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Mayor's Update

by Mayor Elena Villafane



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As I write this, we are enjoying some incredibly mild weather for late fall. Soon, however, we will be in the fullness of the holiday season. But in between holiday gatherings with friends and family, the Village Board continues to tackle an impressive agenda and we will be busy throughout the holiday season.

High on our list of priorities is the Long Range Planning process which is well under way. Deputy Mayor Dina Epstein, Trustee Nick Pinto, along with Erinn McDonnell, have spent a considerable amount of time interfacing with BFJ Planning, the

consultant retained to guide the process. Meetings with various stakeholders have occurred and the drafting process has begun. I am very appreciative of all their efforts in realizing a long overdue examination of the community's vision for our future. Town Hall meetings will be occurring over the next several months. I encourage all residents to make your voice heard by participating in the process and attending the Town Hall meetings. A Long Range plan reflects the values of the community and is only as good as the input of our residents.

Through the efforts of Trustee James Versocki and Village Administrator Bruce Kennedy, with funding from Nassau County Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton, the Clifton Park baseball fields were renovated in September. Initially scheduled for the spring, scheduling difficulties caused the project to be delayed. Originally faced with a July working schedule, the Board elected to wait until the milder temperatures

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Sea Cliff Holiday Celebration

A flurry of events will make Sea Cliff the place to be on Sunday, December 4. In addition to the musical Holiday Lighting event, there will be a pop-up market and Wassail Day at the Sea Cliff Arts Council, the Sea Cliff Civic Association Scrooge Stroll and plenty of local holiday shopping.

Start out at the newly opened Sea Cliff Arts Council at 86 Roslyn Avenue to get your Sips

of Sea Cliff Wassail card and visit the pop-up market featuring the wares of local artists and artisans. Next, make your way around the local shops to sample the Wassail (hot spiced cider) while completing your holiday shopping. Be sure to vote for the best Wassail and redeem your card back at the Arts Council. To step back in time for an enactment of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol," do not miss

the Scrooge Stroll meeting in front of the Children's Library at 2 p.m. Lastly, come to Clifton Park at 3:45 p.m. for the annual Holiday Lighting where local musicians will grace us with song, local leaders will inspire us with their words, and our community will welcome in the holidays. We might even have a visit by a certain jolly couple!

Open House at the Pump House

On November 5, an open house was held at the 1940 Pump House at 325 Prospect Avenue, the former Water Department property. It was part of the continuing effort by the Board of Trustees to seek resident input as to the collective vision for the future of the property. Blowups of the original architectural drawings and the recently commissioned topographical survey were available. In addition, a slideshow prepared by Matthew Nichols showed the building at various stages and included some inspirational photos of similar projects. The event was well attended and a lot of thoughtful conversations happened.



The Sea Cliff Pump House dates to the 1940s. The village purchased the property last year at a heavily discounted price. Residents with ideas on the building's future use should contact the 325 Committee at 325@seacliff-ny.gov.

Photo courtesy of Meghan Angliss.

Village Taxes

by Marianne Lennon, Collector of Taxes

Payments are due December 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 Second Half Taxes paid on or before January 3, 2023, no penalty or interest will be

charged. If paid after January 3, 2023, 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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Property Tax Exemption Applications

by Bruce Kennedy, Village Administrator

The Village of Sea Cliff offers certain partial property tax exemptions to residents. We are now accepting applications for the 2023/2024 tax year. The deadline for submitting an application is January 2, 2023. A synopsis of the exemptions are as follows, and available to:

Sea Cliff Firefighters & Fire Medics: active enrolled members of the Incorporated Village of Sea Cliff Volunteer Fire Department or Voluntary Ambulance Service with at least 5 years of service.

Senior Citizens with Limited Income: residents, 65 years of age or over, who have annual household income below \$36,500.

Residents with Disabilities and Limited Income: residents

with an award letter from the Social Security Administration certifying eligibility to receive Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and who have an annual household income below \$36,500.

Veterans: residents who actively served in the U.S. Armed Forces and received an honorable discharge.

Full explanations and qualifications for these tax exemptions can be found on the village website and in the Village Code. Applications and instructions for all partial property tax exemptions are available in Village Hall and on the village website under "Taxes." Feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions.

Sewer Connection Grant Funds - An Update

by Bruce Kennedy, Village Administrator and Director of Public Works

In the September issue of the Village Bulletin, I provided the good news that Nassau County has agreed to assist property owners with the cost of connecting to the new sewer line. This is thanks to our County Legislator, Delia Deriggi-Whitton, who convinced the County Legislature and County Executive to agree to use some of their ARPA funds (COVID-19 Stimulus Package money) for this purpose.

Originally, the county was going to provide the reimbursement funds to the village for distribution to the qualified property owners after they connected. After much discussion with Mayor Villafane, Legislator Deriggi-Whitton, and the at-

torneys for the village and county, it has been agreed that it will be more efficient for the county to handle this program directly.

