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# City of Glen Cove closes parks, beaches

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Glen Cove Mayor Tim Tenke ordered the city's parks and beaches closed on Monday because of several reports of people violating an order by Gov. Andrew Cuomo to keep their distance from others to slow the spread of the coronavirus.

"There were several people in cars in the parking lots. There were people on the piers standing shoulder to shoulder. There were groups of people walking through Welwyn [Preserve] together," Tenke said. "I thought [closing the parks] was necessary at this time because of the upswing in our area of cases, to try to limit those types of areas where people can congregate."

According to the Nassau County Department of Health, 73 people have tested positive for the coronavirus in Glen Cove since Sunday.

Anyone who goes to a park, Tenke said, will be asked by the Glen Cove Police Department to leave. If they return, they could be issued a violation. "I'm really hoping that people will take this seriously," Tenke said. "This is

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 Glen Cove mayor

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The GCPD closed the parks and beaches on Monday, asking residents to be responsible and not try to get around gates and fences. Among the parks that will be closed are the Dennis Brian Murray dog park, Morgan Memorial Park, Welwyn Preserve, Mercadante Beach and the Glen Cove

Golf Club.

Glen Cove resident Joe Kurowski said he's enjoyed driving to the beach daily during the pandemic. And though the closing of parks and beaches has

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Courtesy Greek Orthodox Church of the Holy Resurrection

**FATHER PANTELEIMON PAPAPOPOULOS** of the Greek Orthodox Church of the Holy Resurrection, in Brookville, addressed members by live-stream on March 25.

## Greek Orthodox churchgoers worship from a distance

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There was a gathering of only three people at the Greek Orthodox Church of the Holy Resurrection, in Brookville, for the March 25 Annunciation, the Divine Liturgy that commemorates the visit of the archangel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary. Greek Independence Day was also celebrated that day.

The cantor's singing filled the church, but the pews

were empty. Holy Resurrection is the spiritual home of some 420 families, and many of them were taking part in the Mass at home. There were 242 views on the church's YouTube live stream, and 1,400 views on Facebook.

This is the new normal in the days of the coronavirus pandemic, as houses of worship live-stream to their members as they shelter in place. "It's a very unprecedented and new world, and I

don't know if the world will ever be the same after this," said Father Panteleimon Papadopoulos, the parish's spiritual leader since last November.

One aspect of worship that is no longer possible for parishioners is receiving communion, which in the Greek Orthodox tradition is passed through a shared spoon and chalice. The priest then consumes the remains.

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# Easter Service to go forward, digitally speaking

By JENNIFER CORR

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Planning the Fourth Annual Community Eastern Dawn Service on April 12 was not easy this year. Not only is Easter landing during a pandemic, but all the parks, including Morgan Park where the service is usually hosted, have closed in Glen Cove to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Yet, the Committee for the Community Easter Dawn Services has found a way around those issues. This year, the Easter Dawn Service will go forward as usual, but people will watch on a live stream from home instead. A property, which has a view of Morgan Park, will be used.

"When people watch the live stream from Facebook they will still be able to see the harbor, the park and the cross that we put up," said Councilman Gaitley Stevenson Mathews, who is also a chair on the committee.

"It's really a beautiful thing with all the pastors and the churches that are involved," he said. "We had close to 200 people last year and this year we wanted to find a way to celebrate and keep people engaged without putting anyone in harm's way."

The Easter message, which will be in both English and Spanish, will be shared by local clergy members from Calvary A.M.E Church, First Baptist Church, First Presbyterian Church, Glen Cove Christian Church, Iglesia Ciudad de Refu-



**UNITED METHODIST MINISTER** Gia Lynn Hall shared "the word" at the 2019 Community Easter Dawn Service, as Fr. Kevin J. Dillon, pastor of St. Boniface Martyr Catholic Church; Rev. Juanita Lopez, pastor of Iglesia Ciudad de Refugio; and Piper Rober Lynch looked on.

gio, St. Boniface Martyr Roman Catholic Church, St. John's of Lattingtown Episcopal Church, and St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Some religious leaders will participate remotely.

"I know if there's something we need right now it's some hope and through that

service, our goal is to be able to deliver some of that hope via the internet," said Rev. Tommy Lanham of Glen Cove Christian Church, who will be part of the Easter service. "Obviously, there's so much social distance going on, rightfully so, but people are needing connection and we're

hoping to provide that type of connection."

The music will be led by Merle Richards, choir president at Calvary A.M.E, Josue Correa, associate pastor at Iglesia Ciudad De Refugop, Ericka Bautista, song leader at Iglesia Ciudad de Refugio and Stevenson-Mathews, an elder at First Presbyterian Church.

Glen Cove resident Robert Lynch will open the 7 a.m. service that will only last 30 minutes by playing Amazing Grace on the bag-pipes at the foot of the cross on the beach.

"We were just heartbroken that we couldn't use the park but we understand why that is the case," Gaitley Stevenson Mathews said. "But [using the property] makes it so that we will still have a view of the Hempstead Harbor."

Alba Gamble, who belongs to the Church of Saint Rocco, is lending use of her property, which has a view of Morgan Park, for the service. "[Gaitley] asked me if I could do it and I was glad to," said Gamble. "It's Easter. I'm just sad I can't have them come in and feed them and be a good hostess."

Those who are watching will be able to participate in the hymns and responses on Facebook Live. On April 2, there will be a "song-session" on Zoom at 9 a.m. to practice the songs. There will also be a practice-run on April 6 at 10 a.m. to practice the songs and the devotionals. More information is available on [www.facebook.com/GlenCoveEaster](http://www.facebook.com/GlenCoveEaster).

## Glen Cove H.S. driver's ed. move online

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The state Department of Education released new guidelines to school districts statewide regarding Driving and Traffic Safety Education classes in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic on March 25. The department said students who have completed 75 percent of the required classroom time can finish classes online, and all instruction on the road has been postponed until the summer.

Normally, state Driving and Traffic Safety Education courses require that students receive 24 hours of classroom time and 24 hours of laboratory instruction, including six hours behind the wheel, six hours of observance in the vehicle and 12 hours of additional laboratory instruction. Upon completion, students receive an MV-285 Certificate of Completion of Drivers Education Course.

However, the department said it recognizes the challenges of completing laboratory time during a pandemic. Therefore, the Department of Motor Vehicles has agreed to allow for some flexibility as students complete their driver's education program.

Only students who have already completed 18 hours of their class time can go forward with the online classes. Those with less than 18 hours completed will have to finish their class time over the summer, although Glen Cove superintendent Dr. Maria Rianna said most students have met the requirements for online classes.

Driving and Traffic Safety Education also mandates that students cannot participate in more than 90 minutes of class and lab time a day. Lab time can also not be com-



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**MOST STUDENTS IN** Glen Cove High School's driver's ed. program will be able to complete their classroom requirements online.

pleted online. Normally, the class and lab time would be done concurrently. Due to the circumstances, however, students enrolled in driver's ed. for the Spring 2020 semester may complete their lab time over the summer or fall.

Rianna said the district will comply with the guidelines sent by NYSED, as the choice to follow the guidelines is up to school districts.

"We are adhering to the guidelines that we received," she said, "but we would not endanger any of our students or anyone in a vulnerable situation by allowing the

actual driving time to continue at this point."

Prior to taking the road test, parents must also confirm that the student has completed 50 hours of supervised driving. With the MV-285 Certificate of Completion of Drivers Education Course and the 50 hours, students can schedule their DMV road tests.

"I am really hoping to make a more informed decision as we go week by week," Rianna said. "We just really need to look at how quickly we start seeing the curve actually flattened."



# GCPD: 'We're here' for the community

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Despite some changes in policy during this time of uncertainty, Detective Lt. John Nagle of the Glen Cove Police Department said he was certain that they would continue doing their jobs. "We're here," he said. "We really are."

During the pandemic, non-police personnel will not be permitted to enter the police department building. All police reports will be done over the phone instead of in-person. This is done, Nagle said, to limit in-person interactions between police and the community.

Glen Cove police officers will have protective equipment when responding to residents who are sick. Additionally, Nagle said if a business that was deemed non-essential were to stay open during this time, the GCPD would speak with the owners and recommend they close.

Nagle added that the best way for residents to help is to stay home when possible, something which he said most residents are doing in adherence with federal, state and local orders.

"We really want to try to nip this in the bud," he said.

The GCPD has noticed a decrease in crime due to residents' social distancing and isolation practices, Nagle said. However, the department has noticed a slight rise in family offenses, such as domestic violence crimes.



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**AMID THE CORONAVIRUS** outbreak, non-police personnel will not be able to enter the Glen Cove police station.

## Crime watch

■ On March 25, a 38-year-old male from Glen Cove was arrested for criminal mischief in the third degree on St. Andrews Lane.

■ On March 27, a 41-year-old male from Glen Cove was arrested for criminal contempt in the first degree on Petite Place.

*People named in Crime Watch items as having been arrested and charged with violations or crimes are only suspected of committing those acts of which they are accused. They are all presumed to be innocent of those charges until and unless found guilty in a court of law.*

# City Police Department will enforce parks closures

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surely impacted his routine, he said he is not disappointed, calling the decision a smart move by the city.

"Closing the beaches had to be done," Kurowski said. "Great move by city officials. This is no joke. Stay home, my friends."

The parks are closed and locked, GCPD Detective Lt. John Nagle said. "Hopefully that will be enough to keep people out . . .," he said, "and if we do catch anyone in the park, we will ask them to leave, and hopefully people will use common sense."

So far, Nagle said on Tuesday, people were complying.

Overcrowding at parks has become a problem around the metropolitan area and beyond. Last Friday, the state parks department posted on Twitter that some Long Island parks may have reduced parking on busy days,

and that some parks upstate were "filled to capacity."

