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Mayor's Update



Bruce Kennedy

The year 2011 has been a good one for Sea Cliff. It is wonderful to see that building permit applications and home renovation projects are occurring. Despite this, the Board and I continue to recognize that we are living in tough and unsure economic times and watch costs and spending very closely. For the third year in a row we are on track to finish the fiscal year (May 31, 2012) on budget despite having had virtually no tax increase since 2009.

This year we completed Phase I of the Library/Village Hall restoration project. Thanks to Nassau County and the State of New York, over 65% of this project was covered by grant funds which has enabled us to eliminate the many structural leaks that have caused

much interior damage over the years. We are currently seeking funding opportunities to start Phase II of the task.

The bid documents are prepared to go out on the full Beach Pavilion / Arts Gazebo Project. This project was delayed for a multitude of reasons which included the unfortunate loss of our architect Wayne Ehmann, as well as modifications as a result of suggestions of residents. Local architect Jerry Caldari stepped up to the plate to assist in the completion of these plans and he did so virtually at no cost to the Village. I want to express my gratitude to Jerry for sharing his time and talent because of his love of our community. The final plans are spectacular and construction will be complete prior to the 2012 swimming season. This is a project that the whole community is excited about and I would like to thank the Gottlieb Foundation, the Patio Daddy'O Foundation, and the Sea Cliff Beach Committee for their financial commitments to make this improvement a reality.

We have recently reviewed plans for the renovation of the interior of Stetson Library (Children's Library). This is an important community center for

our younger residents and is due for a makeover. The plans call for bringing back the historic integrity of the interior and making it a more open and useful space. A new ADA compliant bathroom as well as entry are also required. This project could run as much as \$500,000.00, and our librarian and staff are busy seeking grant funding for this work. The Friends of the Library are accepting donations that can go toward this and other library projects.

Our Department of Public Works has been very busy this summer and fall completing many road, curb, sidewalk and drainage projects. We have been installing new curbs where there has been none and, where appropriate, using Belgian block which is greatly beautifying streetscapes. A major focus of new roadwork is straightening out curb lines which increase safety as well as making plowing and cleaning of the streets more efficient. Should you want to do your own project of installing curbing in front of your home, please contact Village Hall first so that we can ensure that it is properly placed and not out further into the street than it should be.

By the time you read this, we should have launched the Vil-

lages new website. Historically, the Village website had been created and maintained by volunteers of the Website Committee. In an effort to update the website and make it more professional and user friendly, we have hired local resident Linda McCormack to develop the new site. The new website will be easier to navigate, contain more content, and will be an internet presence that we all can be proud of. Please visit us at www.seacliff-ny.gov.

The Landmarks Association has begun an endeavor to restore the stairs and walkways that exist all over our village. These pedestrian access ways are invaluable as they provide off-street access to our treasured waterfront. This is an incredibly important endeavor as these walkways are a trip through our history as well as footsteps into our future. The Board is thankful to the Landmarks Association, especially Leslie Guerci, for this effort.

The sewer project in our central business district on Sea Cliff Avenue has been delayed due to a Congressional Act which has withdrawn nearly \$300,000 in federal funding which had previously been committed. I am busy ap-

pealing this withdrawal of grant funding and have faith that Congressman Peter King will be able to support the re-funding of this vital project which protects our environment and stimulates the economy.

The Board of Trustees holds public meetings the second Monday of every month where you have the opportunity to address the Board and me. These meetings are held downstairs in Village Hall at 8 p.m. and we welcome your attendance and comments. 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 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 2012.

Brownfield in Sea Cliff?

by Mayor Bruce Kennedy

As some of you may have heard, a property owner in Sea Cliff has applied to have his residential land declared a Brownfield Site. In United States urban planning jargon, a brownfield site (or simply a brownfield) is usually land previously used for industrial purposes or certain commercial uses. The land may be contaminated by low concentrations of hazardous waste or pollution and has the potential to be reused once it is cleaned up.

The land in question is just north of the Sans Souci restaurant on Prospect Avenue and Bryant Avenue. Apparently the previous owner of the property had, many years ago, allowed LILCO to dump fly ash (a form of coal ash) on the property in order to enlarge the yard. Based upon what I understand, fly ash was commonly used to fill in wetlands in the early part of the 20th century in the New York metropolitan area.

The current owner was granted a five lot subdivision about ten

years ago as well as two building permits for new houses. Upon inspection of the soil being dug for the foundation of one of the new homes, the building superintendent saw what he believed to be substantial amounts of fly ash and issued a stop work order. Tests conducted on the soil proved that fly ash was in fact present and must be remediated in order for construction to proceed. The soil samples contained negligible levels of volatile organic components and semi-volatile organic components of herbicides and pesticides. Furthermore, levels of arsenic and manganese exceeded levels acceptable for single-family residential construction. It is important to note that no evidence has been presented that the contaminants on this property are hazardous or a threat to any surrounding properties or the Village as a whole.

The owner has filed a lawsuit against LIPA and North Shore Cesspool to recover the costs associated with cleaning up the site.

The owner has also applied to be part of the New York State Brownfield Cleanup Program which would possibly provide grant funding. However, a municipality must be the applicant for this program so the landowner has requested the Village of Sea Cliff to be the applicant.

The Board and I have mixed feelings about taking the lead in this venture:

- The land in question is private property which is intended to be developed for what is assumed to be a substantial profit.

- The current request is merely for more testing as per the EPA's Targeted Brownfields Assessment (TBA) program. It is assumed that this additional testing will cost \$100,000 and we are sure that the owner is planning to spend three to five times that amount on construction of the two new homes alone.

- After the TBA is completed, remediation is surely to be required, at which time we assume

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The Newcomers Party sponsored by the Sea Cliff Civic Association welcomed new residents on October 23.

Photo by Carol Griffin

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

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the property owner will be back asking the Village to apply for more grant monies to clean up the land.

The Board and I have agreed upon assisting the property owner in the TBA phase under certain conditions which include (among other things):

- The property owner put

money in escrow which will be used to recoup our costs (grant application, grant management, legal fees, etc.).

- The property owner must sign an indemnity and hold harmless agreement with the Village.

I will continue to keep the residents appraised of the situation as it progresses.

Winter Holiday Safety

Winter holidays are a time for families and friends to get together. But that also means a greater risk of fire. Following a few simple tips will ensure a happy and fire-safe holiday season.

Holiday Decorating

- Be careful with holiday decorations. Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant.
- Keep lit candles away from decorations and other things that can burn.
- Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Connect no more than three strands of mini light sets and a maximum of 50 bulbs for screw-in bulbs. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of LED strands to connect.
- Use clips, not nails, to hang lights so the cords do not get damaged.
- Keep decorations away from windows and doors.

