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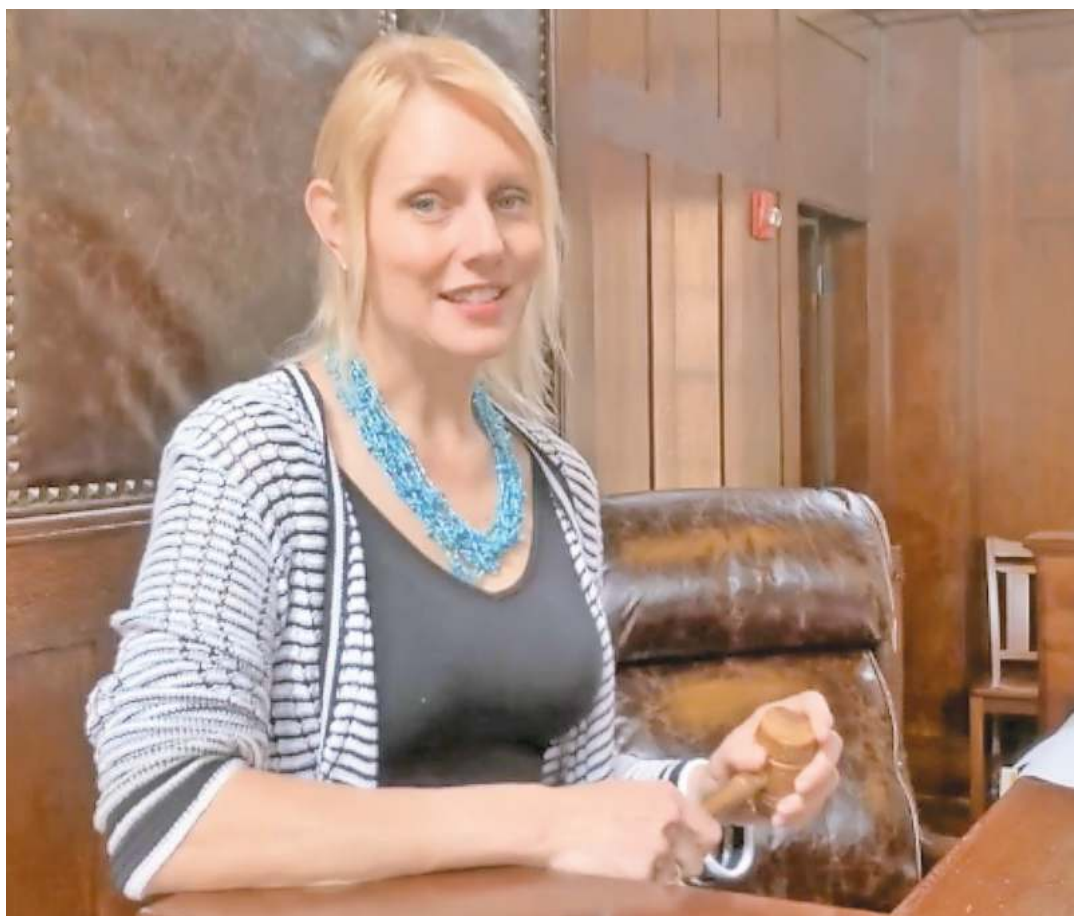
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Courtesy North Shore Historical Museum

NORTH SHORE HISTORICAL Museum Director Amy Driscoll discusses the history of the museum's building during the pop-up visits' first episode.

Museum stays in touch through virtual 'pop-up visits'

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After the North Shore Historical Museum closed in March because of the coronavirus pandemic, museum board members searched for a way to help residents continue to learn about area history. They created an alternative to in-person experiences with "pop-up visits."

"People can't come to the museum, so we're bringing

the museum to them," said Amy Driscoll, the museum's director. "We've been highlighting some board members that have been longstanding members of the community, some exhibit items, rooms in the museums, things that people may not have seen before or haven't seen in a while."

The pop-up visits began airing on May 29 on the museum's Facebook page, with museum board member and

Glen Cove City Councilman Gaitley Stevenson-Mathews introducing a tour of the building led by Driscoll.

"It might look a little small and old-fashioned when you see it, but it was a big deal," Driscoll said of the building as the camera panned around a room in the first episode. "This building was built in 1907, and it was built as a courthouse for the Town of

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Questions, concerns about GCPD

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In a digital gathering last week, the Glen Cove Police Department detailed its policies and procedures in an effort to

assure the community, and especially its minority members, that what happened in Minneapolis would never happen in Glen Cove.

The speakers in the July 2 digital town hall included Mayor Tim Tenke, Police Chief William Whitton, Deputy Chief Chris Ortiz, the Rev. Roger Williams and Deacon Sheryl Goodine of First Baptist Church of Glen Cove, State Sen. Jim Gaughran, Assemblyman Charles Lavine and County Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton. The meeting, hosted by Microsoft Teams, was open to the public, and viewers could ask questions.

Tenke also announced that a new committee would be launched to help community

members of all ages, and particularly those in communities of color, meet and discuss issues in the city, and to relay their concerns to city, school or law enforcement officials.

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ANTWON BROWN
Glen Cove

"I've talked to a few people before this meeting took place, and I know for a fact that I will have a lot of people that are really interested in getting involved," said Antwon Brown, a 24-year-old from Glen Cove who is active in community affairs. "There can be opportunities for scholarships, food drives. There can be opportunities for fundraising, and also I wanted to get college tours brought back."

Goodine asked about the Glen Cove Police Department's policies, practices and training, including the use of force, and de-escalation techniques to prevent cases of brutality in the city. Whitton said

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“When NYU Winthrop’s TAVR team replaced my heart valve, they gave me my life back.”



For John Elliott, sailing is living. He’s been on the water for most of his 90-plus years. In all three theaters during World War 2, as a merchant seaman, and for the last 70 years sailing out of the Rockaway Point Yacht Club.

But recently John was so fatigued and short of breath, he could only walk a few steps. His aortic valve was failing. His daughter, a nurse, told John about a valve replacement procedure called TAVR. She took him to NYU Winthrop Hospital, part of NYU Langone Health. With some of the country’s highest quality TAVR programs on Long Island and in Manhattan, NYU Langone Health is a leader in this procedure. They replaced John’s valve through an artery in his leg. In no time at all, he was back to sailing off Breezy Point.

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Glen Cove Youth Bureau holds virtual summer camp

Local kids will get to experience all the fun of summer camps, but this year from their home.

The City of Glen Cove Youth Bureau is holding a Virtual Summer Program that will begin on July 6 and end on Aug. 7. Activities such as bingo, trivia, dance parties, soccer, yoga, ClayNation classes, Supreme Martial Art classes and virtual field trips are some of the activities that enrolled kids will get to partake in.

The camp will be done through the digital videoconference platform Zoom and a kit with all the supplies needed for the activities will be given to those enrolled in the program.

Julie Papas, the owner of ClayNation, a pottery store in Glen Cove, will be leading enrolled kids through art projects over the summer.

“We have three canvas projects planned and two mosaic projects,” Papas said. “We were trying to do that we can teach and not have to return to the studio to be fired. So no ceramics for them, just a cool kind of canvas and mixed media project.”

Papas has worked with the Youth Bureau on summer programs in the past,



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KIDS ENROLLED IN the Glen Cove Youth Bureau's Virtual Summer Program will participate in art projects.

and she is excited to continue doing so virtually. “It’s such a weird year and I feel for the kids because their whole summer experience is going to be different and where they would have been

going on field trips and doing all these different things, it’s very limited,” Papas said. “At least they can have some sense of normalcy.”

Papas added that art is a positive outlet

for kids and adults like, and it can be especially helpful during stressful periods like the pandemic.

This summer camp is in-lieu of the usual Glen Cove Summer Recreation Program and the Glen Cove After 3 summer program hosted by the Youth Bureau. Those programs were cancelled this year because of the pandemic.

The five-week program is \$275 a student and is open to kids from kindergarten through eighth grade. The Glen Cove City Council voted in favor of entering into independent contracts with program leaders like Papas and setting the price tag for the camp at the City Council meeting on June 23.

Additionally, the council voted in favor of setting the fee of the 2020 Glen Cove Summer Day Camp, a separate program from the Youth Bureau’s, to \$300 per child. The half-day program will be held three days a week.

For more information about the Youth Bureau’s Virtual Summer Camp, call (516) 671-4600 or email SPotter@GlenCoveNy.Gov or CGuastella@GlenCoveNy.Gov.

Fun activities planned as city enters Phase 4 reopening

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Long Island is set to begin Phase Four reopening of the economy on July 8.

In addition to higher education, industries that will be able to open Wednesday include:

- Film and music production.
- Low-risk indoor arts and entertainment.
- Low-risk outdoor arts and entertainment.
- Professional sports without fans.
- Low-risk indoor entertainment includes museums, historical sites and aquariums. Examples of low-risk outdoor entertainment are zoos, botanical gardens and nature parks.

Amy Driscoll, the director at North Shore Historical Museum, said that the museum is proceeding with caution in an effort to keep visitors and volunteers safe. She expects a reopening by late to July.

And while Garvies Point Museum and Preserve is open to walk the preserve every day, the museum, according to its website, remains closed. As for the museum, it is expected to reopen on July 18.