By the time you are reading this, if you are in the new addition of the County Sewer District, you should have received a letter explaining the process. Generally speaking, if the new sewer line was installed on your street, Nassau County will be providing rebate checks of up to \$7,500 to cover the cost to connect to the sewer line and abandon your cesspool.

However, there is a time limit on this rebate offer. Property owners only have one year from the date of notification from Nassau County to make the connection and submit an applica-

tion for reimbursement. This program is retroactive to March 3, 2021, so anyone that connected after this date can also receive reimbursement (this date was the first date that the Federal Government will allow ARPA funds to be spent).

By Nassau County and Sea Cliff law, all properties that can connect to the sewer line must do so. So now is the time to act; when it won't cost you much, if anything at all. Connection to the sewer line requires permits from both the county and village (the cost of which is also reimbursable), so please contact the Building Department and Nassau County DPW prior to doing any work.

Bamboo and Invasive Plant Species Law

by Bruce Kennedy, Village Administrator

Over the past year, the Village Board took up the issue of invasive bamboo partially due to complaints from residents. After many public discussions at their meetings, the Board recognized that bamboo, an extremely invasive plant species, has an adverse impact on the environment and the village. Bamboo and invasive plant species out-compete native species, diminishing biological diversity. In addition, we found that residents rarely install the appropriate safeguards that prohibit the plant from crossing property lines. The Board has now passed a law to regulate the growth of bamboo and invasive plant species to preserve and protect private and public property and the ecology in and around the village.

The new Bamboo Law prohibits the new planting, transplanting, or dumping of running bamboo on any property within the village. Should you currently have bamboo on your property, it can remain, but you must take preventive measures to ensure that it doesn't come within 10 feet of any property line. Should a property owner have bamboo that encroaches upon a neighboring property, it is the bamboo owner who is responsible for removing the growth.

If you have a neighbor whose bamboo does encroach onto your property, it is your responsibility to notify your neighbor

of your objection. This written notification must be given to the neighboring property owner within 60 days of noticing the intrusion. Evidence of this notice will be required by the Building Department should you seek enforcement.

A complete copy of the Bamboo and Invasive Plant Species Law can be found in Chapter 42 of the Village Code. It is important to recognize that it is not the intention of the Mayor and Board of Trustees to regulate your property but to protect your property from invasive growth from a neighboring property.

Did You Know?

- Running bamboo is extremely invasive. The rhizome grows horizontally away from the culm and can spread rapidly over large areas of land.
- Bamboo grows fast - like really fast. According to Guinness World Records, some species of bamboo can grow up to 2.91 feet per day - or 1.5 inches each hour.
- Bamboo has regeneration superpowers. Cutting bamboo actually stimulates growth. Rather than directing energy towards regaining its lost height, a cut bamboo stalk will simply unfurl new leaves. These leaves, in turn, create and send energy down to the root system to encourage the growth of new shoots. The more that bamboo gets cut, the faster it grows.

The Village, A Plan and You: A Vision for Sea Cliff's Future

by Erinn McDonnell, Grants Administrator and Long Range Planning Steering Committee member

In 2019, village officials, staff and residents started a Long Range Planning conversation that continues to this day: what is the collective vision for Sea Cliff and its future? At the heart of that discussion was a shared appreciation for the village's past that shaped this unique enclave along with a keen awareness of the challenges and opportunities that would mold it in the years to come.

Fast forward three years. A global health crisis, major economic and demographic changes in tandem with severe weather events are all impacting the way we live in our village now more than ever. The challenges and opportunities for the future of Sea Cliff are literally at our doorstep!

The Comprehensive Plan currently in progress is a critical tool to navigate our way forward. Your participation in the plan is essential to craft a

future our community can truly embrace, not just tolerate. The Long Range Planning Steering Committee together with BFJ Planning, consultants to the village, eagerly await participation and input from all corners of this square mile!

HOW CAN I PARTICIPATE IN THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN (Comp Plan) PROCESS?

- Learn more about Sea Cliff's draft Comp Plan and follow its progress at www.seacliffcomprehensiveplan.com. The Comp Plan website is also linked on the village website.
- Talk with members of the Long Range Planning Steering Committee. They are: Dina Epstein, Nick Pinto, Erinn McDonnell, William Bryant, Aaron J. Fossett, Ryan O'Connor, Kevin Costello III, Kyle Knoell and Margaret Casey.
- Watch the Comp Plan work-

ing sessions with the Long Range Planning Steering Committee and BFJ Planning via Zoom. Meetings are listed and linked on the village website calendar and on the Comp Plan website.

- Submit your questions, ideas, and feedback by email to me, Erinn McDonnell, at emcdonnell@seacliff-ny.gov or call me at Village Hall at 516-671-0080.
- Look for and reply to the Comprehensive Plan Survey being sent before the end of this year (yes, another survey!).
- Attend the Public Workshop expected in March 2023 (date forthcoming) and the Board of Trustees Public Hearing anticipated in June 2023 (date to be confirmed).

