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Mayor's Update

by Mayor Ed Lieberman



Mayor Ed Lieberman

It's my pleasure to once again invite you to enjoy this quarterly edition of our official village publication, the Village Bulletin. As a community we remain concerned and cautious of the COVID-19 pandemic and, accordingly, I assure you that this administration will endeavor, as we have from the inception of this health emergency, to follow all safety protocols and proceed in a manner that ensures our residents' safety and wellbeing.

Supported by our residents' overt concern and publicly displayed compliance, our community has been able to keep our numbers relatively flat and our village safe. Acknowledging its toll, we ex-

tend our very best wishes to all those who have been adversely affected by this virus.

Despite the scourge of this pandemic, our village proceeds forward with its overall plan to provide essential services as well as complete certain long-term projects. One of these endeavors is the Sea Cliff sewer project. After many years of planning, funding, and initial construction, we are finally seeing this environmentally beneficial project come to the point where it can be completed and certified by the county. We acknowledge that there are many disruptions and traffic issues associated with this construction, and I personally wish to extend my appreciation to our residents who have been inconvenienced by this situation for their understanding, patience and civility. Once the construction is completed, and the project certified, then the paving of the affected roads will commence.

Another example of this administration's stated goals concerns the New York American Water Company.

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The Annual Organizational Meeting of the Incorporated Village of Sea Cliff

After election delays due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and postponed since April, the annual meeting of the Village of Sea Cliff was finally held on Thursday, September 17, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. Conducted in compliance with Executive Orders issued by Governor Cuomo, the meeting was held by Zoom along with limited on-site participation. All Board members were able to participate at the same time and hear all other Board members. The meeting was recorded and shall remain available for public viewing on the village website.

The Board did not hold any public hearings, and the public would not have a right to speak at this meeting. The Board considered and acted only on those matters

on which public input would not be permitted even if the meeting were held in person.

Present were Edward Lieberman, Mayor; Kevin McGilloway, Deputy Mayor; Dina Epstein, Village Trustee; Elena Villafane, Village Trustee; Nicholas Pinto, Village Trustee; Marianne Lennon, Village Clerk; Bruce Kennedy, Village Administrator and Brian Stolar, Village Attorney.

Deputy Mayor McGilloway led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance and Mayor Lieberman welcomed everyone to the 2020-2021 Organizational Meeting, following which he congratulated Kevin McGilloway on his re-election as Trustee for a term of two official years and welcomed the newly elected Nicholas Pinto as

Village Trustee for a term of two official years. The Mayor then delivered the State of the Village Address. After acknowledging the challenges of 2020 and highlighting the village's accomplishments, he concluded, "it is with pride and humility that I declare tonight that the State of our Village is sound, secure, and vibrant, and indeed remains the shining gem of the north shore."

Following his remarks, the Mayor appointed the following staff and volunteers. All appointees were approved and seconded by the Board of Trustees.

APPOINTMENTS (one year unless otherwise noted):

Marianne Lennon, Collector of Taxes, Contract Administrator, NYSROS; Bruce

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Wishing Our Residents A Happy And Healthy Holiday Season!



Village Taxes

by Marianne Lennon, Collector of Taxes

Payments are due December 1, 2020. Taxes may be paid by mail or dropped off at the Village Hall locked mailbox located at the Summit Avenue entrance of the building.

When Penalties Apply

On all Second Half Taxes paid on or before January 4, 2021, no penalty or interest

will be charged. If paid after January 4, 2021, 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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As you are aware, the village is in the process of purchasing the property along Prospect Avenue which currently is owned by NYAW. As a direct result of our litigation against NYAW, which also resulted in rate decreases, our village is now on the verge of acquiring this unique and landmarked water-view property for the local community's use. I have asked Trustee Kevin McGilloway to lead a community-based committee to develop conceptual plans for this property's future use.

Moreover, our quest for public water, as opposed to our current private corporate supplier, is continuing in full force. We are currently seeking to have municipal water with the assistance and guidance of a recent Feasibility Study which has been funded through the state. In addition, our desire for pub-

lic water has now been joined by the governor in his recent endorsement of our pleas for financial relief. Hopefully, the governor's proposed legislation, along with the recent bill passed by the state senate, will expedite our stated hope of receiving our water from a public authority and thus ridding ourselves of the exorbitant costs of this natural resource.

These and many more projects are on the horizon as we continue our tradition as a vibrant and vigorous village. We will continue to strive to make our community better each day, both from supporting our restaurants and retail stores to providing for our families and looking out for our neighbors. In securing each other's health and wellbeing, we continue to join together as a village for the betterment of all, and for that, as your mayor, I thank you.

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING DATES 2020-21

Days, times and locations subject to change

Please confirm on the village website

www.seacliff-ny.gov or call 516-671-0080

Monday	December	7	2020	Conference
Monday		14	2020	Meeting
Monday	January	4	2021	Conference
Monday		11	2021	Meeting
Monday	February	1	2021	Conference
Monday		8	2021	Meeting
Monday	March	1	2021	Conference
Monday		8	2021	Meeting
Monday	April	5	2021	2021 Organizational Meeting

Pat Guy Honored for 25 Years of Service to Sea Cliff



On October 27, Mayor Lieberman presented Pat Guy with a New York Conference of Mayors certificate honoring her twenty-five years of service to Sea Cliff. As Deputy Village Clerk, Pat answers the questions and concerns of residents, working alongside village officials to help make Sea Cliff a better place. "Pat's been one of the most dedicated in time and spirit to the people of our enchanting one-square-mile village," said Mayor Lieberman.

