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2021

Mayor's Update

by Mayor Elena Villafane



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There is no better place to be during the summer than our beautiful village. But as I write this, the summer is drawing to a close and I am looking forward to the fall. Although the calendar may say otherwise, I always think of September as the beginning of a new year. I recently had a conversation with Kate McGinley, one of our amazing beach managers, who put this in poignant context when she said "June is Friday night. July is Saturday night and August is Sunday." So, as I mentally pack my backpack with my new school supplies, I am preparing for the fall and all the work to come.

This is not to say that the Village Board of Trustees has not been busy this summer. Just this past week, new railings were installed on the boardwalk and the new ambulance was officially put in service after a ceremonial wet down. On June 30, 2021, the village completed the purchase of 325 Prospect Avenue from New York American Water. We have acted to safeguard the property and are completing some initial maintenance. In the fall, a

steering committee will be named to bring the process of determining the best utilization of this property for the good of the entire village. Public input will be sought, and I encourage all residents to engage and be heard.

The board, in conjunction with our neighboring partner, North Shore Concerned Citizens, continued to lobby our elected officials to pass the bill authorizing the creation of the North Shore Water Authority. On June 11, 2021, I am pleased to report that both the Senate and Assembly passed the bill. At this time, the bill awaits signature from the Governor, and we are hopeful that newly installed Governor Hochul will sign the bill into law. This is only the first step in our journey towards creating a solution that provides clean and affordable water for our residents. Our village and surrounding communities are grateful to the leadership demonstrated by Bruce Kennedy, Mayor Edward Lieberman, James Versocki, Lawrence Ruisi, Agatha Nadel, George Pombar and George Esernio in leading the charge to push for this bill.

This fall, the board will be moving to finalize local laws dealing with leaf blowers, media policy, consideration of legislation for a village moratorium on subdivisions in support of the implementation of the Long-Range Plan, and finalizing the process regarding the Marijuana Law (MRTA) "opt out." On a financial front, the board will be considering various programs that qualify for the application of the federal funds

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Sea Cliff Awarded Relief from the American Rescue Plan Act

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) provides multiple forms of relief for losses suffered as a result of the COVID-19 health emergency. It guaranteed direct relief to cities, towns and villages. The funding can be utilized for a whole host of programs that fall within the following general descriptions:



Mayor Villafane and Congressman Suozzi at check presentation on Thursday August 12, 2021 at Congressman Suozzi's Huntington District Office.

Photo by Betsy Davidson

- Support public health expenditures;
- Address the negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency;
- Replace lost public sector revenue;
- Provide premium pay for essential workers; and
- Invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure.

The monies are allocated and Village of Sea Cliff is designated to receive \$512,777.00 to be paid in two equal installments. Municipalities have until December 31, 2024, to obligate funds and until December 31, 2026, to spend funds. The Board of Trustees is considering the many ways that the ARPA funds can be utilized to serve the best needs of all the residents of Sea Cliff. As a community, we are grateful to Congressman Tom Suozzi and our elected officials in Washington for all their efforts in bringing this relief home to Sea Cliff.

County Considering Grant for Sewer Connection Costs

by Bruce Kennedy, Village Administrator and Director of Public Works

Nassau County is in consideration of a grant for resident costs associated with hookup to the newly installed Nassau County sewers. The county legislature may vote on the proposal as soon as September. For those residents able to connect now, please be mindful that it is uncertain if the funding would be provided retroactively. Please call the Village Building Department for further information or questions.

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the village received under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

Finally, on a cautionary note, COVID-19 numbers are yet again on the rise, and the Delta variant seems to be more a virulent strain. The Board of Trustees has again adopted a mask policy for Village Hall visitors.

In addition, out of an abundance of caution, we have postponed Mini Mart to October of 2022 and canceled Music on the Harbor. As the cold weather draws near and we head indoors, I urge all residents to be mindful of the dangers of COVID-19 and to take care of each other.

Be well.

County Executive Laura Curran Announces Grants for Nitrogen-Reducing Septic Systems



Photo by Bruce Kennedy.

County Executive Laura Curran appeared at Sea Cliff Beach on July 30th to inform Sea Cliff about the grant program for nitrogen-reducing septic systems. Pictured are Laura Curran, Elena Villafane, Roger Friedman, Mark Sobel and Dina Epstein. Members of Sea Cliff's Environmental Conservation Commission recently attended clean-water vendor day, where they learned that the new septic systems require a minimal amount of electricity to power their internal pumps, but will still operate like a conventional cesspool in a power outage. The grant program makes the cost of these systems competitive with conventional cesspool replacement for homeowners.

Board Proposes Expansion of Veterans Benefits

by Bruce Kennedy, Village Administrator and Director of Public Works

The Mayor and Board of Trustees have embraced the concept of expanding the partial property tax exemptions for veterans. A public hearing on the proposed local law for this purpose will be held in September.

