

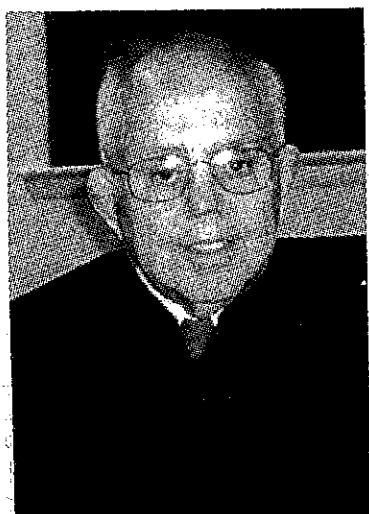


MARCH

# VILLAGE BULLETIN

2010

## Trustees and Judgeship up for Election



**John P. Reali**  
Village Justice  
Civic Progress Committee

I have been a resident of the Village of Sea Cliff since 1976. In 1980 I was elected a village trustee and was re-elected for four more terms, serving a total of ten years. In 1990 I was elected Sea Cliff Village Justice, the position I now hold and for which I am seeking re-election.

I am a member of the New York State Bar Association, a former director of the Nassau County Bar Association, and a past president of both the Nassau County Magistrates' Association and the Columbian Lawyers of Nassau County. I was a director of the Nassau-Suffolk Law Services Committee for twelve years. In 1994 I received the President's Pro Bono Award for Long Island from the New York State Bar Association. I served in the United States Marine Corps Reserve for six years and am a member of the James Brenzel Post of the American Legion. I am a past Grand Knight of the James Norton Council of the Knights of Columbus and am a member of the North Shore Kiwanis. I am a member of the Sea Cliff Civic Association and a recipient of their White Cap Award.

Village courts are known as "the courts closest to the people"

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**Peter Hayes**  
Candidate for Trustee  
Civic Progress Committee

My wife Deirdre and I have been residents of Sea Cliff since 1993, when we moved from Fresh Meadows, Queens. Our two children, Matthew and Kara, attended the North Shore schools before heading off to college. My first active participation in various Sea Cliff organizations came from coaching my children in softball and basketball. Later I became involved with an effort to develop semi-assisted senior housing in Sea Cliff. That led to becoming a member of the Civic Progress Committee.

I was elected to two terms as a Village trustee and served from 2004 to 2008. At the end of those four years I found it was necessary to devote more time to my career. As a result I realized I would not be able to dedicate the time necessary to perform the duties of a village trustee and I chose not to run for re-election. Now my career situation has changed, and I find that I can once again offer my services to the residents and government of Sea Cliff.

The qualifications I bring to the office of trustee are the skills I developed during my previous experience on the Village board and during my long tenure in the world of

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**Joe Krupinski**  
Candidate for Trustee  
Village Green Party

The independent candidate in this three-way race for village trustee is Joe Krupinski, who has been involved in Sea Cliff politics since 1979. He helped to bring back contested elections to voters for the first time in 13 years by forming the Sound View Party.

For this and many other activities over the years, he was awarded the esteemed White Cap Award, the Sea Cliff Civic Association's highest honor to citizens who perform both public and private services. He was nominated for the award by the late postmaster Margaret DeRancy, who also started Joe on a 25-year "career" as Sea Cliff's Santa Claus in an annual visit to the post office.

In this year's March 16 election, Joe again will be giving citizens a choice in the voting booth, an alternative to the entrenched Civic Progress Party. That party has put up unopposed trustee candidates for the past couple of years and would have been able to do it again, if not for Krupinski's candidacy. Joe ran for mayor in 2009 to help create another three-way campaign.

Both incumbents from Civic Progress are stepping down after a single two-year term.

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**Tom Powell**  
Candidate for Trustee  
Civic Progress Committee

My wife Ines and I came to Sea Cliff the year we were married. It was 1972, and we moved into a third-floor apartment on Sea Cliff Avenue. Even though

I was only 22 years old at the time, I would not have been surprised if someone had predicted that I would still be living here in 2010.

Ines and I are now in our second Sea Cliff house. Each neighborhood we've lived in has had its own particular character, yet all of them have seemed connected to each other. I loved this village from the start, certainly the look and feel of it, but more importantly the remarkably engaged community that thrives here. Our two children were born while we lived here, and both of them went through the Sea Cliff and North Shore Schools. They were active in sports growing up, and I spent many hours in the local parks coaching their various teams.

I first became involved in volunteer committee work in the 1980's when I was appointed to the Beach Committee; after that

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## From the Mayor's Desk

Where does the time go? This time last year I was in this paper as the underdog candidate for Mayor so I know how the Superbowl Champion Saints feel. Although the Saints now get to party for a few months, I had to get straight to work.

It has been a great year and I am truly enjoying serving the residents of Sea Cliff. I have a new appreciation of all our dedicated staff and the service of all past Mayors and Trustees. We have had several personnel changes which have worked out very well. Two members of the Department of Public Works, Joe Arena and Bill Lanier, retired this year and I thank them for their years of service to our community.

The Board and I made our financial condition a priority and have managed to maintain top levels of service while controlling spending. Even though we did not increase taxes this past year, our fund balance is up. This is the direct result of streamlining and finding savings through new efficiencies. Our recycling and waste disposal efforts have been very successful, resulting in much lowered costs. Standard & Poor's did not miss our significant progress and have assigned Sea Cliff with an "AA+" rating.

Potential development within the Village is still a major concern of the Board and residents alike. We are in possession of the Draft Village of Sea Cliff Buildout Analysis as prepared by Cashin Associates. After careful review and another meeting, I expect that the Board will approve the study and present it to the public. From there, I intend to take appropriate actions to ensure the preservation of the character of our community. A huge concern of mine and most residents a year ago was the future of the North Shore Country Club. Since then, the club was purchased by Donald Zucker

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### Sea Cliff Civic Association Presents MEET THE CANDIDATES NIGHT

Thursday, March 4 • 8 p.m. • Village Hall

Trustee Candidates Peter Hayes, Joe Krupinski, and Tom Powell  
and Village Justice Candidate John Reali

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## Improvements to Sea Cliff Beach Pavilion Presented to Residents

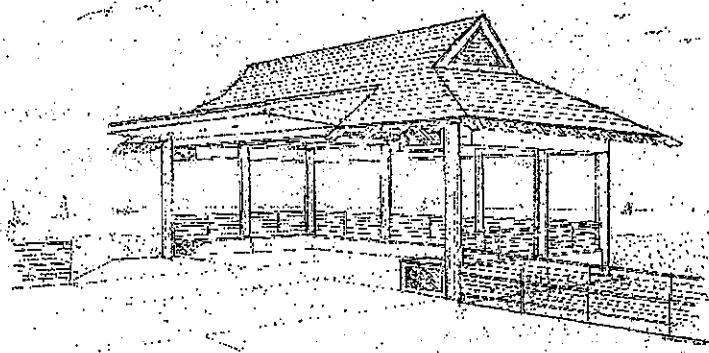
by Carol Griffin

On February 1 at Village Hall, Architect Wayne Ehmann presented the proposed improvements to the Sea Cliff Beach Pavilion. With beach membership up 40% last summer, and money in the bank earmarked for the improvements, the Trustees decided it was a good time to improve the facilities. A full house of residents attended the meeting and gave input about the project.

The proposed plan is to increase the deck by 30% adding a 16-foot covered deck toward the parking lot, squaring off and doubling the size of the kitchen, installing new equipment and storage space and building a gazebo on the Northwest corner of the deck. Ehmann designed the present pavilion in the 1980's. He has been working with Mayor Bruce Kennedy to add a compatible wood structure to better accommodate musical groups, the visual arts community, and provide a place to hold performing arts events, such as plays and puppet shows. The gazebo will be 618 square feet and 16 1/2 feet high at its peak. There will be three steps off the gazebo down to the beach. The additional covered deck would provide more space for people to sit during performances. Beyond the deck would still be 80 feet of sand to the parking lot for sports activities. Existing lighting will be retained with additional lighting installed for the new deck.