Photo by Caroline Winchester

A Herculean 2020 "Thank You" to SC DPW & Just Say No to "GoGo Juice"

by Bruce Kennedy, Village Administrator and Director of Public Works

Throughout the pandemic, essential workers have risked their health every day to make certain that the rest of us have what we need—medical attention, food, public safety and trash removal. Throughout the COVID-19 nightmare, while so much of the state was shut down and droves of residents were unable to go to work because of mandated closures, the Sea Cliff Department of Public Works never missed a beat. On a daily basis, parks were maintained, road work continued, streets were swept and our sanitation workers made their daily collections.

In fact, due to so many people being home, the quantity of garbage and recycling that were collected went up significantly. The fact is that most people do not even notice our sanitation workers until their garbage is not picked up.

I wanted to take this opportunity to publicly thank all our DPW workers for their steadfast commitment to their jobs and the welfare of our residents.

Annual Meeting of Sea Cliff

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Kennedy, Village Administrator, Director of Public Works, Village Assessor, Security Administrator, NYS-ROS; Elena Villafane, Deputy Mayor; Shane Dommin, Building Inspector.

Patricia Guy, Deputy Village Clerk, Deputy Court Clerk; Kathy Mackney, Court Clerk; Judith Phelps, Deputy Court Clerk, Deputy Treasurer; Sarah Beaudin, Building Department Coordinator; Jennifer Gerity, Secretary to the Zoning Board; Carl Rumatoski, Fire Prevention Officer, Plumbing Inspector, Dog Control Officer; Erinn McDonnell, Grant & Contracts Coordinator, Community Development and Sec. 8 Administrator; Karen Montagnese, Senior Outreach Worker; Tillman Brown, Parking Violations Officer, Dog Control Officer; Susan Katz Richman, Associate Village Justice; Robin Maynard, Associate Village Justice; John Giordano, Safety Coordinator.

Ray Rogers, Architectural Review Board (three years); Robert Kenney, Architectural Review Board; Paul Ander-

son, Architectural Review Board Chair; Bruce Treiber, Planning Board Chair; Vince Gimondo, Planning Board Alternate; Laurie Martone, Planning Board Alternate; Noel Griffin, Zoning Board of Appeals, Chair; James Mozer, Zoning Board of Appeals (2 years); James Versocki, Zoning Board of Appeals, (five years); Frank Dericco, Zoning Board Alternate; Grant Kletter, Zoning Board Alternate; Elaine Niece, Co-Historian.

Tree Commission: Ken Krumenacker, Pam Tobol, Sue Giordano.

Community Development Advisory Board: Annabel Delfin.

Landmark Preservation Committee: Robert Kenny (3 years).

Senior Action Committee: Jean Marie Staltzer; Barbara Monogue; Allison Camaradella.

Village Bulletin Committee: Elizabeth Winchester.

Examining Board of Plumbers: George Coyle (three years).

Library Board: Christine Abbenda-Hughes (five years).

Museum Board: Dan John-

replaced as needed.

However, leaking becomes an issue during periods of heavy rain and residential waste being placed in uncovered garbage bins. Thus, a significant amount of water accumulates in the bins and is transferred to the trucks. This results in the "squeezing out" of the excess water as the trucks compact the waste during normal collection activities. Even with these seals being in place, when there is excess water accumulation in the hopper of the truck, water will also overflow from the truck as it pulls off or when on a hill.

The sanitation workers have nicknamed this smelly garbage water as "gogo juice," and they do not like it any more than you do. If everybody does their part and properly prepares their garbage for collection, we can significantly reduce the amount of gogo juice that ends up in the roadways and further increase the quality of life in Sea Cliff.

son (3 years).

Environmental Conservation Commission: Peggy Friedman.

Safety Committee: Thomas Santosus, Gary Ketcham, John Giordano, Bruce Kennedy, Shane Dommin.

Mayor Lieberman thanked all the outgoing board and committee members:

Jack Pierce – Community Development Advisory Board;

John Staltzer – Environmental Conservation Committee;

Ted Kopczynski – Zoning Board of Appeals, Historian; Roseanne Greco – Library Board;

Alan Klein – Museum Board;

Ann Costagliola, Joyce Kaufmann, Genevieve Woods, Maureen Maddock, Tom Oswald and Tom Blackburn – Senior Action Committee;

Joyce Segall – Zoning Board Alternate;

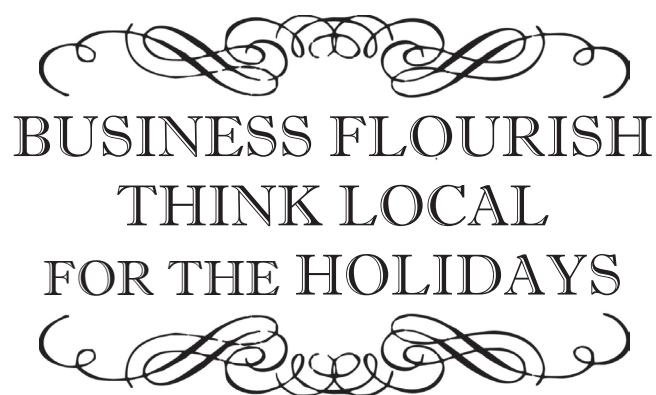
Russell Gorog, Renee Swanson, John Ribilotti and Janette Heurtley – Tree Commission.

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Change Is All Around Us

by the Sea Cliff Tree Committee

Change is all around us as we move from the warmer weather into the cold winter months. Fall foliage gave us the seasonal color palette that helped soothe the challenging restrictions of COVID-19. What is known as “biophilia” is why we seek connections to nature. How we interact with nature and each other has created new ways for us to look around our Village of Sea Cliff. The Tree Commission has a new look, too. Pam Tobol and Sue Giordano have joined chairperson Ken Krumenacker in volunteering their time and valuable expertise to help facilitate the Sea Cliff Tree Ordinance. The commission helps monitor tree removal and uses their extensive horticultural knowledge to provide education for residents about trees and their importance. Trees have a new look, too. The colorful leaves are gone, and the trees are resting. Exposed is a different kind of green. It is called ivy, and many trees in the village suffer from this invasive growth. Homeowners might want to address this issue. A plus during this season, nutrient-rich leaf matter makes a wonderful winter blanket for the roots of your tree.



