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Mayor's Update — Sea Cliff 2020 Abides with a “Spirit of Kindness and Fortitude”

by Mayor Ed Lieberman



Mayor Ed Lieberman

Once again, I welcome you to the quarterly edition of the Village Bulletin, the official publication of the Village of Sea Cliff.

As was the case during the publication of the last Village Bulletin in June, we still find ourselves in the midst of an unprecedented health emergency. Nevertheless, our village has continued to carry on with our essential services and other permitted community endeavors.

But before I recite where we are as a village and our future plans, I want to sincerely express my gratitude to the residents of our village for our unified efforts in meeting and combating the COVID-19 virus. For truly it is because of your “leading the way” we have been able to keep our numbers down and our spirits high. As a village we should be proud of what we have achieved during these trying times.

The advent of the COVID-19 emergency saw the village opening up our village beach for the summer season in accordance with the Governor’s mandates and protocols. The Board of Trustees concluded, as was the case with all Nassau County beaches, that it would be in the best interests of our residents to open our beach to only Sea Cliff residents and their guests. We also opened up the beach for the

entire month of June for the first time to accommodate those residents seeking to use the beach at the start of the summer season. The beach remains one of our village’s prime attributes and indeed was a wonderful experience for our residents and their families during this unparalleled time.

Another accomplishment over these last few months has been the closing of Sea Cliff Avenue on Friday, Saturday and most recently Thursday and Sunday evenings, so that our restaurants can serve dinner with outside seating during the 50 percent indoor capacity state mandate. We also permitted our restaurants to utilize their outdoor private property to accommodate their patrons. With this accomplished, we have joined together with our restaurants in not only assisting them, but also keeping our village viable and vibrant in accordance with all governmental and health guidelines.

Unfortunately, there will be no Mini Mart this year. The sponsor of this event, the North Shore Kiwanis Club, saw fit not to hold this event this year. The village and the Kiwanis Club came to the same conclusion that it would not be in the best interests of our residents and the thousands of visitors to hold such an event during this health crisis. We look forward to next year when we hope we can hold this wonderful event and not be similarly burdened with this virus.

Our Prospect Avenue sewer line, connecting the existing Sea Cliff Avenue line with other selected roads, is at the stage of completion. This long-awaited accomplishment will undoubtedly be a critical factor in assisting our business community, as well providing needed en-

vironmental benefits. I would like to thank all of our residents for their patience during these months of construction.

Another item on our agenda is to finally obtain the New York American Water property on Prospect Avenue. This long legal process will hopefully be accomplished in short order so that that we will be able to utilize this property in a meaningful manner for the benefit of our community and its residents.

In addition to this specific part of our village’s dealing with New York American Water, the village is still in the process of obtaining a feasibility study to

determine the best avenue of obtaining public water at lower costs to the ratepayers. We also have recently reached out to the NYS Public Service Commission, at their request, to affirmatively seek such a public water company. We will continue to pursue any course of action needed to accomplish this goal.

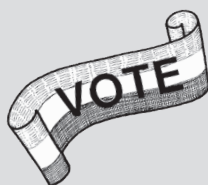
So as you can see, our village government, through this administration, continues to function and carry out its essential services, through its dedicated staff and Department of Public Works, as well as our devoted volunteer Fire Department, for the benefit of all our residents.

We will continue to be vigilant in providing you with any and all necessary services.

Once again, I want to express my heartfelt appreciation to each resident for your dedication to your families, your neighbors, and your village during these very difficult times. I know it is that spirit of kindness and fortitude that have carried us through this period. As always, Sea Cliff remains strong, united together.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to reach out to me, either in person or by email at: elieberman@seacliff-ny.gov

Sea Cliff Village Election



VILLAGE ELECTION DAY

DPW Garage, 66 Altamont Ave.

Tuesday September 15th 12:00 noon - 9:00 p.m.

Tropical Storm Isaias Cleanup

Mayor Ed Lieberman gives special thanks to

Village Administrator, Bruce Kennedy

Building Department Supervisor, Shane Dommin

Sea Cliff Department of Public Works

Sea Cliff Volunteer Fire Department

All of our Village Hall staff and employees

for their exceptional response during and after Tropical Storm Isaias.

Your work makes our village safer for everyone!

Thank you to all the residents of Sea Cliff for their perseverance, patience and understanding.

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Sea Cliff Residential Rehabilitation Program Accepting Ongoing Applications

by Erinn McDonnell,
Community Development Administrator

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

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

Renovations MAY include: Exterior—windows, vinyl siding, garage door, roof, leaders & gutters, railings; Interior—boiler, water heater, electrical upgrades, doors, handrails, lead abatement; Handicap Accessibility—access ramp, bathroom access, barrier removal.

The Community Development program will be accepting applications from Sea Cliff residents on an ongoing basis for the Residential Rehabilitation wait list. Applications are available to pick up at Village Hall and to print out from the village website, www.seacliff-ny.gov. Please feel free to contact Erinn McDonnell at 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	\$70,950
2	\$81,050
3	\$91,200
4	\$101,300
5	\$109,450
6	\$117,550
7	\$125,650
8	\$133,750

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E-Bikes Are Now Legal in New York

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

Something that has been common in the rest of the world has remained controversial in New York for the past decade. That is the use, ownership and sale of electric bikes (more commonly known as e-bikes) in New York. For the past decade they remained illegal in New York City, whereas the rest of the state failed to address the legality of their use. While they were technically never “legal,” they were also technically never “illegal,” they just remained in a grey area without any clear definition of their use.

What is an e-bike and why do people want to ride them?

