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## Mayor's Update

by Mayor Ed Lieberman



Mayor Ed Lieberman

It is my pleasure to once again present this Mayor's Update in the Village Bulletin, the official publication of the Village of Sea Cliff.

As your mayor, I have the honor of representing all of our residents in our mutual quest: to reach our goals through viable solutions intended to ensure Sea Cliff continues to be a strong and vibrant community.

This administration fervently strives for the advancement of our village's well-being in all aspects of our village.

To this end, we continue with our efforts in stopping and reversing the outrageous

practices of New York American Water. Our efforts to date have been successful in calling attention to NYAW's past practices, and New York State has also acknowledged fault with their actions with the naming of an independent monitor over NYAW. Moreover, we will be receiving monies, by way of a state grant, to permit a feasibility study on our district joining a public water authority.

We are also continuing to address the many issues attributed to any future development within our village. Although we may accept the inevitability of change, we are also mindful of our responsibilities associated with any potential future growth. Accordingly, we continue with our subdivision moratorium and have recently adopted new legislation in our village code which addresses slope development and minimal standardized zoning in conjunction with the Town of Oyster Bay's parameters. These new provisions will ad-

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## Assessments and Exemptions: Preparing for the Next Year's Tax Roll

by Bruce Kennedy, Village Assessor

By now, you all should have received your property reassessment notice from Nassau County. The county has long had problems with its assessment roll. In 2011, the County froze the assessment roll as part of its property tax policy. For eight years, they only adjusted assessments for decreases, although property values significantly increased during that time. As the result, 90 percent of properties were underassessed on the county tax roll. As of this writing, people are very concerned about the net effect of this reassessment, as am I: my home's county assessment has increased by 99.75 percent, and I believe it is overvalued by 30 percent. The county assessment determines your school, town and county taxes, but not your village taxes.

The good news is that the village is its own taxing unit and

does its own assessments. Our assessments line up so closely to actual property sale prices that NY State puts our level of assessments at 100 percent, which is not an easy accomplishment. Currently, we are conducting our annual reassessment of properties within the village. We analyze home sales over the past year, review all building permits issued that could affect assessed values, and enter all SCAR and commercial decisions from last year's grievances into the roll. The village offers certain property tax exemptions to our residents:

- Veterans' exemptions
- Senior exemptions
- Disability exemptions
- Volunteer firefighters / ambulance workers exemptions
- Clergy exemptions.

If you feel you may qualify for any of these exemptions, please contact Village Hall for the ap-

propriate forms. The deadline to submit exemption applications is January 2, 2019.

During the month of January, we will enter Utility Franchise assessments provided by NYS Office of Real Property Tax Services (ORPTS), review utility assessments for possible changes, enter any apportionments and/or subdivisions and lot changes, change inventory if required, and enter exemptions previously mentioned. At that point, we will consult with ORPTS on any potential need for adjustments in the roll, including sales analysis and trends, make changes to assessments, and publish the tentative assessment roll on February 1. The Village of Sea Cliff believes fair and equitable assessments for all residential and commercial properties is only just and it is a responsibility we take seriously.



## Happy Holidays!

Check out page 6 for Village festivities and join in celebrating the season.

## Village Taxes

by Marianne Lennon, Collector of Taxes

Second Half Village Tax Payments are due December 1, 2018. 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, 2019, no penalty or interest will be charged. If paid after January 2, 2019, 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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dress the issues of land development that may affect us in the future.

Indeed, our concern for the environment is another primary concern of this Administration and along those lines we also have been striving towards a village environment free of plastic items such as bags, straws and cutlery. Our village is dedicated, through appropriate legislation, to curtailing this worldwide scourge of environmental abuse that plastic does to our cherished environment.

Above and beyond these programs and policies, what makes Sea Cliff so special are the many volunteers who bring their devotion and endeavors to make our village so unique and special. Recent examples include the Girl Scouts' environmental education project at Sea Cliff Beach with their artistic and informational wall mural and a local Boy Scout's Eagle project making Elm (aka Spooky) Park even more attractive and resilient. Along with these young volunteers are the scores of

resident-volunteers who join together in making our village and community so wonderful. The recent replanting of the Prospect Avenue triangle is a public-private partnership that beautifies a village gateway to the benefit of all who pass it every day. Other projects, both large and small, undertaken by resident-volunteers continue to enhance Sea Cliff's quality of life in many ways.

We are certainly blessed here in Sea Cliff, but we remain vigilant in our determination in advancing our village as the shining gem of the North Shore. Thank you for the opportunity and privilege in our joint venture for everything good in our village.

Please enjoy your Village Bulletin and remember if I can be of any assistance, please contact me at: [elieberman@seacliff-ny.gov](mailto:elieberman@seacliff-ny.gov) or just stop me on the street to ask a question or just say hello. I look forward to meeting and conversing with you.

## Sea Cliff Residential Rehabilitation Program Accepting Ongoing Applications

by Erinn McDonnell, Community Development Administrator

Residential Rehabilitation funding, through the Village of Sea Cliff Community Development program, is a grant resource allowing income-eligible Sea Cliff families to have certain types of improvement work performed on their owner-occupied homes. Repairs and/or upgrades will relate to weatherization, energy efficiency and health and safety. Repairs performed under this grant are determined on an individual basis and may vary from home to home. Funding is NOT AVAILABLE for decorative changes/work. Renovations MAY include:

- Exterior— windows, vinyl siding, garage door, roof, leaders & gutters, railings

- Interior— boiler, water heater, electrical upgrades, doors, handrails, lead abatement

- Handicap Accessibility— access ramp, bathroom access, barrier removal

The Community Development program will be accepting applications from Sea Cliff residents on an ongoing basis for the Residential Rehabilitation wait list. Applications are available to pick up at Village Hall and to print out from the Village website, [www.seacliff-ny.gov](http://www.seacliff-ny.gov). Please feel free to contact Erinn McDonnell at [emcdonnell@seacliff-ny.gov](mailto:emcdonnell@seacliff-ny.gov) or 516-671-0080 at Village Hall with any questions.



