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VILLAGE BULLETIN

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Mayor's Update

by Mayor Elena Villafane



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As spring has arrived, it is time again to get outdoors and enjoy our wonderful Village of Sea Cliff. The trees and flowers are blooming, the children are playing in the parks, the beach has a new playground and our neighbors are out walking and sharing with one another. In a troubled world, it is comforting to stroll our streets, take in the beauty of our village and feel the strength of community.

I encourage each one of you to stroll the boardwalk with its new and more view-friendly railing. Take a few

minutes (or more) and stop to enjoy our children as they play softball and little league – no charge for the best seats. Get a seat on Sea Cliff Avenue and wave as the Memorial Day Parade passes. Soon, music will again fill the air as we enjoy the Sunset Serenade concerts in Clifton Park and Friday Night Music at the beach. As always, our shops and restaurants continue to welcome walk-ins. Personally, I look forward to seeing everyone out and about with the warm weather upon us. As neighbors and citizens of Sea Cliff, I strongly encourage all to visit the village website, subscribe to the Sea Cliff Circle and visit the village Facebook page to stay informed of all the activities and official business of Sea Cliff. See upcoming events to plan for and revisit information shared at open board meetings, such as the recent budget meeting on the Livestream. Feel free to discuss any and all issues with me and your elected officials

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Who's Who: The Sea Cliff Village Board Organizational Meeting

On April 4, at 7 p.m., the Incorporated Village of Sea Cliff came together in person for the 2022-2023 Organizational Meeting. Girls Scout Troop 162 led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by Rabbi Irwin Huberman sharing an opening prayer. Mayor Elena Villafane welcomed everyone. She swore in newly elected Trustee Tannaz Nasirzadeh-Balooch, and re-elected Trustee Nicholas Pinto for two-year terms. Robin Maynard took over as Village Justice for a term of four years. Trustee Dina Epstein was elected Deputy Mayor for a one-year term.

Mayor Villafane, in her village

address, acknowledged two village staples – both retiring and both to be missed. “I would like to take a moment to acknowledge with deep gratitude the service of retiring Trustee Kevin McGilloway, who in his usual self-effacing way chose not to be here this evening. Kevin has been a remarkable public servant for almost two decades,” said Villafane, “first serving as a member, then Chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals. In 2014, Kevin ran for trustee and was re-elected for three more terms, serving for eight years. From my personal perspective, Kevin was an invaluable resource, cutting

through the periphery and with laser focus getting to the heart of the matter. He was generous with his time, insightful in his analysis and ever hard working. Kevin’s presence on the Board will be sorely missed.”

Also “leaving us,” she added, “is our favorite Deputy Clerk, Deputy Registrar and Deputy Court Clerk, Pat Guy who is retiring in May of this year. Pat has been an amazing member of our Village staff since December 1993. Pat was once a member of the Sea Cliff Auxiliary Police Force and the recipient of the White Cap award in recognition of her outstanding com-

Sea Cliff Memorial Day Parade 2022

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

After a pandemic of quite some duration, the Village of Sea Cliff, under the auspices of the James F. Brengel America Legion Post, will return to its annual parade on Memorial Day, Monday May 30.

The parade will start at 9 a.m. at Memorial Park with a brief observance, then proceed down Sea Cliff Avenue to Roslyn Avenue, turning right down to Glen Avenue and will march down Glen to Clifton Park for a brief program.

All village organizations are welcome to march and all village residents are invited to be a part of this tribute to American war dead - either as marchers with an organization or observers lining the parade route.

Our last parade was in 2019 and we have many new residents since then. Our residents have always made this event a special tribute to those who forfeited their lives in service to the nation. We urge all residents to participate in this most American holiday.

Village Taxes

by Marianne Lennon, Collector of Taxes

Payments are due June 1, 2022. Taxes may be paid by mail or dropped off at the Village Hall locked mailbox located at the Summit Avenue entrance of the building.

When Penalties Apply: On all First Half Taxes paid on or before July 1, 2022, no penalty or interest will be charged. If

paid after July 1, 2022, interest will be added monthly or for any fraction thereof until paid at the current rate in effect as set by the State Commissioner of Taxation and Finance as prescribed in subdivision 2 of Section 924-a of the N.Y.S. Real Property Tax Law.

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Sea Cliff at Work: Capital Projects

by Bruce Kennedy, Village Administrator and Director of Public Works

Spring is upon us and the village is busy with a significant list of capital projects. There is not enough room in this article to talk about them all, so I will give you the short list.

The winter weather wreaked havoc on some of our streets. We have recently completed a bid process for roadwork and a record amount of paving will be done this spring. Our contractor, John McGowan and Sons, will be notifying residents living on the roads being scheduled for restoration. Roads are being repaved based upon their overall condition which was determined by a recent village roadway condition report.

The playground at the beach, although not that old, has seen much better days. The salt air really has its way with metal down there. The old playground was removed to make way for the new playground that will be enjoyed by the youngsters in our village for the next couple of decades.

The village has contracted to have the baseball fields at Clifton Park renovated in June. While our Department of Public Works does an incredible job of maintaining the fields, the time has come for a total overhaul of the infields.

As part of our commitment to the environment, especially our

waterways, we have recently completed a professional analysis of our stormwater discharge pipes along Hempstead Harbor (this assessment was paid for by a grant from New York State). We are now putting together plans to address the discharge points that require upgrading.