E-bikes are bicycles equipped with a small motor, usually 750 watts, that assists a cyclist’s forward movement. While many cycling purists don’t believe them to be bikes, there are equally as many people who love their e-bikes. E-bikes provide access to cycling for people who may not have the physical ability to ride a bike. In a town such as ours, an e-bike offers access to our steep roads or a

return from the beach which may otherwise be too difficult an ascent for a traditional bike. It allows friends and significant others to join each other on rides when one may be a stronger rider than the other. And to be honest, they are just fun to ride.

What changed?

This past April, the state’s budget agreement included a provision that would legalize e-bikes.

The budget language created three classes of e-bikes: Class 1 is pedal-assisted with no throttle; Class 2 is throttle-assisted with a maximum speed of 20 mph; and Class 3 is throttle-powered with a maximum speed of 25 mph. Helmets are required for riders of Class 3 e-bikes. For further clarification, “throttle bikes” have a lever or throttle that allows the bike to be propelled forward without pedaling. The motor on a “pedal assist” bike only activates once the rider starts moving. It is important to know that the new law prohibits operation by anyone under the age of sixteen. It

is now also illegal to operate an e-bike while intoxicated.

What do they cost?

There are lots of e-bike companies out there these days. Entry level e-bikes with cheaper and less powerful motors cost in the area of one thousand dollars. As the quality of the bike and the power of the motor increases, so does the cost. It is easy to find an e-bike in the \$7,500 range. They come in the form of cruisers, mountain bikes, road bikes and cargo bikes. Even existing bikes can be retrofitted with a motor.

E-bikes are a great alternative to using your car around our village. They are fun to ride and give access to cycling to those who found it a challenge before. The choices are endless, although availability during this COVID-19 bike rush may be challenging. If it’s something you are thinking about for you or a family member, start your research early, as we are seeing delivery times delayed for months during the “bike boom” of 2020. Ride Safe!

Congratulations to Sea Cliff’s Traffic & Safety Committee

2020 Long Island Smart Growth Award Honoree

for its work improving walkability throughout the village!

The committee will be recognized at a virtual event on

9/3/2020 hosted by Vision Long Island

Village Native, Volunteer and Chief:

Sea Cliff Recognizes Mark Vitale and Family with Gratitude for Service to our Community

by Elena Villafane, Trustee, Fire Dept. Liaison

“Not all heroes wear capes.” In this time of a national health emergency, this phrase has received broad media attention. But if we consider life in pre-COVID-19 times, Sea Cliff has been very fortunate to have a real-life hero raised right here in our village. He so quietly attends to the tasks at hand that he could be easily overlooked. As Mark Vitale completes his extraordinary term as Chief of the Sea Cliff Fire Department, it is only appropriate that we reflect on his outstanding service to our village.

Mark was raised in Sea Cliff and graduated from North Shore High School. When he was sixteen years old, he, along with his good friends, Rich Boehm, Matt Sherman and Mike Hallquest, joined the Sea Cliff Fire Department Juniors Program. When Mark turned eighteen, he

joined the department as a probationary firefighter. He completed probationary firefighter training and became certified as a New York State EMT. As time went on, Mark continued to take advanced courses both as an EMT and a firefighter, all while attending college and receiving a degree in Criminal Justice. Now, Mark is a certified Advanced Life Support EMT and works full time for the Nassau County Police Department as a Helicopter Medic. In addition, Mark works as an EMS Liaison for the Northwell Health System and medic for other local fire departments.

During his nineteen years as a member of the SCFD, Mark steadily moved up through the ranks and assumed various leadership roles. He joined the department as a member of the Engine and Hose Company,

where he served as Lieutenant and Captain. In 2012, he was elected by the department to the position of Second Assistant Chief. He was elected to the position of First Assistant Chief in 2014 and Mike Hallquest was elected Second Assistant Chief of Department in April of 2016. As Mark ascended the ladder of the Fire Department leadership, Mike was right there with him. From the time that they first met playing roller hockey in middle school, Mark and Mike were fast friends. Mike was Mark’s first assistant chief and by all measures, would have been the next Chief of Department and Mark’s original term should have ended in April of 2018. Unfortunately, fate dealt a cruel hand when Michael Hallquest lost his valiant battle with cancer. In December 2017, Mark stepped down and Mike became Chief of Depart-

ment until his passing on January 2, 2018. After Mike’s passing, Mark stepped into the role of Chief and continued until June of this year when the department election, delayed by COVID-19, was held.

As a leader in the fire department, Mark focused his attention on increasing the level of professionalism in the department through advanced equipment as well as increased mandatory training and medical exams. In speaking with Mark, he commented, “During my time in the fire service, I have seen a culture change in the area of equipment and training. Fire cabs used to be open; firefighters only wore minimal equipment by today’s standards. While the SCFD is a volunteer organization, people have to realize that firefighting is a profession that requires a commitment to training and

education for the safety of the firefighter and his fellow members.”

As anyone can imagine, all of this comes at a price. Mark’s level of commitment comes at the expense of time with his family. Mark could have only served at this level because of the support of his wonderful wife, Jaime, with whom Mark has two beautiful little girls, Emma and Avery.

In April of each year, the SCFD hosts its annual installation when the service of the outgoing chief and the support of his family is honored and acknowledged. This year, as a result of COVID-19, there will be no dinner to honor Mark and thank Jaime. So, if you see Mark on the street, please make sure to thank him for all of his leadership and commitment to our community.

Think Trees!

by the Sea Cliff Tree Committee

In the past few months, there have been a lot of people running, biking and walking around Sea Cliff because of restrictions due to COVID-19. Hopefully, this healthy activity will become a habit and continue when a more “normal” life resumes.

Just getting out and walking around this summer has been great exercise and has provided an opportunity for shared family activity and for seeing friends and neighbors. As Sea Cliff residents, we are fortunate to have a beautiful village to walk in—parks, historical buildings, gingerbread residences, beaches, a pond, tree-lined cool streets, hills, trails and winding roads to explore.