The cost of the project is estimated to be \$200,000 with the funding coming from Nassau County Community Revitalization funds through Legislator Diane Yatauro, Town of Oyster Bay beach improvement funds through Supervisor, John Venditto, and Village funds allocated for beach improvements from past budgets. Funds are also available from the Helen and Harold Gottlieb Foundation. The Gottliebs were long-time Sea Cliff residents who wanted to maintain and improve the Village's waterfront area. Other funds are coming from the Patio Daddy-O Foundation created by Patio Daddy-O, a local group of artists, which includes Jerry Simpson, Nino Luciano, Frank D'Errico, Marianne Kenny, Terry Geist, Rich Azzarello, and Chris Reali. Several years back, these residents formed a foundation to give back to the global community and they have awarded college scholarships to worthy students, helped rebuild homes in New Orleans, as well as other acts of generosity. The mayor thanked both foundations for their support.

Several residents were very excited and expressed strong approval for the project. Mayor Kennedy said he and the Board of Trustees will address the residents' concerns and finalize the plans. He hopes the project will be completed for the enjoyment of the community this summer.



SEA CLIFF ARTS GAZEBO

WAYNE EHMAN architects

Drawing by Wayne Ehmann

## Three New Members Named to the Board of Assessment Review

by Dan Maddock

With the retirement of Bob Eisenoff, who served as Chair of the Village's Board of Assessment Review for 13 years, and the departure of Carol Vögt, who now serves as a Village Trustee, three new members have been appointed to the Board. The new members are:

Steve Tandy, Jonathan Waechter and Ralph Hochberg. They will join current members Phil Como, Larry Benedetti and Barbara Sinenberg. Phil Como will serve as the new Chair. The Board reviews and decides on resident tax assessment challenges in March of every year.

## Voting Hours for March 16<sup>th</sup> Village Election

The voting hours for the March 16, 2010 Village of Sea Cliff election are 12:00 noon to 9 pm. The polling place is the Village Public Works building at 66 Altamont Avenue and Irving Place on the north side of the Village.

Up for election are two Trustee positions and the Judge for our Justice Court. See page one for candidate information.

## Annual Meeting

Sea Cliff Village will hold its annual meeting on Monday April 5 at 8:00 p.m. at Village Hall. At this time our two new trustees and our judge as well as appointed members to various boards and committees will be sworn into office. Please join us at this time to honor all the members of our community who serve this Village.

## Changes on Architectural Review Board

by Dan Maddock

Sadly for Sea Cliff, Meagan Capobianco has moved to Old Brookville and has thus stepped down after serving six years on the Architectural Review Board. On January 11th, the Board of Trustees appointed Kathy Lieberman to finish Meagan's unexpired term. We wish both of them well.

## Trustees and Judgeship up for Election

Joe Krupinski

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That makes it a wide-open competition for the two empty seats on the village board. Krupinski feels confident and qualified enough to earn one of those seats as a freethinking, knowledgeable and compassionate public servant.

"I wish to work closely with the mayor and other trustees in bringing the taxpayers much-needed relief and in continuing all the services that make Sea Cliff such a special place to live," Joe said. "But I will also be a sounding board and independent voice for all of my fellow residents, if issues that come before the board are not in their best interests."

His campaign motto is "Nobody's Trustee But Yours."

The truth is, an independent candidate can be elected only if most of the electorate votes for him and nobody else. Let's do the math. Let's say 100 voters cast their ballots. Joe Krupinski earns 60 votes. He wins. Not necessarily. The two party candidates will have 40 votes. Then they can split the other 60 votes which are available, that is, 30 apiece. The party candidates win, 70-60. Got the idea?

Joe, who is 71 years old, has lived in the village for 43 years since 1966. He was the founding secretary of the Sea Cliff-Glen Head Lions Club, founding member of the Auxiliary Police, former director of the Landmarks Association, former member of the Beach Committee and long-time member of the Civic Association.

He was a sportswriter at Newsday for 36 years before retiring in 2003. He currently volunteers at St. Francis Hospital in Roslyn, serving meals to patients. He also is involved in animal rescue, finding new homes for neglected and mistreated dogs.

Joe is the father of two daughters and grandfather of

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## From the Mayor's Desk

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who signed a contract to maintain it as a private club for five seven years. I personally met with Mr. Zucker who told me that has always been a dream of his to own such a prestigious and toric golf course. He states his goal is to have North Shore Country Club rated as one of the top 100 classic courses in the country intends to hire a famous golf course architect (possibly Tom I to achieve this goal.

Village Hall is a vital building in our community and house: government, library, museum, and court. It is where our Board meet for their hearings and nearly all our volunteer groups, mittees and associations meet as well. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places but it is in poor shape and has water leaks. We hired Kaitsen Woo, an architect specializing in toric churches, to prepare a Condition Survey of the building. Good news is the Mr. Woo has identified the problem spots and pared an action plan to correct the problems. The bad news is it could cost \$800,000 through a three phase remediation plan. first and most important phase that would address the main v issues will cost approximately \$200,000. We are aggressively pting grant money for this project. Some funds have been secured. I am fairly confident that we can achieve this goal.

Beach season is just around the corner and I am excited about plans for our beach facility. The kitchen is going to be expanded well as the decking area and I recently unveiled the drawings of new Arts Gazebo. We are addressing residents' concerns raised in a public meeting and hope to go out to bid quickly. It is important that construction not disturb the beach season so the project will be scheduled accordingly.

Despite tough economic times, the Village of Sea Cliff is strong and I would like to thank all the volunteers that make quality of life as rich as it is. We live in a very special community and I feel honored to serve as your Mayor.

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and village justices are afforded a unique opportunity to show residents how our court system works and to demonstrate inherent fairness of "the system." It is imperative that all who come to our court leave with the sense that they have had a day in court and were given an opportunity to be heard. We in village court, the court closest to the people, must deliver justice without fear or favor.

Many years ago I made a vow that if I ever became a judge I would follow these ideals and treat all who come before me with equal consideration. In the twenty years that I have been the Sea Cliff Village Justice, I have kept these ideals in mind and put into practice. With the support of the residents of our wonderful village, I hope to continue doing so for four more years.

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finance. I have an MBA from New York University and I am a New York State Certified Public Accountant. I spent twenty-one years at J.P. Morgan and its predecessor banks in a variety of finance jobs. I was the head of the internal audit department for several public traded companies and I have had good problem-solving success as a mediator negotiating agreements between parties in dispute. It is the background experience I would rely on to make a significant contribution to the Village board.

I believe it is essential that a trustee have an ongoing connection to the residents of the village and its many volunteer organizations. It's also important for trustees to recognize that wish lists with price tags. Projects and services are paid for with taxes, although it's easy to raise taxes, the greater challenge is to find ways in which money can be saved and costs can be cut so that savings can then be applied in other areas. This is one of the things I would focus on as a trustee.

I'm looking forward to the campaign and the opportunity to provide in meeting with many of our residents and hearing their concerns. I will take those concerns to heart as a guide on how to conduct myself if elected to office. Until that time the mess would like to leave with everyone is that an election should reflect the will of the majority, and the only way it can do this is if you come out to vote on March 16.

Tom Powell (Continued from Page 1)

I served on the Environmental Committee, a position I felt uniquely qualified for because of my master's degree in environmental science. In 1996 Mayor Ted Blackburn appointed me to the Village Board of Appeals, and during the last several years of my tenure that board I served as the chair. It is this experience that I believe would serve me well as a trustee. Every decision on the Village Board had to balance the property rights of an applicant with values and expectations of the other residents in the Village. This same kind of balancing act - services and projects versus taxes for instance - that a trustee must be willing to consider when making policy decisions.

Sea Cliff seems to have a kind of personality, and I don't think this has changed much in the nearly 40 years that I have lived here. We all know that change is inevitable, but I think most of us are also dedicated to the idea that there is much in Sea Cliff that we want to preserve. What I hope to contribute if elected trustee is to try as much as possible to steer the inevitable changes in a direction that will conserve our strong sense of community and unique character and spirit of this place.