Holiday Entertaining

- Test your smoke alarms and tell guests about your home fire escape plan.
- Keep children and pets away from lit candles.
- Keep matches and lighters up high in a locked cabinet.
- Stay in the kitchen when

cooking on the stovetop.

- Ask smokers to smoke outside. Remind smokers to keep their smoking materials with them so young children do not touch them.
- Provide large, deep ashtrays for smokers. Wet cigarette butts with water before discarding.

Before heading out or going to bed blow out lit candles. Turn off all light strings and decorations before leaving home or going to bed.

FACTS

- One-quarter of home decoration fires happen in December.
- More than half of the December home decoration fires are started by candles.
- Half of the holiday decoration fires happen because decorations are placed too close to a heat source.



Chief Andrew Davies
Photo by Carol Griffin

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 4 at 5 p.m. at the John Burns Green.

Village Taxes Due

Second half Village tax payments are due December 1, 2011. 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 the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. excepting Saturdays, Sundays, Holidays or

such other 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, 2012, no penalty or interest will be charged. If paid after January 3, 2012 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

Our Historians at Work

Priscilla Waltz and Jean Davis would like to thank the people who responded to their plea for people who are living in a family home of four generations. The first story has come out and it is in our library in the reading area on the coffee table as well as in Citibank next to the bank manager's desk in the plastic holder.

Don't miss it!!



(l-r) Priscilla Waltz and Jean Davis, Village historians
Photo by Carol Griffin

Building Department Update

by Drew Lawrence

The Building Department would like to report the following facts and figures for the period starting Nov. 1, 2010 through Nov. 1, 2011:

Building Permits issued 300
Building Permits closed - 90
Total open Building Permits 227
Tree Permit Applications - 111
Total trees to be removed - 172
Does not include Tropical Storm Irene related trees (15 approximately)
Approved Tree Permits - 110
1 denial
Total trees removed - 171
Required plantings - 19
Trees planted overall 10

Lastly I would like to take this opportunity to remind residents of when permits are required. New York State requires permits when you:

- Do any structural work,

i.e., anything that requires the use, cutting or affixing of things like 2x4's 2x6's, 2x8's or any type structural panels, etc.

- Do any electrical work, i.e., any installation of new wire, cabinets, panels, sub panels and/or circuits. Replacement of light fixtures, switches and outlets do not require permits.
- Do any plumbing, i.e., any cutting of, soldering, or connecting of any type of pipe or hose (pex) or system or portion of a system. Minor repairs such as replacement of stem washers, toilet fill valves, flappers and such do not require a permit.
- Do any improvements that cost more than \$20,000. The costs of such improve-

ments are based upon cost analyses as if an outside contractor did the job - whether or not you hired an outside contractor to perform the work.

The Village of Sea Cliff additionally requires permits for things such as all paving (with one exception), fences over four feet high, retaining walls over two feet high, swimming pools and an assortment of other improvements. Check with the Building Department before starting your project.

NY State further requires all contractors to have Workers Compensation and Disability Insurance, with some exceptions.

Nassau County requires that the contractors be licensed and the license issued is specific to the task undertaken. This

means, for example, a contractor licensed for masonry work cannot do painting, carpenters cannot do roofing, and painters cannot install sheetrock, etc. unless their license specifically allows them to do so. Additionally, contractors are required to have Liability Insurance in addition to Worker's Compensation and Disability.

The Village of Sea Cliff requires all of the above and further requires landscapers and plumbers to be licensed in the Village and electricians to be registered with the Village.

The Environmental Protection (EPA) requires any contractor of any type to be EPA Lead-Safe Certified if there is a disturbance (scraping, cutting or sanding) of any area greater than six square feet in a building built prior to 1978.

Please keep all this in mind when contemplating your next project.

If you have any questions please call the Building Department for help or assistance.

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News from the Sea Cliff Senior Outreach Worker

by Karen Montagnese, LMSW



Karen Montagnese
Photo by Barbara Murray

Medicare Open Enrollment ends early this year. The deadline is December 7th if you want to make changes in your Medicare plans.

Senior Citizen Property Tax Exemptions

Did you know that if you are a senior citizen with a limited income that you may qualify for a reduction in your taxes? There are 3 different tax exemptions available to qualifying seniors: Enhanced School Tax Relief, Senior Citizen's Real Property Tax Exemption and Sea Cliff Village Senior Citizen's Real Property Tax Exemption. New this year, Sea Cliff has raised its

income qualifications to match the county levels. So if you have qualified for county tax exemption in the past but did not qualify for a Village tax exemption, this has changed. Now we all operate with the same income limits. This year the income limitations range from \$29,000.00/yr or less up to \$37,400.00/yr. Tax relief is a percentage, from 50%-5%, based on income. Applications for tax relief programs are available at the County Department of Assessment and at The Sea Cliff Village Hall. All applications must be post marked by January 2, 2012. For more information and for help filing an application call Karen at Village Hall.

NEW Sea Cliff Senior Survey

The Sea Cliff Senior Outreach Worker will soon be mailing out a survey to our senior citizen community. Please be on the lookout for your survey and make sure you fill out and return the questionnaire. We are including residents 60 years old and over and hope to get a 100% response. If you do not receive your survey in the mail please call Karen at 671-0080 x 20.

The purpose of this survey is

to collect important data regarding demographics, needs, interests and awareness from our seniors. This information will guide the Village as we plan for the future. Additionally data will enable us to compile a list of our more vulnerable seniors and establish a phone chain in case of emergency. If you need help filling out the survey or have any questions feel free to call Karen for assistance. Completed surveys can be mailed to or dropped off at Village Hall.

Thank you all for your participation as we plan together for the future of our senior community.

Join us as we usher in the holiday season

On Tuesday December 6th at 2:00 p.m. Sea Cliff Senior Outreach and the Sea Cliff Village Library will be showing **It's a Wonderful Life**. The film is a 1946 American Christmas drama produced and directed by Frank Capra, starring James Stewart and Donna Reed. All are welcome. Join us at Village Hall, second floor. Elevator is available. Refreshments will be served.

Pet Waste Cleanup – It's Your Doody!

by Eric Swenson, Executive Director of the Hempstead Harbor Protection Committee

In the last issue, I urged you to "make friends with your cesspool" since improper maintenance can lead to pathogens entering the groundwater and ultimately reaching Hempstead Harbor. In this issue I will focus on a much more immediate threat – pet waste. It's worse than you think!

There are an estimated 10,500 dogs in the Hempstead Harbor watershed. Since each dog creates an average of 3/4 of a pound of waste a day, this translates to 7,875 pounds (or 3.94 tons) of dog waste generated each day in the Hempstead Harbor watershed!

