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Mayor's Update



Bruce Kennedy

With the November elections over, it is apparent what the number one concern of Nassau County residents is . . . taxes. Despite the fact that the Village budget has remained relatively flat (within 5% of when I took office in 2009), my personal property taxes have increased by nearly 19%. When the numbers are carefully reviewed, it becomes even harder to understand. In the same time period, the county budget has been reduced yet my county portion of property taxes has increased 13%; my school taxes are up 24%; and my Town taxes are up 70%. These numbers are staggering and the reasons for it are in some cases easy to explain and for other reasons very complex. One of the multifarious causes is the current Nassau County assessment system in which 80% of all assessment grievances filed result in a lowered assessed value. The net result of this is simply a shift of the tax burden from those who grieve to those who do not grieve their assessments. Some serious discussions are finally occurring about how to address this fatally flawed system, including changing the assessment function from the county to the town level where assessors would be a lot closer to the nuances of our individual neighborhoods. There are also assessment systems out there

that actually work well that we could use as models (Palm Beach County for instance). I urge all Sea Cliff residents to support this sweeping change that would result in a fair and equitable way of levying property taxes.

We held a Town Hall meeting in September to discuss the Village's current Tree Ordinance which was very well attended. In the aftermath of Hurricane Irene and Superstorm Sandy, the Board of Trustees and I recognize the importance of modifying the current law. The main issue discussed was the extent to which local government ought to limit an individual's property rights in an effort to promote the common good and character of the Village. No one was in disagreement about the fact that trees promote natural, scenic and aesthetic values, stabilize soil, control water pollution by preventing soil erosion and flooding, absorb air pollution, preserve the balance of oxygen in the air, offer a natural noise barrier, provide a natural habitat for wildlife, provide shade to Village residents, and create a bucolic atmosphere. The Board of Trustees and I have been hammering out new legislation that addresses all the concerns raised in a common sense approach. Ultimately, we will have a new tree ordinance that is considerably more lenient than what currently exists yet prevent the type of clear cutting that caused the law to be adopted in the first place.

You would think that with the end of summer Sea Cliff events would have slowed down but that is not the case. The annual Mini Mart was a great success thanks to the hard work of the Kiwanis Club. The Fire Department held its Antique Car & Truck

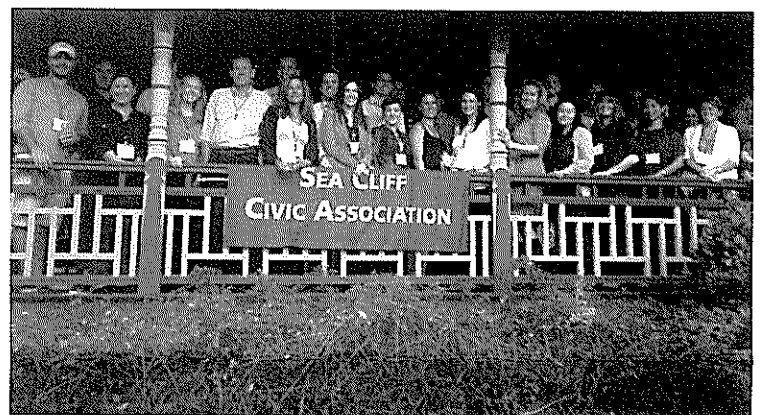
Show at Tappan Beach. The Civic Association held the Newcomers Reception, a Cider Social, and the famous Progressive dinner. The Sea Cliff Museum celebrated its 35th Anniversary with a new exhibit and the Sea Cliff Arts Council hosted several events. The Sea Cliff Silly Shakespeare Company performed *The Real Housewives of Henry VIII* at the Sea Cliff Beach Performance Pavilion and a pageant of pets and puppets paraded down Sea Cliff Avenue. The Beautification Committee held its annual luncheon at the Metropolitan Bistro, the Good of the Village Association held a theatrical history lesson at the Carpenter Cemetery, and the Methodist Church held their annual Pumpkin Patch Festival. A new event occurred which was so successful, it is bound to become an annual occurrence – "Chill Out in Sea Cliff" which was a celebration of our community's culture while also promoting our downtown.

As we approach the holiday season please take time to reflect on the successes of the past year, spend time with family and friends, and to be thankful for all the blessings each of us have. I am extremely appreciative of our residents, Board members and Village staff, who are dedicated to the primary goal of enriching the world we live in. Looking back on our community's successes during the past year, I can't help but feel incredibly fortunate for the opportunity to work with so many extraordinary people. I am grateful for the commitment and service of each and every one of you which works so hard for the attainment of our common goals. Robin and I wish you all a Happy Chanukah, a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year.

Sea Cliff Newcomers

Sea Cliff Civic Association held its annual Newcomers Party at the home of Ann and Dan DiPietro on September 30. A large number of newcomers moved into Sea Cliff this year and members of the

Civic Association, Mayor Bruce Kennedy, Trustees Carol Vogt and Edward Leiberman and Librarian Arlene Nevens welcomed the couples and shared various aspects of the Village.



Civic Association welcomes newcomers to Sea Cliff.
Photo by Barbara Murray

Building Department Report

by Drew Lawrence, Superintendent of Buildings

The Building Department was busy and reports the following figures for the period of 10/31/12 – 10/31/13:

270 Building Permits Applications submitted

154 Tree Permits Submitted for 303 Trees (does not include estimated 50 trees from Sandy)

344 Permits Issued

228 Certificates Issued

1410 Inspections Performed

As we all remember, on October 29, 2012 Superstorm Sandy hit Long Island and although we lost a number of trees, the damage incurred within the Village was minimal compared to other parts of

Long Island. As a certified member of the New York State Code Enforcement Disaster Assistance Response (CEDAR) team, I was requested to assist the Town of Hempstead in performing rapid assessment of Sandy damaged homes. The Village Board had previously approved my involvement in CEDAR and I spent a few days of Village time as well as my own time in assisting the Town of Hempstead with those assessments in November and December of 2012. In addition, I performed assessments for the Nassau County Office of Emergency Management under the Community

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**THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE TRUSTEES
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HAPPY, HEALTHY NEW YEAR!**

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Village Taxes Due

by Marianne Lennon, Collector of Taxes

The second half of Village tax payments are due December 1, 2013 through January 2, 2014. 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 2, 2014, no penalty or interest will be charged. If paid after January 2, 2014 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.