Members of the Enterprise Hose Co. educate Sea Cliff students about the important work done by the volunteer fire department

Photo by Erinn McDonnell

## Sea Cliff Fire Department Recruitment Efforts Recognized by U.S. Representative Suozzi

The Sea Cliff Fire Department welcomed US Representative Tom Suozzi at the firehouse to recognize his support for SCFD's successful FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (AFG SAFER) application. 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. Representative Suozzi has also lent his support to the firehouse's window and exterior restoration project currently in progress. Sea Cliff's Fire Chiefs accepted a certificate of recognition from Rep. Suozzi for the department's work protecting life and property in our Village and North Shore communities.



Back row: Jack O'Donnell, Brian Doyle, Robert Murphy, Leszek Chabowski  
Front row: Matthew Maderakis, Pat McCann, Mayor Ed Lieberman, Chief Mark Vitale, Rep. Tom Suozzi, 1st Asst. Chief William Koopman, 2nd Asst. Chief James Ajamian, Trustee Henriette Rohl, Deputy Mayor Kevin McGilloway

Photo by Erinn McDonnell

## Fun for the Firehouse

by Caroline Winchester

Starting in September of 2018, colorful graffiti art filled the windows of Sea Cliff's firehouse. The red, white and blue art is a temporary replacement for the firehouse's windows, which are being restored due to leaking and rust. The windows are scheduled to be reinstalled in early December. Until then, graffiti art, done by aspiring local artist James Roth, 18, will remain in the firehouse windows, creating something fun to look at while also keeping the cold air out.

Roth, a 2018 graduate of North Shore High School, plans to go into fire safety but also continue with his art. His colorful, fire-safety-related artwork stands out on the old, historic firehouse. "A few of us thought, why have just boring wood up

there?" says Erinn McDonnell, Sea Cliff's grant administrator. "It seemed like a great opportunity to have a temporary public art display on a really cool old building."

Roth's art, although modern and new, blends well with the firehouse's historical style. The unique art is interesting to look

at and adds some temporary fun to the old building.

"I try to do as much as I can, and work with as many mediums as I can, and really just have fun with it," Roth says about his art. Many people have had a positive reaction to the art, liking the fact that it was done by a young, local artist.



Photo by Kathleen DiResta

## 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](mailto: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.



## Addiction Resources

### In Case Of Emergency Call 911

**Long Island Crisis Center**  
Hotline: 516-679-1111

**NY State HOPEline**  
1-877-8-HOPENY or  
1-877-846-7369  
Text: 467369

**Long Island Council on Alcoholism and  
Drug Dependence (LICADD) [licadd.org](http://licadd.org)**  
Hotline: 631-979-1700

**Nassau Alliance For Addiction  
Services (NAFAS)**  
[nassaualliance.org](http://nassaualliance.org)  
516-481-4000

### Nassau County Overdose Prevention Events

Calendar of upcoming Naloxone/Narcan trainings throughout Nassau County:  
[www.nassaucountyny.gov/3378/Nassau-County-Overdose-Prevention](http://www.nassaucountyny.gov/3378/Nassau-County-Overdose-Prevention)

## It DOES Happen Here

by Kevin McGilloway, Executive Director NS-CASA

My youngest daughter Kaela is part of a team of NSHS graduates planning their ten-year reunion for this November. Kaela sadly mentioned to my wife and me that five of her classmates have died in those ten years from opioid overdoses. I thought back to their graduation day and how it was so full of happiness and promise for this group of great kids. Although the statistics on substance abuse back in 2008 supported that our community was already in the throes of an epidemic, most parents (including my wife and me) felt that it wouldn't touch our family—the infamous “not my kid” thinking. But the FIVE lost lives and their devastated families stand as stark proof that this epidemic is painfully real for all of us. And we now have more numbers to back that up. According to the New York State Department of Health, in 2017 there were 138 opioid-related deaths in Nassau County alone. The report also states that Naloxone, the life-saving drug that can reverse the impact of an opioid overdose, was administered in our county almost 650 times last year. Each one of those instances could have been a life lost if the medication had not been immediately available.

I relate the above facts because over the last few weeks, in my role as a volunteer in the North Shore Coalition Against Substance Abuse (NS-CASA), I handed out educational and

prevention materials at three of the five NS Schools on their Back-to-School Nights. Despite the fact that the current statistics indicate that the epidemic has gotten worse, and despite the efforts of our school district, police and many organizations like CASA to educate people on the dangers, it was clear to me that the majority of the parents who passed by the CASA table applauded our efforts but were not looking to get involved, perhaps due to the same “not my kid” thinking that I knew all too well.

So I decided to write this piece to convey a simple but vitally important message: substance abuse (alcohol, tobacco, and drugs) is an epidemic right here on the North Shore; this epidemic has or will impact every one of us directly or indirectly; and the best way to fight this plague is to come together as a community to help people of all ages stay off or get off the substance abuse path.