Garvies Point Museum and Preserve’s Children’s Summer Day Camp will resume as scheduled for the 2020 summer season. The day camp, with precautions in place to prevent the spread of Covid-19, will fill summer days with hands-on activities, films, crafts and experiments for children ages five through 10.

The Glen Cove Parks and Recreation department will also be providing fun but



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ACCORDING TO ITS website, while the preserve portion of Garvies Point Museum and Preserve remains open, the museum remains closed with an expectation to reopen soon.

safe activities for both kids and adults this summer.

“We’re doing tennis lessons, we’re doing swimming lessons, we’re doing an Open Play Night down at the stadium for Glen Cove residents where my summer camp staff will supervise socially distant activities for two hours,” Darcy Belyea, the director of the Glen Cove Parks and Recreation Department, said.

The free Open Play Nights will start on July 21 to Aug. 13 on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights, providing parents with a place to drop off their children for an evening of fun for two hours.

“They have to wear their masks when they can’t maintain six-foot distance and we’ll have hand sanitizing stations and we’re doing mandatory health screening when the kids arrive,” Belyea said.

The Gold Coast Little League is also

kicking off their 2020 summer season at City Stadium on July 11. Belyea said that other sport teams will be resuming in the city as well.

The governor praised New Yorkers for their vigilance and resilience throughout the Covid-19 pandemic. He said, though, that he worried people might become apathetic and arrogant, believing they had beaten the virus.

He noted that the infection rate remains just below 1 percent statewide — down from nearly 17 percent on Long Island and more than 20 percent in New York City at the height of the pandemic in April.

More than 54,000 New Yorkers were tested for the coronavirus on Sunday, and 518 of them were positive for the disease.

“The numbers have actually declined since we started reopening” seven weeks

ago, Cuomo said.

He also said there were fewer than 10 deaths statewide overnight from July 5 to 6. But he said, the virus is still out there, so people must continue to wear masks and maintain social distancing in public spaces, according to state law. He implored local police departments to enforce the law.

New York City began Phase Three reopening on Monday, without indoor dining.

As of press time Monday, however, Governor Cuomo said there was no word yet whether the state’s 700 public school districts could return to in-person classes.

The governor said all school districts have been directed to develop reopening plans, but he is taking a wait-and-see approach whether students will head back to their school buildings in September.

City set to create new committee

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that de-escalation is not a new term for the GCPD, and that it has been implemented in training over the past five years.

Last year, Whitton said, there were 425 arrests in Glen Cove, and 11 had additional resisting-arrest charges. "So that means to me, out of 425 arrests, the officers are talking people into the handcuffs," he said. "They're not fighting people into the handcuffs."

When someone does resist arrest, Whitton explained, officers use what is called the "straight arm bar technique" to control the individual. If he or she continues to fight, mace or a taser can be used. Whitton said that tasers were used twice in 2017, were not used at all in 2018 and were used three times last year.

He added that chokeholds have never been taught, and their use has never been authorized by the GCPD.

When it comes to firearms, Whitton said, since the department's founding in 1918, an officer has discharged a gun only once. That incident, which was non-fatal, occurred in the late 1960s.

Officers' interactions with civilians



Courtesy City of Glen Cove

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP left, Mayor Tim Tenke, Police Chief William Whitton, Deputy Chief Chris Ortiz, Antwon Brown and the Rev. Roger Williams took part in the digital town hall.

are not recorded because the department does not use body cameras. Whitton said that while he would be open to body cameras, the cost of data storage has prevented the department from acquiring the

technology. If the cost were to be covered by the federal government to fulfill a mandate requiring all police departments to use body cameras, Whitton said, he would welcome it.

DeRiggi-Whitton said that she was continuing to work to secure funding for body cameras.

Goodine also asked Whitton and Ortiz for a breakdown of the demographics in the GCPD, including rank, race, gender and Glen Cove residency.

Tenke said that candidates for the GCPD must have four-year college degrees. "We feel that this provides us with more mature, educated and responsible candidates who understand the complexities of our community," he said.

The department has one chief, one deputy chief and three lieutenants. One oversees detectives, and the other two focus on operations and administration. There are eight patrol sergeants, six detectives and 34 police officers. Forty-nine of the 53 members of the department are Caucasian, three are Hispanic and one is black. Forty-eight are male and five are female.

"Over the last couple of years, we had two black officers that happened to be detectives retire and one Hispanic sergeant retire," Whitton said. "So, to that end, we do realize that we need to become diversified, and we're going to work to those ends to do that."

Odds-and-evens ordinance aims to conserve water in the city

At the June 23 City Council meeting, Glen Cove Mayor Tim Tenke brought up an ordinance aimed at conserving water in the city.

"I'm not sure if the public is aware but we do have an ordinance in place with respect to water conservation in our city," Tenke said. "We're getting into those hot days."

As per Water Ordinance Chapter 270-35, Tenke said, those with even-numbered houses can water their lawns and wash their cars on even days from 5 to 9 a.m. or from 4 p.m. to midnight. Those with odd-numbered houses can water their lawns or wash their cars on odd days from 5 to 9 a.m. or from 4 p.m. to midnight.

Houses or buildings with no numbers, Tenke said, can use even-number days and times to water their lawns or wash their cars.

There will be no watering on the 31st day of the month.



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MAYOR TIM TENKE has put rules in place for when residents can water their lawns and wash their cars.

For further information contact the Glen Cove Water Department at (516) 676-2238.

CRIME WATCH

Arrests

■ On June 29, a 28-year-old female from Glen Cove was arrested for four counts of assault in the second degree, resisting arrest, driving while intoxicated and unlawful possession of Marijuana in the second degree on Forest Avenue.

■ On June 30, a 19-year-old female from Glen Cove was arrested for two counts of assault in the second degree, criminal possession of a weapon in the fourth degree and menacing in the second degree on Central Avenue.

■ On July 3, a 22-year-old Bayville male was arrested for criminal possession of a controlled substance in the seventh degree on Pratt Blvd.

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.

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THE GLEN COVE Library has implemented a curbside pickup service during the pandemic.

New services at N.S. libraries as reopening progresses

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As libraries on the North Shore slowly reopen, it is becoming possible for them to add more traditional services to the virtual programs that have become prevalent in the past few months. With caution and creativity, these libraries are taking steps to continue offering their popular summer programs and reach their communities in new ways.

Glen Cove Library

Glen Cove Library has continued to offer a plethora of services online, but they have also recently implemented “library take-out.” According to the library’s website, this curbside pickup service is available from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday. Patrons can call the library or visit the website to request items, and once the items are ready, an appointment will be scheduled to pick up the order outside. Currently, all other programs on the Glen Cove Library’s website

and summer calendar are virtual.

Sea Cliff Village Library

At the Sea Cliff Village Library, the ability to offer some services outside has opened up new opportunities. Items can be returned to the library’s book drop, and curbside pickup will soon be available, said Camille Purcell, the library’s executive director.

“People can call or email the library with titles that they would like,” Purcell said. “We then grab the materials off the shelf, check them out under the patron’s name, put them in a Sea Cliff Village Library bag and set up an appointment time for them to come and pick up their materials.”

For children in kindergarten through fifth grade, the library recently started a children’s summer reading program using the same methods as curbside pickup. Each week, Ann DiPietro, the children’s library coordinator, selects four or five books for each age group and puts them in bags for parents to pick up during

the time slot for their child’s age group. These bags also feature prizes and cards for families to rate the books and mail back to the library.

Purcell also said that the library has gotten clearance to hold half-hour story time programs for children at Sea Cliff Beach. To ensure that the right amount of people attend that will keep everyone safe, participants must sign up beforehand.

“We don’t anticipate having people in the library for quite some time, but this is very fluid,” Purcell said. “We’re very mindful of trying to keep numbers down and keep everyone as safe as we can, from our patrons to our staff.”

Gold Coast Library

When the building first closed in response to the coronavirus pandemic, the Gold Coast Library in Glen Head quickly transitioned to virtual programming. The library’s director, Mike Morea, explained that online resources have been an integral part of the library’s services since it opened in 2005.

“We actually never had any in-building research services, so all of those have remained active,” Morea said. “Our online services have always been popular, but they’ve skyrocketed in use to the tune of a good 70 percent increase at this point. It was good that we have all of those things in place, and I do believe this has spread awareness of them.”

In addition to online services, the Gold Coast Library is now offering curbside pickup from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday and from 6 to 9 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays. Items can also be returned to the library’s outdoor book return and will be quarantined for 72 hours before being handled by staff.

As the smallest library in Nassau County, fully reopening the Gold Coast Library under proper social distancing guidelines will be a challenge, Morea said. However, the library is considering eventually introducing scheduled 15 minute sessions, he said, where a patron can enter the building and browse the bookshelves.



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Hofstra moves Jefferson statue amid outcries

By VISVAJIT SRIRAMRAJAN

A statue of Thomas Jefferson, which has stood in front of Hofstra University's David S. Mack Student Center for more than 20 years, has been relocated to Emily Lowe Hall, an academic building, amid renewed calls for its removal.