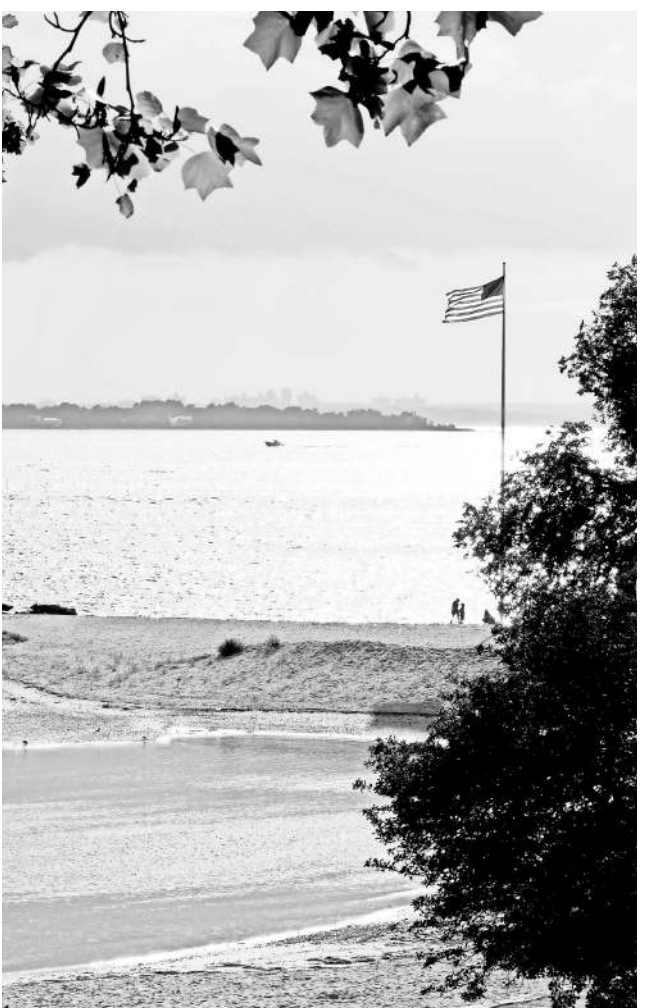
Lisa Cohn, the president of Living Water for Women, a transitional home in Glen Cove designed for women who have struggled with drug addiction or incarcerations, said she was enjoying socially distancing with residents from the home at the beach.

"I think it's so important that people get out when we have nice days, especially when they have kids," Cohn said. "That's the important thing."

And though many people are social distancing, Cohn said she has seen others who have not.

Dr. Maria Rianna, the Glen Cove City School District superintendent, was also concerned about people congregating. "People of all ages need to adhere to social distancing," she said. "It's been reported that school-age students, high school and college ages, have been coming together in parking lots or at people's homes, and that is still a dangerous situation in regard to monitoring where they have been and who they come in contact with."

Rianna added that young people should be cautious, because even though they may not be feeling the symptoms of coronavirus, they may be carrying it. "I understand this is a very difficult time for everyone, but we have a wonderful community that cares for one another tremendously," she said. "We can [show that] we care with social distancing."



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**MORGAN PARK IS** among those that have closed in the interest of slowing the spread of COVID-19.



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**THE GREEK ORTHODOX** Church of the Holy Resurrection closed to the public on March 16.

# Church continues to serve its faithful by live-streaming

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Archbishop Elpidophoros, of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, which is headquartered in Manhattan, issued a directive on March 6 to Greek Orthodox churches across the country, suggesting that those who felt unwell not take part in communion. He also advised that those who are elderly or considered vulnerable, and anyone who had traveled out of the country recently, refrain from attending services and watch live-streams online instead. At the time, people could still go to church.

At Holy Resurrection's last liturgy on March 15, Holy Communion went forward "as it has been for over 1,000 years," Papadopoulos said. "The priest has the remains of the cup to themselves," he said. "The same spoon, without any sanitation. This is the practice of the Orthodox church for thousands of years."

According to Papadopoulos, there are no records of priests dying from infectious diseases. He noted cases of priests giving Holy Communion to victims of leprosy and not coming down with the disease themselves.

Since that liturgy, communion has not been available, and the Mass has been live-streamed. "They want to

receive, but we have kept them away from the chalice," Papadopoulos said. "We have encouraged them to live all the other aspects of spiritual life."

The church closed to parishioners on March 16, following not only federal, state and local social distancing guidelines, but also orders from Elpidophoros. The Catholic Diocese of Rockville Centre announced on March 24 that public liturgies would no longer be permitted until further notice.

"Staying home is the least we can do for the safety of our neighbors, for the safety of our friends and for the safety of our family," Elpidophoros said in an address to the faithful on March 26. "We must avoid burdening our health care system by being careless, especially in order to help the heroic doctors and nurses who are already stretched to the limit."

Holy Resurrection now live-streams four services a week, because the Greek Orthodox Church is currently in a period of lent. Only three people are allowed inside the church — Papadopoulos; the cantor, John Szymkiewicz; and the church's caretaker, Themis Dajko.

This will even be the case for the Orthodox Easter liturgy. To celebrate, there will be a service on Saturday night, April 18. But this year, the faithful will celebrate it at home.

## Greek Orthodox observations from March to April

Great Lent	<b>March 2 to April 18</b>
Annunciation of the Virgin Mary	<b>March 25</b>
Lazarus Saturday	<b>April 11</b>
Palm Sunday	<b>April 12</b>
Holy Friday	<b>April 17</b>
Orthodox Easter	<b>April 19</b>

"It's the biggest holiday of our calendar, the resurrection of Christ," said Zefy Christopoulos, a Glen Cove parishioner who sings in the church's choir. "Not being able to partake in hymns and be in the church buildings, you feel a sense of loss, but we have hope and faith."

She added that even though this all felt new and strange, she found comfort in being a part of the church services on Facebook, YouTube and on the church's website.

There are also programs for high school, middle school and elementary students online. There are currently 280 students in Holy Resurrection's Greek language school, and 160 in Sunday

school. For the students, "It's been a message of hope and perseverance," Papadopoulos said. "A message of 'do not be afraid.'"

He said that he knew of five parishioners who had tested positive for the coronavirus, and added that they were "getting through the virus." Papadopoulos did not feel sick or have a fever. He did say, however, that he felt a bit tired, which he believed could have been the result of stress and his prayers for the faithful, the world, teachers and his own children.

But he said he was not overcome with fear. "Fear," he said, "leads you where it wants you to go."



# Learning to limit tick and mosquito impact this spring

By MIKE CONN

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With spring in full swing and the weather warming up, it is once again time to prepare for the possibility of human interaction with ticks and mosquitoes. That is why the North Shore Land Alliance found it important to bring entomologist Dr. Jody Gangloff-Kaufmann from the New York State Integrated Pest Management Program to the Locust Valley Library on March 5.

Gangloff-Kaufmann presented an audience of over 50 people with a PowerPoint on how to recognize these pests and what they can do to prevent the parasites from harming them and others. Although the constant talk of bugs made some audience members uneasy, most found the presentation to be a helpful way of learning such a vital skill.

Roughly 78 million Americans garden, Gangloff-Kaufmann said, making millions upon millions of people susceptible to arthropod-borne diseases such as Lyme disease, West Nile virus and Rocky Mountain spotted fever. She said that these are only some of the diseases that can be transmitted by ticks and mosquitoes to humans, and while they can all be harmful, there ways for people to take preventative measures.

## Mosquitoes

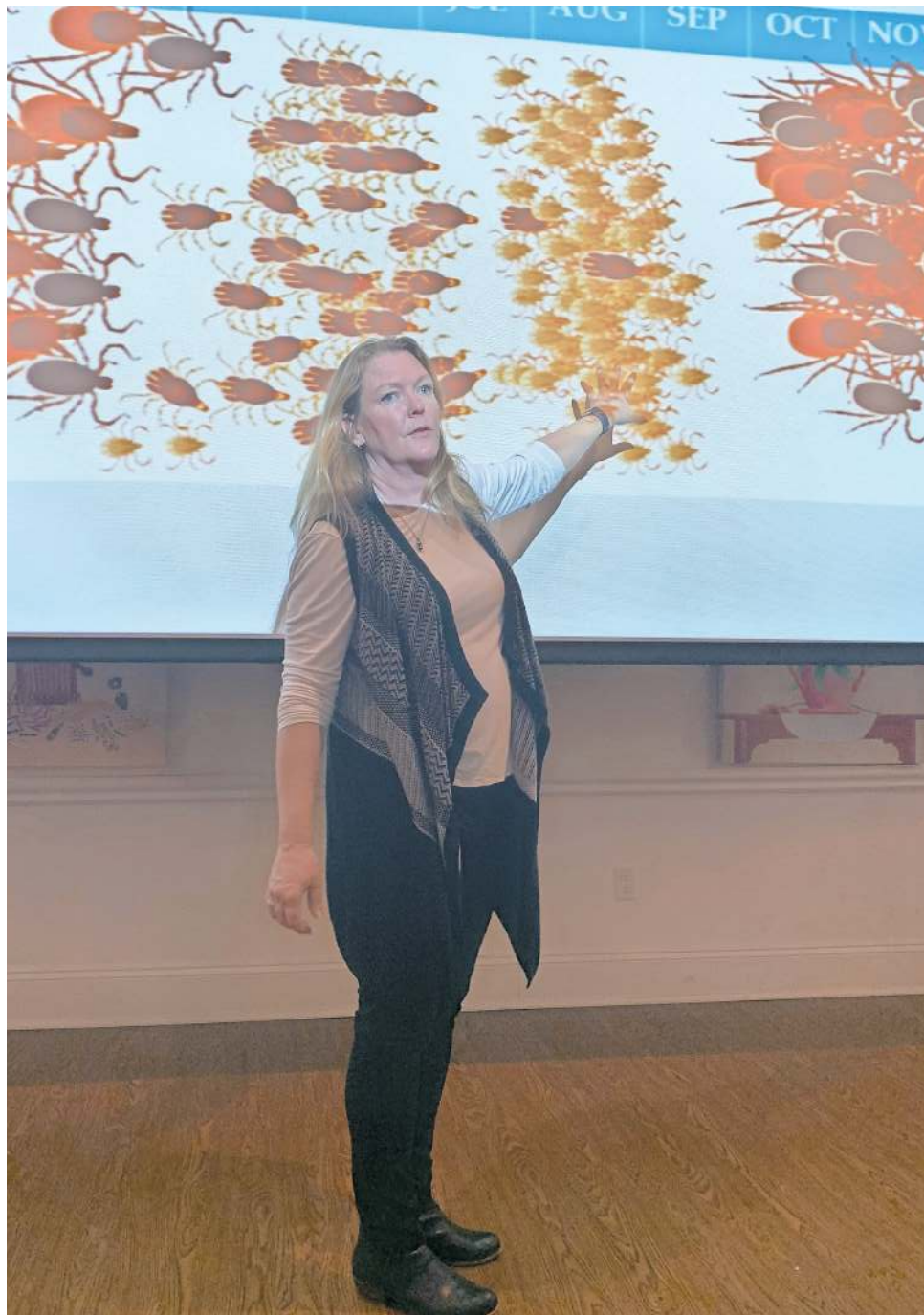
Gangloff-Kaufmann said that all mosquitoes breed in still water, laying eggs in the surface of any body of water which remains still at all times. This could be anything from a pond to storm drains to a bucket of water that has been left out for too long. Mosquito larvae rest at the water's surface, eventually turning into pupae and then are reborn as adults.