E-Scooters Now Legal in New York

by Daniel Flanzig, Esq., Chairman of Village of Sea Cliff Traffic and Safety Committee

Although they have been around for years, recently they have become even more popular and accessible. Cities around the country have robust E-scooter share programs. New York City is now launching pilot programs to test the capacity of the city streets. What you might have not known is that until April of this past year, E-scooters were not considered legal in NY. That has now all changed.

What is an E-scooter? New York State defines an E-scooter as a device weighing less than one hundred pounds, has handlebars, a floorboard or a seat that can be stood or sat upon by the operator, and an electric motor, and it can be powered by the electric motor and/or human power. Its maximum speed must be no more than 20 m.p.h. on a paved level surface when powered solely by the electric motor.

What you need to know about this statute:

Want to give one to your son or daughter? This new law now makes it unlawful for any person less than sixteen years of age to

operate or ride as a passenger upon an electric scooter. The law also limits the maximum speed of the scooter to 15 m.p.h. You can't ride or park them on a sidewalk. Want to ride at night? The law now requires that all scooters operating one-half hour before sunrise and one-half hour after sunset be equipped with lights. The scooter is also required to have a bell or other device capable of giving an audible signal. If the rider is of the age of 16-17, it is unlawful to ride an electric scooter unless wearing a helmet.

Looking forward to leaving the car home and scooting to the bar? Be careful, the statute now prohibits the operation of electric scooters while intoxicated.

Who gets a summons? You might be asking yourself: what police officer is going to give a kid a ticket? Guess what: the kid doesn't get the ticket, you do. The statute allows a police officer to issue a summons for any violation of the section a person less than sixteen years of age to

the parent or guardian if the violation occurs in the presence of the parent.

What do they cost and where can I get one? The range of E-scooters can be from several hundred dollars to several thousand, depending upon the quality of build and power. Amazon is full of options, and they are also available at bike shops.

What is the benefit? Now that I bored you with all the law, here is the good part, they are fun! It is a great way to accompany your young child on a bike ride or a partner our for a run. If you decide to ride, be cautious of the village streets that are under construction, as stability over rough road cuts with the small tires of the scooter can be dangerous. Plan your route with this in mind. Be safe and enjoy the ride!

Good of the Village Association - Improving Sea Cliff Since 1898

by Elena Villafane, Esq., Village Trustee

The unofficial nickname of Sea Cliff is a “Village of Volunteers.” I have often wondered how Sea Cliff became a place where large numbers of residents so enthusiastically contribute their time and talent. As with many things, we need only to look to our roots to learn of a seminal volunteer group, first organized in 1898, known as the GOOD OF THE VILLAGE ASSOCIATION. Over the last one hundred and twenty years, an ever-changing group of women have labored under the banner of Good of the Village, known familiarly as GVA, on behalf of our village, and to a large extent served as the incubator for many of our other amazing volunteer organizations such as Sea Cliff Beautification Committee.

On April 13, 1898, twelve Sea Cliff ladies met at the home of Mrs. William Friday with the initial aim of improving the face of Sea Cliff. It is hard to imagine as we look at our amazing libraries and our beautiful parks today that in 1898, there was no library and the parks as we know them were little more than local dumping grounds. The Association By-Laws stated this association “... is formed to establish an association of citizens of the Village of Sea Cliff for the protection and promo-

tion of the public welfare of the citizens of said village, to take such means as may be necessary to beautify, keep clean and improve the appearance of said village; to acquire by purchase or gift a suitable site for the erection of a building to be used for a library, reading rooms and hall for entertainments ...; to strive for the improvement of the streets, roads, waterfront and other public works; to urge and secure beneficial improvements of every nature in anywise tending to increase the desirability of said village as a place of residence.” Looking back, this statement of purpose sets forth amazingly lofty goals, which, through hard work and consistent fundraising, have been attained and exceeded.

GVA initially focused on the parks throughout the village, and in 1899, started with the cleanup and enhancement of Pirie Park. The park was initially leased to GVA for 99 years at \$1.00 per year by the Pirie family. After that park was cleaned up, a subscription drive funded the purchase and installation of a fountain at the cost of \$125.00. Attention was also given to Central Park, Plaza Park, Pinnacle Park, Clifton and Roslyn Park. Beautification was achieved through cleaning, establishment

of lawns, planting of trees and flowers and the addition of settees (benches) and playgrounds for children at Clifton and Roslyn Parks. Fundraising was ever on-going to provide for the care and maintenance of the parks as these costs were too much of a financial strain on the village budget at that time.

While the list of accomplishments of GVA could fill this entire bulletin and more, two notable achievements warrant specific mention. In the early part of the 20th century, GVA was instrumental in the planting of trees along Sea Cliff Avenue, in the parks, and eventually, along Shore Road. Working in concert with the Sea Cliff Garden Club, under the guidance of the noted horticulturist, J.J. Levison, a Sea Cliff resident, the allée of plane trees was planted as a graceful entrance to Sea Cliff. GVA is also responsible for a large fir tree in Pirie Park, which for many years was decorated at Christmas time, and the tree on the Village Green which was presented to the village in 1974 as a permanent Christmas tree.

