeking cans and bottles for the 5-cent return value. The resident's concern was the possibility of sensitive papers that may also be in the bins. According to legal scholars, garbage picking is legal when it is left in the "outside curtilage" of

a home or property. This means that those placing trash/recycling by the curb have no reasonable expectation of privacy.

Remember the days when collecting bottles and cans meant extra cash? While the nickel deposit might not seem like much anymore, there are still good reasons to return your containers and be mindful of what you throw away.

Double Your Impact:

- Earn your nickels back: recycling your bottles and

cans with the deposit program puts money directly in your pocket.

- Help the environment: returning containers reduces litter and conserves resources, saving everyone money on waste disposal.

Protect Your Privacy:

- Shredding matters: mail and sensitive documents often contain personal information. Shredding before disposal helps prevent identity theft and keeps your private details

out of the wrong hands.

- Curbside caution: remember, discarded items by the curb are generally considered public domain. Be mindful of what you throw away to avoid exposing personal information.

Taking Action:

- Recycle right: return your deposit containers and shred sensitive documents before disposal.
- Be vigilant: if you see suspicious activity around recycling bins, contact the

police.

- Reduce junk mail: opt out of unwanted mailings to minimize the amount of sensitive information you discard (visit the Federal Trade Commission website).

Remember: by making small changes in your recycling habits and being mindful of your privacy, you can contribute to a cleaner environment and protect yourself from potential identity theft.



# Sea Cliff Arts Council News

by Kathleen DiResta, President, Sea Cliff Arts Council

*"Art is too important not to share."* (Brazilian artist Romero Britto).

We are so grateful for your support of the Sea Cliff Arts Council. You have shown up for so many special events and we have lots more coming up this spring. Art exhibits this spring include Michael Ach (March/April) and a group show for "The Critique Group" (May/June) at our space at 86 Roslyn Ave. Visit Sea Cliff Library for Kaylin Burger's paintings (on view through April) and "Family and Fauna: Oil Paintings" by Kay and Rick Vickers (May-July).

Upcoming art classes include Watercolor with Patricia, Zen Figure Painting with Len, and Art Hang for members. Our printmaking, paint pour, and figure drawing classes were all a success and we hope to host them again

soon. Actress Katie Nisa will host Improv – Confidence and Connection for High Schoolers, March 3 – April 14. Wellness classes include meditation with Cathy, Yoga Nidra, and PJ Yoga for Kids with Kristen. Everyone is welcome to join the Poetry group every third Wednesday at 5 p.m. If you would like to host a class, find the link on our site or email [seacliffartscouncil@gmail.com](mailto:seacliffartscouncil@gmail.com).

Our music series is ongoing. We look forward to showcasing our teachers with the Faculty Show on March 16. Frank Ferrara and Joe Ciampa will showcase their love of guitars on April 13. Look for an encore performance of L.O.L.: Lori Out Loud, and other performances.

Visit [www.seacliffarts.org](http://www.seacliffarts.org) for the full list, or to become a member, join the mailing list, and register. Thank you!



Artist Julia Lanotte displays her art at the Sea Cliff library.

Photo courtesy of Kat DiResta.

# Senior Citizen Outreach

by Tracy Arnold Warzer, Senior Program Development Specialist

The Village of Sea Cliff's Senior Citizen's Outreach program is gearing up with initiatives that carry forward the mission to support and enhance the quality of life of senior residents of the village. In my new role as Senior Citizen Program Development Specialist, I aim to develop a Senior Enrichment Network to help seniors deepen their connections to community engagement, receive support to meet individual needs, and to provide meaningful strategies to enhance their daily life.

In collaborating with village committees, individuals, businesses, professionals and local government entities, we will strengthen our resources for seniors and demonstrate that Sea Cliff's unique qualities include building connections for seniors to enjoy a vibrant lifestyle that optimizes their health and well-being and supports their needs as they age independently at home. Our village, rich in cultural arts opportunities and offering active involvement in civic engagement and volunteerism, provides a foundation for strengthening the ties for our seniors to maintain an integral and active role in community life.