When it rains, bacteria, parasites and viruses from pet waste can wash directly into our streets and then into storm drains which ultimately run into the harbor untreated.

These can include e. coli bacteria, roundworm, giardiasis, tuberculosis, cryptosporidiosis and salmonellosis, among others. According to the US EPA, a single gram of dog feces can contain up to 23 million fecal coliform bacteria and an average sized dog can produce 450

grams of feces a day. This equates to over 10 billion bacteria per dog per day.

These microorganisms can pose a health risk to other animals and people, especially children. In addition, poor water quality caused by pet waste can also lead to shellfish bed closings and beach closings. This is why the Nassau County Department of Health and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation periodically close beaches and shellfish areas as a precaution after certain heavy rainfalls.

In addition, nutrients in pet waste also encourage weed and algae growth. This nutrient-rich water is cloudy, green, unattractive and unhealthy for swimming, boating or fishing. Then when these nutrients decay, they use up oxygen and release ammonia, which can lead to fish kills.

The US EPA has estimated that two to three days of accumulated dog waste from approximately 100 dogs within a 20 square mile watershed could contribute enough coliform bacteria to close the receiving wa-

ters to swimming and other contact activities.

In one study near Seattle, a type of DNA sampling was performed on bacteria in the harbor and they found that 20% of the bacteria could be traced to dogs. It is clear that pet waste is a problem that needs to be addressed.

Fortunately, the solution is easy. Pick up after your pet (even in your own yard), then seal the bag and throw it in the trash. Some people mistakenly think that storm drains are connected to a sewer system – they are not – they go directly into the harbor.

Several years ago, the Hempstead Harbor Protection Committee received a grant to install pet waste stations around the harbor and these stations still exist. Use them when you see them.

This is probably the one action that you can take that results in the greatest benefit to the harbor for the least amount of effort. Remember to protect Hempstead Harbor – It's Your Doody!

Clifton Park Sea Cliff's Crown Jewel

by Phil Como

Of the many beauties of Sea Cliff, perhaps none are more appreciated than our beautiful parks. The centerpiece of this system of natural beauty is Clifton Park, located between Dubois and Locust Avenues along Sea Cliff Avenue.

Originally the property of Henry DuBois, the Village legally acquired Clifton Park in 1915. In Sea Cliff's early days, this was a grazing spot for horses, cattle and other animals.

Once the park was established as a central place in the Village, it quickly became a fixture for organized baseball games, fireworks, military drills, maypole dances and carnivals.

The history of Clifton Park is now rooted in the largest event that has ever taken place there: the 1919 celebration of the end of World War I and the official Welcome Home Celebration for its returning veterans of the conflict.

The newspapers of the day noted that planning for this gala began at the end of 1918, including subscriptions for donations from Village residents. Ultimately, the \$3,500 required was raised through donations ranging from fifty cents to 100 dollars.

Part of the planning for this event involved the placement of a large rock in the Park, with a bronze plaque denoting the names of all who had served, with an asterisk noting those residents who had given their lives in the Great War. Local builder and resident Joseph M. Martin arranged to transport the rock and install it in the park. Additionally, eight oak trees were planted to memorialize the fallen Sea Cliff heroes. They remain today, standing in a line, four to the left and four to the right of the memorial rock and plaque.

On the first Saturday of September 1919, thousands of Village residents attended the gala parade, entertainment program and dinner in Clifton Park, by all accounts of the time an inspiring welcome to our veterans and a signal moment in the life of our Village.

Today, Clifton Park is a vital and vibrant part of Village life. It is the athletic hub of Sea Cliff, featuring plenty of baseball, football and soccer. The park also retains its place as a serious memorial to our departed servicemen, hosting an annual Memorial Day program.

Our village is blessed to have the beautiful Clifton Park in our inventory of great public spaces.



Commemorating Veterans Day at Clifton Park
Photo by Carol Griffin

Tenth Annual Holiday House Tour

by Peggie Como

Five Sea Cliff homes, dressed in the spirit of the holiday season, open their doors and share their charm and holiday cheer on Saturday, December 3rd from 12-4 p.m.

This popular tour, which is sponsored by the Mutual Concerns Committee, showcases various styles of homes in the quaint "one square mile" Village of Sea Cliff. Take a peek into these lovely homes and we're sure you'll find some ideas to help you decorate your own home for the holidays!

Your ticket price includes a not-to-be-missed light lunch at St. Luke's Parish Hall, a Holiday Boutique of fine arts and quality crafts at the Sea Cliff Village Hall, an exciting new exhibit at the Sea Cliff Museum and an after-tour party at the Metropolitan Bistro. The chef will prepare delicious appetizers (there will be a cash bar).

The tour is self-paced and self-guided. Guide books, complete with maps and directions will

accompany all ticket sales. Tickets are \$30 for adults and children over 12. Children under 12 are not permitted. For tickets and information, call or visit Sherlock Homes Realty, 305 Sea Cliff Ave. (516-671-1717).

The tour is the principal fundraiser for the Mutual Concerns Committee. This group meets some pressing needs in our local area. They stock an emergency food pantry and provide holiday baskets for those in need. They also sponsor the long-running Senior Lunch Program, where twice a week, seniors enjoy a full program of activities, companionship and a great nutritious lunch, and the annual Christmas Dinner, which gives people who can't see family on Christmas day a chance to be with friends and neighbors for a festive holiday dinner.

Grab a friend or two and make a point of joining us. It's a wonderful way to lift your spirits and kick off the holiday season!

Russian Boutique

A Russian Boutique will be held on Saturday, December 3 from noon to 4 p.m. at The Parish Hall of the Church of Our Lady of Kazan on Willow Shore Avenue in Sea Cliff.

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

Hanukkah Happening

Come join us for the Hanukkah Happening on Tuesday, December 20 from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. at the Sea Cliff Firehouse. There will be activities for the kids, yummy Hanukkah food and lighting of the Menorah to celebrate the holiday! Please

bring your menorahs and candles and if you are able to make latkes for the event we would greatly appreciate it! Please contact Karen Kessler at karenkessler@me.com if you want to help or make latkes. Look forward to seeing you there!

Village Enters Into Agreement for Electronics Recycling

by John A. Miranda

At the November 7, 2011 board conference, the Village Board agreed to a contract in principle with WeRecycle!, LLC of Mount Vernon, New York to collect electronic waste, referred to as ewaste, at the Village transfer station. This collection will be done at no cost to the Village and will pay the Village 20 cents per pound for high grade electronics and three cents per pound for all other electronics collected.

WeRecycle will provide a walk-in container at the Village transfer station, all necessary supplies, signs, pallets, containers and stretch wrap. Those Village employees who presently handle the transfer station at Altamont Avenue

will be trained by WeRecycle on proper handling of ewaste. Loaded containers will be hauled and replaced by WeRecycle as required.