Village of Sea Cliff receives FEMA BRIC Grant Award for Shoreline and Slope Assessment

by Erinn McDonnell, Grants Administrator

The village was recently awarded funding to conduct a comprehensive assessment of its municipal shoreline and waterfront slopes through the competitive Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant program administered by the NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services. The assessment will identify and document challenges and opportunities along our waterfront and recommend an array of initiatives to build a resilient and functional shoreline area for generations to come. The information gained from the assessment will inform future planning efforts and assist in accessing a range of funding resources.

Sea Cliff Supports Small Business

by Erinn McDonnell, Grants Administrator

On October 20, 2022, the Sea Cliff Small Business Initiative (an effort of the Sea Cliff Long Range Planning Steering Committee ReCast working group) hosted La Fuerza Community Development Financial Institution at the beautiful new Sea Cliff Arts Council space located at 86 Roslyn Avenue. During the two sessions held that day, Chris Lippolt, Communications Director for La Fuerza, presented information about how the organization supports emerging and existing small businesses in Nassau and Suffolk counties through workforce training, credit counseling and micro-loans. Several small business owners from the area were in attendance as well as New York State Senator Anna Kaplan and Sea Cliff Mayor Elena Villafane. For more information about La Fuerza, go to lafuerzadc.org.

Are you a small business owner? Thinking about opening a business in the area? Want to network with other business owners in Sea Cliff? Stay tuned for other Sea Cliff Small Business Initiative events in 2023 from the Long Range Planning Steering Committee! Feel free to contact Erinn at emcdonnell@seacliff-ny.gov with questions and ideas.



Among attendees at the October 20 small business event were (left to right) Steering Committee member William Bryant, Deputy Mayor Dina Epstein, Chris Lippolt of La Fuerza, Trustee Nick Pinto, New York State Senator Anna Kaplan, Steering Committee member Erinn McDonnell and Trustee Tannaz Nasirzadeh-Balooch.

Photo courtesy of Erinn McDonnell.

Help Document Flooding & Storm Damage

by Eric Swenson, Executive Director, Hempstead Harbor Protection Committee

We have all experienced the flooding on Shore Road north of Tappen Beach during severe storms. Situations like that happen all across the state.

Since 2011, every county in New York State has experienced at least two flood disasters and 60% of them have experienced at least five. Climate change, sea level rise, and increasingly intense storms mean that this will continue. At present, there is no one collecting, storing, and analyzing local data regarding these incidents on a state-wide basis. Flood risk data on the local level is very limited.

That is changing. In July, New

York Sea Grant implemented a two-year pilot program that will allow citizens and local governments to assist in this by using an app as part of a program called MyCoast.

MyCoast is an online tool and app that allows citizens and local governments to easily input information and upload photos of coastal flooding and storm damage. The system then adds relevant tidal gauge readings, weather information, etc. The program is currently used in seven states and has been around since 2006. It was developed and is managed by a private company called Blue

Urchin, LLC. New York State has paid for a license to try it for two years. The program is being managed by NY Sea Grant and there is no cost for those who wish to use it. The program was rolled out in July of 2022.

The data that is uploaded is saved and if New York State decides not to continue with the program, any inputted data can be saved. The data and photos are available to the public to be used for planning, public education campaigns, etc.

To view the program and to see how to participate, go to www.MyCoast.org/NY.

Stop Wearing Black at Night!

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

As fall is here and winter approaches, I can't over-emphasize how, as a pedestrian, runner, or cyclist, you become less visible to motorists at night. It's great that you're out exercising but it seems counterproductive to be taking care of your cardiovascular health while putting yourself at risk for a potential traffic-related injury. Here are the cold facts: in 2020, there were 6,516 pedestrians killed in the United States. That is 18 pedestrians a day and 125 pedestrians each week. Of those pedestrian fatalities, 77% occurred

in the dark and 20% in daylight, 2% at dusk, and 2% at dawn. The numbers don't lie.

These simple steps will keep you safer at night: Walk or run in well-lit areas; wear bright or reflective clothing - reflective areas on moving parts such as shoes, legs and arms make you more visible; carry a light source - even your cell phone light swinging in your hand will help; use sidewalks when available; cross at intersections and not midblock; run or walk against traffic; and avoid wearing earbuds or earphones that

inhibit your ability to hear oncoming traffic. If you're cycling at night, the law requires you to have a red light at the rear of your bike and white light at the front as well as reflectors on both wheels and the front and rear of your bike.

Pay attention as you drive and if you see your neighbors practicing this safety advice. You will "see" how visible they are to you once the sun sets.

And remember our hashtag #SlowDownInSeaCliff!

Sea Cliff Village Museum Update

by Courtney Chambers, Museum Director

Step back into the Roaring '20s at the Sea Cliff Village Museum, beginning January 2023. World War I has ended, women have the right to vote, and the modern era is dawning - even in Sea Cliff. Young women bobbed their hair, shortened their hemlines, donned cloche hats, and chose accessories (including purses and jewelry) inspired by the Art Deco movement. And although the Eighteenth Amendment had outlawed the sale of alcohol, fellas and broads drank their illicit giggle juice in neighborhood speakeasies. Keep your eyes and ears open for information about a 1920's-style speakeasy opening (briefly) in late winter 2023....

