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Mayor's Update

by Mayor Ed Lieberman



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It is with extreme pride and personal pleasure that I welcome you to this quarterly edition of Sea Cliff's Village Bulletin. As always, this official publication is made possible through the generous efforts of the many volunteers and staff personnel who contribute their talents and time to this endeavor.

I wish to also acknowledge the many resident-volunteers of our Village for their valuable contributions to our quality of life. In addition, I wish to also applaud the many grassroots efforts in our community which are taking place in addressing serious issues that concern all of us. Our environmental concerns, including the issue of the integrity of our waterfront, as well as issues connected with the water company's excessive charges effectuated by the New York State Public Service Commission, are at the forefront of our unified efforts to address and rally behind these mutual issues.

Your Board of Trustees is continuing to focus attention on these important issues and to provide adequate solutions.

As previously indicated, the Village has filed an Article 78 action in the Supreme Court

in Albany to overturn the questionable decision of the Public Service Commission granting the recently enacted excessive water rate charges.

In addition, the Village's appeal of the decision regarding the Garvies Point development has been filed and we are presently awaiting a ruling from the Appellate Division in this regard.

Beyond these important concerns, the Board is also addressing issues relating to our village government's accessibility and availability to the residents by, among other things, the enhancement of our official website and the implementation and use of live-streaming of Village Board meetings. Additionally, the Board continues to review recommendations from our Traffic & Safety Committee about issues of public concern regarding road use safety. The Board is also deeply concerned with the present opioid epidemic in our community and have supported the community's efforts, along with the Coalition Against Substance Abuse (CASA), in this regard. In connection with our outreach with CASA, we are actively implementing a Substance Abuse Resource Referrals listing for those in need of immediate support while we also explore other strategies to counter this community problem.

In addition to these policy and initiative programs and actions, we have been very active in forming new, and continuing traditional, alliances with local, state, and federal officials, and multiple associations that address Village
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FEMA SAFER Award to SCFD Will Enhance Volunteer Firefighter Recruitment and Community Safety

by Erinn McDonnell, Grants Administrator

Congratulations to the Sea Cliff Fire Department (SCFD), recent recipient of a generous award from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant program! The SAFER program, through a nationwide competitive grant application process, provides federal funding directly to fire departments to initiate and improve firefighter hiring and recruitment.

SCFD is one of only two fire departments on Long Island to receive an award this year. The almost \$130,000 in funding will support SCFD recruitment of new firefighting volunteers over the next four years by fully outfitting each new member with Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and a rope bailout system. The PPE and bailout system are necessary to allow each new firefighter, upon successful completion of training, to move

immediately into active fire service, protecting life and property in our Village community. For more information about becoming a volunteer firefighter, please contact SCFD at 516-671-1690. Thank you to the Fire Chiefs for their support with the application, as well as gratitude to all the Department's volunteer members for their tireless work in keeping Sea Cliff safe!

Volunteer with SCFD – Year-Round Recruitment

Get started in any of these ways:

Stop by the Firehouse first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Email mvitale@seaclifffiredept.org

Stop by the Firehouse any time you see your local volunteer firefighters and emergency medical technicians training or responding to calls for assistance in our community.

Village Taxes

by Marianne Lennon, Collector of Taxes

Second Half Village Tax

Payments are due December 1, 2017. Taxes may be paid by mail or at the office of the Village Clerk every Monday from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Tuesday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., excepting holidays and such other times the Village Hall offices are closed.

When Penalties Apply

On all Second Half Taxes paid on or before January 2, 2018, no penalty or interest will be charged. If paid after January 2, 2018, interest will be added monthly or for any fraction thereof until paid at the current rate in effect as set by the State Commissioner of Taxation and Finance as prescribed in subdivision 2 of Section 924-a of the N.Y.S. Real Property Tax Law.

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issues. We believe it is essential to continue these endeavors for the betterment of Sea Cliff and the greater community at large. We continue to work for you on a regular basis to produce a coordinated and mutual response to issues that concern us all.

We hope you enjoy the many useful articles and resources contained in this edition of our Village Bulletin. Also, our official website is available to visit

at www.seacliff-ny.gov for relevant information. And please feel free to directly contact me with any of your concerns or issues at my official email address: elieberman@seacliff-ny.gov.

Your Sea Cliff government remains committed to serving you and your needs. We look forward to fulfilling that goal each day.

News from the Building Department

By Michael Mandarino, Superintendent of Buildings

With the holidays quickly approaching and images of holly and joyful tidings dancing in our heads, now's the perfect time to think about the springtime and home improvement projects. Whether big or small, plans may require the review of three or more village boards relative to zoning, planning, architectural review, and maybe even landmark preservation review. If contemplating a home improvement project, allow six to eight weeks for the appropriate Board to review your project, and ultimately, the Village Building Department to approve your permit. Get an early start! Also, if you're contemplating clearing treetops to enjoy the majestic views of the harbor from your home or just to let more light shine on your property, please know that a commonly used expression, "tree topping," is actually defined as "substantial

alteration" in Village Code 121-201 and requires a tree removal permit, and also tree commission approval if you have a tree that is greater than twenty inches in diameter (a class "C" tree), or topping more than three class "B" trees (between ten and twenty inches in diameter) annually. More often than not I've had to cite homeowners for tree topping when they genuinely thought they were just trimming. Our tree commission is willing and able to advise you, so if you're not sure, give the Building Department a call about this or any other department-related issue at 516-671-0080 extension #2, during regular business hours: Mondays, 1 p.m. to 8 p.m., or Tuesday through Friday 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The staff of the Building Department wishes everyone Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year!

The Traffic & Safety Committee Asks Residents to Keep Sidewalks Clear

By Kelly Talcott

Despite our warm October, winter is coming, and with it the likelihood of snow. This is a reminder from the Traffic and Safety Committee, to those of us with sidewalks in front of our homes, that snow should be cleared from the walks within 12 hours after it accumulates (3 hours for those of us in the business district). Cleaning the snow and ice off of our sidewalks is an essential part of keeping Sea Cliff safe and walkable even during the winter. Many of our neighbors walk to and from stores and the train, and when snow blocks their way they have no choice but to move to the street.