## Generous Residents Donate Waste Receptacles for Shoreline

by Carol Vogt

Two of our residents are making a generous donation to the Village for the purchase of much needed additional trash receptacles. They will be placed in the overlook on Cliff Way, at the bottom of Cliff Way, along the boardwalk and in the grassy area along the retaining wall adjacent to the Cliff Way steps. The receptacles are divided into trash and recyclable sections and will be emptied by the DPW on a regular basis. Our heartfelt thanks go to Victoria and Hank Bjorklund, not only for their donation, but also for their commitment to the beach area. Some of you may have observed Hank, equipped with professional trash collecting tools, given to him by his wife, walking the Cliff Way hill and boardwalk area picking up after some of our less responsible residents and visitors. We are hopeful that these new trash cans will help to keep the shoreline clean, even in the off season.



Hank and Victoria Bjorklund. Photo by Barbara Murray

## A Century of Service

by Frank Murray

On Monday, January 11 Brian O'Donnell was sworn in as the newest member of the Sea Cliff Fire Department. Brian is the youngest in a family whose tradition has been to serve in the department. He now joins his grandfather, father, and uncle in that commitment to Village service.

Jim O'Donnell, Brian's grandfather, joined the SCFD on January 13, 1959 and fifty-one years later he still proudly serves. Sean, Brian's father, has served for twenty-six years, and Tim, Brian's uncle, has served for twenty-two years. Counting Brian's first year in the department, that is a century of service the O'Donnell family has volunteered to our community! When Brian was asked why he decided to join the department, he said: "I feel like I was raised in the firehouse. I want to serve the community like my grandfather, father and uncle have." It is indeed a proud family tradition that continues to benefit our Village.



Three generations of O'Donnells (l-r) Jim, sons Sean and Tim and grandson, Brian. photo by Frank Murray

## Sea Cliff Goes Greener

by Drew Lawrence

The Village Board has reaffirmed that there is a direct relationship between trees and vegetation and the health, safety and welfare of Village residents. Prevention of indiscriminate destruction or removal of trees is desired. New legislation requires all those seeking to remove trees from their properties to apply for a permit. All trees over six inches in diameter measured at four and one half feet above the ground are required to have a permit to be removed. Permission for removal is to be determined by a newly formed Tree Committee. No longer does the resident have "by right" the capability of removing any one tree per year. Trees that are removed can also be required to be replaced. Of major importance are the fines that one is subject to should they remove a tree without a permit. Fines for the first tree removed are between \$500.00 and \$2000.00. When more than one tree is removed the second tree has a minimum fine of \$2500.00. For three or more trees there is a minimum fine of \$3000.00 and a maximum of \$5000.00 for each tree in excess of two trees. Additionally the tree company is subject to the same fines as the property owner. Please consult the Building Department for a tree permit.

## Joe Arena Retires

by Frank Murray

On Friday, January 22, friends and colleagues gathered at Il Villaggio Restaurant to pay tribute to Joe Arena for his thirty years of service to the Village. On June 4, 1979, at age 28, Joe began working for the Village in public works. During the following thirty years, he was a reliable and valued member of the public works and the sanitation department. In looking back over his career, he stated: "My most difficult work was in clearing Village roads during heavy snowstorms. It could be dangerous but it was necessary to keep the Village open."

Joe looks forward to finally being able to "sleep in" during snowstorms. He also is eager to enjoy more time with his wife Joan and their ten grandchildren. Thanks, Joe, for a job well done!!!



Former Mayor Eileen Krieb, Joseph Arena and Mayor Bruce Kennedy (l-r) photo by Frank Murray

## Why and When Do I Need a Building Permit?

by Drew Lawrence

The number one question and most sought after answer but relatively easy to answer.

Building Codes were created to protect the public. Sadly, building codes are reactive in nature rather than proactive. Fires in buildings that were constructed poorly or without consideration of good construction practices contributed to the deaths of many and thus caused many codes to go into effect. Consider this, you hire a contractor who has no knowledge of construction but has the gift of gab to convince you to hire him. If no codes existed and no inspections were necessary what kind of product do you think you might get. Buildings made from toothpicks or straw is a possibility. The laws and codes governing construction require the contractor to be licensed, insured and regulate how certain things are constructed to help insure through inspections that you, the general public, get what you have paid for. You wind up with a home that you can feel safe and comfortable in and that's the "why".

The requirement for building permits is part of the building code. Generally speaking a building permit is required any time one of the following occurs:

1. Anything structural – Any time the work involves a structural member, a building a permit is required. A structural member is not limited to a "load bearing" member. Any 2x3, 2x4, 2x6 etc. is a structural member. If you are adding or removing one, a permit is required. This structural definition also applies to sheathing. Sheathing is the planking, plywood or other types of sheet goods that enclose your building prior to siding or roofing. The installation, removal or replacement of these materials also requires a permit.

2. Anything electrical – Replacement of switches, outlets and light bulbs do not require permits but any electrical work that involves the upgrading or replacement of a service or the installation of a

new branch circuit does. Some older homes have inadequate electrical service entering the home. When you hire an electrician to upgrade your service a permit is required. It is also required should you have a new branch circuit installed. For example, you install new electric on the outside of your home for landscaping; the 110V (high voltage) outlets and switches require a permit. In addition an underwriter's certificate from a qualified electrical underwriter is also required to be submitted to the building department upon completion of the work.

3. Any plumbing – Minor repairs such as replacing valves or direct replacement of toilets and sinks do not require permits but if you move the location of those fixtures, even just inches, a permit is required. Any time you cut, sweat (solder), feed, and change or replace integral parts related to the plumbing or heating systems a permit is required. PEX, a relatively new type of plumbing, requires a permit as if you were using copper. Replacement of boilers, hot-water heaters, installing dish-

washers and new gas installations require permits. All plumbing must be performed by Village licensed plumbers.

4. The last general topic for requiring a permit has to do with cost. Anything over \$20,000.00 requires a permit. A person doing their own work has to compute the costs as if he/she had hired a contractor to do the work. For example, if you spend \$12,000.00 on new kitchen cabinets, \$3,000.00 on the floor and buy \$2,000.00 worth of appliances, you can't state that the labor is free or less than \$3,000.00 to get around the requirement. Labor is determined as if someone was hired to do the entire job.

There are other items not listed that also require a permit and they vary in category. Remember this is only in regards to building code requirements. Zoning and/or Planning may also apply. We would suggest that no matter what the project, you should inquire at the building department first and we'll help the best we can in making your project progress as smoothly as possible.

## Last Call - Times Up!

by Drew Lawrence

As was indicated in the last issue, all persons with open building permits who did not extend them in a timely fashion are about to lose those permits. In November 2008 the Village Board granted to all persons with open permits issued prior to November 2008 one year to complete or subsequently extend those permits. As of November 2009 all those open permit holders were required to seek extensions or risk losing their permit validity. Notices were sent to all permit holders on a number of occasions and were a partial subject of my article last issue. There are quite a few un-extended permits continuing to be on file and are now subject to expulsion from the records' cabinets.

It has been thought that some individuals may be under the misguided understanding that as long as the permit is open or if the permit is forfeited, they are not being taxed. Quite the opposite. When a permit is issued, it is sent to the assessor's office. Upon the expiration of one year, the property is adjusted in assessment as if those improvements were completed. You are then paying taxes on either a now illegal improvement or no improvement at all, if you didn't start. Subsequently, attempting to legalize completed work when you go to sell or get a loan can cost you three times the amount of the original permit. Penalties would then be applied for having started work without a permit, which is how it will be classified, because the original permits will have been voided.

It doesn't pay to sit on this. Come in to the Building Department and extend that permit now.

## Volunteers Needed for Sea Cliff's Parks

by Karin Barnaby

Sea Cliff has seven parks and numerous "pocket" parks and landscaped communal spaces. Aesthetically, our parks greatly enhance the beauty and appeal of our Village. Economically, they increase our property values. Imagine if vines and weeds overran Sea Cliff's parks; if overgrown shrubs obstructed paths, sitting and play areas; if dead tree limbs littered our sports fields. That's almost how the parks looked 20 years ago.