"Over the past few years, the placement of the Jefferson statue, and the history it represents, has been a reminder and consistent source of pain for many of our black students and allies," Hofstra University President Stuart Rabinowitz wrote in an email to the school community last month.

Rabinowitz's comments, though, have been met with criticism from students and faculty, who said the statue has been problematic for black students since its installment.

Amudalat Ajasa, president of the school's Black Student Union, said, "While it's important to acknowledge that he was a founding father, [the Hofstra administration] has to possess a double vision and see that he also ran one of the largest plantations out of Virginia while simultaneously condemning slavery.

"On top of that," Ajasa said, "he engaged in a nonconsensual relationship with an underaged slave. How is that supposed to make black students feel on campus? Like our grievances are heard and considered? Not at all."

Jefferson enslaved more than 600 black people throughout his lifetime, subjecting them to physical and verbal torture. DNA evidence also concluded in 1998 that the nation's third president fathered children with Sally Hemings, a woman he enslaved. She was the half-sister of Jefferson's wife, Martha, according to Monticello.org.

"When I think about the Thomas Jefferson statue being relocated, it's not that I'd rather it have stayed where it was," Ja'Loni Owens, alumna and founder of



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HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY OFFICIALS have moved the Thomas Jefferson statue from its original location in front of the student center to an academic building across the street.

the "Jefferson Has Gotta Go!" campaign, explained. "It's that this moment requires so much more from institutions than I even knew to ask for when I was a student there. And that's how organizers know that these gestures are performances, and pathetic ones at that."

Owens started a petition to remove the Jefferson statue from campus two years ago, which reached thousands of students and raised awareness of the issue across the Hofstra community.

Rabinowitz, however, rejected the call for change, saying instead that the "founding fathers" had an "unprecedented vision of a free and equal world" and

called Jefferson "a defender of freedom in helping to create a new nation."

But in the wake of recent nationwide protests against racism and police brutality, university officials have changed their stance, instead moving the statue across campus.

It was donated to the university by real estate developer David S. Mack in 1999. Hofstra's Student Center is named for Mack, who graduated from Hofstra with a business degree in 1967, and currently chairs the university's Board of Trustees. Mack could not be reached for comment.

Members of the Hofstra community have said that relocation, rather than

removal, is a temporary solution that does not address the deep-seated racism in American institutions.

Martine Hackett, an associate professor at the School of Health Professions and Human Services, who serves on the university's recently reconvened Committee on Representation in Public Spaces, stressed that addressing the truth about Jefferson is a prerequisite to progressing toward a more just society.

"An appropriate historical and contemporary context for the actions that one of our 'founding fathers' engaged in public and private life needs to be communicated to students and the general public," she said, "so they are able to make past injustices visible," and "once we know we can do better, we can do better."

Additionally, Ajasa said, as a majority white institution, the university should go out of its way to ensure black students feel safe and included.

"I think Hofstra moving the statue instead of getting rid of it, like governors and mayors throughout America have been pressured to do, is pathetic and insulting," she said. "We ask the administration to remove a symbol of black oppression, and their response is to move it."

The change comes as the Black Lives Matter movement has renewed calls for racial justice nationwide. "Over the last few weeks, whether you were in the streets or not, you've felt the difference in the air," Owens said, "and it's disappointing that what this moment has inspired is empty gestures from institutions that organizers have come right out and said are the problem."

"What's most insulting about performative activism is that they think there is still hope for black people's placation," Owens said. "If I were a student at Hofstra right now, I would not accept what's coming out of communications."

Legislature helps restore NCC autism programs

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The Achilles and ASPIRES programs at Nassau Community College, designed to assist students with autism thrive in and out of the classroom, will be restored for the 2020-21 academic year after the Nassau County Legislature voted unanimously June 29 to approve the college's budget.

Citing finances as the primary reason, NCC sent a letter April 20 to the coordinators of both programs, Valerie Lagakis and Frances Viscovich, informing them the platforms for students with autism would not be offered this coming school year.

As reported in the Herald's June 4-10 edition, the decision was met with a wave of concern, and members of the Legislature's majority Republican caucus vowed not to pass the NCC budget until the pro-

grams were restored. The programs serve 35 to 40 students per semester. Legislators worked closely with educators, community members and college leadership to keep them going.

Following the approval of the budget, Presiding Officer Richard Nicoletto said, "I am very happy to see the Achilles and ASPIRES program restored at Nassau Community College. Nassau County prides itself on being a place that is welcoming and provides opportunity for everyone to excel, and these programs do exactly that.

"I'm thankful for the professors and parents who raised awareness about the programs," he added. "Their tireless advocacy led to the restoration. I would also like to thank NCC President [Dr. Jermaine] Williams for his personal efforts to find a path to continue the programs. We are proud that in these difficult times Nassau Community College continues to

be an invaluable resource for our residents."

Jeff Spiller, of Bellmore, said his son Jason, a 2018 Mepham High School graduate, benefits from the ASPIRES program, especially when it comes to assistance with organizational skills. "It's a huge relief. I'm so happy the program is back," Jason said. "I never got an 'A' in any high school class, but I've had three so far at Nassau."

The Achilles program has been around for nearly two decades and is for twice exceptional students — those who are gifted but learning challenged. Lagakis, an English and reading professor at NCC, has overseen the program since 2010. "Students are specifically attending our school because of the Achilles program," Lagakis said. "The program didn't exist for a few months, so this is great progress. I'm very grateful to the legislators."

The ASPIRES program provides comprehensive support to students with ASD in weekly counseling sessions as well as programming designed to address executive-functioning and social-skill deficits. "The program started with one student six years ago," noted Viscovich, who teaches environmental science. "Now we have a waiting list. The college can be a leading force in supporting this student population, and I'm beyond excited to see these programs restored."

State Sen. Todd Kaminsky, a Democrat from Long Beach, encouraged the college to reconsider its original decision to remove the programs and met with Williams in mid-May. "Our differently abled students have thrived under the ASPIRES and Achilles programs," Kaminsky said. "Restoring their funding, and ensuring that it remains a source of support for future students was essential."

Workforce Housing Lottery announced

By JENNIFER CORR

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The ranking of 241 applicants for 13 workforce housing rental residences at RXR Realty's Village Square in downtown Glen Cove was announced on Thursday, June 25.

The 13 workforce rental apartments at Village Square will consist of five studio, six one-bedroom and two two-bedroom units. Studios start at \$1,610 a month, one-bedrooms at \$1,702 a month and two-bedrooms at \$2,046 a month.

The Village Square project, scheduled to open in September 2020, will bring a 16,500-square foot public plaza to the heart of downtown Glen Cove, with 15,600 square feet of retail space, as well as 171 parking spots, with 69 additional spots reserved in the Brewster Street garage. There will be 146 market rate rental apartments.

As the state slowly reopens, the City of Glen Cove, the Long Island Housing Partnership and RXR Realty continued with the virtual ceremony to announce the ranking while exercising caution and social distancing.

The applicants were randomly ordered through an electronic random number generator designed by independent third party affiliate Stony Brook University. Applicants who meet the program eligibility guidelines were eligible for occupancy in the order ranked.

The announcement of the finalists came after some words from Glen Cove Mayor Tim Tenke, Deputy Mayor Maureen Basdavanos, Downtown BID Executive Director Patricia Holman and RXR's Executive Vice President of Residential Development and Construction Joe Graziore.

"The Village Square complex completion is an exciting milestone in the revitalization of walkable Downtown Glen Cove, where our residents and visitors will soon be able to shop, grab a coffee and some food and relax in the outdoor plaza," Tenke said. "We are always grateful to the LIHP and to RXR for their work to bring affordable housing to our residents."

Peter J. Elkowitz, president of LIHP,

said that as need for affordable rental units continues to grow, that this non-traditional lottery brought affordable units to those who needed it in a quick manner.

"Village Square has been a labor of love for years and we are thrilled with the progress and this announcement of the workforce housing lottery today," Graziore said. "As a Glen Cove native, I'm dedicated to bringing this project to completion, and we're almost there. We should have some more announcements for you soon."



Courtesy the City of Glen Cove

JOE GRAZIORE OF RXR Realty, left, Glen Cove Mayor Tim Tenke and Patricia Holman, executive director of Glen Cove Downtown BID, were at Village Square to announce the Workforce Housing Lottery applicant finalists.



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On Thursday, Island Harvest, in partnership with Nassau County, kicked off the largest food distribution event in the county's history, with hundreds eagerly lining up on foot and in cars outside Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum.

Thousands of boxes filled with 100,000 pounds of fresh produce, meat and non-perishable food items were distributed by hundreds of volunteers in the beating summer sun. Roughly 20,000 families — many struggling after the Covid-19 pandemic's economic downturn — went home with a week's worth of supplies.

"We're here today because of this pandemic that has forced so many people to question whether they can put food on the table for their families," said Island Harvest President and CEO Randi Shubin Dresner. "There are tens of thousands of people across Long Island that we've met the past couple of months — volunteers of ours, contributors of ours, supporters of so many different causes — and the floor has been pulled out from underneath them. Now they find themselves on the other side of the food line."

"We've reached every corner of the county with our food distribution events, and we're not done yet," County Executive Laura Curran said. "We will continue putting food on the table for families in need throughout this summer with distributions large and small."