Do you have any family flapper dresses or accessories you'd like to display? Contact the museum for more information on sharing your family treasures! The museum would also like to display any family photographs you may have of your relatives in their fabulous flapper attire.

The museum was pleased to show scenes of Sea Cliff in our recent exhibit, "Sea Cliff by the Sea: Sea Cliff's Waterfront in the Resort Era 1890 - 1920." That exhibit showcased Sea Cliff and its shoreline during its heyday as a summer resort when wealthy Manhattanites and Brooklynites summured in Sea Cliff's many hotels, boarding houses, and cottage rentals.

We're always looking for docents to join us! If you're interested in serving as a docent at the museum, or would like to get more involved in any other capacity, please email museum@seacliff-ny.gov. The museum is also still collecting Covid-19 artifacts for its collections. If you, your business, or your family have any photographs, signage, documents, masks, or other items dating from the recent pandemic, please consider donating them to the museum. Thank you for helping preserve Sea Cliff's history for future residents of our village!

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that September would offer. I think we can all agree that the fields look great.

Our newest Trustee, Tannaz Nasirzadeh-Balooch, has made a real impact in her short time in office. She has revitalized the Youth Activities Board and several successful events were held at the end of school and in September as the new school year started. In addition, she serves as the liaison to the Library and Beautification committees. Tannaz really believes in the work we do and demonstrates her commitment by always showing up and jumping in.

On the legislation front, after learning of the impact of invasive Bamboo, the Board with the assistance of Village Counsel Brian Stolar, researched the issue. Based upon that work, legislation was drafted and considered. Thereafter, the item appeared on agendas for discussion and input from residents was sought. A public hearing was held, and legislation regard-

ing invasive Bamboo was adopted. As with all legislative initiatives, the Board balanced the issues and impacts and fashioned legislation that regulates the issue fairly.

On a personal note, I have been very fortunate in my short time as Mayor to have had the wisdom and guidance of an unsung hero of our village, Village Clerk Treasurer, Marianne Lennon. She has been a steadfast voice who has helped me navigate my first term as Mayor for which I am eternally grateful. Whenever I had a question, Marianne had the answer and on the rare occasion she didn't, she knew where to find it. Marianne is a quiet but forceful presence, and it has been my privilege to work beside her. In January of 2023, Marianne will be retiring. The Village will be a lesser place without her and I will sorely miss her.

In closing, I want to extend my best wishes to everyone for a happy, healthy and peaceful holiday season.

The View Is Back!

by Laura Kavanaugh, Sea Cliff Beautification Committee

Memorial Park's view has always been a focal point for our residents and visitors. However, as we all are aware, tree growth was beginning to obstruct the view. As a result, the Beautification Committee voted to earmark funds in support of major tree trimming at Memorial Park, also known as Hippie Park. This work was completed on August 25 by Green Rose Tree Service. Our million dollar view is now unobstructed!

Throughout each year, our committee spends many hours fundraising to make our parks more beautiful. We would like to send a big thank you to all the people who have bought either one plant or 50 at our annual plant sale (yes, even in the pouring rain!), enjoyed the biennial Secret Garden Tour, attended our Fall Luncheon, placed an ad in our Garden Tour brochure or donated raffle prizes to the Luncheon. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

It's Never Too Early to Think Summer!

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

While everyone is gearing up for the upcoming holiday season, we are already planning for summer 2023! It will be here before we know it and winter is the perfect time for aspiring lifeguards to get their certification. Teenagers must be 15 or older to take the class and must be turning 16 to be a lifeguard for Sea Cliff Beach. Visit www.redcross.org/take-a-class to find locations and upcoming courses. This is the first step in becoming a lifeguard at Sea Cliff Beach. Most of our seasoned staff will be heading off to college next fall, so we will definitely need

What we do that you may not realize:

- Beautification Committee members, along with the Village, work in our 24 parks and public spaces (see if you can find them all!). We plant, prune, weed and water these spaces along with maintaining the fountain in Centennial Garden.
- Each year, we donate the plants for the hanging baskets that line Sea Cliff Avenue and purchase the fresh wreaths that are hung during the holiday season.
- We plant bulbs in the parks each fall.
- During the past year, we paid for tree work on the Village Green and in Elm Park (a.k.a. Spooky Park).

The Beautification Committee meets on the third Thursday of each month at 9 a.m. in the parish hall of St. Luke's Church. Please join us. Meetings are open to all.

some new recruits to fill those flip flops!

As a reminder, there is no trash pickup from the trash cans on the beach. Please take your trash with you or use the cans on the Boulevard. If you see any trash on the beach, kindly pick it up and throw it away.