Previously, the village offered what is known as the "Alternative Veterans Property Tax Exemption" only to veterans that actively served in the U.S. Armed Forces and discharged under honorable conditions during certain periods of war, which included:

- The Spanish-American War;
- Mexican Border War;
- World War I;

- World War II;
- Korean War (6/27/50 - 1/31/55);
- Vietnam War (2/28/61 - 5/7/75);
- Persian Gulf conflict (on or after 8/2/90).

The enlargement of the Veterans Property Tax Exemption may now include veterans that actively served in the U.S. Armed Forces and discharged under honorable conditions during the Cold War period of September 2, 1945, through December 26, 1991.

Additionally, the Mayor and Board are proposing increasing the maximum exemption dollar

benefit by 50 percent by boosting the assessed value reduction from \$30,000 to \$45,000. While this is still not a very large reduction in property taxes for our veterans that served our country, it is a way for Sea Cliff residents to say thank you and recognize their service.

Applications for Veterans Partial Property Tax Exemptions will be available on our website as well as in Village Hall by November 1st and must be received by December 31st.

Village Continues Recycling Campaign

by Dina Epstein, Village Trustee



Sea Cliff is continuing its recycling campaign. We are reminding you to place cardboard, paper, glass bottles and jars, metal cans, plastics 1-7, and junk mail into your single-stream recycling bin for pickup on Wednesday morning. The village also has blue single-stream recycling bins at various locations around town, including at our parks and the beach. We are working towards increasing our recycling to 30 percent of our waste stream. Recycling is not just better for our environment; it also saves tax dollars. Disposal of recycling costs one third as much as disposal of landfill-bound garbage.

Recycling is one way we can improve our village and global environment. For more information about recycling initiatives, please go to the village website at www.seacliff-ny.gov, click on public works, and then recycling procedures.

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. These 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 Erin 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 income limits: |
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| 1 | \$72,750 |
| 2 | \$83,150 |
| 3 | \$93,550 |
| 4 | \$103,900 |
| 5 | \$112,250 |
| 6 | \$120,550 |
| 7 | \$128,850 |
| 8 | \$137,150 |

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Mini Mart Postponed Until 2022

The iconic Sea Cliff Mini Mart scheduled for October 3, 2021, has been pushed back until October 2, 2022.

The North Shore Kiwanis Club, who organizes the event, and the Village of Sea Cliff, who hosts the annual event, have decided not to hold the festival this year.

The decision was jointly made primarily because of concerns over the highly infectious Delta variant of COVID-19.

Mayor Elena Villafane stated, "Our number one concern must remain protecting the health and well-being of our residents and visitors." Lisa Larsen Hill, Chairperson of Sea Cliff Mini Mart, stated "This event funds many worthy not-for-profit entities as well as local artists each year but the public's health is paramount."

Both leaders encourage the community to support their local charities and artists during these difficult times.

Sea Cliff — An Incorporated Village

by Phil Como

In recent years, Sea Cliff has enjoyed a booming popularity—and this has resulted in an influx of new residents and lots of beautiful renovations to housing.

The Village of Sea Cliff was incorporated in 1883, following a period of development as a resort destination from families in Brooklyn, whose origins were primarily German Methodist.

Much of the central village was comprised of small, cozy streets, divided into individual 40-by-60-foot plots, a lot of which originally housed tents.

As Sea Cliff grew in population and popularity, influential residents took on a leadership role and raised some \$270,000 to create necessary infrastructure such as water service, drainage, public structures and beach facilities. At incorporation, a village government consisting of a president and four trustees instituted a process of government that remains largely intact today.

As the village grew, various support boards evolved to sup-

port zoning, building regulations and development of master planning. The creation of a village code provided the basic rule-of-law framework that even today governs village life. The 1900 population of Sea Cliff was roughly 5,000—and it remains virtually the same today.

The Sea Cliff of 2021 is governed by a village board consisting of the mayor and four trustees; all five are elected officials who serve a term of two years. Sea Cliff has an election in March of each year. Terms are staggered so that two trustees are elected each year and the mayoral election occurs at the expiration of each two-year term. The village board is currently supported by a counsel, village clerk, code enforcement and a building department. A planning board focuses on land use and a zoning board of appeals deals with questions of zoning relief.

To support an incorporated village, residents pay a village property tax—which pays for

the cost of essential services outlined by an annual budget created by the mayor and approved by the village board.

The village residents enjoy excellent services, beautiful parks, a great boardwalk and beach destination, low governmental debt and great lifestyle opportunities like a revitalized downtown studded with excellent restaurants and shops. We have two libraries, a museum and many volunteer organizations engaged in a number of pursuits; and a crown jewel in our village fire department, which was initially formed in 1884, and is operated by volunteers. These men and women operate faithfully for twenty-four hours every day of the year—often in critical first response situations.

Resident volunteers remain the life blood and secret of the success of our incorporated village.

A Day to Remember — September 11, 2021

by Elaine Neice, Ex-Captain and Department Treasurer, SCFD

Those of us old enough to remember September 11, 2001, will never forget that tragic day and the days that followed. Those too young to remember, or not born yet, were certainly spared the horror of that day, but they also didn't get to witness the greatest unity our country had experienced since World War II.