The stairs that lead from Cliff Way to the beach are a popular walkway for residents and visitors alike because the view is amazing. As a result of this use and their advanced age, the village has engaged an engineer to assess the stairs current condition and come up with a design to replace them. These stairs have been around since the

1800s and the Mayor and Board of Trustees want them to be around for a long time to come.

Finally, we have recently completed a condition report for the Water Company Pumphouse (the brick building at the back of 325 Prospect Avenue). Under New York American Water, the building was not maintained

but now that the village has purchased it, we intend to restore it to its original glory. Thanks to a private donation of \$250,000, restoration to this building will begin shortly.

There is a lot going on in our sleepy little Village.

Mayor's Update

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– we are neighbors too. I am always available for meetings and am in Village Hall on the first and third Monday of every month.

Stay active, stay informed and say a friendly hello to all of our neighbors.

Enjoy the Sea Cliff summer season and I will see you out there!

Annual Meeting

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munity service. For most of us, Pat is that melodious voice on the other end of the phone with the answers to all the questions we have. Village Hall will be a lesser place as a result of Pat's absence."

Notable highlights within the past year include, in no particular order:

1. The village closed title on the purchase of 325 Prospect Avenue. The Committee for 325 Prospect, charged with discerning the village intent, has posted a survey, prepared and disseminated a video highlighting the property and conducted a Town Hall meeting to start the dialogue on the future use of that property.

2. The railings for the entire length of the beach boardwalk were replaced.

3. The Board passed legislation to opt out of the Marijuana Dispensary law and to manage the use of gas-powered leaf blowers.

4. The Building Department processed 365 Building Permit applications – no less than one for each day of the year.

5. There were 750 uninterrupted days of virtual Story hour and 790 in-person sessions at the Children's Library.

6. Phase 3 of the Sewer Project was completed, extending the sewer line to Maple and Seventh Avenues and continued over an additional portion of Summit, all of which was covered almost entirely by grant monies, in an on-time and under-budget manner.

7. We lobbied our elected officials to pass the creation of the North Shore Water Authority. Legislation was signed into law

by Governor Hochul in November of 2021.

8. The village was successful in petitioning to be granted party status to the Joint Petition seeking approval of the sale of North Shore Water Authority assets by NYAW to Liberty. In such capacity the village was successful in incorporating a path toward the municipalization of water in the Settlement Agreement ultimately approved by the PSC and executed by most notably by NYAW, Liberty and the Village of Sea Cliff among others.

9. We facilitated outdoor dining to assist our restaurants survive COVID.

10. The village created an official Facebook page for the posting of village information.

11. The Board is working to anticipate near- and long-term planning opportunities and challenges via our Long-Range Planning Committee and its current Comprehensive Planning proposal efforts.

12. The Environmental Conservation Committee has made strides toward achieving Bronze Status for Climate Smart Communities including public education about recycling and the new septic system grant opportunities, placement of additional recycling bins throughout the village and undertaking efforts rightsizing our fleet.

13. We are working to increase our weather and climate resiliency through participation in the Nassau County Hazard Mitigation Plan and FEMA public assistance.

14. A bid was awarded for the replacement of 42 trees all through the incredible efforts of the Tree Committee.

15. The village initiated an energy-efficient street light con-

version program.

16. We celebrated many wonderful events together: Sunset Serenade on Thursday evenings in the summer, Memorial Day, 4th of July, Veterans Day and our Holiday Celebration, all held in a socially distant fashion.

Appointments (for a term of one year):

Marianne Lennon, Collector of Taxes; Bruce Kennedy, Village Administrator, Director of Public Works and Village Assessor; Shane Domin, Building Inspector; Kathy Mackney, Court Clerk; Judith Phelps, Deputy Court Clerk/Deputy Treasurer; Jennifer Gerity, Secretary to the Zoning Board; Sarah Beaudin, Building Dept. Coordinator; Carl Rumatoski, Fire Prevention Officer, Plumbing Inspector and Dog Control Officer; Erinn McDonnell, Grant & Contracts Coordinator and Community Development; Melissa Sornik, Senior Outreach Worker; Tillman Brown, Parking Violations Officer and Dog Control Officer; David Millard, Parking Violations Officer; Courtney Chambers, Museum Director; Charles Parisi, Associate Village Justice; Mamie Stathatos-Fulgieri, Deputy Prosecutor; John DellaRatta, Jr., Deputy Prosecutor; Charles McQuair, Deputy Prosecutor.

Brian S. Stolar, as Village Attorney and Meyer Suozzi, English and Klein, P.C. for non-retainer legal work on behalf of the village, at the rates set forth in the retainer agreement with Brian S. Stolar and Meyer Suozzi, English & Klein, P.C. for one year.