In an organized fashion, recipients on foot stood in line to have their bags and carts filled, while those in vehicles slowly drove up to one of dozens of distribution points. Green-vested volunteers ran every table, lugging supplies back and forth.

The event is thanks to Nassau County's \$1 million investment into local food banks as part of the new Community Food Distribution initiative. Since late April, the county has held two dozen small and large distributions and will continue to partner with Island Harvest in the future.

The need to provide food for residents is evidenced by the increased number of applications to the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program. In April, the number of Nassau County residents seeking this assistance tripled, going from 1,095 in April 2019 to 3,786 in April this year. The number of SNAP applications increased 125 percent in May 2020 compared to May 2019, according to county records.

In June this year, SNAP applications declined 35 percent from May, but that is still a 41 percent increase from June 2019.

"And it's not just Nassau County that's seeing this food insecurity," Curran said. "Nationwide, 40 percent of people who are utilizing food banks are new to utilizing food banks."

Nassau has set aside \$1 million in federal Community Development Block Grants for food banks to collect, distribute and purchase food, while also working with school districts and community stakeholders to identify families in need.



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COUNTY EXECUTIVE LAURA Curran kicked off the event, which was a partnership with the non-profit Island Harvest.

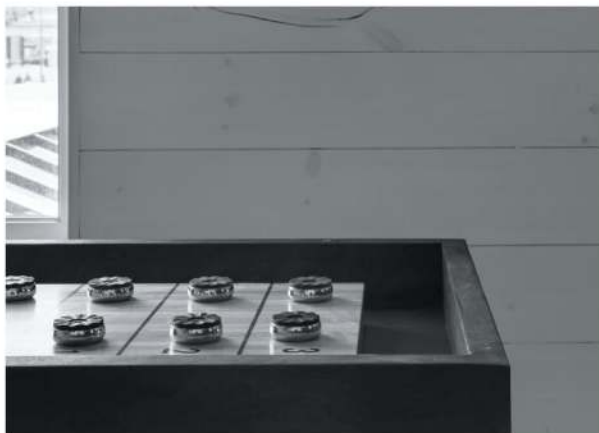


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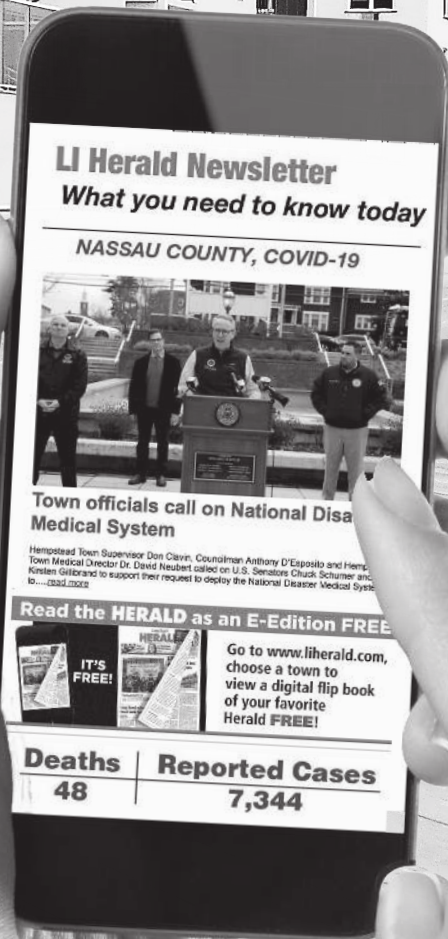
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HERALD Covid-19 HOMETOWN HEROES

ANNE MARKOULIS

GLEN COVE

TEACHER ASSISTANT, GLEN COVE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

I found out that the high school was open to pick up boxes of food for families in need. So I, at the time, knew seven families that had no means of getting food. So I went to the pantry to pick up seven boxes, and I asked if they needed any donations to help keep the food pantry well replenished. They said yes, and I sent out an email to the Parent Teacher Student Association, because I'm also the PTSA president at the high school, and it just started from there.

I got parents involved. It was a collaborative effort among the community members, and we all pulled together. I've been helping with the pantry ever since the third week of March to keep it replenished and also delivering to families.

We have had over 400 families. We deliver to over 150 families, and we also help with the car line as well on Wednesdays, and we get a lot of cars to get food. We will be continuing until August, and then the pantry will open up again if needed, which I'm assuming will definitely happen again in September.

I've noticed that since Long Island's economy has started to reopen that there hasn't been a decline in families we serve. As they're continuing to work, they have to catch up on three months' worth of bills. So this pantry is just to give them a hand so they don't have to pick and choose between a bill and food to help their families.

I feel very, very honored to help, and this is my community, and I have to give back to my community. I love to help people, and like I said, this has been a community effort.



HERALD HOMETOWN HERO

JENNA HALPIN

LOCUST VALLEY

LOCUST VALLEY STUDENT LEADER

I was in my junior year at Locust Valley High School, and life was normal and busy. Then all of a sudden everything stopped when the coronavirus hit. I knew it would be difficult for the community. Online learning was difficult for me, not having your teacher there, face to face. I had to take matters into my own hands to complete assignments, and it was hard not to have the guidance of my teachers.

My mom is a teacher. Parents and her co-workers were contacting her to say how difficult online learning was. I figured it would be a lot more difficult for younger kids. We older kids have more life skills. They don't. They needed someone to lead them.

I remembered a school trip I went on with the student government where we went to all of the district's elementary schools. We went to read them books and to promote reading. The feedback we got from the kids was so rewarding and they were so engaged. The experience inspired me.

Two weeks after school closed I created Locust Valley Student Leadership Activities. I got in touch with my high school principal, Mr. DiClemente, and he helped me to set up a Google page. I sent a letter to all of the elementary schools principals in the district, and they sent my letter to teachers.

I started out by doing book readings. After a week I received positive feedback from teachers and even some students. Some of my classmates were interested in getting involved but didn't have children's books. I suggested to them that they create instructional videos, like how to practice doing different sports, fitness, arts and crafts.



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HERALD HOMETOWN HERO

SUSAN NOCITO MCCORMACK

GLEN COVE

EMPLOYEE, NORTH SHORE TEACHERS UNION

I started making masks in mid-March, and the reason I started making them is because I had seen a friend of mine was making them on Facebook, and then I helped my daughter sew a pair of shorts for herself, and I posted that on Facebook, and somebody said, "Oh, you can sew? You should sew masks."

I figured I had time on my hands, and I was looking for something to keep us occupied, so I said, "Sure! That's something I can do."

I had some fabric in my house, so I made a few for a friend of mine. I posted that I had made some for her, and then all of a sudden I started getting requests all over. I put a post on the Facebook group "Glen Cove Neighbors," telling people I had made masks and asking if anybody had any fabric or elastic laying around, and from there it just kind of exploded.

I got requests from people that I know and people that I didn't know. Some people just saw my post and they were like, "Hey, I work at the hospital. Any chance you can make some for me?" or "I work at a medical office and we can't get any."



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Highlighting importance of history amid pandemic

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Oyster Bay.”

Driscoll went on to say that when Glen Cove became a city in 1917, the town gave it ownership of the building. For a year, Driscoll said, it was the City Hall. It served as police headquarters until the 1960s, and then as the courthouse until the early 1990s.

As of press time, there were six episodes of the pop-up visit series, and in the latest one, Driscoll interviewed Dr. Richard Harris, a longtime museum board member and the curator of the exhibit “Harlem Hellfighters,” which is housed in what used to be the courthouse’s jury room.

“Harlem Hellfighters,” which debuted in the fall of 2018 and has since become a

permanent exhibit, tells the story of the 369th Infantry Regiment in World War I, an African-American Army unit that saw more combat than any other American unit. Thirty-one of its members were from the Glen Cove area. “What we’re hoping to do with this permanent exhibit in this room,” Harris said, “is to call attention to these men and what they did during the war so that more people will know about their story.”

“We’re still here now, and we will still be here in the future when we’re able to open our doors,” Stevenson-Mathews said of the museum. “In the midst of history with this pandemic, if anything, it highlights the importance of history as it relates to our forward march.”

He noted the 1918 Spanish flu pan-

demic. “We go back and look at history and how the Spanish flu shaped things,” he said. “People are now going to look back and see how this horrible current pandemic has shaped things.”

And, Driscoll added, the museum building was actually used as an infirmary during the 1918 pandemic. In fact, local pregnant women were quarantined in the jail cell, and one gave birth there.

Georgie Connett, the museum board president, wraps up each virtual episode by explaining the museum’s mission to preserve the history of the North Shore, and the challenges it faces during this pandemic.

As Long Island begins Phase 4 of the state’s reopening protocols, which will allow facilities like museums to reopen,

Driscoll said she was still evaluating how to do so safely for visitors and volunteers. “We’re working on it,” she said. “We hope to be open by the end of July at the latest. We want to proceed with caution and make sure we’re doing everything in compliance.”

Visitors can look forward to a new exhibit called “The Art of the Tiffany Foundation.”

“Until we can fund-raise again, we are facing a shortfall of our operating expenses,” Connett said. “The board has pledged donations to help with these expenses, and we can surely use the public’s help.”