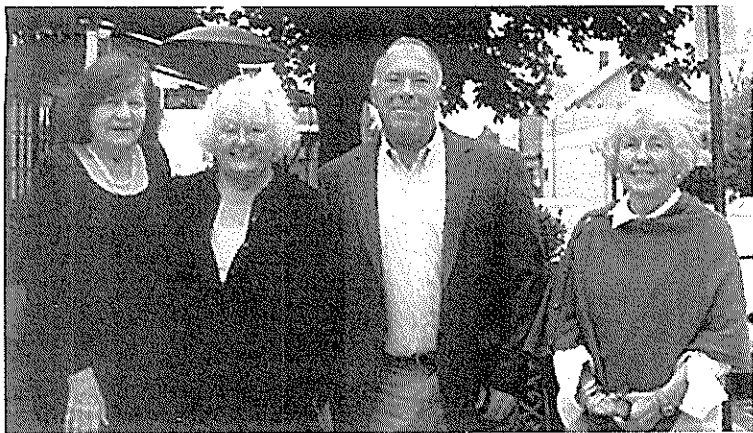
Sea Cliff Beautification Committee (SCBC)

by Sally Davies, President

Sea Cliff Beautification Committee continues to keep Sea Cliff's parks in good order. Check out the new plantings in Clifton Park at the corner of DuBois and Sea Cliff Avenue. Our Arbor Day tree is continuing to grow in Marden Triangle on Lafayette. Members have spent the summer weeding in Central Park and on the Village steps. One hundred people enjoyed our annual luncheon held this year at the Metropolitan Bistro on Roslyn Avenue. The wreaths that line the Sea

Cliff business district are a wonderful part of the holiday celebration. SCBC spends many hours making the bows and wrapping the lights around the live wreaths. This year we will be "doing" the wreaths at the Village garage on December 3 at 10 a.m. All are welcome to join us. This is a great way to get into the holiday spirit!

Our monthly meetings are on the third Thursday of the month at St. Luke's at 9 a.m.



The Beautification Committee had their annual luncheon at the Metropolitan Bistro. (l-r) Estelle Moore, Peggy Costello, guest speaker Dan Grande, and Sally Davies.

Photo by Cathy Elorriaga

Bazaar at the Church of Our Lady of Kazan

Russian food, pastries, Russian gift items, jewelry... They will all be at the annual Christmas bazaar at the Church of Our Lady of Kazan. The bazaar will take place on Saturday, December 7th from noon to 4 p.m. in the church's parish hall. The church is located on Willow Shore Avenue, off Littleworth Lane. For more bazaar information, call 516-468-1579. Hope you all come and enjoy!

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Emergency Response Team effort and managed the Glen Cove Shelter for the first week or so until the Red Cross took over.

In March of this year, I was presented with a Citation by County Executive Ed Mangano and with a Citation of Service from the Building Inspectors Association of Nassau County. In June of this

year, I was further recognized by the Nassau County Office of Emergency Management, the Nassau County Legislature and the Office of the Comptroller for my roles in the Sandy Recovery effort. Although it's nice to be recognized, I would be remiss if I didn't again mention that the Board supported me in these efforts and they should share

the recognition as well.

Over this past summer I was nominated unopposed to serve as Secretary for the Building Inspectors Association of Nassau County. Elections in December will confirm the position. And this fall, the New York State Building Officials Conference certified me as a "Certified Professional Code Administrator" for which

I am also grateful.

This past year we've seen the mitigation and/or remediation of a number of eyesores by property owners within the Village that had impacted quality of life. Vacant storefronts are at an all-time low. In addition, building and other types of permits take less time to process now than they ever did before and we have re-

duced some of the paper generated by the Building Department. As a result of these efforts, the Building Department has been recognized by both Local and State entities in both process and professionalism. We will continue to strive to perform even better, to serve you.

Federal Grant Awarded To Expand Water Quality Monitoring For Hempstead Harbor

First Ever Year-Round Monitoring Begins This Month

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

Hempstead Harbor received a gift on October 24th when the Long Island Sound Study and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation announced the award of a \$55,000 grant for the expansion of water quality monitoring in Hempstead Harbor.

The grant was awarded to the Village of Sea Cliff on behalf of the Hempstead Harbor Protection Committee ("HHPC") and was one of seven grants awarded to local governments and community groups in New York under the Long Island Sound Futures Fund. This marked the seventh time that the HHPC's water monitoring program is being federally funded.

Sea Cliff Mayor Bruce Kennedy said: "Having good water quality data is absolutely necessary if we are to achieve our mission of improving the harbor's water quality. Without the data, you cannot know where the problem areas exist or whether conditions are improving or declining and this grant allows us to do that."

The Village of Sea Cliff, on behalf of the HHPC, contracts

with the citizens' group, The Coalition to Save Hempstead Harbor ("the Coalition") to perform weekly water testing to maintain monitoring equipment and to produce an annual report. Since 1992, the Coalition has conducted sampling throughout the harbor. In 2001 the Coalition received the prestigious Clearwater Award from the Waterfront Center, a Washington D.C. based educational organization, for its monitoring program. Since 2006, the HHPC has assumed direct financial and oversight responsibility for the monitoring program.

This is a true partnership in every sense. Funding comes from the federal government through a not-for-profit organization and the work is carried out by a citizens' group on behalf of nine local governments with laboratory work donated by the county and the state.

According to Carol DiPaolo, who conducted the water monitoring for the Coalition, the monitoring program includes testing for dissolved oxygen, salinity, temperature, pH, ammonia, nitrates, nitrites, fecal

coliform, enterococci bacteria, color and clarity and wildlife observations at 18 locations for a period of 25 weeks from April to November in 2013. The grant will allow for an additional 21 weeks of sampling to be conducted from November 2013 to April 2014 at two locations, enabling the first ever year-round monitoring in the history of the harbor.

The two additional locations consist of the weir and outfall pipe where water (including storm water) discharges from Scudder's Pond into Hempstead Harbor. The pond has been identified as one of the most significant contributors of pollutants into the harbor. The HHPC and Village of Sea Cliff are hopeful that a restoration project at the pond will begin this month and this data will help determine the effectiveness of the project in reducing bacteria entering the harbor. Results of the Hempstead Harbor water quality monitoring program are available on the Hempstead Harbor website: www.HempsteadHarbor.org.

New Reverse 911 System to Communicate Pending Emergencies

by John A. Mirando, Village Administrator and Director of Public Works

The Village has contracted with Emergency Communications Network to license its CodeRED high-speed notification solution. The CodeRED system enables the Village to quickly deliver messages to targeted areas or the entire Village.

One of the reasons the CodeRED system was selected is it gives individuals and businesses the ability to add their own phone numbers directly into the system's database. This is an extremely important feature. Mayor Bruce Kennedy cautioned that such systems are only as good as the telephone number database supporting them. He therefore cautioned: "If your phone number is not in the database, you will not be called."

"No one should automatically assume his or her phone number is included," Mayor

Kennedy said, urging all individuals and businesses to log onto the Village website, www.seacliff-ny.gov, and follow the link to the "CodeRED Community Notification Enrollment" page. Those without Internet access may call Village Hall (516-671-0080), Monday 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. or Tuesday through Friday 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., to supply their information over the phone. Required information includes first and last name, street address (physical address, no P.O. boxes), city, state, zip code, and primary phone number, additional phone numbers can be entered as well.

All businesses should register, as well as all individuals who have unlisted phone numbers, who have changed their phone number or address within the past year, and those who use a cellular phone or

VoIP phone as their primary number.

Mayor Kennedy explained, "CodeRED allows geographically based delivery, which means street addresses are required to ensure emergency notification calls are received by the proper individuals in a given situation. The system works for cell phones too, but we need to have an associated street address to provide relevant messages."

Mayor Kennedy stated, "CodeRED gives those who want to be included an easy and secure method for inputting information. The data collected will only be used for emergency notification purposes and important public service information." Questions regarding the system should be directed to Village Hall at (516) 671-0080.