NS-CASA offers every community member the opportunity to be part of the solution. The most important action you can take is to register as a NS-CASA Partner at [www.nscasa.org](http://www.nscasa.org) so we can include you in our communications program that delivers important information on this topic. Our website also provides information about our education, prevention and wellness programs, and a listing of available services, as well as ways to contribute your time

or make a donation. You will also see that there are many things you can do immediately to make an impact—including making your homes safer and signing the SAFE Homes Parent Pledge (most of the alcohol and opioids used by school-age kids come from the home), to learning how to talk to your children about substance abuse, to getting training on how to deal with an overdose.

At NS-CASA's recent Day of Wellness event at Tappen Beach, a speaker cited a Surgeon General's Report that said that grass roots community initiatives like CASA are the best way to deliver high impact solutions—to deliver HOPE—in the face of this devastating epidemic. This statement is supported by the very successful CASA programs in other LI communities, including Manhasset, Rockville Center and Massapequa. We want and need a similarly strong CASA here in the North Shore School District.

NS-CASA offers each of us the opportunity to say #I AM CASA and build a great organization—and to never have to wonder if we could or should have done more. Together we can have a powerful impact, one day and one life at a time. Please consider joining NS-CASA. We need each other, and will grow in strength and impact as each of us decides to join the fight and declare: WE ARE CASA!

## Narcan Training in Sea Cliff

On September 25th the Village hosted Naloxone/Narcan training sponsored by the Nassau County Department of Health. Over seventy-five people attended the program held at Village Hall. There is one opioid overdose every day in Nassau County and seven out of ten overdoses happen in the home. This is why this training is so important. The Village plans on providing this training again in the future.

## The Library in Winter

by Camille Purcell, Assistant Library Director

A lovely autumn turns to the short days and long nights of winter. While we may not serve hot chocolate, here at the Sea Cliff Library we offer warm smiles, friendly faces and services that extend beyond our walls.

Looking for something to read? Use the Libby App, available for both Apple and Android users. You can download ebooks and audio books onto your device with just a few short swipes. Download up to six titles for fourteen days with no worries about late fees. If you like to read magazines but don't want to subscribe, give Zinio, our electronic magazine service, a try. You have over a hundred titles to choose from; from all different genres and they are yours to keep. Love film? Then Kanopy is for you. Kanopy is our video streaming service featuring classic, foreign and documentary films. You are allowed five downloads a month and have three days to view your selection before it disappears.

Our programming calendar

is chock full of interesting and varied events. Many of them are ongoing. Consider being a part of our monthly poetry workshop or music jam. Both of these events have been a treasured staple at the library. Our latest offering—Fiber Arts—is full of enthusiastic members eager to share their interests of all things textile with each other. Our events cover a wide range of subjects and span age groups. From babies to adults, we offer fun programs and informative lectures. For more information, please consult our newsletter by visiting our website: [www.sea-clifflibrary.org](http://www.sea-clifflibrary.org).

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.

*Perhaps no place in any community is so totally democratic as the town library. The only entrance requirement is interest.*

—Lady Bird Johnson

## A Live Tree for Christmas

by the Sea Cliff Tree Committee

Millions of Christmas trees are cut every season and then relegated later to the landfill. Why not have a live tree this year? After serving as a center of holiday celebrations, a live Christmas tree planted in your yard brings back family memories for a lifetime. They are less of a fire hazard inside the home, and once planted outside provide beauty and environmental benefits. And planting the tree that your kids were around when they opened their gifts is a great family activity.

But it is very difficult to keep a living tree alive for at least two major reasons: the tree is signaled while inside in warm conditions that it is spring, and starts to grow, and then the tree is placed outside into extreme cold and dry winds. The other problem is digging the hole for the tree in possibly frozen ground.

If you are considering a live tree for Christmas, success can be increased by following the steps below.

1. Choose a suitable place to plant the tree which will provide adequate space, sun, drainage and wind protection.

2. Dig a hole ahead of time when the ground is not yet frozen hard, not too deep.

3. Buy a tree before the holidays that is small enough to

handle easily, since it will be in a container or a burlapped root ball. Water the tree and keep it moist but not soaking wet.

4. Store the tree in a cool protected place like a shed, protected patio or garage.

5. Bring the tree inside only a few days before Christmas, and keep it inside no more than a week, keeping it watered all the time (a plastic bag around the container or root ball will help).

6. After the few days inside, bring the tree back outside to the protected area so it becomes re-conditioned to the cold.

7. When you get a good above-freezing day to plant, put the tree in the hole you prepared earlier, put the soil back, water the tree well, and place a few inches of mulch (straw, leaves, wood chips, etc.) around the tree.

There are a number of good websites that discuss the care of a live Christmas tree, and your local nursery can address many of your questions. After carefully considering the requirements associated with a live Christmas tree, and by following the steps outlined above, having a living tree surrounded by presents on Christmas morning and then having it in an honored place in your landscape for years to come is not an impossibility!



# Sea Cliff Village Museum Celebrates

by Sara Reres, Museum Director

The village bell is quiet, and the singing of “Happy Birthday Sea Cliff” is just a melodious memory, but the Sea Cliff Village Museum still celebrates with our exhibit *1883: Birth of a Village*.

This unique collection contains an original fire hat from the first Sea Cliff Fire Department, original documents with signatures from the Carpenter family, a Union hat from a New York regiment worn by a Sea Cliff soldier in the Civil War and so much more. This is a history lover’s exhibit with all documents, artifacts and pho-

tographs from the Museum collection only.