To make a tax-deductible donation or learn more about the museum, go to <https://www.northshorehistoricalmuseum.org/>.

Downtown Sounds 2020 will go on

This year’s concert series, Downtown Sounds, presented by the Glen Cove Business Improvement District, will once again fill the streets of Glen Cove on Friday nights at 7 p.m. starting July 24. But this year, music lovers will be able to either live stream the concerts at home or listen while dining at the downtown restaurants.

Viewers will be able to request songs they would like to hear as the artist performs, bringing a unique aspect to the 24-year-old concert series.

“Our motto this year is to accentuate the positive,” said Patricia Holman, the executive director of the BID. “With current circumstances, we knew there was no way we could accommodate the thou-

sands of people who turn out every summer when we have artists perform live and in person.”

Instead, performers will play at a nearby recording studio, broadcasting on large television screens that can be viewed by outdoor diners, those walking the streets of Downtown Glen Cove and people watching live over Facebook. The

performances will also be archived for future viewings and will be broadcasted on television screens in the downtown area for Saturday night outings.

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A NEW NASSAU County initiative, the Police and Community Trust, will address issues around policing in the county.

Police, community activists working to find solutions

By ALEC RICH

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A new Nassau County initiative aiming to foster a dialogue between police and community activists has gained the support of local leaders in its early stages.

The Police and Community Trust (PACT), which was announced by Nassau County Executive Laura Curran on June 17, follows weeks of Black Lives Matter protests on Long Island and a renewed conversation around racism in America after the killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis in late May. In interviews, both lawmakers and community activists said the initiative is a positive first step towards addressing issues around policing in the county.

Travis Nelson, 21, a student and community activist from Hempstead who is a member of PACT, said the committee held its first meeting on June 24 and plans to meet at least twice a month. Nelson said while there was a “willingness” to both listen to and understand activists by government officials and police leadership in the initial meeting, he also acknowledged a “tough road ahead” to achieving true reforms.

“We’re going to have to push our elected officials to think in a way that they haven’t thought before, and I think that’s a good thing, but it’s going to cause them to think about things in a way that may make them uncomfortable,” Nelson said.

“Because the first thing that I noted is in order for us to make any type of change, in order for the committee to be successful in any way, we had to first agree that there is a problem.”

Nelson is one of 12 members of the trust, which includes Nassau County Police Commissioner Patrick Ryder and is co-chaired by Curran and South Floral Park Mayor Geoffrey Prime.

Nassau County Legislator Josh Lafazan, an independent from Woodbury, said the committee is “well-served and well-constituted,” at a time when the national conversation around institutional racism is being mirrored at the local level. Lafazan added that he believes the committee’s discussions will be productive, and he urged colleagues of the Legislature to listen to the voices of activists.

“At the end of the day this Legislature, which has often been plagued by partisanship for decades, has to put politics aside and do what’s right,” Lafazan said. “So, I hope that all 19 members of the legislature are willing to listen and listen earnestly to the voices of the members of this committee.”

In separate statements, leaders of both parties in the Legislature expressed support for a dialogue with community stakeholders but remained vague in assessing what specific changes might result from the trust.

Richard Nicoletto, the Legislature’s Presiding Officer and a Republican from District 9, said his caucus would look to

work with the community, the police unions and Commissioner Ryder to explore new ways in which to enhance safety for everyone in Nassau County. Meanwhile, Kevan Abrahams, the Legislature’s minority leader and a Democrat from District 1, said he is “hopeful” that PACT will lead to structural reforms by “channeling the energy and passion of a new generation of activists.”

On the North Shore, five of those activists, all under the age of 24, worked with Jason Samel, 43, of Old Brookville, to organize a ‘Black Lives Matter’ protest in Glen Cove in early June. Samel said the high turnout of over 3,000 people was unthinkable and represented a desire to see change in Nassau County.

Looking for solutions, Samel said in Glen Cove specifically, he hopes the protests will lead to a police department that more strongly reflects the demographics of the community. In Nassau County as a whole, he said, an important step to addressing systemic racism would be an expanded curriculum on Black history in schools.

Samel also noted that he’d like to see police budgets, including the Nassau County Police Department’s reflect a much greater percentage of mental health professionals on the streets.

This is a point agreed upon in part by Michael Montesano, a Republican and former NYPD detective who represents District 15 in the State Assembly. He said police have been overburdened in dealing

with a variety of issues, including mental health. But Montesano maintained that police budgets should still reflect what is needed to operate in a given community and said spending with regards to mental health services should not be punitive to one organization or another.

Regarding PACT, Montesano called the initiative an excellent idea, and said there is always room for improvement in terms of police revisiting policies and implementing proposals where necessary.

But for community activists like Nelson, he said true change will only come to Nassau County with a “reforming of the mind” for those in the community regarding the way Black people are treated. Nelson said moving forward, he hopes to see continual accountability from the community with regards to PACT and hopes others in Nassau County will provide input to the committee.

“If you feel as if something is not being said, or the people who are part of this initiative, you’d like to speak with them so that your voices are heard, then I welcome that,” Nelson said. “Because me being in this space, I’m not a monolithic voice for everyone across Nassau County. And so I think for everybody who is a part of that committee, what we should continue to strive to do is be as nuanced and objective with our opinions, with our perspectives as possible by drawing from data, not just only our set personal experiences and our cultural backgrounds, so that we are attacking the issue at hand.”

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Legislators call for more police mental health training

By MIKE CONN

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County Legislators Josh Lafazan, an Independent from Woodbury, and Siela Bynoe, a Democrat from Westbury, filed a resolution on June 26 that would convene a committee to study alternative responses to mental health response and intervention by law enforcement.

Lafazan said he studied this issue while a student at the Harvard Graduation School of Education. He said he studied the Houston Police Department's mental health unit, which has officers specifically trained to respond to mental health-related calls as well as to train other officers, something which he said he would like to implement in Nassau with the creation of the Nassau County Police Department Mental Health Unit. The committee, he said, would be made up of department officials, public safety experts and mental health professionals.

Mental health police calls have increased 227 percent since the late 90s, Lafazan said, and make up roughly 20 percent of all calls.

Additionally, he said police cadets in Nassau receive approximately 840 hours of training, only 10 of which are dedicated to mental health.

"What we've seen across the nation is that there's been a disproportionate number of people with mental illness who have been killed by police," Lafazan said, "which is why every department in America can benefit from a review in their policies and procedures."



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LEGISLATORS HOPE TO convene a committee to further train Nassau County Police Officers in responses to mental health calls.

Lafazan said he hopes the committee would be formed this month, after which it would have to convene within 30 days. He said the members would speak with mental health professionals and officials of communities of color right away.

Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton, a Democrat from Glen Cove, said she would fully support the creation of such a committee. She said further mental health training for police would always be beneficial, especially since officers sometimes only have a few seconds to respond to a crisis while answering a call.

Glen Head resident Andrea Macari, a clinical psychologist and member of the North Shore School District Board of

Education, said police training on mental health issues could make all the difference to mentally ill offenders and the officers involved.

"There's a lot of research in other states that show when you train police officers in crisis intervention," Macari said, "you actually decrease rates of injury and often, when these individuals end up in the legal system, you're able to divert them into mental health courts."

In diverting mentally ill offenders to mental health courts, Macari said the justice system enables them to get the treatment they need. She said mental health treatment in the prison system is not adequate in most cases, so sentencing mentally ill offenders to prison with-

out taking their mental health into account can be detrimental. She said she has had mentally ill patients who have been inappropriately incarcerated, forcing them to miss out on an opportunity to be cared for.

When it comes to crisis intervention, Macari said de-escalation procedures should take top priority for officers because many mentally ill offenders are paranoid and suffer from delusions or hallucinations. She said a show of force by police can trigger a person's underlying delusions or hallucinations, putting them at risk of aggression because their distorted belief systems tell them they are going to be hurt.

However, Macari said mentally ill individuals are far more likely to be victims of violence than perpetrators.

Lafazan and Macari both said the stigmatization of mental illness in society is an important issue which must be taken into account. Lafazan said governments across the country need to work to ensure they treat people with mental health issues and disabilities humanely.

Macari said the removal of a societal stigma on mental health could enable more mentally ill people to seek treatment. This, she said, could lower the chances of people with mental illness from engaging in criminal or threatening activities.

"If we really care about improving the mental health of society," Macari said, "it's important that we have policies and procedures that destigmatize mental illness, including in the mentally ill offender population."

Moody's lowers Glen Cove' credit rating outlook from stable to negative

By JENNIFER CORR

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Glen Cove's credit rating outlook was revised from a stable outlook to negative in a report released on June 15 from Moody's Investor Services Inc., a credit rating agency, created to bring "transparency, expertise and trust to bond transactions," according to its website.

Glen Cove, according to the report, stands at Baa2, which is the second lowest investment grade rating Moody's can issue. The rating has not changed, but Glen Cove's credit outlook could impact the city in different ways. For one, if the city decides to issue debt, which is a fixed corporate or government obligation such as a bond or debenture, the lender could look at the ratings and determine the risk factor. And generally, the lower the rating, the higher the interest rate a municipality could receive for bonds issues in the future.

