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VILLAGE BULLETIN

2010

From the Mayor's Desk

The year 2010 is fast coming to a close. It's generally been a good one for Sea Cliff. Home sales increased slightly and about 65% of Sea Cliff properties sold for more than their assessed value. Businesses continue to open in Sea Cliff and our famous community groups and organizations continue to make Sea Cliff a special community to live in. This has been the second year in a row with no increase in taxes. The Board continues to watch costs like hawks and we are on track to finish the fiscal year (May 31, 2011) on budget. Not every municipality can boast that.

With just over 66% of the cost covered by grant funds, we are ready to begin exterior restoration of the Landmarked Library/Village Hall building. The building has been plagued by leaks and interior damage over the years and these improvements will stop the structural leaking. We thank Nassau County and the State of New York for their financial support.

We weren't able to begin the planned expansion of the beach pavilion this fall. Architect Wayne Ehmann battled an illness over the summer and fall, regrettably succumbing on October 8th. Wayne was an outstanding Sea Cliff citizen and will be greatly missed. His architectural plans for the pavilion expansion are being completed by an associate and we expect to begin construction in early spring.

During these financially

tight times, the Fire Department saved tax dollars by replacing the aging Rescue Truck and Pumper with a combination Rescue/Pumper truck, thereby saving the Village substantial money.

This fall the Board passed laws to prohibit the placing of loose leaves in the streets. So far this new approach has worked very well. We don't have large piles of leaves blocking traffic, preventing parking, forcing pedestrians into the streets and clogging storm drains. Furthermore, the Village looks better and we are not polluting our harbor with oil and dirt laced leaves. This was not a step taken lightly, but issues of safety, cleanliness and environmental sensitivity outweigh simple convenience. We thank residents for cooperating.

For much of the year we talked about hiring a Director of Public Works. In September, John Mirando joined us in that position and has been analyzing all phases of our operation, including staffing and purchasing. John is a professional engineer and has been contributing his expertise for roadwork, construction projects and buildings maintenance.

The North Shore School District PRIDE Survey, conducted last year, presented alarming levels of drug and alcohol use by our youth. A direct result of this survey was the creation of the Coalition for a Drug-Free North Shore. This committee is comprised of

parents, youth, law enforcement, local leaders and the Long Island Council on Alcoholism & Drug Dependence. We are planning activities and programs designed to reduce substance abuse among our young people, which include informational and motivational speakers' programs, an outdoor event, a Parents University, and a Safe Homes Initiative. We are treating this matter with a sense of urgency as we are increasingly concerned about the health and wellbeing of our young people.

The Board of Trustees holds meetings the second Monday of every month when the public has the opportunity to address the Board as a group. These meetings are held downstairs in Village Hall at 8:00 p.m. and we welcome your attendance and comments at these meetings. This is a great way for residents to keep up-to-date about what your government is doing for you. Furthermore, we appreciate your participation and support.

With the holidays just ahead, the Board of Trustees and I would like to thank the Fire Department and all Sea Cliff volunteers who contribute so much to our safety and quality of life, the dedicated and hard working Village Staff and Public Works employees for all that they do. Finally, we want to wish everyone a happy holiday season and a healthy, prosperous 2011.

New Director of Public Works: John Mirando

by Frank Murray

John Mirando has been recently appointed as the Village's Director of Public Works. In this role, John will supervise sanitation collection, street repairs, snow and leaf removal, and building maintenance as well as park maintenance, the latter in conjunction with the Beautification Committee. In addition, John will coordinate the Village's infrastructure development and replacement programs. Currently, John is coordinating the installation of an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant elevator in the Sea Cliff Firehouse as well as the projected restoration of the Village Hall/Library roof.

John has had a long career in public service beginning in 1978 when he worked as a junior civil engineer for Freeport. In 1985 he was appointed as Director of Public Works for the Village of Garden City where he was responsible for the water, sewage, maintenance and engineering needs of that village. After six years as an engineer in private industry, John was appointed administrator for the Village of East Rockaway before accepting his new position in Sea Cliff. In addition to his career responsibilities, John has served as a volunteer firefighter from 1973 to the present in Rockville Centre, including a stint as Chief of the Department from 1995 to 2001.



John Mirando Photo by Frank Murray

He brings to his new position a breadth and depth of engineering and managerial experience as well as a deep commitment to public service. John stated that he is eager to provide the best possible services to Village residents and feels that being a non-resident allows him to objectively assess and address the needs of the Village.

John resides in Rockville Centre with Karen, his wife of thirty-two years. They have three adult children and are eagerly awaiting their first grandchild this December.

If you wish to reach John regarding a public works concern, he can be contacted through Village Hall at 671-0080 or directly by email at jmirando@seacliff-ny.gov.



The Newcomers Party, sponsored by the Sea Cliff Civic Association welcomed new residents to our community on October 17. Photo by Barbara Murray

*The Board wishes all Sea Cliff residents a
Wonderful Holiday Season and a
Happy, Healthy New Year.*

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Holiday House Tour

by Peggie Como

The ninth annual Sea Cliff Holiday House Tour, sponsored by the Mutual Concerns Committee, will be held on Saturday, December 4 from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Participants will have the opportunity to stroll through five unique private residences decorated for the holidays and enjoy a delicious light lunch. A Holiday Boutique will be available upstairs at Village Hall, as well as the newest exhibit at the Sea Cliff Museum. After the tour, all ticket holders are invited to the new Metropolitan Bistro on Roslyn Avenue for delicious complimentary appetizers. There will be a cash bar.

All proceeds will be used by the Mutual Concerns Committee to provide nourishing meals and holiday baskets for those in need. They also sponsor a senior lunch program, where twice a week, seniors enjoy a full program of activities, companionship and a nutritious lunch.

Tickets are \$30. Children under 12 are not permitted. For tickets and information, call or visit Sherlock Homes Realty, 305 Sea Cliff Avenue (516-671-1717).



Tree Lighting

Join us for an evening of traditional Christmas carols, hot cocoa and cookies, and a visit from Santa Claus at the Victorian Christmas Tree Lighting. Open to all, big and small! Sunday, December 5 at 5 p.m. at the John Burns Green.

VILLAGE TAXES DUE

Second Half Village Tax Payments are due December 1, 2010. Tax bills are not sent again for the second half taxes. If needed, a copy of your tax bill may be obtained from Village Hall. Taxes may be paid by mail or at the office of the Village Clerk every Tuesday thru Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., excepting Saturdays, Sundays, holidays or other such times the Village Hall offices are closed. Office hours on Mondays are from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for public convenience.

When Penalties Apply

On all Second Half Taxes paid on or before January 3, 2011, no penalty or interest will be charged. If paid after January 3, 2011, 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.

