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Courtesy Shannon Vulin

## Pumpkin Patch makes its return

Second-graders from Mrs. Crumlich's class — from left, Juliette Castronovo, Mirella Hanna, Jaylin Delmonte, Madison Drew and Nelson Melendez — painted pumpkins at the PTA's Pumpkin Patch at Deasy Elementary School last week.

# District pre-K program moves to Gribbin Elementary from Deasy

BY JILL NOSSA  
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As of this week, the Glen Cove School District's prekindergarten program has a new home. The program's two classrooms were relocated to Gribbin Elementary School from Deasy Elementary after moisture was found on classroom walls and ceilings, raising concerns about potential mold growth.

Superintendent Dr. Maria Rianna said that once the district became aware of the problem, it hired J.C. Broderick & Associates, an environmental testing and consulting company, to investigate. Moisture was found in the school's basement on Oct. 14, where the art room and Discovery Cove — an indoor play space — as well as the pre-K classrooms are located. The area was closed off, and the classes

transitioned to a virtual format before the move.

Ed McGuire and Tara Ricker, of J.C. Broderick, offered details and answered questions at the Oct. 20 Board of Education meeting. "The basic protocol was to investigate the moisture and identify if the conditions in the space were leading to any indoor mold growth," McGuire said, noting that firm's work was con-

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# City taxes will not increase in 2022 budget

BY JILL NOSSA  
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The Glen Cove City Council unanimously passed the 2022 budget on Tuesday, and residents will see no tax increase next year. The \$64.7 million spending plan will not change the tax rate for residential property, and will reduce the commercial property rate 4.55 percent.

The city's general fund stands at \$50.8 million, and appropriations from it will increase by \$1.86 million, or 3.79 percent, over the current budget.

State aid will total \$2.8 million, \$568,000 more than the current year, Mayor Tim Tenke said, and Nassau County local aid has been restored to \$1.6 million, an increase of \$418,000. As well, the city's debt service payments will be roughly \$1 million lower than this year, Tenke said, because older and higher-interest debt is maturing and being paid off.

The spending plan includes

new hires, and small pay increases for some part-time hourly workers. The city will see less revenue from payments in lieu of taxes next year, because the Fairfield property — formerly known as the Avalon — will be restored to the tax rolls.

**L**ast year we had to do some serious soul-searching to bring in a budget. This year it's a lot easier.

**JOHN PERRONE**  
City councilman

By the end of this year, Tenke said, the city is anticipating non-recurring revenue of about \$1 million related to the development of the Villa on Glen Cove Avenue, which will help offset the fund balance deficit.

In a public hearing before the vote, residents had the chance to get some clarification on the details of the budget. Jack Mancusi, a candidate for City Council in next week's election, took issue with the tax decrease for commercial properties. He urged council members to vote against the budget and to "stick up for the little guy," saying money was being taken away from tax-

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# HERALD NEIGHBORS

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Photos courtesy Kiwanis Club of North Shore

**DOG SHOW JUDGE** Gaitley Stevenson-Mathews, Bruce Kennedy, Kiwanian Lauren Zobelein, Lora Cusamano, and event Judge Lily Kle.



**MIA, A 139-POUND** mastiff breed, dressed up as a lion.

## North Shore canines take the runway

**T**he first annual Kiwanis Dog Show was held on Oct. 17 at the Garvies Point Dog Park. This was a fun filled event bringing all the surrounding communities coming together for a great cause: the Kiwanis "Klothes For Kids" program. This event raised \$4,700 to buy back-to-school clothes for 20 to 25 needy children in the community.

A total of 30 canines strutted down the runway, tails wagging high, bringing smiles galore to all those who attended. Judges Lily Kle, senior products development specialist for Fetch for Pets, and Glen Cove Councilman Gaitley Stevenson- Mathews awarded prizes in numerous categories to the participants. Best In Show was presented to "Madison Merdog," owned by Former Mayor of Sea Cliff Bruce Kennedy and Lora Cusamano, who dressed in matching mermaid outfits.

Kiwanian John Canning took on the job of MC, and the North Shore Key Club helped with the event, which was created by Leslie Kle and her committee Doug Barnaby, Leslie McCarthy and Lauren Zobelein. The Gold Sponsors, who provided financial support for the dog show, were: Opal Advisers, Mid-Atlantic Waterproofing and Kiwanian Ed Stack and his wife Chris.



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# City of Glen Cove Mayor race heats up

By JILL NOSSA

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Incumbent City of Glen Cove Mayor Tim Tenke is seeking a third term in the office he's held since January 2018, while challenger Pam Panzenbeck, a former member of the Glen Cove City Council who lost her bid for re-election in 2019, is hoping to unseat him in the Nov. 2 election. The Herald posed several questions to each candidate to give readers an idea of where they stand on some of the issues.

**Glen Cove Herald: What are some revenue opportunities you would explore and what costs could be cut within the city?**

**Tim Tenke:** As the City of Glen Cove is a municipality, and service-oriented, opportunities for cuts within the city are limited. However, we do seek areas where we can reduce expenses, similarly to how we consolidated the Recreation Department with Youth Services department, and the parks department into the Department of Public Works in 2021. We look to make services more efficient without any impact to services by bringing more work in-house and reorganizing departments to remove redun-

dancies. Expenses within the city are also expecting a decrease in 2022 due to organic attrition of employees, which will allow the city to realize when we fill those positions with employees who have less seniority. We thoroughly explore opportunities for recurring revenue streams that have little to no impact on residents. For example, we enacted the mortgage foreclosure registry and we are exploring the possibility of installing cameras on school busses to protect our children.

**Pam Panzenbeck:** The best way to increase revenue is to attract new businesses to Glen Cove. I feel optimistic that proper economic revival policies can help pull us out of the pandemic. We must also ensure that we do not burden our taxpayers with unnecessary fees. The tremendous costs of the use of outside law firms, which is the result of expensive lawsuits caused by actions of the current administration, will be something that we will make every effort to avoid. We need to treat employees and vendors fairly and appropriately to prevent these situations. Adherence to proper Request For Proposal practices will be a part of my administration.

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**Tim Tenke**  
Incumbent

**Age:** 59

**Party:** Democratic

**Education:** Bachelor's degree in criminal justice; J.D. Cooley Law School

**Political experience:** Insurance attorney; six-term city council member, two-term mayor



**Pam Panzenbeck**  
Challenger

**Age:** 68

**Party:** Republican

**Education:** Bachelor's degree in business; master's in human resources, New York Institute of Technology

**Political experience:** Retired teacher; three term Glen Cove City Council member

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# COMMUNITY UPDATE

## Friday, Oct. 29

### Movie at the Library

Gold Coast Public Library Annex, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head, 2 to 4 p.m. Watch "Rosemary's Baby" (1968) at the library. Terrifying and darkly comic, "Rosemary's Baby" stars Mia Farrow as a young mother-to-be who grows suspicious that her over-friendly neighbors (Sidney Blackmer and Oscar-winner Ruth Gordon) and self-involved husband (John Cassavetes) are hatching a satanic plot against her and her baby. Roman Polanski's horror masterpiece has never been outdone for sheer psychological terror.

### Special Halloween Storytime

Dress up in costume and join Miss Selina on the Bayville Free Library lawn at 4 p.m. for a special Halloween storytime. Don't forget to take a treat bag before you leave. For ages 4 and up.

## Saturday, Oct. 30

### Halloween Parade and Festival

The Glencove Downtown Business Improvement District is hosting its annual Halloween festival and parade, beginning at 1:30 p.m. in the Staples parking lot. Following the parade will be a festival including a costume contest, circus performance, a live DJ and more.

### 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.

## Sunday, Oct. 31

### Life in Pink celebration

Dress in pink and head to 47 Cottage Row, Glen Cove for an event in tribute to cancer survivors entitled, "Celebrate Life in Pink," beginning at 12:45 p.m. Doctors will be on hand to discuss breast cancer awareness, self-exams and other preventative care in addition to conducting health screenings for attendees.



Courtesy Raynham Hall Museum

## Raynham Hall's 5th Annual "Ghost Walk" Parade

Raynham Hall Museum will host its 5th Annual "Ghost Walk," a costumed parade featuring giant ghostly puppets of ancient Townsend family members being led by costumed paraders and their four-legged friends. The event, which takes place on Oct. 30, beginning at 7:30 p.m., will kick off at the Christ Church Rectory at 61 East Main Street in Oyster Bay, then proceed through the hamlet and conclude at Raynham Hall Museum, where, after the parade, a dance party will take place with special entertainment, food available for sale courtesy of Cooper's Bluff and Coach Meeting House Food Truck and beer will be available from the Oyster Bay Brewing Company.

## Monday, Nov. 1

### Minecraft Mania

Beginning at 10 a.m., in this program, participants attempt to plan and build a city on a custom Minecraft island with certain expectations and restrictions. Players must work together to solve common problems civil engineers face! Register online at [locustvalleylibrary.org](http://locustvalleylibrary.org).

## Tuesday, Nov. 2

### Mysteries of the Paranormal

Beginning at 7 p.m. at the Bayville Free Library, join award-winning actress Leslie Goddard, Ph.D., as she brings to life Lizzie Borden, accused of the brutal hatchet murder of her father and step-

mother in 1892. Hear Lizzie's story come alive as she talks about her life growing up in Fall River, Massachusetts, her estrangement from her stepmother and her troubled relationship with her father. Was Lizzie a desperate and unsettled daughter who resorted to murder? Or an innocent woman who could never escape the trauma that destroyed her life? This event is virtual. Register by email at [adultprograms@bayvillefreelibrary.org](mailto:adultprograms@bayvillefreelibrary.org).

