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TINA CAMMARATA, OF Glen Cove, spoke about her brother, Joseph Zuccala, who died in the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center.

City remembers Sept. 11 at anniversary ceremony

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Edward Lehman was an avid distance runner. Matthew McDermott enjoyed playing golf. John F. Puckett was an accomplished audio engineer and musician. Joseph Zuccala could entertain a crowd. All four Glen Cove men left behind loving families and friends when they died in the Sept. 11, 2001,

attacks on the World Trade Center. Their stories were shared at Glen Cove's 9/11 remembrance ceremony at Morgan Memorial Park last Saturday.

"Those gathered here today want to ensure that we give proper respect to those we lost on 9/11," Mayor Tim Tenke said, "and to those lost in ensuing years due to ground zero illnesses related to the attack."

Tony Jimenez, the city's director of veterans' affairs — a volunteer EMS worker 20 years ago who helped in the recovery effort at the World Trade Center site — led the Pledge of Allegiance. Richie Cannata played the national anthem on saxophone, and Rabbi Irwin Huberman, of Congregation Tifereth Israel, led the opening prayer.

Huberman noted that in

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G.C. recovers from Ida

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Low-lying areas of Glen Cove are still recovering from flood damage two weeks after what was left of Hurricane Ida pummeled the area. On Sept. 1, water flooded parking lots and basements, causing extensive damage to Police Department headquarters on Bridge Street and the Public Library on Glen Cove Avenue, as well as other areas of the city, prompting a cleanup effort that is still under way.

"It's a real mess," Detective Lt. John Nagle, of the Police Department, said. "The entire basement was destroyed."

According to Nagle, more than eight feet of floodwater filled the basement and came up the stairs to the main desk area. Because of the water damage, the phone system was down and the power backup systems failed. The basement gym was ruined, as were some of the records stored on that floor, which will now have to be disposed of, either by shredding or burning.

Those who were on duty that night watched the water pour into the building, but managed to dispatch incoming calls

through the 911 system, Nagle explained. The internal phone system should be up and running soon, he added.

The intensity of the storm and the volume of rain were a particularly bad combination for the station, which is across the street from the hill on Continental Place and sits atop an underground stream. The water

poured down the hill, Nagle said, which added to the flooding in the surrounding parking lots, and simply couldn't be pumped out fast enough.

"That storm set a record," he said. "I've never seen anything like it before. It was quite a night."

Ida was also a major blow to the library. Not only did

With the pandemic and now this, it's just been so hard.

KATHIE FLYNN
Director, Glen Cove Public Library

it force the facility's closure, like the pandemic that preceded it, but amid the social distancing protocols that were in place, most of the furniture had been moved to the basement. Now it's all gone.

According to library Director Kathie Flynn, half of the basement had about four feet of water in it, and walls and floors will need to be replaced. Water came up the ramp from the parking lot to the rear entrance and

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Glen Cove ophthalmologist set to retire

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After three and a half decades of helping to improve others' eyesight, Dr. Robert Appel has decided to slow down. And while his hundreds of patients across the North Shore are sorry to see his practice close, patients abroad, as well as medical students, will still benefit from the ophthalmologist's skills.

Appel, 72, will retire from his practice on Forest Avenue in Glen Cove in November, but will continue to teach cataract surgeries to residents at Northwell Health in Syosset, to serve on the boards of various organizations and to participate in mission work overseas.

When Appel, of Glen Head, chose ophthalmology as a specialty, he knew he would be able to serve a range of patients. He did not realize at the time what a significant and far-reaching impact he would have on others.

As a medical student at Cornell Medical School in the 1970s, Appel was introduced to the challenges and rewards of working abroad. "When I finished my training [at Boston University] I decided I wanted to do more work abroad," he said. "After residency, I did some short-term volunteer stints in Africa, got a job in a government hospital in Soweto, in South Africa, and worked there for a couple years."

He then got a job in New York and took



Photos courtesy Robin Appel

DR. ROBERT APPEL with a patient on a mission to Haiti in 2015.

over the practice in Glen Cove in 1986. "But I always had it in the back of my mind to be able to do some work abroad, at least short term," he said.

About 10 years ago, Appel finally went back to that idea, and took his talent to underdeveloped areas.

"It's an opportunity to practice medi-

cine the way you were taught without regard to any government oversight or having to worry about reimbursement," he said. "You're taking care of people who really need the care and don't have access to it any other way."

Appel is on the Board of Directors for Izote, a nonprofit founded in Sea Cliff in

2010 that serves the people of El Salvador. He is also on the medical staff of Sights on Health, a nonprofit serving the people of South Dakota, Ecuador and Peru.

Risa Procton, president and executive director of Izote, said that the nonprofit began with a mission of creating literacy programs in the libraries of rural schools in El Salvador. "At the same time we wanted to do something for cataracts," she said, "which is a huge problem in the developing world. It's very easy to solve but there's no access to care to a very simple surgery."

Around that time, Procton said, she read a story in the local paper about Appel going to Africa to perform surgeries, so she called him. "He signed up," she said, "and has been working with us ever since."

Appel volunteers his time to perform surgeries, working with a local eye surgeon in a public hospital. The organization raised money to purchase the operating microscope necessary to perform the surgery, and Appel consulted on the type needed.

"He has provided all the expertise and led two surgical missions," Procton said. "We couldn't have done any of it without him."

This year, Izote did a letter-writing fundraiser and raised \$10,000, enough to buy a special laser that can correct blurred vision that can sometimes occur after cataract surgery.

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Remembrance ceremony held at Morgan Park

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the Jewish calendar, the 20th anniversary of the attacks fell on the Saturday between Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur. “It is a difficult day,” Huberman said, “not only for the lost and memories of that day, but also because this is a day of reflection, when we are supposed to apologize to those around us, and we’re supposed to forgive. But, it’s hard to forgive hatred, especially when there is little regret.”

According to the Bible, Huberman said, “When faced with such a dilemma, we rise above hatred and we choose life.”

Several elected officials spoke during the ceremony, including U.S. Rep. Tom Suozzi, who was the mayor of Glen Cove in 2001, running for Nassau County executive. He said he often reflects on how people thought differently about the world on Sept. 10, 2001. “Everything changed in an instant,” Suozzi said. He recalled how the country united in the aftermath of the attacks, and contrasted that with how “fractured” and “divided” people have become. “Let’s use September 11 as a vehicle by which to recommit ourselves to the things that are important,” he said, “and to remember those basic values that make our lives worthwhile. Otherwise, what was the sacrifice worth?”

State Assemblyman Charles Lavine spoke of the strength that comes when people stand together. “Twenty years ago, 3,000 Americans died doing what we as Americans do every day,” Lavine said. “I know we take it for granted, but I think we’re supposed to take it for granted that we live in a nation where we can get up, we can go to work, we can support our families, we can support our communities, and we can support our state and our nation.”

He called those who perished “soldiers in the war for democracy.”

“They didn’t think of it that way,” Lavine said, “but every day, we as Americans get to stand together, no matter what our backgrounds . . . and that’s what makes us the greatest nation of all time. We are all disparate threads inextricably woven together, and we stand strong to protect one another.”

County Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton said that the annual ceremony is



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MEMBERS OF THE Glen Cove Police Department at the 9/11 remembrance ceremony last Saturday.

important to her for several reasons. “Doing this every year really instills in us the promise we made to never forget, and that we’re always here for the families,” she said. “All of our hearts were broken that day. But it gives us hope. We look around and see our community together . . . that hope is what we really need.”

There was a flyover by the U.S. Coast Guard; Catherine Dubicki read Michael Puckett’s poem “America”; and tenor Joe Stroppel sang “You Will Never Walk Alone” and “God Bless America.”

Perhaps most touching were the stories about the four local men who were killed in the attacks. City Councilman Rocco Totino read Lehman’s biography, describing a man who loved to run and took part in races for charity. Lehman, 41, an assistant director of risk management at the Aon Corporation, was in his office on the 92nd floor of the south tower when it was hit. He left behind his wife, Joanne, and son, Kenny.

Former Mayor Ralph Suozzi spoke about McDermott, who grew up on Doxey Street in Glen Cove, attended St. Patrick School and lived in Basking Ridge, N.J., at



RESIDENTS OF ALL ages attended the ceremony, at which friends and a family member recalled the four local men who died in the attacks.

the time of his death. He was 34, a partner at Cantor Fitzgerald who loved to play golf. He was survived by his wife, Susan, and their young daughters, Kara and Kelly. A son, Matthew Michael, was born seven months after his father died.

Pam Panzenbeck spoke on behalf of the Puckett family, reading words written by Puckett’s daughter, Michele Puckett-Formolo. John Puckett, 47, was a sound engineer who worked with artists including Frank Sinatra, Johnny Mathis, Paul Anka and Shirley McClaine, and was at work at Windows on the World the morning of the attacks. “Being Michele and Michael’s dad came first and foremost,” Panzenbeck read. “That was something he held true.”

Tina Cammarata spoke about her brother, Joseph Zuccala. “Twenty years ago today, who knew my world could crumble and a piece of me could die?” she said.

Zuccala, Cammarata said, had started a consulting assignment for Fuji Bank only three days earlier. “It was this job that put him on the 81st floor of the south tower, right where the second plane hit,”

she said. “Joe was larger than life, in his imposing size and personality. He was charming, enthusiastic and had a great sense of humor. He was always the center of attention — a guy who knew how to draw a crowd and keep them laughing.”

Zuccala, who was 54 when he died, had the ability to make people feel special, his sister said, and touched many lives. “How I knew for sure was the day of his memorial at St. Patrick’s Cathedral in New York. More than 1,000 people attended the Mass.

“Joe loved anything and everything to do with history,” Cammarata added, “so how ironic that he has now become a part of it. I think that if Joe knew he had to say goodbye to his friends and family before everyone was ready, he might’ve been proud to leave during a turning point in our history, the largest terrorist attack on American soil.”

The Rev. Gabriel Rach, of St. Patrick’s Church, said a prayer for the first responders. “Assure them of our gratitude and support,” he intoned, “and give them the strength and courage to continue to serve our community.”



JOSIAH ASCHELEW PLAYED taps at the close of the ceremony.

Nassau launches restorative justice program

By **CRISTINA ARROYO RODRIGUEZ**

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On Sept. 9, Nassau County's acting district attorney, Joyce Smith, launched the Pre-arraignment Diversion Pilot Program, which allows those who have received a desk appearance ticket for minor, nonviolent offenses to "perform tasks and receive community-based treatment and supportive services instead of jail, probation or other traditional sentences."

"With a backlog of more than 8,000 minor, non-violent cases because of the pandemic, this proven program will free our courts to focus on the violent and dangerous individuals who threaten our community, while providing accountability and a second chance for those accused of petty offenses," Smith said.

This program, which was initially proposed by former Nassau County district attorney Madeline Singas, partially mirrors the Project Reset, initiated in New York City in 2015 for people of color, and

the Adolescent Diversion Program, implemented by the county in 2012 and discontinued in 2019, for 16- and 17-year-olds, which avoids the stigma, trauma and expense of navigating the adult court system and of missing work or school, officials said.

Ninety-five percent of those in Project Reset avoided going to court, and 93 percent of those in ADP had their cases dismissed, with less than 1 percent ending in incarcerations. While recidivism was reduced in Project Reset, no difference in rates was observed in ADP, however.

"For the Latino community on Long Island, this program will greatly reduce the harsh impact of contact with the criminal justice system," said Veronica Renta Irwin, president-elect of the Long Island Hispanic Bar Association. According to Nassau County Police Department reports, Black and Hispanic residents are more likely to have more interactions with the police and the courts than their white counterparts.

Likewise, Geoffrey Prime, with the

Amistad Long Island Black Bar Association, said, "In line with Amistad's mission, PAD seeks to address critical legal issues, such as the disparate impact that the criminal justice system has on communities of color."

The Community Partnership Program, where the announcement took place, will notify those eligible of the opportunity to participate in PAD. Those interested can connect with graduate social work interns intake specialists from Adelphi University's School of Social Work, who guide participants through the next steps of the program. Individuals can also contact the Legal Aid Society of Nassau County at no cost for consultations.

Per the program guidelines, nothing any eligible individual says to the intake specialists can be used against them if the case goes to court, participation has no impact on immigration status, and there is no adverse impact to any eligible individual who declines to participate in PAD.

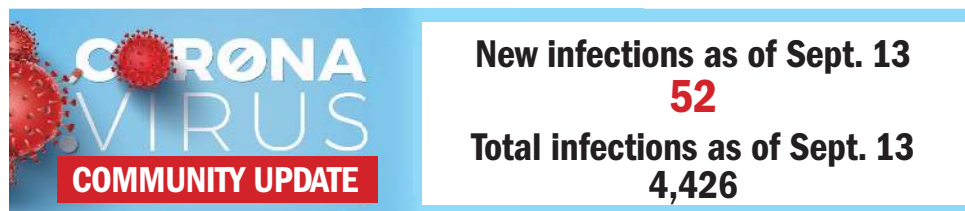
Eligible individuals will have between 60 and 90 days, depending on the charge, to complete the program, at which point the charge will be dismissed and the person is never arraigned. However, individuals who fail to complete the program will be required to appear in court on the scheduled desk appearance court date, and the case will proceed without penalty.

Pre-arraignment diversion programs

for adults with behavioral health needs have met with success. Jim Parsons, research director and vice president at Vera, which along with NYC Health + Division of Correctional Health Services implemented a pilot program in 2015, found that "the results of the pilot program are clear: More adequate medical screening is necessary to address health disparities across the justice system and reduce the overrepresentation of people with physical and behavioral health needs in our city's jails."

However, these types of mental health-centered programs are mostly referral based, and the help the participants received varied in time, from an average of 90 days for inpatient treatment to 12 months for outpatient. These programs are also well-staffed and -funded through various greater systemwide channels.

Individuals are disqualified or not eligible for PAD if they have an arrest involving offenses against individual victims, arrests for any driving while intoxicated offenses, open pending criminal cases, voluminous misdemeanor or violation convictions, prior felony convictions; whether the person is on probation or parole, existence of outstanding warrants or any re-arrest for any offence.