It takes a Village...

by Karen Montagnese, Sea Cliff Senior Outreach, LMSW



Karen Montagnese
Sea Cliff Senior Outreach
Photo by Barbara Murray

Last month I attended the Mutual Concerns Lunch which is held every Tuesday and Friday at the St Luke's Parish Hall. This lunch is a beautiful illustration of a community gathered together for a common goal. In March I wrote about our Village's integrated system of support for our senior

citizens. Now, I would like to highlight this one program that, in and of itself, is a wonderfully supportive system.

There are a whole host of components that make lunch day so special and I am pleased to be part of this amazing group of people. They are all positive and friendly with unique qualities and contributions and they provide such a great vibration of life and energy. I hope I can do it justice as I describe a typical day at our senior lunch program.

First we have our Sea Cliff Village bus that provides transportation to our non-driving seniors. It makes access to lunch easy and our new bus is state of the art. People start to arrive around 11 a.m. to a room filled with perfectly set tables: tablecloths, silverware, condiments and bread baskets.

AHRC provides young adults who volunteer to set up and serve lunch. They do such a great job. In the kitchen there is a team of Mutual Concerns cooks and volunteers who prepare a hot delicious meal. On this day lunch was roasted chicken, vegetables and dessert. Gluten free meals are available too. Holiday meals are always extra special (Don't miss St. Patrick's Day, my favorite) and every month there is birthday cake.

The lunch director manages the desk, keeps track of attendance and organizes orders to go for homebound seniors. She knows everyone by name and is a welcoming face to newcomers. I enjoy sitting with her to join in the meet and greet. At 11:15 Chair Yoga begins and it is well attended. Everyone works at their own level as the practice

brings balance, strength, flexibility and peace to us all. For those who don't participate in yoga there is a book exchange to peruse and small group discussions. On this day we welcomed the Nurse Educators from NSLIJ and they offered a flu shot to anyone interested. We won't be getting sick this winter. Lunch is served around noon and the room goes quiet as everyone enjoys their meals. I attend lunch at least once a month. It is a nice opportunity to catch up, have a chat, deliver information and answer questions. This week we talked about senior tax exemptions and Medicare Open Enrollment. Our seniors are quite savvy and like to stay well informed. After lunch it is time for games and every other Tuesday there is a movie sponsored by the library over in Vil-

lage Hall. On this day some stayed for Bingo and others took in the matinee.

As I left lunch that Tuesday I was truly moved by the wonderful people with whom I had come in contact. Every person playing a valuable role ensuring a most enjoyable experience. So many seamless pieces to this interconnected system, making lunch days truly awesome. It takes a Village...OUR Village! Lunch is open to any senior without reservations. If you would like the bus to pick you up, it is necessary to call Village Hall at least 24 hours prior. Remember our bus also provides door to door service to the grocery store on Wednesday mornings. The afternoon movie is free and open to all, contact the library for their list of first run showings.

Prue Hurley – 1927 - 2013

by Dan Maddock

Sea Cliff is greatly saddened by the loss of Prudence T. Hurley, a longtime Village resident who was very active in Village affairs over many years. Prue passed away on October 29th at age 86 following a long battle with Alzheimers.

A number of years ago, Karen Barnaby wrote a profile of Prue in the Village Bulletin. She opened with this wonderful description: "Identity and a sense of place are inextricably connected. Prue Hurley has been part of Sea Cliff, and Sea

Cliff part of Prue, for 65 years. There are few residents more beloved than this 'lady with the twinkling eye and impish smile,' as she was recently described at a dinner in her honor. Prue Hurley: genuine, loving, witty, honest, intelligent, and hard working, is as devoted to our Village as it is to her."

Prue was born in the Thompson Park section of Glen Cove and moved to Sea Cliff when she was seven years old. She attended Sea Cliff School where she first met Charles Lindberg Hurley, popularly known as Lindy.

In 1954 she married Lindy and the following year they moved into a house on Brown Street. They had two daughters: Lucinda and Kathleen. The family attended St. Luke's Church where Prue sang in the choir. The family loved sailing and they were members of the Sea Cliff Yacht Club and later the Hempstead Harbor Club. Prue was a Brownie Leader, active in the PTA, the Civic Asso-

ciation and assisted at the Mutual Concerns lunch program. She also worked part-time at Village Hall. Her husband Lindy served on the Library Board and two terms as a Village Trustee. He also proposed the idea of a Sea Cliff Museum to preserve our rich local history. The museum was created in 1979 and Lindy and Prue worked countless hours to fix up the facility and create exhibits. There would be no museum today without their efforts. Lindy passed away in 1985 and Prue became the pillar of the Museum providing muscle and passion. Prue Hurley made Sea Cliff a better place. She is survived by daughter Lucinda Hurley of Sea Cliff and daughter Kathleen Stannish (Victor) and grandsons, Michael and James. A memorial service was held at St. Luke's Church on November 9th. Donations can be made in Prue's memory to the Sea Cliff Village Museum, P.O. Box 172, Sea Cliff NY 11579.

Hanukkah Happening

Come join us for the Hanukkah Happening on Wednesday, December 4 from 6:30 – 8:30 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!



Prue Hurley
Photo by Carol Griffin

Veterans Remembered in Sea Cliff

by Carol Griffin

A large contingent of veterans, members of the James F. Brengel American Legion Post in Sea Cliff, joined community residents in Clifton Park on Veterans Day to remember the veterans who have served to protect our country. There was

a short service that included a prayer, some words from Mayor Bruce Kennedy and the Star Spangled Banner sung by Ray Pierce. Post Commander Phil Como invited everyone present to the Sea Cliff firehouse where lunch was served.



Many veterans join in this year's Veteran's Day remembrance held at Clifton Park.

Photo by Carol Griffin

Pub Crawl

by Elaine Neice

Friends of Sea Cliff Beach will be hosting the 6th Annual Sea Cliff Pub Crawl on Friday, February 28, 2014. Bring your friends and (maybe) your boots and head up to Sea Cliff Avenue for this annual not to be

missed event! Ticket sales will begin at 5 p.m. at a spot to be announced on Sea Cliff Avenue. Crawling begins at 7 p.m. For \$25 you will receive tickets good for one free drink at participating establish-

ments, a Pub Crawl Mug and maybe some mardi-gras beads for fun! Participants must be 21 to purchase tickets. Please Crawl Responsibly.

Former Mayor Ted Blackburn Becomes the New Mayor of Islamorada, Florida

by Dan Maddock

Apparently being a Mayor can get in your blood. Ted Blackburn, who served as Mayor of Sea Cliff from 1991 to 1999, has been elected Mayor of Islamorada, a small town with a population of 6,100, made up of six islands just south of Key Largo in the Florida Keys. Ted and his wife Sarah bought a winter place there many years ago. When they left Sea Cliff they split their time between

Florida and Vermont. A few years ago they took up full-time residence in Islamorada and Ted being Ted, he became active in community affairs, winning a seat on the town council. Upon taking the Mayor's chair, Ted exclaimed: "I recently gained the privilege of serving as Mayor of Islamorada, Florida, sport fishing capital of the world and home of many good natured pirates. This will

be a daunting task filled with many laughs and tears and a great council and public to help me. I love this job and Islamorada." Let's hope the council members can stay up late as many of Ted's Board Conferences went until 1:00 a.m. here in Sea Cliff. Ted invites us all to "Come on down, we'd love to see you."