To keep the museum open on Sundays, we are seeking docents who can spend three hours on a Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. every other month. Please call 516-801-3401 or email [seacliffmuseum@aol.com](mailto:seacliffmuseum@aol.com) if you are interested to join our team.

If you cannot volunteer, please consider joining Friends of the Museum by becoming a member. Check our website at [seacliffmuseum.org](http://seacliffmuseum.org) for details about our membership. Help keep history alive!



Sea Cliff’s founders, played by John Canning, Jack Guy, Paul Marchese, Fred Stoppel, Al Reres, Mark Hagan, Bruce Kennedy, Jean-Marie Stalzer, Ed Lieberman and Sara Reres

Photo by Kathleen DiResta

## Live, Laugh, Dance

by Sharon Faith Collins, Glen Cove Senior Center

On any given Friday afternoon one can hear the sounds of music, singing and laughter emanating from the activities room. Peek inside and you will see a group of men and women grouped in lines performing synchronized dance steps that would make any Radio City Hall Rockette extremely envious. These are the talented seniors of the line dancing class.

The class has been an institution at the Senior Center for several decades. The members look forward each week to learning new dance routines or dancing to old favorites. They may dance to a waltz, a tango, salsa, hip hop, cha-cha, Texas two-step or any other music genre you can imagine. They will get up and dance in a heartbeat rather than sit in a rocking chair.

Some members of the class studied tap or jazz as children; some never danced prior to joining the class, but all possess a zest for living full and rewarding lives. All participants find dancing to be fun, a stress reducer and a perfect way to exercise without doing boring exer-

cise drills. One and a half years ago, the previous dance teacher retired due to health issues. Two students, Barbara Savinetti and Sharon Collins, took over the responsibility of teaching the class until a new teacher could be found. The search continues. Each week Barbara and Sharon teach old favorites and new dance numbers to the delight of the class.

On several occasions the class has performed for members of our Glen Cove Senior Center. In the near future they wish to take the show on the road, entertaining at area rehabilitation centers and assisted living facilities. The class welcomes new dancers, regardless of ability, to join in for some exercise and a genuine good time. Just put your dancing shoes on, kick up your heels and join in any Friday at 1:30 p.m. Your grandchildren will be amazed how you move to the groove.

# Happy Birthday to Sea Cliff

by Will Winchester

Sea Cliff, New York was founded 135 years ago. On Friday, October 12, town officials and residents gathered to celebrate the village’s anniversary. Residents first watched a live reenactment of the signing of the Sea Cliff Charter in front of the Sea Cliff Library. The reenactment featured Sea Cliff Mayor Edward Lieberman, who played F.W. Geissenhainer, the first mayor of Sea Cliff. Geissenhainer is known for building the Sea Cliff Train Depot, paving Sea Cliff Avenue and aiding the construction of many more Sea Cliff landmarks and staples.

“Events like these prove that not much has changed as [Sea Cliff is] still about service, volunteering and making [the vil-

lage] so beautiful,” said Mayor Lieberman.

After gathering in front of the Sea Cliff Library and singing “Happy Birthday,” which was led by John Canning, citizens were invited into the Sea Cliff Museum where there was an exhibit titled *1883: The Birth of a Village*. Music was performed by Frank Ferrara and Amy Olitsky, and food and beverages were served. The exhibit included a timeline of Sea Cliff, artifacts from 1883, models and documents.

Although Sea Cliff residents may not always agree on politics or public policy, they remain committed to making Sea Cliff a better place, taking part in events, gatherings, reenact-

ments and so much more. This reenactment was a reminder of the close-knit and wonderful community Sea Cliff remains.



Mayor Ed Lieberman as F.W. Geissenhainer, Sea Cliff’s first Mayor

Photo by W. Winchester

## Sea Cliff’s Helen Caliolo Celebrated 100 Years

by Dan Maddock

Helen Caliolo of Sea Cliff celebrated her 100th birthday on August 28th. But rather than one big party, she celebrated in waves with small groups of family members. “At my age I have to take things in small doses,” reported Helen. “It also gave me the opportunity to spend quality time with each family member.” Celebrating with Helen were her children Jack, Rob and daughter Alin, along with seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Helen was born and raised in Albany, New York along

with two brothers and a sister. In 1942, she married childhood sweetheart, Joseph Caliolo just before he left for North Africa where he served as a civilian technician for Grumman Aircraft during World War II.

Helen and Joe moved to Sea Cliff in 1953 where she became active in the St. Boniface School’s Mother’s Club and Sewing Club. She later pursued a lifelong ambition by studying painting under the tutelage of Harold and Alma Stevenson at their school in Sea Cliff. (The school is now located in Oyster

Bay.) Husband Joe became active in village government, serving as a member and Chair of the Planning Board for 40 years. He was a “White Cap” recipient in 1993.

Helen still lives in the same house on Wood Ridge Lane under the care of her son Rob. She suffers from macular degeneration, but is able to enjoy audio books which she gets from the Library of Congress. Happy Birthday Helen, and many, many more!

## Did You Know Medicare Covers Some In-Home Medical Services?

by Karen Montagnese, Senior Outreach

Resource: [Medicare.gov](http://Medicare.gov)

Medicare may pay for in-home services to help you feel better. If you have Medicare Part A and Part B and you are homebound, you may be entitled to certain kinds of home care. You are required to be under a doctor’s care and receive services under a Plan of Care that is created and reviewed by your doctor. If you have a need, and your doctor certifies your need, you can receive one or more of the following Medicare-approved services:

- Intermittent skilled nursing care (other than drawing blood)
- Physical therapy
- Speech-language pathology services

—Continued occupational therapy

The amount, frequency and duration of these services will be determined by your doctor. Services are designed to improve a condition so that one can pursue a safe and effective independent health maintenance plan. This is a great option for individuals returning home from the hospital or rehab. Short term in-home services can also be a great help when adjusting to a change in medication or the introduction of a new medical device. This kind of support is also useful when dealing with a chronic illness, as it can be just the boost needed to get on the road to better health and next steps. A

course of physical therapy can help one to regain balance, improve one’s gait or acclimate to the use of a walker or cane. All of these treatments aim to get a once homebound senior back on his or her feet.

