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## Mayor's Update

by Mayor Ed Lieberman



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Once again, as your mayor, I am fortunate to be able to reach out to all our residents through this quarterly Mayor's Update in our official publication, the Village Bulletin.

Since my last update, our village has experienced many community events and endeavors which strengthen our community spirit and pride.

In December, our citizens came together as one community to celebrate our unified holiday spirit during the lighting of our Christmas Tree and Menorah sponsored by the Lions Club. The message of community was certainly evident that evening.

Other holiday events and programs, some sponsored by our Civic Association and Landmarks Association as well as other volunteer groups, were enjoyed by dozens of our residents.

The holiday house tour sponsored by Mutual Con-

cerns showcased some of our most beautiful Sea Cliff homes and raised much needed funds to help those in need. Some of the important activities supported by Mutual Concerns include the food pantry, senior lunch program and the Christmas Day luncheon.

Our community of volunteers is one of the foundations of our village. This was true 135 years ago when Sea Cliff was incorporated as a village and it remains true today. Indeed, it is from the sense of community that we get our strength as a vibrant and vital village.

And speaking of volunteers, the Board of Trustees recently approved my appointment of the initial members of our village's Youth Activities Board. It is our intention to revitalize this Board and seek their input to help formulate youth programs and coordinate youth resources. Along with this endeavor, we are committed to the goals of North Shore CASA as we continue our efforts regarding our village's concern for our youth. We also continue to support our village's programs and policies for an environmentally sound community. Our recent passage of the reusable bag law, as well as the plastic straw and Styrofoam ban, has placed our village at the

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## Exhibits Past, Exhibits Future

by Sara Reres, Director, Sea Cliff Village Museum

2019 marks the 40th anniversary of the founding of the Sea Cliff Museum. Looking back on the past years from 1993 when I started volunteering at the Museum, some exhibits stand out in my mind.

One of the bridal gown exhibits remains in my memory for many reasons. Back in 2007, I opened at least twenty archival boxes and pulled out satin, silk and organza gowns in white, pearl and even dark blue. Each gown had to be steamed and fit to a mannequin, stuffed and displayed while being handled like the ancient treasures they were. Some of the mannequins had feet! They needed shoes to match the dress's era. Jewelry and hats all had to be coordinated, cleaned and pressed to perfection despite their age.

As I neared the completion of the exhibit, I noticed each morning as I went into the museum, flies buzzing about. At first I swatted, then put up fly tape, then realized we had a bigger problem. The flies swarmed the exhibit, getting caught in the tulle and satin while I furiously went after them with brooms and anything I could swing at them. An exterminator was called in and he traced the infestation to the fireplace and asked me to remove the mannequins

while he eliminated the flies.

Oh no, I just finished setting them in place! They can't be moved!

Well, I did move them into a corner and covered them with plastic while he sprayed. After that I was left with fly carcasses everywhere! In the mannequins' hair and dresses, in the floral arrangements, etc. With vacuum in hand, I did my best to rid the exhibit of these little pests and the exhibit went on to be a popular one, although I still find little "bodies" in corners and cabinets today.

"Sea Cliff in the Sixties" was

another favorite, and I remember how visitors came dressed in their favorite tie-dye, beads and face paint to look at the artwork and photographs from the 1960s.

Our current exhibit, "Birth of a Village," is filled with artifacts and documents from Sea Cliff's past and is a fascinating example of history coming to life. Bringing people into the museum to see our amazing collections has been my great pleasure and I thank those who donated their treasures and time to preserve the village's history for future generations.



Bridal gown exhibit, 2007

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## The Village of Sea Cliff Election

### CIVIC ASSOCIATION: MEET THE CANDIDATES

Sea Cliff Village Hall, Meeting Room A, downstairs

Tuesday, March 12th – 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

### VILLAGE ELECTION DAY

DPW Garage, 66 Altamont Ave. – Tuesday, March 19th  
12:00 noon - 9:00 p.m.

Transportation available – Call Village Hall, 671-0080



# Mayor and Trustees Up for Election

## Trustee Candidate Elena Villafane



I have always believed that as a responsible member of society, it is incumbent on each individual to use their individual talents and the gift of time to give back to your community. Since I moved to Sea Cliff with my husband, Dan Kelly and our two daughters 26 years ago, I have volunteered in a number of capacities in a desire to help our community be a better place to live and raise a family. As a practicing attorney and member of a local law firm since 1984, I have gained invaluable experience which will serve me well in confronting the economic issues which impact us all.

My long history of leadership and community service includes serving as a member of the Glen Cove Day Care Center; Glen Cove Lioness; Sea Cliff Elementary PTA; Citizen's Advisory

Committee; Board member and Co-president North Shore Middle School PTA; active member of St. Boniface Strategic Planning Committee and Fund-Raising Committee.

Most notably, I was a member of the Village Board of Trustees from 2003 to 2008 and from 2014 to 2016. During my tenure, I was the Trustee Liaison to the Fire Department; the Senior Action Committee; the Library Board; the Beach Committee and Emergency Management Committee. In addition, I have served as community representative to the LOSAP Committee from 2008 to 2014 and 2016 to date. Most recently, I served as a resident member to the Littleworth Lane Joint Committee of the Village of Sea Cliff and the North Shore School District.

During my initial term as Trustee, I was involved with the Village Tax Reassessment. This experience equips me to confront the current county wide Reassessment and the issues it is presenting for the residents of Sea Cliff.