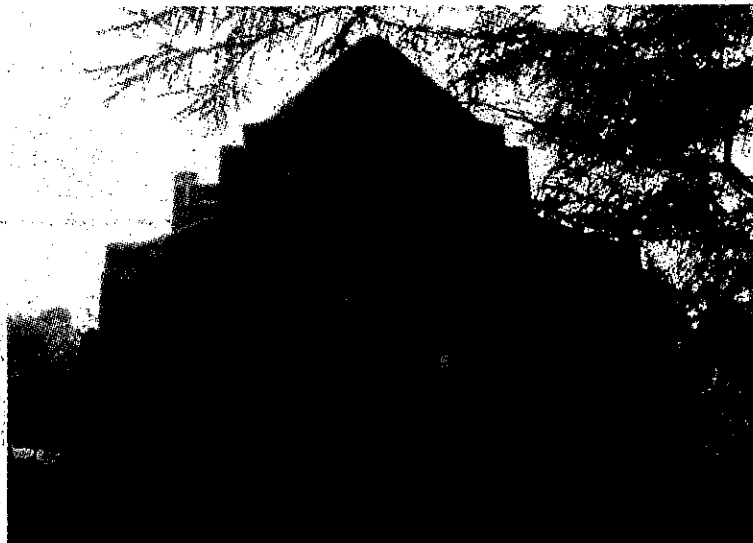
Marianne Lennon,
Collector of Taxes

Status of Village Hall/Library Exterior Restoration Project

by Dan Maddock

Earlier in the year, the Village commissioned a "Condition Survey" of the Library/Village Hall building. This survey, prepared by a landmark restoration architectural firm, identified conditions and problems with the structure and recommended three phases of restoration work, covering short and long-term needs. The Village has just awarded a contract to Baschnagel Bros. Inc. of Whitestone, NY for the exterior work specified in Phase I of the restoration project. The cost of this first phase is \$388,668 and will be paid for by a \$115,000 grant from the New York State Department of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation; \$104,000 from the Nassau County Community Revitalization Program; and an expected \$80,000 from the New York State Library Construction Grant program. The balance will be covered by Village matching funds. We are grateful to County Legislator Diane Yatauro and County Executive John Mangano for the County funds.

Scaffolding will be placed around the building in sections as work takes place. The project is expected to begin by December 1st, weather permitting.



New Rescue/Pumper Arrives at Fire House

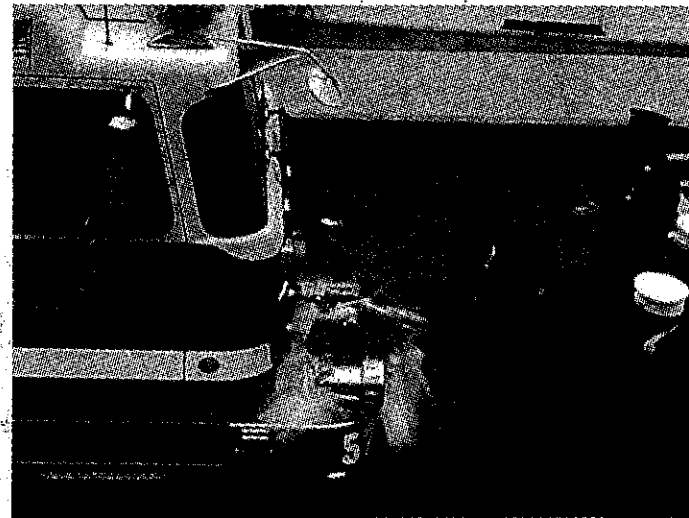
by Carol Griffin

The members of Sea Cliff Fire Department christened their new Rescue/Engine on September 26 with an old fashioned "Wet Down." This celebration was shared by the whole department, as new truck # 571 is to be shared and operated by all the companies. It replaces two trucks, which the department recently sold. The new Crimson manufactured classic pumper can pump up to 1,250 gallons of water per minute. It holds all the rescue tools including the Holmatro tool, "jaws of life", and tools for water rescue. The design is adaptable to Sea Cliff's narrow streets and is better for auto extraction.

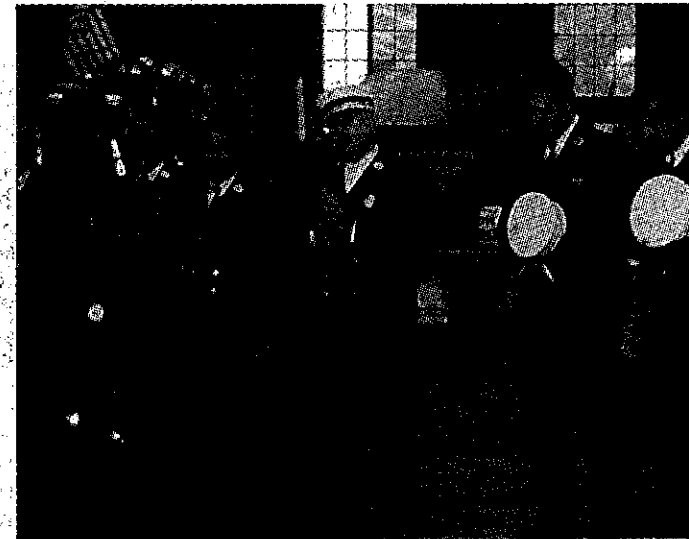
Chief Andy Davies welcomed everyone and introduced Deacon Ted Kolakowski, who gave the invocation where he blessed the truck and prayed for the safety of all who use it. Then Ex-Chief Tim O'Donnell, chairperson of the truck committee, spoke. He said this is the truck where the whole department will work together using it. He also thanked Hendrickson reps who were present for helping the department purchase the truck.

At that point, everyone went outside to witness the blessing of the truck. First Deacon Ted went around the vehicle and sprinkled holy water on it. Then Ex-Chief O'Donnell and committee co-chair and Ex-Chief Bobby Citko broke a bottle of champagne over the front bumper, breaking it with one hard smack. That was the signal for all of the Fifth Battalion fire departments there to open up their fire hoses and wet down the truck. To add to the fun, after the truck got thoroughly wet from the aerial ladders and pumpers, the firefighters turned hand hoses on each other and had a smack down, drag out water fight until everyone involved was soaked to the bone.

After the fun was over the Chief invited everyone to come into the firehouse and enjoy a celebration party upstairs that included delicious hors d'oeuvres and a grand buffet.