In-home medical services are arranged through a joint effort by your doctor and a Home Care Agency. For more information, talk to your physician or visit [Medicare.gov](http://Medicare.gov). To explore these and other wellness programs contact Senior Outreach at Village Hall, 516-671-0080 x36.



# Coalition to Save Hempstead Harbor

by Elaine Neice

The Coalition to Save Hempstead Harbor has had a busy year!

A quick recap of 2018 includes the first Scudders Pond cleanup in April, which saw an incredible turnout of concerned neighbors to help clear debris from a long, stormy winter. The two summer biweekly water monitoring programs finished up on chilly mornings in late October, and the winter water monitoring program picks right up in November. The International Coastal Cleanup in September brought one of the best turnouts we've had in a long time! It was great to see so many people getting involved in the cleanup efforts for Hempstead Harbor. There was even a group from Jericho High School and Hofstra University helping clean

up Tappen Beach. The pilot program for the Habitat Restoration project was completed on a rainy day in October with the planting of native plants at selected volunteer properties in Glenwood Landing. The plants, provided through a grant from Patagonia, will help reduce nitrogen levels and lessen stormwater runoff into Hempstead Harbor. We are grateful to the residents who volunteered for this project and the willingness to monitor the soil and provide crucial data back to CSHH. None of what CSHH accomplishes can happen without the dedication of the community to participate in these various events. Thank you!

On the horizon for 2019 is the highly anticipated annual "Crawl for a Cause" taking

place this year on Friday, March 1. Also in the works for spring is an art auction featuring pieces from local artists. Any artist wishing to participate in this special night please email us at [cshh@optonline.net](mailto:cshh@optonline.net). More details for these events will be published as we move into the new year. Please visit our website and join our email list to stay informed of all upcoming events throughout the year: [www.coalitiontosavehempsteadharbor.org](http://www.coalitiontosavehempsteadharbor.org).

Please keep an eye out for our end of year fund drive mailing. CSHH has been keeping a close eye on Hempstead Harbor for over thirty years, and it couldn't be done without the support of the residents and communities around our harbor. We thank you for your continued support!



**Save the Date!**  
**Annual Crawl for A Cause**  
*Friday Night — March 1st, 2019*



## It's Time To Pay Attention To Algal Blooms

by Eric Swenson, Executive Director, Hempstead Harbor Protection Committee

You may have seen news articles this year about algal blooms wreaking havoc around Long Island and in other places like Florida. While we in Hempstead Harbor have been more fortunate than most, the threat for harm is real and deserves better understanding.

The ocean is full of algae, which are small plant-like organisms that are invisible to the human eye. They form the basis of the food chain in the sea. Most are harmless and necessary but some species, under the right conditions, can wreak havoc on the ecosystem, and in some cases, cause serious illness or death to humans. Scientists call these "harmful algal blooms" (or HABs). They can produce what is commonly called "red tide" or "brown tide."

One species called Alexandrium produces saxitoxin which is a dangerous neurotoxin that has been present in Long Island waters since the 1970s. It was found in May in Huntington Harbor. Saxitoxin causes paralytic shellfish poisoning and, according to the Centers for Disease Control, when ingested in sufficient quantities can cause paralysis, respiratory failure and death within two to twenty-five hours.

Algal "blooms" can occur when there is excess nitrogen in the water, which acts as a fertil-

izer for the algae. Excess nitrogen can come from overfertilizing lawns, cesspools and septic systems, and even from the atmosphere.

Computer modeling on Hempstead Harbor by The Nature Conservancy has shown that 15 – 20% of the nitrogen in our harbor is attributable to fertilizer use. If it is in the harbor, that means that more fertilizer was applied than the grass or plants could take up. If the grass cannot take up the fertilizer, it can percolate down into the groundwater (which ultimately flows into the harbor in our area) or it can be washed into the street during rainstorms and into storm drains which empty in our waterways. When the algae ultimately die off, they consume oxygen, which leads to a condition known as "hypoxia" (meaning "low oxygen") that can cause fish kills and other problems.

The timing, quantity, and type are the three most important things that you have to consider when fertilizing. Between November and April, grass does not actively grow so fertilizer applications will not help.

The best times to fertilize are April through June and September through October. Check the weather and do not apply when heavy rainfall is forecast. Individual applications of nitrogen

should not exceed one pound per thousand square feet and should total no more than 2-3 pounds of nitrogen per thousand square feet per year. LIGHTLY water in the fertilizer after applying it. If you live on the water, do not apply within twenty feet of the water unless you use a drop spreader. Also make sure to sweep up any fertilizer that may land on driveways or sidewalks to prevent it from reaching storm drains. You should also consider using fertilizer that is at least 50 percent non-water soluble (also known as organic fertilizer), as it releases more slowly, reducing the chance to reach the water table.