I believe that as Shirley Chisholm said "Service is the rent you pay for room on this earth." I hope that the voters of Sea Cliff will afford me the opportunity to use my proven skills to pay for my place in Sea Cliff.

and I have attended several assessment meetings and county legislative hearings regarding this matter. To address this issue, we held our own open village public meeting where we discussed this topic in depth with our resident taxpayers. We continue to speak out, reflecting our residents' concerns to our county officials on the particulars of this reassessment as it specifically pertains to our village taxpayers. Rest assured, we will continue to question these county assessment policies as they negatively affect our residents.

In closing, once again I invite you to contact me at [elieberman@seacliff-ny.gov](mailto:elieberman@seacliff-ny.gov) with any questions or comments you may have. Also, as always, if you are interested in volunteering on any community board or committee, please email me so we can discuss in detail. And remember, if you see me walking down the street or sitting in my office, I invite you to stop and say hello.

Please enjoy this quarterly edition of our Village Bulletin with its many articles and information about our wonderful village and its people. Thank you and best wishes for a healthy and happy new year!

## Mayoral Candidate Edward L. Lieberman, Esq.



Once again I am requesting the voters of Sea Cliff to elect me as your mayor and permit me to continue to work for you in this important position. I make this request with humility and with the knowledge of our resident's high expectations of our elected officials. With this in mind I believe my tenure as your mayor for the last 2 years, and previously as a Trustee for 4 years, has proven my understanding of this important office.

During the last 2 years as Sea Cliff mayor I have had the opportunity to additionally serve our residents as a member of the Executive Board of the Nassau County Village Official's Association (NCVOA) and as it's current 2nd Vice-President. I have also served Sea Cliff by regularly attending meetings of

the New York State Conference of Mayors (NYCOM) and have been appointed to its Nominating Committee as well as being appointed as its Long Island Regional Advocate. These relationships with these governmental organizations has undoubtedly made me a better mayor in service to you.

Beyond these positions and associations, my professional background includes my tenure as a Nassau County Assistant District Attorney, where I was a Senior Trial Attorney, a member of the Official Corruption & Special Investigations Bureau, and Chief of its Civil Rights Unit. After my 4 year term as a prosecutor ended in 1982, I entered the private practice of law as a criminal defense attorney. I continue in this practice today with my law office located on Sea Cliff Avenue. My legal experience has given me a unique perspective on the requirements of good government and properly serving all of our citizens.

Through my 25 years as a resident of Sea Cliff I have been involved in many civic and service organizations and committees including membership in our local Lions Club, a member of the Beach Committee, a member of the Planning Board and the Environmental Conservation

Commission. In addition, I have been a member of the Board of Directors of Life's WORC and the Long Island Urban League.

As your mayor these last 2 years I believe my administration has steadfastly been at the forefront of responsive government. Among these accomplishments has been the successful challenge to New York American Water and the passage of innovative legislation promoting our environment through the promotion of reusable bags and the banning of plastic straws, cutlery, and styrofoam. We have also addressed concerns of overdevelopment by imposing a moratorium on subdivisions while reconfiguring standards of our code and building department. We have rejuvenated our Youth Activities Board and have addressed related issues with our school district and CASA.

And yet there is much more to be accomplished for all of our residents. Accordingly, I respectfully ask for your continued confidence and vote of support as your mayor so that together we can accomplish these common goals to ensure that Sea Cliff continues to be the gem of the North Shore of Long Island.

## Trustee Candidate Dina Epstein



the detrimental effects of single use plastic and have responded by taking action. Our carryout bag law that encourages the bring-your-own bag mindset, as well as the ban on single-use styrofoam containers, plastic straws, stirrers and cutlery, have been met with enthusiasm. Our community has also responded positively to our bulk sale of composters that benefitted the maintenance of the Flutterby butterfly garden. The Flutterby garden is a Monarch Butterfly way station providing a habitat for the endangered Monarchs on their migration route.

Recently I had the pleasure of speaking to the Sea Cliff School 4th and 5th graders regarding their Sea Cliff Saves the World program. The students are working on projects in collaboration with the Village, including promoting our plastics laws, volunteering with civic groups and working to promote safety in the school zone. It is very heartening that we have a generation of Sea Cliffers carrying on our tradition of volunteering in their community. I look forward to continuing to work with them.

It has been my privilege to act as liaison to the Environmental Conservation Commission, the Landmarks Preservation Commission, the Traffic and Safety committee and, formerly, to the Tree committee. These organizations have contributed much to our Village.

I am an attorney who is a 22 year Village resident. My husband and I have been raising three children in Sea Cliff. I have much volunteer experience in the Village, including with the Zoning Board (as a member and chairperson), the Sea Cliff School Staff Appreciation Luncheon, the mock trial teams at Sea Cliff and the Middle School, the Hanukkah Happening, the Menorah Committee, the committee that produced the Community Holiday Celebration, the Middle School baking committee and the Girl Scouts.

I seek your vote not because I want to make changes, but because I want to maintain Sea Cliff the way it already is. Our Village is a thriving square mile and I would like to continue to serve as Trustee to help keep it that way.



## Addiction Resources

In Case Of Emergency Call 911

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

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

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

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

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

## April is Fair Housing Month

by Erinn McDonnell, Community Development Administrator

April is designated as Federal Fair Housing Month to celebrate adoption of Section VIII of the Civil Rights Act, commonly known as the Fair Housing Act (FHA). The FHA was signed into law by President Lyndon B. Johnson during the period following the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King in 1968.