Truck Committee Chairman Tim O'Donnell and Chair Bobby Citko smash champagne over the front bumper. Photo by Carol Griffin



Deacon Ted Kolakowski offers a prayer. Photo by Carol Griffin



The new rescue/pumper gets the drenching of its christening. Photo by Carol Griffin

WE NEED DRIVERS!!!

by Carol Vogt

One of the many services provided by the Senior Action Committee is transportation to seniors who have doctor appointments and other obligations they cannot get to themselves. The Committee is looking for volunteers to do this important work. The driver need only drive and pick up, not stay for the appointment. If you or anyone you know might be interested, please call Village Hall at 671-0080 as soon as possible.

Deadline for Filing for Sea Cliff Senior Tax Exemption December 20, 2010

by Dan Maddock

The Village of Sea Cliff offers property tax exemptions to seniors over the age of 65 whose household income is less than \$26,300. If your gross income is greater than \$26,300, you do not qualify. The Village exemption is different from Nassau County and requires its own application.

To apply for a Sea Cliff Senior Exemption, you must fill out an application, provide a copy of your deed, proof of age, and a copy of your 2009 Federal Income Tax Return. If you do not have a tax return, you must provide a "Transcript of Income Documentation, Form W-4V, from the Internal Revenue Service. Applications for a Senior Exemption are available at Village Hall. One can be mailed to you. Call 671-0080. The deadline for filing is December 20, 2010.

Village Board Meeting Dates for 2010 – 2011

Monday – December 6, 2010 – Board Conference
 Monday – December 13, 2010 – Village Board Meeting
 Monday – January 3, 2011 – Board Conference
 Monday – January 10, 2011 – Village Board Meeting
 Monday – February 7, 2011 – Board Conference
 Monday – February 14, 2011 – Village Board Meeting
 Monday – March 7, 2011 – Board Conference
 Monday – March 14, 2011 – Village Board Meeting
 Monday – April 4, 2011 – Annual Meeting

Wayne Ehmann, Architect of the Beach Pavilion

by Margie Malone

Wayne Ehmann, longtime resident of Sea Cliff, passed away on October 8th after an illness. Although as an architect, he planned and implemented the majestic restoration of Grand Central Terminal, to those in the Village, he may best be remembered as the architect of the beach pavilion, a low weathered wood structure that complements the beachfront. He was commissioned to design the pavilion's expansion to include an arts gazebo for concerts, plays and art exhibits. Unfortunately, he was not able to complete the plans, which will be finished by another architect.

According to former mayor, Norman Parsons, "Construction of the Sea Cliff Beach Pavilion was started when I was mayor; Noreen Martone was the trustee liaison who worked directly with the architect, Wayne Ehmann. The building Wayne designed is an architectural asset and it has continuously provided a pleasant center of activity for Sea Cliff residents. The Sea Cliff Beach Pavilion is a wonderful legacy Wayne has left us."

Wayne was the first chairman of the Landmarks Preservation Commission under Mayor Francis Deegan. He was also a member of the Mayor's Downtown Task Force, contributing his architectural expertise to the good of the Village.

He leaves behind his wife, Jennie, and three children, Michele March, Christine, and Will.



by Eric Swenson
 Executive Director of the
 Hempstead Harbor Protection
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Just as the process of the pond filling with sediment from stormwater runoff has taken years to reach the point that it has, so has this project been years in the making. First we needed to determine exactly what needs to be done. This was done by two engineering firms who prepared a Scudder's Pond Subwatershed Plan in 2006. Once we knew what needed to be done and what the estimated costs were, grants could then be applied for. Grants typically take at least a year from the application stage to the award and signing of an agreement. In all, five separate grants were obtained which matched against each other, virtually allowing for nearly all the work to be done without any burden to local taxpayers.

We then went through a procurement process to select and hire an engineering consulting firm to prepare various alternate engineering designs and to oversee the construction bid process. The firm of Cashin Associates was selected. They have expertise in projects like this and have worked with both the Village and the HHPC

on related projects.

Over the last year, Cashin Associates prepared a number of alternatives which were presented to the public for input at a meeting on May 26th. The input from the public required the engineering firm to revise its designs which were then sent to the New York Department of State for approval. Included among the revisions were moving a storm filter device into the street along Littleworth Lane rather than locating it within a Village right-of-way, which would have disturbed a couple of driveways. We expect to receive that approval by the time this article appears in the Bulletin.

Once we obtain this approval from the Department of State, we can then file for permits with the various agencies that must approve the work. As part of this permit process, water sampling in the pond and stream leading to it (both during wet weather and dry weather) were required. These have been done. The dry weather sampling was conducted on September 8th and the wet weather sampling was conducted on November 4th. Once we obtain the permits, we can then go out to bid for the construction and finally get underway.

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Building Department Update

by Drew Lawrence

It has been a little over a year now since becoming your Superintendent of Buildings and progress continues. At the moment we are happy to report that during the period of August 2009 through August 2010 the Building Department:

1. Issued 144 building and plumbing permits.
2. Closed 180 building and plumbing permits which include some permits dating back to 1931.
3. Issued 64 tree permits and closed 34 of them.
4. Has a total of 393 permits open of which 217 are now considered expired, leaving us with a grand total of 210 legal open permits as of this article.

The following improvements of infrastructure have been implemented:

Recently we upgraded the software used in the Building Department. It's been a little bit of a learning curve but soon we should be proficient in its use. The new software will allow us to track a property and all the boards associated with a permit more efficiently. We will be able to provide the residents, at a modest cost, the 200 foot radius map, when required for an application, that some businesses charge exorbitant fees for.

We are in the process of

cleaning property files of unnecessary and duplicate files after which they will be digitized for easy access and duplication upon request. New equipment and a server have been procured to facilitate these improvements.