In 2018, there was an effort in the state legislature to require that all fertilizer sold on Long Island to contain no more than 12 percent nitrogen by weight and that at least 50 percent be non-water soluble. That legislation did not pass. Legislation like this typically takes several years in order to become law. Nevertheless, homeowners can make a big difference by carefully choosing and applying the fertilizers that are currently on the market.

A little extra effort on all our parts can lead to big improvements that we all benefit from! For more information, visit [www.HempsteadHarbor.org](http://www.HempsteadHarbor.org).

# The Sea Cliff Gardener

by Donna Kianka, Winter's Edge Micro Farm

Welcome to the final months of 2018! Enjoy the crisp air as we transition from fall to winter with all the sights and sounds of the holiday season. This is a time period which offers garden catalogs and long colder nights, which will encourage you to pursue online garden sites. Think about planting a fig tree in a sunny but slightly sheltered spot in your yard next spring.

Also consider growing your own indoor kitchen herb garden this winter. Select a site which is sunny and provides plenty of warm sun. If you cannot arrange to have at least six hours of direct sunlight, consider a grow light. Parsley, mint and chives can grow with less than six hours of light. Do not put your pots too close to the windows. Most herbs like it between sixty to seventy degrees. Make sure your pots have good drainage. You can accomplish this by selecting a pot with a hole in the bottom or by putting rocks and gravel in the base. This will need to be about two inches of gravel. You can also use mason jars as containers for your herbs. Grow your herbs in separate pots and purchase a good indoor potting mix. Also purchase an organic or seaweed-based fertilizer. Remember to follow the directions on the package.

Do not overwater your herbs! Most plants prefer to be a little dry rather than sitting in a puddle of wet soil. Like all indoor plants, water slowly so there is soil absorption. Also rotate your pots if possible so different sides of the plants gets sun. Consider growing a selection of perennial or biennial herbs which could include mint, chives, oregano, parsley and lemon balm, as well as basil and

rosemary (tender perennial). In the spring when the weather turns, you can either move the plant outside or directly sow into the ground. Also, an Aloe vera plant is a wonderful addition to any herb collection and has traditionally been used as a kitchen remedy for burns. My recommendation is to grow lots of basil so you have fresh pesto sauces throughout the winter!

We at Winter's Edge Micro Farm wish you and yours a very happy holiday season and New Year. And remember to appreciate the beauty of our village through autumn into the winter. Good Stuff!

The Sea Cliff Photo book by Emily Cameron is available! Creative photojournalism about the identity of Sea Cliff. It covers all aspects of our home town and includes events, architecture, gardens—everything that makes us—well—us. Website: <http://mybusiness1997.wixsite.com/emilycphotography/store> Longwood Gardens has a magnificent garden and light display which includes both outdoor and interior exhibits. This year the gardens will have a French flair. Clark Botanical Gardens will be offering a bus trip to the gardens on December 6. Call Maria at 516-484-8603 for information.

The Old Farmer's Almanac (Almanac.com) is a great resource on gardening, weather and cooking. Sign up for the free daily email. It will help to pass the long winter nights. And remember to bundle up and take walks around Sea Cliff. There is a simple beauty to winter and you will be able to see houses that hide behind the bushes and trees in the summer.

## SEA CLIFF FARMERS MARKET



**PRESENTS...**  
**SEA CLIFF INDOOR WINTER MARKET**  
**THURSDAYS 3PM – 7PM**  
**AT THE**  
**CREATIVE ARTS STUDIO**  
**256 SEA CLIFF AVE. SEA CLIFF**  
**STARTING NOVEMBER 8TH**

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## Hanukkah Happening

by Julie Gordon-Hert & Marcie Denberg-Serra

The Sea Cliff annual Hanukkah party, The Hanukkah Happening, will take place on Wednesday, December 5th, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. upstairs at the firehouse. There will be crafts, games, latkes, music and a group candle lighting. Please bring a menorah if you would like to participate in the group candle lighting. All are welcome to join in the celebration. There is a small suggested donation per family to help cover the costs. Thank you to the generosity of the Sea Cliff-Glen Head Lions Club for helping to sponsor this event.

## Annual Holiday House Tour Benefiting Mutual Concerns

Join us on December 1st, 12:00 P.M - 4:00 P.M. Tickets are \$40.00 and include a light buffet lunch. Available for purchase at Sherlock Homes Realty, 305 Sea Cliff Avenue 516-671-1717.

## Church of Our Lady of Kazan Christmas Bazaar

Come to the Christmas bazaar in the parish hall of the Church of Our Lady of Kazan on Saturday, December 1st, from noon to 4 p.m. You'll be able to buy delicious homemade borscht and pelmeni with sour cream, and you can round out your meal with a wonderful choice of homemade desserts.

With the holidays fast approaching, 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 many other gift items.

You can also view the church, which was founded in 1942 by Russian emigrés and is 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!

## Annual Mutual Concerns Christmas Dinner Come Meet Neighbors and Join the Spirit of the Season!

The Mutual Concerns Committee, together with Sherlock Homes Realty, is sponsoring the 27th Annual Christmas Dinner, which will be held on Christmas day, Tuesday, December 25th from noon to 2 p.m. at the Sea Cliff United Methodist Church on Downing and Carpenter Avenues.

Terry Sciubba of Sherlock Homes helped start this dinner twenty-six 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. Admission is free. We encourage, but do not require, reservations. We will provide transportation if needed. For reservations, please call Sherlock Homes Realty at 516-671-1717 and let them know if you need transportation.