Please remember that all kayaks and paddleboards must be removed by **December 31, 2022.**

We wish the residents of Sea Cliff a joyous holiday season, a healthy and fast winter, and we will see you in the spring!

Sea Cliff Civic Association Welcomes Newcomers



The Newcomers' Welcoming Party 2022.

Photo courtesy of Ann DiPietro.

The Sea Cliff Gardener

by Donna Kianka, Winter's Edge Micro Farm

In a few short but cold months, it will be spring. Time to start thinking about your cold weather plantings with peas. Peas are traditionally planted on St Patrick's Day – it is easy to remember due to the greenness of the pea and the holiday. March is also the time to start pruning and feeding bushes and plants.

All of Sea Cliff is indeed one big garden. But historically, there were gardeners and horticulturists who went above and beyond the typical gardens. Originally, the house at 46 Dubois had a double lot. In 1957, the lot was split and a ranch style house was built. The greenhouse foundation was part of the subdivision and today can be found at 58 Dubois. Currently, there is a pergola resting above the greenhouse base. The glass and supports were removed the same year the house was built (per Nassau County records). William Linnekin lived in the house at 46 Dubois in 1920 and

had a laborer, John Cooke. Mr. Cooke was probably responsible for the greenhouse as well as the gardens. Interestingly this greenhouse was heated and measured 25 feet in length and 10 feet in width. Mr. Linnekin lived at his home until his death in 1938. In 1940, William Finholm, a piano maker, lived in the house and since the greenhouse was not altered until the mid-1950s, it can be assumed that he maintained the structure.

The other private greenhouse was located on Prospect and was owned by the Pirie family. There is a photograph of this industrial-sized greenhouse in the book "Gaslight and Gingerbread." The Sea Cliff News reported on October 18, 1884 that "Mr. John T. Pirie is building a new greenhouse in his beautiful garden near his home residence in this village." Based on Nassau County records, the greenhouse covered the land currently occupied by the two houses at

292 and 294 Prospect Ave. I estimate that the greenhouse was approximately 125 feet long. Pirie apparently grew ornamental plants in his greenhouse.

While both greenhouses were not for commercial purposes, they did provide flowers or edibles for the families that owned them. The people of Sea Cliff have always had a deep interest in horticulture which continues today.

So, get ready. When the snow finally clears, we will all be out planting lettuce, peas, mache, kale and Swiss Chard. For those just starting out, The Farmer's Almanac includes our village in gardening Zone 7b and our last frost date is April 10. The part of Sea Cliff that is closer to Glen Cove Avenue and further away from the temperature moderating harbors and creeks is Zone 7a. To check your location, you can go to: www.plantmaps.com/11579.

Landmarks: Looking Ahead

by Leslie Guerci, President, Landmarks Association

The Sea Cliff Landmarks Association looks forward to resuming a speaker's program and activities in 2023. Our major fundraiser, the biennial house tour, which rotates with Sea Cliff Beautification Committee's Secret Garden tour to be held in 2023, will resume in 2024. We are also hoping that the festive Landmarks holiday party will be back in December 2023.

We are currently working on booking some interesting public wine and cheese-accompanied lectures at the Sea Cliff Yacht Club. Here are a few of the possibilities (dates and times to be announced):

- **"Beautiful Sea Cliff"** – Hear from Sea Cliff's own Instagram sensation, Margaret Watt Esernio of "Beautiful Sea Cliff."
- **Innovation Cathedral, Audible Headquarters** – Resident Paul Anderson, AIA, of Spector Group will speak on the adaptive reuse of an 80,000 square-foot 1913 Newark cathedral by Audible, the audiobook company.
- **Dean Yoder of DY Interiors** will speak to us on the art of restoration and interior design.

We are also exploring other possible public walkways. There is a paper street from the end of Main Avenue down the hill to Winding Way. Another paper street, existing between Bay Avenue and Tilley Place, could add an additional circuit along our waterway trail.

If you have suggestions for speakers or topics, please send us a message through our Facebook page. You can search Facebook for Sea Cliff Landmarks Association and Biennial House Tour.



Some of the Sea Cliff Beach staff members from summer 2022, still smiling at the end of the season. Anyone interested in joining for next season, it's not too early to look into your Red Cross training.

A Home for the Arts

by Elizabeth Winchester

The Sea Cliff Arts Council has a home! The space formerly known as Sea Cliff Music at the Woodshed at 86 Roslyn Avenue is now the non-profit organization's gathering space for creatives and the community. The Sea Cliff Arts Council is using the space to offer art classes, exhibits, performances, music lessons, and more.

"The arts have been part of Sea Cliff for as long as I can remember but they've sort of wandered through the community," said Mayor Elena Villafane at the grand opening and ribbon cutting on September 30. "They now have a home and with a home, the arts here will reach a whole new level."

The first exhibit was a silent auction that featured local artists. In addition to showcasing artists' work and talent, the exhibit helped kick off the Sea Cliff Arts Council's fundraising campaign. All money raised through memberships, donations, classes and other special events will go towards running and maintaining the new location.