### Into the Forest: a Book Discussion with Rebecca Frankel

HMTC is hosting a program at 6p.m. via Zoom with bestselling author Rebecca Frankel about her newest book, which recounts an amazing tale of perseverance, bravery, and love as it follows the Rabinowitz family as they escape from the Nazis and eventually settle in the

United States. Hear the author discuss how she learned about these true events and more about the book that Publisher's Weekly called a "gut-wrenching yet inspirational story" that leaves readers "on the edge of their seats." Register at: [hmtcli.org](http://hmtcli.org).

## Wednesday, Nov. 3

### Scared in the Park After Dark

A Halloween-themed drive in movie night beginning at 6:30 p.m. will feature the movie "Casper" as the final film in the county's drive-in movie series. Showings are free to attend and will take place at Eisenhower Park's pop-up drive-in theater located at parking lot 6A, with space for up to 185 cars. Food trucks will be onsite so movie goers can also get their fix of sweets and snacks.

### Trunk-or-Treat

At 5 p.m., before Casper begins, families will be able to participate in a "Trunk or Treat" event at Eisenhower Park, lot 6A. To participate in "Trunk or Treat," parents are encouraged to decorate the back of their cars for Halloween and provide candy for kids to "trick or treat" from car-to-car. Costumes are encouraged.

## Thursday, Nov. 4

### Returning Home after the Holocaust: Panel Discussion

Beginning at 6 p.m., the Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center of Nassau County will host a virtual panel discussion with award-winning authors and translators. These three women who have explored how various individuals found ways, against all odds, to reclaim their heritage, history, and birthright after the Holocaust. They will also discuss how working on these books has transformed their own lives.

## 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](mailto:jnossa@liherald.com)

## 5 things to know about your town

- The Glen Cove Board of Education will meet next on Nov. 3 at 7:30 p.m.
- The Oyster Bay Town Board will meet on Nov. 16, at 10 a.m.
- The Glen Cove City Council will meet on Nov. 9, at 7:30 p.m. in City Hall.
- The North Shore Board of Education will meet next on Nov. 18 at 7:45 p.m.
- The Locust Valley Board of Education will meet on Nov. 16.



## NEIGHBORS IN THE NEWS

# Honoring Italian Heritage and Culture Month

Every year, Loggia Glen Cove No.1016 creates an Italian Heritage and Culture exhibit at the Locust Valley Library. The members of the Lodge donate articles that they have obtained in trips to Italy and exhibit them in the library showcase as part of Italian

Heritage and Culture Month. Community members can visit the library to get a closer look at the items and learn more about Italian culture.

**NINA TROLIO, LARRAINE Tassis, Eileen Keating and Kathryn Grande**



Courtesy Angelo Grande



Courtesy Assemblyman Lavine

**ASSEMBLYMAN LAVINE VOTED** early this week, taking advantage of the Glen Cove City Hall location.

## Vote early at G. C. City Hall

On Monday, Assemblyman Charles Lavine cast his vote in Glen Cove City Hall. For the first time, Glen Cove has an early voting site. As chair of the Election Committee, Lavine played an instrumental role in implementing early voting in New York State. The polls are open at Glen Cove City Hall, 9 Glen St., from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday.

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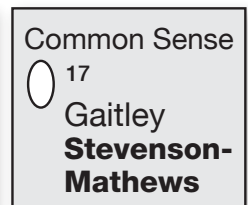
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# Glen Cove budget passes

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payers and put into “the hands of wealthy landlords.”

“The tax levy is determined based on the operating expense needs of the city,” City Controller Mike Piccirillo explained. “Once you take into account all the operating expense needs, the revenue streams we have, the variable that’s left is the tax levy. ... The fact that in 2022, one of the commercial properties came off a PILOT” — a payment in lieu of taxes agreement — “and it went on the tax roll, it increased the assessed value” of the city’s commercial

properties. “If you increase the assessed value, the tax rate goes down. It’s a function of math, not arbitrarily deciding who gets what.”

“I think this budget for one year is reasonable,” Councilwoman Marsha Silverman said before casting her vote, “but I implore this board to invest the time to look at a five-year plan going forward.”

Before voting in favor of the budget, Councilman Rocco Totino thanked Piccirillo. “I don’t know where we would be as a city without him,” Totino said. “He’s steering this ship in the right direction.”

I’m happy we’re able to give the taxpay-

ers some relief this year,” Councilwoman Danielle Fugazy Scagliola said, “and I’m glad that we’re not borrowing for contractual obligations, so that when do our borrowing, we can do things that actually improve our life in Glen Cove —improve our amenities and make our infrastructure stronger and better.”

“Last year we had to do some serious soul-searching to bring in a budget,” Councilman John Perrone said. “This year it’s a lot easier. We brought a budget in at 0 percent because of cost-cutting, consolidations, and just working together to bring our city back on a solid financial footing.”

## The adopted 2022 city budget includes nine new positions in the following departments:

- DPW: Four laborers and one security guard at City Hall (\$214,000)
- Finance: Two account clerks and one tax collection and purchasing clerk (\$85,000)
- Police Department: One police dispatcher (\$49,000)
- Youth Bureau: One account clerk (\$43,000)

Pay increases have been provided for:

- EMS (\$49,000)
- Auxiliary Police (\$25,000)
- Harbor Patrol (\$29,000)
- Crossing Guards (\$33,000)

## CRIME WATCH

### Arrests

- On Oct. 18, a 29-year-old Glen Cove female was arrested for fourth-degree criminal mischief and third-degree assault on Cottage Row.
- On Oct. 20, a 26-year-old Glen Head male was arrested for DWI, DUI, and third-degree aggravated unlicensed operation, leaving the scene of an auto accident and operation of a motor vehicle by an unlicensed driver on Nassau Avenue.
- On Oct. 22, a 35-year-old Glen Cove male was arrested for second-degree aggravated harassment on School Street.
- On Oct. 22, a 21-year-old Glen Cove male was arrested for speed contest, reckless driving, speed violation, equipment violations and numerous other VTL violations on Glen Street.
- On Oct. 22, a 27-year-old Locust Valley male was arrested for speed contest, reckless driving, speed violation, equipment violations and numerous other VTL violations on Glen Street.
- On Oct. 23, a 55-year-old Locust Valley male was arrested for DWI on School Street.



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# MAYOR TIM TENKE



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- + *Creating a 5 year Capital borrowing plan.*
- + *Streamlined services by consolidating departments saving taxpayer dollars.*
- + *Increased city revenues by renegotiating leases on city owned properties.*
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- + *Reduced taxpayer liability exposure by purchasing catastrophic loss insurance.*
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**ED MCGUIRE**, of J.C. Broderick & Associates, spoke at last week's school board meeting.

## Pre-K forced to move because of moisture

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tinuing. “We do a visual inspection of every building material that we have access to and can get to, then we use specialized testing equipment to look for and confirm the moisture. The findings indicate that we did identify moisture in some of the building materials. We did not observe any visible mold growth . . . but all of this evidence suggests that we do need to look further into the places we cannot see.”

Those areas, he said, include behind the walls and in the ceilings, where elevated levels of moisture were detected. Getting to them will require “destructive techniques,” McGuire said, including cutting into the walls.

“It is our recommendation that the spaces remain isolated until the investigation, and any recommendations from that investigation, could be completed,” he added.

“Due to the age of the walls, we will be completely gutting those walls to ensure all areas are clean,” Rianna said, noting that there was evidence that some areas had simply been patched over in the past. “We’re not going to put Band-Aids on the repairs that need to get done. We want this to be done in an effective manner, and will update the community on the progress throughout.”

Rianna said that some teachers at Deasy requested that additional areas of the school be tested in the interest of safety, which McGuire noted was under way. Commercial air scrubbers with high-efficiency particulate air filtration units and other devices were installed in the affected rooms on Oct. 17.

Board President Lia Leone asked about the safety of the students and staff who are still in the building. “How can you be certain that kids and staff in the rest of the building are safe at this time,” Leone asked, “and that it’s OK for them to be going into the school?”

“First and foremost is that schools have a process for identifying issues within a building,” McGuire replied. “We were called in to investigate problems identified in specific areas. Our investigation thus far of the basement area has not identified

that this condition has spread outside this area. The moisture seems localized to the exterior walls and in the building materials. The additional investigation will get us into those walls to see if there is an impact at a greater extent, but at this point we have not found any evidence to suggest it is outside these areas that we’ve inspected.”

McGuire added that additional isolation barriers might be put in place during demolition work, and addressed the health implications of exposure to mold. With most contaminants, he explained, there is an established “exposure value” to determine what can and can’t make people sick. With mold, he said, there is no such level, because mold is considered an allergen. “Your susceptibility, from person to person, varies,” he said.

Mold does not cause any disease, McGuire said, but can exacerbate conditions such as asthma and respiratory problems. “In a building evaluation, there’s no level for us to compare to,” he said. “It is focused on, is it present, are the conditions present?”

Rianna thanked Francine Santoro, Gribbin Elementary’s principal, for making room in the building to host the pre-K classes, as well as others who helped in the process. “This has really been a working team effort to ensure that this is a smooth transition to the other building,” Rianna said, adding, “I don’t foresee moving the pre-K back [to Deasy].”