So, while doing all this virtuous activity, we hope you can appreciate all the new village trees planted along our streets. In the last two years, your village has planted over eighty new street trees for the next generation to enjoy, removing dead and declining trees and interspersing new varieties with old favorites. To select these new trees, the Tree Commission sifted through hundreds of tree types to find those with the ideal characteristics for our streets. For 2020, another forty-two trees were planned to be

planted, which would result in a grand total of 123 new trees adorning our streets. Unfortunately, implementation of the 2020 planting has been delayed due to the pandemic. Once the 2020 planting occurs, the planted trees will incorporate twenty noteworthy tree species with twenty-seven unique cultivars.

On Downing Avenue, for example, be sure to notice the two Princeton American elms, selected because they are more resistant to Dutch elm disease. Other American elms were planted on Prospect Avenue by the Sea Cliff Water Company. They are all thriving and will grow into noble shade trees for our village. On Sea Cliff Avenue, six new honey locust trees

were planted in 2018; be sure to check out their finely-leaved canopy. Scattered over many other streets in the village, dozens of new street trees of different species are filling in empty spots. Can you find them? How many can you identify? This could easily become an educational family game when walking around the village.

All of these new village trees are doing well, and as they grow, they will provide cooling summer shade for our streets, and homes for many birds that will enhance our lives with their songs. So check out the pictures of our new trees, keep your eyes open for them as you are out and about, and enjoy our beautiful village trees!



**American Elm ‘Princeton’
(Ulmus americana)**

Photos courtesy of John Robilotti



**Honey Locust ‘Shademaster’
(Gleditsia triacanthus inermis)**

Photos courtesy of John Robilotti

How To Save a Life

by Elizabeth Winchester

On August 7, New York State Senator Jim Gaughran presented commendation awards to Sea Cliff Beach lifeguards Cate Salditt, 17, and Sean Valentine, 20. The awards were for their heroic beach rescue last year.

“I hadn’t thought about it in a while,” said Salditt, “and I felt honored that [the Senator] came here, taking time out of his day, to give the awards to us.”

The tag-team save for Salditt and Valentine occurred during Labor Day weekend 2019 on what Valentine remembers as “an eerily quiet” afternoon. Salditt was on watch on the lifeguard stand. Valentine, on break, was in the guard room filling up his water bottle.

“I heard someone yelling for help and sprang into action,” Valentine said. “I heard Cate blow the whistle twice to indicate our rescue protocol and I sprinted down the sand with the rescue tube.” Valentine ran past Salditt, who was also ready to go into the water to rescue the victim—a man around the age of fifty struggling because of leg cramps and asthma. Valentine used the tube to bring the man to safety.

Salditt had only been lifeguarding at the beach for a few weeks and the training was still fresh in her mind. Valentine had three years of experience there.

Like most rescues, this one involved teamwork. “Part of it is recognizing someone needs help and is in trouble and the second part is helping the victim and making sure he’s ok,” Salditt explained. “We were both pretty proud of ourselves for being able to communicate [with each other] to help the man and return him to his family so he could enjoy his day.”

Valentine, who was the head guard at the beach this summer, added that the experience was a reality check that something bad could happen at any time—even in the calm, small swim area at Sea Cliff Beach where he had never witnessed or been part of a rescue before.

“I always reiterate to the new lifeguards that it’s important to always focus on the water no matter what, whether you’re on the stand or not,” he said. “Always keep an eye on the patrons.”



“As a witness to Cate and Sean’s quick responsive action that day, I can attest to their training, professionalism and heroism,” said Mayor Ed Lieberman, pictured above with (from left) beach manager Elaine Neice, Salditt, Gaughran and Valentine.

Past, Present and Future: Village Municipal Buildings in Focus

by Erinn McDonnell, Grants Administrator

Sea Cliff is widely recognized for its Victorian and early 20th century residential architecture, but did you know that the majority of the village’s municipal buildings in present use are also from the same period? Over many decades, our village government and affiliated volunteer groups have actively sought to preserve Sea Cliff’s original, architecturally significant municipal buildings.

The Sea Cliff Firehouse Window and Façade Restoration project is one such effort that was recently recognized by Preservation LI (formerly known as SPLIA) with a 2020 Project Excellence Award. The biennial

award highlights several important preservation aspects of the project, including energy efficiency and coordination of resources. For more details about Preservation LI’s work and this special recognition, please go to www.preservationlongisland.org/2020-preservation-awards/.

The Firehouse is also receiving polish and shine through the work of the Sea Cliff Fire Dept.’s House Committee. Watch this space for more details in upcoming months!

A Successful Summer

by Elizabeth Winchester

This summer was a hot one. Sea Cliff residents were fortunate that during the challenging times of COVID-19, village officials found ways to open the beach safely. Residents adhered to new policies and guidelines as they enjoyed having a way to cool off and experience summer fun.

The Board of Trustees worked quickly before Memorial Day weekend to create and implement a plan for the beach to open in accordance to the protocol set by Governor Cuomo. The plan was submitted to, and approved by, the Governor’s office before the beach could open. Included in these protocols were reducing parking and capacity by 50 percent and how the village would enforce and document that. State protocol also prohibited sports activities at the beach and the use of the playground and concession. The village followed state health and sanitary protocols as well.

New policies also included opening the beach to Sea Cliff residents (and their guests) only, which helped to reduce the number of daily beachgoers. The maximum occupancy was set to one hundred people. Families and other groups visiting the beach together were required to sit at least ten feet apart from other groups and were required to wear face coverings when not seated at their spots. Beach employees wore masks too, and the bathrooms, which beach attendants cleaned every two hours, were open to only one person at a time.