In addition to the transfer station being opened each Saturday from 10 AM to 2:00 PM WeRecycle will manage several single day events during the year, including logistics, execution and reporting at the request of the Village.

Electronic goods that should not go in the normal sanitation collection and go to the transfer station include computers, televisions, small scale servers, computer peripherals, monitors, fax machines, scanners, printers, VCR's, DVR's, DVD players, digital converter boxes,

cable or satellite, video game consoles and portable digital music players. The site will also accept cell phones, PDA's, stereo and radio equipment, telephones and telephone equipment, typewriters, speakers, microwave ovens and digital cameras.

This agreement will allow Village residents to dispose of electronics waste in a socially and environmentally responsible manner. By managing our ewaste in New York we ensure that this material fuels jobs, creates economic revenue and tax revenues in the state. WeRecycle ensures that these materials generate high quality products and go to legitimate end markets.

Sanitation Holiday Schedule

December, January, February 2011-2012

Christmas Day observed on Monday December 26, 2011
Normal Sanitation Schedule – No Change
There will be Recycling Pick Up on Wednesday

New Years Day observed Monday January 2, 2012
Normal Sanitation Schedule – No Change
There will be Recycling Pick Up on Wednesday

Martin Luther King Day observed Monday January 16, 2012
Normal Sanitation Schedule – No Change
There will be Recycling Pick Up on Wednesday

Presidents Day observed Monday February 20, 2012
Normal Sanitation Schedule – No Change
There will be Recycling Pick Up on Wednesday

Seconds Count.....

by John A. Miranda

Village Administrator and Director of Public Works



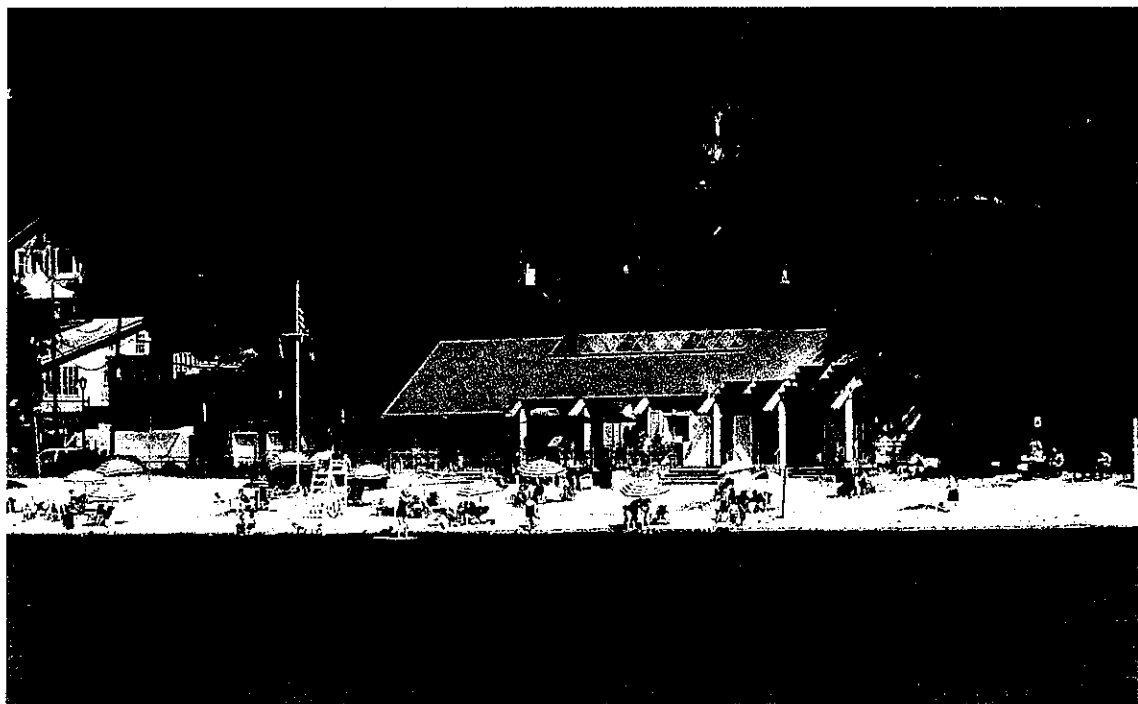
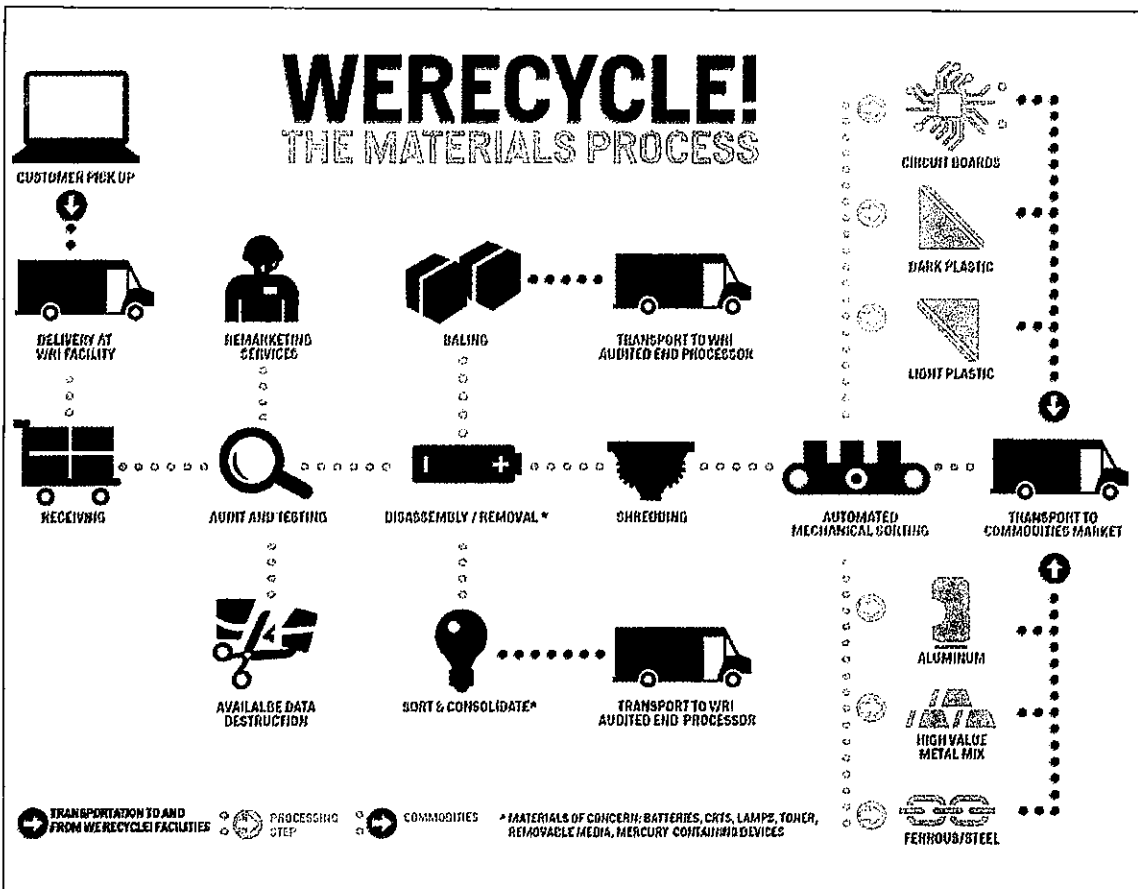
It's 2 a.m. in the morning you have just woken with severe pains in your chest and are having difficulty breathing.....seconds count.....dial 911... ..paggers sound at the volunteer firefighters' homes that there is a possible cardiac at 203 Imaginary Lane.....seconds count... ..firefighters respond and head out in the Fire Department ambulance.....the police are also enroute.....seconds count.