Rita Bianco, a Gribbin parent, expressed concern about the move, which means a loss of two specials classrooms at Gribbin. “Was it the best decision to move to Gribbin?” she asked.

Rianna responded that many things factored into the decision, including classroom space, the ages of other students in the building and the location of bathrooms. She said there was no room at the other elementary schools, and since some pre-K students continue on to Gribbin for kindergarten, the move will facilitate a smoother transition.

“We looked at usable space, and as it is a home base for some students,” Rianna said of Gribbin, “we felt it was the best decision for a smooth transition.”





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# Q&A with Glen Cove mayor candidates

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**Herald: What would you do to attract new businesses to Glen Cove?**

**Tenke:** As part of our zoning code review, we are exploring the idea of expanding our downtown and using zoning changes to attract new businesses that are desirable in the city. In addition, mixed-use developments in the downtown are already making our downtown more vibrant. We will also work on beautification with new pedestrian walkways, curb cuts, landscaping, pergolas, and benches in our open air spaces in the recently renovated Village Square. We have been and are very responsive to the parking needs of our businesses. We believe a vehicle connection to the Brewster Street garage from School Street would allow easier access to the businesses and encourage people to visit them.

**Panzenbeck:** I would like to bring a family friendly recreational business or businesses to Glen Cove. I will do an inventory of properties available and reach out to business people on Long Island availing them of the opportunity to open a business here.

Our once-loved Glen Cove village has been greatly neglected. There are many empty storefronts and the facades are dull and dreary. It is time to put some effort into improving that which we already have, and energizing our downtown area. As methods of shopping have changed, people still have the desire to wander around, browse, and shop in their own hometown. Glen Cove offers nothing to these people or our visitors. The sidewalks are dirty and areas are strewn with litter, making it difficult for existing businesses to attract new customers.

We must make Glen Cove friendly to those wishing to become part of our downtown business family and streamline the process to open a new business. Red tape should not be a deterrent. When I am the mayor, I will welcome prospective businesses with the statement, "Welcome to Glen Cove, how can we help you?"

**Herald: Why should people vote for you?**

**Tenke:** People should vote for me because I have the experience needed to run the city. My administration is moving Glen Cove forward. We have taken on the task of remediating decades of

neglect of city assets; at the parks, beaches, ballfields, and water infrastructure, to name a few. We have stabilized the city's finances, through prudent budgeting, consolidation of certain departments to remove redundant functions, and making services more accessible and efficient. We have strengthened our infrastructure by, for example, bringing two water wells back into service at Duck Pond Road and completely rebuilding the water well at Seaman Road. A full structural rebuild of Pryibil's pier is also underway. The tidal gates at East Island have been renovated. My administration has also made services more efficient and easily accessible to our residents, by adding a drop box outside City Hall for payments, adding an online payment functionality for school taxes when only city and county were online previously, creating a new city website with integration of TEXT-MYGOV to report issues and get forms, as well as streamlining building permits online.

**Panzenbeck:** I love Glen Cove; I am a passionate, dedicated citizen who desires to return to elected public service. Having served three terms on the Glen Cove City Council, I am aware of

the issues of the city and the needs of our residents. My greatest concern regarding Glen Cove is the financial status of our city. Mayor Tenke inherited a surplus when he took office and at the close of business in 2021 was running a large deficit. When the majority of Mayor Tenke's administration voted to pierce the tax cap and then raise property taxes 7.32 percent, I realized Glen Cove is in trouble.

Constituents have never been given a straight answer about Crescent Beach or what the \$100,000 grant received in the end of 2019 was used for. After asking during the spring of 2021, I was told Helixes would be used and later in the summer I was told that plants would be purchased and used to clear bacteria. Still the mayor says he is working on this.

The golf course is in poor condition. The driving range is in a state of collapse. Many golfers are unhappy with these conditions and speak to me regularly about this.

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# Blakeman, Curran vie for county executive

By JEFFREY BESSEN

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Democratic incumbent Laura Curran is running for her second four-term as county executive. Her Republican opponent is Town of Hempstead Councilman Bruce Blakeman. The Herald asked the candidates three pertinent questions to get their take on the issues.

**Herald: Nassau is one of three counties that pay the highest average property taxes in the state. What is your plan to help reduce the tax burden?**

**Curran:** As the hardworking families of Nassau know, you can't get far without a balanced budget. Before I took office, decades of wasteful corruption and reckless mismanagement plagued our county. I am proud that through dogged fiscal discipline, my administration has turned budget deficits into surpluses. Nassau families deserve to know their hard-earned money is being spent responsibly. That's why I devoted my first term to cleaning up the mess others left behind and bringing real accountability to government:

I delivered four balanced budgets and consecutive budget surpluses; secured Nassau's first bond upgrade in over a decade; held the line on property taxes and proposed a responsible \$70 million tax reduction for 2022, and a \$150 million tax reduction over the next four years.

As Nassau continues the economic recovery from Covid, I am also proud to say that we are in a position to give American Rescue Plan dollars back to the taxpayers. Our books are balanced, so I am giving \$375 direct cash payments to more than 400,000 households. I have worked hard to earn the trust of Nassau taxpayers, and I will continue to pursue tax relief, like my tax cut, without sacrificing our future fiscal stability.

**Blakeman:** Laura Curran's reassessment is crushing families and seniors with higher property taxes. School tax bills are arriving at home this October, and just like last year, property taxes will soar for an overwhelming majority of homeowners because of Curran's reassessment. While your property taxes are going up, Laura Curran's taxes went down [decreased by \$255].

For the majority of homeowners, Curran's tax hikes continue for three more years unless you stop her this Election Day. I believe it's wrong for Laura Curran to increase county property taxes to the highest level ever in Nassau's history while also generating millions in surplus funds.

As county executive, I will end Curran's reassessment and cut taxes. Government should never collect more than it needs to operate. My plan cuts property taxes by over \$128 million – that's \$58 million more than Laura Curran is willing to give back – and I'll pay for that tax



**Bruce Blakeman**

**Age:** 66

**Hometown:** Atlantic Beach

**Professional Background:** Attorney

**Political experience:** Town of Hempstead councilman; Nassau County legislator including serving as presiding officer; Port Authority commissioner

cut by returning Nassau County's entire budget surplus to residents. I will continue to return budget surpluses each year while restricting new spending and reducing debt. It's time to put government on a serious diet, and it's time to really cut taxes.

**Herald: The residential property assessment system still needs an overhaul. What would you do to make it beneficial for homeowners and the county?**

**Curran:** Nassau's assessment system has been a mess for decades. Politician after politician kicked this can down the road, choosing what was politically convenient over what was right. I ran on a promise to finally address our broken assessment system, and I did just that. My administration took on a tough fight and had the political courage to implement a fair and accurate reassessment of the tax roll, which had been frozen for nearly a decade.

The accuracy of my administration's reassessment has been verified by Newsday, by the state and by independent experts. I have ensured residents have the opportunity to adapt to changes in assessment values by implementing my Taxpayer Protection Plan, which phases in any assessment correction over the next five years. I will also always protect residents' right to grieve their property assessment.

In my first term, I tackled the fiscal mismanagement that has plagued Nassau for decades, turning chronic deficits into surpluses. I took on reassessment when my predecessors lacked the political courage to do so. As a result, our assessment system is fairer and more accurate today than it has been in years.



**Laura Curran**

**Age:** 53

**Hometown:** Baldwin

**Professional Background:** Journalist, Herald Community Newspapers, New York Daily News and New York Post

**Political experience:** Baldwin Board of Education and Nassau County legislator 2014 to 2017

**Blakeman:** Laura Curran placed a huge financial burden on the backs of families and seniors, with an overwhelming majority of homeowners facing soaring school taxes in 2021 as a result of her reassessment.

Errors in Curran's assessment roll also resulted in multi-millionaires having their property tax bill erased. Mansions received tax bills for zero dollars in property taxes. While the reassessment was supposed to create equity, it did not. Neighboring homes built by the same developer pay different tax amounts regardless of being exactly the same.

It's clear that we need to scrap Curran's reassessment plan entirely and start fresh. As county executive, I will terminate Laura Curran's reassessment. Her phased-in tax hikes for the next three years will be immediately terminated by my administration. Instead, I will hire qualified professionals to run the Assessment Department and create a new, fair system while also cutting property taxes by over \$120 million.

**Herald: The Covid-19 pandemic remains an overarching problem. What would you do to help ensure that residents are healthy life can to return to "normal?"**

**Curran:** I worked around the clock with communities and health officials during the toughest days of the pandemic to keep residents healthy and informed. I visited small businesses constantly to keep a finger on the pulse of our local economy. I advocated for safe re-openings when it made sense to support our long-term economic health.

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throughout the pandemic, pursuing an approach centered around education, outreach and accessibility. It is this approach that has earned us the ranking of highest vaccinated county in the state and second highest vaccinated among large counties nationally. Our 93.6 percent adult-vaccination-rate has allowed for a robust recovery – but we're not done.

As we recover, the county is reaching out to small business owners to get \$10,000 in individual grants to those that need them. County mobile vaccination teams are visiting businesses directly and providing vaccinations to staff. Paramedics are taking vaccines to the homebound. We will provide \$100 million in American Rescue Plan funds to some 400,000 households as \$375 direct cash payments, which will help families buy school supplies, cover utility bills and stimulate our local economy as we continue to come back stronger.