Further appointments include: **Architectural Review Board:** Paul Anderson, Chair (1 year); Leslie Guerci (3 years)

Planning Board: Bruce Treiber, Chair (1 year); Dino Marra (5 years); *Planning Board Alternate:* Margaret Casey (1 year); Laurie Martone (1 year)

Zoning Board of Appeals: Noel Griffin, Chair (1 year); Jim Mozer (5 years); *Zoning Board Alternate:* Beth Rechner (1 year)

Environmental Conservation Committee: Mark Sobel (2 years), Chair (1 year); Fred Eisenstein (2 years); Shalini Desai (2 years)

Examining Board of Plumb-ers: Glen Bunce (3 years)

Landmark Preservation Committee: Alison Frankel (3 years); Margaret Watt (2 years); Eugene Alletto (3 years); Bruce Treiber, (1 year), Chair (1 year); Elaine Niece, co-Historian (1 year)

Advisory, Landmark Preservation Committee: Hal Cashman (1 year); Spiros Triantafyllou (1 year)

Museum Board: Jean Marie Saltzer (3 years); Liz Luciano (3 years); Kathleen DiResta, Chair (1 year) (3 years)

Additional One Year Appointments:

Board of Assessment Review: Phil Como, Chair, Steve Tandy, Barbara Sinenberg, Damian Ross, Raquel Knoell

Community Development Advisory Board: Annabel Delfin, Laurie Petroske, Peggie Friedman

HNPC Delegate: Thomas Powell

Memorial Committee: Barbara Sinnenberg, Laura Kavanagh, Gwynn Lennon

Sea Cliff Newsletter: Robert Lafferty

Senior Action Committee: Tina Marchese, Chair, Debbie Pierce, Claudia Moyne, Dan Maddock, Phil Como, Ken

Krumenaker, Robert Osmer, Jordan Brewer, Christina Volz, Allison Camardella, Jean Marie Staltzer, Nina Waechter, Emily Jane Waechter, Leslie Steinman, Sarima Anderson, Jennifer Duffy, Rasa Mokhoff, Jack Pierce, Gretchen Williams and Barbara Monogue

Service Award Commission: Ernest Longobucco, Timothy O'Donnell, Peter Hayes

Sea Cliff Beach Event Coordinator Committee: Lisa Cashman, Roger Friedman, Henriette Rohl

Tree Commission: Ken Krumenacker, Chair, Sue Giordano, Pam Tobol, John Duvall

Village Historian: Elaine Niece

Veterans Committee: Phil Como, Ted Kopczynski, Scott Whitting, Ernie Franck

Village Bulletin: Amy Tempesta, Maureen Angliss, Maria Conforti, Claudia Winant, Elizabeth Winchester

Youth Activities Board: Sean Llewellyn, Chair, Pooja Vira, Aimee Mitchell, Amie Sanborn, Allison Camardella, Tracy Bacher and Grant Kletter

Examining Board of Plumb-ers: Timothy O'Keefe

Mayor Villafane thanked all the outgoing board and committee members: Lisa Cashman, Environmental Conservation Committee; George Coyle, Examining Board of Plumb-ers; Robert Lafferty and Leslie Guerci, Landmark Preservation Committee; Sue Giordano, Memorial Committee; Ed Camio- lo, Tannaz Balooch, Planning Board; Chris Zeppier, Architectural Review Board; Karen Montagnese, Nick Montagnese, Village Bulletin Committee; Susan Katz Richmond, Associate Village Justice

Finding New Purpose For Our Old Things

by Mark Sobel, Environmental Conservation Committee and
Dina Epstein, Sea Cliff Village Trustee

With the summer months approaching, Sea Cliff's beauty and care go hand-in-hand.

The Sea Cliff Environmental Conservation Commission will be making regular announcements at the village's musical events at Clifton Park on Thursdays and the beach on Fridays to remind our residents and visitors about the importance of using the landfill and recycling receptacles that are placed there. But this year, we have a new initiative to present: REUSING WHAT WE ALREADY HAVE.

What is Reuse?

- Attending a Garage Sale - The Civic Association hosts a village-wide garage sale on June 4 so that residents can sell unwanted items that will be useful to others.
- Donating - Donate clothing, shoes, toys, household items and books to charitable organizations here in the village or to charities that will pick them up from your home.

- Posting on Facebook - List unwanted items at a buy and sell or freecycle page on Facebook.

- Consigning - Bring items to consignment and thrift shops (there are some right here in the village).

- Repurposing - Make an old item into a planter, decorative item, or vessel for your home with some Sea Cliff-style creativity and quirkiness.

- Green Purchasing - When you want or need a particular item, check these resources before buying something new. Reusing items will have a positive impact on the environment and on Sea Cliff's budget. Reusing saves money, conserves resources and satisfies the human urge to be creative and empathetic. Places to send our refuse have become scarcer and more costly. Landfills are almost at capacity and there is no demand for recyclables. The stark reality of the solid waste problem

hit home recently while the village was preparing our annual budget and we were faced with the skyrocketing costs of waste disposal. The way to avoid these costs will be by reducing our solid waste output.

What else can residents do to reduce the impact to the earth and the financial impact to the village of getting rid of solid waste?

1. Utilize reusable drinking vessels and avoid single-use drink containers.
2. Purchase zero-waste or refillable soap, shampoo, and laundry detergents.
3. Compost fruit and vegetable waste.
4. Recycle unavoidable plastic, glass, metal, and paper refuse.

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING DATES 2022-2023

Days, times and locations subject to change
Please confirm on the Sea Cliff Village website
www.seacliff-ny.gov or call 516-671-0080

Monday	June	6	2022	Conference
Monday		13	2022	Meeting
Tuesday	July	5	2022	Conference
Monday		11	2022	Meeting
Monday	August	1	2022	Conference
(one August meeting)				
Tuesday	September	6	2022	Conference
Monday		12	2022	Meeting
Monday	October	3	2022	Conference
Tuesday		11	2022	Meeting
Monday	November	7	2022	Conference
Monday		14	2022	Meeting
Monday	December	5	2022	Conference
Monday		12	2022	Meeting
Tuesday	January	3	2022	Conference
Monday		9	2022	Meeting
Monday	February	6	2022	Conference
Monday		13	2022	Meeting
Monday	March	6	2022	Conference
Monday		13	2022	Meeting
Monday	April	3	2022	Organizational Meeting

Kudos to Karen

by Elizabeth Winchester



You may know that for about the past six years, Karen Montagnese served as the editor of the Sea Cliff Village Bulletin. She was at the helm for every quarterly issue from December 2016 until now. What you might not know is that Karen is visually impaired - legally blind - due to a degenerative eye disease called retinitis pigmentosa (RP). For Karen, working on the Bulletin was "a labor of love."