The ambulance and police pull down the block in less than two minutes....seconds count... ..your pain is getting worse and you are more anxious. You heard the ambulance and po-

lice cruiser on your block.....seconds count.....where are they?

They are on your block, losing valuable seconds searching for street numbers that are next to impossible to find.....seconds count.

These seconds could be the difference between life and death. Help save these valuable seconds and assure that your house number is visible from the street day or night. Your house number should be large enough to be read from the street, clear of bushes and trees and have enough light to be seen at night



Sea Cliff beach.

Photo by Drew Lawrence

Lifeguard Jobs Available for 2012 Season

by Ann Kopple

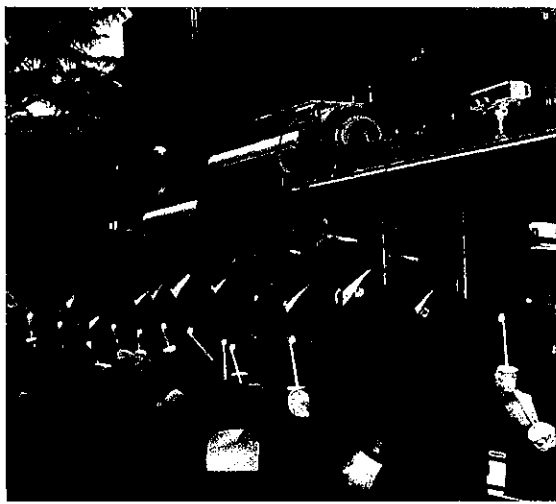
The Village of Sea Cliff invites qualified candidates to apply for full and part-time LIFEGUARD POSITIONS at Sea Cliff Village Beach for the upcoming 2012 season.

Candidates must be at least 16 years of age, and hold current CPR and Grade II (Calm Water Bathing Beaches) certification by May/June 2012. Grade I (Pool) certification is a pre-requisite for a Grade II certificate.

Ideal candidates are hard-working, responsible and enthusiastic, possess excellent

swimming and rescue skills and knowledge of water safety. Sea Cliff Beach is family-oriented and provides a wealth of activities for children and adults including a 3-tiered swim program for children.

Interested candidates should contact Marianne Lennon at Sea Cliff Village Hall (516) 671-0080 for additional information and to schedule an interview. Additional information regarding lifeguard certification is available on the Nassau County Lifeguard Certification website.



Sea Cliff Fire Department members at the candle lighting ceremony on 9/11. *Photo by Carol Griffin*



Sea Cliff Firemen cook hot dogs and hamburgers at SCFD Music on the Harbor (l-r Geroge Bevad, Billy Richmond, Chris Pierce, Todd Heimer and John Kelly). *Photo by Carol Griffin*



Firemen serve up the food at the SCFD Car Show (l-r) Bobby Citko, Tony Santosus, Mike Hallquest, Brian O'Donnell, Pat McCann and William Koopman. *Photo by Carol Griffin*



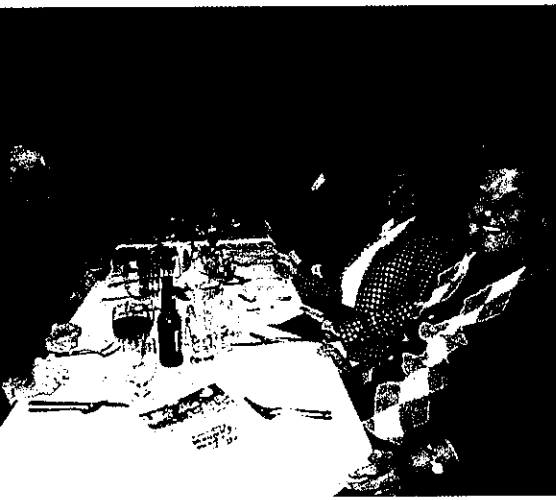
Angeleta Dhandari-Donovan, Father Bob Romeo, Mayor Bruce Kennedy and residents commemorate 9/11 in front of the clock which honored those who perished on September 11, 2001. *Photo by Carol Griffin*



Marching in the Sea Cliff Elementary School parade. *Photo by Carol Griffin*



Parents and tots celebrating Halloween at the Children's Library. *Photo by Carol Griffin*



Attendees of the Mutual Concerns lunch program step out to lunch at Il Forno. *Photo by Carol Griffin*



Members of the Beach Committee at Mini Mart. *Photo by Carol Griffin*



(l-r) Sally Davies, Peggy Costello, Barbara Sinenberg and Estelle Moore enjoying the Beautification luncheon. *Photo by Carol Griffin*



Sea Cliff Beautification volunteers prune bushes at Clifton Park (l-r) Charlie Oppizzi, Lilli Scott, Russ Gorog, Jean Davis and John Swanson. *Photo by Carol Griffin*



Cooks clean up the kitchen at the St. Luke's Bazaar on November 12. (l-r) Kathleen Mackney, Jennifer Dawson, Lanie Ganzenmuller and Patty Smith. *Photo by Carol Griffin*



(l-r) Audrey Rydzewski, Betty MacDonald and Janette Heurtley working at the St. Luke's Bazaar. *Photo by Carol Griffin*