Newspaper articles and even a TikTok video publicized Sea Cliff Beach as a hidden gem, but beach staff knew what they had to do when out-of-towners tried to get a piece of the action.

“Turning people away was definitely the biggest challenge and hardest part,” said beach manager Cate Parsons.

While some beachgoers and staff missed having the concession, showers and Friday night beach concerts, Parsons, a life-long Sea Cliffian, feels we should count our beach blessings. “The lifeguards, attendants and beach managers all work together as a great team,” she said. “Just being able to offer a nice way for people to get out of their homes and be in the sand, water and fresh air safely was a bonus.”



Head lifeguard Sean Valentine, left, with attendant Sean Garland, felt the heat this summer but found the best way to beat it was to go for a swim!

Mutual Concerns Committee

by Peggie Como, President, MCC

We are anxiously waiting for the go-ahead to reopen our senior lunch program. In the meantime, we are busy delivering food, masks and hand sanitizer to our families who are struggling during these uncertain times. Our lunch directors, Jane McGilloway and Elizabeth Mitchell, will continue to reach out to the seniors to make sure they are okay.

We received a large donation of hand sanitizer and beautiful reusable fabric masks from the LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR PROJECT. We shared some with the Senior Action Committee who distributed them to the seniors in their “Wellness Baskets.”

Unfortunately, there will be no Holiday House Tour fundraiser this year. We do, however, have something exciting to look forward to! Harry Schwartz is planning to do a Facebook Live Festival of Trees Auction in December. Last year, during the Holiday House Tour lunch at St. Luke’s Parish Hall, Harry started this new event. Local artists and residents donated very creative holiday trees which were sold by silent auction. This event was an enjoyable bonus to our tour and was very successful. We’re sure this year will be even better!



North Shore ninth graders Shea McDonnell and Paul Pourakis were busy working in the Mutual Concerns pantry this week. Shea and Paul diligently went through every can and box of food to check expiration dates and discarded the expired food. Then they organized the remaining food for us. Thank you Shea and Paul!

Sea Cliff Museum Update

by Courtney Chambers, Museum Director

The Sea Cliff Village Museum is working behind the scenes until it can safely reopen. We’re looking forward to opening our doors this autumn with a new arts exhibit. In the meantime, we’re collecting items for a future exhibit on the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic. Please consider sharing your artifacts, documents, photographs and other memorabilia with the museum’s archive to help us document this moment in our village’s history. If interested in helping, please email us at museum@seacliff-ny.gov.

Sea Cliff Senior Action Committee Delivers “A Little Bit of Sunshine” to Local Seniors

by Karen Montagnese, Sea Cliff Senior Outreach

When the Sea Cliff Senior Action Committee’s annual summer picnic was canceled due to the coronavirus, the group lived up to their name and sprang into action. Working together under the leadership of Alice O’Donnell and Tina Marchese, they came up with a plan to reach out and connect with the seniors in our community. It was decided that they would create “a little bit of sunshine baskets” and that they would combine health-related items, including hand sanitizer and face masks, spirit-lifting treats and a handout of community resources. The baskets were further enhanced by a donation of handmade face masks from the Mutual Concerns Committee. As Tina Marchese stated, “the contribution made their baskets even more awesome”. It was truly a collaborative effort. Al-

most fifty baskets were hand delivered to very happy and surprised seniors. A job well done!

The Senior Action Committee has served Sea Cliff for many years. They are the volunteer arm of our senior services, providing medical transportation, shopping bus escorts, handyman services, friendly phone calls,

and of course the annual picnic. The committee has recently recruited new members and feels revitalized as it works as a team to bring much-needed support to our community.

For more information or to volunteer, contact Alice O’Donnell, 516-671-5199, or Tina Marchese, 516-759-8623.



The Senior Action Committee members meet to discuss “sunshine baskets.”

LOCAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR SEA CLIFF SENIOR CITIZENS

OUTREACH WORKER				
Karen Montagnese	Available by appointment, phone or email due to COVID-19		Sea Cliff Village Hall	Karen Montagnese - (516) 671-0080
Guidance, information & referrals			300 Sea Cliff Avenue, Sea Cliff	Cell: (516) 232-7314 kmontagnese@seacliff-ny.gov
VILLAGE PROGRAMS				
Mutual Concerns serving the North Shore School District area	email or call for assistance	Emergency food pantry Stocking non-perishable foods, paper goods, masks & sanitizer Delivery to your door		Mutual Concerns Peggie Como - (516) 675-7239 scmutualconcerns@gmail.com
	Are you a village senior who needs a helping hand or a friendly phone call? Contact Senior Action Committee!		Are you a village resident who wants to lend a helping hand? Contact SAC to volunteer!	Senior Action Committee Tina Marchese - (516) 759-8623 Alice O'Donnell - (516) 671-5199 senioraction@seacliff-ny.gov
Senior Action Committee serving the Village of Sea Cliff				
LUNCH PROGRAM ***				
drop in - \$4 donation requested	Tuesday	11:15 A.M. - 2 P.M.	St. Luke's Parish Hall	Mutual Concerns Peggie Como - (516) 675-7239 scmutualconcerns@gmail.com
	Friday	11:15 A.M. - 2 P.M.	253 Glen Avenue, Sea Cliff	
transportation available <i>details below</i>	Call Peggie Como for home meal delivery			
TRANSPORTATION				
to Lunch Program *** <i>details above</i>	Tuesday	Call Village Hall to schedule		Senior Action Committee Village Hall - (516) 671-0080
	Friday	Pick up at your home		
to Local Medical Appointments	call to schedule pick up	At least 48 hrs before appt, please call Claudia to schedule		Senior Action Committee Claudia Moyne - (516) 759-9251
to Glen Cove Stop and Shop for grocery shopping ***	Wednesday	Call Village Hall to schedule pick up at your home		Senior Action Committee Village Hall - (516) 671-0080 senioraction@seacliff-ny.gov
"HANDYMAN" SERVICE				
local volunteer contractors	call to schedule	Contact Debbie to discuss needed service and schedule an appointment		Senior Action Committee Debbie Pierce - (516) 759-9342
AREA WIDE PROGRAMS				
Glen Cove Senior Center serving Glen Cove and the North Shore School District area	Access by appointment, phone , email and website due to COVID-19	Wellness checks and meal delivery available	Virtual programs available daily via website: http://www.glencoveseniorcenter.com/	Glen Cove Senior Center for details call (516) 759-9610
Golden Ring *** serving the North Shore School District area	Monday	9:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.	Sea Cliff Methodist Church 63 Downing Avenue, Sea Cliff	drop in at either location during scheduled times for more information
	art workshop			
	Thursday	1 P.M. - 4 P.M.	Town of Oyster Bay Comm Center 200 Glen Head Road, Glen Head	
	socializing, games			