Since all mosquitoes breed this way, Gangloff-Kaufmann said one of the most effective means of limiting the presence of mosquito presence in one's home pond is the inclusion of mosquitofish into its water. These fish are great for eating mosquito larvae, she said, because their mouths can reach the sides of these ponds to get tough-to-reach larvae. She also said that goldfish can be effective as well, as can certain oils and soaps mixed into the water.

"Larval control is where mosquito control should be," Gangloff-Kaufmann said. "We want to treat the larvae, we don't want to be treating adults because it's less effective — it means the problem's out of control."

However, if there is no choice but to use preventative actions against adult mosquitoes, Gangloff-Kaufmann said people should do everything they can to block access to human skin using repellents, long sleeves and pants, screens and outdoor fans. Adults can also be killed in the air, although Gangloff-Kaufmann said this was undesirable.

Gangloff-Kaufmann said there are many ways in which humans can prevent the formation of mosquito habitats. This can be done by fixing any landscapes or containers filled with water, something which requires full community cooperation and participation.



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**DR. JODY GANGLOFF-KAUFMANN** told people who attended her lecture that many Blacklegged Ticks are born in the summer. Some can live and mature in winter.

## Ticks

Not all ticks are a threat to human health, Gangloff-Kaufmann said, and the three found in New York that are dangerous are the American Dog Tick, Lone-Star Tick and Blacklegged Tick, the last of which is also called the Deer Tick. She said that American Dog Ticks and Blacklegged Ticks tend to ambush their hosts with questing behavior, meaning that they wait in one spot to latch onto a human or animal walking by. The Lone-Star Tick, she said, will actively pursue a host.

While tick habitats differ based on an individual species's moisture requirements, Gangloff-Kaufmann said that all three species can live on the edges of forests, which tend to see a lot of animal and human traffic. She also said that ticks have been especially active this year given the very mild winter that is coming to an end, as ticks can be active at any temperature about 37 degree Fahrenheit.

Unlike mosquitoes, humans typically do not come in contact with ticks unless they venture into their habitat, Gangloff-Kaufmann said. She said peoples should

dress "tick safe" when going into nature, as well as avoid plants on the sides of pathways. This includes wearing light-colored clothes, wearing sealed pant legs and tucking pants into socks. Additionally, she said repellents can do a great deal in lessening one's chances of being bitten by a tick.

Regardless, Gangloff-Kaufmann said that everybody should check for ticks as soon as they come inside. This can be done by doing thorough inspections of one's body and showering to get rid of any crawling ticks. Clothes can be put into a dryer as well, as Gangloff-Kaufmann said that temperatures above 122 degrees Fahrenheit can kill ticks.

If one is bitten by a tick, though, Gangloff-Kaufmann said the best removal technique is to grasp its head with a pair of tweezers and pull directly upwards.

## Why is this important?

Of all the testing done in New York, Nassau County was found to have the highest tick population, said Gangloff-Kaufmann. Additionally, the North Shore was found to have the most ticks in Nas-

## Tick-borne diseases

The three main tick species harmful to humans found in New York each have the ability to carry different diseases which can be passed onto a host.

### Blacklegged Tick (or Deer Tick)

- Lyme Disease
- Anaplasmosis
- Babesiosis
- Powassan Virus
- Borrelia miyamotoi
- Ehrlichiosis

### Lone-Star Tick

- Southern Tick Associated Rash Illness
- Canine ehrlichiosis
- Tularemia
- Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever

### American Dog Tick

- Tularemia
- Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever

sau County, making its residents especially prone to tick-borne diseases. That is why Gangloff-Kaufmann found it especially important to spread her knowledge at the library.

"Because people are becoming sick," she said on why this information is vital to Long Islanders, "because this problem is getting worse and more people are getting Lyme Disease and the other diseases and because the emerging diseases like Babesiosis, Anaplasmosis and Powassan Virus, we don't know what they're going to do, but they are getting worse."

Gangloff-Kaufmann said she hoped that the biggest thing the audience took from the presentation was the concept of self-protection. She said it is not possible to get rid of all the ticks and mosquitoes, but that the methods she described in her presentation can be effective in preventing them from harming humans.

"Ticks and mosquitoes are a reality here on Long Island," said Jane Jackson, the North Shore Land Alliance's Director of Stewardship. "It's important for people to be aware of them and many are, but we don't want them to be afraid of going out into the woods and being outside. We felt this program could empower people to be armed with the education they need to be safe outdoors."

Paula Gonthier, of Old Brookville, said this idea of empowerment resonated with her. "I think it was great," she said. "It was very helpful. It took something scary to many people and I think it made people feel like they have control over this situation."



# Governor Cuomo extends stay-at-home directive

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Gov. Andrew Cuomo extended a directive that keeps all non-essential workers at home through April 15. The order came as the total number of COVID-19 cases statewide reached more than 60,000 as of Monday morning.

The USNS Comfort, he said, was headed to New York and would arrive by Monday. It would not treat coronavirus patients, but rather would attend to other pressing cases to relieve pressure on New York City hospitals, a number of which are struggling to keep pace with the influx of COVID-19 patients.

Some 76,000 retired medical professionals had volunteered to help treat patients, the governor said, praising their bravery.

An estimated 3,600 patients had been discharged from hospitals, including 846 yesterday. “You see a trend line people being discharged,” Cuomo said, noting that 20 percent of COVID-19 patients must be hospitalized. Among those who were hospitalized and released was the so-called “patient zero,” the New Rochelle attorney who was the first reported coronavirus case in New York.



Andrew Cuomo

Cuomo spoke of the travel ban, or quarantine, President Trump had proposed for New York Saturday. The president backed down on the plan, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention instead issued a travel advisory, asking that New Yorkers engage only in essential travel. Cuomo pointed out that New Yorkers are under a stay-at-home directive that requires they only travel outside their homes when necessary.

## Non-essential construction grinds to a halt in N.Y.

Governor Cuomo on March 27 halted any “non-essential” construction work, and at any work site where construction continues, social distancing must be maintained.

Essential construction, Cuomo said, is defined as “a project necessary to protect health and safety of the occupants, or to continue a project if it would be unsafe to allow to remain undone until it is safe to shut the site.”

Other essential construction includes work on roads, bridges, transit facilities, utilities, hospitals or health-

care facilities, affordable housing and homeless shelters.

Any sites where social distancing cannot be maintained must close, and the state, working with local officials, will enforce the requirement, including with fines of up to \$10,000 per violation, according to the governor.

The order does not include a single worker who is the sole employee on a job site, Cuomo said.

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—Scott Brinton

## Governor Cuomo moves presidential primary

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Governor Cuomo has moved the presidential primary date from April 28 to June 23 because of concern over possible COVID-19 spread during the primary. The move came Saturday as coronavirus cases statewide surpassed 52,000, and by the end of the weekend had topped 60,000.

Also over the weekend, Nassau County Executive Laura Curran said the virus had spread to the Nassau County Correc-

tional Facility in East Meadow, where three inmates were infected and 13 were under “precautionary quarantine.”

Curran said another virus, with symptoms similar to COVID-19, appears to be out in the community, making detection of the coronavirus harder.

“If you are mildly symptomatic,” she said, “you can stay home and call your healthcare provider.”

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## Curran urges nonprofits, municipalities to apply for aid

On March 20, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announced that “federal emergency aid has been made available for the state of New York to supplement states, tribes and local recovery efforts” in areas that have been affected by the coronavirus.

Nassau County Executive Laura Curran is urging all local hospitals, nonprofits and municipalities to “dedicate staff to apply for this very important FEMA disaster assistance.”

FEMA reimbursements will fund actions retroactive to Jan. 20 that relate to “saving lives, protecting public health and safety, preventing damage to public health and safety and preventing damage to public and private property.”



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**NASSAU COUNTY EXECUTIVE** Laura Curran announced that Nassau is holding online webinars for those applying for FEMA assistance.

Potential applicants must complete a webinar via WebEx. The webinar has a brief application process that can be found at <https://bit.ly/2UDpC87>.

“We are experiencing an unprecedented situation that is causing an extraordinary financial burden on our local economy, especially essential operations throughout the county. I am strongly recommending all eligible organizations join this webinar as the first step to applying for the assistance available in order to keep these essential operations going through this pandemic. We will continue to work with our state and federal partners to get as much support as possible,” said Nassau County Executive Laura Curran in a release.

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### A time for comfort

**D**ear Great Book Guru,  
*In these troubling times, I find it very hard to concentrate when I read. There is so much time and I would like to spend some of it with a good book. Do you have any thoughts on this?*  
—Anxiously Distracted

Dear Anxiously Distracted,

I very well know what you mean. I have found myself going for comfort foods and comfort books this last week. I’m going to suggest you consider John Grisham’s oeuvre. He has written over 35 novels and interestingly, as he rewrites some of them, I found there was still a strong surprise ending. From the first “A Time to Kill,” to the latest “The Guardians,” these legal thrillers share a common theme.

The lead characters are usually young, vulnerable people — frequently new lawyers —

who find themselves in perilous situations where they should fail but somehow triumph: over mega institutions, the health insurance behemoths, the FBI, organized crime, corrupt politicians . . . the endings are seldom predictable and not always happy, but the reader’s attention is kept throughout. Most are set in Mississippi, Tennessee, and Louisiana with richly colorful local details. At their core these novels reflect Grisham’s interest in social justice, particularly capital punishment and racial profiling. Another strong plus for his novels, Nassau Library System’s

eBook platform LIBBY lists 48 books and 31 audiobooks for Grisham, all available to borrow (except the latest “The Guardians”).

Would you like to ask the Great Book Guru for a book suggestion? Contact her at [annndipietro@gmail.com](mailto:annndipietro@gmail.com).



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# Closed doors for county recovery groups

By **TIMOTHY DENTON**  
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While many agencies across the state and county are focused on the physical and financial impact of the COVID-19 virus, the mental health of the county's 1.36 million residents is just as critically important. And recovery groups of all kinds have felt the impact of social distancing and closed doors more than most.

Speaking at a news conference in Eisenhower Park on March 19, Nassau County Executive Laura Curran spoke of the difficulties faced by recovering addicts of all varieties who had mainly been using schools and churches for meeting places, until Gov. Andrew Cuomo's declarations limiting the number of people who could meet in one place. But many venues had already closed their doors to outside organizations.

"None of my regular meetings are happening now," said one longtime AA member who attends weekly meetings in Seaford, Wantagh, Levittown and Bellmore. "I found one in Wantagh that I hadn't been to before, but it's been suspended now, too."

In normal times, Nassau County has more than 700 AA meetings a week, with about 30 in Seaford and Wantagh.

Other recovery groups besides AA have been similarly hard hit.