Ever wonder who got our parks into shape and who keeps them that way? Who prunes and clears out the shrubs year after year? Who provides horticultural maps and inventories of our parks to the Village to improve planning and maintenance? You can thank Sea Cliff Beautification (SCBC) generally, and, in particular, SCBC's pruning committee: Cliff and Jean Davis, John Swanson and Russ Gorog.

For the past six years, the SCBC pruning committee, a handful of devoted, knowledgeable volunteers, assisted by a rotating crew of their fellow Sea Cliffians\*, have not only gotten our parks into beautiful and healthy shape, but they also have saved the Village—and thus all of us—a great deal of money by doing so. Most recently, they intervened to prevent perhaps irreparable damage to one of our landmark trees, the grand old Blue Atlas Cedar in front of the library.

The SCBC pruning committee is currently seeking a new generation of volunteer pruners. Twenty or thirty or more new volunteers would allow for a generous rotation, so that each one would be responsible for just one or two mornings in the spring or fall. Anyone able to give even just one or two hours at a time will be making a meaningful and lasting contribution to our Village.

This year, the pruning committee will meet for the first time on March 13 at 9 a.m. at Library Park. After that, pruning resumes every Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon, weather permitting, and finishes by June. In the fall, Saturday pruning sessions start after Labor Day and finish up by Thanksgiving. The real payoff is the satisfaction one gets from seeing the difference in the appearance of the parks when pruning is done. At the same time, volunteers learn how to raise healthy shrubs and promote good growth—valuable skills and knowledge that they can apply to their own gardens. Please pitch in to spruce up our "communal garden," our parks, this spring. Call Russ Gorog 759-0144, John Swanson 671-8582, or Jean and Cliff Davis 676-3543, to volunteer a few hours. (BYOP: Bring your own pruners).

\*Past volunteers include Clara Cazzalino, Cliff and Jean Davis, Carol Ell, Jim Foote, Russ Gorog, Roberta Greenspon, Peter Hayes, Jean Judd, Laura Kavanagh, Mimi Leipzig, Joan Lutz, Gary Martin, Mary Miksic, John Nagy, Charlie Opizzi, Norman Parsons, Gerry Russell, John Swanson, Lorna Szenerji, Kathleen Van Bloem, Kay and Rick Vickers, Dr. M.

## A Special Thank You from the Friends of the Library

by Angeleta Dhandari-Donovan

The Friends would like to thank the Harold and Helen Gottlieb Charitable Foundation for their generous bequest to the Children's Library. This gift will be added to the funds being set aside for renovations. The Gottlieb's contribution will enhance the children's overall learning experience and make the space more creative and functional.

This year we will be dedicating a portion of all fundraising proceeds to this project. It is our goal to assist the library in obtaining the necessary funds to make this a reality. If you would like to consider making a bequest, please contact the Sea Cliff Friends of the Library at [friendsoftheseaclifflibrary@gmail.com](mailto:friendsoftheseaclifflibrary@gmail.com). All donations are tax deductible.

We would like to thank Mark Miksic for his time and effort collecting books for our annual June Garage Day sale. These books were originally part of the library of Margaret Davison of Preston Ave. The Friends are hoping that this year's book sale will be as successful as last year's, which raised over \$700. With these funds we were able to contribute to museum passes for you the community. As we draw closer to Garage Day Sale, we will be asking for book donations.

Lastly, we cannot forget all of you and your generous support throughout the year. We appreciate it.

Upcoming Events:

March 2 - NYLA Lobby Day in Albany

March 11- Library talk Maureen Murphy will give a talk on the novel *Brooklyn* by Colm Toibin

April 22- Janet Swinburne has worked with the library staff to bring you a poetry night to be hosted by John Canning.

April 24- Showing of film on Walt Whitman's life followed by a discussion by Carol Vogt. You won't want to miss it.

May 15- Mystery night at the library organized by Pamela Levin.

## 65 Or Over?

### We've Got Services For You!

by Carol Vogt

If you or someone you care about is 65 or older, there is someone at Village Hall you might want to meet. Her name is Susan Caravello and her game is serving our senior residents.

Susan is Sea Cliff's Senior Outreach Worker and it is her job to reach out to residents in ways that will enable them to lead fulfilling and independent lives. After twenty years of service to Sea Cliff's seniors, she is expert in navigating the often treacherous waters of government bureaucracies to make sure that residents receive the benefits and assistance they are due. She has helped residents obtain Medicaid, food stamps, Federal Senior Property Tax Exemptions, Medicare Part D, Social Security, Home Energy Assistance, Meals on Wheels, home health aide and visiting nurse services. She also provides seniors support when dealing with local pharmacies.

Using the results of a professional assessment of each client's needs, Susan creates an individualized plan of support. It might include home or office visits or help in evaluating assisted living and nursing facilities. She has assisted residents in reading mail and even helped one senior secure the deed to her house. Susan is bonded by the Village and has provided support to seniors in the management of their financial affairs.



Susan Caravello. Photo by Barbara Murray

Susan is a woman with a mission. She is concerned that she has not reached everyone who might benefit from her help. As she stated, "I know that there are a lot more seniors in Sea Cliff that I can help but a lot of seniors are still unaware of my services. So many programs and services often go underutilized because of a lack of knowledge or anxiety created by the somewhat daunting challenges presented by government bureaucracy." She is at Village Hall every Monday and Friday from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and can be reached by calling 671-0800, Ext. 20. In addition, you can speak with her on the first Friday of every month at the Senior Lunch Program at St. Luke's.

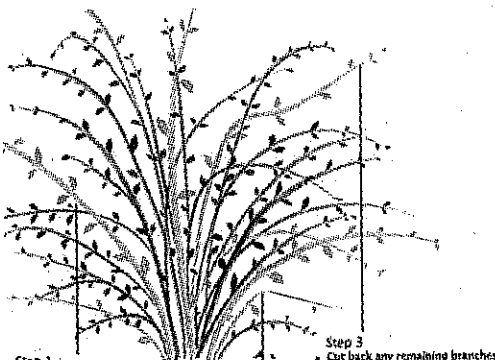
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Wall and Kevin White.

Proper pruning  
1. Remove the three oldest stems at ground level.

2. Prune out one third of the stems in a random pattern, starting with damaged or diseased wood.

3. Cut back any remaining stems that look out of place or unwieldy.



Step 1: Remove the three oldest (thickest) stems at ground level.  
Step 2: Continue to prune out one-third of the stems in a random pattern, starting with any damaged or diseased wood.  
Step 3: Cut back any remaining branches or stems that look out of place or unwieldy.

## John P. Reali Receives Prestigious Award

At the Columbian Lawyers Association of Nassau County Dinner on January 9th, Hon. John P. Reali, Sea Cliff Village Justice, was presented with the President's Award of Merit for Outstanding and Dedicated Service. President Anthony Emanuel, pictured with Judge Reali, made the presentation and stated: "This is only the third time in the twenty-seven year history of the Columbian Lawyers that this award has been presented"



Photo of John P. Reali with Anthony Emanuel.

## Spring Awakenings at the Library

by Camille Purcell

With the arrival of spring, the Sea Cliff Village Library is busy planning a delightful selection of programs for patrons of all ages. Join us on March 11 for an informative talk by Irish historian, Maureen Murphy. She will be discussing the novel, *Brooklyn*, by Colm Toibin. Even if you are not Irish or from Brooklyn, come and listen as she leads an informative lecture on this wonderful, atmospheric novel.

In April join us for "North Shore Reads". This year's featured work is *River of Doubt* by Candace Millard. The book focuses on Theodore Roosevelt's expedition into an uncharted area of Brazil. Discussion groups, led by library directors, will help facilitate your understanding of the book. April is also National Poetry Month. Join us for poetry readings and

don't forget to pick-up your "Poem in a Pocket".

The Friends of the Library group is always looking for members. This group is planning its second annual Fair among other events will be looking at different ways to support the library and mission. Why not attend our meetings and see neighbors and friends finding ways to help benefit this marvelous institution.

Young adults are always welcomed at the library. Programming and titles are geared to providing the best of what's available. We are also in the process of purchasing two Mac Book computers for patron use.