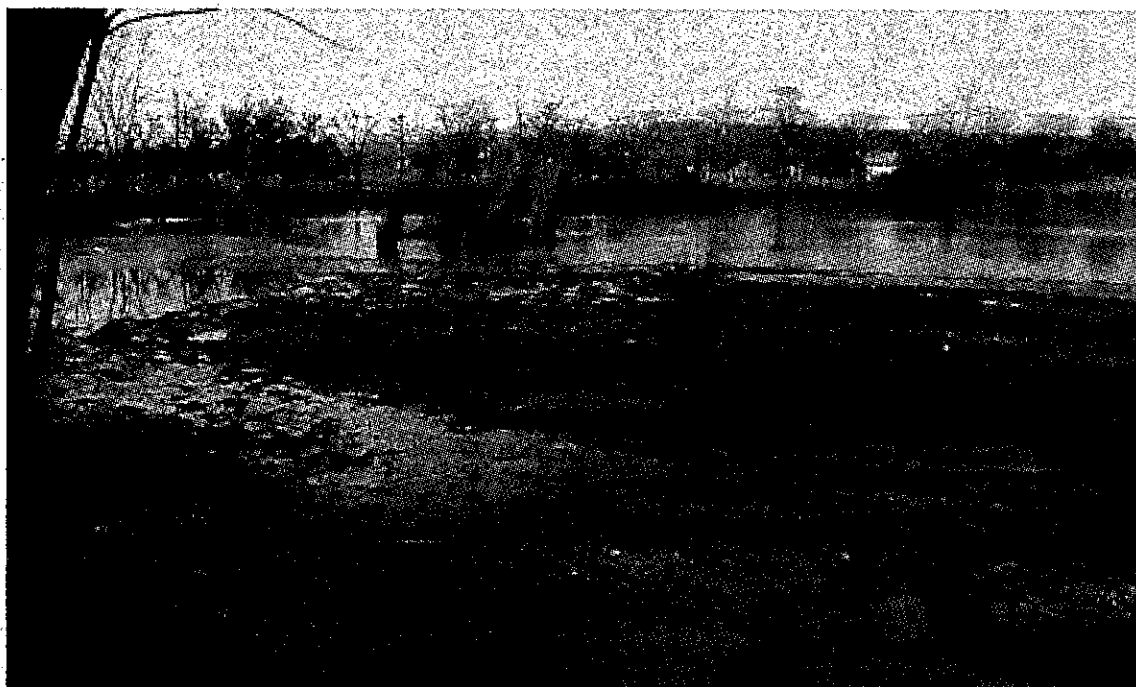
This same equipment can provide you with copies. Plans that would have normally been sent out for duplication can now get copied at the Building Department, drastically reducing waiting time.

A new application form is now in use. This document replaces a number of forms and consolidates them into one. This form is also a "pdf" fillable form. Although not available on the website yet, it can be e-mailed to you, then completed on your computer and printed by you to bring in. This could also result in lower application fees associated with a project you may have in mind.

The Village Code is under review. Regulations that are no longer applicable (such as fire limits) are being edited out and clarification of other codes is being undertaken so that questions regarding them are minimized.

As we continue to strive to expedite the process even more, please be patient. I'm sure you'll be happy with the final results.

Scudder's Pond Restoration Update



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Separate Collection of Bagged Leaves Ends Dec. 17

by Dan Maddock

The separate collection by Public Works of bagged leaves will end on Friday, December 17. Leaves may still be placed out for collection, but only on your rubbish day and in limits of four bags at a time. Residents are asked to continue using the clear plastic bags for leaves.

Residents are also urged to mulch and compost their leaves instead of bagging them for disposal. Leaves are a tremendous source of nutrients for lawns. When mulched during the mowing operation, the small pieces fertilize grass and reduce the need for chemicals. When leaves are used in composting, they provide

ground cover and create a rich additive for gardens and flower beds that feed the soil and retain moisture. It's a "Going Green Program" that's great for the environment. And, all leaves kept out of the collection and disposal process will save tax dollars.

Our Fire Medics Celebrate 20 Years

by Carol Griffin

The Sea Cliff Fire Medic Unit celebrated 20 years of service to our community on September 28. Peggy Neice, the only charter member who is still in the unit, said that in the 90's membership of the existing Rescue Squad of firefighters was dwindling. The thinking at the time was that if a squad was formed open to the community and members could just be in the Fire Medic Unit, and not firefighters as well, it would increase membership.

About eighteen charter members joined the newly formed Fire Medic Unit, and many of them were women. They each attended EMT school in preparation for Sea Cliff medic calls.

Firefighters/Rescue Squad members James Ajamian, Tim O'Donnell, Billy Grupe and Glenn Bunce helped to start the unit and were the first officers. Ajamian was the first captain. As the new members of the Fire Medic Unit became certified, they started to go on calls and the unit grew. Over the years, there has been an ebb and flow of membership. In addition to firefighters who are also trained medics, there are presently ten active members of the unit responding to several emergencies each week.

The anniversary celebration included members of the unit and other members who support the unit. Unit officers include Captain Matt Taheri, 1st Lieutenant Chris Henry and 2nd Lt. Victor Mora. Light refreshments and an anniversary cake were arranged by Jodi Mora. Everyone enjoyed the party that marked the 20th anniversary of the unit's formation.



Mayor Bruce Kennedy presents Fire Medic Charter member Peggy Neice with a certificate. Photo by Carol Griffin



Charter member Peggy Neice is presented with a glass box of the Fire Medic emblem handcrafted by Kevin Boris. (l-r) Kevin Boris, Peggy Neice and Mayor Bruce Kennedy. Photo by Carol Griffin



Members of the Fire Medic Unit and other department medics of the SCFD at the Medic's 20th anniversary. Photo by Carol Griffin

New Local Landmark

by Eve Haim SCLPC and SCLA

Located between Carpenter and Main Avenues, 21 7th Avenue, was originally built circa 1924. Born in Sea Cliff only 52 years later is Daniel Haim, who has become the most recent owner of this 85 year old American Four Square in 2009.

Daniel and Michelle Haim, along with 2 year old daughter, Celeste, are an example of those generations who were born here and still live within the Village's One Square Mile. Unlike some newcomers and longtime residents, the Haims have chosen to locally landmark their home, as did 54 others before them, to ensure that much of the home's original design will remain as is for generations to come.

It seems that the common thread that binds us here in the Village is the sense of community. There is something about Sea Cliff. What is it? Is it the topography, the building fabric that dates 70% of its homes as pre-WWII? What draws us here? Whatever "it" is, we should bottle it for the future.

Becoming a local landmark is a painless process. A simple request to the Sea Cliff Landmarks Preservation Commission (call Village Hall) brings your application before the board for discussion and a vote to either accept or deny based on the original size, mass, and design of your

home. Alterations should be no more than 50% of the original floor plan, and the street facing façade should not have been altered in the recent past. Victorians, bungalows, capes all qualify.

To date, there is one financial perk to being a landmark. All landmarks are entitled to a 25% discount on building permit fees. In the end, landmarking your house preserves the Village's social history from the Methodist Campground Meeting Period (1871), to Resort Period (1883) to the Summer Community (1899). World War I brought construction to a slow pace and the Depression brought it to a halt. After World War II pocket developments popped up - Cromwell Avenue, Grove Street, Harriet Court,

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Photo by Eve Haim

Don't Let Your Tax Dollars Go to the Landfill! Recycling is Important

by Dan Maddock

Village Code calls for the recycling of glass, tins and plastics, newspapers, regular paper, cardboard and heavy metals. The savings are substantial. Violations are subject to summonses and fines.

Glass, Tins, Plastics:

This material has to be placed in a Recycling Container (green or blue) and placed out for collection every Wednesday, except holiday weeks. Special recycling containers are sized for the proper size and weight and are available at Village Hall for a charge of \$17. New residents can get one free of charge. PLASTIC BAGS CONTAMINATE. THESE RECYCLABLES AND WILL NOT BE COLLECTED! Deposit bottles and cans should be returned to stores for refunds.