Meetings are a key tool for many recovering addicts and are especially important for those just beginning to live without their substances of choice. "I'm really worried about the people just coming out of rehabs or treatment centers," the AA member said. Like many in the various fellowships, he requested that his name not be used. "They're the most vulnerable, and the tools of recovery are new to them and pretty confusing. Without a regular support group, and especially with the extra stress of the coronavirus, I think a lot of them are going to have a rough time."

Groups have coped in a variety of ways, he said. Some smaller groups have sought out alternative venues, including parks. Others have set up conference calls or meetings via Google Hangouts or Skype. The various fellowships' local websites contain information on call-in numbers and access codes.

Dr. Jeffrey Reynolds, chief executive officer of FCA (Family and Children's Association) echoed both Curran and the AA member's concerns. The FCA sponsors programs for recovering addicts and has shelters throughout Nassau County, including one in Wantagh.

Reynolds, whose organization has weathered many major crises in its 135 years, from the global Spanish flu pandemic of 1918 to Hurricane Sandy, said his chief concern was the speed with which mental health issues have arisen, as well as their severity. "With Sandy, it took a couple of weeks before we began to see some of the things we're seeing now after just a few days," he said.

Residents are hoarding not only toilet paper and ground beef. "Addicts are hoarding heroin," Reynolds said. The problem, he said, is that "they buy



Courtesy Southeast Nassau Guidance Center

**SOUTHEAST NASSAU GUIDANCE** Center had to suspend group and individual counseling in this Levittown office building in favor of telephone therapy and videoconferencing.

## Mental health and recovery resources

■ Nassau County mental health hotline: (516) 227-TALK (8255).

■ Alcoholics Anonymous Intergroup: (516) 292-3040 or [www.infonassau-aa.org](http://www.infonassau-aa.org)

■ The Intergroup office is closed, but it is maintaining 24/7 phone service via call forwarding.

■ Narcotics Anonymous Intergroup: (516) 898-9500 or [www.nassauna.org](http://www.nassauna.org)

■ Gamblers Anonymous Intergroup (855) 222-5542 or [www.longisland-ga.com](http://www.longisland-ga.com)

enough to last them for a week and end up doing it all in a weekend." The result has been a spike in overdoses. According to the state Department of Health, the opioid crisis in Nassau County has "significantly worsened" since the beginning of the year, with 6.5 overdoses per 100,000 residents. "And this was already ground zero for the opioid crisis," he said.

People with prescriptions for pain medication face similar fears, Reynolds said, adding, "Many turn to alcohol as the most effective alternative."

## Laura Curran's mental health tips

■ Keep a regular schedule. If you work at home, maintain a professional, businesslike attitude during your normal work hours.

■ Limit your news intake. Too much exposure to bad news can cause or worsen depression or anxiety.

■ Exercise. Parks are open, and the weather is warming up.

■ Be kind. Look for opportunities to help one another. "If you bought too much toilet paper, and your neighbor doesn't have any, give them a couple of rolls," Curran advised. "It'll help both of you feel better."

Source: Nassau County Executive Laura Curran

Treatment centers were encountering unforeseen difficulties as well. "A large part of our population has been mandated to us by the courts," said Susan Klein, program director at Southeast Nassau Guidance Center in Seaford. "They're worried they won't have access to the lab facilities or other ways of maintaining compliance." Failure to do so might expose such clients to legal penalties,

since treatment has been ordered in some cases in lieu of fines or jail time.

The guidance center is an outpatient facility with offices in Wantagh and Levittown, as well as Klein's Seaford facility. "A lot of what we do can be done by phone," she said. "We've been doing individual counseling by phone, and have been working this week to set up teleconferencing for our group sessions."

Despite the challenges the spread of coronavirus has created Nassau County's mental health services remain open for business.

Some personnel have been sent home, Curran said, but "all our desks are staffed" at the Department of Social Services. Departments are still in the process of making the adjustments necessary to protect clients and employees, but every department is prepared to support the needs of the county's 1.4 million residents, she said.

In the interim, the county was in the process of working out alternatives to procedures that, according to state law, mandated face-to-face meetings. And Medicare agreed last week to extend coverage for mental health providers via telemedicine, she said — a first.

Even for those not dealing with directly with mental health issues like addiction, the contagion has caused high levels of anxiety and stress. Curran emphasized the need for stability in the face of the disruptions of work and personal schedules that many now face as they transition from office, school or job site to home. "Keep a regular schedule, and stick to it,"



# NYAW's April rate hike is postponed

By MIKE CONN

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Because of the coronavirus pandemic, New York American Water is postponing its scheduled April 1 rate hike until Sept. 1.

Homes in the North Shore Water District that use 8,000 gallons of water a month will see their bills increase by \$3.46, or 4.5 percent, from \$76.89 to \$80.35. Households using 20,000 gallons a month will see an increase of \$11.42, or 5.8 percent, from \$196.49 to \$207.91.

"New York American Water recognized the need for action in these unprecedented times," said Lynda DiMenna, NYAW's president, praising the state Public Service Commission for its "swift action" in approving the postponement of the hike.

NYAW representatives also said the company would not shut off water service for customers who have not paid their bills, and would restore service to those who had previously lost their water because of non-payment.

"Access to clean, safe and reliable water service is essential," DiMenna said, "and we hope to provide some relief for those customers who may experience financial hardships as a result of this public health emergency."

State Sen. Jim Gaughran, a Democrat from Northport, said he spoke with NYAW representatives in early March about the rate increases and told them they could not go through with them. "They could not allow these rate increases to continue during what may be the crisis of our lifetime as a state and community," he said.

Gaughran said he remained committed to pushing for legislation calling for a public water district once the coronavirus crisis has passed. In September, the state could be in dire economic trouble, he said, increasing the need for the reduced rates that come with public water.

"There cannot be anymore increases at all," he noted. "It's unconscionable."

Members of North Shore Concerned Citizens, a public water advocacy group, said they were relieved to learn the rate hike was postponed. NSCC Director Agatha Nadel said she believed Gaughran was instrumental in securing the postponement.

Nadel said she sent letters in early March to the PSC and state officials, asking them to delay the rate hike. She called the PSC's decision "wonderful."

Ratepayers should not have to worry about rising water bills at a time such as this, said Bruce Kennedy, NSCC's president. "I feel it was the only right thing to do at this point," he said, speaking of the postponement. "Not only are we dealing with a health emergency, but we're also dealing with a potential economic crisis right now."

NYAW is also in the midst of selling its North Shore, Lynbrook and Merrick water districts to Liberty Utilities for \$608 million. Public hearings on the sale were expected to start this spring, and several residents said they had planned to attend to speak out against the sale of



Courtesy Joe Lopes

**COMMUNITY ACTIVISTS SAID** that New York American Water's sale of its three Long Island water districts to Liberty Utilities should not go through without public hearings.

the private water districts to another private water company. Instead, they want public districts.

Public hearings are prohibited at this time, however, by order of Governor Cuomo. Kennedy said the hearings must take place when it is safe to do so.

"You cannot allow the public's voice to not be heard," Nadel said. "This sale could not be pushed through just because of this pandemic. That would be the lowest of the low."

"If the PSC uses the coronavirus as a mechanism to not grant public hearings on the proposed sale to Liberty and rubber-stamp the sale through," she said, "it would be deceptive and reprehensible. Everything in the world is put on hold and being delayed right now. If necessary, this should be too. The voice of the people must be heard."

Right now, Nadel said she is also concerned about a possible surcharge that residents of the North Shore Water District may have to pay.

According to a rate order postponement document posted on the PSC's website on March 25, NYAW proposed to recover any revenue shortfall resulting from the postponement through a surcharge that would begin April 1, 2021, and last until March 31, 2022. The amount of the surcharge is to be determined.

Nadel said she was upset not only because of the surcharge, but also because ratepayers were unaware of it. "This is a time where the community and everyone in this country really has to come together," she said. "It's a time where people have to be put ahead of profit and ahead of corporations' gain."

George Pombar, a NSCC member, said the group remains committed to creating a public water district. Pombar, who is also the president of Glen Head-Glenwood Civic Council, said, "Our goal continues to be obtaining municipal water and removing any private company who seeks to enrich their shareholders by being our water supplier."



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**NORTH SHORE WATER** District ratepayers will not see a rate hike, which was scheduled to take effect April 1, for another five months.



# Belmont construction comes to a halt

By MELISSA KOENIG and SCOTT BRINTON  
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Construction on the Belmont Park redevelopment project grinded to a halt on March 27, as Gov. Andrew Cuomo announced that all “non-essential” construction would stop to maintain social distancing. The project was expected to be completed in time for the 2021 - 22 hockey season.

In his announcement, the governor defined essential construction as projects that are “necessary to protect the pants, or to continue a project it to remain undone.” The es, roads, transit facilities, facilities, affordable housing

All other projects would be The Belmont Park project, struction of an 18,000-seat Islanders hockey franchise, a center, commercial office of retail space.

“We support Gov. Cuomo COVID-19 virus,” Lou Lamorigeneral manager, said in “the driving force behind the Park arena.

“The progress that has breaking is truly incredible, construction workers that continued. “Those workers and we want them safe and

As of last month, almost tion was installed, and Anthoanger for Manhattan-based Sterling Project Development said he expected the majority of the steel and the roof to be installed by the summer.

“By the summertime of this year;” he vowed at the time, “you’re going to see a fully-developed building.”

A new substation to power the arena was also about 60 to 70 percent complete at the

**T**hose workers are all part of our community, and we want them safe and healthy.

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President and general manager, New York Islanders

health and safety of the occuif it would be unsafe to allow term includes work on bridg-utilities, hospitals, health care and homeless shelters.

put on pause until April 21. meanwhile, includes the conarena for the New York 250-room hotel, a community space and 350,000 square feet

mo’s efforts to eliminate the ello, Islanders president and a statement, calling Cuomo construction of the Belmont

been made since the ground-and is a credit to all of the have been there every day;” he are all part of our community, healthy.”

all of the arena’s founda-ny Lopez, senior project manager said he expected the majority of the steel and the roof to be installed by the summer.



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**CONSTRUCTION ON THE** Belmont Park reconstruction project last week.

end of February, according to Peter Montalvo, the associate project manager of PSEG, and construction on a new full-time Elmont Long Island Rail Road station was expected to begin in the spring. LIRR officials have worked on the station’s design since last fall, Hector Garcia, the railroad’s senior director of external affairs, said, and the Metropolitan Transportation Authority board approved a \$65 million contract for the station’s construction at the end of January.

The south platform, serving eastbound trains, was to be completed by October 2021, with the north platform finished a year later.