Editing a newspaper is an

enormous task for a sighted person. Karen volunteered for the job when her predecessor stepped down because she knew that Sea Cliff's seniors needed the newspaper to continue. Karen, a social worker, served as the village's Senior Outreach Worker for more than 10 years and knew that the Bulletin was an important source of information particularly for Sea Cliff's older residents.

For Karen to serve as editor, she used assistive technology. By using reverse type-changing text to appear white on a black background - and enlarging it, Karen was able to make out the words. "I have some usable vision, but my vision is always deteriorating," she explained. Karen also assembled a really good team, which included Claudia Winant as proofreader, and her husband Nick as tech support. Nick came up with a system for writers to submit their articles as attachments, which Karen would save in a Dropbox folder. Claudia proofread every article and made sure there was consistency in ab-

brevisions, spellings, and even the term for Sea Cliff residents, which she coined 'Sea Cliffians.'

While it was challenging, editing the paper kept Karen connected to Sea Cliff happenings. "I couldn't go to these events and see who was there but I got all the information," Karen said. She enjoyed receiving articles and letters for publication. But when Claudia told her she was moving and would have to step down, Karen realized that she couldn't continue as editor without her. "Without Claudia, it would be too hard," she explained.

"I am proud of the fact that I could do this all blind," Karen said. "Working with the community really has enriched my life." It may go without saying that Karen's work enriched our lives as well. Thank you, Karen, for keeping Sea Cliffians in the loop for all these years. May we continue to publish a diversity of articles at the high standard that you helped set.

Deputy Clerk Pat Guy Retires After 27 Years of Serving the Village of Sea Cliff



Thank You Pat!

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- Sea Cliff Mayor Elena Villafane

Save the Date

Golfing Through Sea Cliff Tournament

Saturday, September 10, 2022

Presented by

Sea Cliff's Good of the Village Association

Registration Starts July 25

Reserve your foursome at:

Sherlock Holmes Real Estate or

Daniel Gale Sotheby's

Want to be an Underwriter or Sponsor a Hole?

Call Gwynne Lennon at 516-662-2821

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



2021 Sea Cliff Golf Foursome (left to right) John Jenney, John Walsh, Peter Hayes and Kevin McGilloway

Mutual Concerns Committee

by Peggie Como, President, MCC

Due to the rise in COVID cases, the Tuesday Mutual Concerns Senior Lunch Program at St. Luke's will be suspended until further notice. Once we see cases diminishing, we are hopeful that we can resume. We know how important this program is to our seniors and we can't wait to get back to St. Luke's! Our seniors are also anxious to resume the local bus tours given by former mayor, Ed Lieberman.

Our community has given generously to Mutual Concerns since the very beginning of the pandemic. Many families have to make difficult budgeting choices, making it hard to put food on the table. However, thanks to the support from our neighbors, we have been able to help these individuals.

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

Sea Cliff Garage Sale Day Returns!

Saturday, June 4, 2022

***For more information, contact the Sea Cliff Civic Association at
sccivicasociation@gmail.com***

Happenings at the Museum

by Courtney Chambers, Museum Director

The Sea Cliff Village Museum reopened on Saturday, March 5. Nearly forty people braved the chilly and wet weather to view the latest exhibition, "Sea Cliff by the Sea: Sea Cliff's Waterfront in the Resort Era 1890-1920." We enjoyed hearing visitors' memories of summers on Sea Cliff Beach and in the old Sea Cliff Pavilion.

Sea Cliff School second and third graders visited the museum in April to learn more about life in Sea Cliff long ago! The focus of their visit was what was different long ago and what is the same. Second and third graders alike agreed that the two-piece bathing suits on display at the museum were very different than two-piece bathing suits today! The students particularly enjoyed the museum's Victorian kitchen, hunting for the six horseshoe crabs hidden around the museum, and the diorama of

Sea Cliff as it appeared in 1900. We invite the second and third grade families to come to the museum and bring your student along - s/he will be an excellent tour guide!

In the last edition of the Sea Cliff Bulletin, the museum requested Sea Cliff residents to share photos of their families at Sea Cliff Beach during the resort era. We would like to thank all those who shared their photographs. If you would like to display a photograph of your own family along our waterfront from the 1890s - 1920s, please contact the museum.

Save the date! The Friends of the Sea Cliff Village Museum is hosting a spring cocktail party at the museum on Friday, June 3. Please join us in the museum and the adjacent Centennial Garden for live music and refreshments. In June, we will also be hosting a lecture with Kristen Nyitray,

Director of Special Collections and University Archives at Stony Brook University and author of "Long Island Beaches." Please visit our website www.seacliffmuseum.org for more information on that event.