On that day, and the days that followed, we all stood together, hurting, mourning, confused, angry, but most importantly, we stood together. Twenty years ago seems like a lifetime, yet we can remember that day with such vivid detail that it is impossible for us to forget, and we want to honor and celebrate our friends, brothers, sisters, those we knew and those we did not. Twenty years is not the time to go silent, it is the time to be bold in our "Never Forget."

Our village memorial takes place on the morning of Saturday, September 11 at 8:45 a.m. Every year, there are fewer and fewer people in attendance. Are we forgetting that day? Are we forgetting the 2996 people that perished that day, simply for showing up to work? Are we forgetting the 343 New York City firefighters? Are we forgetting the seventy-one New York law enforcement officers? Now is the time to remember and honor and celebrate the memories of those 2996 souls, the 414 New York FDNY, NYPD and law enforcement officers, who were friends to many in the Sea Cliff Fire Department. Those were long days after September 11, filled with funerals and flags. Let's keep their memories alive by remembering those we lost and honoring those that survived.



Nassau County Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton, along with Mayor Elena Villafane and Trustee Nick Pinto, met with Sea Cliff Fire Chief Will Koopman, Fire Medic Lieutenant Joe Baskin and Fire Medic Lieutenant Ray Silka on June 22, 2021, to commend the important work of department volunteers over the past year. The chief and lieutenants accepted an assortment of Nassau County COVID-19 service pins on behalf of the department volunteers from Leg. DeRiggi-Whitton, who applauded their service efforts during the public health crisis.

Sea Cliff Civic Association Welcomes Newcomers



Moved to Sea Cliff 2020-2021? Join the Sea Cliff Civic Association for its iconic Newcomers Welcoming Party! Email us at sccivcassociation@gmail.com for details.

Sign up for the Skills Database

by Dina Epstein, Village Trustee

Would you like to volunteer with one of the many organizations in Sea Cliff? We are seeking out residents who would like to contribute their knowledge, skills or talent to our community when and if the need arises. Your volunteer information will be entered into our database so that we will be able to match you with volunteer opportunities.

Your knowledge or skill could be professional, vocational or a hobby. If you would like to be included in the database, please email me at depstein@seacliff-ny.gov and include your name, address, phone number and the knowledge, skill or talent you would like to contribute. Please note that this will be an ongoing initiative. We may not have an opportunity today, but we would like to be able to reach out to you on an as-needed basis.

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING DATES 2021-2022
Days, times and locations subject to change
Please confirm on the village website
www.seacliff-ny.gov or call 516-671-0080

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| Monday | September | 13 | 2021 | Conference |
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| Monday | December | 6 | 2021 | Conference |
| Monday | | 13 | 2021 | Meeting |
| Monday | January | 3 | 2022 | Conference |
| Monday | | 10 | 2022 | Meeting |
| Monday | February | 7 | 2022 | Conference |
| Monday | | 14 | 2022 | Meeting |
| Monday | March | 7 | 2022 | Conference |
| Monday | | 14 | 2022 | Meeting |
| Monday | April | 4 | 2022 | Organizational Meeting |



Senior Shopping Bus On The Road Again!

The Senior Action Committee is thrilled to announce that our weekly Senior Shopping Bus will resume again on Wednesday, September 8th.

If you're interested – please call Pat at 516-671-0080 at Village Hall no later than 9 a.m. that morning to get picked up!

Hope to see you on the bus!

Mutual Concerns Committee

by Peggie Como, President, MCC

In a return to a familiar activity following a year of pandemic disruptions, Mutual Concerns has resumed serving lunch to our seniors.

Seniors walked in to the Metropolitan Bistro on Tuesday, June 15, showing off their vaccination cards, and enjoyed delicious meals prepared by Chef Harry Schwartz of the Garden of Bacon and Bill Long and Javier of the Metropolitan Bistro.

Several women at one table said they enjoy the food, but their favorite part of the lunch is seeing their friends and playing games and puzzles and learning new art projects.

As of September 17th, our lunches will return to St. Luke's Parish Hall. The program will remain on Tuesdays only. Sue Giordano and Lorraine Boehm

will be the new lunch directors of the program. They have some very exciting projects lined up!

If you'd like to join us, just give Peggie Como a call at 516-675-7239. Bus transportation is available to and from your house if you desire.

Unfortunately, there will be no Holiday House Tour fundraiser this year.

On behalf of the entire board of the Mutual Concerns Committee, I want to express my heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you that sent in cash or food donations. The outpouring of love and support is just amazing and we can't thank you enough!

As the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) encourages more Americans to get vaccinated, inoculations in the Sea Cliff-Glen Head area have reached a standstill. "Seeing our progress pause was a rude awakening," explained Love Your Neighbor Project (LYNP) founder and Chief Neighbor Jaime Teich. "With so many still unvaccinated, It made sense for us to develop a hyper-local campaign encouraging neighbors to protect their lives and the lives of those around them." That campaign is VAXapalooza, an LYNP initia-

tive to get more Sea Cliffians vaccinated. The goal, Teich told me, is to provide a fun, "judgment-free space" for residents to get their first dose.