Please help each other keep the sidewalks clear. If you know a neighbor who is unable to clean their walk, offer to help. If you're unable to clean yours, ask for help. Let's keep Sea Cliff safely walkable all year round.

Addiction Resources

In Case Of Emergency Call 911

Long Island Crisis Center

Hotline: 516-679-1111

Long Island Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence (LICADD)

licadd.org

Hotline: 631-979-1700

Nassau Alliance For Addiction Services (NAFAS)

nassaualliance.org

516-481-4000

NY State HOPEline

1-877-8-HOPENY or 1-877-846-7369

Text: 467369

Village Trustee Liaison Update

By Trustee Dina Epstein

I am happy to report that Sea Cliff is safer, greener, and better preserved due to the combined efforts of the Traffic and Safety Committee, the Environmental Conservation Commission, the Butterfly Garden Committee, the Tree Commission, and the Landmarks Preservation Commission. All of the groups for which I am liaison and member are diligently working to improve the quality of life in our square mile.

Our Traffic and Safety Committee is a new group, which, in its handful of meetings, has already had a significant impact on the safety of our residents. At our recent Bike Rodeo, Sea Cliff's kids were instructed on bicycle, helmet, and road safety practices. Turnout was greater than expected and many attendees lingered after the event was over, which indicates that in addition to being instructive, it was fun. We have been studying effective traffic calming measures to make our roadways safer for pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers. To see these measures firsthand, I arranged a meeting with the Mayor of Great Neck Plaza. Committee members, along with Ed Lieberman, Bruce Kennedy, Erinn McDonnell, and I, took a group tour of their traffic circles and bulb-outs, road diets, and pedestrian island crossings. We returned home with ideas about how we can incorporate such innovations in Sea Cliff. You may have noticed road striping and pedestrian crosswalks with stanchions that have already been placed around town.

The Environmental Conservation Commission has been working hard to increase recycling, decrease garbage, encour-

age composting, and reduce harmful car idling emissions from poisoning our air. After disappointing recycling reports earlier in the year, it is gratifying that our recycling numbers have increased. We thank all residents for their continued efforts in our goal to reduce the tax burden attributable to waste disposal. In conjunction with the Butterfly Garden Committee, we have been able to provide twenty Sea Cliffs with composters, purchased in bulk at a cost below retail, to promote composting. The more waste recycled or composted, the more we reduce our costs and improve our environment.

My work with the Butterfly Garden Committee continues as we seek additional funds for the expansion of the Flutterby Garden monarch way station located at the Marden Triangle. If you have not stopped by to see our butterfly and pollinator conservation garden, we urge you to

do so. Our garden wine tasting and paint night at the yacht club were great events.

The Tree Commission has been working to preserve our canopy while respecting the property rights of homeowners. Nine trees in the Village have been designated as Heritage Trees: one nominated by a homeowner on her own lot, and the eight Village trees at Clifton Park which commemorate our fallen World War I veterans.

Our Landmarks Preservation Commission has continued its work mapping out homes within the Village which contribute to our historic heritage. They also continue their work researching and preserving historical information and providing residents with access to that information.

I am proud to work with all of these dedicated Village volunteers who work tirelessly to improve the quality of life in Sea Cliff.



The Traffic Committee meets at Great Neck Plaza to tour traffic calming measures

Senior Services In Review

by Karen Montagnese, Senior Outreach

Sea Cliff has extensive services for our senior citizen population. In fact, we strive to be a model community, supporting independent living and aging in place. To this end, the Village has a plan that outlines our focus, defines our goals, and drives our services. We provide support in the following areas: housing, health and wellness, transportation, information and referrals, safety and recreation, and life-long learning. For a review of this plan please visit the Sea Cliff Village website at seacliff-ny.gov.

The Village has multiple offices, organizations, and volun-

teers that coordinate to build this system of support. We consider our system to be akin to a senior center without walls. Senior Outreach is happy to help you identify these services, provide information, and make referrals. Seniors and/or their family members have called and visited for a whole host of issues. Together we can address the maze of Social Security and Medicare, the complexities of discharge planning, and the many challenges of independent living. The office also can inform low-income seniors of entitlement opportunities such as Medicaid, SNAP (food

stamps), HEAP, and Medicare Extra Help. Reminder: Senior Property Tax Exemption applications and renewals are due by December 31st.

For additional information:

Call Sea Cliff Senior Outreach at Village Hall 516-671-0080 ext. 36

Email kmontagnese@seacliff-ny.gov

Office hours are Tuesday and Thursday afternoons or by appointment. On the 3rd Tuesday of the month, the Senior Outreach Worker is available at the Mutual Concerns Senior Lunch Program.

New to Sea Cliff?

- There is no overnight parking 3 a.m. - 6 a.m. permitted in Sea Cliff unless otherwise noted by a sign granting permission.
- If you need to leave your car on the street overnight due to construction you must call S.C. Village Hall at least 48 hours in advance.

The Senior Action Committee: Would you like to be a Sea Cliff Volunteer?

The Senior Action Committee is in need of escorts for the Village senior citizen bus. The bus provides transportation to and from the Mutual Concerns senior lunch program on Tuesdays and Fridays, and to the grocery store on Wednesdays. An escort rides the bus and helps assist seniors on and off as necessary. You may join them for lunch, or feel free to go about your day. Shopping escorts provide assistance in the store and help carry

grocery bags. You can shop, too.

Volunteers are also needed to provide local medical transportation to doctor visits, friendly visits to homebound seniors, and telephone reassurance with a morning call.

Our Village bus has seats available. Join us! For more information, and to explore your volunteer options, please contact Alice O'Donnell at 516-671-5199.