So whether it's providing with school assignments or browsing for that next great read why not stop in and what the library can do for you!

## Village Holiday & Garbage Schedule

Public Works will be closed for the following holiday and garbage or rubbish will be collected.

Note: Village Hall will be open and operating on Good Friday  
GOOD FRIDAY, April 2

Friday's garbage pick-up moves to Thursday. Thursday's pick-up moves to Wednesday. The Wednesday recycling pick-up is cancelled that week. The rest of the week remains as usual. The Recycling Center will be open Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday of week.

Village Hall and Public Works will be closed on the following days:

MEMORIAL DAY, Monday May 31

Monday's garbage pick-up moves to Tuesday and Tuesday Wednesday. There is no recycling pick-up in a holiday week.

Thursday and Friday's pick-up remain the same. The Recycling Center will be open Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday of week.

## Dispose of Hazardous Waste

On July 17, 2010 residents will be able to safely dispose of arduous household waste at our Public Works Garage on Altam Avenue (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.). You may bring the following items:

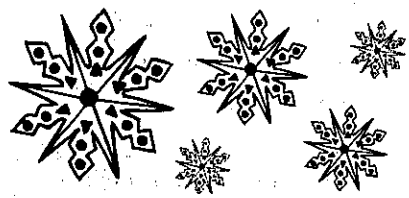
- pesticides & insecticides
- brake & transmission fluids
- drain & oven cleaners
- spot removers
- automobile tires (with or without rims)
- small aerosol cans
- outdoor gas grill propane tanks
- waste motor oil & antifreeze
- solvents
- enamel, lead-based & latex paint
- photo chemicals
- wood preservatives
- consumer batteries (AAA, AA, C, D)
- compact fluorescent bulbs

In addition you can bring electronic waste items such as: computer monitors, hard drives, printers, keyboards, computer mice, cables, televisions, cell phones, pagers, copiers, fax machines (top only), VCR's, and stereos.

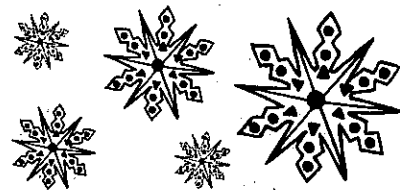
Used motor oil can be brought to the Glenwood Landing Town Marina on Shore Road 7 days a week from dawn to dusk.

Disposal of the above items can also be brought to:

- Massapequa, John J. Burns Town Park, Merrick Road April 16
- Syosset, T.O.B. Department of Public Works Garage, 150 Main Place May 16
- Massapequa, Town Hall South, 977 Hicksville Road June 16
- Hicksville Fire Dept., West John St. August 21
- Old Bethpage, Solid Waste Disposal Complex, Bethpage-S Hollow Road Sept. 25



# Holiday Happenings



Veterans, who are members of the James F. Brengel American Legion Post, gather to lay a wreath on Veterans Day, November 11. Photo by Carol Griffin



The members of Sea Cliff Beautification Committee gather to decorate wreaths to be hung throughout the Village. Photo by Carol Griffin



Artists Beth Costello and Jane Irvine display their artwork at the Holiday Boutique on December 5. Photo by Carol Griffin



Alice O'Donnell and Maureen Maddock at the Schmiemann home during the House Tour. Photo by Carol Griffin



Donna Ferrara shows off some of her original pottery at her home during the house tour. Photo by Carol Griffin



The annual tree lighting ceremony drew a large crowd of both children and adults. Photo by Carol Griffin



The Tree Lighting Committee gather for a photo op (l-r in no order) Chairman Melanie Stanech-Metz, Bryan Metz, Joe and Diane Mazzeo, James and Joanie Foote, Pastor Dave and Meryl Collins, Rory and Deacon Tastenson, Debra Dumas, Richard Ertel, Barbara Rotondo, Rev. Kirtland and Bonnie Watkins, assistants Tom and Marga Crowley, Jennifer Dawson, and the SCFD. Photo by Carol Griffin



Cantor Gustavo, with the children at the Sea Cliff Firehouse on Dec. 17, lighting the menorah candles in celebration of Hanukkah. Photo by Barbara Murray



Actors present Tom Stroppel's Christmas Spirit at the Creative Arts Studio. Photo by Carol Griffin



The Barn Dance Event Committee gather for a photo at the January 23 St. Boniface Martyr Barn Dance held at the parish auditorium. Photo by Carol Griffin



Cantor Gustavo, Robin Kennedy, Mayor Bruce Kennedy and Tammy White at the Hanukkah Hoopla at the Sea Cliff Firehouse. Photo by Barbara Murray



Ann Koppel, jewelry designer, and Pat Guy at the Holiday Boutique. Photo by Barbara Murray



Dr. Nicolas Virgilio donates gifts to St. Christopher-Ottile as administrator, Janice Saitta, assists.



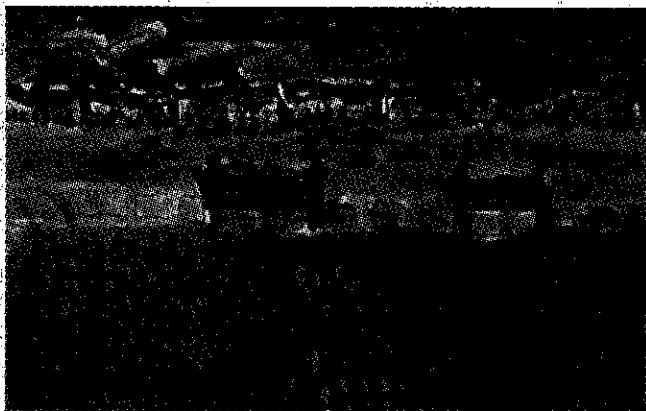
The North Shore Madrigal singers entertain with Christmas Carols at this year's tree lighting. Photo by Carol Griffin



Ines Powell lecture: "Velazquez Rediscovered". Photo by Barbara Murray



## Memorials in the Village of Sea Cliff



*"To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die."*

- Thomas Campbell

by Angeleta Dhandari Donovan

Our mission as volunteers is to facilitate families in their desire to appropriately memorialize their loved ones. The committee will work with the Village of Sea Cliff and with other volunteer organizations to identify various memorials and their placements. We respect and value the memory of each individual and will do our best to honor your request for the good of the entire Village.

Our Village is a special place and we thank you in advance for your interest. There are many ways in which you may choose to honor the memory of your loved one. One way to pay an enduring tribute to your friend or family

member is through a memorial. You can find up-dated information on the availability of items such as benches, water fountains and various plantings at our website: [SCMemorialCommittee@gmail.com](mailto:SCMemorialCommittee@gmail.com). There will be designated areas for placement of such items within this one square mile.

The Village will decide on the style that complements the designated area in order to keep within the codes and existing decor. The Village will maintain and repair such items as needed and will determine, in conjunction with the Sea Cliff Memorial Committee, when a memorial will cease to exist if it is no longer repairable or it poses a safety hazard.

## Secret Stairways

by Eve Haim

During Sea Cliff's Campground Revival Period (1870-1883), stairways were created to allow visitors avenues on which to walk rather than strolling along village dirt roads. They are hidden little passages between houses that are still here to this day, public right of ways.

From the bottom of Tilley Place, (off Prospect Avenue) are the steps (now rebuilt) known as "The Tilley Steps" which lead strollers to the newly rebuilt boardwalk that had been destroyed in the hurricane of 1938. These are named for the Tilley family who owned and operated a boat house just below at the water's edge. Today, the Tilley Boat House (private property) still exists just south of the boardwalk's end.

Between Tilley Place and Maple Avenue is a narrow paved path that connected the passage from the Tilley Steps to Maple Avenue and the cable car depot on what was known as Circle Avenue.