Newspapers and Mixed Paper:

Mixed paper (advertising flyers, magazines, mail material, etc.) can be placed inside newspapers and tied in bundles no higher than 18 inches (they have to fit into the bins on the sides of the trucks).

Cardboard:

Please cut up cardboard into newspaper bundles and tie it with rope or twine for tion. They go into the same bins on the s the trucks. If you don't want to cut up boxes or any cardboard, you can bring board boxes and containers to the Alt Avenue recycling center on Thursdays a.m. to 2:30 p.m.) and Saturdays (10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.). Newspapers and glass, tir plastics can be brought there as well. the signs for which material goes in dumpsters. Newspapers, mixed pape cardboard can be placed out for collect any garbage day.

Heavy Metals:

You can call Village Hall at 671-0 request a special pick-up of items s refrigerators, stoves, washing machi other large metal items. This material lected every Thursday by appointment.

Recycling saves serious dollars and tributes dramatically to a better enviro Let's all be good citizens and make the For a complete Recycling Brochure, ca 0080. One will be mailed to you.

Village Holiday and Garbage Schedule

Public Works will be closed for the following holiday and no garbage or rubbish will be co Christmas eve Friday, December 24

Friday's garbage pick-up moves to Thursday. Thursday's pick up moves to Wednesday. Wednesday recycling pick-up is cancelled this week.

New Year's Day, Friday, January 1, 2011

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Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Monday, January 17, 2011

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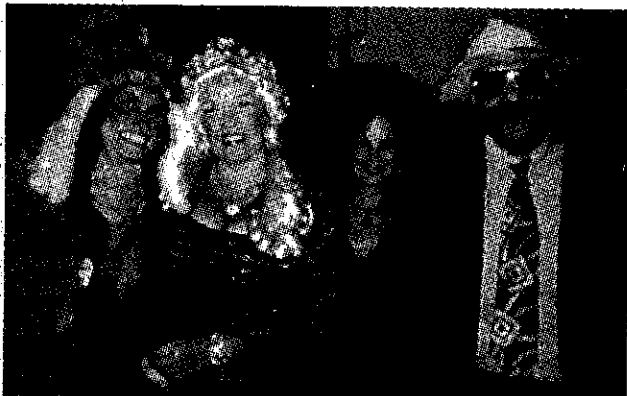
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Fall Fun



(l-r) Susan Thurman, Holly Schussler, Karen Lieu and Jo Ellen Zinzi staff the card and craft table at St. Luke's Bazaar. Photo by Carol Griffin



(l-r) Lorraine Baker, Lisa Harir, Cory Hattem and Uzi Harir at the Fire House Halloween party. Photo by Barbara Murray



Members of Sea Cliff Fire Department attend the 9/11 memorial at Memorial Park. Photo by Carol Griffin



A large turnout of veterans, members of Sea Cliff's John F. Brengel American Legion Post #456, were present at the Veterans Day Ceremony held at Clifton Park. Photo by Carol Griffin



Sea Cliff Elementary School students marching in the Halloween parade. Photo by Heidi Hunt



Chief Andy Davies presents Eddie Camiolo, leader of "Chicken Head," and other band members with a plaque of appreciation for their consistent support in the fire department's fundraisers over the years, (l-r) other chiefs and band members, the chiefs son and Mayor Bruce Kennedy. Photo by Carol Griffin



Enjoying Halloween by marching in the Sea Cliff Elementary School parade. Photo by Heidi Hunt



The Gold Coast Lions selling pumpkins for children to decorate at Mini Mart. Photo by Barbara Murray



Friends of the Library (l-r) Jim Gibson, Carol Poll, Catherine Pickering and Ann Weichert selling books at Mini Mart. Photo by Barbara Murray



Jason Blundell as Tom Cruise (3rd from left) with locals celebrating Halloween at the fire house. Photo by Barbara Murray



Sea Cliff senior firefighters, (l-r) Ernie Longobucco, Ray Pierce, Buddy Griffin, John DiStefano, John Napoli, and seated guest Whip Lockwood from Glenwood at their annual picnic. Photo by Carol Griffin



Firefighters Chief Andy Davies, Ex-Chiefs Allan Longobucco and Sean O'Donnell, Todd Heimer and Ex-Chief John Ciampi at their annual picnic. Photo by Carol Griffin



Tots celebrate Halloween at the Children's Library. Photo by Barbara Murray



(l-r standing) Carol Griffin, Maureen Maddock, Barbara Murray, Pat Guy and sitting (l-r) Barbara Rotondo and Paula Guidone at Beautification luncheon. Photo by Mimi Leipzig



Many of the women who helped Beautification make the luncheon a success (l-r) Jean Stratford, Alice Reiger, Jen Woods, Annette Marra, Rita Johnston, Kathleen Van Bloem and Fran Roesch Matamores. Photo by Carol Griffin

Friends Celebrate National Libraries Week - Oct. 17 - 23

by Angeleta Dhandari-Donovan, President

Friends groups across the nation celebrated their libraries, communities, and their members. We would like to thank all of you for your generous donations in response to our annual community wide mail solicitation. In addition, we would like to introduce our special holiday postcards featuring a picture of our beautiful adult library. Be sure to stop in and pick up a few for your friends and family.

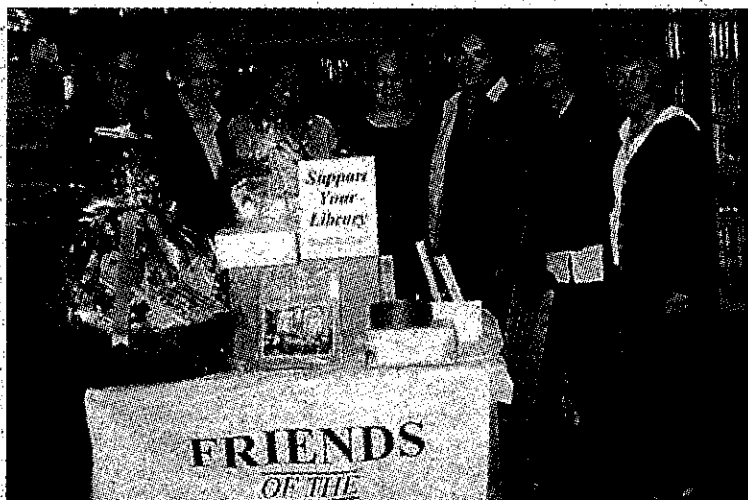
Future events include a Valentine Day Social on February 5th at 6 p.m. hosted by the Kesslers. In the spring, a children's garden, behind the Children's Library, will be created. It will be a safe, magical place for children to continue learning, observing, and discovering while interacting with nature. It will be a place where children can dig, build, imagine, and explore as part of their experience of going to the Children's Library. It will encourage our children to learn about themselves and their place in the world. The objective of the Children's Garden is to inspire happy memories and develop a life-

long appreciation and interest in plants and gardens. Help imagination run free and creativity blossom! Help us create the Sea Cliff Children's Garden!