This summer, step back in time and see Sea Cliff as it was over one hundred years ago. The museum is open on Wednesdays and Saturdays and by appointment. We are also open during Sea Cliff's Second Sundays when we have a table outside selling Sea Cliff memorabilia from our gift shop, including T-shirts celebrating the former Bart's Barbershop. If interested in serving as a docent, please email museum@seacliff-ny.gov. We look forward to seeing you in the museum!

Memorial Committee Update

by Barbara Sinenberg, Chair, and Members Laura Kavanagh and Gwynne Lennon

The Memorial Committee is welcoming applications for memorials for placement in Sea Cliff. Sea Cliff has provided the opportunity to honor and remember loved ones for over a century. The committee has updated the application and list of options for memorials so that the process is streamlined and available to Sea Cliff residents past and present. You can visit Sea Cliff Village Hall or the village website for copies of the application and additional information.

Check Out the New Trees in Sea Cliff

by Ken Krumenacker, Sea Cliff Tree Committee

There's lots to see as Sea Cliff residents now shake off the COVID doldrums and get outside on nice days to enjoy the weather and neighborhood greenery. As you travel around the village, you may notice many new trees which have been planted in recent years. So how did this happen? With a lot of hard work.

Thank you to volunteer Landscape Architect John Robiloti for developing the 2018 through 2022 tree contracts, including the countless volunteer hours spent selecting appropriate planting sites, screening trees across many criteria for final selection, editing the planting contract, interacting with homeowners and inspecting trees before and after planting. The tree locations and types were carefully selected for variety, disease resistance, environmental conditions and esthetics, among other factors.

From 2010 to 2019, Sea Cliff planted a total of 151 new native and non-native trees in the village right-of-way along the streets and in village parks. From 2010 through 2017, around 10 new village trees were planted yearly; in 2018, 31 trees were planted and 2019 saw 50 trees planted. These trees replaced many that were lost to storms and old age.

While no trees were planted by the village during the COVID pandemic years of 2020 and 2021, the Sea Cliff Beautification Committee did plant an Arbor Day Tupelo tree in Clifton Park in the spring of 2021. In the spring of 2022, the village resumed planting another 42 carefully chosen trees. These include 12 species and cultivars for a total of 193 new trees since 2010. Future village tree contracts will concentrate on removing and replacing any old, diseased or damaged trees with

new trees more appropriate for each specific location.

Trees planted around Sea Cliff include various cultivars of: Yellow Magnolia, Trident Maple, Freemanii Maple, Chestnut Oak, Red Maple, Honey Locust, Ginkgo, Silver Linden, Golden Raintree, American Elm, Crape Myrtle, Zelkova, Purple European Beech, Lacebark Elm, European Hornbeam, Eastern Redbud, Japanese Maple, Red Oak, Little Leaf Linden, Black Gum Tupelo, Kentucky Coffee, London Plane, Yoshino Cherry, Florida Dogwood, Japanese Lilac, Amur Maple, Sugar Maple, Snowbell, Tartarian Maple, Crimson Plum, Amelanchier, Royal Red Maple, and Japanese Hornbeam.

We hope that you appreciate and enjoy both the old and the new trees that give the village its unique character. Trees make Sea Cliff a wonderful place to live!

Finally Flourish!

by Elizabeth Winchester

The idea for Flourish, the new bakeshop and all-day cafe, had been in owner Chelsea Kravitz's head for about 10 years. She took over the location at 6 Railroad Avenue in Glen Head right before the pandemic and broke ground in February of 2021. "I wanted to get it right and do something great and kind of big," she said. "To create something beautiful and special but somewhere where everyone could come and feel comfortable."

Step into the space, which for years was the Iron Horse restaurant and bar, to feel the enormity of Kravitz's undertaking. Chris Zeppieri, a friend of Kravitz's who does custom work from his Make Everything workshop in Sea Cliff, designed and built planters along the ceiling and on the walls, and a French bread rack. Kravitz's inspiration for the overall vibe and tropical feel is partially from Captiva, Florida, where her family vacationed when she was a kid. A friend painted tiles based on photographs with special meaning to Kravitz. "This place is one of a

kind," Kravitz shared.

Zeppieri seconds that sentiment. "It's been amazing to witness and be a part of the transformation," he said. "I would encourage anybody to go and check it out." And to eat and drink! Kravitz has many years of restaurant experience and describes herself as a community-taught cook. "I've learned from every cook that I've worked with," she said. You might recognize Kravitz from her days of

working at Oak Room Tavern, which was in Sea Cliff, or from Food Network's Big Time Bake television show.

"I love baking and making cakes and cookies but I love cooking as well," said Kravitz. "My friends would say my savory food is actually better and this place is meant to be a little bit of everything and a little bit of a place for everyone." Come check it out and see if it's a place for you!



Photo by Margaret Watt

Gardening to Protect Hempstead Harbor

by Eric Swenson, Executive Director, Hempstead Harbor Protection Committee

This is the time of year when many, like me, look forward to getting out and gardening. The choices you make can either help or harm our beautiful harbor.

There are over 23,000 acres of land and over 10,000 household gardens in the watershed all draining into Hempstead Harbor. Fertilizers and pesticides, even miles from the shore, can be carried by runoff from stormwater or lawn sprinklers into the harbor and can have a major negative impact on water quality. Conversely, if properly designed and maintained, they can prevent stormwater from entering the harbor and provide necessary habitat for other species. We call it "Sound Gardening."