In addition to the stated goal of beautification, GVA's other stated goal was the establishment of a library. In order to effectively fundraise for this large

undertaking, GVA was officially incorporated as a not-for-profit corporation in 1908. Fundraising was undertaken in earnest, with an initial goal of raising \$2,000 to purchase a vacant plot on Sea Cliff Avenue. Mrs. Samuel Stenson stepped forward and offered to purchase the land and erect a library in memory of her husband, Samuel Stenson, with a gift of \$20,000.00. Today, Stenson Library is the home of the Children's Library. GVA continued its fundraising efforts in order to furnish and equip the new library. GVA continues to be a stalwart supporter of both the Children's and Adult Libraries.

GVA has also served as the launching pad for many of our amazing volunteer groups. The Library Board, Sea Cliff Beautification Committee, Friends of Sea Cliff Library, Friends of Sea Cliff Beach, among others, all have grown out of the initial mission of GVA. Each of these organizations has gone on to be a powerful force in the village through fundraising and donations to the betterment of the village.

Recently, there have been lawn signs placed around Sea Cliff stating “Tiny but Mighty.” This could be the motto of GVA. The membership of GVA is limited

by its organizational documents to twenty-five members. This small group of dedicated volunteers meets eight times a year and decides where their efforts and their voice will be directed. The importance of their voice cannot be understated. When GVA lends it support to a cause or a project, it is a major step towards success. Over the last ten years, under able the leadership of President Sheila Wenger, GVA continues to actively fundraise. Recent donations include the railing along Ravine Path and the pergola along Cliff Way. In writing this article, I was extremely fortunate to have access to a draft of a booklet entitled “The History of the G.V.A.” written and researched by Martha Reiser in 1998, the centennial year of the formation of GVA. It is an inspiring story of how, when people come together with a common goal, amazing things can be achieved. So, when you see a flag hanging along the light poles on Sea Cliff Avenue, play ball with your child in one of our seventeen parks or enjoy all the services our libraries have to offer, remember to thank Good of the Village.

Sea Cliff Firehouse Recognized by LI Chapter of AIA

Congratulations to Sea Cliff Village & Fire Department, which, together with Architectural Preservation Studio, DPC, was recognized by the Long Island Chapter of the American Institute of Architects with a 56th Annual 2020 ARCHI Award: Historic Restoration/Adaptive Re-Use category for the Sea Cliff Firehouse Exterior Restoration. For details on this special recognition, please go to aialongisland.com.

Safe and Strong Together

by Karen Montagnese, Sea Cliff Senior Outreach

During the COVID-19 pandemic, I remain available to you remotely and in person by appointment. As always, I continue to be a portal for information, resources and referrals. Over the past few months, a lot of our habits, routines and needs have shifted. We are all more isolated, practicing social distancing and mitigation protocols. While this seems to be the new normal, we still need to stay connected. I can help you get safe access to nutritious food, basic supplies and medicine. In addition, I can help you develop a plan for safe social engagement, all with the intention of boosting your health and wellness.

We are very lucky to be a “Village of Volunteers.” Their

work has expanded since the COVID-19 onset and they have truly been invaluable. I salute these groups and individuals with much gratitude. To bolster our local resources, the county also has programs in place to serve our senior community. I am happy to help you navigate these volunteer and not-for-profit systems in any way I can. Building a network of support can go a long way to ensure good health and combat the inherent loneliness of social isolation. Together we will get through these current challenges. For more information, call me at 516-232-7314, or email to kmontagnese@seacliff-ny.gov

Helping From Home

by Will Winchester

When in March came COVID-19 closures, organizers of the Porch Pantry, Kimberly Conte Velentzas, Kit Raper, and Kirsten McElroy Kenney, knew they had to do something to help. “These are not faceless families,” Velentzas told me in a recent interview, referring to those they have helped, “These are our friends and neighbors—these are the same kids that are sitting in class with our children.” So in March, the triumvirate started accepting donations of food on Velentzas’s porch. Within months, they had helped over 300 families.

The Porch Pantry, which is a registered nonprofit organization, accepts tax-deductible donations. Although the Porch Pantry started small—centered on Velentzas’s porch—it has quickly become a lifeline for many local families struggling because of the pandemic. To donate, residents can visit www.theporchpantry.com. However, there are other ways to support the project: for Thanksgiving,

volunteers sponsored local families, which entailed shopping for and delivering a Thanksgiving meal. Volunteers are always needed to deliver food.

The Porch Pantry was born out of necessity. According to Velentzas, she, Raper, and Kenney were working to ensure that students and families relying on Glen Cove Middle School’s food pantry continued to receive the food they needed. Today, the Porch Pantry has become a critical lifeline for so many during these difficult times.

“We live in a special place,” Velentzas told me, “and I think we’re very lucky for that.” Throughout the pandemic, Sea Cliff and Glen Cove residents have come together to help each other. Without the support of either of these two communities, said Velentzas, the Porch Pantry—and countless other organizations—would not have been able to help nearly as many people as they did.

Mutual Concerns Committee

by Peggie Como, President, MCC

Mutual Concerns has given out more food than usual since the pandemic. Fortunately, our community has given very generously as our needs have grown. Many individuals have contacted me offering help with shopping, delivering food to residents and even organizing fundraisers. Other charitable organizations have donated food, handmade masks and hand sanitizer. Thanks to the outpouring of support from this community,

we can give to those in need.

Chef Harry organized the Festival of Trees and Wreaths, which was held on November 28th. Local artists and residents donated their decorated trees and wreaths which were purchased by auction. Last year, as part of the Holiday House Tour, it was a silent ticket auction. This year, it was done on Facebook, remotely.