The Act prohibits discrimination in housing activities against certain protected classes: race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability and familial status (i.e., presence of children under the age of 18 in the household or pregnancy). Sexual orientation, gender identity and HIV/AIDS status, while not specifically listed, may be cov-

ered by the existing protected classes. Housing and housing-related activities covered by the FHA include, but are not limited to, apartment and home rentals, real estate sales and mortgage lending.

Actions that discriminate against a person who may be a member of a protected class (or classes) might include:

- Refusal to negotiate, rent or sell housing;
- Setting different terms, conditions or privileges for sale or rental of a property;
- Advertising or making statements indicating preference(s) or limitation(s) based on protected class membership

If you, or someone you know,

has experienced housing discrimination, listed below are resources that may be able to help:

U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development—800-669-9777 portal.  
[hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/topics/housing\\_discrimination](http://hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/topics/housing_discrimination)

Nassau County Human Rights Commission—516-571-3662  
[www.nassaucountyny.gov/414/Human-Rights-Commission](http://www.nassaucountyny.gov/414/Human-Rights-Commission)

Long Island Housing Services—516-292-0400 <https://www.lifairhousing.org>

Village of Sea Cliff – Erinn McDonnell—516-671-0080 or [emcdonnell@seacliff-ny.gov](mailto:emcdonnell@seacliff-ny.gov)

## Sea Cliff Residential Rehabilitation Program Accepting Ongoing Applications

Residential Rehabilitation funding through the Village of Sea Cliff Community Development program is a grant resource allowing income-eligible Sea Cliff families to have certain types of improvement work performed on their owner-occupied homes.

Repairs and/or upgrades will relate to weatherization, energy efficiency and health and safety. Repairs performed under this grant are determined on an individual basis and may vary from home to home. Funding is NOT AVAILABLE for decorative changes/work.

Renovations MAY include:

- Exterior: windows, vinyl siding, garage door, roof, leaders & gutters, railings
- Interior: boiler, water heater, electrical upgrades, doors, handrails, lead abatement
- Handicap accessibility: access ramp, bathroom access, barrier removal

The Community Development program will be accepting applications from Sea Cliff residents on an ongoing basis for the Residential Rehabilitation wait list. Applications are available to pick up at Village Hall and to print out from the Village website, [www.seacliff-ny.gov](http://www.seacliff-ny.gov).

Please feel free to contact Erinn McDonnell at [emcdonnell@seacliff-ny.gov](mailto:emcdonnell@seacliff-ny.gov) or 516-671-0080 at Village Hall with any questions.

### Residential Rehabilitation Income Limits

The number of persons in your household is:	Your income is no more than the following HUD low income limits:
1	\$65,350
2	\$74,700
3	\$84,000
4	\$93,350
5	\$100,850
6	\$108,300
7	\$115,750
8	\$123,250

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## Village of Sea Cliff Community Development Block Grant

The Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing on March 11, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in Village Hall to solicit proposals for housing and community development projects that the Village may undertake during the 2019-2020 Program Year. Proposals are subject to eligibility requirements.

## Sunday, March 10th: Change Your Clocks— Check Your Detectors!

The Sea Cliff Fire Department reminds homeowners and renters to change their clocks AND check their smoke and carbon monoxide detectors on March 10, 2019, as part of their annual “spring ahead” routines. The presence of functioning smoke and carbon monoxide detectors in the home significantly increases your family’s chances of survival during an emergency. Inspect each detector to ensure it is functioning and replace the batteries as necessary. In addition to the power source, check the expiration or “end of life” date usually located on the back of the device. Both smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are intended to be replaced periodically—consult the manufacturer manual or website for recommendations related to the particular model. All detectors should be replaced following an emergency fire or carbon monoxide event. For non-emergency information about detectors, please contact the Sea Cliff Fire Department at 516-671-1690. In case of an emergency, always contact 911.

## Volunteer with SCFD – Year-Round Recruitment

**Get started in any of these ways:**

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

Email [mvitale@seaclifffiredept.org](mailto:mvitale@seaclifffiredept.org)

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



**The Mayor and Board of Trustees welcomed Judy Phelps into the combined position of Deputy Treasurer/Deputy Court Clerk at the December 3, 2018, Board Conference. Judy will be covering the duties performed by previous employees Paula Guidone and Christine Janusas. Welcome to Village Hall Judy!**

Photo by Erinn McDonnell

# Hats Off To Anna!

by Kevin McGilloway, Village Trustee

Once a year, each Village Trustee is invited to contribute an article to this bulletin, and this issue is my turn. I was halfway through writing the piece, recounting Board accomplishments and current challenges, when I learned that Anna the Walker, a woman who has walked through Sea Cliff's streets for many years, is relocating to the south to be closer to her family. This information hit me as if I was losing a close friend and caused me to refocus my essay on her.

First of all, Anna wasn't officially from Sea Cliff, she lived in Glen Cove and simply walked through Sea Cliff each day. But these walks were anything but simple, involving flamboyant outfits in brilliant colors topped with fantastic broad-rim hats—always accompanied by Anna's tremendous smile and a friendly wave of her walking stick. In researching Anna, I came across an article written in 2012 by Ellen Caruso entitled "Anna, Art in Motion"—a perfect description.

My reaction the first time I saw Anna pass was that she was at best a bit "odd" and definitely not normal. However, as I got to know her, especially through my aunt (Anna's neighbor and friend) I realized that the better adjective was "exceptional." Looking at this perfectly fit woman, it was hard to believe that she was once obese and

had been told to walk to save her life. Anna took this directive and decided to do it HER way, making it not a doctor's order but a personal statement of determination and exuberance. Wherever she passed, she left a trail of joy and a growing legion of friends and admirers.