"The better the rating, the less risk is perceived and the better rates you receive," Glen Cove City Councilwoman Danielle Fugazy Scagliola said. "So of course, we want to work to make our rating the best it can be and have our out-

look be the best it can be. That's something you always want to do."

The negative outlook is a reflection, according to the report, on the city's challenges to bring the budget into balance along with a declining reserve position that may cause the city to struggle financially over the next three years. According to the report, management appropriated \$2.1 million in fiscal year 2019 and estimates that reserves will decline by nearly \$4.3 million.

The fiscal 2020 budget, according to the report, was slightly smaller than the previous year's, with a property tax increase of nearly 2 percent below the statewide-cap and the reserves trended on budget for the first quarter. However, the pandemic may have thrown these results off track with up to \$900,000 in budget risks in state and county aid

expected later in the year.

It's important to note that the report indicates that the budget risks are not likely to impede on 2020 operations. Other than the loss of that revenue, city management does not see any material financial risks associated with the pandemic in fiscal 2020 because the majority of expenses incurred by the city is covered by the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act and Federal Emergency Management Agency support.

Factors that could lead to a downgrade in Glen Cove's rating include audited results from fiscal 2019 that are worse than expected, a continuance of a downward trend during fiscal 2020 and a failure to adopt and adhere to a balanced budget.

The report also provides ways the city

can upgrade its rating, including fiscal 2019 audited results that are significantly better than expected; an end to fiscal 2020 with balanced operations; and fiscal 2021 and beyond growth in reserves that is in line with peers.

In fact, the report states that the Garvies Point project by RXR Realty, the city's shoreline and other projects are starting to yield positive results for the city. With a rental apartment building complete and a condo building near competition, new residents are starting to move in. And while Covid-19 may have slowed down some construction, the pandemic may make Garvies Point more attractive for New York City residents, as interest in both condos and rentals have increased since the pandemic.

When the Garvies Point project is complete, according to the report, it is expected to include a 1,000 unit residential property, an ecology marina, restaurants and commercial space. This should bring much businesses and jobs to Glen Cove, stimulating the local economy. "I'm looking forward to increasing our tax base and bringing in more revenue," Fugazy Scagliola said.

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Neighborhood divided

Dear Great Book Guru,
My book group has included films of interest for some of our virtual meetings, and we recently discussed Spike Lee's "Do the Right Thing." We all had so much to say about this 1989 film that I was wondering if there was a book that might stimulate a similar spirited discussion. Any thoughts?

—A Summer to Remember



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novel analyzes the impact the murder has on the African-American and Latino residents who witnessed it, members of the church where Sportscoat had served as deacon for many years, the local police, the neighborhood's Italian mobsters and Sportscoat himself. We also learn about the victim and his family and most vividly this South Brooklyn neighborhood and the Causeway Housing Projects where the story unfolds. We see that the lives of all these people overlap in many, many ways and truth is hard to define. McBride's compassion for his characters is

evident throughout making this a highly recommended choice!

Would you like to ask the Great Book Guru for a book suggestion? Contact her at annmdipietro@gmail.com.

Dear Summer to Remember,

I just read a book that covers many of the topics your movie probably discussed, especially the sense of neighborhood and the part that it plays in our lives. James McBride's "Deacon King Kong" opens in September 1969 with the killing of a young drug dealer in Brooklyn. The highly unlikely assailant is an elderly deacon from Five Ends Baptist Church — a man known as Sportscoat. The

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PACKED TOWER AERATION SYSTEM AT THE SEAMAN ROAD STATION LOCATED IN GLEN COVE, NY
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Yelena Quiles, Purchasing Agent
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OBITUARIES

Tess Kamola

Tess Kamola, 101, of Glen Cove died on July 1. Beloved wife of the late Zdzislaw; loving mother of Irena, Diane Walker (Doug) and Janet Mahoney (John); dear sister of Eddie and Bertha; proud grandmother of John, Brian, Danny and Noelle; great-grandmother of Teigan, Nora and Emma. Tess loved the beach and enjoyed doing puzzles. Visitation at Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home of Glen Cove. Funeral Mass at St. Hyacinth RC Church. Interment at Locust Valley Cemetery.

James A. Thorpe

James A. Thorpe, 76, of Glen Cove died on July 1. Survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins, grand nieces and grand nephews. Jim served in the 101st Airborne during the Vietnam War. Jim was an accomplished professional football player. Jim's football career began at Manhasset High School. Thorpe joined the Toronto Argos in 1969. Thorpe was traded to Winnipeg in 1971, which exploded for his best season with 70 catches for 1436 yards and 20.5 yard average to lead the West in receiving. Thorpe captured his second West and CFL All-Star honors for his 1971 performance. In his last season in the CFL in 1972, Thorpe matched his previous season with 70 catches and had his second thousand yard receiving season with 1260 yards to once more lead the West in receiving. Thorpe also picked up his third West All-Star award in 1972. In just four seasons, Thorpe rang up 4091 yards on 209 catches and had 34 receiving touchdowns. Visitation and services held at Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home. Interment at Calverton National Cemetery.

Joan Ann Bunce

Joan Ann Bunce, 81, of Glen Cove, died on July 3. Wife of the late Thomas; sister of Rosalie Sandillo-Lotito (the late Dan), the late Edward, Cosmo and Gladys; survived by many nieces and nephews. Arrangements by Dodge-Thomas. Mass at St. Boniface RC Church. Interment at Locust Valley Cemetery.

Julia Melgar

Julia Melgar, 97, of Glen Cove died on June 30. Mother of Julia (Ruben) and Rosa (Carlos); sister of Edelira, Mercedes and Nelly; grandmother of Oscar, Ana, Cathy, Ruben, Yovanah, Diana, the late Yolanda and Edgar; great-grandmother of Kimberly, Brian, Kacey, Stephanie, Jose, Natalie, Ariella, Rich, Alexa, Yesenia, Giovanni and Jayden; great-great-grandmother of Jacob, Ava, Max, Alexis, Noah and Mia; also survived by many nieces and nephews. Visitation was held at Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home. Mass at St. Patrick's Church. Burial private.

Bertha Pena

Bertha Pena of Glen Cove died on June 27. Beloved wife of Carlos; devoted mother of Margarita Pena Flores (William), Carlos Jr. (Wendy), Bertha (Jorge) and Blason; loving grandmother of seven and great-grandmother of many. Mass at the Church of St. Patrick. Interment at Locust Valley Cemetery.

Salvatore Brusca

Salvatore Brusca, 83, of Glen Cove died on June 17. Beloved husband of Emanuela; loving father of Silvana; dear brother of Francesco and the late Pietro, Pietra, Girolamo and Giacomina. Salvatore worked for many years at Glen Plaza masonry in Glen Cove.

He loved all sports, especially soccer. Visitation held at Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home of Glen Cove. Mass held at the Church of St. Rocco. Interment in Italy.

Aurelie M. Fraschilla

Brooklyn resident Aurelie M. Fraschilla, 83, who has family in Glen Cove, Bayville and Locust Valley, died on June 16. Beloved wife of the late Santino; loving mother of Francis (Meg), John (Vicky), Joseph (Cathy), Marie Castellana (Peter), Ann, Angela

Fraschilla (Paul), and Richard (Bea); cherished grandmother of 20; proud great-grandmother of 24; also survived by many loving relatives and friends. Funeral Mass is scheduled at St. Gertrude RC Church in Bayville on Monday June 29 at 10:00 a.m. Interment St. Charles Cemetery.

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OPINIONS

Was Teddy Roosevelt a racist? You decide.

I grew up on Long Island, and like so many local kids, I made the pilgrimage to Sagamore Hill, Theodore Roosevelt's stately Cove Neck mansion, full of Americana and animal heads and skins.

As a child, I thought, Wow, an actual American president lived here. I was in awe.

In high school, I learned about Roosevelt's exploits as a Rough Rider in Cuba in 1898 and his Big Stick diplomacy during his presidency, from 1901 to 1909. As president, he oversaw construction of the Panama Canal. He was the "conservationist president" who founded 150 national forests and creat-



SCOTT BRINTON

ed the U.S. Forest Service.

He received the Nobel Peace Prize for his work in negotiating a treaty in the Russo-Japanese War of 1904-05. He helped found the Boy Scouts of America. For goodness' sake, the teddy bear was named for him.

Locally, the community of Roosevelt bears his name. So do BSA's Theodore Roosevelt Council 386 and the Nassau County Executive and Legislative Building in Minneola.

Roosevelt was, no doubt, a monumental

figure — literally, carved in stone on South Dakota's Mount Rushmore. He was, and is, a hero to many, many Americans.

Our 26th president was also an unabashed racist.

I learned this while recently reading

"Theodore Roosevelt's History of the United States" (Harper; 2010). Daniel Ruddy selected short takes from Roosevelt's voluminous writings — 35 books and a multitude of essays and speeches — and compiled them into a historical timeline of the U.S. according to Roosevelt.

I happened to be reading the book before the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis on Memorial Day, and before the American Museum of Natural History asked permission of New York City in June to remove the bronze statue of Roosevelt that had stood on the museum's steps since 1940.