Senior Program Information

Mutual Concerns Senior Lunch is served every Tuesday and Friday at St. Luke's Parish Hall. Optional Chair Yoga at 11:15 a.m., followed by lunch at noon. Meal delivery available for those who are housebound; call Janette at 516-671-4696 or 516-639-1492.

Transportation is available to lunch. The Village bus also goes to the grocery store on Wednesday mornings. For a bus reservation or information, call Village Hall at 516-671-0080.

For local medical transportation, call Senior Action Committee representative Claudia Moyne at 516-759-9251.

Emergency Management: An Ongoing Process

by Bruce Kennedy, Village Administrator

On the fifth anniversary of Superstorm Sandy, I am reminded of the importance of being prepared for any type of natural emergency. Many people view emergency management as action that takes place during an event, but in actuality, emergency management is an ongoing and continuous process. It is a constant cycle of mitigation, preparation, response, and recovery.

The job of emergency management can be as small and simple as a snow- or rainstorm and accomplished solely by Village personnel, or it can be as large as a category four hurricane and involve multiple jurisdictions and agencies, both public and private.

Here in Sea Cliff, we have a long history of collaborating with our fellow municipalities and the public/private utilities that our residents depend on. The Village is an active member of the Nassau County Emergency Operations Plan, which grants us emergency access to necessary county and town assets. We operate through the Nassau County Office of Emergency Management (OEM). During a significant storm event, there are special communication channels set up through which we have direct connections with OEM. When the needs of a re-

sponse exceed the Village's resources, we contact OEM to report our needs, and they assign us the additional resources on a priority basis.

Through our strong relationships with the New York Conference of Mayors (NYCOM), the Nassau County Village Officials Association (NCVOA), and the Nassau County Office of Emergency Management (NCOEM), we routinely collaborate with our neighboring municipalities. Not only can we count on help when we need it, but we can offer our assistance to our neighbors. Due to our precise preparation for Superstorm Sandy, we were the sole local source of gasoline and diesel fuel for LIPA, the Nassau County Police, and the City of Glen Cove's first responders for several days.

Mitigation involves proper protection and maintenance of Village assets such as our parks, drainage system, roadways, and structures, as well as fire department and DPW equipment. Part of mitigation includes assuring building codes are followed to protect residents' homes from avoidable destruction, thereby reducing damage to their properties.

Preparation includes ongoing activities even when sun is shining and the skies are blue. Those

activities include the proper training of our DPW employees, Village Hall staff, volunteer firefighters, and medical personnel; and routine maintenance on our emergency generators at the Village yard and firehouse so we can operate during a power failure. We maintain emergency contact information of appropriate people from other agencies, jurisdictions, and private entities like OEM, the Town of Oyster Bay, Nassau County, New York American Water, PSEG LI, and private contractors who might assist us during an event. Then there is the preparation when a storm is heading our way. This involves securing Village property that might be damaged. For example, sandbagging the beach pavilion; topping off all vehicles with fuel by ordering a pre-storm fuel delivery; servicing all chain saws, payloaders, and Bobcats; checking all communication equipment, radios, phones, and internet connections; assuring all personnel are available; and lining up contractors, such as tree removal services, to assist us when the storm hits.

Response during a major storm event is the most dangerous part of the job. It is possible that emergency response during a storm event may be limited to life-and-death situations only. At this point, the number one

priority is to protect our DPW staff and first responders from unnecessary risk. DPW focuses on keeping the roads clear and safe so the Fire Department and EMTs can get to a call. During the response phase, we have Village staff handling phone calls and monitoring social media in order to take reports of trees downed, roads blocked, storm drains that may have become clogged, etc. These reports are prioritized and responded to in kind. Calls such as wires burning or a person in need of medical attention are going to 911, the Fire Department, and the power company for response.

Recovery is typically the longest part of the process, particularly after an event the size of Superstorm Sandy. While the initial part of recovery seems chaotic, there is a structured approach. After an initial assessment of damages is complete, almost simultaneously the first priority is to clear main access roads so that emergency vehicles can have access in event of fire or medical situations. Next, side roads are cleared. This clearing is complicated when wires and utility poles are involved. Even a cable wire can be live if it is crossing over a live power line. The quicker DPW and our tree contractor can clear the roads of trees, the quicker the power

company can come in and restore power. During recovery, Village staff continuously forward outage data to PSEG LI and OEM so they can better assess where PSEG LI crews are needed.

One of the largest tasks of recovery is debris removal. Debris removal includes not just trees and limbs, but the garbage that follows a flood event and/or the loss of power, such as damaged furnishings, appliances, and spoiled food. After Sandy, we picked up nearly two hundred tons of tree debris, and garbage collection netted an increase in MSW by fifty tons.

During response and recovery, DPW equipment gets damaged and needs additional repair which can come at a significant cost. Part of recovery, therefore, is tracking these costs. The Village keeps meticulous records of these expenses in case of the possibility of being able to apply to FEMA for cost recovery. While the memories of Superstorm Sandy are embedded in my memory, news stories about Hurricanes Harvey and Irma serve as reminders. As I learned from my many years in the Boy Scouts: the bottom line is to always be prepared.



Fire Department (late 1890s) headquarters on Roslyn Avenue

Sea Cliff Village Museum Receives Historic Donation

by Sara Reres, Museum Director

After the incorporation of the Village of Sea Cliff in 1883, a group of village residents met in 1884 and organized the F.W. Geissenhainer Engine Company #1. Frederick W. Geissenhainer, the Village's first president, purchased a Remington hand engine. The engine, known as the "Little Giant," was utilized quickly after its arrival, when a fire broke out on Sea Cliff Avenue (then Eleventh Avenue). The fire spread to adjacent buildings and two of the three houses were saved.

Barbara Bell, whose family purchased a number of original campground sites in Sea Cliff, has generously donated an original Geissenhainer Engine Company #1 fire hat. Barbara's great-great-grandfather, C. Sackett Chellborg, was an early member of the fire department. An important, historically significant artifact of Sea Cliff's past, the hat will be on permanent display at the Museum.