*** SUSPENDED due to COVID-19

Safer Ways to Kill Weeds

by Eric Swenson, Executive Director, Hempstead Harbor Protection Committee

Weeds are not just unsightly plants—they can cause problems such as allergies and can out-compete native plants that provide food and shelter for wildlife. But commercial weed killers can also cause serious harm to the environment (including Hempstead Harbor) as well as to human health. This article will provide you with some safer alternatives to killing weeds, much of it based on my own personal experience and experimentation.

The safest and most effective way is to simply pull the weed out of the ground by hand, with a hand trowel or with any number of other tools designed for weeding. One that I have found useful is a “stand up weeder,” which is a tool that looks like a pogo stick with only one pedal and a set of claws at the bottom. You place it over the weed, step on the pedal, and pull up the weed, roots and all. You can find these online.

Manual pulling, however, is not practical where you have a large number of weeds. In that case, there are several of other methods that work, although not as permanently. You have many choices. These include:

- Smothering: Cover the weeds with newspapers or black plastic for a week or more until they die. If you use newspapers, you can cover them with mulch and walk away. The newspapers will

eventually decompose.

- Burning: There are torches that you can attach to a propane tank that you can then use to burn the weeds. It is like a low-end flame thrower. It will burn the plants. I no longer use this method because it does not kill the roots so most weeds come back and it is very heavy to carry around a fifteen-pound propane tank. I also worry about starting a fire. I see that they now make electric versions of weed torches but have not personally tried these.

- Boiling Water: For areas like cracks in walkways, carefully pouring boiling water will kill the leaves but not the roots. It is a good, safe, inexpensive short-term solution.

- Lemon Juice: Like boiling water, spraying lemon juice (such as bottled ReaLemon) will work temporarily. The natural acid, rather than heat, kills the leaves. It may take a day or two for the leaves to die.

- Homemade Weed Killer: My favorite method is to make my own weed killer. The basic recipe is simple: 1 gallon of white vinegar + 1 cup of salt + 1 tablespoon of dish detergent. Don't worry too much about the quantities—as long as all three are there, it will work. You then use a spray bottle or pump sprayer. I use a four-gallon backpack rechargeable battery-powered sprayer that works better than

any other method I have used. This method works best on a sunny day, as the natural acid will burn the plant and the salt will shrivel it up by sundown (the dish soap helps the solution stick to the weeds). You will be amazed at how well it works. Be careful around your flowers, vegetables, or shrubbery as you don't want to kill them in the process. Most weeds will eventually return so you will need to repeat this process, but that is the same with commercial weed killers. Note that household vinegar is normally a 5 percent solution. They do sell industrial strength vinegars for lawns and gardens that are 15 percent, 20 percent or higher which will be more effective. They too can be found online. I recently bought some concentrate at 75 percent which needs to be diluted. You must be careful with these as they can seriously burn you. A 20 percent mix is the concentration that is mostly used by professional landscapers. Another alternative that would increase the effectiveness is to substitute borax for the salt (again use one cup per gallon). Finally, using a biodegradable dish detergent will be even better for the environment.

Using any of these methods is one easy way that you can help make the world a better place.

The Sea Cliff Gardener

by Donna Kianka, Winter's Edge Micro Farm

After a very COVID summer, we arrive at the doorstep of autumn. With most gatherings and festivals cancelled, there is the opportunity for outdoor pit fires as well as indoor fireplaces to help warm us as we usher in the cooler air and the array of colors. It is time to switch from summertime light to fall pumpkins and holidays. However, there is still a thin razor of time left to plant lettuce, spinach and radishes. Plant as soon as you can. The Farmer's Almanac gives our first frost date as November 4, but I have seen frosts in October, and I have been successful with spinach all the way until December.

The fall is also the time to plant bulbs for spring color. Think about planting tulips and crocus in the lawn. Gardening always requires planning. While summer is reigning, we are thinking about fall. Gardening is all about thinking about the future while trying to enjoy the present. Throughout the fall always weed and try and harvest those pesky plants before they go to seed. It is also a good time to manage plant overgrowth.

Poison ivy turns red in the fall and begins to die back. Do not be fooled as those roots are still powerful. Poison ivy is best not pulled but rather cut. Wear gloves and protective goggles. And cover up as much as pos-

sible with long-sleeved shirts and a hat. Pull off all clothes from the inside and wash immediately. The oil from poison ivy oil “sprays” through the air. Never ever burn poison ivy, as it will land in the lungs. Cut, and if you can, cover with black plastic to deny the roots sunlight. If you apply enough garden soil and compost you can smother the poison ivy and plant other vegetation safely. If you are not growing other plants or plants you care about, you can pour vinegar combined with salt on the roots. Poison ivy, through careful planning and attention, can be exhausted and will stop returning. I have exhausted poison ivy, so I know it can be done. You can also install other plants that will overtake the area, sinking roots deep in the soil, essentially displacing poison ivy. Sunflowers and daffodils sometimes work.