It is no surprise that Sea Cliff embraced Anna as our own (including Mayor Lieberman making her an honorary Sea Cliffian) because Anna embodies who we are and who we aspire to be—individuals unafraid to be ourselves and be a bit different while bringing happiness to those we meet along the way.

Losing Anna leaves a hole in our individual souls and in our community, but also presents a challenge to us to fill that hole by emulating Anna's joy of living. My Board colleagues and I work on many important issues—overdevelopment, American water, unfair tax reassessments, environmental and safety issues, to name a few—but no topic is more important to me than figuring out how to keep Sea Cliff, Sea Cliff—maintaining its unique personality while continuing to grow and change. I suggest that, if anyone needs help on how to do that, they just think of Anna!

## Mutual Concerns Senior Lunch Program

by Jane McGilloway, Co-director of MC Senior Lunch Program

Dave's father has three sons: Snap, Crackle & \_\_\_\_\_. Can you fill in the blank? Here at the Mutual Concerns Senior Lunch Program at St. Luke's, seniors test their aptitude by tackling such "Riddle(s) of the Day." Of course, they have to wait until the end of the program to find out the correct answer, but they rarely mind. That's because, beforehand, they arrive at St. Luke's to participate in chair yoga or simply have a cup of coffee or tea and catch up with their friends. Before they know it, a full lunch is being served, complete with salad and dessert, giving them even more time to muse about the riddle. That is, unless they're busy playing Family Feud, winning one of the three raffles of the day or anticipating their odds in the monthly horse race! By the time 1:00 rolls around, everyone is

anxiously awaiting the riddle's answer, so they can groan in unison at the unlikely (sometimes corny) answer. Afterward, many decide to hang out playing bingo, while others head out with the memory of a nice morning of socialization. Well, I will keep you in suspense no longer—if you answered the above riddle with the name, "Pop," you are just as wrong as most of our seniors were, because the correct answer is "Dave." We at the Senior Lunch Program hope that you'll answer this next riddle correctly: Where does a local senior resident go for a great lunch and socialization with contemporaries, to have fun on Tuesdays and Fridays from 11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.? If you answered, "St. Luke's," come on down!

# Spring Awakenings at the Library

by Camille Purcell, Assistant Library Director

As Tolstoy once wrote, "Spring is the time of plans and projects," so get out your calendars and let's do some planning. This spring, in addition to our regularly scheduled programs, the library is offering the following lectures and workshops. Monday, March 11, we welcome back Professor Maureen Murphy for an informative lecture on modern day Ireland and Brexit entitled: "If it's Broken, Fix It, Don't Brexit!" This program will discuss how a possible UK exit from the EU will impact Ireland. On March 21, join us for a multimedia presentation recalling Long Island's Gold Coast during the Jazz Age, presented by Barry Rivadue. From *The Great Gatsby* to jazz music, this program is a nostalgic look back at a bit of Long Island history. We end March with a presentation for parents/

students on affording college without going broke, given by Andrew Lockwood.

April ushers in our annual North Shore Reads event on April 9. North Shore Reads brings together eight libraries for a night of literary insights, shared laughs and a chance to win some prizes. This year's book is *The Female Persuasion* by Meg Wolitzer. Copies of the book will be available at the library and through the Nassau Digital Doorway. This event will be held at The Metropolitan in Glen Cove and emceed by Sea Cliff's own John Canning. The library is pleased to offer to our patrons two new museum passes: The NY Hall of Science and Planting Fields Arboretum will be joining the list of passes that we currently lend out. These passes were made possible through the generosity of a

private donor and the Friends of the Sea Cliff Library.

Looking to lighten the load in your wallet and ditch some of your plastic cards? You can now have your library card digitized. Download the Nassau Public Library Mobile app onto your iPhone or Android, select Sea Cliff Library, put in your library card number and PIN, select validate and you are all set. No more carrying around a wallet or key ring full of plastic cards or keytags.

Check our website and calendar for more information. Remember to leave us your email and we will include you in our outreach blasts, and if you want to know what to read next, we can also have a weekly newsletter sent to you based on your preferred reading genre. In the meantime—do some planning and enjoy spring!

## Please Complete Your Library Survey

*The Sea Cliff Library is developing plans to better serve the community over the next few years. Please help us by filling out our survey, which you can find at the library or by going to [seaclifflibrary.org](http://seaclifflibrary.org) and clicking on the newsletter link.*

## Let's Connect

by Karen Montagnese, Senior Outreach

It is spring and I hope everyone had a safe, cozy and warm winter. It is now time to come out of hibernation. With the new season come new opportunities to step out and connect with your community. It has become well recognized that isolation and loneliness have an impact on the quality of one's life and can compromise health issues.

During this season of new beginnings, consider making a new personal connection. Join others on a trip to the grocery

store or take a group yoga class at our lunch program. To promote access and connectivity, our village has a small bus. Its purpose is to serve our seniors as well as the disabled. The bus has a planned schedule and provides door to door services. On Tuesdays and Fridays, it travels to the local lunch program and on Wednesdays it goes to the grocery store. To arrange for a pickup, simply call Village Hall.

I understand that for some the logistics of getting out can

be challenging. Restricted mobility, health issues and solitary routines can result in a home-bound lifestyle. However, if you are feeling lonely, please don't isolate yourself. Feel free to call me at Senior Outreach and we can explore opportunities to connect with others—beginning with our first phone call. My number is 516-671-0080 x 36. Like a little seed in the spring, we will find some fertile ground and see what sprouts.