Our new exhibit, "Sea Cliff

Through the Artist's Eye," features some of Barbara's beautiful paintings of Sea Cliff, as well as her mother Dickie Bell's watercolor, and her father's sublime carved birds and sea creatures.

Open on Sundays from 2-5 p.m., the exhibit includes illustrious Sea Cliff artists of the past and contemporary artists, depicting with great creativity the Village and all its beauty. We are located at 95 Tenth Avenue. Visit our website, seacliffmuseum.org, or leave a message at 516-801-3401.



Fire Hat

The Sea Cliff Tree Commission was created in 2011 to protect and preserve our Village's canopy of beautiful trees. The Commission endeavors to do this in three ways: (1) We monitor homeowner removal of trees with a diameter of twenty inches or more, always encouraging preservation when possible, and making sure that any tree that is cut down is replaced with a tree that will eventually grow to a comparable size. (2) We educate residents about trees and their importance to our environment. (3) We organize and plan spring planting of street trees throughout the Village to replace the

many trees that die or are removed annually. All three areas are of vital importance if we are to maintain our community's treed environment for future generations.

The Tree Commission is now in the planning process for spring 2018. Currently we have identified locations to plant approximately twenty new street trees throughout the Village. One of the trees we've selected for several locations is a new species of disease-resistant American elm. Native to eastern North America, the American elm was once widely planted but was all but wiped out a number of years

ago by a deadly pathogen that is commonly called Dutch Elm Disease. Fortunately, a few survived, and a two-hundred-year-old American elm on Downing Avenue, presumed to be the oldest and largest surviving elm in the Village of Sea Cliff, has just been nominated to be honored as a Sea Cliff Heritage Tree. We believe that the planting of these young elms will be an important step in the reintroduction of elms to our area.

Other trees under consideration for spring 2018 are Japanese zelkova, silver linden, pin oak, locust, ginkgo, and some smaller specialty maples. Lo-

cations and tree types are being carefully paired, bearing in mind mitigating factors such as overhead wires, available light, and the size of the planting area, so that the right tree is planted in the right place. Over the years, utility companies have severely damaged many of our street trees in an effort to protect wires, so we are searching for appropriate wire-friendly trees that will not need such drastic pruning. We are also looking to add a wider variety of tree species so that if a disease, fungus, or insect infestation ever attacks one species, our entire canopy will not be devastated.

In December, the finalized planting list will be distributed to growers for bids, and the order will be placed shortly thereafter to ensure a successful spring planting season. We are confident that careful selection and planting of street trees on an annual basis, combined with mandated resident replanting of removed trees, will keep Sea Cliff treed for generations to come. And if you, as a resident, would like a Village tree planted in front of your property, please contact Village Hall so that the Tree Commission can add your location to our next planting list.

Friends of the Sea Cliff Library Thank Arlene Nevens, Sea Cliff Library Director

by Carol Poll & Margaret Brucia, Co-Presidents of the Friends of the Sea Cliff Library

On Thursday, October 26, the Friends of the Sea Cliff Library celebrated Director Arlene Nevens's ten years of service to our community by presenting the library with a copy of *The People and the Book*, by Adam Kirsch, in her honor. We are grateful to Arlene for all she has done, and we hope that she will continue as director of both the adult and children's libraries for many more years. (See the photo above showing several members of the Friends of the Sea Cliff Library presenting the book to Arlene.)

Over the past ten years, Arlene Nevens has worked closely with the community and library staff to make our library a vital hub of activity in Sea Cliff. Arlene reactivated the Friends of the Library group, expanded the use of iPads in the children's library, created an accessible user-friendly library website and a cheery and informative newslet-

ter, added a vast array of databases, and introduced the ever-popular museum pass program, primarily funded by the Friends of the Library. In addition, she has facilitated three book groups, a fiber arts circle, cooking workshops, bluegrass jamming, current films, and many other enjoyable and stimulating programs. Thank you, Arlene,

for your dedication, and thank you, librarians and the Sea Cliff community, for your ongoing support for our beloved community library.

After the presentation, the Friends posed for a photograph in front of the new library sign, a gift to the library from funds raised by the Friends.



(l to r) Carol Poll, Peggy Brucia, Mimi Leipzig, Cathy Pickering, Suzanne Cohen, Ann DiPietro, Arlene Nevens, Maria Stieglitz, Madeleine Mahnken, Carole Berglie.

Photo by Debbie Pierce

The Library in Winter

by Camille Purcell, Assistant Library Director

The Sea Cliff Library is a comfortable spot to visit when the weather turns cold. We are here offering warm smiles and friendly faces. Our small but vibrant building houses the latest books, audio, and DVD materials.

If the weather prevents you from venturing outside, don't deny yourself the pleasure of reading. Using our digital collections, you can still satisfy your hunger for a good story. If you are a magazine reader, why not give Zinio (our electronic magazine service) a try? You have over one hundred titles to choose from, and they are yours

to keep.

Programming remains a vital part of our mission. Our events cover a wide range of subjects and age groups. From babies to adults, we offer fun programs and informative lectures. If you're in middle or high school, and like to write poetry, we are looking for you to help us form a Young Adult Poetry club. If interested, please leave your name and email at the circulation desk. For more information, please consult our newsletter by visiting our website: www.seaclifflibrary.org.

The Adult Library will be undergoing a face-lift. New light-

ing, painting, and carpeting will be installed now that the roof repair is behind us. This may entail us closing periodically, but we will provide notice through our social media feeds and with signage.

A library is many things to different people; at the Sea Cliff Library we challenge ourselves to provide the best services to continually support the educational and recreational life of the community we serve.

"The very existence of libraries affords the best evidence that we may yet have hope for the future of man." — T. S. Eliot

Preserving Sea Cliff's Trees

by the Sea Cliff Tree Committee

Coalition to Save Hempstead Harbor

by Elaine Neice

The Coalition to Save Hempstead Harbor (CSHH) had another busy summer and fall conducting two biweekly water monitoring programs. One of the many benefits of CSHH being on the water so frequently is the ability to observe any unusual sightings and report to the appropriate agencies. No other organization is keeping such a close eye on Hempstead Har-

bor! Please visit our website for more details and information.