The fall also should be spent putting your herb or vegetable garden to bed. Clean up the left-over plants by either discarding or potting them up. Cover the bed with landscaping fabric or black plastic mulch to protect the soil against erosion, wind, and general weather. It is important to put holes in the black plastic so the rain or snow drains into the soil. And then wait until the spring when you can begin again.

Ghost Fishing: Discarded Fishing Gear Poses a Threat to Waterfowl and Marine Life

by Skip Dommin, Coalition to Save Hempstead Harbor

Monofilament synthetic fishing line has been the choice for anglers since the material was first invented back in the late 1930s. Improvements over the years have made it stronger, less visible to fish, and resistant to UV light. While fisherman welcome these qualities, improperly discarded fishing line can remain in the environment for years and present a serious threat to wildlife. With over 500 lakes and ponds, 30 miles of streams, and 1,600 miles of coastline on Long Island (<https://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/7951.html>), the problems created by “ghost fishing,” or entanglement by discarded fishing line, are widespread.

CSHH water monitors have seen the harm discarded fishing line and hooks have caused to birds around Hempstead Harbor. In one instance, an osprey chick was unable to fledge because its foot was entangled in line that was attached to its nest. Although the osprey was rescued with the help of a volunteer rescue and rehabilitation organization, the osprey had to

be euthanized because its foot became deformed and was unable to perch. In another instance, a cormorant was seen on a dock in Glen Cove Creek with a hook and line attached to its chest. The cormorant could still fly and could not be rescued.

As a rescuer for Volunteers for Wildlife, a nonprofit Wildlife Hospital and Education Center, too often I see the injuries sustained as a result of fishing line left as refuse in our wetlands and on shorelines. Recently, a great blue heron struggled to make it across West Shore Road in Port Washington, only to be found nearby with a hook in its foot and attached fishing line tangled and causing life-ending injuries to its wing.

Alicia Grubessi, Clinical Supervisor at Volunteers for Wildlife's hospital, offered her experienced perspective and explained that handling these cases from rescue to rehabilitation should be attempted only by those with experience and special training: “...if you ever find an animal entangled in fishing gear, please do not attempt

to free the animal yourself and release it. These animals will often need extensive care and medications before they are fully healed and ready to return to the wild.” Constrictive injuries from the fishing line digging into tendons and blood vessels can result in loss of limb function or even amputation. Both bird and turtle patients have also been admitted as a result of swallowing fishing hooks.

Fishing and a love for being close to the water are part of the Long Island culture. Statewide recreational fishing statistics for New York reveal not only the widespread popularity of this sport, but also the important economic impact this activity has on our state and local communities. According to an article by the American Sport-fishing Association (“Economic Contributions of Recreational Fishing Within U.S. States and Congressional Districts,” January 2019), over two million state residents and nonresidents put up the “gone fishing” sign each year while contributing to the creation of over 20,000 related

jobs to the industry and over \$200 million in state and local tax revenues. During these troubling pandemic times, we can especially appreciate the value of being outdoors and enjoying nature. Recreational fishing and wildlife conservation can work together. Below are some tips on how we all can help:

- Whether fishing from a boat, a pier, or some other location along the shoreline, bring all of your trash back with you for proper disposal in trash cans or recycling bins, including all pieces of snagged fishing line and other fishing gear.

- While boating, properly stow and secure all trash on your boat—including fishing gear that must be disposed of—so that it won't be blown or washed overboard.

- Get involved in shoreline cleanups and help remove all trash from beaches and ponds that can pose risks to birds and marine life. (Contact CSHH at www.coalitiontosavehempsteadharbor.org or 516-801-6792 about scheduled cleanups around Hempstead Harbor.)

- Encourage local municipal representatives, tackle shops and marinas to provide easily accessed disposal containers for discarded fishing gear and other trash and to include fishing-line recycling programs. (In 2015, the Town of North Hempstead installed fishing line recycling containers in several waterside locations, and was collecting the line and sending it annually to Berkley Conservation Institute in Iowa for recycling.)

For more information, see National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, “Reeling in Marine Debris, A Reference Guide to Recycling Monofilament Fishing Line,” www.marinedebris.noaa.gov, and “Staying Calm in The Face of Trauma: Reflections of a Student Assistant,” <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/science-blog/staying-calm-face-trauma-reflections-student-assistant>, and NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, “Fishing Responsibly in New York State,” <https://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/9223.html>.

Meals with Mike: The Onion Tree

by Mikey Winchester

Are you sick of your home-made concoctions? Well then, you should go to The Onion Tree, which opened on Sea Cliff Avenue in March. I know you might be thinking it's still not safe to eat out, but here's the thing—the owners of The Onion Tree make many accommodations to make you and your family happy and safe: Number one: they all wear masks. Number two: they set the tables six feet apart. Number three: they have outdoor seating. And number four: food is available for takeout.

"We opened just two weeks before quarantine so we had to transition to take-out only rather quickly," said Raquel Jadeja, who operates the restaurant with her husband Jay. "Although we

had initially intended for The Onion Tree to be more fine dining, we introduced our pizza Napoletana and curry dinners," which are more friendly to take-out and have become dishes that the restaurant is known for.

Of course, you may be thinking this all sounds, but is the food good? Jay is the chef and he lived and cooked in nine countries before coming to the United States, so he knows many different cooking techniques. Jay's philosophy is "Spice is indeed life!" He uses many different spices, which aren't all "spicy," such as saffron, turmeric, cumin and more. My favorite thing on the menu is his fried chicken sandwich.