"Having a space for the Arts

Council allowed us to reach a broader audience instantly and it's been so amazing to get such positive feedback," said Kathleen Diresta, who along with Heidi Hunt, has co-chaired the organization for more than 10 years. Noelle Fiallo-Evans and Mark Sobel joined the team in 2021. "I love the idea of people having a place to get together just to create. It doesn't have to be a special workshop or

class—it's a gathering space for creatives."

Heidi Hunt shared that sentiment at the ribbon cutting, thanking the many supporters gathered in front and inside for sharing their creative spirits and everything that they bring to the space. "We can't wait to share it with you," Hunt said. Visit seacliffartscouncil.org to get involved and learn more.



Arts Council leaders (from left) Kathleen DiResta, Noelle Fiallo-Evans, Heidi Hunt and Mark Sobel, gather at the ribbon cutting on September 30.

Photo by Bill Hunt.

Golfing Through Sea Cliff Tournament a Huge Success

Thank you to everyone who supported this year's Golfing Through Sea Cliff Tournament. With your help, it was the most successful tournament to date, allowing the Good of the Village Association (GVA) to plan for some exciting new projects to further enhance our village.

Our first new project has already begun. We are landscaping Ravine Path, located on Summit Avenue next to the former Cliff Manor Hotel. We have hired a landscaper to weed, add mulch, and plant new shrubs and other plants. A year ago GVA funded new railings for the path. Ravine Path is now a place worth visiting on your next walk around Sea Cliff.

A TREEmendous Year

by Ken Krumenacker, Sea Cliff Tree Committee

The mission of the Tree Committee is to raise awareness of the importance of trees and to improve the size and health of our village tree canopy. As a community, we hope all residents support this work. 2022 has been a successful year for the quality of life within our village. Spring saw the successful completion of the Tree Planting contract with helpful interest and interaction from homeowners. Thank you to the Sea Cliff Village Administration and the DPW for their resounding hard work on this project.

This past summer was hot, with prolonged heat and drought which was challenging for our trees and their cooling infrastructure. Shady streets and sidewalks for walking in our community foster interaction,

which in turn makes us feel safe. Being around trees is good for stress.

Fall, of course, brought out the best color and beauty of the trees. From the low-lying areas of Scudders Pond to Clifton Park to the new and improved harbor view at Memorial Park, our village trees were a burst of color. For residents, now is the time to help their own trees by pruning and mulching while avoiding fertilizers.

To continue to enhance the character of the village, the Tree Committee invites homeowners with large and unique trees of exceptional character to apply for a Heritage Tree status. If you have one you think would qualify, please reach out to Sarah Kaplan at Village Hall at 516-671-0080.

Wishing Our Residents A Happy And Healthy Holiday Season!

The Potter's Place

by Elizabeth Winchester

For the past two summers, Jason and Tanya Potter ran the Sea Cliff Beach Cafe. Now the husband-wife duo have gotten on board to revamp another favorite Sea Cliff neighborhood hangout. The former Metropolitan Bistro will reopen by the end of November under the name Foster.

"Foster is a tribute to Jason's grandfather, the late Foster Dixon Potter," Tanya explained. "But we also chose the name because 'Foster' means 'to create; to build upon; or to make something from scratch.' We see this restaurant as a place where we can create amazing food and drinks, build upon an already beloved neighborhood hangout, and foster more community within our small town."

The food will be eclectic American, pulling influences of many cuisines (Japanese, Italian, Mediterranean, Southern, to name a few). The menu will reflect seasonal ingredients and dishes.

The Potters, who had been searching for a restaurant space for the past two years while running a flourishing catering business, are relieved to have finally found a permanent home for their cooking ventures. "Jason is a chef whose talents never fail to amaze me," said Tanya. "He can make amazing food in the tiniest of kitchens (some of our clients live in Manhattan), but having the space of a full restaurant, and finally the ability to hire a full staff of cooks and servers really helps us meet the demand

we've previously been limited by with our lack of a brick and mortar establishment."

At Foster, the Potters plan to have live music at least once a week, upgrade the outdoor dining area in the spring and offer brunch after the new year. They also plan to keep their kitchen open later than the other restaurants in town. "We are late eaters and always wish there were options for dinner after 9 pm," shared Tanya.

Keep up with restaurant developments online and on social media – The Metropolitan Bistro Facebook page will be updated to the new name, follow the restaurant on Instagram @fosterseacliff and visit Foster-Restaurant.com.

St. Boniface Welcomes Its New Pastor



On October 16, St. Boniface welcomed its new Pastor, the Very Reverend Dom Josef Norys, Can. Reg. Celebrants at the formal Installation Mass included, left to right, Father Robert A. Romeo, Dean, Father Josef, Dom Daniel Nash, Can.Reg., Father Azubuike Igwebe and Deacon Tom Fox. Welcome to Sea Cliff Father Josef!

Photo credit Tony Gallego.