Save the Date! CSHH will be **Crawling for a Cause** on Friday, February 23! Proceeds from the event will help the CSHH continue its unwavering efforts in keeping our beloved harbor clean and beautiful. Ticket sale location and details will follow, so stay tuned, mark your calendars and spread the word!

Keep an eye out for our end-of-the-year mailing and fund drive letter. Your donations help play a vital part of our programs in Hempstead Harbor. Go to www.coalitiontosavehempsteadharbor.org to learn more about CSHH and the environmental action in Hempstead Harbor.

Going Green For The Holidays

by Eric Swenson, Executive Director, Hempstead Harbor Protection Committee

No matter what holiday you observe, “going green” can only enhance its impact—whether it be in shopping, traveling, sending cards, decorating, eating, or choosing gifts.

Americans throw away around twenty-five percent more trash between Thanksgiving and New Year’s Day. If every family in the United States wrapped just three gifts in reused materials, it would save enough paper to cover 45,000 football fields.

Here are some green ideas:

- Give gifts that help conservation. The World Wildlife Fund, National Wildlife Federation, the Nature Conservancy, and the Sierra Club and other organizations will allow you to

“adopt” an animal or buy gifts that benefit the organizations and their conservation work.

- Alternatively, give less “stuff”—give gift certificates to wine tastings, art or cooking lessons, or theatre tickets.

- Buy a living tree that you can plant outside or keep as a houseplant after the holidays.

- Consider using no lights or LED lights for your tree, and if you use lights (indoors or outdoors), use a timer.

- Save and reuse wrapping paper or “wrap” in a reusable shopping bag.

- Support your local community by buying gifts from local artisans at craft shows or local merchants.

- Give gifts that help sustain the planet, are durable, energy-efficient, recyclable, or made from natural materials (how about a compost bin or rain barrel?).

- When decorating your house, use green products (baking soda, white vinegar, etc.).

- Send e-cards rather than printed cards.

- If you are entertaining, consider having your septic system pumped out beforehand. A straight flush beats a full house!

Finally, don’t forget to make a New Year’s resolution to be even greener next year. Happy Holidays!

That’s a Wrap! The 2017 Season is the Sea Cliff Farmers’ Market’s Most Successful Yet

by Zoe Malin

The Sea Cliff Farmers’ Market came to a close on October 28 after an extraordinary 2017 season. The farmers’ market, which takes place every Saturday from June through October in front of St. Luke’s Church, experienced its most successful year yet, and once again provided the community with fresh food and fun for all ages. Amy Peters, coordinator of the Sea Cliff Farmers’ Market, said, “I think what makes the Sea Cliff Farmers’ Market so successful is the love the farmers who bring their products to the market have for the work they do. It truly is a labor of love! And the customers! We have so many loyal customers that come week after week to support the market and the local vendors.”

This year, many new vendors were featured at the farmers’ market which “provided customers with a bit more variety,” said Amy. “I am hoping to continue to find more high quality, local, and sustainable products

for next year’s market as well.” First-time vendors included my baking service, To Be Gluten Free, Conscious Kitchen, and Dan’s Finest Living Foods. Steiner’s Coffee Cake of New York and Heritage Bakers were also new additions to the farmers’ market and quickly became household names.

Additionally, the farmers’ market hosted special events this season that drew crowds from across Sea Cliff and beyond. Families and children loved the Live Pets Show as well learning about birds indigenous to Long Island at the Volunteers for Wildlife Demonstrations. The Sea Cliff Farmers’ Market was more than a source of fresh food this season; it became a communal gathering place where friends and families enjoyed their mornings together.

Especially in chilly New York, it can be challenging to find farm-fresh food during the winter months. However, Amy says, “There are some winter

markets on Long Island! You can find a listing of those online at www.longislandfarmersmarkets.com.” Furthermore, “there are hydroponic growers on Long Island and in Brooklyn that produce greens all year round. Thera Farms on Long Island and Gotham Greens in Brooklyn are some examples of that.” Lastly, Amy suggests going to farmers’ markets at the end of fall or during the early winter season and “stocking up on hardy winter veggies like winter squashes and turnips.” They store very well under the right conditions and are fantastic additions to warm winter soups and holiday dishes.

Luckily, the Sea Cliff Farmers’ Market will be returning in June 2018 for another amazing year. Until then, To Be Gluten Free, Conscious Kitchen, and other companies’ goods can be ordered online or purchased in stores and enjoyed until next season.

The Sea Cliff Gardener

By Donna Kianka, Winter’s Edge Micro Farm

As winter approaches and settles in, we spend less and less time in the garden and more and more time inside. And is gardening over? No! This is a wonderful opportunity to pore through seed catalogues and plan your garden beds. A good plan is very valuable and saves time and money when spring finally does reappear. There are plans on the internet, apps on the phone, or good old graph paper and a pencil. In the fall, photograph your gardens for planning, and make note of what grows where and what has disappeared over the season. Then think about what you want to add and transplant. Make a list, a garden action plan.

Also, nothing makes winter more tolerable than seed catalogues and internet sites. Do the research. Two sites I like are: <https://www.fruitionseeds.com/> <http://hudsonvalleyseed.com/> Both companies offer mostly organic veggies, herbs, and flowers.

The winter is also a good time for reading. Go to the local libraries and the Nassau County Library website and search topics of interest—gardening, growing vegetables, herbs. A whole array of books available to enjoy for free! You can order books through interlibrary loan: <https://www.nassaulibrary.org/> If you have a space to clean the garden tools, the winter is a good time for that task. I clean

the tools using bleach (wear old clothes). Dry completely, and then apply oil. If you have rusted blades, use steel wool after the bleach. Tools should also be sharpened. The Sea Cliff Hardware Store at 253 Sea Cliff Avenue provides this service.