The Senior Enrichment Network will also collaborate with existing committees that serve the community, such as the Youth Activities Board, to include intergenerational programming. The YAB is planning events that include youth and elders working together in Senior Tech Support and Help-a-Senior programs. These mutually beneficial programs and events will foster relationships between the generations, provide youth with invaluable experiences interacting with elders, and provide seniors with supportive services and opportunities to share wisdom and life stories in the process. Similarly, future

collaborations with other community groups such as the Senior Action Committee, Mutual Concerns, Sea Cliff Village Library, and others will aim to support and expand upon an age-friendly community. These collaborations will ensure that Sea Cliff seniors have access to essential services and resources that will assist them in meeting their individual needs and enhancing their quality of life in housing, health and wellness, transportation, information and referral, safety and security, and recreation.

The underpinnings of these efforts are the growing awareness that staying active, having a sense of purpose and involvement in community life can help individuals remain independent in their homes as long as possible. More than one-third of adults over 60 report feelings of isolation and loneliness, which can have negative implications on both physical and mental health. Yet, current research suggests that people living in more age-friendly environments are more likely to report higher quality of life and a sense of well-being.

If we focus our efforts on understanding how to best meet the needs of our senior residents and identify strategies that tap into the rich cultural and social fabric of the existing community, we can redefine aging-in-community to become an example of a village that promotes successful, healthy aging and inspired living. Everyone can participate in this process by helping to make connections for seniors, getting to know your elder neighbors, or reaching out to volunteer. To be involved in the Senior Enrichment Network conversation, please contact Tracy Arnold Warzer, at [Twarzer@seacliff-ny.gov](mailto:Twarzer@seacliff-ny.gov), or call 516-671-0080, ext. 124.

## A New Brew in Town



Campground eased into the coffee market on February 10, offering Sea Cliffians another type of brew daily from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., complete with WiFi and a work-from-home vibe.

Photo courtesy of Ryan Browne.

### 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.	Village Hall	no comment period
Board of Trustees Meeting	2nd Monday	7:00 p.m.	Village Hall	comment period
Architectural Review Board	2nd & 4th Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Village Hall	
Planning Board	2nd Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Village Hall	
Zoning Board	3rd Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Village Hall	
Environmental Conservation Commission	1st Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Village Hall	
Landmarks Preservation Commission	4th Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Village Hall	
Tree Commission	2nd & 4th Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	field site visits	
				Call Village Hall for details

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
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

## Village of Sea Cliff Justice Court

All Courts Dates are WEDNESDAYS

7:30 p.m. at Village Hall DOWNSTAIRS

	Arraignment	Conference
2023		
December	13th only	
2024		
January	10th	24th
February	7th	21st
March	6th	20th
April	3rd	17th
May	8th	22nd
June	12th	26th
July	10th only	
August	7th only	
September	4th	18th
October	2nd	16th
November	6th	20th
December	11th only	

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

### VILLAGE BOARD MEETING DATES 2024

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

Location: Sea Cliff Village Hall				
Conference Meetings: 6 p.m.				
Board Meetings: 7 p.m.				
Monday	March	4	2024	Conference
Monday		11	2024	Board Meeting
Monday	April	1	2024	Organizational Meeting

## Addiction Resources

### In Case Of Emergency Call 911

Long Island Crisis Center  
Hotline: 516-679-1111

Long Island Council on Alcoholism and  
Drug Dependence (LICADD) [licadd.org](http://licadd.org)  
Hotline: 631-979-1700

NY State HOPEline  
1-877-846-7369 or Text: 467369

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

To comment or to contribute to the Village Bulletin  
email: [scvillagebulletin@gmail.com](mailto:scvillagebulletin@gmail.com)

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James Versocki  
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