I have been overwhelmed by the number of middle school

and high school students that have contacted me, offering to volunteer in the pantry. Other residents have asked me how they can help. I always recommend that calling and staying in contact with senior neighbors and those who suffer from depression or anxiety is a great way to give back. It helps to reinforce community ties and it reminds us that we’re all working toward a common goal.

Le Masquerade - Mutual Concerns’ Drive-By Zoom Ball!



In place of the annual Holiday House Tour, which was cancelled this year due to the pandemic, we tried to get a little creative with a new fundraising event. We are holding Le Masquerade Drive-By Zoom Ball on Saturday, December 5, 2020.

Here’s how it works:

Prior to December 5th, you will purchase your mask, which is a plastic face shield, from Sherlock Homes Realty, 305 Sea Cliff Ave., Sea Cliff. Then you will decorate the mask...let your creativity go wild!

On Saturday, December 5th, between 3-5 p.m., you will drive to the Garden of Bacon (214 Glen Cove Ave, Sea Cliff). Here you will have your photo taken in your decorated mask, which will appear later on Facebook, and you will pick up your bento box of tapas and a libation created by Chef Harry Schwartz (vegetarian option is offered also). After you drive home, you will join everyone via a Zoom toast and mask reveal at 7 p.m.

The price of each ticket, which includes the mask, bento box and libation, is \$40. All proceeds from this event will go to the Mutual Concerns Committee so we can help those in need. This event promises to be lots of fun. We’re looking forward to seeing you on December 5th!



Sea Cliff Museum Update

by Courtney Chambers, Museum Director

The Sea Cliff Village Museum will remain closed through the winter while work continues behind the scenes as we organize and catalog the collection. We are in the process of acquiring computer software to bring our collections management system into the 21st century. We hope to reopen our doors in the spring with a long-delayed art exhibition.

Although we’re closed to visitors, the Sea Cliff Village Museum is still collecting artifacts, documents, photographs, signage, and other memorabilia from the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic. Please consider sharing your items with the Sea Cliff Village Museum’s archive to help us document this moment in our village’s history. If interested in donating, please email us at museum@seacliff-ny.gov.

The museum is grateful for the recent donation from the family of Richard and Marjorie Manuel, former longtime Sea Cliff residents. Richard Manuel was born in 1927, the first baby born in the new wing of Glen Cove Community Hospital, according to family legend. His parents, Charles and Emma,

resided at 125 Glen Avenue; Charles Manuel later became the Sea Cliff postmaster. Dick graduated from Sea Cliff High School in 1945. He left Sea Cliff for a stint in the Merchant Marines, followed by military service, and later a career with Colgate Palmolive. Following retirement in 1974, he moved to Shelter Island, NY, for several decades before moving to Bainbridge Island, Washington. He died in 2005. This donation will help us fulfill our mission of preserving and showcasing artifacts, documents, photographs,

and costumes relating to the unique historical background of our village.

The museum and its board of trustees are also grateful to our anonymous benefactor who donated funds to renovate the museum’s bathroom. NC Home Improvement and O’Keefe Plumbing and Heating were able to complete the work before the museum closed in March. We are looking forward to welcoming visitors to the museum (and our newly renovated bathroom) this spring.



This photo was recently donated to the museum by the Estate of Elsie Hendrickson Becker. Who can guess when and where it was taken? For more Sea Cliff winter scenes, check out the Sea Cliff Village Museum Facebook page: www.facebook.com/seacliffmuseum/

The Sea Cliff Gardener

by Donna Kianka, Winter's Edge Micro Farm

We are now embarking on our winter journey and a time of contemplation. This is the perfect time to plan our spring gardens and take comfort in bright colorful garden catalogues. As I write this in a very COVID October, I am uncertain of what flower shows or programs will await us in spring, but keep a diligent watch for any opportunities. There is ample opportunity to create our own sanctuaries where we live. Sea Cliff is a deeply beautiful community and a village well worth walking or driving through during the late fall and winter for garden inspirations. My favorite time to drive is at dusk while the earth is held between the world of the light and dark.

The winter is the best time to visit your gardens and consider what plants grow where and perhaps redesign and plan for your spring garden. It is important to begin this process now as the spring moves swiftly and carries us quickly into the business of summer. Years ago, I created a catalogue of plants on my property and while some are now gone, I have enjoyed revisiting

gardens past. I also have photos throughout time of my gardens which offer a venue for reflection. Keep records of your gardens and property and you will appreciate these documents as time passes. The "A Gardener's Journal: a 10-Year Chronicle of Your Garden," by Robert R. Lunan, is a comprehensive book which accommodates extensive recordkeeping. Lee Valley Tools Ltd. publishes this book and their website is www.leevalley.com. This company offers everything from gardening to woodworking tools and has a website worth sitting down to on a snowy day with a cup of hot chocolate. In planning your garden, Hudson Valley Seed Co. (<https://hudsonvalleyseed.com/>) and Fruition (<https://www.fruitionseeds.com/>) are certainly worth a perusal. Both sites offer not only seeds but gardening education. Sign up for emails and tutorial announcements. There are classes at <https://www.udemy.com/topic/garden-design/> which offer garden design, herbalism, butterfly gardens and more. While the snow is falling and you are still sipping your

hot chocolate search key words: organic seeds, free garden classes online and continue to open a whole new world of information. An interesting magazine is the Herb Quarterly, which offers attractive illustrations and information on herbs.

A productive winter task is planning your gardens on paper. Find some graph paper or plain white bond and begin to transfer the measurements from your property survey (given to you when you closed on your house). Add to the basic land dimensions the buildings which would include your house, and any other structures. At this point make copies of your garden map so you do not need to replicate in the future. Then measure the gardens and transfer that information onto your working map. Create a key for what plants you already have and of course, add the trees. Then add your planned future gardens and for that you may wish to use a dashed line. Design and create your own gardens in your own personal sanctuary. This is your home and should reflect you.