Look Who Celebrated 30 Years as a Village Employee

by Dan Maddock

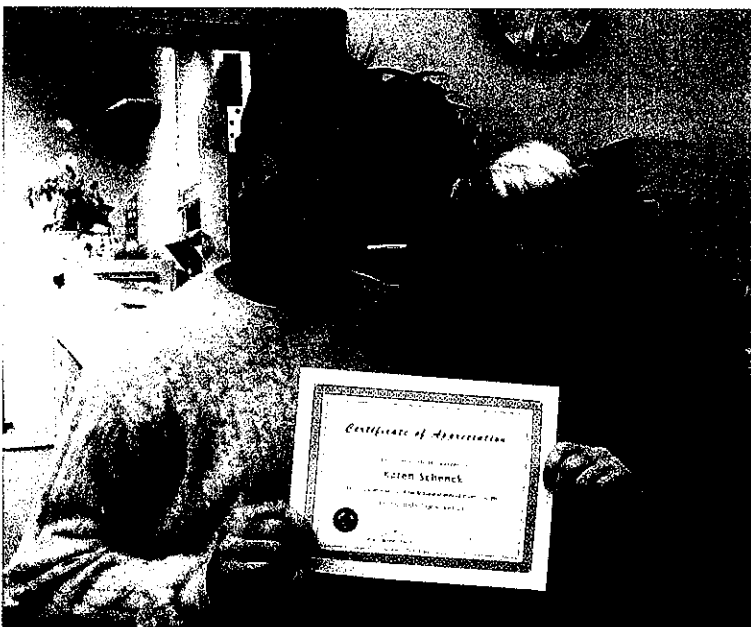
On October 19th, Karen Schenck, a life-long resident of Sea Cliff, celebrated her 30th anniversary as a Village employee. Mayor Bruce Kennedy presented Karen with a Certificate of Achievement to mark the special occasion.

Karen started with the Village in 1981 as a part-time dog warden and then progressed through various assignments and responsibilities. Today, Karen is Tax Clerk and also drives the Senior Bus several times a week, being a master at navigating around Sea Cliff's narrow streets. Having worked with Karen for 10 years, I know firsthand how valuable she is. In addition to knowing everything about Village Hall and its operation, Karen is great with computers and often helped me in creating data files and charts.

In addition to her jobs with the Village, Karen serves as President of the American Legion Glenwood Landing Unit 336 Ladies Auxiliary and is Past President of the Gold

Coast Lions. Karen also served the Village as a member of the Sea Cliff Ambulance Fund and the Boardwalk Committee. Congratulations to Karen, the

Village's longest serving employee. We're lucky to have you.



Mayor Kennedy presenting Karen Schenck with a citation for 30 years of service to our Village. Photo by Barbara Murray

St. Luke's Episcopal Church Installs New Rector

by Carol Griffin

St. Luke's Episcopal Church of Sea Cliff installed its 13th rector, The Reverend Dr. David R. MacDonald, on November 5. The small, quaint, vintage church, with its beautiful stained glass windows, served as a backdrop to the time-honored occasion. The church was filled with parishioners, invited clergy, family and other guests who especially came to be on hand for Fr. David's installation. Arch-Deacon Brenda Overfield conducted the installation in the absence of Bishop Provenzano, who was ill. During the installation, she asked Fr. MacDonald for his commit-

ment to the trust and responsibility to the new ministry, which Fr. MacDonald pledged. Deacon Charles Perrin also participated in the ceremony. Several St. Luke's parishioners participated in the celebration of the liturgy, including members of the choir and readers of the word. Other parishioners and the Arch-Deacon presented Fr. David with gifts for his ministry at the parish. In turn, the congregation expressed its approval of Reverend MacDonald with warm applause.

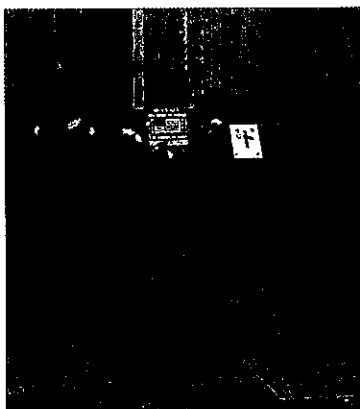
After the moving celebration in the church, everyone was invited to come to the Parish Hall

for a grand buffet luncheon prepared by the congregation, followed by dessert of a large sheet cake ceremonially cut by both David and Betty MacDonald.

Special thanks were extended to St. Luke's Choir, Alicia Cordell and Nick D'Imperio and other parishioners who participated in the liturgy and helped prepare the reception afterward. They include: Nigel Hawkins, Linda Parsons, Jack Pierce, Beth Wiesmann, Diane Cogan, Andrew Janusas, John Nagy, Eric Saldat, Judith Schneider, Sally Smith, Audrey and Joe Rydzewski, Marilyn Anthony, Lanie Ganzenmuller, Janette Heurtley and Ginnie Treiber. The members of St. Luke's vestry who worked on the selection process include: Laura Franco, Lanie Ganzenmuller, Janette Heurtley, Andrew Janusas, Gene Neely, Debbie Pierce, George Santos, Judith Schneider, Jane McGrady-Sheils, Lance Thoet and Gennie Treiber. All involved made the day very special for the new Rector, Fr. David MacDonald.



Rev. David MacDonald, the new rector of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, and his wife Betty cut a cake celebrating his installation. Photo by Carol Griffin



Ambulance Park

Photo by Stephanie Ritzert

Museum Updates

by Sara Reres

After our September 18th opening, the current exhibit "Then & Now...Step into the Museum Time Machine" has enjoyed an enthusiastic community response. Our docents were on hand at the opening and as usual, play a vital role in the museum operation. We are looking forward to class visits from the Sea Cliff Elementary School and senior groups throughout the area. Residents enjoy bringing their mystery "thing-a-majigs" to the museum office for possible placement in the "Name That Thing-a-majig" display case.

Although it seems way too early to think about our next exhibit, we start working on next year's project the day after the current exhibit opens. Our working title, "Architectural Details" hints at what we are after. We will be displaying actual bits and pieces of our historical homes and public places. We have collected stained glass windows, carved mantels, marble sinks, tin squares, and windows and doors from Sea Cliff homes. Along with interior and exterior

photos of Sea Cliff homes we hope to capture the essence of the Village through its details, both large and small. We will be displaying our model of the Connor Cottage, an actual home on 17th Avenue, accompanied by photos of the amazing intact details the house still possesses.

As always, we appeal to our residents to bring us their architectural "bits and pieces" for exhibition at the museum. We are looking for glass, wood, marble, tile, or tin to display. If you have an interesting detail that can't be moved, we hope you will allow us to photograph the piece and include it in the photo gallery that we hope to create.

We are looking for volunteers to conduct oral history interviews of our residents to add to our permanent collection of recorded documentation at the museum. If you are interested in working on this valuable, historical project please call Sara at the museum. We are open on Sundays from 2- 5 p.m. Please call 671-0090 to volunteer or discuss our upcoming exhibit.