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# Sea Cliff's digital library now more important than ever

By MIKE CONN

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Despite the closure of the Sea Cliff Village Library on March 16 due to concerns over the coronavirus pandemic, library director Camille Purcell said residents can still access its services from home. The library has had an online presence for nearly a decade, she said, enabling patrons with library cards to download electronic and audiobooks right from its website.

Former library director Arlene Nevens said the library went digital in response to society drifting toward doing more and more things from their electronic devices. This is especially true of younger people, she said, and as newer generations began to indulge in the media provided by the library, she said she wanted to make it more accessible to them.

"It was clear," Nevens said, "that we had to get on board and not think of ourselves as just brick and mortar...that we need to bring our material to how people want to consume it."

"It's just another way to keep them connected," Purcell said. "It's another way to keep them reading."

Along with the library's electronic book options, Purcell said patrons can also use video streaming service Kanopy to view up for five movies each month.



Courtesy Ann DiPietro

**ANN DIPIETRO HAS** taken to running a virtual story time out of her Sea Cliff living room, featuring her Easter-themed tree.

Ann DiPietro, who works in the children's library, said the library's closure has had a unique effect on children since on of the library's biggest draws is its

children's programming. In response, she said she has been hosting virtual story times out of her Sea Cliff living room, inviting children and their tune in

via webcam to enjoy interactive stories from the safety of their own homes.

The digital library also helps students young and old to access the library while North Shore schools are closed, DiPietro said, since they are able to access the library's books and databases if they need them for school. In fact, she said that the school district reached out to the library before the closures to see if all students in Sea Cliff could apply for a library card.

While Purcell said the library's digital presence is strongly beneficial to the community, she said there is still a great deal of residents are missing because of the library's closure. She said that its staff has worked hard to make the library a community in itself — a place where people can go to form a connection with fellow residents who share similar interests.

Purcell said she posts updates on what the library is offering during this time on Facebook via the library's page, as well as specific community Facebook groups. She said she also posts inspirational quotes about literature and community to ensure that residents know the library is still thinking of them and that they want them to be safe.

"I think people want to feel like they're not alone in this," Purcell said. "I hope that everybody takes care of themselves and listens to the science out there."



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By Fifi Rodriguez

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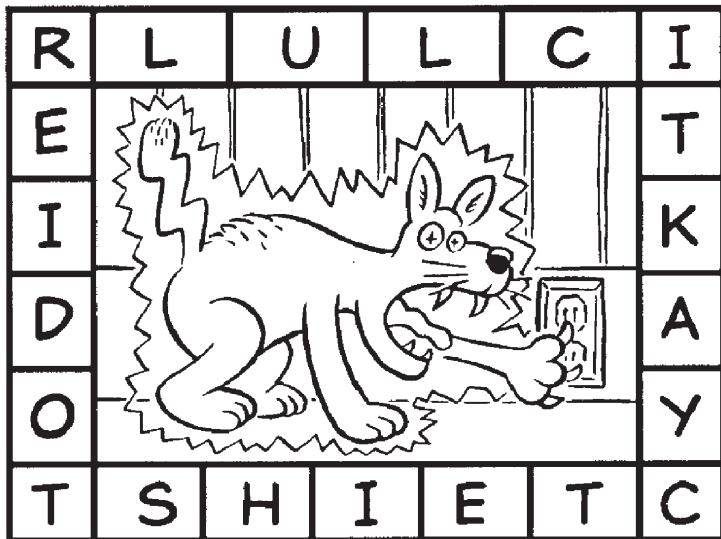
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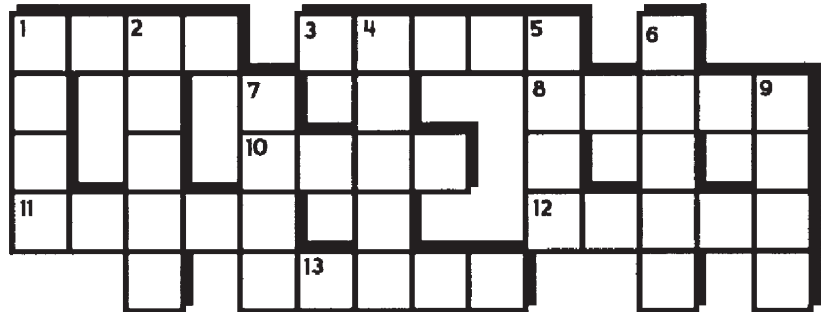




## Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

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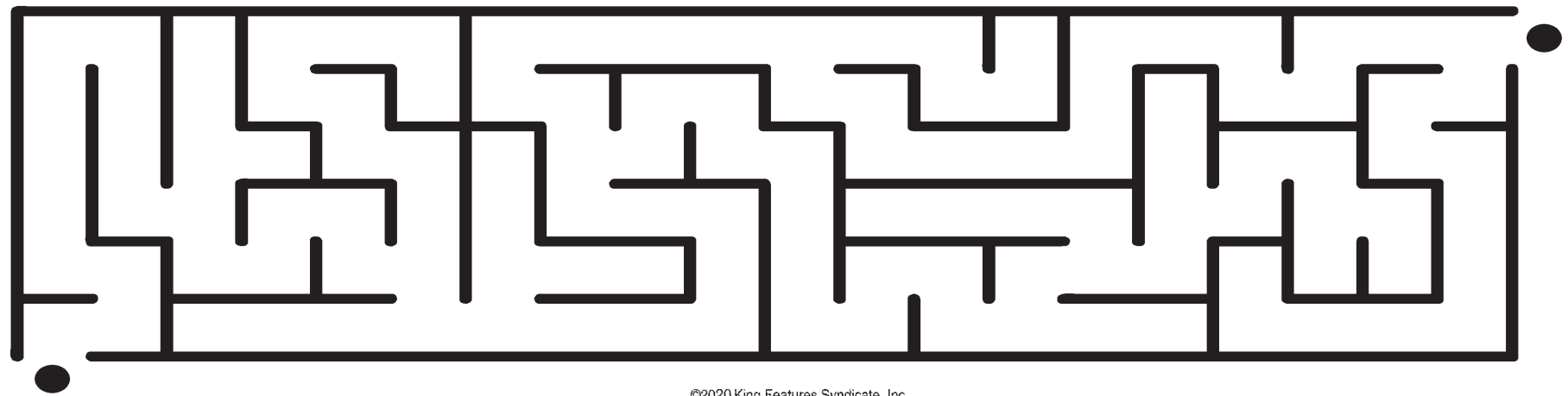
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- rotational rubbing, backwards and forwards with clasped fingers of right hand in left palm and vice versa.
- Rinse hands with water

Courtesy World Health Organization

# How soap destroys the coronavirus

By **DAVID LAROUSERIE, ERIC DEDIER** and **AUDREY LAGADEC**

## Alcohol

A virus is a core of genetic material encased in a protective membrane. The virus reproduces itself by infecting other cells. The membrane is made up of molecules with weak connections.

Hand sanitizers with at least 60 percent alcohol — or alcohol itself of the same or greater strength — cause the coronavirus' proteins to deteriorate, as well as weakening the cohesion of the membrane, because the envelope does not work to repel alcohol as actively as it does water.

On contact with water, the membrane's molecules adhere to each other to repel the water. Surfactants like soap, chemically similar to the membrane's lipids, lead to the destruction of the virus' protective envelope.

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# Glen Cove schools won't open anytime soon

By JENNIFER CORR

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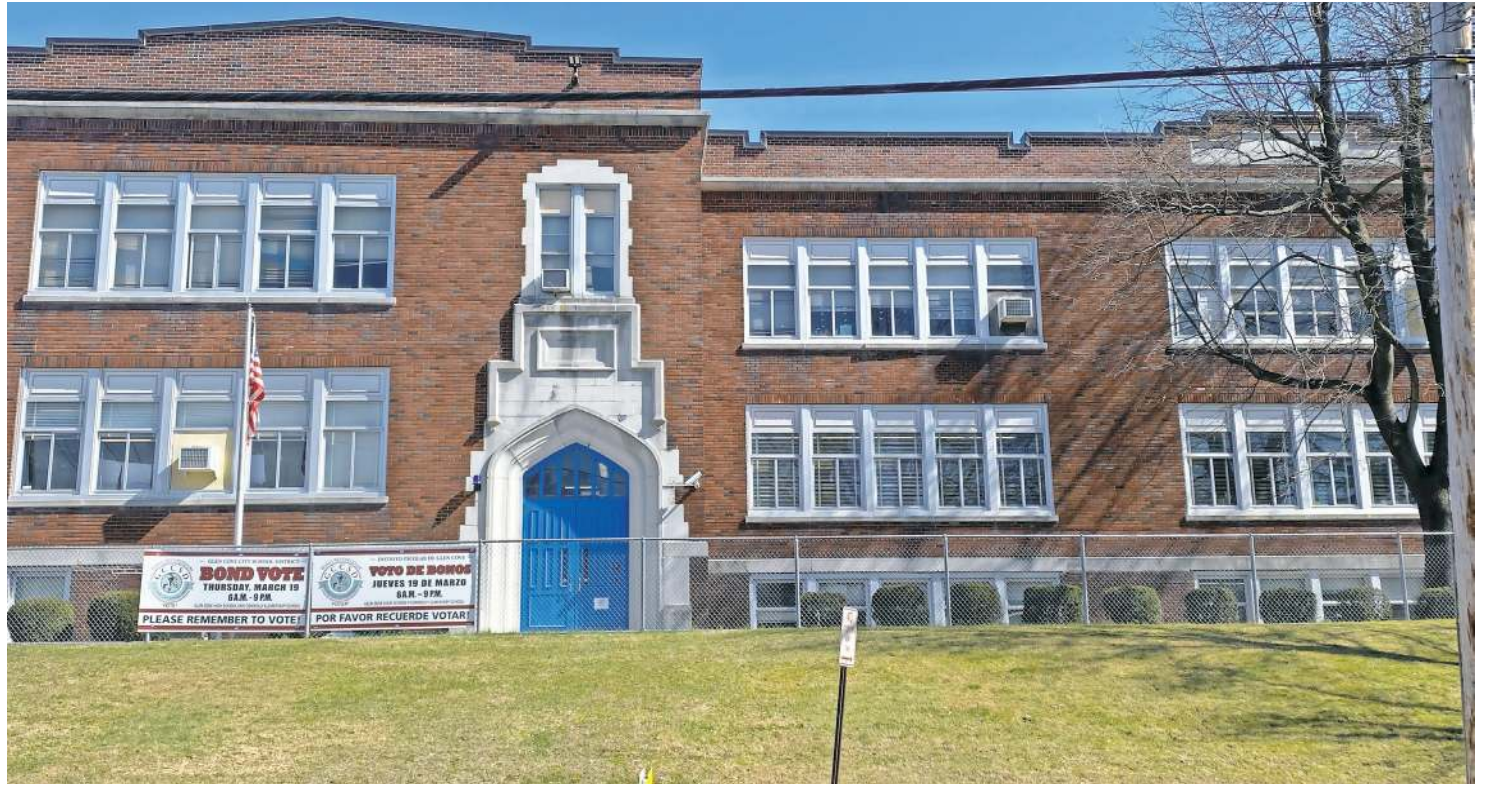
On March 27 Gov. Andrew Cuomo ordered schools statewide to remain closed until April 15 to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Two days prior, the Glen Cove City School District Superintendent Dr. Maria L. Rianna posted a letter on the district website stating that school officials are planning for an extended period of school closures beyond the March 31, the date originally set Cuomo.