Most of all, enjoy the beauty of winter and in February look for the snowdrops!

Resources and Places to Go:

The Old Farmers’ Almanac reassures us that spring will come again with daily newsletters: <https://www.almanac.com/>

Giordano’s Nursery and Gifts on Glen Cove Avenue is filled with wonderful holiday delights: <http://giordanosgiftandgarden.com/>

The Main Street Nursery on Main Street in Huntington is always very special at the holidays: <http://www.mainstreet-nursery.com/>

Longwood Gardens, Kennett Square, PA: <https://longwoodgardens.org/events-and-performances/events/longwood-christmas>

This wonderland of gardens is very festive, with open-air fountain displays and light shows 11.23.17 through 1.1.18.

And a little more local—Planting Fields—Coe Hall, Planting Fields Arboretum on Planting Fields Road, Oyster Bay, 12.4.17 through 1.8.18—poinsettia displays, holiday programs, etc. <http://plantingfields.org/events/>

Your Idling Car Affects Our Environment

by The Environmental Conservation Committee

On behalf of the Environmental Conservation Committee, as the weather begins to cool down, we’d like to remind you of the impact an idling car can have on our surroundings. We all know that the exhaust created as a byproduct of driving your car can damage the environment by releasing pollutants such as hydrocarbons, nitrogen oxides, and excessive amounts of carbon dioxide (to name a few). However, did you know that an idling car can release the same amounts of these chemicals into the atmosphere just by sitting in your driveway? Or that the wear and tear that is usually associated with turning your car on and off pales in comparison to the costs of leaving your car running for more than ten seconds unattended, over the course of

time? Think about that the next time you are at the pump!

To ensure that we are all doing our part, we urge you to turn off your car if it will be standing for more than ten seconds. If you have any concerns about warming your car up during the wintery months ahead, please know that after just a few seconds it is safe to drive your car after starting it, no matter the temperature. The most effective way to warm your engine is to drive it slowly for the first mile towards your destination.

If we all do our part, we can cut down on the amount of toxic car exhaust that is being released in our neighborhood, and set a shining example for generations to follow. Thanks for your help on making this a better planet.

15th Annual Sea Cliff Holiday House Tour to Benefit Mutual Concerns

Six Sea Cliff homes, dressed in the spirit of the holiday season, open their doors and share their charm and holiday cheer on Saturday, December 2nd, from 12:00 to 4:00 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. This year our tour consists of Victorians, Colonials, several water views, and one waterfront home.

The ticket price includes a not-to-be-missed buffet lunch provided by Metropolitan Bistro of Sea Cliff.

The tour is self-paced and self-guided. Guide books, complete with maps and directions, will accompany all ticket sales. Tickets are \$40 for adults and children over 12 years. Children under 12 years are not permitted. For tickets and information, call or visit Sherlock Homes Realty, 305 Sea Cliff Ave., Sea Cliff—516-671-1717.

Church of Our Lady of Kazan Christmas Bazaar

There's nothing like a hot bowl of borscht on a cold winter day, accompanied by a delicious pirog filled with sautéed mushrooms and fragrant herbs! You can enjoy them at our Christmas bazaar on Saturday, December 2nd, from noon to 4 p.m. in the parish hall of the Church of Our Lady of Kazan. There will also be piping hot pelmeni with sour cream and a wonderful choice of homemade desserts.

And it's not too early to start thinking of holiday presents for everyone on your list—we have jewelry, Russian nesting dolls, lacquer boxes, and other gift items.

You can also view the church, which was founded in 1942 by Russian émigrés, and was recently placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The church is located at 2 Willow Shore Avenue, off Littleworth Lane, in Sea Cliff. The bazaar information line is 516-468-1579. Come and enjoy!

Sea Cliff Beach News



A gentle reminder to put Dec. 31 on your calendar and "To Do" list: Please remove your boats.

Thanks for your loyal support. Enjoy a happy and healthy fall and winter and we'll see you Memorial Day weekend, 2018! - Ann and Staff

The NEW 2018 beach parking stickers are now available at Village Hall

What is Mutual Concerns?

by Peggie Como, Mutual Concerns President

It has come to my attention that there are many in our community who do not know what the Mutual Concerns Committee (MCC) is all about. I would like to take this opportunity to explain exactly what we do.

The Mutual Concerns Committee was incorporated in May 1980. We are a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) charitable organization.

Much of our funding has come from federal Community Development Block Grant funds. Due to proposed budget cutbacks, Mutual Concerns may not be able to rely on these funds to sustain our programs.

We have fixed expenses, including a lunch program director; one full-time and one part-time cook; a yoga instructor; a nurse who comes once a month to do blood pressure and health assessments; rent to St. Luke's Church, where we have our

lunch program; and insurance costs.

Mutual Concerns provides:

- Holiday baskets at Thanksgiving, Christmas, Chanukah, Easter, and Passover.

- A very popular lunch and social program. Twice a week at St. Luke's Parish Hall, those 60 and older can have a nutritious, well-balanced (and delicious!) lunch, and participate in various programs such as exercise, yoga, cards, bingo, and blood pressure and health assessments. Sometimes this is the only nutritious meal these seniors have during the day. It also gives those seniors a chance to get out of their homes to see other people, and alleviates their feelings of loneliness and alienation.

- An emergency food pantry, which assists people, regardless of age, all through the year. All clients are kept confidential. Many of those served by our

program are frail, elderly, and mentally and/or physically impaired.

- A small monetary fund for emergencies on a one-time basis.

- The Annual Christmas Dinner, hosted by Terry Sciubba for the past 26 years, where those who don't have family nearby can enjoy a holiday dinner with friends and neighbors on Christmas Day.

Your donation makes it possible to continue these services. Private donations go far in making up for potential cuts in federal government funding. With your help, MCC will continue its important work in our village community for many decades to come. Please feel free to contact Peggie Como at scmutualconcerns@gmail.com with your questions. Thank you for your continued support.