**Blakeman:** Covid-19 will be around for years to come, and we can never return to the days of a closed economy. We must adapt by fully reopening government to serve the people and welcome those in need of services. We must continue to offer free testing, vaccines and booster shots to people who want them. Schools must never close again. Big box stores should never be allowed to stay open while small businesses are shuttered. Restaurants should be allowed to keep outdoor dining and continue their indoor operations. As county executive, I'll keep my pledge to do these things while also ensuring we have a transparent reporting process related to Covid cases.



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# OYSTER BAY TOWN SUPERVISOR

## Joseph Saladino Incumbent

**Party:** Republican

**Age:** 59

**Hometown:** Massapequa

**Political experience:** Town Supervisor, State Assemblyman

**On the issues:**

Saladino says he would like to continue advocating for the environment and improving the town's finances. His economic development team has attracted new companies and hundreds of new jobs from Amazon, Geico and other large employers to the town. While working to draw in big business and create more jobs, Saladino believes revitalization of the downtown, along



with increasing parking throughout the town and making improvements to traffic flow, is the key to build a strong sense of place and provide an environment more conducive to revitalization and job growth. He says downtown Oyster Bay has the potential to become a must-see destination for tourists, history buffs and many others.

Saladino has a vision for the Oyster Bay Hamlet which celebrates its rich history and has the potential to provide for greater recreational

and accessible public space, which may be provided through the redevelopment of properties presently in use for industrial purposes along Oyster Bay Harbor, including environmental cleanup of the Commander Oil site and removal of the storage tanks.

Saladino is focused on improving water quality in Oyster Bay Harbor; and is proud of his work in the oyster sanctuary, drastically improving the amount of healthy oysters in the bay, thus filtering water at a much higher caliber.

## Amanda Field Challenger

**Party:** Democrat

**Age:** 45

**Hometown:** Massapequa

**Political experience:** President of the Nassau Suffolk Water Commissioners Association, Plainview Commissioner of Water in 2016, 2019, present

**On the issues:**

Field, a former Plainview Water District commissioner, says she would focus on creating a fiscally-sound budget. She believes it is critical that the town has new financial oversight after many years of fiscal mismanagement and misuse of public funding, that the Town of Oyster Bay remains in the



worst fiscal stress of all towns on Long Island for the last three years in a row, according to the New York State Fiscal Monitoring System and still has a bond rating that is just above junk bond status, costing taxpayers millions. Field plans to strengthen the town's bond rating by paying down debt instead of interest to lower taxes and will hire qualified experts. She plans to pay down principal debt to lower taxes and will seek more grant funding for programs for small businesses to use.

Another issue Field would like to address is trust in government. She points to the recent findings of the Nassau County District Attorney, that she says show the activities of the town board have been unethical and [created] a complete lack of trust, the most vital aspect of any government. Field believes that given this behavior, there should be an immediate independent audit and reconstitution of the Town Ethics Board and subsequently a fair and balanced ethics investigation into the conduct of the town board.

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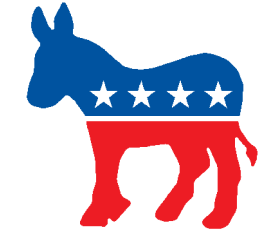
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# Donnelly, Kaminsky slug it out for D.A.

By JIM BERNSTEIN

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The contest for Nassau County district attorney has been the most bitterly fought off all races this election season, with State Sen. Todd Kaminsky, the Democrat, and Anne Donnelly, the Republican, trading a slew of bighting accusations against each other, mostly centering on who is most responsible for setting prisoners free on the street to commit other crimes.

The accusations stem from Donnelly's attempts to paint Kaminsky as the legislator who wrote the state's Bail Reform Law, which gives and prohibits judges' discretion to assign bail in many felony and certain non-felony cases. Kaminsky voted for the bill, but did not write it.

Although the State Legislature amended the law in April 2020 to include a greater number of crimes for which bail could be assigned, the issue continues to dominate the campaign, and the ads continue to run on local TV stations. Donnelly points to her 30 years of working as a prosecutor in the Nassau D.A.'s office, heading different bureaus. Kaminsky notes that he served as a prosecutor in the U.S. attorney's office in Manhattan.

**Herald: Nassau County has a growing immigrant population that often does not trust law enforcement. How would you improve that relationship?**

**Kaminsky:** As district attorney, my office will have information available in every language, as well as community liaisons who do outreach in every part of Nassau County. And let me be clear: I will have a zero tolerance for hate crimes as district attorney. Hate crimes against the immigrant population have risen at troubling rates recently, and the trend must be addressed aggressively. It doesn't matter if you're Jewish, LGBTQ, Asian, Black or Muslim: You deserve to feel safe walking down the streets of your neighborhood. As district attorney, I will take a tough and aggressive approach to hold racists and other hate-mongers accountable in our community by instituting a zero-tolerance policy. I am proud to have the support of law enforcement, including the New York State Troopers and local Police Benevolent Association. They know my record. They know I will fight to protect all Long Islanders. Rebuilding trust doesn't just mean the prosecutor's office has to have a better relationship with communities—it also means trust in government and institutions overall has to improve by prosecuting corruption. Corruption has infested every level of government here in Nassau County. As a federal prosecutor, I worked on the highest-level corruption cases, successfully prosecuting both Democrats and Republicans who violated the public trust. Corruption will have no place to



**Anne Donnelly**

**Party:** Republican

**Age:** 56

**Hometown:** Garden City

**Professional Background:** Worked in the district attorney's office for more than three decades and serves as the deputy chief of the Organize Crime and Rackets Bureau. Spent time as the acting chief in the Public Corruption Bureau, senior trial assistant in the Rackets Bureau and as deputy chief of the Economic Crimes Bureau. She earned her law degree from Fordham University in 1989.

hide when I am district attorney.

**Donnelly:** I am committed to serving all residents of Nassau County in a fair and respectful manner. Part of that commitment consists of helping to ensure that people who have emigrated from other countries into the United States are welcomed into the communities in which they have chosen to settle. Outreach programs that feature governmental liaisons who speak the primary languages of members of our diverse community should be at the top of the priority list. Educational initiatives and literature in various languages are also needed to welcome residents and build trust. I am prepared to play a leadership role in this area.

**Herald: Gangs are growing in Nassau and Suffolk. Aside from prosecuting those apprehended, what else can the district attorney's office do to stem the violence?**

**Kaminsky:** As a federal prosecutor, I successfully took down gang leaders and the gun and drug traffickers who supplied them, cleaning up our streets and keeping dangerous weapons out of criminals' hands. Gang violence is a serious threat to our communities, and



**Todd Kaminsky**

**Party:** Democrat

**Age:** 43

**Hometown:** Long Beach

**Professional Background:** Member of New York State Senate representing the 9th district, based on South Shore since 2016. He previously worked as an assistant district attorney in the Queens County District Attorney's Office before joining the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of New York as an assistant U.S. attorney. Kaminsky was elected to the State Assembly, serving in that body from 2014 to 2016. He earned his law degree from New York University.

combating them will be a top priority of my office. Some of the worst gangs are international in scope and go beyond our state and even our country's borders. This means that having strong partnerships with federal law enforcement agencies is critical. As someone who worked as a federal prosecutor, I will coordinate with our federal partners closely to root out gang violence. Importantly, when it comes to gangs, we also cannot keep treating the symptoms—we must treat the underlying disease. We must establish trust in communities with gang violence and work with local organizations to identify bad actors and offer alternatives to crime. My office will be constantly working with schools and after-school programs to educate young people about the dangers of gangs, and investing in these programs so our young people are learning, partaking in constructive activities and do not choose to walk the path that gangs offer them.

**Donnelly:** Collaborating with schools, as well as municipal governments and non-for-profits, we can provide more opportunities for enrichment and socialization programs as viable alternatives to gangs. Safe activities and

good mentors are important components of attractive and positive choices for young people. I plan to explore the use of asset forfeiture funds to further programs of this type.

**Herald: Our jails are often overcrowded and riddled with Covid-19 cases. What would you recommend to ease these conditions?**

**Kaminsky:** The best way to address overcrowding, deliver swift justice for victims and lower crime is to fully fund our court system. There are federal funds available through the Department of Justice to help—and I will push the state to add more dollars to ensure justice is served. I will also make sure that programs with proven track records to turn around criminal behavior — especially for substance abuse — are funded to keep Nassau safe and to reduce the recidivism that floods our courts with cases.

**Donnelly:** The Nassau County jail is not overcrowded, and I am intimately aware of this fact, having served as the district attorney's liaison to the correctional center until recently. Indeed, the inmate population is at its lowest level in the past 25 years. What's more, the facility did an excellent job in containing and treating Covid. Unfortunately, the "cashless bail" law that was co-authored by my opponent has greatly limited the ability of judges to make incarceration decisions for individuals based upon the pertinent facts in each case.



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# NASSAU COUNTY CLERK

## Maureen O'Connell

Incumbent

**Party:** Republican

**Age:** 70

**Hometown:** East Williston

**Career:** County clerk, former nurse

**Political experience:** Nassau County clerk, 2006-present; New York state assemblywoman, 1998-2005; trustee and deputy mayor, Village of East Williston, 1991-98

**On the issues:**

Maureen O'Connell said her goal is to continue to expand on the many steps taken to improve the office since she was first elected in 2005, and to ensure that it operates effectively and efficiently. She and her staff



worked with military veterans to protect them from data breaches through the years. She said she has also found ways to get the community involved by extending office hours, creating outreach programs and educating constituents on what the clerk's office provides.

have worked to process more than a million backlogged records and implemented an electronic filing process that converts paper land records to a digital format to ensure they remain safe for the future, and she said she hoped to continue to serve residents of all ages in the community by helping them to learn about the benefits of the clerk's office.