Along 18th and Bay Avenues are a series of public steps (closed by the Village due to poor condition) known simply as "The 18th Avenue Steps." These wooden steps take you to a secluded public cove. The "Central Avenue Steps" run from Central Avenue and 8th Avenue to 7th Avenue and continue between 7th Avenue to Park Way. The section between 8th and 7th Avenues was restored about five years ago. These steps bring you to Prospect Avenue, where you can catch the "Bathway Steps" to the beach. This pathway was part of a confluence of passages for visitors to traverse the unpaved avenues and travel into the Village. "The Cliff Way Steps" connects Cliff Way and Front Street, known today as Hollman Boulevard or simply The Boulevard. This stairway, too, allowed visitors to travel up a wooden walkway rather than use the dirt road and is portrayed in numerous picture postcards of the day.

On the west side of the property line of 75 Summit Avenue (along the chain link fence is a path or "public right of way" formerly called "The Fairview Avenue Steps." These steps once led to Fairview Place (or 9th Avenue at the time) and the home of Fredrick Geissenhainer, the first President and benefactor of Sea Cliff.

These walkways are remnants of our Village's past. As you stroll along these by-ways, imagine yourself during that era. I can still feel it.



Photo by Eve Haim.

## Village Hall, Library, Museum Renovation

by Frank Murray

With the aid of a Department of Parks, Recreation and Historical Preservation grant, the Village recently authorized a condition survey for the building complex that houses the library, museum and government operations. The survey, conducted by the Kaitsen Woo Architectural firm, detailed a series of structural concerns in the roof, walls and parapets of the building. While plaster flaking and leaks from the roof have long been noted and patches to the roof dutifully applied when needed, the survey specifies the extent of the problem and what steps need to be taken to comprehensively address the issue.

On Monday, January 11 Kaitsen Woo presented detailed findings to the Mayor and the Board of Trustees. The survey identified a three-stage process of permanently solving the leakage problem.

The first stage of the process will address the most serious

deterioration. This will include installing new copper roofing for the north and south aisle roofs above the library, replacing copper flashings, and caulking masonry walls and parapets, as well as improving the drainage system. It is expected that this phase of repair will begin this spring.

Phase two of the roof repair will address additional concerns over the next five years. Phase three of the restoration project will take place over the next ten years and will result in the building's complete refurbishment.

Given the consistent leaks after rain and snowstorms, a major roof renovation is essential if we are to maintain the integrity of the building complex that houses our civic core. The restoration project is intended to preserve an architectural treasure and ensure that future generations will enjoy its presence in and usefulness to our community.

## The Sea Cliff Garden Tour

by Peggy Costello

Have you ever come under the spell of a trickling waterfall or been enchanted by the intoxicating colors of Spring blossoms splashed across a hillside? Have you ever slipped into a private garden through a keyhole opening in a fragrant privet hedge? This spring, you can re-live your favorite garden memories—and discover new ones—on the Sea Cliff Beautification Garden Tour June 12.

Secret Gardens...hidden retreats...private pleasures...are awaiting your discovery. The Sea Cliff Beautification Committee (SCBC) is proud to present eight never-before-seen gardens that will surely dazzle and inspire you. The tour includes a garden tea party, complete with music and song, so bring a friend, or two, or more. Proceeds from the SCBC Garden Tour help improve and beautify our parks and public spaces, continue existing programs, and create new initiatives to enhance our Village.

Tickets for the June 12 SCBC Garden Tour will be available after April 1 at Sherlock Homes Real Estate or Richard B. Arnold Real Estate in Sea Cliff. For information call Peggy at 671-4937. SCBC meets every third Thursday of the month downstairs in St. Luke's Parish Hall. Come join us. Bring your friends and ideas. Help us grow!

## What Lies Beneath the Waters of Sea Cliff...The Rye Cliff Ferry

by Sara Reres

On September 30, 1918 the auto, wagon and passenger excursion ferry between Rye and Sea Cliff, the Rye Cliff, caught fire at the Sea Cliff dock, burned nearly to the water line and sank. The ship was engulfed in flames in minutes, sinking in about 20 feet of water an eighth of a mile from shore. There was no loss of life, with only minor burns suffered by two crew members.

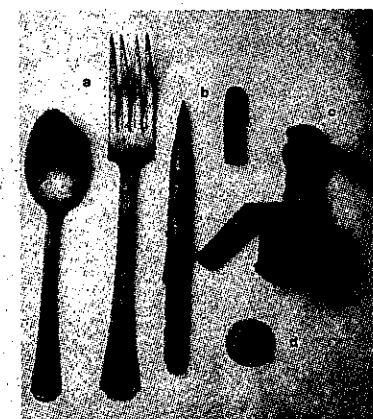
The ferry could carry cars as well as people and horses. Equestrians from Westchester would sometimes come over to Long Island to ride. Fishermen would take their cars across to the north shore on the ferry and then drive down to the south shore to fish. Sea Cliff was a busy resort community in the early 20th century and travelers from Rye would spend time here along with the influx of vacationers from New York City.

Travelers from Connecticut would make daily trips to Hempstead via the Rye Cliff to watch the American team practice for the international polo match. The cost of taking the ferry was \$.25 per foot for autos, \$.25 for adults and \$.10 for children.

Oceanologist Dr. Glenn R. Williams has been diving to the wreckage of the Rye Cliff for

many years. He has recovered many artifacts from the debris field despite the poor visibility. He has recovered silverware, bottles, a padlock and door key, dishes, assorted ship fittings and many other remnants of the lost vessel.

Dr. Williams will bring his treasures to the Sea Cliff Village Museum in the fall for a fascinating exhibit that brings to light the demise of the Rye Cliff, a piece of Sea Cliff history sitting beneath the scenic waters of the village. Further details on the opening will follow. Call the museum at 671-0090 for further information.



Refined metal including a silver "Barber" quarter dollar (1908) found at underwater site.

## Joe Krupinski

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four children.

Joe graduated from Hofstra University with a Bachelor's degree in Journalism. He played varsity lacrosse, soccer for the school. At graduation he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served for years in West Germany as an information specialist.

"When I discovered Sea Cliff it was love at first sight," Krupinski said. "I believe my fellow residents deserve a choice at the polls in picking the leaders who will be right for them and listen to their needs. I feel strongly about being part of that leadership."

P.S. Joe will be at least 100 pounds lighter than when he ran for mayor last March. He works out daily at the P Fitness gym in Glen Cove. He is joining on June 2, his birthday. "It was a gift to myself," he said.

## VILLAGE BOARD MEETING DATE

Monday - March 1 - Council  
Monday - March 8 - Bd. of Trustees  
Monday - March 15 - Council

Monday April 5 - Annual Meeting

Note: Bd. Mtgs begin at 8:00 p.m.  
Conf. begin at 7:30 p.m.

## Mutual Concerns

Mutual Concerns Committee would like to thank the community for its generous support during our annual Fund I. You made it possible for us to give food baskets and gifts to many families and seniors, making their holiday a bit brighter. We would also like to thank Terry Sciubba and her husband for arranging Christmas dinner for residents who were alone this holiday. It makes a difference in their lives.

A reminder of our Social Lunch Program, which is going every Tuesday and Friday at St. Luke's, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Lunch is a \$2.00 contribution. You can't beat price for a gourmet meal!

Our food pantry is available year round to anyone who needs assistance. Call Kaufmann 676-9205 or Iacono 759-9539. All calls confidential.

## WE NEED ESCORTS!

Are you willing to volunteer on Wednesday morning? The Village provides bus service for senior citizens on Tuesdays and Fridays to the Mutual Concerns Lunch program at St. Luke's and on Wednesdays to a local market. Escorts accompany the Wednesday bus from 9:00 a.m. to about noon to help seniors and off the bus and with groceries. We need additional volunteers for the list of wonderful residents who have been doing this for years. If you or someone you know can help, please contact the Village Hall at 671-0080 or leave a message for Carol.

## Welcome Adam Frankel Sea Cliff School's New Principal

by Margie Malone

"Mary Poppins meets Albert Einstein." That's how Adam Frankel, Sea Cliff School's new principal, described what the school was looking for in an administrator. "They wanted someone who was fun loving, nurturing, and committed, and someone who thinks outside the box. Someone who believes that everything is possible. It was a match," he said. "Our values are the same."