Sea Cliff Beautification Committee

by Sally Davies, Chairperson



Festive wreaths deck Sea Cliff Avenue thanks to Sea Cliff Beautification Committee.

This fall, the weather was perfect for our annual luncheon at the Metropolitan Bistro on October 19. Many people were sitting outside, and all the windows and doors were open. It was absolutely delightful. Beautification members gathered in November to make the bows for the wreaths that decorate the Sea Cliff business district. The bows and lights were affixed to the wreaths on November 28 at the Village garage. Volunteers were warmly welcomed with hot cof-

fee and home baked goodies.

Our big project this fall was to renew the plantings alongside the library/Village Hall on Summit Avenue. This was completely funded by SCBC and designed by Sue Giordano.

Stop by and see how new and fresh it looks. Also, part of this project, a cherry tree is planned in Centennial Garden on Sea Cliff Avenue.

Thank you to the many residents of Sea Cliff who support Sea Cliff Beautification.

Sea Cliff Arts Council News

by Kathleen DiResta, Chairperson

Sea Cliff Arts Council is happy to host many special events around town to keep the arts alive in our community. We organize art shows throughout the year at SC Village Library. Look for the exhibit of the residents of St. Christopher-Ottillie (SCO) this December. And our tradition of working with the young artists of North Shore High School continues this January and February, with one month dedicated to drawings and paintings and the other to the talented photography students. Our art shows at Daniel Gale are also ongoing. You're welcome to stop in their office any time during business hours to view the work. If you are interested in exhibiting, let us know via

email or on our Facebook page, [@seacliffartscouncil](https://www.facebook.com/seacliffartscouncil). Email seacliffartscouncil@gmail.com to be added to the mailing list for news on art openings and happenings around town.

SCAC also creates opportunities to bring people out in support of local artists and musicians. Spring Fest is always the 2nd Sunday of June. Chill Out is always the first Friday of November. Our annual Shopping Day in Sea Cliff is always the first Sunday of December. Shop local this year on December 3rd, from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Shops all along Sea Cliff Avenue will be participating. This is a great way to kick-start your holiday shopping while supporting our businesses. Guest artists and

artists will be showing work at Creative Arts Studio, Peace Soap, Still Partners, Sorella, and K. DiResta Collective. Village Wine Merchant, Village Green Antiques, and local restaurants will be open as well. Sea Cliff Village Museum will be open also (it's open every Sunday, 2 to 5 p.m. throughout the fall and spring). SCAC was happy to collaborate with the museum on the very special exhibit, "Sea Cliff Through the Artist's Eyes." Many colorful, whimsical paintings and drawings of SC are on view. Thanks for your continued support! To become a member or donate, please send a check to SCAC, P.O. Box 56, Sea Cliff, NY, 11579. Many thanks!

Howdy, Readers!

by Caroline Winchester

“What I love about the book fair is seeing the kids excited when they find a book they really love,” says Mrs. Livingston, one of the parent organizers for Sea Cliff School’s Scholastic Book Fair, which had a Wild West theme this year. Mrs. Livingston has been helping out alongside school librarian Mrs. Kushel, and parents Mrs. Cullen, Mrs. Duffy, and many others to make the book fair so special. Mrs. Horstmann contributed by making a display board. Money from the book fair is used to fund author visits. During the book fair, which took place the week of October 24, the students’ classes each had a turn to visit the book fair and buy books or toys. But the book fair family night, which took place on October 25, allowed parents and kids to explore the book fair together.

“When the parents come, there is a real sense of com-

munity,” explains Mrs. Kushel. Each year at the book fair family night, a secret reader comes to the music room and reads two books to all of the students and parents. The secret reader is always a highlight. This year, it was Dr. Zublionis, the school principal.

Dr. Z. entered the music room in full cowboy gear, boots, a plaid shirt, and a hat. Students

loved seeing their very own principal reading to them in a cowboy suit! Dr. Zublionis read *How I Spent My Summer Vacation*, by Mark Teague, and *Matthew The Cowboy*, by Ruth Hooker. “I think something we can learn from these books is that it’s important to use our imagination and explore the world,” says Dr. Z.



Secret Cowboy reader Dr. Z.



Sea Cliff School book fair organizers (from left): Cara Duffy, Nina Livingston, Elyse Kushel and Heather Cullen.

Children’s Library - Winter 2017

by Ann DiPietro, Children’s Library Coordinator

Come join us at the Children’s Library for good books, story hours, discussions, and camaraderie. Our story hours meet Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. For our infants and toddlers, we have a special story hour on Wednesdays at 12:00 p.m. All these programs feature stories, lots of props, singing, and dancing—plus age-appropriate crafts.

Our Twilight Story Hour is perfect for all ages and meets Thursdays at 4 p.m. Our programs run throughout the year, so feel free to join us at any

time—and of course, siblings are always welcome! In addition to our story hours, we have weekly book discussion groups featuring refreshments, Legos, and crafts. Preschoolers entering kindergarten in fall 2018 meet for lunch and book talks on Fridays at noon. First, second, and third graders meet Wednesdays right after school at 3 p.m., while kindergarteners and first graders meet Fridays at 3 p.m.

Once a month we host a Family Book Night, on Thursdays at 6 p.m. (December 14, January 11, and February 15), where

parents and children gather for dinner, dessert, and book discussion. Perfect for kindergarteners and up!

New to parenting, about to become parents, looking to meet other new parents? Join us Sunday, January 7, at 3 p.m. for MEET THE PARENTS!

Email us at scchildrenslibrary@gmail.com, or call 516-801-3402 to register for any of these programs. Since we are always adding workshops and events, check with northwordnews.com for weekly updates.