VAXapalooza, presented in partnership with the Med Station and Branch Real Estate Group, will take place on Sunday, September 12, rain or shine. The event, as Teich wrote in a recent press release, will be "Sea Cliff-style, with music, free pints to the first forty adults over the age of twenty-one (from Still Partners and Metropolitan Bistro), and other giveaways." A hyper-local messaging campaign,

Teich hopes, will increase attendance. "Mini Mart, kids staying in school, live music, and a normal Halloween are things we can all agree on. The right and the left, the fearful and the invincible."

Teich formed LYNP in the early days of the pandemic, when many were still without masks and vital PPE (Personal Protective Equipment). With many of those unable to afford masks either essential workers or members of vulnerable groups, Teich felt compelled to help. "I was looking for a way to connect to the community by helping those

facing financial hardships stay protected against COVID-19," Teich explained. "I am in a position where I could purchase the PPE that would protect my son and me, something not everyone is afforded, and so I set out to make sure money was not a barrier to this essential resource."

LYNP grew quickly. In the first few months, according to the LYNP website, the organization donated nearly 2,000 reusable masks and hand sanitizer to over 1,600 local individuals and families. As the pandemic persevered, LYNP became a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organiza-

tion, broadening its mission to include equalizing accessibility. Since being named LI Herald Gazette 2020 Person of the Year, Teich has teamed up with over forty-five local businesses and professionals to help fund everyday expenses—from haircuts and music lessons to clothing and nutrition—for people in the community.

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Sea Cliff Museum Update

by Courtney Chambers, Museum Director



Village trustee and museum liaison James Versocki chats with guests at the museum's closing reception on June 19th, 2021.

This past spring, the Sea Cliff Village Museum exhibited the floral photography of the late local photographer Eric Kamp during our exhibition *Blooms: The Photography of Eric Kamp*. After a long year closed during the pandemic, docents and visitors joyfully re-entered the museum to view the seasonally appropriate photographs. The exhibit ran through June 19th, with a closing reception that evening. Sea Cliff mayor Elena Villafane, museum trustees, and village residents mingled in the Centennial Garden, sipping wine and listening to music performed by Suzy and Ella Oswald and Frank Ferrara. The museum would like to thank the three musicians for donating their time and tal-

ents, Joan Harrison for her work in curating the exhibit, Fred and Eileen Glueckstein and Deb Wachtler for sharing Eric Kamp's work, and the Rev. Jesse Lebus, Kimberly Frost, and the Sea Cliff Arts Council for their support.

The museum continues to collect documents, artifacts, and photographs related to the COVID-19 pandemic and all other aspects of our village's history. Please consider sharing your historical items with the museum so we can continue to document our village's stories. If you have any spare time, please consider volunteering with us. We are looking for individuals to help us catalog our collection using our new collections management software. If interested, please call the museum office at 516-801-3401 or email museum@seacliff-ny.gov. The museum will be closed for another few months while we make some repairs to our historic building, but plans to reopen with an exhibit on Sea Cliff's waterfront this autumn.

Senior Outreach — Fall Focus

by Karen Montagnese, Sea Cliff Senior Outreach

Medicare Open Enrollment

Time to reassess your coverage. This fall you can make changes to your Medicare plans. If you are happy with your plans you don't have to do anything. Reach out for more information.

Flu Shots

Flu season is upon us. Free flu shots will be offered to eligible residents. Northwell Health will visit the Mutual Concerns Senior Lunch Program this fall and administer the shots. Date to be announced soon.

For information contact kmontagnese@seacliff-ny.gov or 516-232-7314

Moving the Needle

by Will Winchester

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Update on Grants Available for Nitrogen-Reducing Septic Systems

by Eric Swenson, Executive Director, Hempstead Harbor Protection Committee

Homeowners and some small business owners in Sea Cliff and elsewhere in Nassau County can now apply for up to \$20,000 in grant funding to install state-of-the-art septic systems. Federal stimulus funds have allowed the county to double the amount of grant funding that was previously announced.

These new systems, which replace existing septic systems or cesspools, are designed to remove nitrogen (in addition to what conventional systems remove), which is a major contaminant of our waterways. The \$4 million in grant funds are on a first-come-first-served basis for qualified applicants.

The grant program is being administered by the Nassau County Soil and Water Conservation District on behalf of Nassau County. The application process is an online one and the link is: www.NassauCountyNY.gov/

SepticReplace. Further information can be found by contacting SepticReplace@NassauCountyNY.gov or 516-364-5861.

Here's the problem: conventional septic systems are not designed to remove nitrogen. Too much nitrogen in the water causes increases in algal blooms (some of which can be toxic) and when these algae die off, they consume oxygen in the water, which in turn can lead to fish kills. In addition, too much nitrogen also weakens the roots of marshes and other wetland vegetation which are vital to the health of the harbor and its inhabitants. The wetlands also protect our shorelines during major storms and serve as natural "biofilters" for storm water runoff. Sea Cliff is one of the areas that would most benefit from these systems.