His enthusiasm is palpable. He spoke of the openness of the community, how welcoming Sea Cliff was to him. A Commack resident, he said, "You have to believe in the magic of Sea Cliff," which he believes is unique. "I drove around before I'd come in (for his several interviews). It's a community where many children walk to school, where the main street, Sea Cliff Avenue, is important, and the architecture is beautiful." He sat back and smiled. "Then there's the happy factor. The Village is much stronger than just a bunch of houses. It has a bond you recognize."

Asked about his plans for the school, he said, "I don't know that I've been here long enough to make changes. I need to learn. The parents have a strong understanding about the experience they want their children to have." Starting in the next few months and over the summer, Mr. Frankel, along with teachers, parents, and students, will be developing a long-term plan for the school.

"I try to get a pulse of the students — the things they get excited about. The skills students need for success in the 21st century are much broader than in the past. Education is multi-sensory, with the students actively involved. This is where our society is moving."

Mr. Frankel said he loves coming to work every morning. "I'm honored to be the principal of Sea Cliff School, and for the parents to entrust me with their children. My work is from my heart."

He comes to the Village from Central Islip School, where he was principal. He is married to Michele, the associate director of finance at North Shore Hospital at Glen Cove. They have two teenage daughters.



Adam Frankel. Photo by Margie Malone

## New Bank In Town

by Suzanne Bonn

The First National Bank of Long Island is proud to announce the opening of a new full-service branch conveniently located at 299 Sea Cliff Avenue. In addition to a dedicated staff of banking professionals, the new Sea Cliff branch offers 24-hour ATM serv-

ice and has a wide variety of personal and business banking products and services designed to meet the financial needs of customers. It is the bank's goal to provide a more flexible and deeper level of personal service to individual, professional and corporate customers.



From left to right: Katy Weber, AA/CSR; Melanie Haldas, Head Teller; Rick Perro, Senior Vice President; Kirk Thomas, Assistant Vice President & Branch Manager; Mayor Bruce Kennedy, Village of Sea Cliff; Sally Ballweg, Senior Executive Vice President; Michael N. Vittorio, President & CEO; John Mulder, Vice President & Branch Manager; John Grasso, Executive Vice President.

## Russian Easter Bazaar

A Russian Easter Bazaar, sponsored by the Parish Life Committee of the Church of Our Lady of Kazan, will be held on Saturday, March 20 from noon to 4:00 p.m. at St. Luke's Parish Hall on Glenlawn Avenue, corner of Glen.

Hand painted wooden, porcelain and ceramic eggs of all sizes, miniature Faberge replicas, jewelry, Russian arts and crafts and traditional Russian food will be for sale.

Come have lunch and do your Easter shopping!

## Arts Council Update

by Margie Malone

Take note, the Arts Council's next Showcase is this Wednesday, March 3rd. The scheduled line-up is impressive. Sea Cliff architect, Wayne Ehmann, will show and discuss his photographs. Ken Krumenacker, known to many as a Village mail carrier, shows his creative side when he plays guitar and sings; among the songs are those he has written. Sea Cliff's Patio Daddy-O will round out the evening. Showcases are held upstairs at Village Hall starting at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free and refreshments are served.

The last Showcase brought out a standing-room-only crowd to see the photographs and hear the witty commentary of renowned artist Arthur Leipzig. Artist Louise Sharakan wowed the crowd with her beautiful silk paintings and unique jewelry. The songs of the Barbara Garriel trio were a marvelous musical addition to an evening that guests rated a "10."



Arthur Leipzig shows slides of many of the photos that have appeared in the books he has published. Photo by Carol Griffin

The Sea Cliff Library was the setting for the Artist of the Month exhibits. Megan Sirianni Brand showed her contemporary paintings in December. North Shore High School students followed with a collection of paintings and photographs. It's our pleasure to help provide a venue for these rising stars. Their work was on view until February 28th.

The Visions Gallery, at North Shore High School, will host an art show, featuring many local artists and SCAC members, from March 1st to 25th.

The paintings of Myra Fox and Pat Hadley are now on view, from February 1st to April 30th, at Daniel Gale Sotheby's, located at 266 Sea Cliff Avenue in Sea Cliff. Another show to celebrate our local talent is the exhibit at the Sea Cliff Village Museum. Sculptures



Louise Sharakan shows her hand-dyed silk hangings at the November Arts Showcase. Photo by Carol Griffin

of Clemente Spampinato and paintings of teachers and students of the Stevenson Academy make for a delightful show. The museum is open Sundays from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. or by appointment. Call 671-0090 for more information.

We appreciate your support in the past and count on your membership in the year ahead (Send a check for \$15 for individual, \$20 for family, \$7 for senior citizen, for membership to Sea Cliff Arts Council at P.O. Box 56, Sea Cliff, 11579).

Coming up at the Sea Cliff Library, we look forward to the hand painted silk scarves of Vivien Pollack, on view for March and April (artists' reception, Sunday, March 7th from 2 to 4 p.m.) and the photography of Wayne Ehmann will be shown in May and June. Our summer show will be celebrating the beauty of Sea Cliff. All artists are welcome to submit work for the show. Send an email to seacliffartsCouncil@gmail.com if you are interested.

We look forward to seeing you at these wonderful events. Please share the Arts Council news with friends. Also, a benefit to membership is promoting your events with our group. Please let us know what you are up to.

As always, we welcome new volunteers to the organization. If you would like to share your artwork or music in one of our exhibits or showcases, please email Kathleen Diresta at kat@kdirestadesign.com or call 671-5895.



Singer guitarist Barbara Garril is accompanied by Ken Krumenacker and Len Weinstein at the November Arts Showcase. Photo by Carol Griffin

## Special Presentation On Sea Cliff's Origins

The Sea Cliff Landmarks Preservation Commission invites you to join them on Sunday April 25th, at 2 p.m., for a fascinating lecture by Nancy Solomon of Long Island Traditions, who will present an illustrated lecture on Sea Cliff's summer Methodist Camp Meeting era, 1870 - 1884 in Sea Cliff Village Hall.

Sea Cliff first began as religious retreat for families in Brooklyn and New York City, who believed that the closest connection to their creator was through spiritual gatherings in waterfront and scenic places. Tents and houses were designed and built to take advantage of the natural beauty of their surroundings. Each house provided easy visual access to the tabernacle and to scenic parks and waterways, one of the key features valued by officials in the Camp Meeting Ground movement. The 1870's and 1880's were a time of transformation and experimentation in architectural styles. As a result there are simple farmhouse structures, along with decorative Italianate and Victorian vernacular homes. Parks and piers were erected by the Sea Cliff and Metropolitan Camp Ground Association,

which also administered the sales of lots and leases to those attending the meeting. The meetings took place during a 10-day period in July and August, attracting thousands of people. While some families erected permanent homes in Sea Cliff, most used their houses on a seasonal basis. After a few short years of successful meetings, the Association withered due to a series of financial scandals and lawsuits. By the early 1880's the meetings were no longer held. However, the houses remained with many of the same families

until the 1890's, when Sea Cliff became better known as a summer resort community.

This presentation will examine the architecture and village plan of Sea Cliff, the financial structure of the Association, the divisions within the Methodist community, and its transition from a camp meeting to a summer resort community. Historical and contemporary photographs along with oral histories will be included in the lecture. We invite local residents to attend this program.



Home of Reverend Wardel at 191 Prospect Ave. corner of 17th Ave. Photo by Eve Haim

# SEA CLIFF CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

March, April and May, 2010

671-0420

- Wednesday 10:30 Story Time for 3 year-olds and up  
1:00 Story Time for 3 year-olds and up  
3:00 Pizza and Paperbacks for 1st and 2nd Grades. Pre-registration is essential!!!
- Thursday 8:15 a.m. Bagels and Books-discussion group for adults- March 4, April 8, and May 6  
10:30 Babies and ... informal program for infants and toddlers  
1:00 School Visits  
3:00 Tacos and Tales for 2nd and 3rd graders - book discussion group- March 11, 25, April 15, 29, May 13 and 27  
3:00 Novels and Nachos-monthly book group for experienced readers-March 4, April 8, and May 6  
6:00 Twilight Story Hour-stories, refreshments, and gifts -pajamas optional! March 4, April 8, and May 6
- Friday 10:30 Story Time for 4 and 5 year-olds  
1:00 Story Time for all ages  
3:00 Pizza and Picture books for kindergartners and first graders

Signs of Spring Science Workshop- March 18 at 3 p.m. for grade schoolers. Founders Day Maypole Dance- Thursday, May 13 at 3 p.m.