Docents and trustees of the Museum at the September opening. Photo by Carol Griffin

Ambulance Park

by Suzanne Bohn

The next time you walk past the Sea Cliff Firehouse, be sure to notice the Ambulance Park nestled on the right of the building. There you will see a garden of bricks inscribed with familiar names that many of us know in the Village. What is this all about?

It began almost as a fantasy of past mayor, Ted Blackburn, who thought the community might respond to raising funds to avoid tax dollars for a new ambulance. The Brick Commemorative Garden was planted with bricks sold at \$100 each. The sale of bricks along with other varied fundraisers and two member grants from NYS Senator Carl Marcellino allowed the Village to finally purchase an ambulance. It was then thought that a permanent endowment fund to buy ambulances forever would be a worthwhile endeavor. And so the fundraising has continued. Bricks can still be purchased for \$100 each. One long-time resident remembered the ambulance fund in his will and the idea of an endowment fund really took hold. As a result, when the time came to purchase a second ambulance, without touching principal, there were adequate

funds to buy a new ambulance for our community and the Sea Cliff Medic Unit of the Village.

This past summer the Ambulance Park was spruced up and put back in order by various Village people. Jack Pierce clipped bushes, cleaned up, and donated and put up the stockade fence surrounding the garden. Tom Bellingham also donated and helped put up the fence with Jack. In addition, Tom sanded, stained and polyurethaned all the benches in the park. Billy Richmond cleaned the bricks and then flattened out the brick area which had become uneven due to freezing and thawing. He then put the bricks back. Rich Boehm, John Ciampi and Peter DeLape also helped in the clean-up process. As a result of their labors, the Ambulance Park is another Sea Cliff gem with a most worthy purpose.

If you need information about how to buy a brick, pamphlets are available at Village Hall. Nancy Rose (676-3934) remains the treasurer, the current president is Paul Marchese, the brick coordinator is Laurie Martone and the Commemorative Garden brick layer is Jesse Giordano. The group meets at least once annually.

Arts Council Update

by Margie Malone

Artwork by Jason Paradis is currently on display at the Sea Cliff Library, beginning in November and continuing for all of December. The Artist's Reception is Sunday, December 11 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Jason's work speculates on fundamental mysteries as a result of his camping experiences under an expansive sky in the northern Canadian wilderness. His work can also be seen on his website: www.jasonparadisart.com.

The Arts Council's annual Holiday Boutique and Craft Fair will be held in conjunction with the Holiday House Tour on Saturday, December 3, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The boutique is upstairs in Village Hall. Local artists and artisans

will show their work, which is for sale. Refreshments will be available for purchase.

The first Showcase of the Arts for the 2011-12 season was held on Thursday, November 10, at 7:30 p.m. in the Creative Arts Studio. It featured presentations of chain maille jewelry by Donna Barrett and the celestial-inspired work of Jason Paradis. Music was provided by Rich Boehm on guitar. Refreshments and dessert rounded out an evening of arts and music that the Arts Council provides free to residents and friends.

The second Showcase of the season is set for Wednesday evening, December 7. Look for more information to come on performers and presenters.

What better way to spend a cold winter's day than with a good book! The Sea Cliff Library is happy to provide our patrons with the latest best-sellers available in print and downloadable format. Our digital collection is growing to keep pace with the increase in

e-reader formats and our DVD collection offers the latest and best Hollywood feature films as well as foreign and art house films. Be on the lookout for our bi-monthly newsletter. In it you will find our programming guide, new releases and helpful tips.

The library also serves as a place of destination. So whether it's just a friendly "hello" or offering advice on what to read next, we are here to serve you. Why not stop by and get out of the cold.

A Thank You from the Friends of the Sea Cliff Library

by Carol Poll, President of the Friends of the Sea Cliff Library



Friends of the Library working at Mini-Mart: (l-r) Front Row: Jim Gibson, Ann Weickert, Carolyn Quenon, Wendy D'Avino; Second Row: Michael Lennon, Andy Weickert, Mark Miksic

Photo by Carol Poll

The Friends of the Sea Cliff Library want to thank the Sea Cliff community for the many ways you have helped our beloved Sea Cliff Library. You bought gently used books at the Garage Day and Mini-Mart

book sales and the Hula Hoops created and sold by the Junior Division of the Friends. You have wholeheartedly responded to our annual membership drive to raise additional funds. We raise funds all of which go

to providing the Library with the resources to purchase special programs such as museum passes and E-Readers. All our projects are done under the creative guidance of our indefatigable and resourceful director, Arlene Nevens, and the library staff.

We hope you will further help the library and honor a special person by buying a bookplate, which will be placed in a book in either the Sea Cliff Adult Library or the Sea Cliff Children's Library. The bookplates and their gift application forms are available in the library and require a donation of \$25 or more.

Friends' meetings are held on the last Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the adult library. Our friendly meetings are open and everyone is invited to come to our meetings. You can e-mail the Friends at friendsoftheseaclifflibrary@gmail.com.



Arts Council presenters at Sea Cliff Creative Arts Studio on November 10 (l-r) Jason Paradis, Donna Barrett and Richard Boehm.

Photo by Carol Griffin

Sustainable Sea Cliff Cooperative: Fall into Spring

by Andrea Mastellone

As autumn is in full swing here on Long Island the Sustainable Sea Cliff Cooperative (SSCC) is happy to announce our plans to cultivate a "community garden by the sea." We look forward to breaking ground this spring. We invite people who are interested in participating in the planning of this garden (or to participate in our buying club) to attend our monthly general meetings and get involved. Children are welcome.

This September, the SSCC was a proud sponsor of the Northeast Organic Farmers Association of N.Y. (NOFA-NY)'s "Locavore Challenge," a month-long campaign aimed at

engaging consumers across the state in eating local organic foods. The goal of the campaign is to educate consumers about how to make healthy and ethical food choices, cook with seasonal, organic foods, while supporting local, sustainable farms and food businesses.

On September 25th, the SSCC held a wonderful potluck dinner, hosted by Glenwood Arts and the Glenwood Church in Glenwood Landing. As part of NOFA-NY's "Potluck Across New York", we aimed to celebrate and raise awareness of the benefits of eating local and organic food and to support our local farmers.