The statue depicts Roosevelt looking glorious atop a massive horse, with a Native American man and an African-American man standing, in positions of subjugation, to his right and left. The statue was originally intended, museum officials said, to celebrate Roosevelt "as a devoted naturalist." Seen through a 2020 lens, however, it appears to portray him as a conqueror. And so it will come down, like so many statues of late.

I have visited the AMNH many times, and passed by that statue on numerous occasions, never seeing it for what it was — racist. As a teenager, I studied Roosevelt's life without seeing him for who he was — a deeply conflicted figure who was at once

progressive (he was the first president to invite a black man, Booker T. Washington, to dine at the White House) and yet racist.

Roosevelt spoke of Native Americans as "squalid savages" and justified the taking of their lands by force as a means to spread white European civilization. He decried the evils of slavery but did not believe, nearly half a century after it ended, that black people were ready to vote.

Racism is our national psychosis, and to overcome it, we must examine our collective psyche to root out the causes of this terrible affliction. That means looking honestly at our history, including at our revered national figures. To see how unapologetically racist many of them were is to understand how thoroughly ingrained racism was in our nation, and why it's so damn difficult to rid our country of this scourge.

So, I give you Teddy Roosevelt in his own words:

Writing about war with Native Americans: "The most righteous of all wars is a war with savages, though it is apt to be also

the most terrible and inhuman . . . A sad and evil feature of such warfare is that whites, the representatives of civilization, speedily sink almost to the level of their barbarous foes."

On the annexation of Texas in 1845: "It was of course ultimately to the great advantage of civilization that the Anglo-American should supplant the Indo-Spaniard."

On slavery: "I know what a good side there was to slavery, but I know also what a hideous side there was to it, and this was the important side."

On African-Americans: "I do not believe that the average Negro in the United States is as yet in any way fit to take care of himself and others as the average white man, for if he were there would be no Negro problem."

On English colonialism: "I am a believer in the fact that it is for the good of the world that the English-speaking race in all its branches should hold as much of the world's surface as possible. The spread of the little kingdom of Wessex into more than a country, more than an empire, into a race which has conquered half the earth and holds a quarter of it is perhaps the greatest fact in all of history."

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We're all in the room where it happened

We are blessed with the curse of living in interesting times, and our duty is to bear witness.

Like the Greatest Generation, we are in the midst of a fight for our lives, and we don't know yet how it will end. We are still Londoners in the dark days of the Blitz.

For our wartime parents and grandparents, the battles were furious and deadly, but the good guys won and democracy prevailed. Americans sacrificed together, mourned together and danced together on VJ Day.



RANDI KREISS

Those of us born after the two world wars know about them because others told the story. In a strange and wonderful coincidence, the movie "Hamilton" began streaming online on July Fourth (of course). One line from it is, "Who lives, who dies, who tells the story?"

The creator of the show, Lin Manuel Miranda, speaks to being part of history, and at the same time observing the moment. We know about World War II

because of writers like Stephen Ambrose, and we know about the founding of our country because Washington and Jefferson and Madison and Franklin and Hamilton took pen to paper. We experience the Holocaust on a visceral level when we read Elie Wiesel's account of being a 7-year-old in Auschwitz in "Night."

We know their stories because they were willing to bear witness to the history they were living. Perhaps they were compelled. Bearing witness is both a gift to the future and a psychological release. We talk about our trauma and the burden is shared.

Here, in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic and the catastrophe of the Trump years, we must tell our stories. To use another famous line from "Hamilton," we are all, every one of us, in the room where it happened. We have lived the Trump years day to day, and suffered the assault on our American values, the evisceration of the governmental agencies that have kept us safe and the disregard for the very earth that sustains us.

Whatever your talent or ability, keep chronicling these days so that others can know what happened during the pandemic.

Write the stories, paint the pictures, take out your phone and start snapping photos. Build new furniture for this time or create new recipes that helped you cope. Begin a diary.

I am imploring my own grandkids to keep a journal of these days. Their experience is unique because this is the only childhood they know, and it is trapped in the constraints of pandemic protocols. They are observing how the grownups in the room are coping, and they are learning how to behave during a protracted emergency. Someday, we hope, their children and grandchildren will want to know how they survived this moment.

Whatever our skill set, we must bear witness, not just to the disease and how it shoved us, body and soul, so far off course. We must remember, and record for the future, the offenses of Donald Trump and his supporters.

We saw the run-up to the 2016 election. Enough of us Americans were willing to elect Trump to the presidency, despite his lack of leadership skills, despite his toxic attitudes toward women and minorities, despite his disregard for old alliances and

friends abroad and despite his lack of basic decency. We did it for our "pocketbooks" or for a "shakeup" in Washington or because we heard the veiled racism and xenophobia in his speeches and it appealed to us.

We were all in the room when he got elected, and we have been languishing in that room these past three years. But while we have been stuck in a bad place, we have been recording events of the day and turning them into memories, and we can share these with generations to come so that our history will not repeat itself. Next time a charlatan comes to town selling snake oil, perhaps the public will be savvy and principled enough to send him or her packing.

When we wonder aloud "What could go wrong?," when we think about electing another dangerous fool, perhaps we will be scared straight by an account of the pandemic of 2020 and the story of a president whose incompetence and indifference led to thousands and thousands of unnecessary deaths.

Who lives, who dies, who tells your story? Bearing witness is an edge on immortality. We may be gone someday, but we won't be forgotten if someone reads our book or sees our play or listens to our music.

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HERALD EDITORIAL

Be prepared for hurricanes – now, not later

With all the news of the coronavirus crisis, it would be easy to forget that we are more than a month into the Atlantic hurricane season — and now is the time to prepare for the possibility of a major storm. Thinking back on Superstorm Sandy, in 2012, reminds us of the destructive power of a hurricane — and the need to remain at the ready, even during times like this, when we're distracted by other challenges.

The American Red Cross annually publishes a hurricane-preparedness checklist. We present it here.

Before a storm

- Listen to a NOAA Weather Radio for critical information from the National Weather Service.
- Make sure you have a three-day supply of water — at least one gallon per day per person.

- Be sure to have a three-day supply of food on hand.

- Bring in anything from your yard that can be picked up by the wind, such as bicycles and lawn furniture.

- Have a flashlight with extra batteries and a battery-powered or hand-crank radio.

- Close windows, doors and hurricane shutters. If you don't have shutters, board up windows and doors with plywood.

- Check your first aid kit to ensure that it's well supplied.

- Turn the refrigerator and freezer to the coldest setting and keep them closed as much as possible so food will last longer if the power goes out.

- Have a seven-day supply of medications and medical items (hearing aids with extra batteries, glasses, contact lenses, syringes, cane).

- Turn off propane tanks and unplug small appliances.

- Fill your vehicle's gas tank.

- Gather copies of personal documents (medication lists and pertinent medical information, proof of address, deed/lease to your home, passports, birth certificates, insurance policies).

- Talk with members of your household and create an evacuation plan. Planning, and practicing the plan, will minimize confusion and fear during the storm.

- Have cellphones and chargers on hand.

- Create a family and emergency contact list.

- Learn about your community's hurri-

Vital items

In your hurricane go bag, you should have:

- A multi-purpose tool
- Extra cash
- Emergency blanket
- Map(s) of the area
- Tools and supplies for securing your home
- An extra set of car and house keys
- Extra clothing, hat and sturdy shoes
- Rain gear
- Insect repellent and sunscreen
- Camera for photos of damage

cane response plan. Plan routes to local shelters, register family members with special medical needs as required and make plans for your pets to be cared for.

- Evacuate if advised by authorities. Be careful to avoid flooded roads and washed-out bridges.

- Be certain to have baby supplies (bottles, formula, baby food, diapers).

- Check pet supplies (collar, leash, ID, food, carrier, bowl).

- Because standard homeowners insurance does not cover flooding, you should have a flood insurance plan. For more information on flood insurance, visit the National Flood Insurance Program website, www.FloodSmart.gov.

After a storm

- Continue listening to NOAA Weather Radio or the local news for the latest updates.

- Stay alert for extended rainfall and subsequent flooding, even after the storm has passed.

- If you evacuated, return home only when officials say it is safe.

- Drive only if necessary, and again, avoid flooded roads and washed-out bridges.

- Stay away from loose or dangling electric lines and report them to the power company.

- Stay out of any building that has water around it.

- Inspect your home for damage. Take pictures of any damage, both of the building and its contents, for insurance purposes.

- Use flashlights, not candles, in the dark.

- Avoid drinking or preparing food with tap water until you are sure it's not contaminated.