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NEIGHBORS IN THE NEWS



Photos courtesy Atria Glen Cove

MEMBERS OF THE Glen Cove Senior Center were treated to a free outdoor concert at Atria Glen Cove.

Seniors enjoy music on the patio

Members of the Glen Cove Senior Center were treated to a free outdoor concert last month on a sunny Friday afternoon. Hosted by Atria Glen Cove, the attendees enjoyed a jazz duo featuring Rose Gunter on the back patio. Atria Glen Cove also provided refreshments, and the center plans to hold more events to provide entertainment to seniors in the community.

"It's great collaborating with the senior center," Elizabeth Coletta, community sales director of Atria Glen Cove said, "and bringing an outdoor concert to the community."



ROSE GUNTER PERFORMED jazz songs for the seniors.

24th annual Culinary Delights rescheduled until next spring

The Glen Cove Chamber of Commerce has rescheduled its 24th annual Culinary Delights event until April 25, 2022.

The event had been set to take place this fall, but out of caution and in the interest of safety to both the community and to local businesses, the decision was made to wait until spring.

The Glen Cove Chamber of Commerce has been hosting this event for 24 years in promotion of its local businesses while catering to the community.

Ticket sales and sponsorship opportunities will remain live on the chamber website in preparation for this event; www.glencovechamber.org.



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Friday, Sept. 17

Movie at the Library

Gold Coast Public Library Annex, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head, 2 to 4 p.m. Watch "French Exit" (2021) at the library. An aging Manhattan socialite (Michelle Pfeiffer), living on what's left of her inheritance, moves to a small apartment in Paris with her son and his cat.

Vintage Baseball Game

Beginning at 7:30 p.m. at John Maccarone Memorial Stadium in Glen Cove, join the City of Glen Cove for a night of baseball under the lights. Admission is free and concession stands will be open for refreshments. Doors open at 7 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 18

Deep Roots Farmers Market

100 Garvies Point Road, Glen Cove, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The weekly farmers market offers a selection of locally grown vegetables and eggs, fresh baked bread, honey, seafood and more.

International Coastal Cleanup Day

Beginning at 9 a.m. volunteers can report to Prybil Beach in Glen Cove to assist in the cleanup efforts. Volunteers will collect data that will be used to educate the public, businesses and government agencies about the scale and consequences of marine debris.

Walk for Autism at Burns Park

Registration for the event begins at 10 a.m., with the walk commencing at 11 a.m. The registration fee is \$10 for individuals and \$25 for families. All registrants will receive a T-Shirt and entrance to the post-walk tailgate party. The event will benefit Advantage Care Health Center's Fay J. Lindner Center for Autism & Developmental Disabilities, one of the leading treatment and outpatient assessment programs for people with Autism Spectrum Disorders.

Winter's Edge Farmstand

Saturday mornings through September, Winter's Edge farm stand will be open at 62 Dubois Avenue, opposite Clifton Park in Sea Cliff from 10 a.m. until noon. Vegetables



Courtesy Wikimedia

Apple festival at Mill Neck Manor

Apple Festival—an annual tradition on Long Island since the 1950s—is set to proceed this year. On Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 9 and 10 from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m., Mill Neck will present the "Best of the Festival" as a Drive-Thru Grab & Go, making it safe and easy to take home your long-standing fall favorites during growing concerns over Covid-19. Get your items on-the-spot or preorder online after Labor Day. Selections include the top three New York State apples—Honeycrisp, Snapdragon and Jonagold—and two sizes of boxed prepacked festival must-haves, which include tasty apple butters, jelly and honey. This event fully benefits children and adults who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

tables will be offered for free and there will be plants for sale. Look for postings and what is available on the Facebook page: Winter's Edge Micro Farms.

Glen Cove Jr. Soccer Parade

From 10 to 11 p.m. join Glen Cove Jr. Soccer teams as they walk through Glen Cove for the beginning of the Fall 2021 Season. Parents, Grandparents, family and friends are encouraged to stand on School Street in Downtown Glen Cove. Parade will finish at at John Maccarone Memorial Stadium. Teams will meet at 9:30 a.m. at the Middle School Horse Shoe.

Sunday, Sept. 19

Sundays with Shakespeare

Each Sunday at 5 p.m., join the Sea Cliff

Library in this virtual discussion about a number of Shakespeare's plays. This program takes place across five weeks. Register online at seaclifflibrary.org.

Monday, Sept. 20

Sacagawea Adventures

Beginning at 7 p.m. join presenter Martina Mathisen, an honorary member of the Lewis and Clark Heritage Foundation, will immerse you in Sacagawea's life, her experiences and her incredible journey into the Louisiana Purchase. This is a virtual event; register online at oysterbaylibrary.org.

Tuesday, Sept. 21

Buenos Aires and the Jewish Community

Beginning at 2 p.m. via Zoom. Buenos Aires was built to rival the great cities of Europe. It also has the largest Jewish community in South America. Jewish people farmed the land in Argentina before establishing farming communities in Israel. Join travel expert Sheila Taub and explore the beautiful old European architecture and discover why Jews were attracted to Argentina and how the community has both suffered and flourished. Register online at glencovelibrary.org

Planting Fields Foundation Golf Classic

Enjoy a fun filled day of golf at the Mill River Club on Long Island's Gold Coast.

The day begins with brunch at 10:30 a.m., followed by a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Lunch will be served on the course, followed by cocktails and dinner on the outdoor patio. The evening winds down with a chance to win raffle prizes including wine and dinner, zip lining, and a whale watching cruise.

Wednesday, Sept. 22

Take-and-Make Kindness jar

Paint and decorate a mini mason jar, then fill it with handwritten notes of kind words, positivity, and motivational quotes. Bring your jar back to the library to earn your Community Service Certificate for 1 hour of completed service. Kits will be available for pickup starting at the Bayville Free Library.

Thursday, Sept. 23

Movie Showing - The Father

Beginning at 1 p.m. at the Locust Valley Library community room, enjoy a movie at the library. This week's movie is The Father stars Anthony Hopkins and Olivia Colman; rated PG-13.

HAVING AN EVENT?

Items on the Community Update pages are listed free of charge. The Herald welcomes listings of upcoming events, community meetings and items of public interest. All submissions should include date, time and location of the event, cost, and a contact name and phone number. Submissions can be emailed to jnossa@liherald.com

5 things to know about your town

- The Glen Cove Senior Center Rose Shoppe Boutique is open Mon - Fri, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- The Oyster Bay Town Board will meet on Oct. 5 at 10 a.m.
- The Sea Cliff Mini Mart scheduled for Oct. 3 has been postponed until October 2022
- The North Shore Board of Education will meet on Sept. 23.
- Sea Cliff United Methodist Church's thrift store is now open on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

HERALD SCHOOLS

Students return to the classroom in Glen Cove



Photos courtesy Glen Cove City School District

SUPERINTENDENT DR. MARIA Rianna and teacher Sue Seltzer helped students find their classrooms at Deasy Elementary School.