The Trees of Sea Cliff

An Easy Way to Increase Your Property Value: Plant Trees!

by Russell Gorog

The average family is always looking for a solid investment. Stocks? Bonds? Gold? Don't overlook an easy way to get more from your money – trees! Think about it: cars, couches, and computers all depreciate the minute you buy them. Trees increase in value the minute they leave the nursery, and continue to increase as they mature. They also add to your property's resale or rental value by improving curb appeal.

Looking for hard numbers? The United States Forest Service says trees can increase property values as much as ten percent. So if you have a \$400,000 house on a lot with three mature trees, your property assessment might owe as much as \$40,000 of its value to your trees. The Ohio Department of Natural Resources determined that each large front yard tree adds 1 percent to the sales price of your house.

Landscape trees also provide benefits that far exceed the costs of planting and care over their

lifetime. Environmental and aesthetic benefits, such as heating and cooling energy savings, storm water runoff reduction, cleaner air, and those higher property values are consistently many times greater than tree care costs.

The USDA Forest Service Center for Urban Forest Research used Queens, New York to collect data during the summer of 2005, and showed that just one large tree in the Northeast will provide \$5,870 in environmental and other benefits over its lifetime. That's nearly a 440-percent return on investment!

Data from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources shows that healthy trees also mean:

Healthy people - Each year, 100 large, mature street trees:

- Remove 24 tons of carbon dioxide (CO2)
- Remove 261 pounds of other air pollutants
- Catch about 190,900 gallons of rainwater

Homeowner savings - One well-placed large tree:

- Provides an average savings of \$39 in home heating costs each year

Healthy communities - Tree-filled neighborhoods

- Report lower levels of domestic violence
- Are safer and more sociable
- Reduce stress of body and mind
- Decrease need for medication and speed recovery times

Better business - In tree-lined commercial districts, shoppers report:

- More frequent shopping
- Longer shopping trips
- Willingness to pay more for parking
- Willingness to spend twelve percent more for goods

The intangible benefits of trees are great. Their tangible benefits can mean extra cash in your pocket when you sell your home or apply for a home equity loan!

Sanitation Holiday Schedule

December, January, February 2013-2014

Christmas Day observed on Wednesday, December 25, 2013

Due to Wednesday holiday, recycling pick-up will be on Saturday. Regular garbage pick-up will take place the rest of the week.

New Years Day observed Wednesday, January 1, 2014

Due to Wednesday holiday, recycling pick-up will be on Saturday. Regular garbage pick-up will take place the rest of the week.

Martin Luther King Day observed Monday, January 20, 2014

Normal Sanitation Schedule – No Change

There will be Recycling Pick Up on Wednesday.

Presidents Day observed Monday, February 17, 2014

Normal Sanitation Schedule – No Change

There will be Recycling Pick Up on Wednesday.

Leaf Collection

Leaves need to be placed curbside in clear plastic bags for collection. Leaf collection will end on December 20.

Sea Cliff Landmarks Association

Holiday Party

Friday, December 6 from 7:30-10:00 p.m.

by Leslie Guerici, President

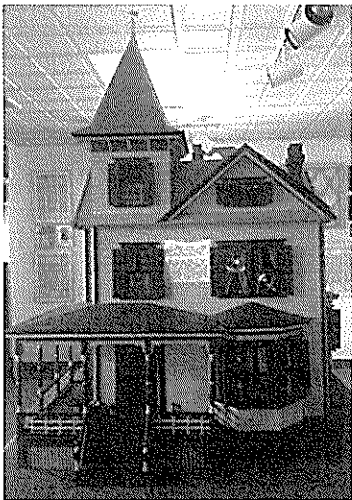
A cherished Sea Cliff tradition is back. The event is so popular that several years ago when a blizzard closed many roads in the area, hardy residents walked to the holiday Landmarks party lugging food with them. After a two year hiatus, plans are underway for the 2013 Sea Cliff Landmarks Association holiday party, which will be held at a recently restored Village Victorian home.

The owners, a couple with two young girls, purchased the house in 2011 after it had been in the same family for 130 years. The Sea Cliff Museum has an exquisitely rendered replica of the house, which was built by a wealthy banker in 1890 as the first year-round residence in town.

Only paid members of the SCLA are invited to the holiday party and the guest list will be limited to the first 75 respondents (including spouses). Dues are \$10 a year and can be sent to:

Leslie Guerici
President
Sea Cliff Landmarks Association
c/o 290 Littleworth Lane
Sea Cliff, NY 11579

Details including the party's location will be emailed to party respondents. Guests are asked to bring an appetizer, main dish, or dessert. Landmarks will provide refreshments.



The Conner model displayed in our Sea Cliff Museum.

Winter Fun in the 1930's

by Priscilla Waltz, Village Historian



Priscilla Waltz

What a glorious ride children had when Sea Cliff Village shut down Laurel Avenue for sleigh riding. The left side of the hill was sanded so you could get back up the hill. At the bottom they put a heavy layer of sand so you

couldn't cross Shore Road. What a thrill to make it to the bottom as sparks flew out from our runners as the metal hit the icy patches. This was a challenge and a freedom I can still feel when I close my eyes on a windy, cold day.

Another great sport on a frozen Scudders Pond was "Snap the Whip". Remember the pond was much bigger in those days and there was always two hockey games going on while people skated around the pond. To play, "Snap the Whip" one person would start skating and another would take their hand, and another, and another until you had a long line. It was hard to keep skating if you were near the end. The first skater would stop and swing the next person and on down the line. Gradually the line got shorter as the end peeled off and the arc got bigger. Winter in Sea Cliff was great fun for us children!

Annual Mutual Concerns Christmas Dinner

Come Meet Neighbors and Join the Spirit of the Season!

by Peggie Como

The Mutual Concerns Committee, together with Sherlock Homes Realty, is sponsoring the 19th annual Christmas Dinner which will again be held on Christmas Day, December 25th from noon to 2 p.m. at the Sea Cliff Methodist Church on Downing and Carpenter Avenues.

Terry Sciubba of Sherlock Homes started this dinner 19

years ago so that people who didn't have family nearby could enjoy a wonderful holiday dinner with friends and neighbors. Through the years, more and more people have joined this festive occasion. They look forward to this dinner and entertainment every Christmas. It has become a wonderful holiday tradition.

All are welcome. We encour-

age, but do not require reservations. We will provide transportation if needed. For reservations or questions, please call Sherlock Homes Realty at 516-671-1717 and let them know if you need transportation.

Sea Cliff Senior Citizens Transportation

by Jean Stratford

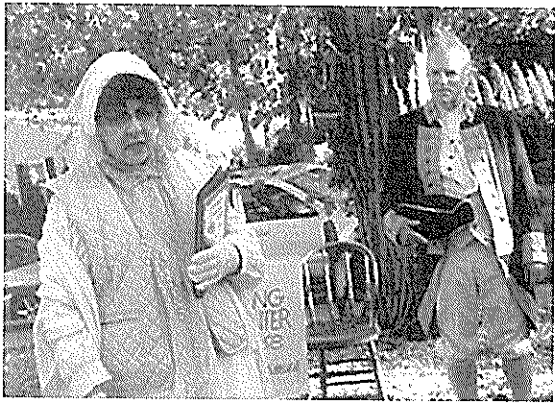
If you need transportation to local medical offices or the local hospital, please call three days in advance if possible, to Jean Stratford at 671-2437.