Halloween 2017 at the Children’s Library

Photo by Ann DiPietro

Above and Beyond: Sea Cliff Residents Reach Out

Sea Cliff singer-songwriter Roger Street Friedman is donating all proceeds from the sale of his song “No Safe Place” to the USA for UNHCR and other groups that provide direct aid to refugees. Donors can download the song for one dollar through his “One Million Downloads for Safety” campaign. Friedman is raising awareness of the global refugee crisis and helping children, and by extension, all refugees, who bravely leave a brutal life at home in the hopes of finding a safer one in a foreign land. The singer-songwriter seeks to raise one million dollars for the refugee cause. To learn more and take part, visit give.classy.org/roger4refugees.

Sea Cliff high school student Zoe Malin was looking for a way to assist those affected by Hurricane Harvey when she discovered a widespread unmet survivor need: underwear and diapers. Zoe decided to conduct an underwear and diaper drive during the month of September by soliciting donations at the Sea Cliff Farmers’ Market, Mini Mart, and North Shore High School. Her efforts yielded more than four hundred pounds of diapers, infant items, and underwear that have been dispatched to Houston families. Need is expected to be ongoing—for more information and to donate, go to www.undiesforeveryone.org, www.texasdiaperbank.org, or contact Zoe directly at malin.zoe@gmail.com.



Kindergarteners 2018 meet up with the Children’s Library favorite, Scarecrow.

Photo by Ann DiPietro



Traffic Committee Bike Rodeo held on October 3rd

| INCORPORATED VILLAGE of SEA CLIFF | day(s) of the month | time | Village Hall meeting room | additional information |
|--------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| Board of Trustees Conference | 1st Monday | 5:30 p.m. | upstairs | public invited, no comment period |
| Board of Trustees Meeting | 2nd Monday | 7:00 p.m. | downstairs | public invited, comment period |
| Architectural Review Board | 2nd & 4th Mondays | 7:30 p.m. | upstairs | |
| Planning Board | 2nd Wednesday | 7:30 p.m. | upstairs | |
| Zoning Board | 3rd Tuesday | 7:30 p.m. | downstairs | |
| Environmental Conservation Commission | 1st Tuesday | 6:30 p.m. | upstairs | |
| Landmarks Preservation Commission | 1st & 3rd Mondays | 7:30 p.m. | upstairs | |
| Tree Commission | 2nd & 4th Wednesdays | 9:30 - noon | upstairs | Call Nancy Eder at Village Hall for details |

Days, times, and locations subject to change — please check the Village website
at www.seacliff-ny.gov or call 516-671-0080 to confirm information.

INCORPORATED VILLAGE of SEA CLIFF

Recycling, Garbage & Other Refuse Information

**Pickup and Drop-Off days and policies are subject to change -
please check the Village website at www.seacliff-ny.gov
or call 516-671-0080 for more information.**

Village of Sea Cliff reserves the right to limit pickup or drop-off quantities

Recycling, Garbage & Other Refuse Pickup Schedule

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

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

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

| Drop-Off Type | Day & Time |
|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Single-Stream Recycling | Thursday 7 a.m. - 2:45 p.m. |
| Garbage, E-Waste & Other Refuse | Saturday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. |

IMPORTANT VILLAGE YARD INFORMATION

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

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

Village of Sea Cliff Justice Court

**All Courts Dates are WEDNESDAYS
7:30 PM - Village Hall DOWNSTAIRS**

| | Arraignment | Conference |
|----------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| December 2017 | 6th | 13th |
| 2018 | | |
| January | 3rd | 24th |
| February | 7th | 28th |
| March | 14th | 28th |
| April | 11th | 25th |
| May | 9th | 30th |
| June | 13th | 27th |

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

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

Winter Calendar 2017

Compiled by Karen Just

December

Starting Dec. 1-SC Library—Adult Coloring—Coloring can have a calming effect on the adult mind. Meetings are relaxed and informal. Coloring pages and pencils will be provided. Fridays at 3 p.m.
2- Church of Our Lady of Kazan Christmas Bazaar. Parish Hall. 12 p.m.—4 p.m.
2- SC Mutual Concerns—Holiday House Tour. 12 p.m.—4 p.m.
3- SC-Glen Head Lions Club—SC Village Tree Lighting. 5 p.m.
3- SC Arts Council—A Day of Holiday Shopping—all along Sea Cliff Avenue. 12 p.m.—5 p.m.
3- SC Civic Association—Scrooge Stroll. Begins in front of the Centennial Garden. 2 p.m.
10- SC-Glen Head Lions Club—Menorah Lighting on the Village Green in front of the Adult Library. 5 p.m.
11- SC Library—Executive Functioning Skills for all students—Presented by Thinking Caps Workshop. If your student is struggling with time management, organization, working memory, and/or task initiation, we have strategies you can implement in your home to help them improve. For all school age students. 7 p.m.
12- SC Library—*The Trip to Spain*—Steve and Rob sample the restaurants and hotels of the Spanish coastline, trading jokes and impressions over their lunches. 1:15 p.m.
13- GC Senior Center— Hanukkah Celebration Luncheon. 12 p.m. – 1 p.m.
14- SC Library—Thursday Poetry Workshop with Matt Curiale—Bring your work in progress and get some feedback with this group of poets and writers. 6:30 p.m.
14- Hanukkah Happening at the SC Fire House. 6:30 p.m.— 8 p.m.
15- GC Senior Center—Nutcracker Ballet at the Tilles Center. 9:45 a.m.
18- GC Senior Center—Christmas Celebration. 12.00 p.m.
19- Mutual Concerns—Senior Holiday Lunch. St. Luke's Parish Hall. Yoga 11:15 a.m. and lunch 12 p.m.—1 p.m.
21- SC Library—Music Jam. Bring your acoustic instrument and your voice or just come listen to an old-fashioned music jam. 7:30 p.m.

January

20, 27 and Feb. 3- SC Library— American Sign Language classes. Presented by Marli Watkins— \$10/person. Saturdays at 1:30 p.m.

February

23- CSHH—Crawling for a Cause—Pub Crawl. Proceeds benefit the Coalition to Save Hempstead Harbor (time TBA).



**Best Wishes for a Wonderful
Holiday Season and a Happy
New Year!**

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