While the nitrogen-reducing septic systems are new to Long

Island, they have been in use elsewhere for decades. Common components of these underground systems include a process tank (and possibly a septic tank depending on the manufacturer), a control panel, pumps, blowers, and media or effluent filters, risers with covers to grade on all access openings, and air vents with associated piping and carbon filters as required.

While these new systems are not cheap (the total cost for these systems is in the range of \$20,000 to \$30,000 depending on the particular system, and not including any landscaping after the installation), these grants bring the cost down to less than installing a conventional septic system. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

The Sea Cliff Gardener

by Donna Kianka, Winter's Edge Micro Farm

Every autumn, my goal is to totally embrace the season. The smells, the colorful sights, the cooler weather, the children returning to school: all those things that make up autumn. This year I have made a list of everything I did not do last fall, that I want to do this year. On the top of that list is to walk into winter. Some of my favorite places to walk are just around Sea Cliff including the waterfront, the main streets and those small out-of-the-way former paths which are now paved and driven. I also like walking in Welwyn, Glen Cove, a county preserve off Crescent Beach Road. There are trails for walking, but keep all pets on the paths, as there are marshes not far off which are deep and consuming. Another great area to hike is Muttontown Preserve off Route 106, which is a little further in distance but well worth the trip. Once finished, you can head further south down Route 106, to the Jericho Cider Mill for apple cider, pies and apples.

Plant nurseries are festive places in autumn with seasonal foods and fall flowers. Although, with COVID-19 still lurking in our midst, it is hard to predict what will be available at our local nurseries. Heritage and Hicks Nurseries typically offer fall programs and activities. In addition to these nurseries, we have our locals—Country Club and Giordano's. Country Club offers not only fall flowers but also wood for the fireplace. Giordano's typically has festive decorations as well as plants.

Rottkamp's farmers market is open until Thanksgiving. The Cornell University Cooperative Extension has a market at Eisenhower Park (field 8) Saturdays 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. which includes a variety of NY-made and produced products including teas, coffee and baked goods as well as produce.

Fall is the time of preparation for winter. It is the time to close and apply mulch to protect the beds and the time to protect your fig trees. In addition, weed your beds, clean out the older dead plants, cut back perennials, collect and save seeds, divide hostas and daylilies and plant spring bulbs. Do not fertilize in the fall, as the plants are moving towards dormancy. Feedings should be done in the spring. There is the opportunity for a fall planting of spinach, lettuces, chard, kale, and radishes. Seeds are typically unavailable in the stores but can be ordered online from places like Johnny's (www.johnnyseeds.com). Garlic should be planted October 1 through the 15th. The harvest will be realized the following July.

Fall is the time to sow the seeds which will be realized in the spring, both in our gardens as well as our lives.

R-E-S-P-E-C-T

by the Sea Cliff Tree Committee

Aretha Franklin sang "R-E-S-P-E-C-T." People deserve respect. Trees deserve respect too. We can all appreciate the benefits that Sea Cliff's trees provide from social, communal, environmental and economic perspectives. Trees can be beautiful and create a feeling of well-being, bringing natural elements and wildlife habitats to our village. Trees moderate our climate, improving air quality, cooling the air in the summer, acting as a wind break and reducing storm water runoff. Trees are a living memorial and add to our property value when planted correctly. Routine maintenance is important for a healthy tree and the benefits can outweigh the cost. Mulching, fertilizing and pruning add to a healthy tree, while improper pruning such as tree topping leads to unhealthy tree stress, disease, and a shorter life span.

So, admire and respect your trees and take some time to acknowledge and appreciate the wonderful job they do for you and Sea Cliff.

On the Ballot November 2: The Environmental Rights Amendment

by Anastasia Yankopoulos, Coalition to Save Hempstead Harbor

This November, New Yorkers will have the opportunity to vote on an amendment to the state's constitution. Article I, New York's Bill of Rights, guarantees rights such as a trial by jury, freedom of worship, workers' compensation, and equal protection of laws, among others. The latest amendment to this Bill of Rights, which has been called the Environmental Rights Amendment, will be on the ballot on November 2 for the public to vote on. This initiative in New York and other states to ensure natural resource conservation and environmental and human health has been referred to as the Green Amendment Movement.

New York's Environmental Rights Amendment is composed

of just fifteen words: "Each person shall have a right to clean air and water, and a healthful environment." This would guarantee that all government decisions, such as passing laws and granting permits, consider the air, water, and health of New Yorkers before finalizing actions. This comes at a crucial time when New York has dealt with a multitude of environmental issues. For example, each year air pollution in New York City is the cause of 3,000 deaths and 2,000 hospitalizations. Long Island deals with ozone pollution that spikes in the summer, making air unhealthy for sensitive groups. Water-quality issues in New York City are mainly related to sewage discharges (through combined sewer over-

flows following heavy rainfall) into New York Harbor and western Long Island Sound. Long Island deals with nitrogen pollution in the sound and other local water bodies, as well as ground-water pollution from chemical contaminants that can create unsafe drinking water. It is important to note that environmental health hazards in New York disproportionately affect low-income minority communities. This amendment sets New York in the right direction, closer to ensuring environmental equity for all citizens and righting environmental injustices.