Memorial Day Parade and Breakfast- May 31 at 8 a.m. on the front lawn of the Library

Registration for programs is necessary so call or stop in. Call 671-0420 or email [scchildrenslibrary@gmail.com](mailto:scchildrenslibrary@gmail.com) if you have questions about any of these programs or events, or if would like to be notified of upcoming events.



Friends Abby and Henry share their thoughts at Thursday's Story Hour. Photo by Ann DiPietro



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# SEA CLIFF VILLAGE CALENDAR

March, April, May 2010

## March 2010

- 2 - Sea Cliff Library - Movie, *Coco Before Chanel* - 2:00 p.m.  
4 - Meet the Candidates Night - SC Civic Association - Village Hall meeting Room A - 8:00 p.m.  
4 - Town of Oyster Bay Blood Drive - 624-6304  
5 - Town of Oyster Bay Mooring Applications Due  
6 - Town of Oyster Bay Beach Division Office Open - Marina / Boat Applications available - 10:00 a.m. p.m.  
9 - Library Board meeting at adult library 7:30 p.m.  
9 - Sea Cliff Memorial Committee meeting - Village Hall - 7:30 p.m.  
11 - Board of Education meeting - HS Alumni Room - 8:00 p.m.  
11 - Sea Cliff Library talk by Maureen Murphy on the novel, *Brooklyn*, by Colm Toibin - 7:00 p.m.  
13 - Defensive Driving Course sponsored by Gold Coast Lions Club. Call Barbara 674-1410 or Karen 67 to register.  
14 - Daylight Savings Time Begins - "Spring Ahead"  
15 - Athletic Boosters Club meeting - HS Library - 7:00 p.m.  
16 - Election for Trustees and Judge - voting from 12 noon. to 9 p.m. at the Altamont Public Works Ga  
16 - No Classes - SC School  
16 - Arts Angels meeting - HS Faculty Lounge - 7:30 p.m.  
16 - Sea Cliff Library - "All About e-mail" - registration required - \$5.00 fee - 1:00-3:00 p.m.  
18 - Sea Cliff Beautification Committee monthly meeting 10 a.m. St. Luke's basement  
18 - Sea Cliff Library - Bluegrass Jam - 7:30 p.m.  
19 - NSHS Musical - *Oklahoma!* - HS Musical Theatre - 8:00 p.m.  
20 - Annual Dune Grass Planting at Tobay Beach - 10:00 a.m.  
20 - NSHS Musical - *Oklahoma!* - HS Musical Theatre - 2:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.  
22 - Sea Cliff Library "Organize Those Papers" - registration required - 7:00 p.m.  
25 - Board of Education meeting (Budget Adoption) HS Alumni Room - 8:00 p.m.  
25 - Friends of the Sea Cliff Library meeting - Village Hall - 7:30 p.m.  
26 - Last day to submit payment for North Shore Marina Slip Rentals - TOB Beach Division - 797-41  
29 - 31 Schools Closed  
31 - SC Library - Family Movie - Disney's *The Princess and the Frog* - 1:00 p.m.

## April 2010

- 1-2 Schools Closed  
1 - Sea Cliff Library Art Lecture, Bronzio, with Professor Thomas Germano - 7:00 p.m.  
1 - Town of Oyster Bay winter boat storage ends; mooring permits effective  
2 - Egg Hunt - Spooky Park - 10:15 a.m.  
2 - No lunch program at St. Luke's.  
5 - Schools Closed  
6 - Sea Cliff Library afternoon movie *Blindside* - 2:00 p.m.  
6 - Arts Angels meeting - HS Faculty Lounge - 7:30 p.m.  
7 - Music Together Sea Cliff Spring Session begins - [www.mtseacliff.com](http://www.mtseacliff.com) or Kris Rice at 671-0015  
10 - Sea Cliff Library - NY Boating Safety  
12 - Summer Season begins at North Shore Marinas  
13 - Library Board meeting at adult library 7:30 p.m.  
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17 - Defensive Driving Course sponsored by Gold Coast Lions Club. Call Barbara 674-1410 or Karen 6 to register.  
17 - Sea Cliff Jr. Baseball & Softball Opening Day Parade - Prospect Park to Clifton Park - 9:00 a.m.  
17 - Town of Oyster Bay S.T.O.P. collection day (Electronic & Household Hazardous Waste) 677-5943  
17 - Sea Cliff Library - NY Boating Safety  
19 - Deadline for Board of Education candidates' petitions - Central Office - 5:00 p.m.  
20 - Mutual Concerns Board meeting 8 a.m. at St. Luke's  
20 - Board of Education meeting (BOCES Budget Vote) Meet the Candidates Night - HS Library - 8:00 p.m.  
20 - Sea Cliff Library - movie - *Up in the Air* 2 p.m.  
22 - Earth Day  
22 - Friends of Sea Cliff Library meeting - Village Hall - 7:30 p.m.  
22 - Sea Cliff Library - LI Poetry Reading - 7:00 p.m.  
24 - Oyster Bay Harbor Cleanup - volunteers needed - Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Park - 677-585  
24 - Sea Cliff Library - film on Walt Whitman's life followed by a discussion led by Carol Vogt 1 p.m.  
28 - Sea Cliff Library - Design Curb Appeal - registration required - 1:00 p.m.  
29 - Board of Education Meeting - Middle School - 8:00 p.m.  
30 - Arbor Day

## May 2010

- 1 - Sea Cliff Beautification Committee Plant Sale at St. Luke's lawn 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
1 - Voter Registration - HS Lobby 10:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m.  
4 - Arts Angels meeting - HS Faculty Lounge - 7:30 p.m.  
6 - Board of Education meeting (Budget Reading) - HS Alumni Room - 8:00 p.m.  
8 - Junior Class Plant Sale 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
9 - Mother's Day  
10 - Athletic Booster Club meeting - HS Alumni Room - 8:00 p.m.  
11 - Library Board meeting at adult library 7:30 p.m.  
11 - Sea Cliff Memorial Committee meeting - Village Hall - 7:30 p.m.  
15 - Defensive Driving Course sponsored by Gold Coast Lions Club. Call Barbara 674-1410 or Karen to register  
15 - Sophomore Car Wash - NSHS - 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
15 - Sea Cliff Library Mystery Event - 4:00 p.m.  
15 - Tobay Beach Boat Basin Open for the Season  
15 - Town of Oyster Bay Early Sale of Beach Stickers (limited locations)  
16 - Town of Oyster Bay S.T.O.P. Collection Day (Electronic & Household Hazardous Waste) 677-594  
18 - Budget Vote - Election of Trustees - HS Gym - 7:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.  
20 - Sea Cliff Beautification Committee monthly meeting 10 a.m. St. Luke's basement.  
22 - Freshman Car Wash - NSHS - 10:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m.  
29 - Beaches Open Weekends Only  
31 - Schools Closed

### Mutual Concerns

Lunch & Social Program: Tuesdays and Fridays - St. Luke's - 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
No lunch program on April 2.

### Golden Ring Social Program

Thursdays - Town of Oyster Bay Community Center - 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

### Golden Ring Workshops

Mondays - Sea Cliff Methodist Church - 9:30 a.m. - Noon

### Village of Sea Cliff

Zoning Board - Meets third Tuesday of the month - Village Hall - Room A - 8:00 p.m.  
Planning Board - Meets second Wednesday of the month - Village Hall - 8:00 p.m.  
Architectural Review Board - Meets second and fourth Monday of the month - Village Hall - 8:00 p.  
Justice Court-March 3, 24, April 7, 28 and May 5, 26 in Room A, Village Hall at 7:30 p.m.  
Want to add an event to the Village Bulletin calendar? Contact Deb McDermott [mcd.deb@gmail.com](mailto:mcd.deb@gmail.com) 4872.