O'Connell and her staff have also implemented security measures to protect residents from scams and identity theft, and have

## Justin Brown

Challenger

**Party:** Democratic

**Age:** 30

**Hometown:** Baldwin

**Career:** Health-care administrator

**Political experience:** Served on the Uniondale Board of Education for the past three years

**On the issues:**

Justin Brown said he has long been passionate about helping people and being an advocate for residents. He intends to make the office more innovative with technology so that residents could receive documents and enjoy greater accessibility without having to visit the office in person and imple-



menting a modern system that his office would have full control over online.

Brown said he would also ensure that the clerk's office could engage with the communities by providing more education and collaborating with key stakeholders in all towns to create a dialogue so that residents can take full advantage of the county clerk's resources and benefits.



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# NASSAU COUNTY COMPTROLLER

## Brian Cronin

**Party:** Democratic

**Age:** 40

**Professional experience:** Corporate attorney, business litigator

**Political career:** Second-time candidate

**On the issues:**

Brian Cronin said the Nassau County comptroller's office must lean into the "new normal" and embrace modernization, saying that the office still uses technology from the middle of the 20th century and is thus overdue for an upgrade. In doing so, it would allow the office to adapt more effectively not only to the "new normal" but also to any hurdles to come.



Nassau has become a "hub of diversity," he said. As comptroller, he would "represent the entire county" and strive to have voices from every community heard. Many new businesses in Nassau are minority-owned, he said, and he would work to ensure that county contracts were evenly distributed among business owners.

The comptroller, he said, is the "taxpayers' watchdog responsible for fighting waste and fraud," adding that the office will take on "increasing importance given

the uncertainty of the post-Covid economy."

He would recruit "high-level professionals from the private sector to join our team so that we have the skilled team required to address these unprecedented times," adding, "Taxpayers must have confidence that this team is not politicized. Like most taxpayers, I am sick and tired of divisive politics. This is why I have committed to hiring a moderate Republican as my top deputy. Such bipartisanship has become far too rare in today's politics."

## Elaine Phillips

**Party:** Republican

**Age:** 61

**Professional experience:** Financial adviser, vice president of mortgage finance and institutional sales

**Political career:** Formerly state senator, 7th District, mayor of Village of Flower Hill

**On the issues:**

As Nassau County comptroller, Elaine Phillips said she would play a crucial role in "objectively identifying those governmental agencies whose performance is lagging and making recommendations to address deficiencies." An example of a lack of adequate management and adaptation has been seen within the Department of



Consumer Affairs, she said. The county administration, she said, should "follow the Town of Hempstead's successful practice of issuing permits and licenses off campus through the use of mobile trailers. Strict safeguards have been employed to meet the needs of taxpayers."

While in the private sector at Goldman Sachs, she said, she oversaw the diversity efforts, and while she was a New York state senator, she sponsored multiple educational and outreach

forums on diversity. As Nassau comptroller, she said she would work to ensure diversity, equity and inclusion in the workplace, and educate and promote solutions to ensure equal rights for all. At the same time, she would undertake performance audits of all county departments to ascertain whether they are meeting diversity, equity and inclusion metrics.

As comptroller, she said, she would serve as the "taxpayer's watchdog." "Taxes and spending need to be controlled in Nassau County," she said. "I have the background and expertise to implement audits to weed out waste, abuse and fraud, saving taxpayers money. Further, I will audit the recent property tax reassessment to determine the extent to which mistakes [were] made."

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# CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES



**Marsha F. Silverman  
(Incumbent)**

**Party:** Democratic, Working Family  
**Age:** 50  
**Professional experience:** Lead analytic consultant, Experian; director of marketing analytics at Citigroup; member of the city council since 2018.



**Gaitley Stevenson-Mathews  
(Incumbent)**

**Party:** Democratic  
**Age:** 60  
**Professional experience:** Former theater producer; voice and speech coach; board member of many community organizations; city council member since 2020.



**Danielle Fugazy Scagliola  
(Incumbent)**

**Party:** Democratic  
**Age:** 43  
**Professional experience:** Financial writer; owner of content creation company; president of the Glen Cove Education Foundation; city council member since 2020.



**John L. Perrone  
(Incumbent)**

**Party:** : Democratic  
**Age:** 64  
**Professional experience:** Licensed insurance professional for 40 years; member of the Glen Cove planning and zoning boards for 30 years; city council member since 2020.



**Eve Lupenko Ferrante  
(Incumbent)**

**Party :** Democratic  
**Age:** 53  
**Professional Experience:** Dermatologist; former vice president of the Glen Cove Chamber of Commerce; city council member since 2020.



**Roderick Watson  
(Challenger)**

**Party:** Democratic  
**Age:** 45  
**Professional Experience:** Medical social worker for the New York State Veterans Home in St. Albans; former city councilman (2016-2018).



**Rocco Totino  
(Incumbent)**

**Party:** Democratic  
**Age:** 33  
**Professional Experience:** Trial attorney at Ferro & Stenz; board member of the Glen Cove Jr. Soccer Club; trustee of the Order Sons of Italy Glen Cove chapter; city council member since 2020.



**James M. Greenburg  
(Challenger)**

**Party:** Republican, Conservative  
**Age:** 49  
**Professional Experience:** Immigration adoption attorney; vice president of the Glen Cove Soccer League.



**Roni-Sue Jenkins  
(Challenger)**

**Party:** Republican, Conservative  
**Age:** 52  
**Professional experience:** 25-year advertising executive with financial oversight of \$100 million budgets; youth sports volunteer; past PTA president Westbury.



**Joseph Capobianco  
(Challenger)**

**Party:** Republican, Conservative  
**Age:** 61  
**Professional experience:** Attorney; former city councilman (2014-2019); board member at NuHealth; board of managers for the Glen Cove YMCA.



**Kevin P. Maccarone  
(Challenger)**

**Party:** Republican, Conservative  
**Age:** 31  
**Professional experience:** Attorney; former city councilman (2017-2019); board member of the Glen Cove Hall of Fame.



**John "Jack" Mancusi  
(Challenger)**

**Party:** Republican, Conservative  
**Age:** 56  
**Professional experience:** Security consultant; retired Glen Cove police sergeant (25 years).



**Barbara Bella-Peebles  
(Challenger)**

**Party:** Republican, Conservative  
**Age:** 64  
**Professional experience:** More than 25 years in the private sector, plus eight years in municipal government; current treasurer and clerk for the Village of Plandome; former deputy mayor of Glen Cove (2014-2017).



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# 2021 JUDICIAL CANDIDATES

## 3rd District Court Judge

### Lisa Saltzman

Running on the Democratic, Republican and Conservative party lines in the general election

Age: 55

Lives in: Great Neck

**Education:** Bachelor's from New York University, 1988; law degree from Yeshiva University in 1991

**Legal career:** Upon graduation, Saltzman began working as a trial attorney at the Legal Aid Society, where she stayed until 1997. She has worked as a supervising attorney with Queens Defenders since 1997, and an attorney at law in her private practice since 2010. Saltzman is also an adjunct professor of law at Seton Hall University, a position she has held since 2010.



### David I. Levine

Democratic, Republican, Conservative

Age: 55

Lives in: Roslyn Heights

**Education:** Graduated from SUNY Binghamton in 1987 and earned his law degree from New York Law School in 1990.

**Legal career:** Judge Levine was appointed by the County Executive Laura Curran to the Nassau County District Court this past March.

Levine previously served as the associate justice for the Village of Manorhaven from November 2019 to March 2021.

Levine was also a member of the Town of North Hempstead Board of Zoning and Appeals from January 2012 to March 2021.

Prior to ascending to the District Court bench, he maintained a private practice in Mineola from 1997 to March 2021 and was an assistant district attorney in Queens from 1990 to 1997.



### William Hohausser

Democratic, Republican, Conservative

Age: 62

Lives in: xxxxx

**Education:** Earned bachelor's degree from SUNY Binghamton in 1981 and his law degree from Columbia Law School in 1984.

**Legal career:** Hohausser served as counsel and the executive director for Morgan Stanley Smith Barney from 1987 to 2015. While there, his areas of practice included securities, corporate, employment, RICO and real estate law as well as Uniform Commercial Code and tort claims.



## Family Court Judge Candidate

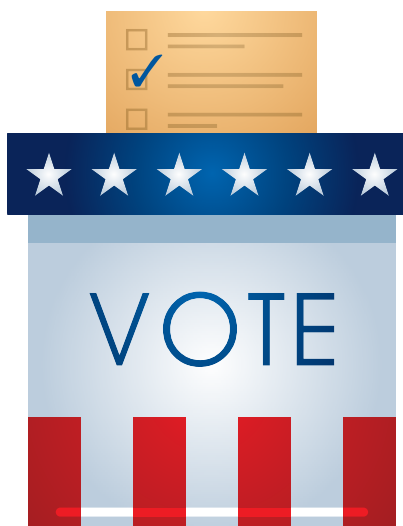
### Darlene D. Harris

Age: 55

Hometown: Uniondale

**Education:** University of Pennsylvania; Hofstra University

**Legal career:** District Court judge since January 2015, practiced law in family court for 13 years, former Nassau County legislator.