What is Sound Gardening? Beautiful gardens and landscaping can be environmentally friendly. A Sound Garden is one that is planned, planted and maintained to complement the soils, climate and natural character of the watershed. By choosing plants that are suited to Long Island (including native ones), garden maintenance is easier, water can be conserved and use of fertilizers can

be minimized. Integrated pest management (IPM) is a technique that can reduce the use of chemical pesticides. Using IPM, a gardener frequently monitors for pest problems, decides if the problem is serious enough to warrant action and considers all alternatives to pesticides before applying them.

Sound Gardeners follow three principles:

1. Keep water from flowing off the property by:

- Mulching gardens
- Using compost that allows soil to hold more water
- Using plants that do not require much watering
- Installing irrigation gauges and efficient watering systems, such as trickle irrigation to prevent overwatering
- Building a rain garden to capture and use the rainfall as it was intended

2. Fertilize properly by:

- Testing the soil to determine if fertilizers are needed
- Timing the application of fertilizers to maximize uptake by plants and to avoid runoff from rain storms
- Use slow or controlled release fertilizers

- Do not fertilize between November and April - it's the law!

3. Use the least toxic methods of pest, disease and weed control by:

- Choosing plants that thrive in local conditions and are known to be disease- and insect-resistant
- Practicing IPM, which includes monitoring to detect early infestations and learning when action is and is not necessary
- Trying non-chemical means, such as pruning, biological controls, plant rotation or screening
- Using only the necessary amount of the least toxic product applied under the most suitable conditions
- Following directions on the pesticide labels, storing unused chemicals safely and disposing of used containers properly

For more information, you can call Cornell Cooperative Extension of Nassau County at 516-832-2591 or the Nassau County Soil and Water Conservation District at 516-364-5860.

The Sea Cliff Gardener

by Donna Kianka, Winter's Edge Micro Farm

Sunflowers are a major export of the Ukraine as well as the national flower. These plants are hardy and relatively easy to grow and are simply beautiful in the garden or in a vase on the table. In addition, these plants provide tasty seeds for both humans and birds. Many of us are growing sunflowers this year to show support to the Ukrainians during the war. All sunflowers are sun-loving plants and do best in alkaline soil from 6.0 to 7.5. Sunflowers can be planted starting now; stagger your plantings for continuous blooms. They will last until the first frost. The seeds can be saved for next year's planting. The sunflowers that are 10 feet and higher should be protected from the wind and are best set against a fence.

Sea Cliff, like most of Long Island, has an agricultural past. Throughout time, the village was home to several different family farms. The most well-known one, of course, is the Carpenter farm which later became the Metropolitan Grove Association also known as the Methodist campgrounds. The other farms were J. Cromwell which was by Cromwell Avenue and the R. Hicks farm which was by Clifton Park. According to the agricultural census records in 1850, the Hicks farm grew wheat, "Indian" corn, oats, "Irish" potatoes, and hay. In 1870, the Carpenters grew "Indian" corn, buckwheat, potatoes, orchard products, and hay. In 1880, the Downing family's farm near Downing Avenue was ninety percent tilled; they were growing "Indian" corn, rye, and wheat. All these farms had livestock. It is suspected that the

farms were supplying the corn needed to produce cornstarch at the large manufacturing plant in Glen Cove by Charles Street.

In the first quarter of the 20th century, William A. Isaac owned the Sea Cliff Apiary which was located at 375 Littleworth Lane. Mr. Isaac advertised in the Sea Cliff News with offerings of white clover, raspberry, and Catalpa honey. Catalpa trees have long seed pods which reportedly have medicinal uses. The ads further stated that one is to "look for the William A. Isaac label on the jars" for fine honey. Apparently an observant church goer, Mr. Isaac specifically stated in some of his ads "No Sunday Sales."

Another 20th century enterprise was the Dugan's Poultry House, where the "finest fresh eggs" were offered in 1935. These brown and white eggs were sold on the corner of Dubois and Geissenhaimer (Ransom) Avenues. According to the property cards, 170 Dubois was owned by Edward Dugan and, in the 1930s, consisted of a barn with a chicken coop. The barn was converted to a residence in 1965 by Denmar Homes. The Dugan family owned the house directly opposite the barn on Carpenter Avenue. Dugan was famous for its door-to-door delivery of bread and baked goods, a model which was popular until the late 1960s.

Sea Cliff has always been a community of creativity and home-spun goods and services. I rather suspect our neighbors are still chicken and beekeeping as our historic predecessors did. All of this helps keep Sea Cliff...well, Sea Cliff.

Spooky Park Egg Hunt



The Bunny returns to Spooky Park! On April 15, Sea Cliffians and other local kids enjoyed a beautiful sunny day searching for eggs.

Sea Cliff Civic Association presents

Sunset Serenades 2022

Thursdays 6 - 8 p.m.
Clifton Park

June 30: Larry Martone and friends

July 7: The Lazy Dogs

July 14: Rusty String Band

July 21: LOVEPEACE

July 28: RiDe

August 4: Chicken Head

August 11: ALIBI

August 18: Dave Diamond Band

August 25: LIVESTOCK

September 1: HUNT & HUGHES

Porchfest 2022

by Elizabeth Winchester

How did Porchfest come to be? According to event co-organizer Sean Llewellyn, members of Sea Cliff's Youth Activities Board came up with the idea of having a day for local musicians to perform on porches around the village. This concept actually began in Ithaca, NY, and is held across the United States and Canada.