You may now be thinking the food sounds great, but how do

I know the owners have experience? Well, they have owned five restaurants so you know everything there is the real deal. They are also able to accommodate people with food allergies. So now, if all of these details don't make you want to try it, I know what will. Everyone's nice there!



Owners of the Onion Tree, Raquel & Jay

Sea Cliff Sounds: Rose Gunter

by William Winchester



When Rose Gunter, 70, first walked the streets of Sea Cliff in the mid-70s, the music scene was still burgeoning. At that time, Sea Cliff was saturated with gurus like Ram Das, according to Rose, as well as other spirituals and musicians. "We were all hippies," Rose told me in a recent interview. "Sea Cliff was different back then."

Though Rose still loves Sea Cliff, she recalls a different time when the music scene was in its infantile stages—when fellow musicians would play in the nooks and crannies of the now

bygone Books by the Sea, a Sea Cliff staple then owned by the late Bobby George, and on the steps of Arata's. "It was very organic," said Rose. "We would go there and jam, just because."

Not long after Rose arrived in Sea Cliff—about three years later—Little Easter, a vegetarian restaurant most recently known as B. Brown's Kitchen, started offering music. Rose, a vocalist, and fellow musicians performed at Little Easter, working for "twenty bucks and a good vegetarian meal." Although Little Easter came first, the music scene as we know it really began at Harlequin, which is now the Metropolitan Bistro. Rose booked, played, and brought the music.

Rose, formerly Rosita of Rosita and Company, her band that featured the late Lee Grayson of Sea Cliff on guitar and Elysa Sunshine of Glen Cove on bass, toured internationally. Rose has also written a host of plays and music of various genres, which

she performs.

In the early 80s, Rose was called down to Sea Cliff Beach, where bandmate Lee Grayson and his childhood schoolmate, then-mayor Ted Blackburn, had an idea. They asked Rose whether she thought Sea Cliff should have beach concerts. Rose recalls answering the question with a zealous "yes!" "I used to sing every Sunday [at the beach]" Rose recalls. "People would come and watch starting at three."

Rose has toured Europe but continues to perform in Sea Cliff and the surrounding communities. From Roots, which is now The Onion Tree, to her most recent performance at Cedarmere, the home of William Cullen Bryant, Rose still remains a Sea Cliffian at heart. Yes, the music scene has changed—the sounds of the 70s have been replaced, but the heart of the Sea Cliff music scene remains intact.



Jelly makers hard at work

Annual Bazaar: St. Luke's Says "Safety First"

It's that time of year when St. Luke's members begin planning and working on their annual bazaar.

This year is no different. But it IS different. The pandemic affects us all. What to do? Not have a bazaar? Have the usual event? Many questions confronted us. After much discussion, St. Luke's has adopted the motto, Safety First; and there will be a bazaar of sorts. Here are the basics:

- The date of the bazaar has been moved to Saturday, October 3rd, with a rain date of Sunday, October 4th.
- The bazaar will be held outside in the church courtyard to allow for safe social distancing.
- We will offer some 30 varieties of jams, jellies, pickles and preserves, all made under sanitary conditions in our state certified and inspected kitchen.
- Prepackaged cheese, herbs and spices will be offered for sale.
- The bake sale will feature only products made in our kitchen.
- There will be options for buying:
Shop at our booths October 3rd and 4th;
Order online for pickup the day of the fair;
Order and prepay online for prearranged pickup.

These plans are still evolving, so please watch Sea Cliff Circle, St. Luke's website, St. Luke's Facebook page and local newspapers for more details as the date gets nearer.

Feel confident: our products are safe; our cooking staff, masked, gloved and working socially distanced. Our kitchen is sanitized twice weekly. We look forward to seeing all of our friends, safely, this fall.

SCO Family of Services Celebrates "Christmas in June" Thanks to Nassau County Fire Riders

Not even a pandemic could keep the Nassau County Fire Riders from making their annual "Christmas in June" ride to SCO Family of Services' Robert J. McMahon Children's Center in Sea Cliff. The Fire Riders delivered toys to the seventy-three children and youth with developmental disabilities who live at the RJMCC. Thanks, Fire Riders, for spreading some cheer at a time when we could all use it!



Sharing Their Bounty

Sea Cliff Village Bulletin contributor Donna Kianka, pictured with her husband Peter, grows tomatoes, peppers, string beans, eggplant, leeks, corn and more, in their amazing "Winter's Edge" garden and farm stand on DuBois Ave. What's even more amazing is that they've been giving out their fresh produce on Saturdays to the community.

"Everything is free because of COVID-19," said Donna. "It's been an incredibly depressing year so I thought this would be a bright spot." It is, Donna. Thank you!



Autumn Happenings at the Sea Cliff Library

by Camille Purcell, Library Director

What a whirlwind the last several months have been! We have seen our world turned upside down, but with careful deliberations and planning, we have found our footing and have charted a course that we feel best serves our patrons and staff. This summer we moved to curbside pickup of library materials, and we have been very pleased with the results. Patrons have been requesting items and staff has been diligently processing them in order get them to you as quickly as possible. We thank you for your patience. Over the next few weeks, we will be adding services such as: in-library pickup, browsing our stacks, photocopying/faxing and lending out museum passes. Computer services will be the last piece of the puzzle to fall into place. Due to our size and desk configuration, we will only be able to have two or three computers to offer to the public. There will be time lim-

its and some hands-on help may not be available. We are sorry, but we feel it necessary in order to ensure the health and safety of staff and public. Masks and social distancing guidelines will be enforced. Signage is going to direct the flow of the stacks and social distancing. Please help us and follow these protocols.