CASA in the Community

by Elizabeth Winchester

Parents, when your children have problems, do you give them the opportunity to cope on their own, or do you quickly rescue them? Do you validate their feelings or do you tell them not to feel a certain way? Clinical psychologist Dr. Jolie Silva explored these questions and more at the North Shore Coalition Against Substance Abuse (NS-CASA) event on October 23. The first "CASA Coffee" of the school year, the discussion focused on recognizing emotional distress in children and how best to help.

"You can have symptoms of mental health disorder, but not show signs to people around you," Silva shared to the thirty parents and educators who attended in person under La Spezia's tent or online via Zoom. "It's important to recognize if your child [is showing more signs] than kids his age and to reach out to a mental health professional for feedback." For middle and high school kids, Silva identified isolation, irritability, sleep disorders, experiential avoidance and substance abuse as signs of distress. Silva defined experiential avoidance as deliberately not doing something that makes one uncomfortable. "It's OK to be feeling nervous or anxious," Silva explained, "but we want those feelings to be able to be tolerated." The running from the experience, Silva continued, leads to problems and underlies all depression and anxiety.

Silva also stressed the need to give kids and teens the opportunity to solve problems and cope on their own. "Stop saving them," she advised. Continuing to do so, she warned, prevents kids and teens from developing the tools they need to problem

solve on their own. Validating feelings, on the other hand, by telling kids it's OK to feel what they're feeling even if you don't agree, is important. Collaborative problem solving, by talking about an issue that a child is having when the child is in a good mood and the issue is not happening, is important too.

The week after, NS-CASA quickly shifted gears to focus on Red Ribbon Week in all the district schools with activities to raise awareness of drug prevention and how to live life well. The annual campaign included a virtual parent presentation on current drug trends by licensed social worker and substance prevention counselor David Hymowitz. During the week, students in grades 6-12 were shown videos from the NaturalHigh.org website featuring athletes, musicians and other leaders who have chosen a substance-free lifestyle. The videos are posted on the NS-CASA Facebook page. The organization encourages parents to ask their teen or tween what they thought of those videos and start a conversation about substance use.

"NS-CASA has been working hard to stay connected with our community during the pandemic, so we were thrilled to provide a hybrid version of our CASA Coffee to meet the needs of all families," said NS-CASA president Alison Camardella. "We look forward to our next coffee, which will be on the topic of binge drinking, a significant problem with our North Shore youth." For information about upcoming NS-CASA events and how to get involved, visit nscasa.org or contact Camardella at camardella@optonline.net.

New York State's Plastic Bag Ban is Back

by Eric Swenson, Executive Director, Hempstead Harbor Protection Committee

You may recall that New York State banned most single-use plastic bags beginning this spring, but it seems like nothing has changed. That is in part due to a lawsuit against the state and in part due to the COVID-19 pandemic. However, as of October 19th, the law has been back in effect and New York State will be enforcing it.

Typically, over twenty-three billion plastic bags are used each year in the state. They pose harm to wildlife, litter our neighborhoods, and clog storm drains.

Under the New York State Bag Waste Reduction Law, any retailer that is required to collect sales tax is prohibited from distributing any plastic carryout bags to its customers unless such bags fall into an exempt category. The law applies to more than just grocery stores. Make sure to bring your own bags when you go clothes shopping, or to a home improvement store.

Shoppers can bring any type of bag. Ideally, a bag should be washable and designed for multiple uses, such as one made from cloth. You might consider purchasing a large insulated grocery bag. These will keep your refrigerated items cold and can replace as many as three reusable bags.

To reduce the spread of germs, separate meat, fish or poultry, fresh produce and ready-to-eat foods in separate bags. Dedicate one bag for meat, fish or poultry, another for fresh fruits and vegetables, and another for ready-to-eat foods.

Wash reusable grocery bags often. Reusable bags made of cloth or other machine washable fabric should be washed in a washing machine using laundry detergent and dried in the dryer or air-dried. Before storing, be sure reusable bags are completely dry. Reusable bags are best stored in a cool, dry place when possible.

Note also that stores covered under the NYS Plastic Bag Reduction, Reuse and Recycling Act are still required to collect plastic bags and other film plastics from consumers for re-

cycling. (Film plastics include items such as bread bags and plastic wraps that come over cases of water, paper towels and other similar items). As a consumer, you can help by continuing to recycle these items at participating retailers.

Some bags are exempt under the law, so plastic bags may still be distributed to consumers in a few specific circumstances, such as a bag used by a pharmacy to carry prescription drugs, and produce bags for bulk items such as fruits and vegetables. But as a consumer, you can aid in protecting our environment by using reusable bags as much as possible. Small mesh bags with drawstrings can be used for fruits and vegetables and can be stored in the refrigerator in them.



Coalition to Save Hempstead Harbor Celebrating 35 Years of Serving The Community

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COMMUNITY

Imagine the year is 1986, when Hempstead Harbor was ringed with toxic waste sites. An old mass-burn incinerator poisoned the air while another was slated for construction, and failing sewage treatment plants further degraded water quality. This was the scene that prompted the founding of the Coalition to Save Hempstead Harbor. CSHH is proud

to be celebrating our 35th year of serving the community. Keep an eye out for our end of the year mailing and see what CSHH is doing around Hempstead Harbor. All donations until December 31 will be MATCHED (up to \$15,000) by the Galvan Foundation.