Please send donations to: Friends of the Sea Cliff Library at PO Box 333. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Andrea Stoff at (516) 759-9592.

On a personal note, for the past two years I have had the

honor of serving as the President of the Friends of the Sea Cliff Library. I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation to each and every member for all your support. You are a strong and talented group of dedicated volunteers. It is my sincere hope that by working hand in hand, we have achieved our goals. I look forward to continuing our efforts as advocates of the Sea Cliff libraries.



(l-r) Karen Kessler, Catherine Pickering, Angeleta Dhandari-Donovan, Pam Levin, Carol Poll, Janet Swinburne, Ann Weichert celebrating National Libraries Week. Photo by Camille Purcell

Mutual Concerns at Holidays

by Joyce Kaufmann

Mutual Concerns will have a busy holiday season. We begin December with our annual Holiday House Tour followed by Christmas baskets to be delivered in the coming weeks. Finally on Christmas Day we will be serving a Christmas dinner at noon at the Methodist Church. All are welcome regardless of age. If you have

no family close by, come join us for a wonderful holiday feast.

Our lunch program at St. Luke's is open to all seniors in the North Shore School District. We are open every Tuesday and Friday for lunch and socialization from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Best buy in town at \$2.00. Our food pantry is available any time for anyone in need of our serv-

ices. All contacts are kept confidential. You may contact Peggie Como at 759-9539 or Joyce Kaufmann at 676-9205.

The Mutual Concerns Committee would like to thank the community for its generosity. Without your financial support this program would not be possible. So to all of you a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and the best for the New Year.

A Few Common Fallacies About Landmarks

by Evie Haim

There are many misconceptions about what it means to have your house declared a Landmark. Most of the rules for a Landmark house are the same as for other houses. The following is a list of a few common things that owners of a Landmark house can do:

- You CAN paint your house any color without approval
- You CAN make changes to the exterior of your house
- You CAN do anything you want to the interior of your house
- You CAN change the windows

Museum Update

by Sara Reres

Although our current exhibit, "Hidden Treasures Beneath the Waters of Sea Cliff" is up and running, we are planning and researching our next opening.

Typewriters, rotary phones, match safes, potions and tonics...cell phones, laptops, artificial knees, iPods, iPhones - the evolution of the stuff of everyday life is the subject of our next exhibit. Opening in September 2011, our working title, "Then and Now" will feature objects from our vast collections of artifacts, photos and thingamajigs. We often take for granted the tools, technology and gadgets we use to assist us in everyday life. If you would like to exhibit a contraption from the past that we can compare to a present day invention, call



(l-r) Research Divers, Dr. Glenn R. Williams, Brett Curlew. Photo by Carol Griffin

Sara at 671-0090. We can include photos, clothing, machines, cameras, whatchamacallits, and gizmos from the past along with the latest and greatest "state of the art" from the present.

Until then, if you have not

seen the artifacts and remnants of Rye Cliff Ferry on display currently, spend a few cozy winter hours at the bottom of the harbor at the Sea Cliff Village Museum. We are located at 95 10th Avenue - open on Sundays from 2-5 p.m.

Sea Cliff Arts Council

by Kathleen DiResta and Margie Malone

Sea Cliff Arts Council has offered a number of events this fall, among them art exhibits and Showcases. For the first Showcase of the 2010-11 season, artist James Foote showed a number of his landscapes and discussed the serendipitous way he took up painting. Children's author Margie Malone, whose book, A Sweater for Duncan, was published this fall, talked about the unique challenges each of her books presented. Songstress Rebecca Dorsey, accompanied by guitarist Frank Ferrara, lent her lovely voice to songs in various languages.

The second Showcase on November 18 featured fine artist Doug Barnaby, the guitar duo of Frank Csoka and Phil White, and guitarist Rich Briollet, performing with songstress Marguerite Ulrich.

The library artists' exhibits continue to be popular. Artist Lilli Scott showed her botanical watercolors for September and October.

The oils and watercolors of Lori Esposito were on exhibit through October at the Daniel Gale gallery.

The current show, Paintings by James Foote, will be on view for November and December. Coming up in January will be the annual show of artwork by students of North Shore High School. Looking ahead, we have Ginger Balizer Hendler in March and April.

To be added to our e-mail list, contact us at seaciffartscouncil@gmail.com. If you are interested in exhibiting with us, e-mail or call Kathleen at 671-5895.

On Saturday, December 4th, our Holiday Boutique will once again be part of the Holiday House Tour, upstairs at the Village Hall. It is open to the public and is a wonderful opportunity to shop for gifts from local artists and artisans. You'll see jewelry by Donna Barrett, glasswork by Jane Cairns Irvine, salt scrubs by Barbara Karlowich, artwork by John Murello, Barbara Bell, Azita Ganji and many more. Hope to see you there.



(l-r) Rebecca Dorsey, Frank Ferrara, Margie Malone and James Foote at the Sea Cliff Arts Council Showcase. Photo by Kathleen DiResta



Lilli Scott (top row at right) with family and friends at the Arts Council library opening in September. Photo by Barbara Murray

Russian Boutique

A Russian Boutique will be held on Saturday, December 11 from noon to 4 p.m. at the Parish Hall of the Church of Our Lady of Kazan on Willow Shore Avenue.

Come do some special holiday shopping. Russian arts and crafts, jewelry and unusual gift items, Russian food and pastries will be for sale as well.

Salvage Shop A Treasure Trove

by Margie Malone

A store that has a "wish list," that's just one of the unusual things about the Select Salvage Company, the shop at 211 Glen Cove Avenue. If a potential customer is looking for a particular item, he or she can jot it

down on the wish list and the owners will contact him if they find it.

The store is probably recognized by the large animal sculptures out front. Co-owner with Paul Vetrano, Manny Cirenza says they're not for sale, just there as an

attraction. The men originally had a wholesale warehouse, but began collecting items. "The collecting got out of hand," says Cirenza, and they decided to open a retail store.