Bus transportation is provided on Tuesdays and Fridays

to St. Luke's Church for lunch and social activities and on Wednesday mornings for shopping at Stop and Shop in Glen Cove.

Call Village Hall at 671-0080 for reservations.

DRIVE SAFELY THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!!!



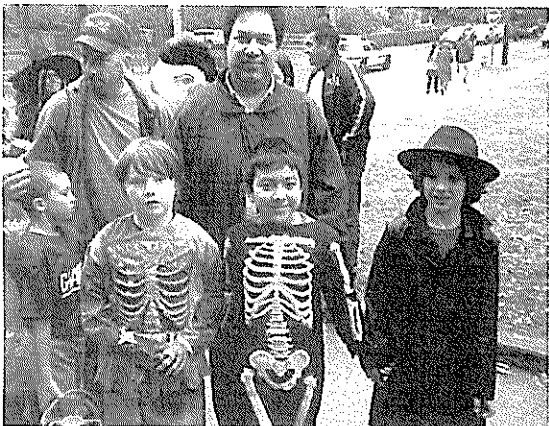
Spirits of Martha and Latting Carpenter come alive in Carol Pohrille and Don Kavanagh. Photo by Cathy Elorriaga



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



The Silly Shakespeare Company performed The Real Housewives of Henry VIII with (l-r) Elizabeth Sehring, Amy Marion, and Carolyn Mazzu Genovesi Photo by Cathy Elorriaga



Sea Cliff School youngsters dress up for Halloween. Photo by Erinn Mc Donnell



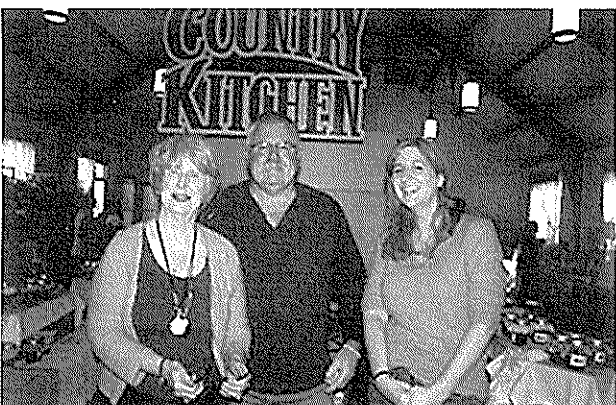
Family book nighters finish up their spirited discussion of MY FATHER'S DRAGON. Photo by Ann Di Pietro



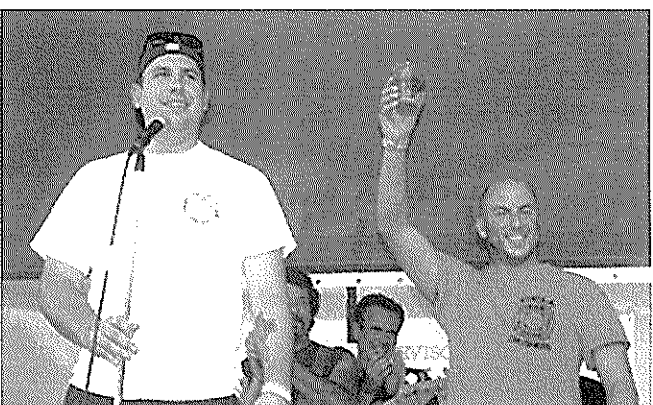
Good of the Village members at their annual Antique Show fundraiser (l-r) Claudia Moyne, Jeanette Heurtley, Kathleen Van Bloem, Rosie Foley, Lisa Duffy, Fran Matemores and Debra Thoet. Photo by Carol Griffin



Library Lego lads and lasses enjoy an afternoon of creative construction. Photo by Ann DiPietro



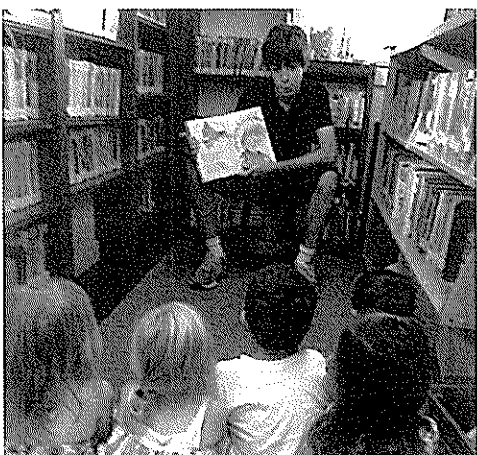
(l-r) Margaret Ryan, Jack Pierce and Lisa Spina at the Country Kitchen table at St. Luke's Bazaar. Photo by Carol Griffin



Michael Hallaquest on the left with Chief Danny Whittemore at the Crush for Cancer Fundraiser to assist Ex Sea Cliff Chief Michael Hallaquest in his battle with cancer. Photo by Carol Griffin



The pet parade was a huge success. Photo by Cathy Elorriaga



Our teen reader captures the attention of his young audience. Photo by Ann DiPietro



Celebrating Kathleen Van Bloem's retirement are (l-r) Marianne Lennon, Mayor Bruce Kennedy and retiree Kathleen Van Bloem at The Oak Room. Photo by Ann DiPietro

Highlights of the Museum Opening

by Sara Reres, Museum Director

The Sea Cliff Village Museum's current exhibit, "Secrets of the Sea Cliff Museum...Celebrating our 35th Year", opened with readings from Mayor Bruce Kennedy and Trustee Ed Lieberman, a major award from Charles Lavine and the New York State Assembly, and of course, cake.

Letters from the past to the Village of Sea Cliff were read by our Village Officials and Museum Trustees. Dealing with pressing matters of the time, some of the letters were concerned with topless bathing suits at Sea Cliff Beach for men, the harboring of swine (Penelope the pig) and the salaries of the two hard working members of the Sea Cliff Police Force.

The large centerpiece of the exhibit is a very old 38 star flag. The flag has an unusual pattern of stars. Flags with 38 stars were used from 1877-1890, during the presidencies of Rutherford B. Hayes, James A. Garfield, Chester A. Arthur, Grover Cleveland and Benjamin Harrison. Prior to 1912 there were no official specifica-

tions for the flag's pattern so there were many variants. The museum's flag is in fair condition with much wear evident. The 38 star flag became official on July 4, 1877 following the admission of Colorado to the American Union on August 1, 1876. The Museum holds a number of historic flags in its collection and they are displayed from time to time in varied exhibits.

The exhibit also contains rarely displayed photo albums from residents depicting sports events, sailing trophies, beach activities and Village life. A directory of Sea Cliff street names traces the origins of some of the street names and the people they were named after.

Open on Sundays from 2-5p.m. the current exhibit will run until June 1, 2014. Drop by and discover the many secrets of the Sea Cliff Museum that are revealed to the public only during this exhibit. We are located at 95 10th Avenue. Please call 671-0090 for further information.