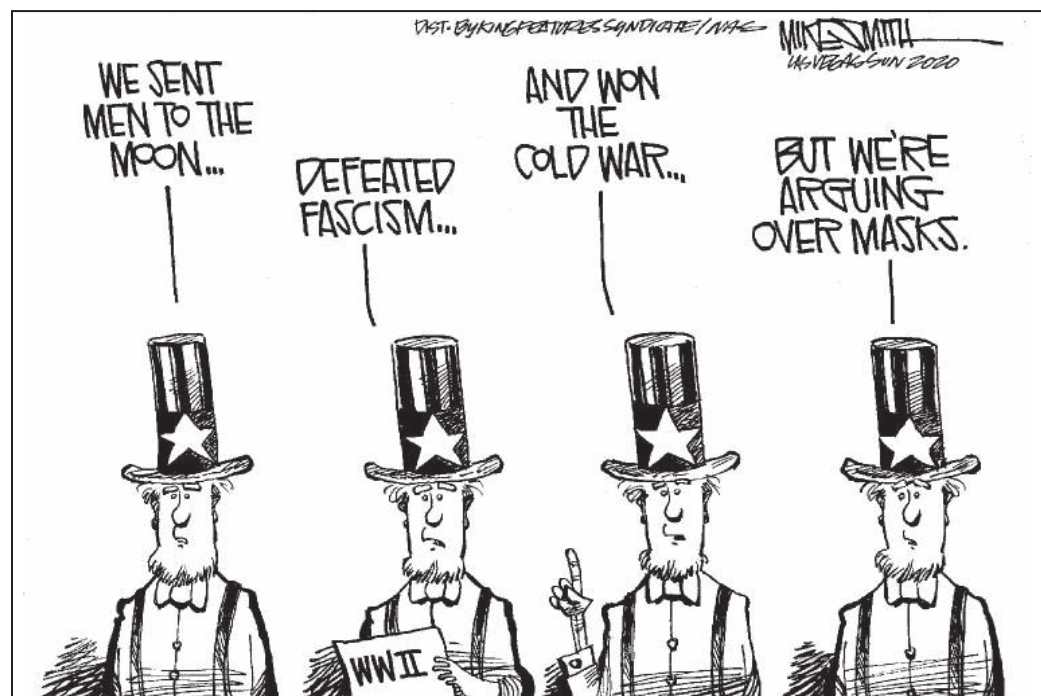
- Check refrigerated food for spoilage. If in doubt, throw it out.

- Wear protective clothing, and be cautious when cleaning up to avoid injury.

- Watch animals closely, and keep them under your direct control.

- Use the telephone only for emergency calls.

If your community has experienced a hurricane, or any disaster, register on the American Red Cross Safe and Well website, RedCross.org/SafeandWell to let your family and friends know about your welfare.



OPINIONS

Amazon bringing jobs when we need them most

The Covid-19 crisis has taken a devastating toll on local families and the economy. While the public health pandemic of 2020 has overwhelmed families and hurt our economy, I am confident that together we will overcome this disease and put people back to work.

We are Long Islanders and Americans. We can and will emerge stronger than ever before — just as we always have. We have already seen great successes by achieving our goals of entering each phase as originally scheduled, helping put people back to work and return to some sense of normalcy in these unprecedented times.



JOSEPH SALADINO

Local businesses have slowly begun to reopen their doors, and government stood with local business owners to urge New York state to allow certain entities to open sooner than previously allowed. We did this successfully, and most important, safely. Working together, we will continue to reach these goals and get our economy

back on its feet.

In the Town of Oyster Bay, the Town Board and I have been working diligently to attract new business and employers — to restore our economic base and bring jobs to our town. The 1-800-Flowers company is now moving its corporate headquarters to Jericho. Home Depot is opening a new final destination facility in Hicksville.

I have been working overtime to try to bring new jobs to our community, at a time when employment opportunities are greatly needed. These efforts not only help the economy thrive, but also they improve our tax base and bring great opportunities for our residents and local communities throughout our township.

Last week, I was excited to announce that Amazon plans to create hundreds of new jobs and build a new warehouse and distribution facility in the former Cerro Wire location, just off the Long Island Expressway, in Syosset. The Amazon facility will be architecturally attractive, will be a low-impact facility on our utilities and services, and will employ the newest

in green technology to be friendly to our environment.

New York City's politicians deliberately thwarted Amazon's plans to bring new jobs to New York. But your Town Board and I have — by contrast — reached out and welcomed Amazon with open arms to Oyster Bay. We know that Amazon in Syosset will be a significant boon for our region, as it will generate millions in recurring economic activity, and bring environmental cleanup to a brownfield property that has sat dormant for more than three decades. It will also bring a final end to a saga that has long plagued the town and its residents, as the property laid lifeless

while various proposals never saw the light of day.

Amazon will also expand our tax base, create 650 permanent jobs and employ thousands of construction workers. The planned 200,000-square-foot warehouse will remove a derelict eyesore from the community — and spur real economic growth — while not stressing our services or impacting the quality of life for local residents.

The location of the project — just off the Long Island Expressway — will create minimal traffic impact on our communities, while servicing our local consumers, getting Oyster Bay residents the products we want and need. This project means a comeback of jobs at a time when we need it the most. Amazon's Syosset project serves as the foundation needed for our local economy to rebound, and signals to the world that Oyster Bay is open for business and welcoming of new investment.

While health professionals around the world make progress in battling the coronavirus, you can be assured that your local government officials in Oyster Bay are doing our part to counter the economic crisis brought on by this terrible disease and lessen its impact on our town residents. We are here for you, and we will continue to do everything possible to preserve your quality of life while protecting your wallets. The Town Board and I will continue to safeguard taxpayers by holding the line on property taxes, cutting waste and bringing jobs and economic activity back to the Town of Oyster Bay.

Joseph Saladino is supervisor of the Town of Oyster Bay.

LETTERS

Thanks, North Shore schools community

To the Editor:

As my tenure on the Board of Education ends, I want to thank the North Shore Schools community for the opportunity to represent you for the last six years. During this time, I have worked closely with so many of you on the issues of health, safety and wellness of all of our students.

As I have opined in the past, our efforts toward personal skill development cannot begin early enough to ensure our children become their best selves. This is particularly important during these times.

JOANNA COMMANDER
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Respect our animal friends

To the Editor:

Have you ever noticed people hurting the wildlife at our local beaches? We have when we visited Tappan Beach this summer. We observed children and adults disturbing the animals. We saw people tormenting the swans and their goslings. We also saw people chasing seagulls. We also saw people picking up horseshoe crabs by their tails and throwing them back in the water. This made us feel sad and angry. It

is not fair to disturb animals that have no interest in disturbing you. This is especially true when you are visitors at their home.

Even though we are children, we believe we can make a difference by educating the community to respect our animal friends. Our ecosystem depends on the health of sea life. For example, horseshoe crab eggs are food for other animals and are also used by the biomedical industry. Seagulls eat insects, so without them there would be so many more bugs on the beach.

If you see people who are being rude to animals, don't be afraid to ask them to stop. Remind them that without animals, life wouldn't be the same. Thankfully, we are not the only animals on Earth, and we would like to keep it that way.

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What's important in life

To the Editor:

Thank you very much for your coverage of Oyster Bay (CO-OP) Preschool's 40th Anniversary, "Oyster Bay Preschool celebrates 40 years in the hamlet," (June 26-July 2). We appreciate your interest in our local event. Letisha Dass's article and Christina Daly's photos pleased me, my staff and the parents in our program.

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Back off, buddy — Bayville

The children were so happy the day of our graduation parade. We adults have many emotions during this pandemic, but it takes the children's smiling and inno-

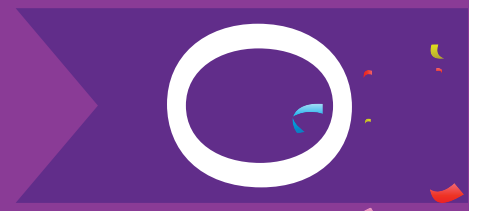
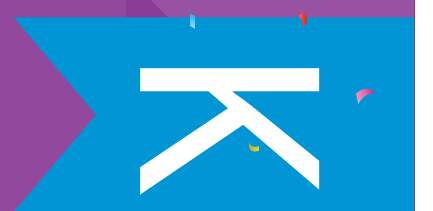
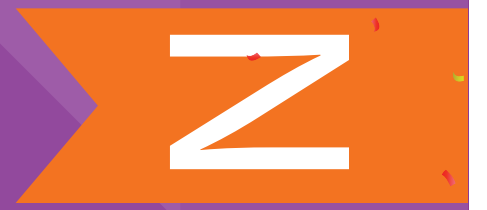
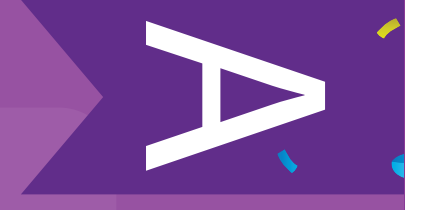
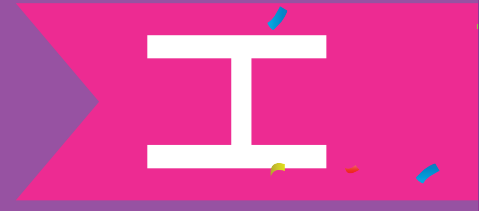
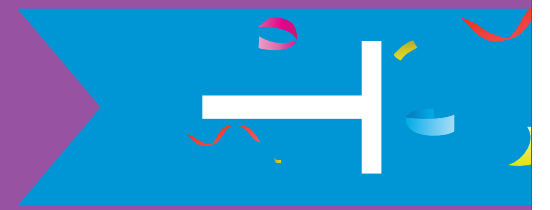
cent faces to remind us of the really important things in life. Be well.

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Oyster Bay

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