"We have something for everybody," he says, "from paper clips to a raccoon coat." The store is surprisingly large, chock full of antiques and collectibles, which they buy mostly from homes and estates. It takes time to roam among the first edition books, sculptures, musical instruments, tables, chandeliers, even a picture autographed by John Lennon. Cirenza estimates the items in the thousands. "You can't just spend 15 minutes and see what we have," he says. The owners do research on china and collectibles. According to them, "We buy and sell everything for the right price." That even goes for a Statue of Liberty, which the owners sold to a company by the name of Liberty.

The owners will also barter if the seller has something they want, and they take some items on consignment. A customer can also return a purchase if not satisfied.

"I love Sea Cliff," Cirenza says. "The people are fantastic." It would seem they fit in well with this "Village of volunteers." When, in their travels, they come across wheelchairs, they donate them to local nursing homes.

The shop is open from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday.



Co-owners Manny Cirenza (on left) and Paul Vetrano in their shop, Select Salvage. Photo by Margie Malone.

Kim's Nails Comes to Sea Cliff

by Suzanne Bohn

A happy hello to "Kim's Nails", the newest nail salon that opened on Glen Cove Ave. across from the high school. The owner, Inye Kim, is excited to be here and it shows in the warm and welcoming manner each customer is treated at her salon. The salon is bright, spacious and peaceful with a separate area just for pedicures. Various types of pedicures and manicures are available as well as body waxing. Each manicure comes with a luxurious massage that continues the mood of a relaxing experience. In addition, special discounts are available for students and children. Kim and her pleasant staff look forward to getting to know their customers on a regular basis. It is their hope that all ages will enjoy the special treatment they will receive at Kim's salon.



Inye Kim, owner of Kim's Nails. Photo by Suzanne Bohn.

No Snow Days Closings (1920-1935)

by Priscilla Young, Historian

Snow days were a common occurrence, Walking to and Fro was the norm. All teachers were living in Sea Cliff School stayed open in spite of the storm.

We trudged the streets toting books and papers, Looking like a line of snowmen, We arrived at the door of the brick building Where there was warmth and chores to begin.

Radiators hissed and steamed with wet clothing Draped on top and the sides near the wall. The smell of wet wool permeated classrooms While drips and sizzles continued to fall.

Lessons went on at the usual rhythm But to us it felt lengthy and slow We youngsters waiting in glowing anticipation to get out and play in the snow.

The Library in Winter

by Camille Purcell, Assistant Director

Reading is reading, no matter the format! So we are pleased to announce that the Sea Cliff Village Library is now part of the Nassau Digital Doorway. What does this mean for you, the patron? You can now download audio books and ebooks, all from the comfort of your home. The process is easy, all you need is a one-time software download and then you are free to browse the selection. From the library's homepage you click on the icon that says "Download audio books/ebooks" and follow the simple instructions. You can also view an "on-line tutorial".

Non-fiction, fiction, best-sellers, children and young adult titles are offered. If a title is out, you can place a hold on it and will receive an e-mail notification when it is ready for you to download and transfer to your device. Each audio book title will tell you what device it supports (PC, Mac, MP3, iPod, Burn to Disc). Ebook titles can be read on the Nook, Sony Reader and coming next year the iPad. Just be aware that this service does not work with the Kindle. We hope you enjoy this service and if you need any assistance, please call us at 671-4290, email us your question, or just stop in and we will be happy to assist you!

We are New England Because of Clams, Oysters and Farms

by Jean Davis and Priscilla Waltz, Village Historians

Like New England we are gradually losing our clams, oysters and farms but we still have the weather. Let me share with you a few of the dramatic weather events from the past.

On August 20, 1926 we had a waterspout that went the length of Shore Road from Sea Cliff to Glen Cove leaving the area in a shambles. Hall's pavilion was damaged; cars were picked up and moved 75 feet; roofs were torn off houses; small houses tumbled off their foundations and slid down the hill. It was a miracle that no one was hurt.

In 1938 high seas sent the Larchmont Fleet to rest on our beaches; this storm battered and tore Tilley's boardwalk and the cottages on it were destroyed. Electricity was out for several weeks and the crews that helped out came from all over the country. Gas was pumped by bicycle power in Sea Cliff. The tree men came from Canada and Prince Edward Island.

On November 14, 1944 we lost the west end of the pavilion and an era was gone. Boats were scattered all about the beach and the trees had fallen all around the Village. Then on November 25, 1950 another storm took out our electricity again but we were better prepared since we had grills and dry ice. The Rosenwald house on Carpenter Avenue just missed being destroyed by a giant oak tree. Shore Road was impassable for several days.

On September 12, 1960 Shore Road became a river. Tappen Beach flooded with a full pool and Scudders Pond washed out. The Yacht Club was flooded out and everyone bailed.

In 1961 the storm was 50 miles out to sea and it went to Cape Cod. However, we still had seven inches of rain and lost power. It was our usual September and so we go on sharing weather and squalls with New England with the weathermen telling us that this will be a big one. Be sure to have some charcoal and old fashioned canned food on hand for the next "big one."

Sea Cliff Bistro!

by Frank Murray

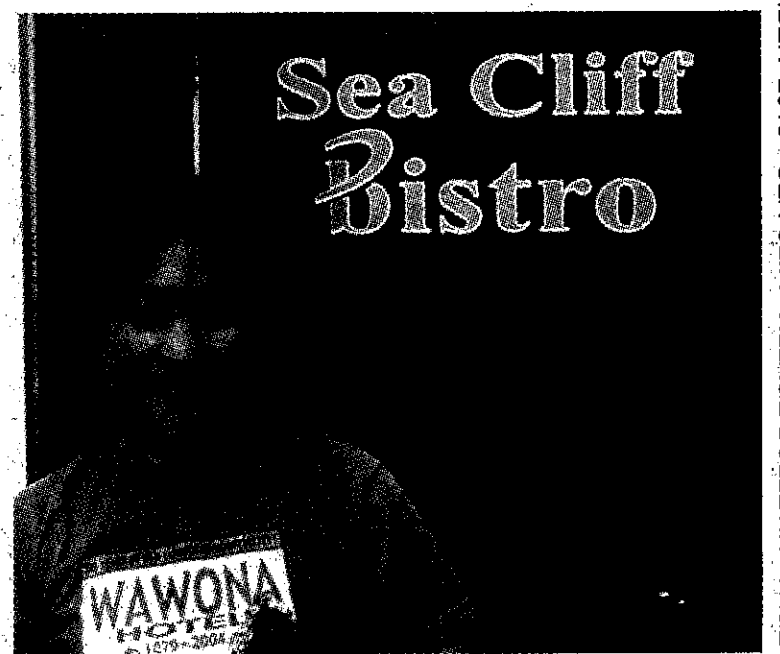
The Sea Cliff Bistro, our Village's newest restaurant, is open and serving delicious food and beverages. Located at 232 Sea Cliff Avenue, the bistro is a dream come true for chef/proprietor Jarunee Zumbo. Her dream began three years ago as she searched for a location for that bistro. When she took a drive through Sea Cliff, she immediately fell in love with the Village. She told me, "I thought it was a very cute town and decided I wanted to open my bistro here." Jarunee also wanted a small and intimate space that she could manage by herself. She is thrilled that she found the perfect spot for her dream in Sea Cliff.