Glen Cove elementary students were welcomed back to the classroom on Sept. 2, greeted with warm smiles by supportive staff at all four schools. The new school year will bring many of the Covid safety

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Glen Cove students head back to school

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protocols that were put in place last year, such as mask-wearing, temperature

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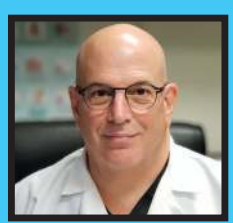
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Retiring eye doctor to continue mission work

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Appel said he has gone on a total of 15 missions over the years with various groups, the last one being in February 2020.

"My main connection is to do cataract surgery with them, which is one of the few operations that you can actually show up and bring most of the equipment that you would need to set up in a place where it might not be available," Appel said of his mission work.

The patients have a short-term recovery, which also makes it easier to do overseas, and it makes a big difference in people's lives.

"Even for a short-term clinic you can make a big difference for them," Appel said, "more so than what you generally do at home."

In the United States, Appel said, most people get cataract surgery when they have minor vision issues, such as not being able to read the newspaper so well, or having trouble with lights or glares while driving. "But abroad, it's mostly a matter of not being able to see, practically being blind," Appel said. "That not only affects that person, but it means that somebody else has to care of them, which means a whole family might not have any income because they aren't able to work. So the impact is much bigger when you do that work abroad."

Appel and his wife, Robin, moved to Glen Head from New York City in 1995, as both their family of four and his practice were growing. During his time in Glen Cove, Appel has known his patients from their first pair of eyeglasses to their cataract surgery. For many in the community, Appel has been the trusted family ophthalmologist for generations.

John Grella, 55, of Glen Cove, has been seeing

Appel "for decades" and said he's the preferred family ophthalmologist, as his mother, sisters, wife and son are also patients. "He's been working on my eyes for a very long time," Grella said, "and he really cares about the health of his patients."

Grella said one of the ways Appel has earned his trust is by monitoring the condition and not rushing in to surgery or medications. On top of that, he said, he also knows when to refer patients to other specialists.

"He's not just an excellent surgeon," Grella said, "but he knows where to send you."

Grella said he owes his sight to Appel, who caught a deteriorating condition in time. "I would possibly be blind without him."

Rich Barrett of Sea Cliff has been a patient of Appel's for the past 25 years. Appel performed cataract surgery on him and has been treating him for glaucoma. "He's a terrific doctor and I really admire him; he's a true humanitarian."

Barrett said that, over the years, he and Appel have developed a friendship of sorts, and found a common ground with discussions of travel. "He's treated me so well over the years and fits me in whenever there's a problem," Barrett said. "I'm happy for him, but am disappointed to see him retire."

Amy O'Regan of Glen Cove has been seeing him for about 20 years. Due to the condition of her eyes, she said, she sees several doctors and goes to Appel every four months. "He's soft-spoken and has a calming manner, and I need that," she said. "I have a number of problems with my eyes, and he's very thorough, always explains things to me and never rushes. I also have great respect for his humanitarian efforts. He's just a good guy, and I'm very sad to see him go."



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APPEL CHECKED OUT a patient in Ghana in 2010.



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Library, GCPD still recovering from Ida

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seeped inside. “It drenched our back office,” Flynn said. “But the entranceway is my main concern.”

She said she was working with Glen Floors to get the hallway floors replaced, and as soon as that happens, the building can reopen.

As far as materials go — books, CDs and DVDs — everything was fine, because the water did not reach the main floor. “We were lucky with that,” Flynn said.

On Wednesday, the library began offering curbside for those wanting to check out materials.

Flynn said that the parking lot and the grading of the land needed to be improved, which the city was working on, with the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

“Hopefully we don’t have to go through that again,” Flynn said. “With the pandemic and now this, it’s just been so hard.”

Last week, the city confirmed that federal disaster assistance was available to Nassau County to supplement state, tribal and local recovery efforts in the areas affected by the storm from Sept. 1 to 3. According to Mayor Tim Tenke, county officials contacted his office about totaling up the damage so the city could qualify for FEMA assistance. Over the course of three days, about 75 residents and 15 businesses submitted damage claims.

“We walked residents through the system, and helped Nassau County meet the



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IDA TOOK DOWN trees, causing part of the staircase to crumble in Morgan Park.

threshold,” Tenke said.

Assistance can include grants for temporary housing and home repairs, low-cost loans to cover uninsured property losses and other programs to help individuals and business owners recover. Those who sustained losses can apply for assistance by registering at www.DisasterAssistance.gov or by calling (800) 621-3362 or (800) 462-7585 TTY.

Lou Saulino, Glen Cove’s director of public works, said that roads were washed out and buildings flooded across

the city, from the parks to city-owned property downtown. A tree that was uprooted near a staircase in Morgan Park caused the steps to crumble, leaving a gaping hole.

“It wrought havoc,” Saulino said of the storm. As of Tuesday, he said, FEMA had evaluated most of locations that were damaged, and offered measures to make sure the public is safe.

Ida, Saulino said, was a 500-year storm. “It’s not something you can plan for or fix easily,” he said.



Courtesy Glen Cove Police Department

THE POLICE DEPARTMENT’S basement was flooded, ruining the gym and some department records, on Sept. 1.

As a result, improvement projects have been delayed as the city’s various departments focus on the cleanup. The city and county, Saulino said, were working together to rectify some of the issues, and his department was putting together paperwork for FEMA reimbursement.

“This has not been easy,” Saulino said, “and I really feel for the residents.”



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Mary Rose Murray, 99, of Glen Cove, died on Aug. 26, 2021, after a short illness. Wife of the late Lester. Mother of Leslie (late Jack) Burke and Michael (Cathy) Murray. Exceptionally good humored and loving grandmother of Ian (Joanna) Kelley, Kelly (Joseph) Roberts, and Kathryn (Laura) Murray. Treasured great-grandmother of Nicholas, Luke, Ben, Kimberly and Joseph Jr. Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews, and a good friend to many.

Theodora Winthrop Hooton

Theodora Winthrop Hooton (Higginson), aged 92, died peacefully at her home of 68 years on Aug. 23, 2021 after a long illness. She was the daughter of Robert Winthrop, late of Old Westbury, and Theodora Ayer (Winthrop) Randolph, late of Upperville, Virginia. In addition to her unwavering care for the many members of her family, she was a longtime and generous supporter of

Winthrop Hospital, Mineola, and Planting Fields Arboretum, Oyster Bay, inter alia. She leaves three children, one daughter-in-law, five grandchildren, four grandchildren-in-law and four great-grandchildren. Arrangements entrusted to Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home of Glen Cove. A memorial service will be held in October when and if the virus has sufficiently dissipated. Interment held privately.

Ronald J. Hole

Ronald J. Hole of Glen Cove, died on Aug. 29, 2021, at age 90. Beloved husband of the late Camille R. Loving father of Cynthia A., Lisa Belifore (Anthony) and Christopher (Evelyn). Proud grandfather of Victoria Carrotta (Frank) and Dianna Castellano (Matt). Special great-grandfather of Mia and Frankie. Arrangements made by Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home of Glen Cove. Mass at St. Patrick RC Church. Interment at Holy Rood Cemetery.

Eugene Patrick Lawless

Eugene Patrick Lawless, 68 of Monrovia, Calif., formerly of Glen Cove, died on May 22, 2020, after a year-long illness. Gene was born in Jamaica to Eugene and Elaine (McManus) Lawless. He was raised in Glen Cove, attended St. Patrick Elementary School and was an altar server at St. Patrick Church. Gene was a graduate of Glen Cove High School, SUNY Cobleskill, and Rochester Institute of Technology.