With Sea Cliff's many talented residents and pretty porches, Sean saw Porchfest as a natural fit. Sea Cliff's first Porchfest was originally planned for April 2020 but was postponed because of the pandemic. As Sean watched Love Your Neighbor Project (LYNP) grow over the past two years, he realized the organization could help make the event happen and use it as a way to celebrate LYNP's second year serving our community. Rock on!



Dylan Serino, 5, a budding environmentalist and kindergartener at Friends Academy, handwrote flyers, knocked on doors and invited his classmates to partake in a quest to save the ocean, starting with cleanup at Sea Cliff Beach. On Sunday, April 30, he and friend Jasper Nadel, 5, also pictured, and fifty other volunteers, together gathered four giant bags of trash.

Sea Cliff Arts Council Invites You To Join Us!

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

"Artists have great power. Love is the greatest power and when an artist combines the two, when he paints things he loves, it can make you cry with joy."
~ Alma Gallanos Stevenson

This quote was found on the website of Susanne Corbelletta (Susannecorbelleta.com), the artist that SCAC is honored to exhibit in May and June at Sea Cliff Library. Stop by during library hours to enjoy her vibrant paintings. Up next: Patricia Kaegi Weiss.

Art pulls community together. We hope to see you at "Second Sunday" - held the second

Sunday of each month from now through September! We feature market and music from noon to 4 p.m. at the corner of Sea Cliff and Central Avenues. Discover great finds at the market. Create fun hands-on art projects for the kids. Catch live music from local talent. Shop, dine and stroll the village! Make Second Sunday your fun day!

"Poetry in the Park" will resume the last Wednesday of each (warm) month at Spooky Park at 7 p.m. Enjoy the poets who will be showcased each month. You are invited to recite a poem of your own or one you would love

to read during the open mic.

The Arts Council proudly supported "Porchfest" with musicians of all ages on porches throughout town. We hope you enjoyed this wonderful day.

To be added to our growing list of local artists/performers/creatives and to hear about exhibit opportunities, introduce yourself at seacliffartscouncil@gmail.com. Email us if you'd like to be added to our monthly newsletter. Find us/follow on Facebook and Instagram at Sea Cliff Arts Council.

Thanks for your support!

Sea Cliff Beautification Committee

by Sally Davies, President

By the time you read this, Beautification will have planted a tree in Clifton Park for Arbor Day. You will have bought lots of plants for your garden at the annual plant sale, and no doubt, they are growing merrily. Our beautiful parks continue to be maintained by the village crew and Beautification. I hope you saw the daffodils in Central Park and don't miss the plantings at the library door. Enjoy the spring.

Celebrate July 4th!

by Carol Vogt

The Sea Cliff Civic Association is planning a gala celebration, beginning on Saturday, July 2 at 10 a.m. Bring your festively decorated bike, scooter or wagon to the start line at Memorial Park and join the patriotic parade down Sea Cliff Avenue to the finish line at Clifton Park, where prizes will be awarded.

On Monday, July 4, come to Clifton Park at 10 a.m. for the traditional Reading of the Declaration of Independence by a variety of Sea Cliffians. Be sure to bring your family and friends and start this special day by remembering what the picnics and fireworks are really all about.

2022 Summer Beach News

by Elaine Niece

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 accept 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 or lease. T-Shirt sales are cash only, please.

Swim lessons are back! Sign up for the session of your choice beginning Saturday, June 25 at the beach office.

Current activities slated for the 2022 season include:

- Wednesday - Children's StoryTime
- Friday - Sea Cliff Makeshop Science demonstration for kids
- Friday Night - Music at the Beach
- Saturday - Yoga at the Beach

at 8 a.m. Please note that the facilities open at 9 a.m.

Stay tuned for more events and 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 28. Daily operation begins Saturday, June 25. Kayak rack renewals will be at the beach office. If you had a rack for 2021 you need to renew by June 19 or it will be opened up for new rack holders. If you do not have a rack or want to switch locations, stop down as soon as possible to be put on a waiting list. The wait list is first come, first serve.

Sea Cliff Beach is an amazing place that we are fortunate to call our 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 its best to monitor and collect trash during beach hours but what happens after we close up is beyond our control. There are times when we arrive in the morning and trash cans are overflowing (with empty ones nearby) and the beach is littered with food and food wrappers and containers. 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!

Summer at the Library

by Camille Purcell, Library Director

Summer is quickly approaching with its soft breezes and lazy beach days. At the Sea Cliff Library, we are busy planning programs, curating collections and offering new services to better support the intellectual and recreational life of our village.

Summer is a time for adventures and what better way to experience one than with a library museum pass. Thanks to the Friends of the Sea Cliff Library, we are fortunate to add the following museums to our Museum Pass program: the American Museum of Natural History, NY Historical Society, Heckscher Museum of Art, Hofstra Museum of Art, and Raynham Hall. The Friends have

been instrumental in supporting our effort to establish a "Library of Things." Items in this new collection include: puzzles, chess/checkers sets, binoculars and telescopes. We thank the Friends for their generous support in helping the Library fulfill its mission of serving the needs of the Sea Cliff community. We invite you to consider joining or contributing to their continuing endeavors.

Our beach book cart will be back at Sea Cliff Beach starting in late June/early July. Swimming in too much paper? Join us for a shredding event co-sponsored with our neighboring library, Glen Cove, on June 11 between 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. in the

parking lot of the Glen Cove library.