## 2nd District Court Judge

### Vincent T. Muscarella

Vincent T. Muscarella, a Republican, is running unopposed for the 2nd District Court. He was elected to the first session of the Nassau County Legislature on Nov. 5, 1995. He represents the 8th Legislative District, which encompasses Franklin Square, Floral Park, Bellerose, Bellerose Terrace, West Hempstead and portions of Elmont, New Hyde Park and Stewart Manor.



Muscarella was born in Nassau County in 1954 and is a life-long resident of the county. After completing his undergraduate studies at Bowdoin College in Maine, he attended St. John's Law School and received his J.D. in 1979. Muscarella is a partner in the law firm of Muscarella and Tomasone and a member of the Nassau County, New York State, and Florida Bar Associations. He is admitted to practice in the Federal District Courts for the Eastern and Southern Districts.



**NOVEMBER 2, 2021**





# STATE SUPREME COURT JUSTICE

## Danielle Peterson

**Party:** Republican **Age:** 46

**Education:** Peterson earned her bachelor's from the University of Delaware in 1997 and a J.D. from Hofstra University on 2000.

**Legal career:** Peterson began her legal career as an attorney in a private practice in 2001. In 2010, she became the principal law clerk to the Hon. Anthony L. Parga of the Nassau County Supreme Court and was elected justice in 2015.

## Elizabeth Fox McDonough

**Party:** Democratic, Republican and Conservative **Age:** 59

**Education:** Earned bachelor's from St. John's University in 1984 and J.D. St. John's University in 1987.

**Legal career:** From 1987 to 1997, served as an assistant district attorney in Queens. From 1997 to 2001, served as the principal law clerk to Justice Arthur Cooperman in the Criminal Term of the Queens County Supreme Court.

## Joseph Girardi

**Party:** Democratic, Republican and Conservative **Age:** 62

**Education:** Graduated with Highest Honors from SUNY Oneonta in 1981 with a dual major of U.S. history and political science. Graduated from Georgetown Law Center in 1984 and was a Criminal Justice Clinic participant.

**Legal career:** From 1984 to 1988, served as an assistant district attorney in Queens. From 1988 to 2015, he was an attorney in private practice specializing in criminal cases.

## Eileen Daly-Sapraicone

**Party:** Democratic, Republican and Conservative **Age:** 57

**Education:** Bachelor's from St. John's University in 1991; law degree from City University of New York Law School in 1995.

**Legal career:** Daly-Sapraicone began her legal career in 1995 as an assistant district attorney Queens, where she worked for six years. Daly-Sapraicone served as a special counsel in the special commissioner of investigation for the New York City School District.

## Susan B. Heckman

**Party:** Democratic, Republican and Conservative **Age:** 41

**Education:** Earned bachelor's in history and political science from Bucknell University in 2002; received law degree from Villanova University School of Law in 2005.

**Legal career:** From 2007 to 2010, served as a defense attorney for the Legal Aid Society of Suffolk County. Since 2012, Heckman has served as the principal law secretary to Suffolk Supreme Court Justice John B. Collins.

## Timothy S. Driscoll

**Party:** Democratic, Conservative, Republican **Age:** 54

**Education:** Bachelor's Hofstra University, 1988; law degree, Harvard Law School, 1991.

**Legal career:** After graduating from law school, Driscoll began a year-long clerkship with the Hon. Joseph M. McLaughlin of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the second circuit. Upon completion of his clerkship, he entered into private practice. Driscoll left the private sector in 1996 to join the Nassau district attorney's office.

## Vito DeStefano

**Party:** Democratic, Republican, Conservative **Age:** 54

**Education:** Wagner College; Brooklyn Law School.

**Legal career:** Elected to the New York State Supreme Court in 2007 and is presiding in the Commercial Division and over the Tax Certiorari part of the court in Nassau County. He was a Nassau County District Court judge from 2004 through 2007. Was appointed to the New York State's Advisory Committee on Judicial Ethics.

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## Dawn Riley inducted into the National Sailing Hall of Fame

Executive Director of Oakcliff Sailing Dawn Riley, was inducted into the National Sailing Hall of Fame in Newport, Rhode Island on Oct. 16.

Before taking on her position at Oakcliff, a non-profit sailing center in Oyster Bay, Riley made waves in the sailing world as the first woman ever to manage an America's Cup team and the first American to sail in three America's Cups and two Whitbread Round the World (now The Ocean Race) races.

"It is an honor to be inducted into the Hall of Fame in its most diverse class yet," Riley said. "I see a future with equality and diversity at all levels of the sport, and this is a great indicator of how far we have come."

During her first 'Round the World Race, Riley was a pivotal member of Maiden, the first all-female team to complete the event. The team was profiled in the 2018 feature documentary of the same name.

Throughout her time sailing, Riley has also been an advocate for women in sailing and women in sports. She served on the board of the Women's Sports Foundation, a non-profit aimed at getting women and girls



Courtesy Oakcliff Sailing

**DAWN RILEY, THE** executive director of Oakcliff Sailing, is being inducted into the National Sailing Hall of Fame.

involved in all levels of sports, as the president from 2004 to 2006. She takes this attitude to Oakcliff, where she encourages female trainees to reach the highest levels of the sport.

"In my opinion, the last frontier for women in sailing is in decision-making roles. Women in leadership with decision-making powers is where we need to go," Riley said. "The next step is for more women to own their own boats."

## Herald seeks Person of the Year nominations

Know anyone around town who you'd describe as a true do-gooder — that PTA president, Little League coach or scout leader who goes above and beyond the call of duty; that community volunteer who gives so much of him or herself while asking for nothing in return; that volunteer firefighter or emergency medical technician who saved a life?

The Glen Cove Herald is currently seeking nominations for our annual Person of the Year. All People of the Year are featured in full-length, front-page feature stories that appear in our final issue of the year, which will be published on Dec. 27.

If you know of any unsung heroes within the community who deserve recognition for their selfless work on behalf of others, please contact us immediately by email at [jnossa@liherald.com](mailto:jnossa@liherald.com) or write to the Glen Cove Herald, c/o Jill Nossa, 2 Endo Blvd., Garden City, N.Y. 11530. Submissions are due by Dec. 14., and the sooner we receive them, the better! Nominations are best sent by email.

Along with your nominations, just give us two or three sentences why your nominee deserves recognition and provide contact information for him or her, if you can. You can nominate more than one person.



## Earthly delights

**D**ear Great Book Guru,  
This weekend we were at a fabulous family wedding. The bride and groom, Shannon and Nick, had a picture-perfect wedding day and as so happens when our family gets together, the conversation turned to books. Many of the cousins were excited about a new Booker Prize nominee that was a combination of family drama and science fiction. Are you familiar with it?  
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Dear Happy Wedding Guest,

The book you are searching for is Richard Powers' "Bewilderment," and a wonderful recommendation it is. Set in the near future, the story follows a father and son on an amazing journey. The father, Theo Byrne, is an astrobiologist, recently widowed; the son is Robin, a third grader who is grieving his mother's death. Robin is a sensitive, gifted artist and lover of nature, who has difficulty control-

ling his anger, especially towards classmates. When school authorities suggest medication, Theo refuses and consults with a friend who suggests an experimental neurofeedback therapy. Robin's parents had earlier been part of an experiment that mapped their emotions in great detail. Soon we realize Robin is being linked to his mother's brain patterns.

The story line is interspersed with descriptions of planets throughout the galaxy where life may have existed in ways similar to ours — all with differing outcomes. What the outcome of life on planet earth will be is the underlying theme of this novel. A challenging but rewarding read. Highly recommended!

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# HERALD ENDORSEMENTS

## Re-elect Laura Curran Nassau County executive

Just over two years into Laura Curran's first term as county executive, the world was roiled by the coronavirus pandemic. Its continuing impact on life might have consumed lesser elected officials, but not Curran.

The county executive, a Democrat, took control and, following the fact-based advice of health officials, she worked to keep residents informed through her Covid-related news briefings that took place in many communities across the county.

In large part because of her outstanding pandemic response, the Herald enthusiastically endorses Curran for a second term as county executive. Through a phased-in reopening of businesses, houses of worship and schools, Curran and her administration kept a keen eye on the infection numbers and aimed to ensure the health and safety of everyone in the county. When vaccinations were rolled out, Nassau officials from Curran on down doubled down on the need to vaccinate. As of press time, the county had a 94 percent vaccination rate for adults with at least one dose — the highest in New York state.

Curran used federal money to fund the Boost Nassau program, which began last summer to offer grants to businesses. Also, some 400,000 county households will receive a one-time \$375 direct payment for residents

to use as they wish, but which Curran is encouraging people to spend locally to help support pandemic-ravaged businesses.

Her Republican challenger, Hempstead Town Councilman Bruce Blakeman, has been part of the town's battle against Covid-19, which has included a mobile vaccination unit and an array of programs and services that have assisted residents through the pandemic, all paid for with federal dollars. We also commend Blakeman for his role at the town level in easing restrictions for restaurants to create outdoor dining spaces to help them survive the pandemic.

Financially, Curran has navigated the county through the past two budgets, 2019 and 2020, and has delivered balanced fiscal plans but has not raised county taxes since being elected. The current budget battle is

still playing out. Her proposed \$70 million tax cut appears sounder than the Republican plan for a \$120 million cut that Blakeman has campaigned on.

A recurring issue that vexes residents is the way homes are assessed across the county. Reassessment has long been thought of as the third rail of Nassau politics, but Curran showed courage in taking on an issue that made so many other elected leaders quiver. The reassessment process was imperfect, with thousands of mistakes. The system is, however, considerably more accurate now

for hundreds of thousands of homes.