Nassau County Executive Laura Curran announced on March 26 in a virtual town hall that she was also waiting to hear from Cuomo. Because the state, which is a larger entity, stepped in and closed schools statewide after Nassau County did so on March 16, Curran said, the state now has authority over these decisions moving forward.

"We are waiting for their guidance and to see what the state wants to do," said Curran. "I think the state will have to assess whether and when we are flattening the curve. The governor has said that we expect to reach the apex, the height of this crisis, in 14 to 21 days. April 1 is only a week away. So, we have to keep that in mind."

Alexis DiMaggio, a Glen Cove City School District parent, said that she was not surprised when she saw the letter on the district's website. "A lot of us didn't



Jennifer Corr/Herald Gazette

**DEASY SCHOOL, AMONG** the schools part of the Glen Cove City School District, may remain closed past April 1.

think that we were going back on April 1," she said.

When asked how her children, who are in elementary school, felt when they heard of the letter, she said they had a similar reaction. "They kind of expect-

ed it, but they're not excited," DiMaggio said.

The letter on the district's website also stated that officials were going to continue to refine and update the educational continuity plan, including the dis-

trict's digital capabilities as well providing educational materials and resources to students without home internet access on a temporary basis.

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# NEIGHBORS IN THE NEWS

April 2, 2020 — HERALD COMMUNITY NEWSPAPERS



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**NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATOR** Delia DeRiggi-Whitton dropped off donated bagels to Glen Cove seniors.

## Bagel store warms bellies and hearts

John Compitello, managing partner of Long Island Bagel Cafe in Glen Cove, has always been generous to the community, whether it's by volunteering, making donations or otherwise supporting Glen Cove.

So Glen Cove resident Nassau County Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton wasn't the least bit surprised when Compitello called her about providing food to the needy during the COVID-19 outbreak that has stopped or dramatically reduced incomes for many local families.

DeRiggi-Whitton immediately reached out to Cynthia Lopez from the Glen Cove Child Day Care Center, Rod Watson who is with Glen Cove United and Spiro Tsirkas from the Glen Cove Youth Bureau. These organizations have both been proactive in gathering food and monetary donations to help needy families, especially now that many are out of work. "This outbreak is devastating for us all," DeRiggi-Whitton said. "Being able to help families that are having a hard time feeding their children because they are not working is the least

we can do and is so important."

Glen Cove Mayor Tim Tenke said that he knows it is difficult for people to come out right now adding that he appreciated Compitello stepping up and giving to the community when they need it the most. He also thanked Long Island Bagel Cafe and other necessary businesses and their staff for staying open and providing residents with the essentials they need to get through this quarantine period.

"Long Island Bagels has been here for 15 years," Compitello said. "I love to be able to share my success with the community, especially during this upsetting time. Anyone who needs us, know that we're here for you."

Following a press conference, DeRiggi-Whitton delivered bagels to senior citizen who are self-quarantined and another senior that is undergoing chemotherapy.

Those who are in need of food or money can contact DeRiggi-Whitton's office at (516) 571-6211 or dderiggiwhitton@nassaucountyny.gov.

## Birthdays continue to be celebrated at Regency Assisted Living

Birthdays take on different, yet meaningful celebrations in the Regency Assisted Living community in Glen Cove. The front lobby became a joyous location for resident Florence Ritterstein's family as they celebrated her birthday "Through the Looking Glass." She was overwhelmed by the birthday surprise and her floral arrangement.

Helene Bay's family sent the Regency her birthday presents in advance for her 97th birthday. Behind the scenes was a Zoom family meeting, put together by

Bay's son. The Regency staff surprised Bay with the Zoom meeting that included those she loved living in areas as far away as Alaska and the United Kingdom. There was even a birthday cake.

Bay's family showered her with presents, which included a Mets satin jacket embroidered with "Mrs. Mets," and a Mets cap.

The family was thrilled that this event was not overlooked, even in a time of social distancing.

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# HERALD LGLE1 0402 PUBLIC NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Glen Cove Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, April 14, 2020 at 3:00 p.m., local time, at City Hall, 9-13 Glen Street, City of Glen Cove, County of Nassau, New York, pursuant to Section 859-a of the General Municipal Law, as amended (the "Act"). The purpose of the public hearing is to provide an opportunity for all interested parties to present their views with respect to the "Project" and the "Financial Assistance" (as such terms are defined below). LR GLEN COVE, LLC, a limited liability company duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Florida and qualified to do business in the State of New York as a foreign limited liability company (the "Applicant"), presented an application for financial assistance (the "Application") to the Agency, which Application requested that the Agency consider undertaking a project (the "Project") consisting of the following: (A)(1) the acquisition of an interest in a parcel of land located at 62 Cedar Swamp Road, City of Glen Cove, Nassau County, New York (Section: 21; Block: 80; Lot: 16) (the "62 Cedar Parcel"), (2) the construction of an

approximately 27,507 square foot building (the "62 Cedar Building") on the 62 Cedar Parcel, together with related improvements to the 62 Cedar Parcel, and (3) the acquisition of certain furniture, fixtures, machinery and equipment (the "62 Cedar Project Facility"), all of the foregoing for use by the Applicant as an automobile showroom/service reception facility; (B)(1) the acquisition of an interest in a parcel of land located at 70 Cedar Swamp Road, City of Glen Cove, Nassau County, New York (Section: 21; Block: 80; Lot: 18) (the "70 Cedar Parcel" and together with the 62 Cedar Parcel, the "Land"), (2) the renovation of the existing approximately 33,531 square foot building (the "70 Cedar Building" and together with the 62 Cedar Building, collectively, the "Building") on the 70 Cedar Parcel, together with related improvements to the 70 Cedar Parcel, and (3) the acquisition of certain furniture, fixtures, machinery and equipment (the "70 Cedar Project Facility" and together with the 62 Cedar Project

Facility, collectively, the "Project Facility"), all of the foregoing for use by the Applicant as an automobile mechanical services facility; (C) the granting of certain "financial assistance" (within the meaning of Section 854(14) of the General Municipal Law) with respect to the foregoing in the form of potential exemptions or partial exemptions from real property taxes, mortgage recording taxes and sales and use taxes; and (D) the lease (with an obligation to purchase), license or sale of the Project Facility to the Applicant or such other entity or entities as may be designated by the Applicant and agreed upon by the Agency. The Applicant (or such other designated entity or entities) would receive financial assistance from the Agency in the form of potential exemptions or partial exemptions from real property taxes, mortgage recording taxes and sales and use taxes (the "Financial Assistance"). Because of the restrictions on meetings and gatherings in effect pursuant to Executive Orders issued by the Governor of the State of New York, the public hearing will be held via conference call rather than a public hearing open for the public to attend in person.

A representative of the Agency will hear and accept any comments that are made orally at the above-stated place and time. Members of the public may listen to the public hearing and provide their comments during the public hearing by calling 844-621-3956 and entering access code 477 495 412. Comments may also be submitted to the Agency in writing or electronically to [afangmann@glencoveida.org](mailto:afangmann@glencoveida.org). The hearing is available for viewing via livestream as follows: <http://glencoveida.org/meeting-livestream/> and will be archived on this link for future viewing. A representative of the Agency will provide a report or reasonable summary of all such comments to the Agency's members. Subject to applicable law, copies of the Application, including an analysis of the costs and benefits of the Project, are available for review by the public online at [www.glencoveida.org](http://www.glencoveida.org). The public hearing will be streamed on the Agency's website in real-time and a recording of the public hearing will be posted on the Agency's website, all in accordance with Section 857 of the New York General Municipal Law, as amended. Dated: April 2, 2020 GLEN COVE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY By: Ann S. Fangmann Executive Director 121506





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**THE JOVIA 2020** Long Island Marathon has been postponed from May 1-3 to October 2-4, as county officials continue to deal with the spread of the coronavirus.

# L.I. Marathon postponed to October

By **BRIAN STIEGLITZ**

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The Jovia 2020 Long Island Marathon has been postponed from May 1-3 to Oct. 2-4, officials announced on March 20.

Named after its new title sponsor, the Jovia Financial Credit Union — formerly NEFCU — and in its second year with a new course, the marathon, which begins and ends in Eisenhower Park, is one of Long Island's best-known running events.

Staging the race takes the coordination of many departments of county government, whose resources are now focused

on curbing the spread of the coronavirus, County Executive Laura Curran wrote in a Facebook post addressing the marathon's postponement.

Race Director Corey Roberts, of Race Awesome, said that the race requires the support of hundreds of members of the county health, parks, emergency management and public works departments, all of whom now have their hands full. Roberts met with county officials on March 19 to develop a schedule for the new race weekend.

There will be a 5K run on Friday, Oct. 2, a 10K on Saturday and a 13.1-

mile half marathon on Sunday. All those who have already registered are guaranteed entry. There will be no full marathon or 35.5-mile challenge, however, and athletes will have the option of transferring their entries to a 22.4-mile challenge (all three remaining races). There will be no additional fees to do so for those who signed up for the full marathon, and runners who signed up for the 35.5-mile challenge and take part in the shorter combined challenge will receive a refund of \$15, the price difference.

Athletes who cannot participate on

the new dates can either have their entries rolled over to the 2021 race, at no additional cost, or take part in a virtual race. Those who choose the latter will receive marathon "swag" in May and can upload their race results online. Other than the above, there will be no refunds.

"With that, while practicing social distancing," Curran wrote on Facebook, "residents are still encouraged to take a break from the screens and get some fresh air at any of Nassau's 70 parks and preserves spanning 6,000 acres throughout the county."

## No Catholic funerals, weddings permitted by Diocese

No further public liturgies will be permitted until further notice, the Catholic Diocese of Rockville Centre announced on March 24. This includes funerals, weddings, baptisms, and any other cause for gathering people together in Catholic churches, other than private prayer.

Emergency sacraments are permitted, but only while exercising the proper health precautions. Burial services may be offered if possible while observing all safe distance precautions, and should be done at the grave site. Wake services should no longer be conducted. Both wakes and funeral masses can be postponed.