Starting in high school Gene immersed himself in the hospitality industry and during and after college he worked in food service management at Rochester Institute of Technology, Cornell University Department of Dining Services, and as Associate Vice President for Auxiliary Services at the University of Southern California. He worked in master planning for food services for the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles and the 1988 Winter Games in Calgary. Prior to his retirement he consulted in strategic planning for the hospitality industry as Vice President and Senior Consultant for Fessel International.

Gene was a loving and charismatic parent, grandparent, partner, son, grandson, brother and friend. He is survived by his loving wife Edie Ramirez of Monrovia, daughters Erin Lawless (spouse Darryl Wagner) and Sarah Lawless (spouse Frank Fielder) of Denver, Col., sons Eoghan Lawless of San Diego, Calif., and Conor Lawless of Chicago, Ill., and grandson August Wagner of Denver. He is also survived by his sis-

ters and brothers and their spouses, Elaine and Anthony McCann, Patricia and James Downey, James and Mary Lawless, Robert McManus, David and Lisa Lawless and many nieces and nephews. Gene was predeceased by his parents Eugene and Elaine Lawless, his brother Thomas and sisters Cathleen and Mary Lawless.

Arrangements entrusted to Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home of Glen Cove. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 18 at St. Patrick Church, Glen Cove, to be followed by a Committal Service at Holy Rood Cemetery. The family requests that those in attendance wear face masks. Donations in Gene's memory may be made to the Mary Lawless Employee Scholarship Fund attn. Saratoga Bridges, (Chapter of the NYSARC), 16 Saratoga Bridges Boulevard, Ballston Spa, NY 12020.

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Glen Cove Planning Board PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a PUBLIC HEARING will be held by the City of Glen Cove Planning Board on Tuesday, September 21, 2021, at 7:30 p.m., at the Council Chambers, City Hall, 9 Glen Street, Glen Cove, New York, when all interested persons will be given an opportunity to express their comments on the Applications of RXR Glen Isle Partners LLC (Applicant) for (i) Special Use Permit for Amended Planned Unit Development (PUD) Master Development Plan Approval, (ii) Amended PUD Subdivision Approval, and (iii) PUD Site Plan Approval for the construction of 172 rental units, an approximately 165-space parking lot, and other improvements on Blocks D/E/F, in connection with the proposed Garvies Point Waterfront Redevelopment Project on the north side of Glen Cove Creek, in the MW-3 Zoning District. PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a copy of the proposed Amended PUD Master Development Plan, proposed Amended PUD Subdivision Plan, and the proposed PUD Site Plan for Blocks D/E/F, are available for inspection during normal business hours at the Office of the Planning Board, City Hall, 9 Glen Street, Glen Cove, NY, as well as on the City of Glen Cove website at <https://glencoveny.gov>.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that all persons interested in the above matter will be given an opportunity to be heard at said Public Hearing. For further information, contact Rosa Rizzo, Planning Board Secretary, at 516-676-4490. Dated: September 8, 2021 ANDREW KAUFMAN

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The Board of Education of the Glen Cove City School District invites sealed proposals for the selection of an architectural/ engineering firm in connection with various capital improvements, renovation and repair projects to be undertaken at the School District. Proposals must be received by no later than October 8, 2021 at 11 a.m. at which time and place all proposals will be publicly acknowledged. Late proposals will be returned unopened. The Request for Proposals may be obtained from the District's Business Office at 154 Dosoris Lane, Glen Cove, NY 11542 commencing on Sept 15th, 2021 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Sealed proposals shall be sent to the administrative offices of the Glen Cove City School District and shall be clearly marked "ARCHITECTURAL / ENGINEERING RFP GLEN COVE CIT SCHOOO DISTRICT". Proposals may be mailed or hand

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LEGAL NOTICE CITY OF GLEN COVE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a PUBLIC HEARING will be held by the Glen Cove Zoning Board of Appeals on Thursday, September 23, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. at the Council Chambers, 9 Glen Street, Glen Cove, New York, when all interested persons will be given an opportunity to express their views. The hearing will be on the application of Hammond Rd. LLC which seeks Variances from Sections 280-35 A (2); 280-58 B (4)(5)(10) (11) and (12) of the Glen Cove Zoning Code to construct, a new second story addition, a new two-story addition, a roofed over front porch and an outside cellar entrance with less than the required minimum setbacks, lot coverage, interior floor area and sky

exposure plane.

Applicant is proposing a roofed over front porch having a projection of 8' 2" which will violate the permitted projections; front yard setback of 16' 4" where 20 ft is the minimum required; applicant is proposing rear yard setback of 5' 2" and 1' at the open trellis where 30 ft is the minimum required; lot coverage of 28.48 % where the maximum coverage permitted is 20%; applicant proposes Floor Area Ratio (F.A.R.) of 43.73% where 30% F.A.R. is the maximum permitted. The proposed addition projects outside the sky exposure plane on the East and West Elevations. The property is located at 29 Hammond Rd., Glen Cove, N.Y., designated on the Nassau County Land & Tax Map as Section 23, Block 256, Lot 29 and located in the City's R3A One Family Residence District. The above application is on file at the City offices located at 9 Glen Street, Glen Cove, NY where it may be seen during regular business hours of the usual business days until the time of the hearing. All interested parties will be given an opportunity to be heard.

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OPINIONS

Memories of covering 9/11 haunt me still

My wife called soon after 9 a.m. on Sept. 11, 2001, her voice measured but tense. I was half-awake, preparing myself for the day, while our then 1½-year-old daughter slept in the next room of our Long Beach apartment.

“Turn on the TV,” Katerina said.



**SCOTT
BRINTON**

There were the twin towers ablaze in fireballs, black smoke pouring from the structures. Like so many of us, I could only stare, mouth agape, in stunned disbelief.

My wife was at Lawrence Middle School, where she teaches to this day. The teachers

didn’t have a TV to know precisely what was happening, so she called me to find out. She was sitting with a colleague whose husband worked at the World Trade Center. I stuttered as I relayed what I was seeing.

I can’t recall which station I was watching, but I remember the frantic, frightened voice of a telecaster in a helicopter that whirred from a distance above the twin towers.

Then, suddenly, the unexpected happened at 9:59 a.m.: The south tower col-

lapsed. The image of its shiny metal exterior cascading down, and then a massive gray ash plume spiraling back up hundreds of feet into the air, was seared into my mind. It haunts my thoughts to this day.

I gasped. Then I had to explain to my wife what had just happened, and she had to tell her colleague, who was overcome by fear and sorrow. As I write this 20 years later, a chill radiates up my spine into my brain.

At 10:28 a.m., the north tower fell. We, as a nation, had just witnessed the mass murder of 2,606 people in the twin towers live on TV.

I’ve been covering the aftermath of the attacks since that day. Last Saturday I photographed the Town of Hempstead’s moving 9/11 ceremony, held, as it always is, at Lido Beach Park, where people gathered by the Atlantic Ocean on the day of the attacks to catch a glimpse of the smoke plumes from the towers.