Blakeman, for all his years in public office, which include two stints as a town councilman and his time in the legislature, where he served as presiding officer, was unable to offer concrete suggestions for fixing the reassessment. The best plan he offered was to take a look under the hood, so to speak, assemble a panel of experts and appoint a special master to investigate what was done and how it could be repaired. When running for the county's highest office, a candidate needs to offer more than that. During the turmoil of the past couple of years, Curran, in partnership with Nassau County Police Commissioner Patrick Ryder, kept a lid on crime in the county. The work was recognized nationally by U.S. News & World Report, which named Nassau the safest community in the country based on several metrics. Both candidates support upgrading Nassau University Medical Center in East Meadow, and Curran said that she has asked the federal government for \$200 million to enhance the hospital's infrastructure. Blakeman said he would aim to increase its revenue by focusing on specialties such as cardiac surgery. Both are good ideas, especially if the federal money is received.

We believe Curran's outstanding work in protecting her constituents throughout her first term — particularly during the pandemic — coupled with her willingness and ability to take on critical issues like reassessment have earned her another four years. We urge voters to re-elect her Tuesday.

## HERALD Endorsement



Laura Curran

## Vote for O'Connell for county clerk

Though we found both candidates in the Nassau County clerk race to be strong, we see no reason to unseat Maureen O'Connell after all she has accomplished in the past 16 years.

O'Connell, a registered nurse from East Williston and a Republican, was first elected clerk in 2005, and re-elected in 2009, 2013 and 2017 — for good reason. She has taken many steps in that time to improve the office and ensure that it operates effectively and efficiently. She and her staff have worked to process more than a million backlogged records, and implemented an electronic filing process that converts paper land

records to a digital format to ensure they remain safe in the future.

O'Connell and her staff also implemented security measures to protect residents from scams and identity theft, and have worked with military veterans to protect them from data breaches. She has extended office hours and created outreach programs to educate constituents about services the clerk's office provides.

Her opponent, Justin Brown, a Democrat from Baldwin, offered many solid ideas for improving the office moving forward, and as a health care administrator for Sloan Kettering Memorial Cancer Center and a former Uniondale Board

of Education trustee, he has shown proven leadership skills.

Brown's ideas include making the clerk's office more technologically efficient, so residents can receive documents without having to appear in person; implementing a modern, user-friendly online system that the office would have full control over; and offering greater community outreach to residents and constituents to show them how to maximize the office's services. Brown is just 30 years old, we believe there is a strong future in politics for him, and encourage him to seek elected office in years to come.

For now, though, O'Connell has the county clerk's office humming along, and has instituted a great deal of positive change there in the past 16 years. We encourage voters to re-elect her.

## HERALD Endorsement



Maureen O'Connell



# HERALD ENDORSEMENTS

## Cast your ballot for Delia DeRiggi-Whitton in L.D. 11

**S**ince 2012, Delia DeRiggi-Whitton has actively taken on causes in Nassau County's 11th Legislative District, and has made important changes. One of her priorities has been to protect the Long Island Sound, and she has done that by prioritizing the installation of a sewer line in Sea Cliff, advocating for it to be connected to the county's sewer system and helping to transition more residents off cesspools.

DeRiggi-Whitton advocated for the county to direct millions of dollars in American Rescue Plan funding toward the SEPTIC program, which provides \$20,000 grants to property owners seeking to replace outdated or failing septic systems with state-of-

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**Delia DeRiggi-Whitton**

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In part because of her environmental advocacy, we are endorsing DeRiggi-Whitton, a Democrat.

Throughout the pandemic, DeRiggi-Whitton has also been a visible leader, advocating for dedicating tens of millions of dollars to recovery grants for small businesses, low-interest loan programs and other forms of support for small businesses. She went door to door to inform small business owners about the Restaurant Recovery Grant and the Boost

Nassau program, and helped them apply for assistance. This has helped businesses in Glen Cove and Sea Cliff remain open despite the diffi-

cult economy.

She also made determining the source of pollution at Sea Cliff's Crescent Beach a priority, and though the beach has remained closed for swimming since 2009, the source has been identified, and the responsible homeowners are in the process of securing advanced filtering systems.

While DeRiggi-Whitton's opponent, Meagan McCarty, has some good ideas and appears to truly care about finding ways to make North Shore communities more affordable, we believe that DeRiggi-Whitton's track record makes her the best candidate for the job. Throughout her five terms as a legislator, she has built relationships on both sides of the aisle, and while she has done much for her hometown of Glen Cove, she also pushes for legislation that has benefits countywide, and she gets the job done.

Re-elect DeRiggi-Whitton next Tuesday.

## Re-elect Glen Cove Mayor Tim Tenke

**A**fter finding ways to cut expenses and raise new sources of revenue, Tim Tenke deserves to be re-elected for two more years as mayor of Glen Cove.

Over the past two years, Tenke has kept the city running smoothly, and we believe he has been able to prove his capability as leader of the city, bring the city through the pandemic on a stronger footing than when he started. Although homeowners did see a tax hike last year, the increase, Tenke said, was necessary to prevent service cuts. Without that increase, he, said, he would have been forced to lay off 40 employees, close the senior center, eliminate the recreation and camp programs, and reduce garbage pick-up to once a week. Instead, he made the tough call of raising taxes 7.32 percent, yet has managed to keep the budget down for 2022, with a zero percent tax increase, and will add jobs and slight pay raises as well.

This year, he implemented two new revenue streams for the budget, a mortgage registry program and a rental registry program, which will offset expenses. Additionally, his administration has implemented a five-year plan for capital borrowing. The city is expected to have a modest surplus at the end of this year, thanks to this fiscal responsibility.

His opponent, Pam Panzenbeck, was engaged as a city councilwoman, and has continued to remain active and involved in the community. She clearly cares about Glen Cove and would be a strong leader for residents if elected. One thing she said she would focus on is finding opportunities to bring new business to the downtown area,

and would also prioritize making the downtown cleaner and more attractive. With new residents moving in, having fewer empty storefronts would be a positive thing for the city. We believe she would be open to new ideas and would take residents' concerns to heart.

Still, noticeable improvements have been made over the past year to the downtown and new businesses have opened, even during the pandemic. Tenke has plans for pedestrian walkways and is exploring zoning changes to attract new business to make the downtown more vibrant. We believe he has set the city on a good path overall, and would like to see what he can continue to do. We throw our support behind Tenke and believe voters should, too.

### HERALD Endorsement



**Tim Tenke**

## LETTERS

### Vote for people over party

To the Editor:

There has been an unsettling amount of separation in our country in regard to national politics. While the Republicans want one thing that may be far to the right, the Democrats have ideas about things equally far to the left. The friction and lack of compromise must leave our Founding Fathers turning in their graves.

Whether your political leanings are one way or the other, who you vote for in Glen

Cove should be about the person and not the national party.

Look at what the candidates have done and what they stand for. When I was on the village council of Flower Hill, elections there, like all villages, were held in a different month. There was no column for Republicans or Democrats, and it took the national politics out of the election. I ran on the Flower Hill Party, while my opponent ran on the People's Party of Flower Hill. It wasn't about Democrats versus Republicans.

While I'm an Independent, I am throwing my support to Pam Panzenbeck for

mayor, based not only on her many years of experience on the council, but also because of the many organizations she has volunteered for or has been on the board over the past 25 years. She has been looking after Glen Cove so long that being mayor would only be the next natural progression.

As for the council candidates, I plan on voting for the person, and not their party. See you at the election booth.

TAB HAUSER  
Glen Cove

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# HERALD ENDORSEMENTS

## For Nassau County district attorney, Todd Kaminsky

The most hard-fought, nastiest race in Nassau County this election season has been the contest for district attorney, pitting Democratic State Sen. Todd Kaminsky against Republican Anne Donnelly. Both have run scathing television ads, with Donnelly accusing Kaminsky of freeing prisoners under the state's new bail-reform law, and Kaminsky accusing Donnelly of botching a murder trial leading to a mistrial.

But the bad-mouthing began with the Republicans, who see the D.A.'s race as their best chance to capture a powerful seat in county government and were first to air the ads. In our view, Kaminsky is the better candidate.

The State Legislature passed a bail-reform measure in 2019, restricting the use of cash bail and pre-trial detention in misdemeanor and nonviolent felony cases. It also gave judges discretion to assign bail in almost all violent felony cases and certain nonviolent cases, such as witness tampering. The law was amended in 2020, and Kaminsky voted for the amended law, which gives judges bail discretion in a greater number of cases.

In her TV ads, Donnelly accused Kaminsky of *writing* the bail-reform bill. That was untrue. Kaminsky voted for it, but was not its author.

This issue was central to the campaign for D.A. That's a shame, because there are other issues that demanded the attention of both candidates. Kaminsky, while having to defend himself against the false allegations, did bring up other matters, including the need for stronger gun control legislation and a woman's right to choose in the growing debate over abortion.

Kaminsky has proven himself to be an able state senator, particularly when it comes to the environment, an issue of great importance to his South Shore constituency. He is chairman of the Senate Environmental Conservation Committee, and authored the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act, an aggressive climate-change program that puts New York on the road to carbon neutrality and a green-energy economy. He has been in the forefront of a fight to regulate carcinogenic contaminants in Long Island's water supply, and has passed legislation banning products containing toxic substances. He secured billions of dollars for clean-water systems.