## Pat Guy: Celebrating 25 Years of Service

by Caroline Winchester

For twenty-five years, Pat Guy has devoted her time and effort to the village of Sea Cliff. Being the Deputy Village Clerk, it is her job to help answer the questions and concerns of the residents of Sea Cliff. She works alongside other village officials, helping to make our village a better place.

Like many other village officials, Pat lives in our seaside village of Sea Cliff. She started her position as Deputy Clerk after years of being a resident. "I have lived in Sea Cliff for forty-

one years and have loved every minute of it," says Pat.

Pat has been dedicated and committed to her work. She has loved not having to travel, and enjoys working with her coworkers. "Everyone in the office is amazing and easy to work with," says Pat. Sea Cliff Village appreciates Pat's hard work and dedication.

"Pat Guy is a true testament to the noble profession of public servant," says Mayor Lieberman. "She displays nothing less than an uplifting and joyful

demeanor along with her determined willingness to help others."





# The Sea Cliff Gardener

by Donna Kianka, Winter's Edge Micro Farm

Well, here we stand on the edge of spring (or Winter's Edge). Time for renewal, holidays and generally feeling everything will be all right. In thinking about those spring rains, consider getting a rain barrel for water collection that could be used for container plants as well as the gardens. You may need a longer hose for the gardens and a watering can, but plants prefer the rain water over the hose. Rain barrels can be purchased at nurseries and online.

Think about growing a collection of herbs that support the cook in the kitchen aka "kitchen herb garden." Simply think of all the herbs you use most of the time in cooking and plant accordingly. I highly recommend basil, oregano, rosemary and parsley to start. Oregano as well as parsley will grow back year after year and both can be harvested to get you through the winter. You can add to your herbs next season, but again do it slowly and based on your style of cooking/use.

Another garden could be veggies which you can feast on over the summer into fall. There is the "basic cooking garden" and includes potatoes, onions and garlic. Garlic is planted in

the fall and is harvested around July. Potato gardens need to be rotated every year and planted away from plants such as eggplant due to the pests. Potatoes can also be planted in a big container (recommended). Another garden I recommend is the salad garden which would include lettuce, radishes, cucumbers and tomatoes. Everything but the tomatoes can be sown as a continuous crop.

In March, start thinking about planting lettuce, peas, kale and spinach. Please make sure the soil is not heavy with water, but rather slightly moist. April is good for broccoli and carrots. May is a great month to really start putting in the gardens, and you can start with watermelons, parsley, peppers, tomatoes, more lettuce, beans and herbs. Get growing and stop paying the high prices for herbs and veggies! Nothing tastes better (and is cheaper) than what you grow with your own hands.

Spring is a wonderful time to get out and walk Sea Cliff. Remember to breathe in the sweet air!

Places to go and things to do: Sea Cliff Beautification: Plant Sale (veggies, herbs and flowers) May 4th from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

at St Luke's on Glen Ave. There will be roses for sale in celebration of "The Run for the Roses." Meetings are the third Thursday of the month starting at 9 a.m. Come and meet other people interested in gardening and making Sea Cliff a beautiful place to live.

Country Club Florist, 187 Glen Cove Ave.: A Sea Cliff source for seeds, plants and flowers. A great nursery.

Clark Gardens, IU Willets. Albertson: <http://clarkbotanic.org/> Plant Sale May 10th and 11th. A wide selection of herbs, veggies and plants.

Hicks Flower Show: A local flower show which offers not only eye candy exhibits but also lectures. Opens March 2. <https://www.hicksnurseries.com/>

Giordano's Country Garden: <https://giordanosgiftandgarden.com/>: Sea Cliff's very own nursery and gift shop. An excellent resource.

Macy's Flower Show: Manhattan April 1-9. Free and fun.

# Welcome a "Green" Spring

by Henriette Rohl, ECC Member

As we head outside to enjoy warmer days, it's time to implement greener habits.

A few simple ideas:

1. Stay local. Enjoy the many amenities Sea Cliff has to offer.
2. Conserve energy. Walk or bike; leave the car behind.
3. Bring a reusable water bottle, cutlery and straw to the beach or park.
4. Visit a local farmers' market.
5. Plant a tree or vegetable garden.
6. Check sprinklers and hoses for leaks.
7. Compost kitchen and garden waste.
8. Think before you fertilize. Please commit to not using Roundup (glyphosate).

9. Spring cleaning? Consider donating or selling unwanted items.

10. Recycle glass, plastic and metal waste. A complete, current list of recyclables is available on the village website: [www.seacliff-ny.gov](http://www.seacliff-ny.gov).

Did you know Sea Cliff has earned a reputation for being environmentally progressive? Thanks to the Environmental Conservation Commission, led by Dina Epstein, we have been able to implement several initiatives to protect our local environment. We look forward to continuing the trend. Let's think greener by reusing, reducing and recycling.