"We're following the guidelines of the CDC and the health department," said

John Glynn, director of Thomas A. Glynn & Son funeral home in Rockville Centre. "Some families are choosing to just have the cremation and hold the wake at a later date when things calm down, while others are changing their minds about holding the wake."

Glynn said the new guidelines have been difficult for mourners, as more than 100 people often show up for visitations. However, he said, most people have been following the recommendations and posting their condolences online.

"It's important to have closure," Glynn said. "We don't want families to feel that they've missed out on something or have regrets about their decisions. We're trying to keep it as normal as possible."

In the churches, private masses and live streamed or recorded masses and devotions are still permitted. Pastors can have a very small group of assistants for filming if necessary while maintaining the proper precautions.

Following instructions from Governor Andrew Cuomo's office, churches can remain open for private prayer, while maintaining the proper precautions regarding distancing and groups of people congregating.

Because Cuomo is permitting churches to remain open for private prayer, the Diocese is also permitted to have maintenance personnel keeping the churches clean. Since this may not be possible in every parish for various reasons, it is up to the judgment of the pastors to assess

the particular circumstances for their parish and make appropriate decisions.

Pastors are encouraged to keep churches open for prayer if possible. Only essential personnel for essential operations as defined in Cuomo's executive order are permitted to work on premises. This may include outreach personnel. However, proper precautions must be observed. All others must work from home.

Pastors should not plan to distribute Palms for Palm Sunday or make them available at this time. Palms will be blessed in parish churches on Palm Sunday and will be made available at a later date.

-Jill Nossa



# Social services to county: We're still open

By **TIMOTHY DENTON**

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Nassau County's social services are open for business, despite the current challenges. That was County Executive Laura Curran's message as she gave updates on the current COVID-19 situation across the county.

Some personnel have been sent home, Curran said, but "all our desks [at the Department of Social Services] are staffed." Departments are still in the process of making the adjustments necessary to protect both clients and employees, but every department is prepared to support the needs of the county's 1.4 million residents, she said.

In the interim, the county was in the process of working out alternatives to procedures that, according to New York state law, mandated face-to-face meetings. And Medicare agreed on Tuesday to extend coverage for mental health providers via telemedicine, she said — a first.

"While we're dealing with people's physical health, I'm also concerned with their mental health," Curran said. "People who are already dealing with depression can go to a very dark place" when confronted with a crisis of this magnitude, she said. "And even people who don't have a history of depression can find themselves overwhelmed."

Curran also spoke of the difficulties faced by recovering addicts of all stripes who had been using schools and churches for meeting places, until the governor's declarations this past week limiting the number of people who could meet in one place. But many venues had already closed their doors to outside organizations.

Curran stressed the need for stability in the face of the disruptions to work and personal schedules that many now face as they transition from office, school or job site to home. "Keep a regular schedule, and stick to it" she suggested. "Working from home can lead to anxiety. When family members distract you, just say, 'I'm at work.'"

Curran also recommended exercise, especially in any of the county's numerous parks. Parks are not only ideal locations to practice social distancing, she said; fresh air and exercise are keys to maintaining health.

Finally, Curran said that "small kindnesses go a long way" in easing the tensions brought on by isolation and uncertainty. "If you bought too much toilet paper, and your neighbor didn't buy enough — give them some." Such kindnesses make both people feel better, she said.

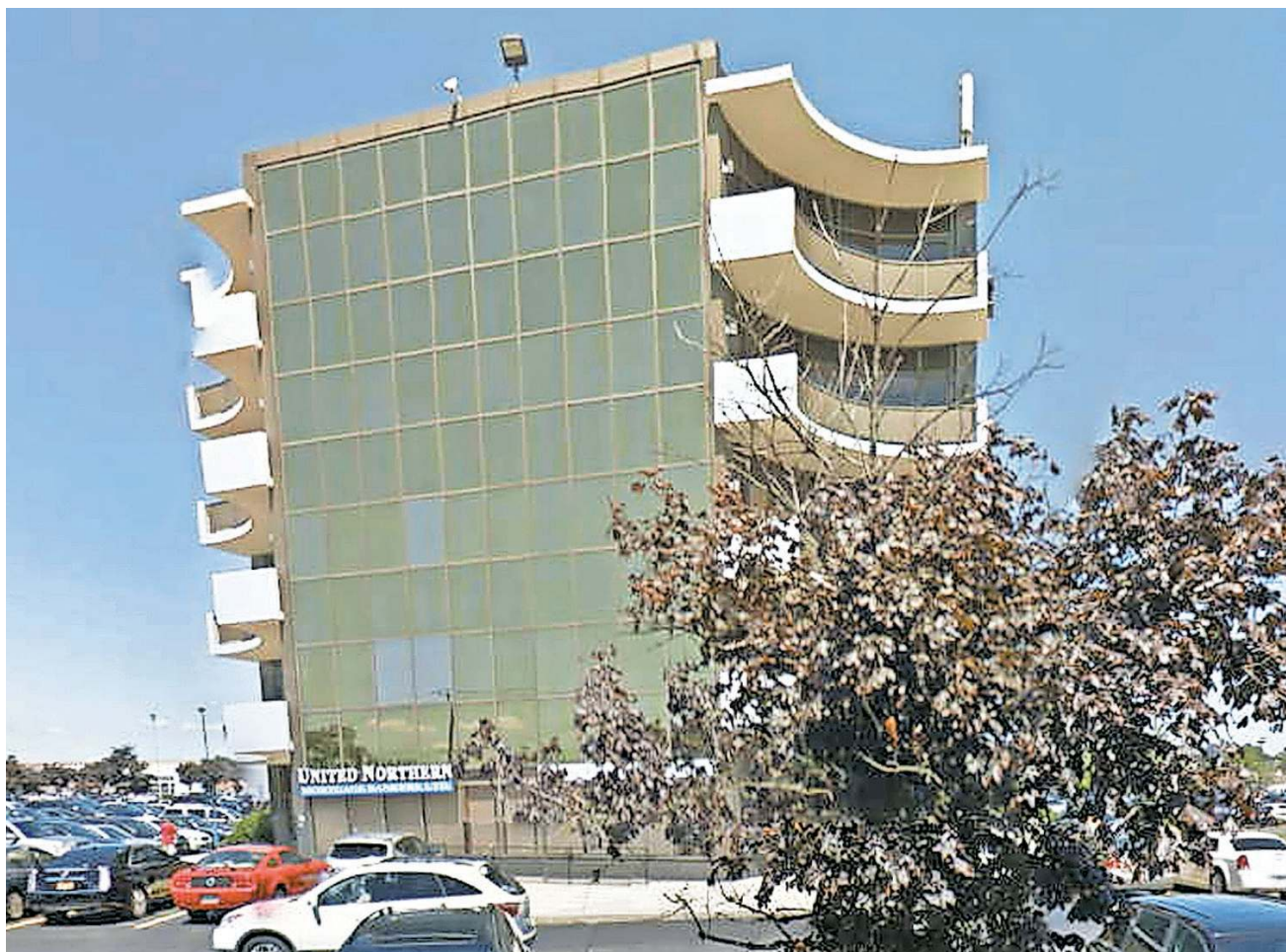
Curran was joined by county Commissioner of Social Services Nancy Nunziata; Director of Community Services, Omayra Perez; and Dr. Jeffrey Reynolds, chief executive officer of FCA (Family and Children's Association), as well as Dr. Lawrence Eisenstein, commissioner of the county Department of Health.

Nunziata said her department has changed some of its protocols to reflect the need to avoid close contact. Documents will no longer be dropped off in person, for example, but will be deposited in sliding drawers.

But whether residents need food stamps, emergency housing or any of her departments' services, "We are there," she said, emphatically echoing Curran's message.

Perez advised residents to "take breaks from all the news coverage," which can be overwhelming, especially for children. "Talk to your children factually but calmly." And for those with existing mental health issues, she underscored the importance of keeping up treatment. For anyone needing immediate help, she recommended calling the county's mental health hotline at (516) 227-TALK (8255).

Reynolds, whose organization has weathered



Courtesy Southeast Nassau Guidance Center

**SOUTHEAST NASSAU GUIDANCE** Center had to suspend group and individual counseling in this Levittown office building in favor of telephone therapy and videoconferencing.



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**DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY** Services Omayra Perez advised avoiding overloading on news reports.

many major crises, from the global Spanish flu pandemic of 1918 hurricane Sandy, said his chief concern was the speed with which mental health issues have arisen, as well as their severity. "With Sandy, it took a couple of weeks before we began to see some of the things we're seeing now after just a few days."

Residents are not only hoarding toilet paper and ground beef. "Addicts are hoarding heroin," he said. The problem is that "they buy enough to last them for a week and end up doing it all in a weekend." The



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**DR. JEFFREY REYNOLDS**, chief executive officer of the Family and Children's Association, said that stockpiling by addicts had led to a marked increase in overdoses.

result has been a spike in overdoses. According to the N.Y. State Health Department, the opioid crisis in Nassau County has "significantly worsened" since the beginning of the year, with 6.5 overdoses per 100,000 residents. "And this was already Ground Zero for the opioid crisis," he said.

People with prescriptions for pain medication face similar fears, he said. "Many turn to alcohol as the most effective alternative."



# Recovery groups struggle in the face of COVID-19

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**A** lot of what we do can be done by phone. We’ve been ... working this week to set up teleconferencing for our group sessions.

**SUSAN KLEIN**  
Program director,  
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6:30 am	Early Risers Group	St John's Luth Ch by the Sea
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7:30 am	Extravagant Promises	Massapequa Reformed Ch
9:45 am	Wantagh Friday Morning Group (Suspended Temporarily) / Temporary Closure	St Frances de Chantal Sch
10:00 am	Only Booze (Suspended Temporarily) / Temporary Closure	Bellmore Presbyterian Church
10:00 am	There Is A Solution	Good Shephard Luth Ch
10:00 am	Open Door Group	Hollywood Baptist Church
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**A LIST OF AA meetings, showing numerous temporary suspensions, as churches closed their doors.**

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## Governor Cuomo, Main Street needs a hand

**C**ovid-19 has completely changed the way we all live. But along with worrying about keeping themselves and their families healthy, thousands of small business owners across New York state are losing sleep over how to keep this virus from killing the businesses they have worked so hard to build.

At the same time, lawmakers in Albany are trying to craft a budget in the face of plunging revenues. Sales taxes — much of them generated by small business — brought in a whopping \$73.6 billion last year. Our schools, as well as other vital government services, rely on these funds. When a business fails — and too many are on the precipice of failure right now — that sales tax revenue goes, too.