In attendance were over fifty

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Carpenter Clan Revivified

by Frank Murray

On October 22, five generations of the long deceased Carpenter clan miraculously came back to life in the Carpenter family cemetery adjacent to Sea Cliff Elementary School. Sponsored by the Good of the Village Association, inspired by Peggy Costello and researched and organized by Peggy and her team of Carol Pohrille and Sally Davies, over 250 Sea Cliff residents were regaled with exciting tales of the Carpenter family. Each story was recounted by "living spirits" who represented a departed Carpenter. Latting and Martha Carpenter, who lived from 1774 to 1855 and 1858 respectively, told of the difficult but rewarding life they led in developing the family farm and raising a family in Sea Cliff. Their son James described how he was the entrepreneur of the family, building a brick factory and

starch works, as well as developing a shipping business which delivered Sea Cliff products and produce to the City.

Visitors were gripped by the grim tale of the brothers Thomas and George Carpenter, both of whom died in 1864. Thomas died in a Confederate prison camp while George was murdered on board a ship sailing back to New York. Jackson Carpenter, who died in 1884, told of his life as a naturalist, learning much from the native Americas who still lived in Sea Cliff subsisting off the fruits of the Village's land and sea.

Maria Coles Carpenter, who passed away in 1898, told visitors how she decided to found the Good of the Village Association with the goals of promoting the public welfare and improving and beautifying the Village. She also recounted how she believed it to be vital

that Sea Cliff residents continually educate themselves. Thus she was determined to found the Sea Cliff Library. As we all know, much to our benefit, Maria's spirit lives on in the present day good works of the G.V.A., epitomized by today's dramatic, historical resurrection of the Carpenter clan.

Presiding over the day's festivities was the lord of the underworld, The Grim Reaper himself. Luckily for all attendees, the Reaper had no Sea Cliff names in his ledger for October of this year. However, it must be said that he did have a remarkable amount of insight into the workings of Village Hall. The cast of volunteers who brought the Carpenter clan back to life include the following: Alex Terentiev, Carolyn Genevesi, Hank Bjorklund, Victoria Bjorklund, Paul Marchese, Al Reres, Sara Reres, Brennen Bierwiler, Melissa Atkinson, Elizabeth Sehring and John Canning.

Kudos to Peggy Costello and her team for a remarkable "only in Sea Cliff" experience.



Mrs. John Hall Carpenter (Elizabeth Sehring) with some young spirits

Photo by Carol Griffin



The Grim Reaper (Mayor Kennedy) with the spirit of James Smith Carpenter (Hank Bjorklund)

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of the remarkable people who make up this grassroots community right here on the North Shore of Long Island. Each participant brought with them delicious homemade fare, stories, playful children and lots of laughs. We had donations of fresh produce from Kaos Farm

in Old Westbury, locally made apple cider from the Jericho Cider Mill, locally brewed beer from the Blue Point Brewery and wine donated by local merchant, Coves Discount Liquor as well as live music from David Berg.

We will continue to have

potluck dinners as part of our effort to build community, share ideas and raise garden beds. The SSCC wishes you a cozy and healthy winter! To learn more about the Cooperative, please visit us online at: www.seacliffcoop.org.



SSCC's Locavore Potluck dinner on September 25.
Photo by Henrietta Rohl



Dennis Fleury of the LI Wildlife Sanctuary shows off a feathered friend at the Children's Library to a group of fascinated children during a science workshop funded by the Good of the Village Association
Photo by Ann DiPietro

Be a PART of Sea Cliff Beach Forever!

by Laine Neice

This is the last opportunity to purchase a brick for the new beach pavilion. Bricks are a great way to remember a loved one or celebrate your family and love of Sea Cliff. The bricks will be placed within the cement walk of the pavilion. This holiday season what a great gift to give that will last a lifetime!

Don't miss this opportunity to celebrate and support our much loved beach!

To purchase fill out form below and send to:
Friends of Sea Cliff Beach
c/o Kathleen Valentine
52 7th Avenue Sea Cliff, NY 11579
\$100 check should be made out to "Friends of Sea Cliff Beach"

The Sea Cliff Beach Committee is committed to creating the best beach possible for our residents. All of our fundraising efforts are paying off and we will continue to provide the best services and amenities possible for all ages to enjoy.

The new Sea Cliff Beach Pavilion will be ready for the 2012 Beach Season!

Brick Form
Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____
Message is up to 3 lines of text, maximum 14 characters per line
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Sea Cliff Children's Library Winter 2011

by Ann DiPietro, Children's Library Coordinator
**Tuesdays 10-5 / Wednesdays 10-5/ Thursdays 10-7
Fridays 10-5/ Saturdays 10-2**

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. 8, Jan.5, and Feb. 2
10:30 Babies and ... informal program for infants and toddlers
Tacos & Tales--2nd and 3rd graders

Dec.1, 15, Jan. 5, 19, and Feb. 2 and 16
Novels & Nachos---4th and 5th graders

Dec. 8, and Jan. 12
Pizza & Paperbacks
every week for Kindergartners and 1st Graders

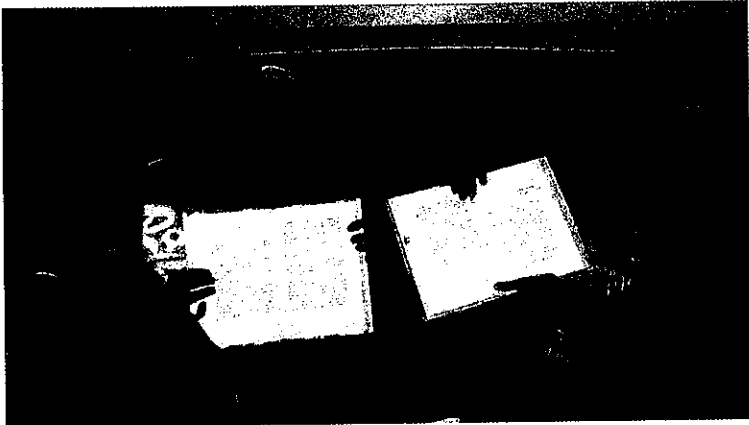
Friday 10:30 Story Time for 4 and 5 year-olds
1:00 Babies and....an informal program for infants and toddlers
3:00 Pizza and Picturebooks- Kindergartners
4:00 Lego Club-pre-registration absolutely essential!

Introduction to "The Nutcracker"
Saturday, Dec. 10 at 10 a.m.

Music, dance, and treats - great for all ages except babies and toddlers

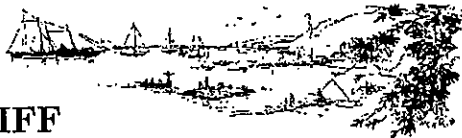
Animal Workshops on Thursdays Dec. 22 and Jan. 26

Call 671-0420 or email scchildrenslibrary@gmail.com if you have questions about any of these programs or to register. Registration with a Sea Cliff Library card is necessary for all our programs.



Catching up on their reading for North Shore Middle School, two friends enjoy their time together at the Children's Library.

Photo by Ann DiPietro



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