While Kaminsky's environmental record is enviable, the question is, does this make a good prosecutor? We believe his passion for issues demonstrates his hunger to do good work through public office, and his ability to work effectively as an elected leader. Kaminsky has pledged to use the bully pulpit of the D.A.'s office to take on big-picture law-enforcement issues, and he no doubt can.

Donnelly argues that she is the law-enforcement professional. She has been a prosecutor in the county D.A.'s office for 32 years, and served as deputy chief of the Organized Crime and Rackets Bureau. Certainly, such service is admirable.

Kaminsky, who became a state senator in 2016, worked as an assistant district attorney in the

Queens D.A.'s office before joining the U.S. attorney's office for the Eastern District of New York. He prosecuted elected officials who used taxpayer dollars to support their lifestyles, including former State Senate Majority Leader Pedro Espada Jr., State Assemblyman Jimmy Meng and Michael Grimm, a member of Congress.

Kaminsky offered some fresh ideas to improve the D.A.'s office. He promised to crack down on hate crimes at a time when anti-Semitic and racist acts are rising in New York. He also promised to root out corruption in Nassau, whether among Republicans or Democrats, and swore to improve trust in government at a time when that is sorely lacking.

Kaminsky has also vowed to work harder with federal law-enforcement officials to defeat the rise of gang violence in Nassau. But he said he wanted to go deeper, and work with communities and schools dealing with such problems.

Our view is that Kaminsky, given his background in both government and the U.S. attorney's office, is an excellent choice for Nassau district attorney. We give him our wholehearted support, and voters should, too.

### HERALD Endorsement



Todd Kaminsky

## Ryan Cronin is choice for county comptroller

In the race to fill Nassau County Comptroller Jack Schnirman's post between Democrat Ryan Cronin and Republican Elaine Phillips, our choice to support Cronin boils down to his holistic plan to provide increased accountability across party lines and modernize the office of the comptroller.

Keeping in mind the controversy swirling around the office with the current comptroller because Schnirman overpaid tens of thousands as Long Beach city manager, Cronin, 40, said one of his goals is to gain back the trust of his constituents.

Indeed, Cronin, a Garden City resident, has a track record as a corporate attorney who has dealt with complex contract disputes and fraud claims, and of advocating for those who have been taken advantage of. Cronin defended more than a dozen victims of the Bernie Madoff Ponzi scheme and took on a global corporation to force the recall of a defective product that caused the injury and death of infants—in other words, watchdog-caliber experience.

Cronin raised a blueprint for the office's pri-

orities, both short- and long-term. As an immediate concern was the vendor payment process, which is plagued by chronically delayed payments that lead to extra costs for all parties involved. He also wants to proactively address Nassau's antiquated technology, which will not comply with coming accounting standards within the next three to five years.

Cronin also prioritizes building a bipartisan office, already pledging to appoint a Republican as his top deputy. Aligned with his apolitical view of how the office should run, he has critiqued County Executive Laura Curran for not collaborating with the county Republicans on jettisoning county fees and for perpetuating the structural gap between recurring county revenues and expenses.

### HERALD Endorsement



Ryan Cronin

Unlike Cronin, who lost two State Senate races against Republican incumbent Kemp Hannon, Phillips has already had a political career. As Flower Hill mayor, she stabilized the village's finances and incentivized green projects, a tenure that attests to her familiarity with local bureaucracy and financial savvy. However, it is her time as the 7th District senator that has raised some red flags regarding her leadership and partisanship. As the head of the Ethics Committee, the body held few meetings, which resulted in no material progress.

Phillips has strong professional financial experience as a financial analyst for Goldman Sachs and JP Morgan, where she juggled the competing needs of her clients and her employers; however, she did not provide specific new ideas for the office of comptroller.

Because of Cronin's independence from his party, his professional experience going after the big guys and his specific plan of action, the Herald supports Cronin. Vote for him on Election Day.



# LETTERS

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## My Grandmother and voting

To the Editor:

Some people may have noticed that I often share stories about my grandmother. I do this in general, and when campaigning. In fact, some years back, I wrote a letter to the Herald about my grandmother. All of us are shaped and influenced by the experiences of our youth, and many elected officials and candidates share anecdotes about their families. Including primaries and general elections, this is my fifth election cycle. As I've spoken to people, I have often shared stories of my grandmother; we were very close.

My grandmother, Annie Gaitley, was a significant influence on me, and I'm grateful for that. She was a smart and savvy businesswoman, she worked as an accountant with the railroad, and she was a businesswoman long before she married in her early 30s. I remember, as

a teenager, driving her to the polls. She was bent with arthritis and walked with a cane, and just getting in and out of the car was challenging, but she never missed an opportunity to vote. I later realized that with the passage of the 19th Amendment in 1920, this smart, creative woman didn't have the right to vote until she was 32 years old!

She is often my inspiration as I encourage voters to engage in the process. I've had so many people mention how much they appreciate my sharing her story. Annie Gaitley never took her vote for granted, and we all should value and exercise this important constitutional right. Yes, I'm hopeful that you'll vote for me, but most important, please be sure you get to the polls.

GAITLEY STEVENSON-MATHEWS  
*Glen Cove city councilman*

## Vote for Gaitley

To the Editor:

I am writing to tell the people of Glen

Cove why they should vote for Gaitley Stevenson-Matthews to continue to represent them on the City Council. I know that Gaitley has accomplished many things as a councilman, and has been a tireless booster for Glen Cove's people and the many businesses in our community. But what I want to talk about is Gaitley's character. If we have learned anything from recent history, it is that the character of our representatives counts at least as much as the positions they take.

Many people know that Gaitley is a founding member of NOSH, our local food pantry that delivers groceries weekly to 500 Glen Cove families. Many of you also know that he is one of the drivers, delivering food to 18 families on his lunch hour every week. As such, his job is to pick up the packed food and drive it to the homes of those he serves.

Too many of us know that NOSH's headquarters in the VFW burned, destroying refrigerators and food destined for those in our community who are food insecure. Gaitley did not allow this disaster to stop him from making

sure those whom he served had their weekly food delivery. In addition to his usual rounds of local people and businesses, council business and his campaign, he found donations, packed them up and make sure deliveries were made to those families — and he did not waiver in that commitment. It wasn't too hard for him, and he didn't allow any obstacles to stop him. His word was his pledge; he fulfilled his promise, no matter how difficult.

That is character. That is the kind of person I want to represent me. That is one of the many reasons why I support Gaitley, and you should, too.

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# GO FORWARD! Not back.

Two years ago our Glen Cove Community by a significant majority vote, elected Mayor Tim Tenke and the Tenke Team, to run our City government.

I write this letter to ask you to support them again on November 2, 2021.

## Why?

In the past two years Glen Cove has gone through a pandemic; flooding; storms; protests etc. And guess what? We as a Community are still standing. Not only are we still standing, but we have been Going Forward! Not back. Mayor Tenke and his Team and our City government, which they have led these past two years, are significantly responsible

Let me give one example. My wife and I have two sons who love baseball. So, three and a half years ago I went in front of the Republican controlled City Council and offered to donate \$5,000.00 in an effort to rehab the baseball batting cages at City Stadium. They were lying unused and in disrepair for years. The Republican Council members, many of whom are running this year, came up to me after and said, "Whatever we can do to help, we will". I followed up with several mailings and emails with them. I got zero as a response. Can you imagine? Here I am willing to donate money and work to do something positive for our Kids and got no response.

Fast forward to when Mayor Tenke and his Team were elected. They not only removed the bureaucratic red tape to get those cages done, but they also helped create the Glen Cove Boys and Girls Baseball and Softball Commission. With their assistance the Commission ran a successful Glen Cove Baseball and Softball season in 2021. And Tenke and his Team brought back the Mayor's Trophy Tournament; bringing outside teams and visitors to our Community who eat and shop at Glen Cove businesses.

In addition, Mayor Tenke has arranged for a very generous benefactor to donate a number of multi purpose turf fields to City Stadium. That turf sits at City Stadium ready to be installed. I realize this is just a small story about my specific experience with Mayor Tenke and his Team. But it speaks volumes as to what can be accomplished for our citizens; residents and our Kids. It says "YES WE CAN" as opposed to No We Can't. Let's "GO FORWARD", not back.

The present candidates for the Republicans are the same faces from the No We Can't years.

I urge you to GO FORWARD with Mayor Tim Tenke and his Team! Not back.

- Morgan Park lower bathhouse repairs completed;
- Pyribil Beach Pier repairs completed;
- Stanco Playground repairs completed;
- Managed the City through COVID, storms and peaceful protest marches;
- Adopted a balanced budget without using one-shot revenues as in the past;
- Consolidated several City Departments to eliminate waste and duplication;
- Creating a safe to drink water system;
- Had Glen Cove join a water supply cooperative;
- Repaired of our water wells;
- Installed LED energy efficient lights in City facilities;
- Raised long overdue rents on City owned properties;
- Obtained liability insurance to protect against catastrophic lawsuits;
- Re-enacted "Adopt - a - Spot";
- Fostered open air dining to help local restaurants;
- Redesigned and launched a new City website;
- Obtained new Loop bus;
- Obtained a grant to remove lead from City pipes;
- Installed new floating docks at Garvies Point;
- Garvies Point road completion;
- Upgraded City tech services;
- Upgraded City Hall and related City properties to protect against COVID;
- Successful contract negotiation and signing with GCPBA and CSEA;
- Created City Council oversight of tax certiorari settlements;
- Created a Commission headed by Rev. Roger Williams to foster communication between City government and our Black Community;

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