## Spring is for Tree Planting

by the Sea Cliff Tree Commission

Yes, it is only March and the weather isn't that great yet, but spring and warm weather are definitely coming, so now is the time to start thinking about planting trees. Why plant trees? Well, more than 150 trees with diameters greater than ten inches were removed in Sea Cliff last year alone. And within the last eight years, over 1800 large trees were removed, and only 314 new trees were planted. The result is that Sea Cliff continues to lose more and more of its tree canopy and the corresponding wooded neighborhood vibe that makes Sea Cliff such a desirable place to live. The village will be planting some street trees in the rights-of-way again this spring, but there are places on every resident's property where a new tree can fit in perfectly. There

are many smaller-growth trees for small spaces that provide beautiful flowers, privacy, summer shade and attractive greenery; and if you have a big open space, don't bypass planting a larger-growth tree which will eventually become a majestic addition to your home. The advantages of planting trees of the right type in the right place have been shown to be extensive. You can see how valuable your trees are by using a free online tree worth calculator, such as the National Tree Benefit Calculator found at: <http://www.tree-benefits.com/calculator/>. If you don't have many trees, these calculators will show you all the money you are losing by not planting a tree. So, start thinking about adding some value to your home this spring!

## Reminder From the Tree Commission

Residents who have an open tree removal permit that requires planting of a replacement tree this spring should plan now in order to have it completed by the May 15th deadline. Please notify the village when the tree is planted to close the permit and avoid receiving a fine.

## Fertilizer – Changes May Be Coming

by Eric Swenson, Executive Director, Hempstead Harbor Protection Committee

In my last article, I focused on the serious problem of algal blooms that are threatening Long Island's waterways and the various causes and problems. This article will focus on one aspect—lawn fertilizer—and changes that may be coming.

In Hempstead Harbor, computer modeling by The Nature Conservancy shows that 15 – 20 percent of the nitrogen in the harbor is from overfertilizing. While part of the problem is applying more fertilizer than the plant roots can take up, or applying it just before a rainstorm where it washes off and down into storm drains, some believe that part of the problem may be the composition of the fertilizer itself.

Over the past few months, I

have participated in a workgroup convened by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation that has been looking into new regulations regarding residential lawn fertilization on Long Island. It is very possible that legislation will be introduced this spring in the State Legislature that will change the composition of fertilizer sold on Long Island.

The workgroup that has been addressing this includes fertilizer manufacturers, retailers, landscapers, environmental organizations, government agencies and others.

The latest recommendations (January 2019) are not final, but include limiting the amount of nitrogen in fertilizer so that no more than 0.6 pounds of nitrogen are applied per 1,000

square feet and that at least 50 percent of the nitrogen in the bag is non-water soluble (i.e. "slow release"). The 0.6 pound limit would make this the lowest in the nation (most states are at 0.9 pounds, including New Jersey and Maryland). At the same time, the maximum annual application rate would be 1.8 pounds per 1,000 square feet, meaning that you could apply the fertilizer no more than three times a year. Currently, many fertilizer manufacturers have a four-step program. That would now become a three-step program. Scotts already makes a three-step program for parts of the country.

Further, no fertilizer could be applied between November 1st and April 1st (the exact dates vary slightly at present in Nas-

sau, Suffolk and New York State rules). During these months, plants have largely gone dormant and do not take up fertilizer anyway.

To ensure that this is adhered to, retailers would be required to remove the product from their shelves during this period.

At least one manufacturer (Scotts) has said that they can produce such a product for Long Island. The proposed law would provide for about a two-year window to produce it.

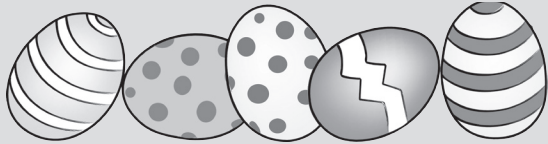
Some landscapers believe that the 0.6 pound limit is not sufficient for residential turf grass and that this will invite diseases for which pesticides or fungicides would be needed. Others claim that, once a lawn is established, very little fertilization is required. Advocates of the 0.6

pound limit point out that leaving the grass clippings on the lawn (such as with a mulching mower) returns nitrogen to the plants.

If you do fertilize, the best times to fertilize are April through June and September through October. LIGHTLY water in the fertilizer after applying it. If you live on the water, do not apply within twenty feet of the shore unless you use a drop spreader. Also make sure to sweep up any fertilizer that may land on driveways or sidewalks to prevent it from reaching storm drains.

Remember, that everything you do (even if you live miles from the harbor) can impact the quality of our water. Keeping it clean is a responsibility that we all share.

## Join In The Easter Fun



Saturday, April 13, 10 a.m.: Community Easter Egg Hunt at United Methodist Church of Sea Cliff, corner of Carpenter and Downing Avenues. All are welcome—egg hunt is for children twelve and under.

## Sea Cliff's Winter Farmers' Market: An Indoor Gem

by Will Winchester

A farmers' market is defined as "a food market at which local farmers sell fruit and vegetables and often meat, cheese, and bakery products directly to consumers." Although this is a generalized definition, Sea Cliff's Farmers' Market is far more than a place for farmers to sell fresh food; it is rather a community staple and something that makes Sea Cliff special. Starting January 5, Sea Cliff Farmers' Market founder Amy Peters arranged for residents to enjoy the market year-round by opening Sea Cliff's Winter Market in an indoor space.

"I inquired about the Creative Arts Studio as the space

for the indoor market because I had been there for musical and other art events and thought that it could be a great location," Peters explains. "I especially liked the fact that the location was in the middle of town."

The Creative Arts Studio, which is at the heart of Sea Cliff, provides a great place for the Winter Farmers' Market. The funky atmosphere sets a vibrant tone and welcomes a diverse crowd. The market attracts a versatile group of vendors selling everything from pickles and jewelry to kombucha, healing stones and healthy foods. Moreover, the wide variety of items attracts a vast crowd of people

of different passions, ethnicity and walks of life.