Holiday Happenings

Sea Cliff resident, Charlie Weinstein, wrote the following poem after a polar bear swim in 2021. We hear that the **next annual New Year polar bear plunge will take place January 1 at 1 p.m.** Any questions, contact Charlie at chazwords2@gmail.com.

The First Day of the New Year - A Ritual of Renewal January 3, 2021

'Twas the day after New Years
When down on the beach
A brave crowd of Sea Cliffers
For a better year did reach

They gathered together
As close as they might
Then stripped to their swimsuits
An inspiring sight

To the water they rumbled
With screams shouts and sighs
Some sure they'd be born renewed
Some let out great cries

To be cleaned of a year
Like we'd never quite seen
We frolicked and froze
Crazy cold 'n serene

Now i'll always remember
That wild moment of glee
As we welcomed the new year
And 2020 we did flee

How we marveled and mingled
All come down from the hills
Of sweet Sea Cliff to plunge
In with shrieks dance and chills

Then quickly dispersing
As if woke from a dream
Full of hopes for the new year
We'd christened with our screams

Now i sit by the fire
By the gulls' joyful flight
Happy new year to all
And to last year... GOOD NIGHT!

Hanukkah Happening Returns

After a pandemic-related hiatus, the Festival of Lights will be celebrated at the Sea Cliff Firehouse on December 14 at 6:30 p.m. All Sea Cliff kids are invited for crafts, songs and latkes.

For more information please email Marcie Denberg-Serra at marciedenberg@gmail.com.

Sea Cliff Holiday Duck Hunt



Watch for the return of the Sea Cliff Civic Association's Holiday Duck Hunt on January 2 from 1 to 2 p.m. – 10 ducks in 10 parks! For more information, email the SCCA at sccivicaassociation@gmail.com.



The Sea Cliff Civic Association's Annual Scrooge Stroll will take place Sunday, December 4.

Sea Cliff Arts Council News

by Kathleen DiResta, President, Sea Cliff Arts Council

Sea Cliff Arts Council invites you to join us for our **December Second Sunday on December 11** at St. Luke's Parish Hall from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Enjoy live music with Porch Pickers, Love Peace and Frank Ferrara while shopping for unique handmade gifts from many artisan vendors. As usual, we will have a hands-on creativity booth with Pam Weingart. A fun addition to the day is our Second Annual "Holiday Retail Crawl." Just pick up the map and have it checked off

at all the shops you visit. Once you collect five or more signatures, you can submit the pamphlet for a chance to win baskets filled with gifts and goodies.

Be sure to stop by our new space at 86 Roslyn Avenue to view the colorful paintings of Ginger Balizer Hendler. We are looking forward to a great day of shopping around town while supporting our local businesses.

Our December show at the Sea Cliff Library is the "Affordable Art Show." In the spring,

we will exhibit the paintings of James Foote and the 10-year anniversary of Geri Reichgut's photos of Offbeat Artifacts.

The programming at our new space continues to grow. Visit our website to learn about all the upcoming art exhibits and programs and to sign up for our emails and membership. See seacliffartscouncil.org.

Thanks for being part of it!

KARAOKE For A Cause New Year's Eve EVE

Friday, December 30th @8pm
Karaoke 9-11pm

Still Partners 225 Sea Cliff Ave

\$25 per person at the door

All proceeds to benefit the
Coalition to Save Hempstead Harbor



Let's Do Lunch

by Peggie Como, President, MCC

The Mutual Concerns Lunch Program has been in existence for many years now and has grown to be a vital part of our community. This popular lunch and socialization program is open to all seniors every Tuesday at St. Luke's Parish Hall. For a \$4 donation, you can enjoy a full 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's bus will pick you up and drop you off at your door. For more information, call Peggie Como at 516-675-7239.

Our mission is 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. We help seniors stay connected with people because remaining socially involved can shield us from the emotional stress of isolation and loneliness. Building new relationships and finding new ways to stay engaged can take place at any time of life! We certainly have a lot to offer and it is our hope that you will join us.

Let's Play Ball!

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

We are pleased to report that the Spring 2023 Baseball and Softball season for Pre-K through 7th grade children will be opening for registration on December 1, 2022.

Our hometown league – which offers seven divisions of play for children from kindergarten through 7th grade – is run by a dedicated group of parents. The league is open to children of all skill levels from any local neighborhoods as we focus on education, sportsmanship and fun for all children.

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

We encourage you to register your children as early as possible. All registrations must be completed online via our website www.seacliffbaseball.com. Sponsors are also free to contact us via the league website or by

email at scbaseballsoftball@gmail.com.