## The Sea Cliff-Glen Head Lions Club Presents A Community Holiday Celebration

*Sunday December 2, 2018 at 4:45 p.m.  
at the Village Green in front of the Library*

Lighting both the Community Christmas Tree and Community Menorah  
featuring local civic and religious leaders and festive music

## Baking a Difference

by Elizabeth Winchester

David Shalam has been baking popovers for Thanksgiving ever since he was a kid. The light muffins with hollow centers are now the signature dish at Heritage Bakers, which he started with his wife Debbie in 2014. Last year, the Shalams, who live in Sea Cliff with their three children, moved their growing business into a 2,700-square-foot space in Garvies Point. They celebrated its grand opening on November 8. That night, David was also featured on the Verizon FiOS1 show Restaurant Hunter.

"We are very excited to celebrate our grand opening," David said. "It's been so busy but wonderful connecting with customers and building a community."

In addition to popovers, the inviting bakery and café sells artisanal breads, breakfast pastries, desserts and gourmet coffee from Irving Farm. The bakery is offering soup this season, and also makes pizza, which

customers at the Garvies Point Brewery next door can also enjoy.

The name of the bakery is a tribute to heritage whole wheat flour, which David uses in most of his products. The flour was primarily used from the 1700s to 1950s. It is not filled with the processing chemicals and additives that much modern wheat contains today. "It is very versatile," explained David, who prefers a heritage wheat that grows in Western Canada and is milled in North Carolina. "Its nutty taste produces a buttery texture that pairs well with just about everything we make."

Debbie's focus is on building a community, with cooking classes, art exhibits and other special events. "I'm most excited about creating a space to bring people together to gather and talk," she said. David hopes to expand his product line and bring the business to more lo-

cations while keeping to his ultimate mission: "authenticity, quality and great ingredients."

Heritage Bakers is open Wednesday 8 a.m.-1 p.m.; Thursday-Sunday 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Visit online at [heritagebakers.com](http://heritagebakers.com) and in person, at 1 Garvies Point Road, Glen Cove.



**Owner/chef David Shalam with fresh croissants at the Heritage Bakers kitchen**

Photo by Elizabeth Winchester

## In Memory - Carol Vissicchio Griffin (July 25, 1938 – October 11, 2018)

by Barbara Murray



fire department for close to sixty years, and Carol contributed to the village as a reporter, photographer and writer for a variety of community organizations.

After having raised her children, Carol began working at C. W. Post in the 1980s. When her children were grown, Carol was determined to complete her bachelor's degree in communication and journalism at C.W. Post. Not a typical life choice for a woman of that time, but one she was very proud of. This, with her love of photography, gave her the impetus to begin writing for the local newspapers.

Carol was a constant contributor to the civic life of Sea Cliff. She wrote for the Record Pilot, had a weekly column in the Gold Coast Gazette and handled the publicity for the Sea Cliff Fire Department. Carol documented community events with her photos and articles such as the House and Garden Tours, library

events, Holiday Tree Lighting, Memorial Day parade, and Mini Mart. Not much of significance occurred in our village without Carol's pen or camera recording it for posterity. Her greatest contribution to the Village was when she assumed the role of managing editor of the Sea Cliff Village Bulletin. For over ten years Carol enjoyed creating the Village Bulletin and only due to illness did she have to step down. In recognition for all of her years of service to the community, Carol was awarded the White Cap Award by the Civic Association in 2003. Finally, perhaps of equal importance to Carol, there were her many years of service to St. Boniface as a Eucharistic Minister.

On a personal note, Carol was not only a friend but a mentor. I was so fortunate to have Carol's guidance when I succeeded her as managing editor of the Sea Cliff Village Bulletin. Carol was a true Sea Cliff treasure and will be missed on many levels.



# Winter at the Children's Library

by Ann DiPietro, Children's Library Coordinator

Come join us at the Children's Library for a respite from the blustery days and nights of winter. Story hours for all ages are on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at 10:30 a.m. and again at noon on Wednesdays. Thursday afternoons from 3:30 to 4:15 p.m. we gather for a Twilight Story Hour—again for all ages. These programs feature stories, singing, dancing and a great craft. Come whatever time works best for you and your child. Feel free to join at any point since our story hours are ongoing throughout the year. Remember, siblings are always welcome!

In addition to story hours, we have weekly book discussions—better known as Pizza and Paperbacks. On Wednesdays, second, third and fourth

graders meet after school for pizza, book talks, play acting, and camaraderie. Kindergartners, first and second graders meet on Fridays at 3 p.m. for pizza, book discussions, crafts and free play. For children entering kindergarten in fall 2019, we offer Pizza and Picture Books—crafts, book discussions, Legos, and lunch on Fridays at noon.

Once a month, we host a Family Book Night on Thursdays from 6 to 7 p.m. (December 13, January 17 and February 7). Parents and children gather for a delightful dinner, dessert and discussion. Perfect for grade and middle schoolers and their families.

Introduction to The Nutcracker is an annual tradition where children and adults gather to hear and act out the story of this

beloved ballet. Dan DiPietro leads the group as Drosselmeyer and everyone gets to play a role. Costumes are encouraged! Saturday, December 1 from 10 to 11 a.m.

Scrooge Stroll—Sunday December 2 at 3 p.m.—The fourth annual recreation of Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*. Led by Fred Stroppel, a merry band of villagers stroll the streets of Sea Cliff telling Dickens' immortal tale with an abundance of music, costume, and good spirits. All are welcome to join the fun. If you have a question, or if you would like to register for any of these programs, email us at [scchildrenslibrary@gmail.com](mailto:scchildrenslibrary@gmail.com). Since we add events throughout the year, check Facebook's Sea Cliff page.