Although the Environmental Rights Amendment would be a large step forward for New Yorkers, there are some criticisms specifically regarding the

language. There is no direct responsibility given to any party, making it unclear as to who would be ensuring this right is met, and who would be held accountable if it is not. Other states that have added similar amendments to their constitutions, such as Pennsylvania, Montana, Illinois, Massachusetts, and Hawaii, have included specific language that assigns clear responsibility and enforcement.

In addition to the states that have successfully enacted environmental rights legislation, other states are in the process of moving forward with so-called green amendments; New Jersey, Vermont, Maryland, Washington, New Mexico, and Oregon are all in the process of pushing green amendments forward.

Although not as robust as some of its counterparts, the Environmental Rights Amendment would be greatly beneficial to New Yorkers.

New York already has many environmental laws in place to ensure protection and conservation of our natural resources. Adding this guarantee for all citizens will only further protect our environment, while also creating new pathways to solve environmental injustices within our state. Please be sure to vote on November 2, 2021, and vote "yes" for the Environmental Rights Amendment!

New to the Village: Moonshot Emporium

by Maria Conforti

The ceramic birds sing a pretty song, and there's always music in the air at Moonshot Emporium. A turntable spins classic, underground and club tunes while shoppers browse vintage novelties, retro clothes and collectible music Tuesday through Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Moonshot Emporium began as a 2020 Christmas pop-up shop that became even more successful than the vendors had imagined. Now the retail co-op is a permanent home for three merchants: Wormhole Vinyl owned by Andrew Schipper; Superior Records owned by Cara and Luca Williams; and Crazy Lady Vintage owned by Lisa Leonardi. Connect with each merchant on Instagram (Wormhole Vinyl is on Facebook, too).

Visit Moonshot Emporium at 316 Sea Cliff Avenue (516-806-2500).

St. Luke's Annual Fall Bazaar — Saturday, October 2nd *"Not Your Usual Church Bazaar"*

by Renee Swanson

Throughout the summer, a dedicated group of St. Luke's parishioners have been spending two days a week in the church kitchen making jams, marmalades, chutneys and a variety of pickles for their ever-popular Country Kitchen, a highlight of the church's fall bazaar. All items are made from this summer's bountiful produce, and committee members have made multiple trips out east to pick or buy the best fruits and vegetables. The Country Kitchen is chaired by Janette Heurtley, who this year marks her thirtieth year leading this effort, sharing her expertise as well as her family's treasured recipes. According to Janette, last year everything sold out, so this year she has increased production. St. Luke's famous strawberry jam will be available as always, along with a number of other exotic fruit jellies. New this year will be a delicious peach/orange marmalade as well as more kinds of pickles,

including pickled beets and watermelon rind. Janette also suggests customers check out the jalapeno chutney and Tuscan infused olive oil. Additionally, the Country Kitchen will feature Vermont cheese, an expanded bake sale and a variety of spices and other items that have proven so popular over the years.

This year's bazaar, which will run from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., will be an indoor/outdoor affair. Lunch will be served, as it had been for many years prior to the pandemic. In addition to the ever-popular Country Kitchen, the bazaar will have a variety of vendors, apple pressing and an exciting raffle with a variety of wonderful prizes. Finally, last year's highly successful White Elephant Sale, chaired by Kristine Janusus, will be an exciting new feature. This year's bazaar promises to be a great party. Put it on your calendar and join us on October 2nd.



Janette Heurtley checks a recipe in the church's prized Country Kitchen cookbook. Janette this year marks 30 years leading the jams and jellies effort at St. Luke's.

Meals with Mike: Shave Ice

by Mikey Winchester

Taylor Alletto, 25, fell in love with shave ice on a trip to Hawaii with her family when she was young. It was always a dream of hers to open a shave ice store. When the pandemic hit, Taylor moved from Brooklyn back to Sea Cliff, which is her hometown. She started practicing making shave ice until she opened her store, Shave Ice, at 247 Sea Cliff Avenue.

"The lockdown fueled interest in opening Shave Ice because it would be a simple joy of getting a frozen treat or coffee that would give me contentment or joy," Taylor explained, "and I wanted to do that for the rest of the community, and bring something healthy and unique."

Taylor told us that all ingredients she uses are natural, organic and fresh. The ice cream is homemade locally. There are about 21 ice flavors. Taylor says she loves them all. The bestsellers change every week.

"In the beginning, watermelon sugar and tropical sunset were the bestsellers. Then it changed to almond joy, and now

we're seeing the floats getting the most attention," said Taylor. My favorite is the root beer float. A lot of people also create their own flavor combinations instead of picking one of Shave Ice's. That is pretty popular.

Shave Ice may be expensive but Taylor explained that's because the natural, organic ingredients cost more, and the labor does too. They make the ice right in front of you.



The author (center), and friends James Camardella and Sean Regan were Shave Ice's first customers at the opening in May.