While this is the first restaurant she has developed, she is no stranger to the restaurant business. For the past twenty years Jarunee has worked in the field. Her experiences range from wait staff to "back of the house"

duties as a chef. She recently received her certification in professional cooking from the Institute of Culinary Education in Manhattan.

Jarunee's bistro offers breakfast, lunch and take out. Her breakfast menu features scones, muffins and mouth-watering waffles. She also serves cappuccino and espresso, as well as freshly ground coffee from her vintage 1950's coffee machine. For lunch, she serves scrumptious sandwiches including lemongrass chicken and pulled pork. Dessert features gelato and sorbet as well as cookies and pies freshly baked on the premises. There is a take out menu as well.

For ambience, Jarunee hopes to feature the work of local artists while "smooth jazz" plays in the background. She has created the feel of a European style café. Drop in for a cappuccino or linger for a tasty lunch while soaking in the art and music.



Jarunee Zumbo, chef and proprietor of Sea Cliff Bistro. Photo by Frank Murray.

Sea Cliff Children's Library Winter 2010

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Tuesdays 10-5 / Wednesdays 10-5/ Thursdays 10-7
Fridays 10-5/ Saturdays 10-2

by Ann DiPietro

Wednesday	10:30	Story Time for 3 year-olds and up
	1:00	Story Time for 3 year-olds and up
	3:00	Pizza and Paperbacks- First Graders
Thursday	8:15 a.m.	Bagels and Books-discussion group for adults Dec. 2, Jan. 6, and Feb. 3
	10:30	Babies and ... informal program for infants and toddlers
	3:00	Tacos and Tales- Second and Third Graders: Dec. 2 and 23, Jan. 6 and 20, Feb.3 and 17.
		Novels and Nachos- Fourth and Fifth Graders- Dec. 9, Jan. 13, and Feb. 10
	4:00	Pizza & Paperbacks: Kindergartners and First Graders
	6:00	Twilight Story Hour-stories, refreshments, and gifts Dec.9, Jan. 6, and Feb. 10 pajamas optional!
Friday	10:30	Story Time for 4 and 5 year-olds
	1:00	Babies and....an informal program for infants and toddlers
	3:00	Pizza and Picturebooks- Kindergartners

Introduction to the "Nutcracker" - Saturday, Dec. 11 at 10 a.m. for adults and children (three-year-olds and up, please). Music, dance, story, and treats!

Wildlife Workshops- Thursdays, Jan. 27 at 3 p.m. and Feb.24 at 1 p.m.-for kindergartners and grade age youngsters.

Call 671-0420 or email scchildrenslibrary@gmail.com if you have questions about any of these programs or events, or if you would like to be notified of upcoming events.



Pizza and Picture Book fans of The Gingerbread Man vote their approval of this beloved tale. Photo by Ann DiPietro



Is Miss Daisy Crazy? Ask the Taco and Tales book group members- they are sure to have an opinion! Photo by Ann DiPietro

Sea Cliff Village Calendar December 2010 January - February 2011

December 2010

- 1 - Justice Court - Room A Village Hall - 7:30 p.m.
- 2 - Board of Education Meeting - Glenwood Landing School - 8:00 p.m.
- 4 - SC School Craft Fair - 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- 4 - Mutual Concerns House Tour - noon to 4:00 p.m. Contact Peggy Como 671-1717.
- 5 - Tree Lighting - John Burns Green 5 p.m.
- 6 - Conversaciones en Espanol - Library - Registration required - 7:00 p.m.
- 8 - Justice Court - Room A Village Hall - 7:30 p.m.
- 9 - No classes Elementary Schools
- 9 - Board of Education Meeting - SC School - 8:00 p.m.
- 11 - Russian Boutique - Parish Hall - Our Lady of Kazan Church (Willow Shore Drive) noon - 4:00 p.m.
- 14 - Afternoon Movie: Joyeux Noel - Library - 1:00 p.m.
- 21 - Bluegrass Jam - Library - 7:00 p.m.
- 24-13 Schools Closed
- 28 - Afternoon Movie: Despicable Me - Library - 1:00 p.m.
- 30 - Movie marathon: Twilight Saga (all three movies) - pizza in between movies - Library - 1:00 -8:00 p.m.

January 2011

- 5 - Justice Court - Room A Village Hall - 7:30 p.m.
- 6 - Board of Education Meeting - HS Alumni Room - 8:00 p.m.
- 17 - Schools Closed
- 20 - Board of Education Meeting - HS Alumni Room - 8:00 p.m.
- 26 - Justice Court - Room A Village Hall - 7:30 p.m.

February 2011

- 3 - Board of Education Meeting - HS Library - 8:00 p.m.
- 5 - Valentine Day Social - sponsored by the Friends of the Library - hosted by the Kesslers at 6:00 p.m.
- 9 - Justice Court - Room A Village Hall - 7:30 p.m.
- 10 - Senior Action Committee Meeting at Village Hall at 9:30 a.m.
- 17 - Board of Education Meeting - HS Alumni Room - 8:00 p.m.
- 21-25 - Schools Closed
- 23 - Justice Court - Room A Village Hall - 7:30 p.m.

Mutual Concerns

Lunch & Social Program:

Tuesdays and Fridays - St. Luke's - 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; except December 25

Mutual Concerns

Board Meetings:

December 8 - St. Luke's - 8:30 a.m.

February 15 - St. Luke's - 8:30 a.m.

Golden Ring Social Program

Thursdays - Town of Oyster Bay Community Center - 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Golden Ring Workshops

Mondays - Sea Cliff Methodist Church - 9:30 a.m. - Noon

Village of Sea Cliff

Zoning Board - Meets third Tuesday of the month - Village Hall - Room A - 8:00 p.m.

Planning Board - Meets second Wednesday of the month - Village Hall - 8:00 p.m.

Architectural Review Board - Meets second and fourth Monday of the month - Village Hall - 8:00 p.m.

If You Put Signs On Poles, Please Take Them Down!

Putting signs and posters on utility poles is illegal. Nassau County, the Town of Oyster Bay, and the Village of Sea Cliff all have laws prohibiting it. Obviously, the Village does not usually ticket people who put up "Garage Sale" or "Lost Cat" signs that are up for a day or two. However, if you put up such signs, please take them down when the garage sale is over! Don't leave them there for weeks.



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