Meals with Mike: Garden of Bacon

by Mikey Winchester

Are you a believer? I am too, and I believe you will love the Garden of Bacon, which was scheduled to open in November. You may be thinking, why should I listen to a ten-year-old about food? Well, why not? I think you will love the Garden of Bacon because every item on the menu and everything they cook for you sends you to Flavor Town. The menu includes crowd pleasers like thick slices of bacon with Bombay spice, sesame teriyaki and Buffalo sauce. I loved the crunch and flavor that the sesame teriyaki bacon brings to the table. Other items are brussels sprouts with bacon, keto chips, wings, peanut butter with bacon, cream cheese with bacon, and blue cheese with bacon. There are even special bacon treats for your pups. I know I will love all their food, because who doesn't love bacon?

If you follow the keto or Greek diet you probably can eat their bacon. "This bacon is very high protein and virtually zero carbohydrates," the owner, Sea Cliff resident Harry Schwartz said. "There are many people

who believe that when bacon is uncured it is healthy."

Harry Schwartz has written over 2,000 recipes and five books, and has had multiple restaurants in the past. He's cooked all over the world. This restaurant, Schwartz explained, will be more like a showroom. "We're making the bacon for restaurants and television sales but the retail end is that everyone loves bacon and I'm a chef

that can't stop [cooking]." You can order out and they will bring the order to your car.

The Garden of Bacon is located at 214 Glen Cove Avenue. "Sea Cliff is a super supportive place and the people seem to be very excited about this," said Schwartz. So, what are you waiting for? Check it out!



Mikey with the owner of Garden of Bacon, Chef Harry.

Heads of the Class

by Elizabeth Winchester

Let's give a big salute to Sea Cliff residents and North Shore High School seniors Sophie Blumenthal and Kate Weseley-Jones. Sophie is the valedictorian and Kate the salutatorian of the NSHS Class of 2021. The valedictorian has the highest weighted grade point average and the salutatorian the second highest.

In addition to their top performances in the school's most challenging classes, both women excel outside of the classroom, in school extracurricular activities and beyond. In 2018, Sophie founded Move the Future, which is a progressive student-powered organization that helps Democratic congressional campaigns "transform young political energy into informed effective action" by starting and organizing student internship programs. Kate, who has been involved in researching shelter dogs since eighth grade, wrote a paper that will be published in December in the journal Society & Animals. Kate has had additional work published elsewhere.

"Sea Cliff has always taught us to be more collaborative than

competitive," said Sophie, who has much respect for Kate, one of her first friends upon moving to Sea Cliff in fourth grade. The feeling is mutual. "I feel incredibly lucky when I have a class with Sophie because she always says such interesting things," added Kate.

Sophie credits her Sea Cliff School fourth grade teacher Ms. Schleifman for being the highlight of her educational experiences so far. Through her "expert Friday" activity, Ms. Schleifman "convinced me that my ideas were worth hearing,"

Sophie recalled, "and I've loved public speaking ever since." Kate's highlight was learning that her current paper had been accepted for publication after going through many revisions. "The process took months and I learned so much," she said.

Both successful Sea Cliffians offer the same advice to students: find something you are passionate about and pursue it. "If you find that one thing," said Sophie, "you can really make something of yourself."



Kate (left) and Sophie at Sea Cliff School, where their North Shore School District journeys began.

SHOP SEA CLIFF

Sea Cliff Arts Council

Kick off the holiday shopping season with shops in Sea Cliff, Sunday, December 6th, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Shops all around town will be hosting special events and sales. All the Sea Cliff businesses and restaurants appreciate your support year-round and especially during the holiday season. They love being part of this community and can't do it without you.

If you can't make it in person, find your favorite shops online.

Proceeds of sales will go to Mutual Concerns, which helps families in need in the North Shore School District.

Sea Cliff Arts Council has been missing hosting shows around town. We are inviting artists young and old to post photos of your creations, such as dance, music, poetry, art, and performances, on our Facebook page: Sea Cliff Arts Council. We are hoping to fill the page for a "Virtual" Art Show. In addition, we would love for you to send videos or images to seacliffartscouncil@gmail.com for future opportunities. We are hoping to have art shows again this spring, maybe even if it's just in shop windows for now. Cove City Arts of Glen Cove is planning a show that will bring new artists and professional artists together to collaborate and learn from each other. Date and time to be decided. If you'd like to participate, please email us with your contact information and images of art or your website and someone will be in touch soon! Thanks so much for helping us keep the arts alive in Sea Cliff.

Sea Cliff Holiday Lighting Event 2020

The Sea Cliff Glen Head Lions Club is proud to sponsor the Sea Cliff Holiday Lighting 2020 video. The holiday video is slated to premier on Sunday, December 6th, at 5 p.m. The video will include the seasonal cheer, inspiration and fun we all have come to expect of the holiday lighting. You can enjoy the video from the comfort of home. We wish everyone a joyous and healthy holiday season.

Methodist Christmas Services

Please join us for Christmas Candlelight Services
December 24, 5 p.m. and 9 p.m.,
United Methodist Church of Sea Cliff
Carpenter and Downing Avenues

Reservations appreciated!
Please call the church at 516-671-0392,
or email umcofsc@verizon.net
and let us know which service you will attend.
Masks are required.

The Library in Winter

by Camille Purcell, Library Director

“Perhaps no place in any community is so totally democratic as the town library. The only entrance requirement is interest.” — Lady Bird Johnson

I have always loved this quote and it is so fitting to this library because we pride ourselves on being welcoming to all who enter our doors. The conditions under which we operate may have changed, but the library’s determination to offer our patrons a pleasant encounter remains the same. We have seen some remarkable changes over the past year and while hopeful for a better 2021, the library will be here to offer

patrons a sense of normalcy in these changing times. Our hours of in-person service may have been curtailed, but the library extends beyond its walls by offering patrons a vibrant digital experience. Many patrons have taken advantage of our eBook collection, and our downloadable music and video streaming content. Students can enhance their research by availing themselves of our online educational resources. All these are waiting for our patrons to explore and use 24/7.