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



A Message from the newly named Interim Principal at Sea Cliff School, Megan McCormack

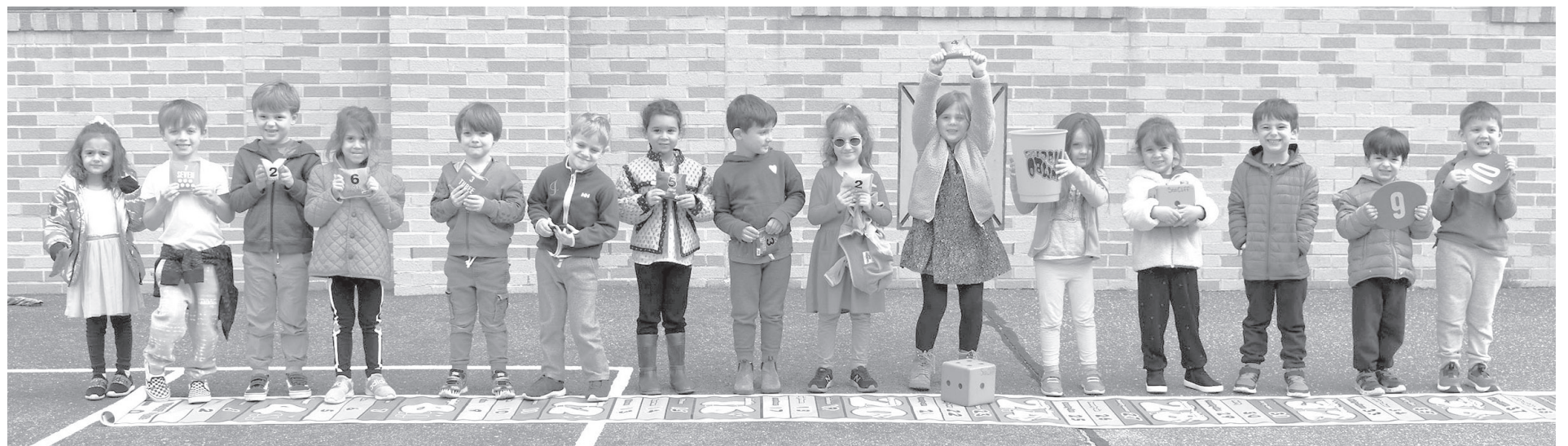
I was so humbled and honored to be greeted by our Sea Cliff School (SCS) family on my first official day as the Interim Principal. The warm welcome in the classrooms, the smiles out at recess, and the high-fives in the cafeteria were experiences that I will never forget.

I can't wait to continue and build upon the incredible Sea Cliff School programs and collaborate as a team this year! I am so grateful to the students, faculty, and staff, Central Office team, Board of Education, and the Sea Cliff community.

During my first visits to classrooms, the kindergartners taught me sign language, and in first grade, we reflected on how we were feeling using the mood meter; second graders were working on literacy while third graders were making self-portraits using description words. Our fourth graders were working together before transitioning to specials, and the fifth graders were solving Math problems!

After a long awaited time, field trips are back! Our fifth graders recently visited the Sea Cliff Museum and our fourth graders went to Garvies Point during their Native American unit. Second graders enjoyed two walking trips, visiting Memorial Park, the firehouse, the library and the post office. Kindergartners visited White Post Farms!

I look forward to sharing all the exciting things to come throughout the school year.



Sea Cliff Kindergartners participate in an outdoor learning lesson that combines math and movement.

Photo courtesy of Interim Principal Megan McCormack.



Friends gather to discuss a great book!

Photo courtesy of Ann DiPietro.



Waldo and his family know where to have a good time: at the Sea Cliff Civic Association's Halloween Parade! Over 200 residents participated in the march from Memorial to Clifton Parks.

Photo courtesy of Ann DiPietro.



A couple girls show off the superhero and unicorn masks they made at the Civic Association's Cider Social gathering in Central Park in October.

Photo courtesy of Meghan Roberts.

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 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
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 2022/2023

Holiday	Date Observed	Change in Schedule
Christmas Day	Sunday 12/25/2022	No Change
New Year's Day 2023	Sunday 1/1/2023	No Change

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

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

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 AND SEARCH FOR "CodeRED" TO SIGN UP FOR COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS RELATED TO GARBAGE PICKUP

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**
Hotline: 631-979-1700

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

**Nassau Alliance For Addiction Services
(NAFAS) nassaualliance.org**
516-481-4000

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING DATES 2022-2023

Days, times and locations subject to change

Please confirm on the village website

www.seacliff-ny.gov or call 516-671-0080

Monday	December	5	2022	Conference
Monday		12	2022	Meeting
Tuesday	January	3	2023	Conference
Monday		9	2023	Meeting
Monday	February	6	2023	Conference
Monday		13	2023	Meeting
Monday	March	6	2023	Conference
Monday		13	2023	Meeting
Monday	April	3	2023	Organizational Meeting

Village of Sea Cliff Justice Court

All Courts Dates are WEDNESDAYS

7:30 p.m. at Village Hall DOWNSTAIRS

	Arraignment	Conference
December 2022	14th only	
2023		
January	4th	18th
February	1st	15th
March	1st	15th
April	12th	26th
May	10th	24th
June	7th	21st
July	12th only	
August	9th only	
September	6th	20th
October	4th	18th
November	1st	15th
December	13th only	

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

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