We encourage residents to stop in and visit us. Get your library card; see what we are all about. We are no longer charging fines on most library materials. Museum passes and video games are the exception. This is a huge step for a small library and we applaud the Library Board of Trustees in approving this measure. We trust you to be good stewards by returning items on time. We are building new ways to serve you; come and support our efforts.

"A library is infinity under a roof." - Gail Carson Levine

Summer at the Children's Library

by Ann DiPietro, Children's Library Coordinator

Hi friends! As I write this on a cold blustery April afternoon, it is fun to think about the summer fun awaiting us all! First, on Memorial Day we will be marching in the parade after a quick breakfast in front of the Children's Library. Next will be Happy Birthday USA - the

opening of the Fourth of July weekend of celebrations. Our StoryTimes on the front lawn will continue in June on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays at 10 and 11 a.m. - great for all ages. In July, we will move to Sea Cliff Beach on Wednesdays at 10:30; Thursdays and Fridays

will still be on the Children's Library lawn at 10 and 11 a.m. Our Reading Clubs will begin as soon as school closes and our weekly Family Book Nights will meet Thursdays at 6 p.m. in July and August. Any questions, email us at scchildrenslibrary@gmail.com.

Come Together at the Children's Library

Photos courtesy of Ann DiPietro



StoryTime at the Children's Library.



Kindergarteners and First Graders meet every week at the Children's Library for Pretzels and Picturebooks.

Here's to the Moms

by Elizabeth Winchester

Guess who's written a new children's book? Sea Cliff residents Kristen Ellis-Henderson, the founding member of the all-female rock band Antigone Rising, and Sarah Kate Ellis, the president and CEO of GLAAD, the nation's leading LGBTQ+ media advocacy group. *All Moms*, which came out in March, is the couple's first children's book.

"We wrote *All Moms* because we believe all kids should have access to books that reflect their families," explained Kristen. "When our kids were little, we couldn't find any books that reflected our family and we wanted to help change that for other families."

The book is available anywhere books are sold, including the K. DiResta Collective, where the authors will be having a book party, reading, and signing on June 11 at 2 p.m. The book was on display at Barnes and Noble in the children's section for Mother's Day. Kristen and Sarah will be at Barnes and Noble in Union Square, New York City on June 26 for Pride weekend. Said Kristen: "We are really looking forward to celebrating in that way!"

And... Here's to the Return of the Festival!

In other news from Kristen, the Girls Rising Music Festival will take place at Morgan Park in Glen Cove on June 18 (rain date June 19), with food and craft vendors, two stages of music, fun family activities (including paddle boarding, relay races, and kids yoga), a Girls Rising panel discussion, grant awards and more! Mainstage artists are Shawn Colvin, Lisa Loeb, Judith Hill, and Antigone Rising. Find the local artist lineup and other information at girlsrisingmusicfestival.com.



From the left: Kristen Ellis-Henderson and Sarah Kate Ellis



StoryTime at Sea Cliff Beach will meet on Wednesdays throughout the summer.



Sea Cliff StoryTimers meet up with Alice in Wonderland at the Children's Library.

CLIFF	day(s) of the month	time	Meeting location	additional information
Board of Trustees Conference	1st Monday	6:00 PM	see website	no comment period
Board of Trustees Meeting	2nd Monday	7:00 PM	see website	comment period
Architectural Review Board	2nd & 4th Tuesday	7:00 PM	see website	
Planning Board	2nd Wednesday	7:00 PM	see website	
Zoning Board	3rd Tuesday	7:00 PM	see website	
Environmental Conservation Commission	1st Thursday	7:00 PM	see website	
Landmarks Preservation Commission	4th Wednesday	7:00 PM	see website	
Tree Commission	2nd & 4th Thursday	9:30 AM	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 or call 516-671-0080 to confirm information.

Recycling, Garbage & Other Refuse Information

Pick Up and Drop Off days and policies are subject to change - please check the Village website at www.seacliff-ny.gov

or call 516-671-0080 for more information.

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

Recycling, Garbage & Other Refuse Pick Up Schedule

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

Recycling & Garbage Holiday Schedules 2021

Holiday	Date Observed	Change in Schedule
Memorial Day	Monday 05/30/2022	No Garbage Pickup
Independence Day	Monday 07/04/2022	No Garbage Pickup
Labor Day	Monday 09/05/2022	No Garbage Pickup
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday 11/24/2022	No Garbage Pickup
Christmas Day	Sunday 12/25/2022	No Change
New Year's Day 2022	Sunday 1/1/2022	No Change

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

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

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

IMPORTANT VILLAGE YARD INFORMATION

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

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

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

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

Contact scvillagebulletin@gmail.com

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

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

Village of Sea Cliff Justice Court

All Courts Dates are WEDNESDAYS

7:30 PM - Village Hall DOWNSTAIRS

	Arraignment	Conference
2022		
June	8th	22nd
July	13th only	
August	17th only	
September	7th	21st
October	12th	26th
November	9th	30th
December	14th only	

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

Addiction Resources

In Case Of Emergency Call 911

Long Island Crisis Center

Hotline: 516-679-1111

NY State HOPEline

1-877-846-7369 or Text: 467369

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

Hotline: 631-979-1700

Nassau Alliance For Addiction Services (NAFAS) nassaualliance.org

516-481-4000

Nassau County Overdose Prevention Events

Naloxone/Narcan trainings throughout Nassau County:

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

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