DPW's John Giordano bravely tops the Community Christmas Tree with a shining star

Photo by Erinn McDonnell



Family Book Night celebrates Johnny Appleseed's birthday

Photo by Ann DiPietro



A joyful afternoon with friends at Pizza and Picture Books

Photo by Ann DiPietro



Taking some time out from another birthday celebration

Photo by Ann DiPietro

## Spreading Joy to the World

by Will Winchester



Do Re Mi! Haley's students sang the classic song from *The Sound of Music* as the concert finale.

On November 4, Lesley Pryde Haley gathered many of her vocal and piano students to perform at the United Methodist Church of Sea Cliff. The performance was aimed at raising awareness for Operation Christmas Child, an organization that delivers Christmas gifts to children in poverty around the world. Students performed songs that aided the Christmas spirit, and had themes of helping people and finding strength through friends.

"It is wonderful to help the community and music is the perfect vehicle," says Haley. "I also love giving students performance opportunities especially for this wonderful cause!"

Every year millions of kids across the world go without receiving the gifts of Christmas. Operation Christmas Child seeks to fix just that. People volunteer to pack shoeboxes with school supplies, hygienic items and toys to ship to children across the globe. Currently there are nearly 5,000 shoebox drop-off centers nationwide, including the United Methodist Church of Sea Cliff.

Operation Christmas Child was founded by the organization Samaritan's Purse in 1970, with the intent of sharing God's love. Since then the group has spread joy to a myriad of children all over the world.

## 2019 North Shore Softball & Sea Cliff Baseball Update

by James W. Versocki, Commissioner

As we prepare for the cold of winter, our volunteers are now starting to plan for the spring 2019 season. We anticipate having registration commence in December 2018 through February 2019 and will be asking parents to register early so we can continue to offer late-winter/early-spring clinics for most levels of play. Children from any local communities are welcome to play, so please share information about our league with friends and family.

Our league continues to grow and we had almost 350 children participate last year—a growth

of over thirty percent in the last two years! This growth is attributable to the philosophy of fun and learning, combined with competitive play as children grow, that our league promotes.

This winter we are hoping to have a fundraiser to improve the fields in Sea Cliff. Please stay tuned and join us to help improve our league.

Parents interested in registering their children for the spring 2019 season or volunteering can get information at our website: [www.scbaseballsoftball.com](http://www.scbaseballsoftball.com), or send us an email at [scbaseballsoftball@gmail.com](mailto:scbaseballsoftball@gmail.com).



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

Days, times and locations subject to change - please check the Village website at [www.seacliff-ny.gov](http://www.seacliff-ny.gov) or call 516-671-0080 to confirm information.

**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](http://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**

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

**Recycling & Garbage Holiday Schedule 2019**

<b>Holiday</b>	<b>Date Observed</b>	<b>Change in Schedule</b>
Christmas	Tuesday 12/25/2018	No Garbage Pickup
New Year's Day 2019	Tuesday 1/1/2019	No Garbage Pickup
Independence Day	Thursday 7/4/2019	No Garbage Pickup
Labor Day	Monday 9/2/2019	No Garbage Pickup
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday 11/28/2019	No Garbage Pickup
Christmas	Wednesday 12/25/2019	No Recycling Pickup
New Year's Day 2020	Wednesday 1/1/2020	No Recycling Pickup

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

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

<b>Drop-Off Type</b>	<b>Day &amp; Time</b>
<b>Single-Stream Recycling</b>	Thursday 7 a.m.–2:45 p.m.
<b>Garbage, E-Waste &amp; Other Refuse</b>	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 -

**GO TO [www.seacliff-ny.gov](http://www.seacliff-ny.gov) AND SCROLL DOWN TO  
"CODE RED NOTIFICATIONS" TO SIGN UP FOR COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS  
RELATED TO GARBAGE PICKUP**

**Holiday Recycling & Garbage 2018**

Due to Christmas and New Year's Day both falling on a Tuesday this year, there will be NO Tuesday garbage pickup both weeks. There will be recycling and Friday garbage pickup both weeks.

**To contribute to the Village Bulletin or to volunteer on the staff  
please email [scvillagebulletin@gmail.com](mailto:scvillagebulletin@gmail.com)**

**Village of Sea Cliff Justice Court**

**All Courts Dates are WEDNESDAYS**

**7:30 P.M.—Village Hall DOWNSTAIRS**

	<b>Arraignment</b>	<b>Conference</b>
<b>December 2018</b>	12th only	
<b>2019</b>		
<b>January</b>	9th	23rd
<b>February</b>	6th	13th
<b>March</b>	13th	27th
<b>April</b>	3rd	10th
<b>May</b>	1st	22nd
<b>June</b>	5th	26th
<b>July</b>	10th only	
<b>August</b>	7th only	
<b>September</b>	4th	25th
<b>October</b>	2nd	23rd
<b>November</b>	6th	13th
<b>December</b>	4th only	

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

**VILLAGE BOARD MEETING DATES 2018-19**

Conferences are held at Village Hall upstairs 5:30 P.M.

Meetings are held at Village Hall downstairs 7 P.M.

Monday	<b>December</b>	3	2018	Conference
Monday		10	2018	Meeting
Monday	<b>January</b>	7	2019	Conference
Monday		14	2019	Meeting
Monday	<b>February</b>	4	2019	Conference
Monday		11	2019	Meeting
Monday	<b>March</b>	4	2019	Conference
Monday		11	2019	Meeting
Monday	<b>April</b>	1	2019	Organizational Meeting

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