We believe a simple proposal could help restart local business and bolster sales tax revenues, but swift action is required by Gov. Andrew Cuomo and the State Legislature.

Small businesses are the backbone of our communities. Everyone wants a thriving downtown where they can shop, eat or go to a movie. The good news is that small businesses have always been engines of innovation and entrepreneurship, and we are seeing that again today as they adapt

to the new reality. Local gyms are streaming personal training sessions. Restaurants offer free delivery and online happy hours. Medical practices are expanding their telemedicine capabilities. Car mechanics are making house calls that require no personal contact at all.

Of course, it's vital that these businesses let potential customers know about their services. That's the role of advertising in all its myriad forms. But advertising costs money, and the sad truth is that advertising is one of the first things small businesses cut when times are tough.

Put yourself in the shoes of a local restaurateur with a stack of bills and very little money coming in. By the time she finishes paying the most urgent bills — rent, food suppliers, payroll — there's not much left for advertising. Whatever stimulus money she gets from Washington or Albany will most likely be needed to keep the door open and the lights on. Yet studies show that how well businesses survive a downturn is in large part determined by whether they continue to market and advertise during the hard times.

Fortunately, there is a way for Albany to prime the sales-tax pump to keep revenue flowing to both small businesses and state coffers. Let businesses use some of the

money they would have sent to Albany, as sales taxes, to market their new offerings. The formula would be simple: Every dollar a small business spends on advertising (up to some reasonable limit) would be a dollar saved off that business's sales tax bill.

It would be a win-win-win. Local businesses would be healthier because the increased advertising would jump-start sales. The state would get more sales tax revenue because local businesses would be selling more. And media companies (like ours) would benefit from the additional ad revenue. We'd like to think that we, too, are vital to the character and strength of our communities, not to mention our democracy. Think for a moment of the critical role that journalists have played in getting vital local information out to your community during this unprecedented crisis.

The Legislature has a lot on its plate right now, and the temptation will be to bury this idea, or to take the shortsighted view that we can't afford to do it right now. But right now is when it's needed. We've been impressed with Governor Cuomo's levelheaded leadership in this crisis, and we call on him to back this innovative yet simple policy.

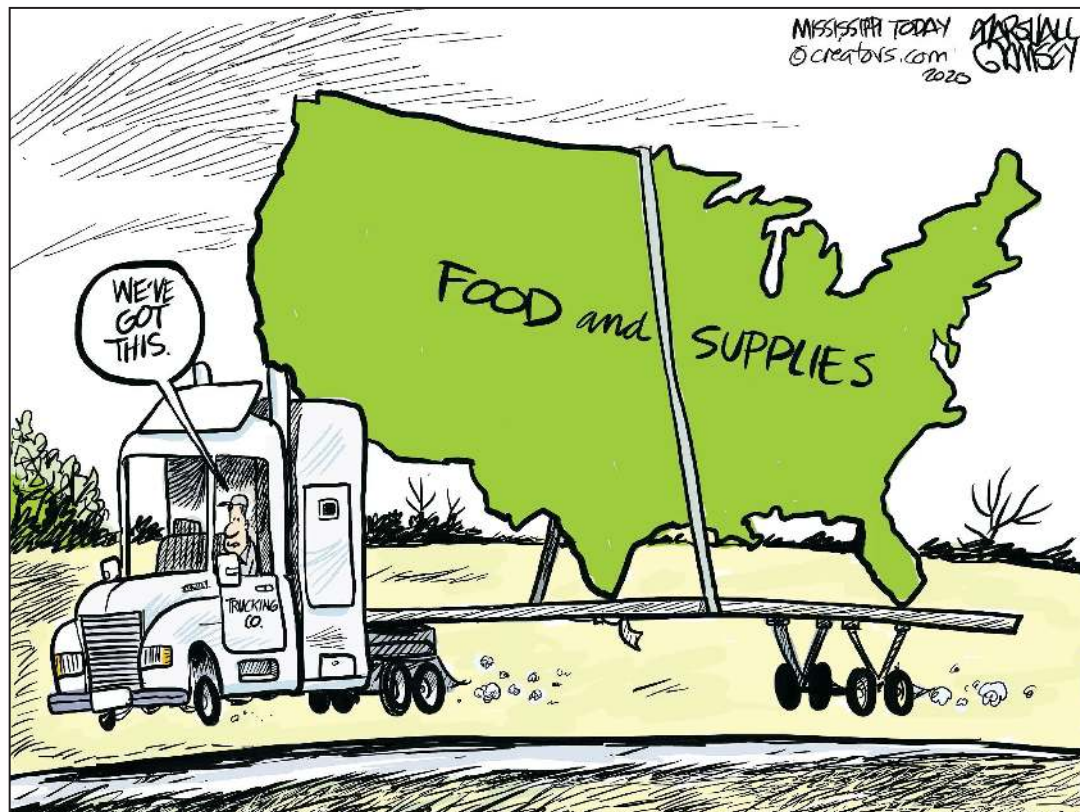
## LETTERS

### The club I didn't want to join

To the Editor:

I'll never forget when my parents passed away. They left this world together in a car accident in 1997. There were certainly lots of feelings, but one of those feelings was, "I am now part of a club that I never wanted to be a part of." There was comfort in having friends who had lost their parents before me; however, I still felt then that I had become part of a society of grievors unto ourselves. Life on this earth is finite. Perhaps it should come as no surprise when someone passes away, and yet, it is still as traumatic now as it was in Shakespeare's day.

I bring this up because I just read of a friend's death from the coronavirus. The friend was Terrence McNally, a Tony Award-winning playwright, master librettist, skilled screenwriter and a member of the Deep Ellum Opera Theatre's Artistic Advisory Council. I brought McNally on board as an adviser to the theater back in the mid-1990s when I served as the company's producing artistic director. I certainly knew of McNally, but it was a board member who introduced us. We were not close friends, but would sometimes meet at theater or opera events, exchange congratulatory notes or keep up with each other via mutual friends. I believe at least twice I pitched ideas to him for the "perfect play" for him to write. I'd like to claim that "Love! Valour! Compassion!" or "Master Class" were my ideas, but that is not the case.



I know there are many across Long Island, our nation and our world who have lost family members, close friends and acquaintances to the coronavirus. Like others, as I have modified how I do my work, I have tried to help in my own way, but it never feels like enough. It was in midstream of trying to help with a challenge related to this pandemic that I came

upon McNally's obituary. It was as if, in that moment, I became part of a club I did not want to be a part of. It was not the first time I felt this way, and it probably will not be the last, but still it is a time for pause and reflection.

Glen Cove is an incredible community. As we all make a point to be safe and keep our social distance, and this is critical, let us also



## OPINIONS

# It's time for colleges to graduate to the 21st century

The model of higher education today rests on a system created in the Middle Ages, when knowledge was highly concentrated in a few places and in a few hands. It has evolved only slowly over the centuries. And while that evolution has brought knowledge from the few to the many, it hasn't kept pace with the rapidly changing world



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young people live in today.

Today's colleges and universities operate in a time warp where higher education is over-expensive and under-performing. They are too often run by administrators who sit on huge untapped endowments, and who

fail to control costs, allowing tuition to climb at two or three times the general rate of inflation. They seem to assume that the willingness of parents and students to pay ever-increasing tuition is boundless.

The same goes for too many of the professors who deliver their knowledge to students. It's more than a bit ironic that the vast majority of college instructors tilt way to the left in their political and economic philosophy, but follow decidedly mercenary policies in how they expect to work and be paid. There are far too

many examples of professors teaching 10 or 20 hours a week while raking in six-figure salaries.

In the meantime, their students will graduate with five- or six-figure college debt that will burden them for decades.

They'll postpone starting a family or buying a house because their monthly school debt payments will eat up their paychecks. That's not the "better life" a college education should have provided.

Politicians have responded to this spiral of high college costs and crushing student debt in predictable ways. For years they threw more and more money at colleges in the form of government student aid. Pell Grants, Tuition Assistance Program, or TAP, aid, and subsidized student loans funneled billions of dollars to institutions of higher learning without conferring any relief on their consumers. The result: College costs climbed along with college graduates' debt.

As this national student debt load has ballooned to over \$1 trillion, today some politicians are proposing to forgive all or some of the huge debt with a massive federal bailout. It's socialism come full circle, with government having helped fire up college costs and now "socializing" those costs with public dollars.

All of this misses the point that the

way to reduce student debt is to bring college costs under control. Some colleges are finally catching on that \$50,000-a-year tuitions are indefensible. They're looking for ways to freeze or even roll back those tuitions. They're embracing rather than rejecting online learning.

They're even holding their administrators and professors more accountable for the totality of their performance, including how their students fare after they've graduated.

A good example of this more accountable approach has been pursued by Mitch Daniels, the president of Purdue University. Daniels was the governor of Indiana before he became a college president, and he devised innovative ways of running his state that kept taxes down while delivering services in cost-effective ways. That may be why he was a good fit to run a university.

At Purdue, Daniels has imposed financial discipline and academic accountability. When he became its president, he took a voluntary pay cut, and tied his future salary to "performance-based evaluation." He has also frozen Purdue's tuition the years he's been there, and substantially reduced the university's operating expenses.

Under Daniels, Purdue has fully embraced online learning, boosting the ability of Purdue students to take advan-

tage of "distance learning" (which students at every level, starting with elementary school, are learning now, amid the coronavirus pandemic). And the university established an innovative high-school-to-college program that allows under-privileged high school students from minority communities to take a faster track to college.

More colleges ought to follow Purdue's lead, which recognizes that these institutions should enable different paths to a degree. Not everyone needs a four-year degree in subjects that offer little future employment opportunities. Many students would be far better off with technical college training that prepares them for jobs that actually need filling.

To effectively support college education, let's focus on reducing college costs and making that education more relevant. I'm all for making public higher education as low-cost or no-cost as possible. States as politically disparate as Florida and New York are making great strides in that direction. But I also think the leaders of our private colleges and universities need to come down from their ivory towers and show some empathy for their customers, too. Let's bring higher education into the 21st century.

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remember it is our caring and compassion that will help pull us through this pandemic. We are strong together, even as we have to stand apart.

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## MSSN needs masks and volunteers

To the Editor:

Our front-line teams of doctors, nurses and support staff at Mount Sinai South Nassau hospital need personal protective equipment, specifically surgical and N95 masks. If you have masks you are willing to donate or work for a business that has extra supply, please contact Tim Matejka, executive director of development, at (516) 377-5360, or Timothy.Matejka@snch.org.

Also, all retired South Nassau physicians, nurses, pharmacists and respiratory therapists who are able and willing to volunteer their services during the COVID-19 crisis should

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And remember, the importance of washing your hands, for twenty-seconds, is key for prevent the spread of COVID-19.

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