Sea Cliff Arts Council Returns with Fun Fall Events

by Kathleen DiResta, President, Sea Cliff Arts Council

Sea Cliff Arts Council is back! We are happy to create events for you to enjoy the arts, music, businesses and community of our small village. New this fall: Poetry in the Park, at Spooky Park at 7 p.m., starting Wednesday, September 29th, and continuing monthly the last Wednesday of every month. Bring a chair and/or a poem. In addition to featured readers, you are welcome to sign up for the open mic (weather permitting).

Our art shows at Sea Cliff Village Library continue with Miranda Best for September/October. In November/December, come visit the group show "Inspired by Hempstead Harbor" in honor of the 35th anniversary of Coalition to Save Hempstead Harbor. We will post images on Facebook if you can't make it.

SCAC partnered with Love Your Neighbor Project for "Art with Heart." You may have seen the art stations around town where all were invited to add some love to the canvas. We will auction them off to raise money for those in need. Join us September 25th at 5 p.m. at K. DiResta Collective. Free to attend but please register at www.lynp.org/art.

Another art opening at KD Collective on Friday, September 10th, 6-8 p.m., will feature Jane Irvine, Beth Costello and Elizabeth Cassidy. Their work will be on view through September. The paintings of Eric Dixon will be on view in October.

A new ongoing event: Sea Cliff 2nd Sundays premiere Sunday, September 12th, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Taking the model

of Springfest, we invite you to shop and dine at all the local businesses in town the 2nd Sunday of every month. While you are supporting our year-round businesses who help create the fabric of our community, you can also visit vendors, musicians, and artists at Pirie Park and the Village Green.

Share your ideas and arts with us. Send us your arts announcements via email, Facebook, or mail. To be added to our email list, please email sea-cliffartscouncil@gmail.com. Our mailing address is POB 141, Sea Cliff, NY.

Beautification Committee Update

by Sally Davies, President

Join us for our fall luncheon

October 14th at the Metropolitan Bistro

For information, contact Sally Davies at sallyserenade@yahoo.com

Autumn Happenings at the Sea Cliff Library

by Camille Purcell, Library Director

September is National Library Card Sign-Up Month. Your card offers you the opportunity to take advantage of free programs, events, materials and services offered at the Sea Cliff Library. We are one of fifty-four libraries in Nassau County, and with your Sea Cliff card you become part of a much larger system. When you sign up for your card, leave us your email and we will send you information via weekly email blasts as well as programming announcements. Drop in, sign up and start your library journey today.

Check our website for updates and programming alerts. Some upcoming events include: a virtual trip to the Pollock-Krasner House, and tips on how to get and stay organized. Follow us on social media—Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Pinterest and Goodreads.

We invite residents to join the Friends of the Sea Cliff Library. This worthwhile organization has supported our mission through tireless fundraising efforts, sponsorship of library programs, events, museum passes, renovations and technol-

ogy upgrades. Please watch for their annual appeal.

Libraries have been reinventing themselves to keep ahead of community and worldwide events taking place over the last year and a half. It is our hope that the Sea Cliff Library has been able to offer comfort and a sense of normalcy throughout these unsettling times.

“A library card is the start of a lifelong adventure.”

—Lilian Jackson Braun

Children’s Library Update

by Ann DiPietro, Children’s Library Coordinator

Hi friends! Summer has been an exciting time at the Children’s Library. We enrolled over 135 children in our summer reading program. Each child received bags of books chosen for his/her particular grade and interests, a craft, reading surveys, postcards, and when completed, a medal and more books! Throughout the summer, our Storytimes met on the front lawn of the library, our Secret Garden, and Sea Cliff Beach. Families met in the early evening for book discussions—again outdoors—on the lawn of the library. Every day (since March 2020) we have had a virtual storytime—over 500 stories—all accessible on YouTube #seacliffstorytime. There were also exciting weekly grab-and-go crafts, plus, we checked out over 1500 books as part of our curated book bags program.

Now for the fall: our Storytimes will continue outdoors in the mornings and the building will be open for browsing afternoons. Crafts and curated book bags will be available. Our Virtual Storytime will continue, and starting in September we will be offering Family Book Groups on Sundays on the front lawn of the library. You can register for any and all of these fun happenings at sccchildrenslibrary@gmail.com.

A League of Their Own

by Caroline Winchester

This spring, while most of us were anxiously waiting for summer’s arrival and enjoying the warmer weather, the Frogs, one of the Sea Cliff Softball teams, were hard at work. The team, a mixed group of 5th, 6th and 7th graders, held practices weekly, similar to the other Sea Cliff teams, but demonstrated a work ethic and enthusiasm for the game that would prove to get them far. Their hard work paid off as they went on to not only beat all of the teams in the Sea Cliff league, but also defeated teams in Bayville, Glen Cove, and Oyster Bay, winning the interleague championship and finishing the season with an outstanding 15-0 record.

On June 19th, the Frogs played Glen Cove RXR at Glen Cove Stadium for their final game, and while they were down early in the game, came back to win 14-9. This was an incredible feat for the Frogs, as it’s been years since any team in either Sea Cliff baseball or softball has won the interleague championship. Much of the team’s success came from their impressive fielding.