(l-r) Trustee Gail Laffety, Director Sara Reres and Trustee Kevin Boris amid some of the vintage items on exhibit at the Sea Cliff Museum. Photo by Carol Griffin

Mutual Concerns

by Peggie Como, President

November and December are the busiest time of year for the Mutual Concerns Committee. Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets will be delivered to those who need a helping hand, and our emergency pantry is always available at any time of year for anyone who needs food. Call Peggie Como at 671-1717 if you need help.

The 2013 Sea Cliff Holiday House Tour unfortunately will not be held this year. The house tour has been one of the highlights of the season, and after sponsoring the tour for the past eleven years, it was a difficult decision. We are, however, in the process of planning next year's event. The committee wishes to thank the community and local businesses for their past and ongoing support. Although the tour has been cancelled, the tremendous need for food still exists. All donations of non-perishable food items, turkeys or hams are appreciated and can be dropped off at Sea Cliff Village Hall.

We are truly blessed to have such caring people in this area. Trustee Ed Lieberman and Kathleen DiResta of K. DiResta Collective, along with their committee, organized the November 8th "Chill Out" in Sea Cliff. Aside from the live music played on the Village Green and in local restaurants, local businesses remained open for night time shopping. During the course of this festive evening, food donations were collected and the Sea Cliff-Glen Head Lions Club presented us with a very generous check. Also, Jack Pierce organized a Sea Cliff Fire Department food drive for us in October when word went out that we were running low on food. Jack and the entire fire department have been doing this for us for several years now. Many other organizations, schools and individuals help us all through the year. We are so fortunate to have all these wonderful people in our community.

Kathleen Van Bloem Retires

by Margie Malone

Kathleen Van Bloem, a resident of Sea Cliff since 1963, calls her move to the Village "fortuitous." Here, she and her late husband, Peter, raised five children. A master gardener, she's active in the Sea Cliff Beautification Committee. Her special charge is the lovely centennial garden between the barber shop and Village Hall. It's a "hands on" job. As Kathleen says, "I feed the peonies when their little red noses stick up, I plant tulip and daffodil bulbs for spring blooming, and sage and white petunias for summertime." She has made an otherwise bland area into an inviting place for a stroll. In line with her love of gardening, Kathleen was a volunteer at Old Westbury Gardens.

Flowers are not the only thing Kathleen devotes herself to. Her longtime friend Geri Haley says, "I have never known her to refuse a request for help or advice." Carol Griffin adds, "Kathleen's a great listener and a loyal friend."

An active member of St. Boniface parish, she is a eucharistic minister, and has participated in their Ministry of Consolation for those who've

lost a loved one. She was inspired to do this when friends and neighbors rallied to help her after her husband died. "I've been very lucky," she says of those family and friends who helped her.

Her love of things beautiful



Kathleen Van Bloem

Photo by Barbara Murray

is obvious. She worked for years at the Steuben Glass shop in Manhattan, surrounded by their glass objects which are works of art. At daily Mass, she dresses in a palette of vibrant colors.

She returned to work in Sea Cliff as the Community Development administrator, filing for federal monies to support the Mutual Concerns senior lunch program, bus and outreach, roadwork, elevators for Village Hall and the firehouse, among other projects. They were all, according to Kathleen, "Things that keep the community in good shape."

She hasn't yet decided where to move in retirement, but most likely she will move near one of her five children. She will always carry good memories of Sea Cliff. "It's a wonderful community-- the trees, the winding roads. People come and go, but there's always a community spirit. When hard times come, the neighbors, Mutual Concerns, and the fire department are there."

"It was great meeting so many people when I worked for the Village," Kathleen said. "I'm very lucky," she said several times during this interview.

On the contrary, we in Sea Cliff are the lucky ones to know Kathleen.

Arts Council News

by Margie Malone

"The Critique Group" began an exhibit at Daniel Gale in Sea Cliff on November 4 for three months. The artists' reception will be on Sunday, December 8 from 3-5 p.m.

The group of thirteen artists meets on a monthly basis at the Sea Cliff Creative Arts Center to engage in a dialogue among its members, with the common goal of bringing each person's body of work to a higher level of artistic accomplishment. Current artistic practices and professional goals are discussed in the context of art history and contemporary gallery and museum exhibitions. The artwork in the Daniel Gale exhibition is, typically for the group, an exciting contemporary mix, ranging from painting to photography, to assemblage and collage.

Fine artist/composer Boris Mourashkin presented and guitarist, composer/singer Ken Krumenacker performed at the Showcase on November 13. The evening's event took place

at the K. DiResta Collective on Sea Cliff Avenue.

Upcoming Events

Art at the library: November/December: Art work by Doug Barnaby. Artist's reception TBA

Artwork by students of North Shore High School at the

library January/February John Murello photos at the library March/April Art at Daniel Gale/ Sothebys:

If you would like to be added to our mailing list, email sea-cliffartscouncil@gmail.com.

If you would like to become a member, send a check for \$15 to SCAC, POB 56, Sea Cliff.



Arts Council held a evening of entertainment in Oct. with (l-r) Margie Malone, Arts Council Co-Chair, writer Linda Prussen, photographer Xiomaro and Kathleen DiResta, President of Arts Council. Photo by Carol Griffin

Village Hall Welcomes Erinn McDonnell

by Dan Maddock

Erinn McDonnell has joined the Village Hall staff. She will be responsible for the functions previously handled by Kathleen Van Bloem, Lenny Kaplan, and Kathy Hesse, all of whom have retired. Erinn will handle the Village's Community Development Program, the Village's Public Housing Program (Section 8), and various administrative functions.

Erinn was born in Sea Cliff but moved away when she was four to live in Oklahoma, Ohio and Colorado. But she always returned for summers in Sea Cliff to be with her very special

grandmother, Joyce Kaufmann. In 2000, she returned permanently to live in the Village, a place she has always loved.

Erinn previously worked for Nassau County where she managed grant reporting and participated in program development for the Department of Probation and also served as a Police Communications Operator at the County Police Department. Some people refer to Erinn as "Superwoman" as she is replacing three people. We wish her luck.



Erinn Mc Donnell

Photo by Barbara Murray

The Library in Winter

by Camille Purcell,
Assistant Director of the Sea Cliff Library

We are pleased to announce that the Sea Cliff Village Library is now one of America's Star Libraries. We have received a 3-Star rating from Library Journal (a trade publication for Librarians). This rating is a compilation of statistical data covering: circulation, number of visits, program attendance and computer usage among other means. This is the first time that Sea Cliff has received such an honor in its history. However, we will not be resting on our laurels. Come see the new/old Children's Library. The new furniture has arrived and it looks great! Check out our Facebook page to see the photos or even better, stop in and take a look. A new paint job will complete the project. The Adult Library also received some TLC. Perhaps you noticed our new countertops at the circulation desk? Thank you to the

Friends of the Library and the Civic Association for providing some of the funding for the above projects.

Our programs continue to be varied and vibrant. Join us as we present former North Shore History teacher, Don Parker, lecturing on two great trials of the Civil War -Andersonville and the Trial of John Brown. Not sure what to do with the kids over the holiday break? Why not bring them to the library? We will be showing two recently released children's movies. Our newsletter is available online and our website is continuously updated to reflect new and exciting resources and to highlight our feature programming.