NYPD Detective Vincent DeMarino, whose father, also Vincent, of Valley Stream, an NYPD officer who died in 2019 of brain cancer because of his time spent at ground zero, encouraged attendees to tell their stories of that terrible day. In doing so, we keep the collective memory of the attacks alive so we “never forget.”

And so, I tell my story here.

After collecting myself, I readied my daughter and headed to my wife. As I drove on West Park Avenue through Long Beach on the way to Lawrence, I spotted the smoke plumes through a break in the

houses, just as I was entering the city’s West End. The plumes were like giant ribbons stretching to the heavens. “My God!” I said to myself, realizing that nothing would ever be the same.

My wife was released from her duties after the children were sent home, and we met up on a side street in Lawrence. I could see the fear and horror in her eyes. We realized we had no cell service, but I told her

that everything would be OK. I wondered whether that was true.

My wife drove our daughter back to our apartment, and I went to work just down the street at the Herald’s office at the time, in Lawrence. From there I took dictation from reporters who had been dispatched to train stations along the Babylon and Far Rockaway branches of the Long Island Rail Road. They were interviewing survivors who had hurried out of Manhattan, white ash and sweat coating their dark business suits. They poured out of the trains like frightened war victims.

I worked until 3 a.m. the next day to

produce a paper. I remember stepping out of the office onto the empty sidewalk on Central Avenue around midnight and staring into the black sky. I heard F-16 fighter jets streaking overhead. They flew low, but I couldn’t see them.

I felt drained and hollow. I was unprepared for the sense of sorrow that I — and the nation — would feel in the coming years. I reported on 13 funerals and memorial services in the months after Sept. 11, training my camera’s zoom lens on the grieving family members and friends of the victims. I hated shooting photos of those in such deep mourning.

Now, though, my sense is that those pictures are an important part of history. They are documents that tell us about the price of terrorism. They show us, in no uncertain terms, why we must, as a nation, work toward world peace. I have reported on those annual ceremonies ever since.

At last Saturday’s, I could hear the anger and sorrow of the family members and friends of 9/11 victims as they spoke. There is no peace that can come from such an attack, only acceptance.

Never, ever forget.

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I’ve been covering the aftermath of the attacks since that awful September day.

Season of fire and flood slips into September

It has been a season of extremes, but after the floods and the fires and the winds and the Covid surges and the ICUs getting slammed and the little ones getting sick, and the heat waves searing the country, north, south, east and west, one drumbeat persists:

Get the vaccine. Wear a mask. Take a booster. It’s easy and necessary.



**RANDI
KREISS**

I can’t offer wiser words than these. If everyone who could have gotten the Covid-19 vaccine had done so, thousands of lives would have been saved. Families would have avoided devastating illness and loss and broken busi-

nesses. But there being no percentage in looking back, there is still opportunity for people who have been reluctant to step up now and make themselves and their families safer from the virus.

As autumn spins into view, we are clearly in the crosshairs of various unprecedented forces, meteorological, medical, political and cultural. I don’t know anyone who isn’t feeling anxious. Please, if you are among the sanguine and

secure, let me know your secret.

The meteorological stressors seem an apt metaphor for the general distress of observing our country in the clutches of destructive forces: a defeated president who won’t go away, a clutch of sycophants who will sell their souls for another year in office and, unbelievably, millions of folks who feel so angry and disenfranchised that they would rather risk a tussle with Covid — or possibly a fatal encounter with Covid — than get an inoculation that will keep them safe. The difference is that, unlike the random violence of tornadoes and floods that have plagued us this summer, the political disturbances in the field have intentionality.

The past administration targeted climate change initiatives and women’s rights and diversity. For four years we suffered a vacuum of moral leadership; the center frayed, and we haven’t yet repaired the damage that was inflicted on our departments of justice and state and housing and health.

President Biden, love him, hate him or ignore him, is pushing against a tide of irrational vitriol that would overturn a legal election and let chaos reign. In the

name of “freedom,” people are rejecting a vaccine that can save the lives of the children they love.

Somehow this all intertwines with the catastrophic weather we have endured this summer. When nature goes wild, some part of us knows to hunker down and ride it out, because when the storm passes, the sun will shine again. Order will be restored. But on the political front, there is no such guarantee.

We are not done with hurricanes this season. As The Weather Channel warns: “We may still expect storms bringing exceptionally high waves ... The sea may be white with driving spray; visibility very seriously affected...” It goes on to say that even large vessels may disappear for long periods of time in the deep troughs between the heaving seas.

A fearsome description. But such storms can be survived. More frightening is our current political and pandemic cyclone. Our ship of state is also disappearing into deep troughs, and who knows if it can rise again?

We must not take our eyes off this prize. Everything, including the actual weather, is conspiring to distract us from monitor-

ing the attacks on voting rights and women’s rights. We need energy and focus to stay vigilant.

We cannot do any of the important work that needs to be done unless we get the vaccine available throughout the country. Our hospitals and medical teams need relief, and we can help return to some normalcy if we get inoculated. If we get our kids inoculated.

On the weather front, how many 500-year storms do we need to survive before the anti-science refuseniks realize it is still within our power to curb the emissions and toxins that affect our climate?

The storms, the pandemic and the politics seem pulled into a tightening vortex, playing out here and now. My sense is that our time, this particular time and place, autumn 2021, will stand out in history. It will be important, someday, to have the story of these troubling days set in print. What we can’t know, or even surmise, is how this unsettling season will evolve.

The hurricanes will eventually blow out to sea. We will pick up the pieces. But after this season of political madness, who will remain standing? Each of us can do something: get the vaccine, wear a mask and, when it’s time, vote as if our democracy depended on it.

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Vaccine race is community-by-community effort

More than 80 percent of Nassau County adults have received at least their first dose of a Covid-19 vaccine. That's excellent.

Overall, about 68 percent of Nassau residents who are eligible for the vaccine — that is, anyone over age 12 — are now fully vaccinated. That's good, but not great.

Not great because that leaves 30 percent — a sizable number — who are yet to complete their vaccination regimens. And here's the thing: Not all communities are equal in the race to vaccinate as many people as humanly possible.

The vaccination rate is just above 50 percent in Cedarhurst, Elmont, Freeport, Inwood, Lawrence, Mill Neck, Old Westbury and Uniondale. In other communities, it actually falls below 50 percent. In the 11549 ZIP code of Hempstead, it's 26

percent; Greenvale, 35 percent; and Roosevelt, 48 percent.

In any number of other communities, the rate hovers in the 60 percent range.

Compare that with the rate in the 11020 ZIP code of Great Neck, where it's 80 percent; Jericho, 78 percent; Plainview, 78 percent; the 11040 ZIP code of New Hyde Park, 75 percent; Mineola, 74 percent; Port Washington, 74 percent; Williston Park, 74 percent; Merrick, 73 percent; and Syosset, 73 percent.

It becomes clear, based on these statistics, compiled by the federal and state governments, that there is a wide disparity in vaccination rates between many of the county's more affluent communities and its low-income neighborhoods. County health officials must ask why people in working-class areas have fallen so far

behind in being vaccinated. Do they not have the time to get their shots because they are working three jobs? Do they lack access to health-care facilities? Is transportation a problem? Is English a barrier?