Every Saturday, the Winter Market opens its doors from 12 to 4 p.m. for residents of Sea Cliff and the surrounding areas. It is a place where people get the unique opportunity to talk to people they wouldn't normally see, buy food they wouldn't normally eat, as well as creating a strong community where residents can socialize and connect with each other and the village. Much like the Summer Farmers' Market, which will be held in front of St. Luke's Church, the Winter Farmers' Market proves to be a precious gem that holds our diverse community together.

## Sea Cliff Arts Council

by Kathleen DiResta, Chairperson, Sea Cliff Arts Council

### Art Shows at the Sea Cliff Village Library

March & April: Robert Bloom Photography

May & June: Lilli Scott Paintings

July & August: Group Art Show - *Views of Hempstead Harbor*. All artists welcome to submit. Proceeds to benefit Coalition to Save Hempstead Harbor.

September & October: Frank Cszoka Photography

### Showcase of the Arts at K. DiResta Collective

Thursday, February 28th at 7:30 p.m.

Sea Cliff musician Toby Tom Tom and his new collection of music, *Souls Full and Fresh*. He will perform and discuss his music career and song writing influences.

### Friends of SCAC

Glenwood Life Center - *Art on the Spot*

March 8th and March 22nd at 7:30 p.m.

An open space where artists, musicians and dancers are welcome to come jam, create, move, and collaborate; OR come and enjoy. Kind of like an open mic for all the arts. Open and fun scene!

To learn more, email us at [seacliffartscouncil@gmail.com](mailto:seacliffartscouncil@gmail.com). To make a donation or send a note, our address is PO Box 141, Sea Cliff, NY, 11579. Thanks for your support!

## Sea Cliff Beach Notes

by Ann Kopple, Beach Manager

Looking forward to warmer days ahead! Our beloved beach will open on Memorial Day weekend, Saturday, May 25 through Monday, May 27, from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. with smiling faces and open arms all around!

For those who have not purchased Membership/Boat Rack Rental through the mail or in person at Village Hall, these may be purchased at the Beach Office each weekend through June 23, then daily throughout the season from June 27 on. Current boat rack renters will be notified to renew by mail in April. Any boat racks not renewed by May 25 will be sold on a first come, first served basis.

**WE ARE PRESENTLY RECRUITING LIFEGUARDS!** Full and part time positions available.

We look forward to our wonderful high school and college students becoming involved by applying for lifeguard positions at Sea Cliff Beach, where you grew up. Return to your happy place and make memories again!

If you like working with the public, enjoy working with children, are friendly, athletic, energetic and a strong swimmer, then you are just what we are looking for! We offer competitive salaries and a great work environment.

Minimum requirements: sixteen years old by June, enrolled in a course leading to Grade IA certification, eligible for Grade II (Bay, Calm Water) in May/June.

Inquire about enrolling in a lifeguard course now by calling Nassau County Lifeguard Certification Office at 516-572-6591.

Summers at Sea Cliff Beach are the stuff of which dreams are made!

Parents, please encourage your children over age sixteen to consider becoming a lifeguard with us and experiencing a wonderful summer spent locally! It's a healthy and happy way to spend the summer.

For further information about lifeguarding at Sea Cliff Beach please contact Marianne Lennon at SC Village Hall, 516-671-0080.

## Memorial Day Parade



The Memorial Day Parade, Monday, May 27, 2019, will begin at 9 a.m. at Memorial Park. All village organizations are invited to participate and all are welcome to observe this important occasion. The parade moves from Memorial Park to Clifton Park, where a brief program will be observed.

The James F. Brengel American Legion Post organizes this event, and any questions regarding any aspect of this program may be directed to Phil Como at [philipcomo@yahoo.com](mailto:philipcomo@yahoo.com).

## Our Lady of Kazan Easter Bazaar

Enjoy a Sea Cliff tradition—come to the annual Easter bazaar of the Church of Our Lady of Kazan! We'll have homemade pirogi and delicious borscht, and be sure to enjoy our wonderful desserts! For those of you who don't want to make dinner, we have a takeout option.

We have many beautiful gift items, from jewelry to nesting dolls to Easter eggs. Or buy a gift for yourself—Easter eggs in a glass bowl make a striking and unusual holiday centerpiece for the table.

The bazaar is on Saturday, April 6th, from noon to 4 p.m. It will be held in the parish hall of St Luke's Episcopal Church, on the corner of Glenlawn and Glen Avenues, Sea Cliff. (St Luke's is at 253 Glen Avenue, and the parish hall is around the corner on Glenlawn Avenue.) The bazaar information line is 516-468-1579.



## Sea Cliff Beach Clean-Up Saturday, May 11, Rain or Shine!

**9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

**Bring rakes and gloves!  
See you there!**



# Meals with Mike: Maldon and Mignonette

by Mikey Winchester

Chef Rob Occhipinti is the owner of the restaurant Maldon and Mignonette. It opened in the fall at 243 Glen Cove Avenue in Sea Cliff. The restaurant has great food. For example, the fried chicken is good and crispy. Yum! "I am staying true to who I am and listening to what everyone is asking for," Chef Rob explains. "I've made changes but I'm sticking to myself."

The restaurant is a mix of places he has been to all his life. He cooks Italian, French and American cuisine. He changes the menu each season and does staff tastings so his staff always knows what the restaurant is serving and what it tastes like. They are good at accommodating people's food allergies. But let's talk about dessert! There are homemade ice cream, cookies and many more yummy desserts. Chef Rob is very passionate about food. He went to cooking school in New York City and worked at a catering business. He knows what you're eating and what he is cooking. Maldon and Mignonette is an interesting name for a restaurant. But when you think about it, maldon is sea salt and mi-

gnonette is pepper. He named the restaurant that because when he was in the catering business, his partner had a different skin color, so she called them Maldon and Mignonette.