September is National Library Card Sign-Up Month. Your card unlocks a world full of experiences: music, film, books etc. are within your reach by signing up. You can apply online or in person. Your card takes you Beyond our Walls. Take advantage of our downloadable music service, Freegal. Through the Nassau Digital Doorway (Overdrive), you can download ebooks and audiobooks without the worry of incurring late fees. Independent films and children's series can be viewed using Kanopy. You are allowed five movie titles per month. Can't think of what

to read next? Sign up for our NextReads electronic newsletter. You can choose your genre/s and a weekly newsletter will be sent to you. Our newsletter is mailed to every household in the village. We encourage everyone to read through it and learn what you can do with your library card. In-house programming is on hold, but we are committed to offering quality programming virtually. Check out our website and weekly email blasts to see what we are planning and offering. One thing you can count on is that the library will be here to help everyone feel connected in a rapidly changing world.

This is your library, and we hope you take advantage of all the many services we offer to our Sea Cliff residents.

"It was good to walk into a library again; it smelled like home." — Elizabeth Kostova, *The Historian*



The Children's Library Summer Reading Club had over 150 members—new books and treats for all.



Virtual StoryTime in Sea Cliff began March 16th with a story every day, seven days a week. Follow on Facebook and Instagram #seacliffstorytime and on YouTube under Ann Dipietro. This presentation of the Three Little Pigs was story #137.

Verse & Voice: Local Poets Reflect on the Pandemic

The Sea Cliff Poets, who meet at the Sea Cliff Village Library, have published a collection of poems written by thirteen of their members responding to the impact of the coronavirus on our lives. entitled "Poems in a Dark Time", the object of the collection is to bear witness and give voice to the feelings so many of us share "during this strange spring and summer of 2020," leader Matt Curiale explains. A copy is available at the library.



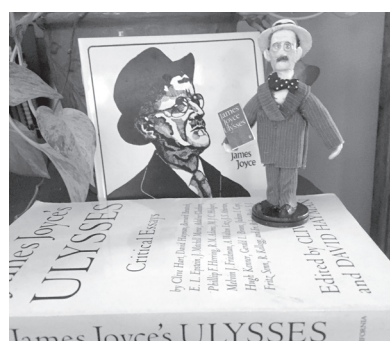
Sea Cliff Civic Association met virtually this summer, plotting and planning for the future.



The Civic Association's Fourth of July gift to the village: a spectacular car parade up and down the streets and byways of Sea Cliff's one square mile. Almost every house was hit thanks to cartographer Joanna Kletter. Carol Vogt and Christine Abbenda Hughes co-chaired the event.



Sea Cliff Civic Association's Sunset Serenades met virtually throughout the summer. Love-Peace performers Frank Ferrara, Stephanie Sobel, Lori Klein and Stephen Gronda presented in early July.



Sea Cliff Civic Association's annual James Joyce Jaunt—a uniquely Sea Cliff celebration of Bloomsday—went on virtually this year. Search James Joyce Jaunt 2020 on YouTube.



Children enjoyed a weekly craft organized by Sue Barell and picked up curbside from the Children's Library throughout the summer.

Photo by Jacqueline Llewellyn



From July 1st through August 21st, StoryTime at Sea Cliff Beach met Wednesday and Friday mornings to hear classic tales, always with a Sea Cliff twist.

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

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

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

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

Village of Sea Cliff Justice Court Procedures During Current and Ongoing Health Crisis

In-person court appearances are planned to resume in September 2020.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) has been installed.

All safety precautions will be taken.

Please call the Court at 516-671-0080, prompt #1 for up-to-date information.

Recycling, Garbage & Other Refuse Information

Pick Up and Drop Off days and policies are subject to change - please check the Village website at www.seacliff-ny.gov

or call (516)671-0080 for more information.

Village of Sea Cliff reserves the right to limit pick up or drop off quantities

Recycling, Garbage & Other Refuse Pick Up Schedule

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

Recycling & Garbage Holiday Schedules 2020

Holiday	Date Observed	Change in Schedule
Labor Day	Monday 9/7/2020	No Garbage Pickup
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday 11/26/2020	No Garbage Pickup
Christmas	Friday 12/25/2020	No Garbage Pickup
New Year's Day 2021	Friday 1/1/2021	No Garbage Pickup

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

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

Drop Off Type	Day & Time
Single Stream Recycling Only	Thursday 7 am - 2:45 pm
Yard Waste, Garbage, E-Waste, C&D and Recycling	Saturday 10 am - 2 pm

IMPORTANT VILLAGE YARD INFORMATION

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

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

GO TO www.seacliff-ny.gov AND SCROLL DOWN TO "CODE RED NOTIFICATIONS" TO SIGN UP FOR COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS RELATED TO GARBAGE PICKUP

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING DATES 2020-21
Days, times and locations subject to change
Please confirm on the Village website
www.seacliff-ny.gov or call (516)671-0080

Tuesday	September	8	2020	Conference
Thursday		17	2020	2020 Organizational Meeting
Monday	October	5	2020	Conference
Wednesday		14	2020	Meeting
Monday	November	2	2020	Conference
Monday		9	2020	Meeting
Monday	December	7	2020	Conference
Monday		14	2020	Meeting
Monday	January	4	2021	Conference
Monday		11	2021	Meeting
Monday	February	1	2021	Conference
Monday		8	2021	Meeting
Monday	March	1	2021	Conference
Monday		8	2021	Meeting
Monday	April	5	2021	2021 Organizational Meeting

Addiction Resources

In Case Of Emergency Call 911

Long Island Crisis Center
Hotline: 516-679-1111

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

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

Nassau Alliance For Addiction Services (NAFAS)
nassaualliance.org
516-481-4000

Nassau County Overdose Prevention Events
Calendar of upcoming Naloxone/Narcan trainings throughout Nassau County:
www.nassaucountyny.gov/3378/Nassau-County-Overdose-Prevention



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