In certain communities, Cedarhurst and Lawrence in particular, religious conviction may play a role, and Jewish spiritual leaders from throughout the Five Towns recently released a video, which is at times serious and others humorous, encouraging their congregants to get vaccinated. We applaud that effort.

Such targeted campaigns are clearly needed in any number of neighborhoods throughout the county. The race to achieve herd immunity — when 75 to 80 percent of *all* county residents have been vaccinated — will be won one community at a time.

And don't forget your flu shot this year

With all the highly necessary talk about the Covid-19 vaccine, it would be easy to overlook the flu shot, which each of us should get every year, but only about half of us do.

With the coronavirus pandemic still raging, it's more important than ever to get a flu shot this year. Then, if you do get sick, you can rule out the flu. Even if you do get the flu after receiving the shot, it's likely to be a mild to moderate case, not the type that can knock you off your feet and send you to the hospital.

The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that 12,000 to 60,000 people died of the flu in the U.S. each year between 2010 and 2020. That doesn't come close to the more than

650,000 deaths caused by the coronavirus pandemic since March 2020, but it is still a heavy death toll.

Everyone 6 months of age and older should get a flu shot every season, with rare exceptions, according to the CDC. People with underlying health complications should be particularly vigilant about getting the vaccine. Throughout the pandemic, we have seen how those with medical conditions are far more likely to succumb to a virus.

September and October are the best time to be vaccinated against the flu, the CDC says. Ideally, everyone should be vaccinated by the end of October.

Flu vaccines are offered in many doctors' offices and clinics, as well as at many pharmacies and urgent-care cen-

ters.

You need a flu vaccine every year for two reasons. First, your immunity protection from vaccination declines over time, so an annual inoculation is needed for optimal protection, according to the CDC. Second, flu viruses are constantly changing. The composition of flu vaccines is reviewed annually by CDC officials, and is updated to protect against the viruses that research indicates will be most common during the upcoming flu season.

It takes about two weeks after your shot for antibodies to develop in the body and provide protection against influenza virus infection. That's why it's best to get vaccinated before flu viruses start to spread in your community.

LETTERS

Shame on you, Mayor Tenke!

To the Editor:

Although my husband, former Mayor Reggie Spinello, and I are not involved in politics at this time, I feel obligated to respond to Mayor Tim Tenke's latest column ("Setting the record straight on taxes," Aug. 26-Sept. 1), in which he used the blame game. It's very difficult to sit back and watch how the mayor and his team criticize my husband's financial practices while they squander the first surplus the city has seen in over 20 years.

Reggie ran for mayor after he retired from a career in business. Because of his experience, he felt he could help the city he loves reach its potential.

If you think this sounds like sour grapes, you're right. I am sour to see from an inside seat that the mayor has the audacity to trash my husband's amazing record of fiscal success, and his ability to work with city employees and build them up to work



OPINIONS

Reflections on race, racism and respect

Years ago, my wife and I walked onto a Martha Vineyard's beach with my Cornell University advisee and his parents, only to be confronted by a white man asking where we thought we were going. My advisee's father, a professor at a prestigious medical school, who was African-American,

replied, "I could ask you the same. I own this beach."

That wasn't my first experience with racism, but it highlighted how education, expertise and wealth can be denied by the color of one's skin.

My first memory of how race can distort reality is of when a friend and

I were wrestling on the sidewalk on Third Avenue in Mount Vernon, N.Y., on the way home from school. We were having fun, but a passerby told us to stop. "Blacks and whites shouldn't fight," she said, instead of just saying that *kids* shouldn't fight. My neighbor and I were simply playing, and unlike that lady, we could see each other merely as friends.

respect. When I was at camp as a 9-year-old, I remember small signs that lined the paths. Each said, "Others," meaning think of others, welcome others, respect others. We put similar signs around the Adelphi University campus when I was president.

Respect is a two-way exchange. Racism denies respect. Racism rejects the humanity of another person or group. We should understand that demands for respect and dignity are not demands for privilege and standing. We should teach in our schools and houses of worship, and certainly in our homes, that others should be respected even when they look different from us.

Respect is different from tolerance. Tolerance is passive acceptance. Respect is an active engagement with another person as an equal. Respect requires action, while tolerance requires no commitment.

In our society, many people grow up in communities lacking diversity because of decades of laws and regulations that, even when overturned, had set a foundation for segregated housing and divided communities. Yet the children who grow up in these towns and villages will most likely one day supervise, or be supervised by, or be a neighbor of, someone of a different

ethnic or racial background. If they don't learn the value of respect for others in their homes or schools, where will they?

In 1944, the Carnegie Corporation funded research by Swedish Nobel Laureate Gunnar Myrdal to study race relations in the United States. In his report, entitled "An American Dilemma," he noted the contradictions of American democracy. The "dilemma" refers to a nation torn between allegiance to its highest ideals and awareness of the cruel realities of racial discrimination.

The U. S. military was still segregated in the 1940s. Myrdal was quoted as saying that Americans "of all national origins, regions, creeds, and colors" hold in common "the ideals of the essential dignity and equality of all human beings, of inalienable rights to freedom, justice, and opportunity." And yet, he said, these ideals were compromised by the pervasive violations of the dignity of Black Americans by public policy and private privations.

The legacy of slavery and restrictive covenants robbed Black people of wealth and opportunity. They were denied G.I. Bill benefits given to white veterans, which created much of the white middle class and ensured home ownership, the bedrock of American economic wealth.

Schools were segregated. There was a systematic denial of respect, opportunity and equal access before the law.

A modern-day Myrdal would find many of these same dilemmas today. Housing and school segregation persist, restrictions on voting are flourishing, systemic racism is common, and respect as people and as citizens is refused to Black Americans. The history of racial discrimination is being denied even as it continues by those who deny it.

Mutual respect is essential to social cohesion and civil discourse. To deny the humanity of millions of our neighbors is to limit our nation's capacity to fulfill its ideals.

These are difficult times. My hope is that, even in times like these, families, clergy and teachers will prepare children with the basic values of civility, sincerity and respect for others. We should each know that we are the "other" to some, and that others deserve the respect that we believe is due to us. Our national values — freedom of speech, freedom of assembly, democracy itself — will wither without mutual respect.

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ROBERT SCOTT

As a Black friend and I wrestled on a sidewalk long ago, a woman admonished us.

LETTERS

hard and take pride in their work, and to give credit to deserving individuals and departments.

From the day Tim Tenke stepped into office, he destroyed what had become a well-oiled machine. He fired employees because he had the power to do so, but he filled some of those positions with people as political favors to enhance his personal agenda, not because he thought they would do a better job for Glen Cove. To my knowledge, he has not created any new programs to enhance residents' quality of life — although I do see that he's happy to pose for pictures and take credit for projects and initiatives that were started under the previous administration.

I'm not writing because of the upcoming election; I'm writing to defend Reggie's name. He was the best mayor Glen Cove has seen in a long time. He had the guts to do what was right for the city, even though it cost him friendships at times. He worked tirelessly to figure out the best possible outcome in some very difficult situations.