We are very happy to be the recipients of a grant from Senator Gaughran’s office. With this

grant, the library will build upon our improvements to the interior of the main library and truly make it a place of pride for the community to enjoy.

We encourage residents to check our website, www.sea-clifflibrary.org, for updates and programming information. The library also has a presence on Twitter and Instagram.

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



Thirty-five literary enthusiasts gathered virtually for a Halloween celebration of Shirley Jackson— famed writer of psychological horror tales. Organized by Dan DiPietro, this event had sixteen actors reading three of Jackson’s tales including her iconic “The Lottery.”

Sea Cliff Library Events

Sundays with Shakespeare: For five Sundays in late October and November, a group of interested folks gathered virtually to discuss Shakespeare’s King Lear. Reading the play line by line, they analyzed its themes and historical significance for two hours each week.

Short Stories at Noon: Since the pandemic began, book club members have met weekly (virtually) to discuss one short story. Many of the seven members had been meeting monthly in the Children’s Library (some for as long as 25 years) to discuss full length works, but with the pandemic there was general agreement that meeting weekly with shorter pieces was very rewarding.

Sea Cliff Children’s Library

by Ann DiPietro, Children’s Library Coordinator

Each week, the Children’s Library hosts nine StoryHours on its front lawn, plus holiday specials. These are strictly limited to five families, distanced eight feet apart. Each StoryHour has stories, circle time, and a parade through our beautiful Secret Garden. Because of pandemic restrictions, space is very limited. Hundreds of books are dis-

tributed to families using curbside pickups—bags of books are made up for children according to their interests. For information about both book bags and StoryHours, email us at scchildrenslibrary@gmail.com.

Crafts by Ms. Sue offer a weekly craft in a bag. Call 516-801-3402 to reserve a bag. Limited to the first twelve families

registered each week.

Every day, 7 days a week, StoryTime in Sea Cliff presents a new story, music, and some warm interaction for children and adults. Check Facebook, Instagram and YouTube, where all 250 plus sessions can be found.

Beach StoryTime will be on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. starting June 24.



Mayor Ed Lieberman presents official village masks to Library Director Camille Purcell and Ann DiPietro.

Photo by Dan DiPietro



Sea Cliff School’s Second Graders learn about Sea Cliff’s history from Mayor Ed Lieberman on their visit to the Children’s Library.

Photo by Dan DiPietro

Sea Cliff Civic Association

by Ann DiPietro

While all our activities have gone virtual, The Sea Cliff Civic Association has maintained a strong presence in the village. Our first ever Halloween House Contest was a great success, with over 500 people viewing Dan DiPietro’s MONSTER MASH: a video journey around Sea Cliff, featuring over eighty houses. The contest was the brainchild of Petrice Kaider—source of many great ideas for SCCA. Christine Abbenda-Hughes shepherded the event and



Winner of the Sea Cliff Civic Association’s First Annual Halloween House Contest.

Photo by Dan DiPietro

three houses were chosen as prize winners, but in actuality every decorated house in Sea Cliff was prizeworthy and the true winners were the citizenry of Sea Cliff that got to marvel and enjoy all these amazing houses. Every year, SCCA hosts a Newcomers Welcoming Party and this year was no different—well, yes of course it was! Our thirty newcomer families sent in photos and videos of themselves and their children, interspersed with a photo/video montage of SCCA events from past years. Gift bags were left for the newcomers to claim over the YouTube premiere weekend. Go to YouTube channel Sea Cliff Civic Association to enjoy this video that was prepared by Dan DiPietro.



StoryTime at the Children’s Library continues to meet.

Photo by Dan DiPietro



Halloween StoryTime at the Childrens Library.

Photo by Dan DiPietro

Village of Sea Cliff Board and Commission Meeting Procedures During Current and Ongoing Public Health Crisis

Due to public health and safety concerns related to COVID-19, and pursuant to the Governor's Executive Orders, meetings of the various village boards may not take place in person. As available, meetings and public hearings will take place via teleconferencing and video-conferencing through Zoom or similar teleconference or video conference program.

The procedure and format for meetings will be provided on the village website at www.seacliff-ny.gov. Meeting dates listed in the Bulletin are subject to change.

Please check the village website at www.seacliff-ny.gov or contact Village Hall by phone at 516-671-0080, to find out confirmed meeting dates as well as meeting format and procedure.

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

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

Recycling & Garbage Holiday Schedules 2020

Holiday	Date Observed	Change in Schedule
Christmas	Friday 12/25/2020	No Garbage Pickup
New Year's Day 2021	Friday 1/1/2021	No Garbage Pickup

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 Only	Thursday 7 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.
Yard Waste, Garbage, E-Waste, C&D and Recycling	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 (C&D) 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 AND SCROLL DOWN TO "CODE RED NOTIFICATIONS" TO
SIGN UP FOR COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS RELATED TO GARBAGE PICKUP**

**To comment or to contribute to the Village Bulletin email
scvillagebulletin@gmail.com**

**The Sea Cliff Village Bulletin is available online at
www.seacliff-ny.gov**

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

Village of Sea Cliff Justice Court

All Courts Dates are **WEDNESDAYS**

7:30 P.M. - Village Hall **DOWNSTAIRS**

	Arraignment	Conference
December 2020	9th only	
2021		
January	6th	27th
February	10th	24th
March	10th	24th
April	7th	28th
May	12th	26th
June	9th	23rd
July	14th only	
August	11th only	
September	1st	22nd
October	6th	13th
November	3rd	10th
December	8th only	

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

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*
Hotline: 631-979-1700

*Nassau Alliance For Addiction
Services (NAFAS)*
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



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