When Chef Rob was little, he would go into the kitchen and watch his mom cook. His cooking career really took off when he was asked to work at an Italian food market. Now, at Maldon and Mignonette, Chef Rob hand makes the pasta every morning six days a week. Maldon and Mignonette is his first restaurant, and in my opinion, he is doing really well with it. He likes to go home after work and eat his mother's food. He is so committed to his restaurant it is amazing. There is good ser-

vice. The servers don't come too late or too fast, just on time. There are many varieties of food. I think it is cool how Chef Rob can incorporate three different types of food in one restaurant. It's hard to open your own restaurant, but Chef Rob makes it look easy. There is a brunch every Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. People are coming for the yummy food, not just the cozy atmosphere of the restaurant. The restaurant is not very fancy, so if you don't like fancy, his restaurant is perfect for you. It's amazing how he is so committed to cooking. Some restaurant owners don't even know what to do in the kitchen, but Chef Rob does.



Restaurant Chef Rob and Mikey

## Children's Library Spring 2019

by Ann DiPietro, Children's Library Coordinator

Looking for a good book, a lively discussion, a great story hour, perhaps a new friend? Come to the Children's Library to find all of these! Our story hours meet Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and are very well attended. In addition, we have a story hour on Wednesdays at 12:00 p.m. which works especially well for those looking for a more intimate gathering. These programs all feature stories, lots of props, singing and dancing and crafts; all ages are welcome.

Twilight Story Hour meets Thursdays at 3:30 p.m., and infants through grade schoolers attend. Our programs run throughout the year, so feel free

to join us at any time, and of course, siblings are always welcome!

In addition to our story hours, we have weekly book discussion groups with refreshments and crafts. Preschoolers entering kindergarten in fall 2019 meet for lunch and book talks on Fridays at noon. Second, third, and fourth graders meet Wednesdays right after school at 3 p.m. while kindergartners and first and second graders meet Fridays at 3 p.m.

Lego Fun is every Thursday from 2:45 to 3:30 p.m. Lots of Legos and lots of fun!

Once a month we host a Family Book Night on Thursdays at 6 p.m. (March 7, April 11, and May 9) where parents and chil-

dren gather for dinner, dessert, and book discussion. Perfect for kindergartners through middle schoolers.

Families with children entering kindergarten in fall 2019 will gather Sunday, March 10, from 2 to 3 p.m. for a Meet and Greet here at the Children's Library.

To commemorate Memorial Day, join us for breakfast on the front lawn of the Children's Library, Monday, May 27, at 8 a.m., followed by marching in the Village Parade.

Email us at [scchildrenslibrary@gmail.com](mailto:scchildrenslibrary@gmail.com) or call 516-801-3402 to register for any of these programs.



Everyone loves *Strega Nonna*!

Photo by Ann DiPietro



Pizza and Picturebooks for incoming Kindergartners!

Photo by Ann DiPietro



Photo by Claudia Ames

## SummerStrings! RockFest 2019

Visit [www.seacliffmusic.com/summerstringsrockfest](http://www.seacliffmusic.com/summerstringsrockfest) to register elementary, middle and high school string players for summer rock orchestras and beginner classes. Programs meet on Monday and Wednesday evenings in July in Sea Cliff and end with a concert at Hofstra University's Adams Playhouse on July 31.

## Second Graders Visit Village Hall



Photo by Erinn McDonnell

On December 19, 2018, Mayor Lieberman led the Sea Cliff School second graders on a tour of Village Hall and discussed the functions and responsibilities of their municipal government as well as local history. The students had a lot of great questions as they enjoyed their special field trip!



An afternoon of fun with friends at the Children's Library.

Photo by Ann DiPietro



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

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

### Recycling, Garbage & Other Refuse Information

Pickup and Drop-off days and policies are subject to change—  
please check the village website at [www.seacliff-ny.gov](http://www.seacliff-ny.gov)  
or call 516-671-0080 for more information.

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

### Recycling, Garbage & Other Refuse Pickup Schedule

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

### Recycling & Garbage Holiday Schedule 2019

Holiday	Date Observed	Change in Schedule
Memorial Day	Monday 5/27/2019	No Garbage Pickup
Independence Day	Thursday 7/4/2019	No Garbage Pickup
Labor Day	Monday 9/2/2019	No Garbage Pickup
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday 11/28/2019	No Garbage Pickup
Christmas	Wednesday 12/25/2019	Recycling Pickup re- scheduled to Saturday 12/28/2019
New Year's Day 2020	Wednesday 1/1/2020	Recycling Pickup re- scheduled to Saturday 1/4/2019

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

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

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

### IMPORTANT VILLAGE YARD INFORMATION

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

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

<p><b>GO TO <a href="http://www.seacliff-ny.gov">www.seacliff-ny.gov</a> AND SCROLL DOWN TO</b></p> <p><b>"CODE RED NOTIFICATIONS" TO SIGN UP FOR COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS</b></p> <p><b>RELATED TO GARBAGE PICKUP</b></p>
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calendar. Email: [seacliffcircle@gmail.com](mailto:seacliffcircle@gmail.com)

### Village of Sea Cliff Justice Court

All court dates are **WEDNESDAYS**

**7:30 P.M.—Village Hall DOWNSTAIRS**

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

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

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