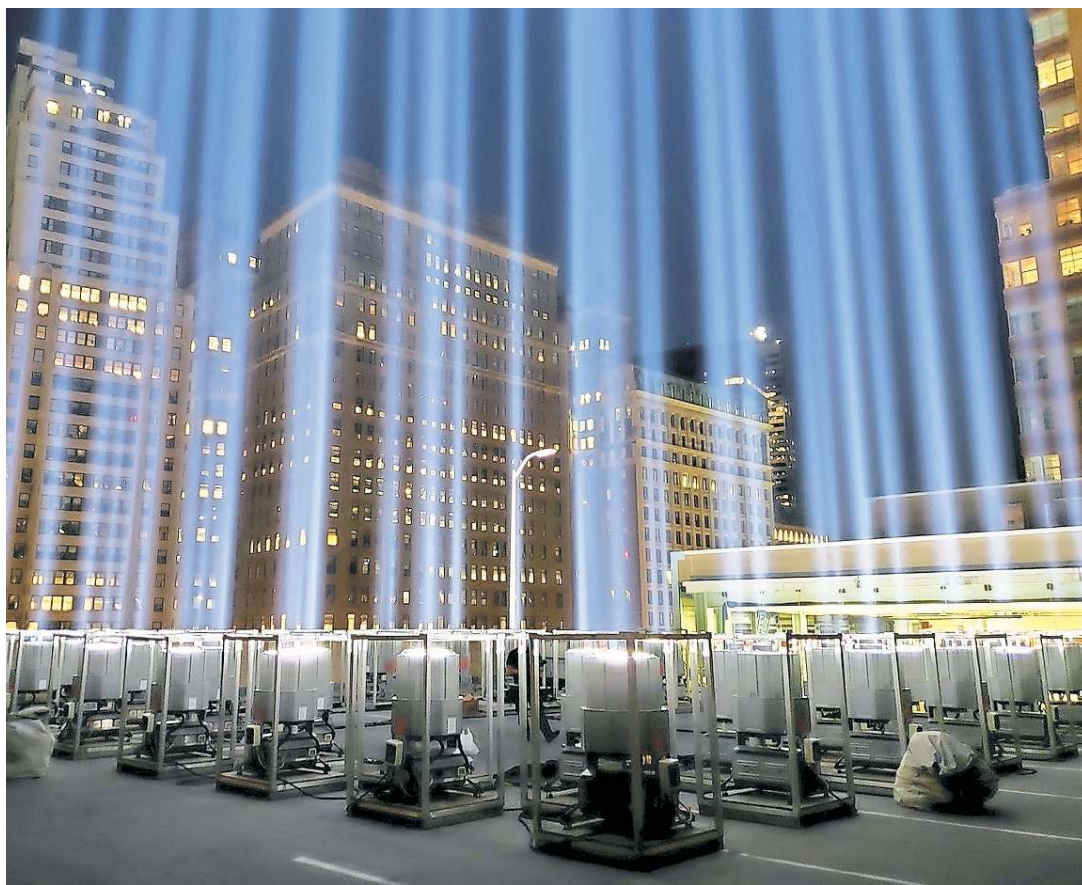
Tim, you keep blaming the past administration as the reason you have to raise taxes. That's nonsense, and you know it. Maybe you should try to roll up your sleeves and really put in some hard work to find solutions other than just raising taxes. The residents and taxpayers of Glen Cove deserve the truth.

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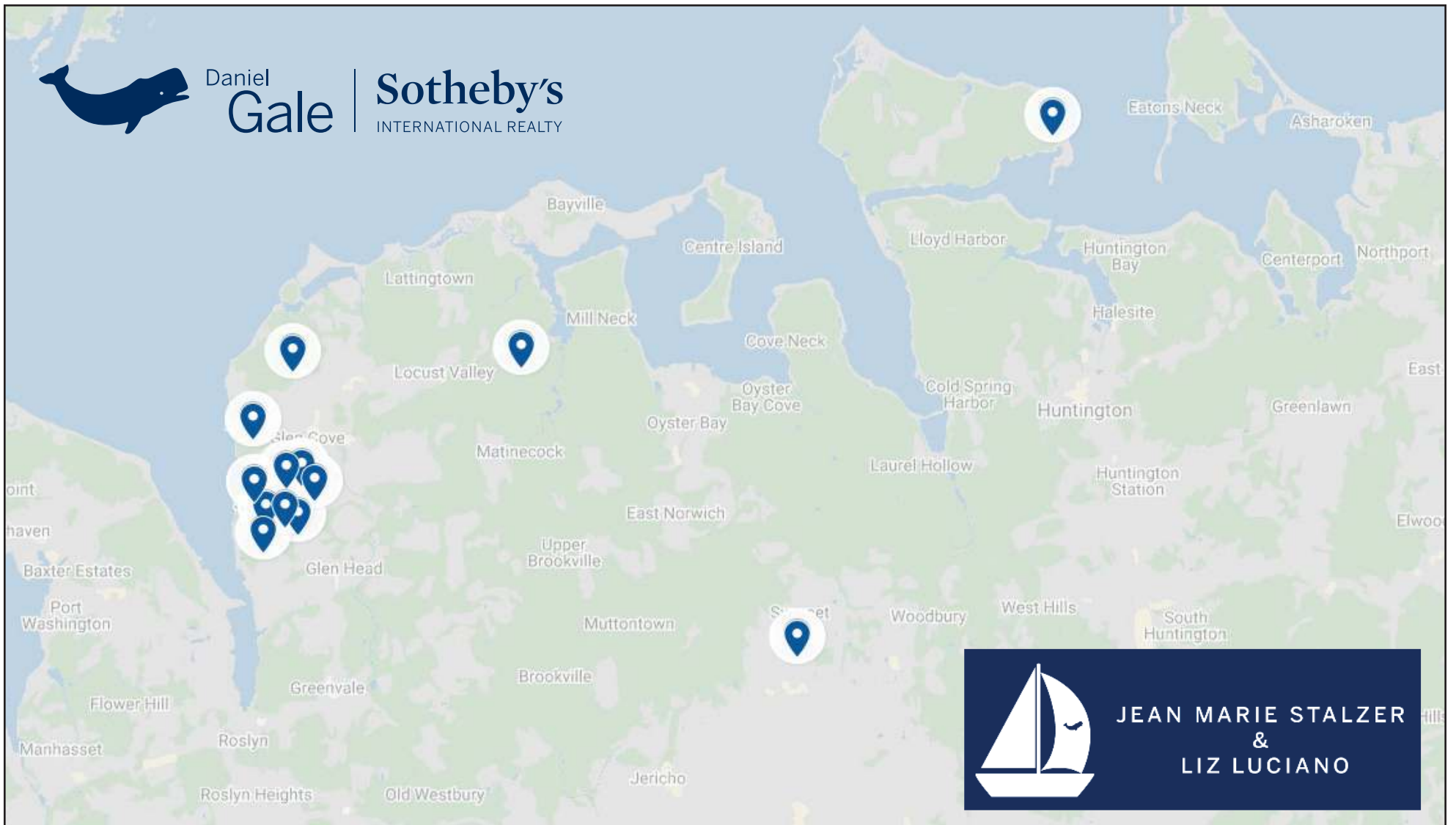


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