“Our whole team had such a great connection,” said Frogs’ second baseman Charley Spence, a soon-to-be 7th grader. “It was our chemistry that made us

successful on the field. When we were together it was incredible to see how naturally inclusive and kind everyone was to each other.” The Frogs’ softball season not only left them with a trophy, but with lasting relationships that stand strong on and off the field.

This season felt especially important to the Frogs and other Sea Cliff softball and baseball players after losing their season the year prior due to COVID-19. Sea Cliff softball has been such a routine part of each year, making its absence in spring 2020 startling. This year, the players had a newfound appreciation for the game, after knowing what it was like to lose it. Head coach Bob Spence said, “I think everyone was so relieved to be back

doing something normal and fun. It really enhanced a season that we felt from the start was going to be special.” Even simply being in a social environment and team setting was something that the Frogs were grateful for this season.

The Frogs showed perseverance and a growth mindset, which helped them reach their goal. “I think what we just witnessed from the Frogs was how to take an ordinary occurrence—like a little league season—and make it extraordinary,” added Coach Bob. “I think the other big takeaway is that hard work, belief in yourself, and a positive attitude can get you very far, no matter what you’re doing in life and no matter what your skill level is.”



Pictured from left, after the big game: Coach Bob, Charley Spence, Catherine Lily, Anne Kelly, Morgan Jairala, Hailey Sanchez, Sabrina Haussel, Coach Steve, Nora DeNicola, Lila Frame, Megan Whitcomb, and Jaxx Mordhorst (captain).

It Was A Great Summer at the Children’s Library

Photos courtesy of Ann DiPietro



Families gathered outside the Children’s Library for a rousing singalong, led by Joe Hughes and a band of talented middle schoolers.



135 gradeschoolers joined our Summer Reading Club—bags of books, crafts and medals!



Story Time continues Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays on the front lawn of the Children’s Library.



One Book One Grade: throughout the summer, families met in the early evening on the lawn to discuss one book per grade. This group’s book was *Chocolate Fever*.

In Remembrance

The Rev. Leonid Kishkovsky

March 24, 1943 - August 3, 2021

Rector of the Church of Our Lady of Kazan
for 47 years

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.

INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF SEA

| CLIFF | day(s) of the month | time | Meeting location | additional information |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| Board of Trustees Conference | 1st Monday | 6:00 p.m. | See website | no comment period |
| Board of Trustees Meeting | 2nd Monday | 7:00 p.m. | See website | comment period |
| Architectural Review Board | 2nd & 4th Tuesday | 7:00 p.m. | See website | |
| Planning Board | 2nd Wednesday | 7:00 p.m. | See website | |
| Zoning Board | 3rd Tuesday | 7:00 p.m. | See website | |
| Environmental Conservation Commission | 1st Thursday | 7:00 p.m. | See website | |
| Landmarks Preservation Commission | 4th Wednesday | 7:30 p.m. | See website | Call Village Hall for details |
| Tree Commission | 2nd & 4th Thursday | 9:00 a.m. | Field site visits | |

Days, times and locations subject to change - please check the village website at 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

or call 516-671-0080 for more information.

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

Recycling, Garbage & Other Refuse Pickup Schedule

| Pick Up Type | North of Glen Avenue | South of Glen Avenue |
|-------------------------|--|----------------------|
| Single-Stream Recycling | Wednesday | |
| Garbage | Monday | Tuesday |
| | Thursday | 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 pick up schedule (<i>fees may apply</i>) | |

Recycling & Garbage Holiday Schedules 2021

| Holiday | Date Observed | Change in Schedule |
|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Labor Day | Monday 9/6/21 | No Garbage Pickup |
| Thanksgiving | Thursday 11/25/21 | No Garbage Pickup |
| Christmas | Saturday 12/25/21 | No Change |
| New Year's Day 2022 | Saturday 1/1/22 | No Change |

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

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

| Drop-Off Type | Day & Time |
|---|-----------------------------|
| Single-Stream Recycling Only | Thursday 7 a.m. - 2:45 p.m. |
| Yard Waste, Garbage, E-Waste, C&D and Recycling | Saturday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. |

IMPORTANT VILLAGE YARD INFORMATION

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

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

GO TO www.seacliff-ny.gov AND SEARCH FOR "CodeRED" TO SIGN UP FOR COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS RELATED TO GARBAGE PICKUP

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

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

Village of Sea Cliff Justice Court

All Courts Dates are WEDNESDAYS

7:30 p.m. - Village Hall DOWNSTAIRS

| | Arraignment | Conference |
|------------------|-------------|------------|
| 2021 | | |
| September | 1st | 22nd |
| October | 6th | 13th |
| November | 3rd | 10th |
| December | 8th only | |

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

Addiction Resources In Case Of Emergency Call 911

Long Island Crisis Center

Hotline: 516-679-1111

NY State HOPEline

1-877-846-7369 or 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

Naloxone/Narcan trainings throughout Nassau County:

www.nassaucountyny.gov/3378/Nassau-County-Overdose-Prevention

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