To paraphrase our Children's Library Coordinator, Ann DiPietro, "We always knew we were stars and now the world knows too!"

Old Sea Cliff Buildings Beautifully Renovated

by Carol Griffin

Two old Sea Cliff Avenue buildings, numbers 309 and 311, which have stood in the Village since 1869-70, actually before the Village's incorporation in 1883, have been beautifully restored to their original condition and vintage look by their present owner Bill Long. Mr. Long is a man of many talents including having been a commercial fisherman, proprietor of a bar in Port Washington, and more recently a designer of computer technology for transportation systems. He is also the owner of Bronx Toys, a charitable organization that donates toys to the needy. The Village is lucky to have Mr. Long in Sea Cliff with his interest in preserving some of Sea Cliff's heritage by restoring his buildings to their former state of glory.

Mr. Long bought the buildings he renovated in 2010 with the intention of restoring them to their original condition. He hired a historical restoration design architect, who specializes in vintage architecture, to design the plans for the build-

ings' restoration. Contractors followed through, restoring the buildings to their original look inside and out. Bill Long used vintage materials such as tile floors, tin ceilings, similar windows, and beautiful dark stained wood paneling and trim. According to Long, building 309 was originally a dry goods store and 311 housed Sea Cliff's first post office. More recently the buildings were used as a ceramics shop by Dot and Glenn Barnes who taught a couple of generations of children and adults to create ceramics.

At 311 Sea Cliff Avenue, Mr. Long has set up a unique office for himself, which he has named "Woodpecker Hall." The space is used as his office and for meetings. It features vintage furniture, an old time bar, and a stage area that can be used for presentations. The other storefront, number 309, is completely restored and ready to be rented. Above each store are spacious apartments, completely renovated which will eventually be rented.

Woodpecker Hall.

Photo by Carol Griffin

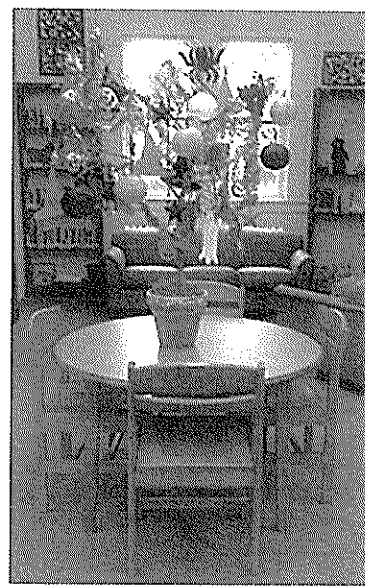


Sea Cliff Ave. in the late 1800's.

Fairy Tales, Kindness and I-pads

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

Give yourself a treat and visit the Sea Cliff Village Children's Library and you will enter a world of make-believe and kind-hearted librarians. Enchanting story books are read by Ann DiPietro accompanied by her dramatic puppets and props. Exciting science books seem to jump off the shelves into the hands of girls and boys. I-pads abound to draw children into the joy of learning. Educational toys and games excite children's imagination and develop skills. This wonderful world of the Sea Cliff Children's Library is going through major renovations. The renovations are intended to make the library more physically comfortable and bring the technology up to the demanding standards of the twenty-first century. The renovations began in the fall and will continue into this spring. The bulk of the money is coming from the Vil-



The Children's Library gets a new look.

Photo by Kathy Calzonetti

lage and New York State grants. The Friends of the Sea Cliff Library is working closely with Frank Murray, President of the Library Board of Trustees, Arlene Nevens, Director of the Library, and the Village to provide additional funds for needed items. The new furniture pictured here was paid for by the Friends of the Sea Cliff Village Library.

The Friends money comes from you! Thank you Sea Cliff community for donating money to the library; sending in your dues to the Friends; shopping at and donating items to Mike Lennon's Offbeat Artifacts sale; and donating and buying books at the Friends annual Garage Day "Gigantic Used Book Sale". All of your generous acts are helping to keep our beloved Village libraries premier institutions.

Santosha Tea Room & Boutique

by Suzanne Bohn



Lorraine Baker on the left and her partner Michele Sabatina, owners of Santosha Tea Room and Boutique.

Photo by Sue Bohn

Do you like chatting with friends, drinking tasty teas and looking at clothes, jewelry and accessories in a warm and welcoming place? Then come to Santosha Boutique & Tea Room, located at 62 Roslyn Ave., across from the Sea Cliff Fire House. Santosha is a Sanskrit term meaning the act of contentment. And that is just what you will experience in this new addition to our creative Village.

Conceived by Lorraine Baker and Michelle Sabatino, Santosha offers a little bit of what every

girl wants. Clothes are very slightly used and have a funky feel to them. If you should have some gently used clothes that you just don't wear anymore, bring them into the shop. Ten items will be chosen at either \$1.00 per item or you can trade your items for \$2.00 per item to be used in the store on the same day. There are also brand name handbags, shoes and jewelry for sale as well as colorful scarves.

Both Lorraine and Michelle are talented artisans. Lorraine paints and creates adorable tie-

dyed organic clothing for young children. She also makes earrings. Michelle creates wrap bracelets with leather, gems and crystals. Everything is reasonably priced.

In addition to apparel, there is also food and drinks! Santosha sells its own brand of loose, organic, fair trade tea. Some of their teas are Earl of Sea Cliff, Chai Walla, Santosha Green and Strawberry Sunset. I tried the Chai Walla and found it pleasantly delicious! Brewed tea is also available as well as gift tea bags with a tea ball especially packaged for the holidays. And then there are baked goods! Gluten Free cupcakes as well as other Non Genetically Modified sweets are for sale and they looked quite enticing and yummy.

Future plans for this space include tea parties, book clubs and game playing. Lorraine and Michelle hope to display local art work as well as the work of local artisans. The two vendors will be displaying their wares on the day of the Holiday Craft Event.

Santosha is open Wednesday and Thursday from 3-8, Friday from 5-8 and weekends from 10-5. So, stop by and relax in a cozy, inviting environment that's good for you and our community!

A Day of Shopping in Sea Cliff

by Kathleen DiResta

Mark your calendars for "A Day of Shopping in Sea Cliff" on Sunday, December 8. This year, instead of planning the Holiday Boutique, Donna Barrett and the Sea Cliff Arts Council decided to promote a day of local shopping. Throughout the Village, shops and studios will be open, featuring artwork, jewelry, and unique creations by local artists. Shopping will begin at

noon and end at 5 p.m., just in time for the Holiday Tree Lighting on the Village Green. Stop by any shop to pick up a map of the event. Santosha, Creative Arts Studio, The Village Wine Merchant, Joan Lavender's home gallery, and K. DiResta Collective will all be hosting additional "visiting artists" for the day. Businesses such as Artisan's Well Designs, Sorella,

Dimitry, Peace Soap, and Dreams East will be open. Daniel Gale/ Sotheby's will be hosting an art opening from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. to add to the fun.

The shop at our Sea Cliff Village Museum will be open from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. with many unique collectibles and gifts related to Sea Cliff. Be sure to come out to support the businesses and artists of Sea Cliff.

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

Wednesday	10:30 3:00	Story Time for 3 year-olds and up Pizza and Paperbacks for 1st & 2nd graders
Thursday	8:15 a.m. 10:30 3:00	Bagels and Books discussion group for adults Babies and informal program for infants and toddlers Myths and Morsels discussion group for 2nd through 5th graders Diaries and Delectables discussion group for 2nd through 5th graders
Friday	10:30 1:00 3:00 4:00	Story Time for 3 year-olds and up Story Time for Pre-Kindergartners Pizza and Picture books for Kindergartners Lego Club for Kindergartners & up

Registration is necessary for all programs

Introduction to "The Nutcracker"- Saturday, Dec. 7 at 10 a.m.
 Holiday Family Book Night - Thursday December 19 at 6 p.m.
 Animal Workshop - Thursday, December 19 at 3 p.m.
 Family Book Night - Thursdays, January 9 and February 13 at 6 p.m.

Check out northwordnews.com for late breaking information about our programs.

Call 671-0420 or email scchildrenslibrary@gmail.com for further information..

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December 2013

- 3-Sea Cliff Beautification Annual Wreath Tying Party-Altamont Avenue Garage-10 a.m.
- 4-Hanukkah Happening-Sea Cliff Firehouse-6:30-8:30 p.m.
- 4-Sea Cliff Gospel Chapel-Chess Club-Every Wednesday-7-10 p.m.
- 4-Village Justice Court-Village Hall Room A-7:30 p.m.
- 6-Landmarks Association Holiday Party-TBA-7:30 to 10 p.m.
- 7-Children's Library-Introduction to "The Nutcracker"-10 a.m.
- 7-Russian Bazaar- Our Lady of Kazan Parish Hall-Willow Shore Road off Littleworth-12-4 p.m.
- 7-Offbeat Artifacts Sale to Benefit the Library-John Burns Village Green
- 8-A Day of Shopping in Sea Cliff-12-5 p.m.
- 8-Sea Cliff Village Museum-Celebrating Our 35th Year-Sundays-2-5 p.m.
- 8-Sea Cliff Arts Council "Critique Group" Reception-Daniel Gale/Sotheby's Realty-3-5 p.m.
- 8-Annual Christmas Tree Lighting-John Burns Village Green-5 p.m.
- 10-Sea Cliff Village Library Board of Trustees Meeting-Library-7 p.m.
- 11-Village Justice Court-Village Hall Room A-7:30 p.m.
- 20-Sea Cliff Gospel Chapel-Monthly Ping Pong Tournament-7 p.m.
- 21-Offbeat Artifacts Sale to Benefit the Library-John Burns Village Green
- 23-31-All District Schools are closed.
- 25-Mutual Concerns Christmas Dinner-Methodist Church on Downing and Carpenter Avenues-noon to 2 p.m.

January 2014

1-3-All District Schools are closed.
3-Sea Cliff Gospel Chapel-Chess Club-Every Wednesday-7-10 p.m.
5-Sea Cliff Village Museum-Celebrating Our 35th Year-Sundays-2-5 p.m.
8-Village Justice Court-Village Hall Room A-7:30 p.m.
16-Sea Cliff Beautification-Monthly Meeting-St. Luke's basement-9 a.m.
17-Sea Cliff Gospel Chapel-Monthly Ping Pong Tournament-7 p.m.
20-All District Schools are closed.
22-Village Justice Court-Village Hall Room A-7:30 p.m.

February 2014

2-Sea Cliff Village Museum-Celebrating Our 35th Year-Sundays-2-5 p.m.
5-Sea Cliff Gospel Chapel-Chess Club-Every Wednesday-7-10 p.m.
5-Village Justice Court-Village Hall Room A-7:30 p.m.
12-Senior Action Meeting-Village Hall-9:30 a.m.
12-Village Justice Court-Village Hall Room A-7:30 p.m.
17-21-All District Schools are closed.
27-Beautification Committee-Monthly Meeting-St. Luke's Basement-9 a.m.
28-Sea Cliff Beach Committee-7th Annual Pub Crawl-\$25 includes mug

Mutual Concerns Social and Lunch Program

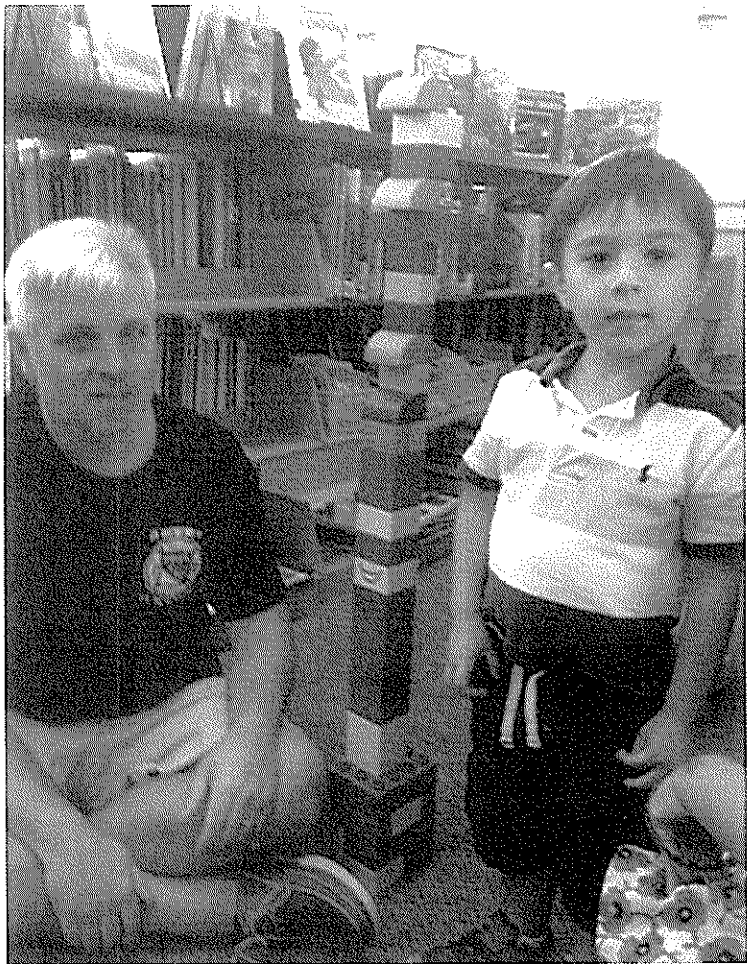
Tuesdays and Fridays-St.Luke's-11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Golden Ring

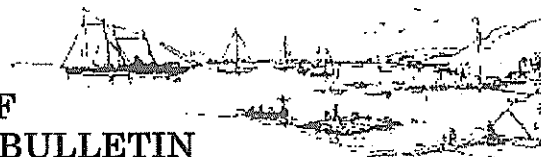
Mondays-Sea Cliff Methodist Church-9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Thursdays-Town of Oyster Bay Comm. Center-Glen Head-1-4 p.m.

Village of Sea Cliff

Zoning Board-Meets the third Tuesday of the month-Village Hall Room A-8 p.m.
Planning Board-Meets the second Wednesday of the month-Village Hall-8 p.m.
Architectural Review Board-Meets the second and fourth Monday of the month
-Village Hall-8 p.m.



Father and son proudly display their tower to the sky.
Photo by Ann Di Pietro



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