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## Much work to be done at Deasy, Landing

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The buildings in the Glen Cove City School District have been “falling apart,” Kate Glinert, a district parent, said at the Board of Education budget hearing on May 4. For years, Glinert added, infrastructure in the schools has been an issue.

“I have kids in the school, and they feel it,” she said. “They feel like their school’s falling apart, and they even feel like some things are unsafe. They make comments.”

To address those concerns, the board has proposed enlarging the elementary schools by adding four classrooms, a restroom and elevators to both the Deasy and Landing schools, which voters will be asked to approve on Tuesday.

The extensions would be covered by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriation Act and the American Rescue Plan, from which the district received funding during the pandemic.

A stipulation that came with the stimulus money was that school districts would utilize it to improve infrastructural with an eye on students’ health and safety, and for educational enrichment programs to make up for learning loss during the pandemic.

**S**ometimes you just have to bite the bullet and spend the money.

**KATE GLINERT**  
 Parent

So far, the district has used the money to hire four more social workers, and for a summer enrichment program.

Michelle Chalfoun, a nurse for medically fragile children and a mother of two, said the social workers helped her daughter, especially after she had Covid-19. “My kids were basically raising themselves because I was very sick,” Chalfoun said. “And coming back to school was a rough re-entry. But having a social worker has supported her and again, she’s succeeding.”

Although teachers have made the most of their resources and done their best to create a welcoming environment for their students, there is no denying the

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**JAMES FOOTE GAVE** one of T.R.’s speeches at the reopening of Sagamore Hill in July 2015.

## Roosevelt laid to rest again with re-enactor Foote’s death ‘Eccentric bohemian’ who made people smile

By **LAURA LANE**  
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James Foote, who was beloved in Oyster Bay and the surrounding villages for his portrayal of President Theodore Roosevelt, died in his sleep on May 4, just as the former president had a century earlier.

Foote’s wife, Joni, said she thought he was playing a joke on her when she tried to rouse him, because he liked to kid around. But when she threatened to call 911 and he didn’t

respond, she knew he was gone.

“When the fireman came to the house, he asked me Jim’s name,” Joni recounted. “When I told him, he paused and said, ‘The Teddy Roosevelt guy?’ He had tears in his eyes.”

Foote, who was 73, had a stroke in 2019 and had diabetes. He had lost the use of one hand and an arm and walked a bit off kilter. Even so, he often met up with friends at the Village Green in his hometown of Sea Cliff, where they could be found absorbed in conversation.

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# Admission free at the North Shore Historical Museum

By LETISHA DASS

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Going above and beyond her usual donation, Irene Harris, a former Glen Cove City School District teacher, made the decision this year to give the North Shore Historical Museum \$5,000. Because of her generosity, for the first-time general admissions to the museum is free for the rest of the year.

"I love the work the museum does, and I am a part of many of the exhibits that are there," Harris said. "I feel that it should be available to everybody, I don't want there to be any impediments."

Now guests will receive a "little happy surprise" when visiting, Amy Driscoll executive director of NSHM said. Driscoll added that the money will allow the museum to attract more people to visit and join as members.

"We're incredibly touched and honored that she believes in the museum and in our exhibits, and programming," Driscoll said. "We're so grateful that more people will have the opportunity to experience local history. There shouldn't be a price tag on knowledge about your community."

As a nonprofit and volunteer organization, the main source of revenue for the museum is through donations, membership and programming fees. Having the opportunity to provide this free

admission through the donation, Driscoll noted, will hopefully bring more awareness and contributors to the museum.

"We don't get any money from the state, from the City of Glen Cove, or from the town of Oyster Bay, unless that happens to be in the form of a grant, which we have to apply for just like anyone else," Driscoll said.

Throughout the years, Harris has supported the museum's exhibits. She has served on the committee for the recognition of the Harlem Hellfighters and helped with the research and collection of other exhibits, such as the current opening of the Harlem Renaissance.

Harris has been tied to the Justice Court building, built in 1907, since it was reopened as the museum in 2012. Her husband Dr. David Harris is one of the earliest board members and curators who joined.

David said the idea behind this year's donation was his wife's idea. "I thought

that was a terrific idea," David said. "And in part, what she was thinking was that it would open things up."

"I want everyone to be aware of what's going on at the museum," Harris said. "And I thought this would be one way to ensure that."

As a teacher in the district, Harris

worked in the World of Tomorrow, Coles Elementary, Landing Elementary, and Robert M. Finley Middle School. Her experience as a teacher and museum lover showed her that it is important for the community to learn the history of their home. "When you've put that much effort

into it, you want to share it with as many people as possible," Harris said.

Even before the pandemic, Harris said there was barely any foot traffic in the museum, and people in the community were not fully aware of the museum's existence and its services. Even though general admission was roughly \$5, Harris believes that once people learn it is now free, more would come to

visit.

"The exhibits going on is very interesting," Harris said. "The people you come across sometimes to just to talk about different things, they're all very interesting. But if you don't make that first visit, if you don't get in the door, it's a treasure that you're just not aware of."

Harris is also working to bring more educational opportunities to the museum. She and her husband are working to have a traveling exhibit that could circulate throughout the state.

Preserving and sharing the history of the North Shore of Long Island has been the mission of the North Shore Historical Museum since the repurposing the 1907 of the Justice Court building in Glen Cove in 2012.

At the museum, Driscoll said, there are exhibits dedicated to the history of local stores and Morgan Memorial Park. Most of the original architecture is still in place. Visitors would be able to tour the judge's chambers and courtroom, which hosts the museum's Mock Trial Program.

"I think that what goes on at the museum is such quality work," Harris said. "If more people got a glimpse of that and were aware of how fun and interesting these projects, these events, [and] these exhibits are, they would be eager to come back for more."

## North Shore Historical Museum

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# Kaiman, leader for 24-years runs for Congress

By LAURA LANE  
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Jon Kaiman has had a unique 24-year political career and some would say he's seen it all. Now he has his sights set on filling U.S. Rep. Tom Suozzi's seat, who he challenged unsuccessfully in 2016. Six years later, he's even more qualified than before, Kaiman said.

"I've partnered with local districts, with the state government, with the federal government, to address environmental needs, quality of life needs, social needs, community needs, and I appreciate and understand the larger issues that we face globally," Kaiman said. "I am comfortable engaging with those who agree and disagree with me. I've always been able to do this, which is unique."

His experiences in the political world began as the New York state campaign manager for Gary Hart's presidential run while Kaiman was a student at Hofstra University Law School. While a general practitioner, he was appointed as a Nassau County district court judge. Then he ran and won. He was former Gov. Andrew Cuomo's special advisor during Superstorm Sandy, where he was one of three who led the relief effort with New York Rising. Simultaneously, he served as chairman of Nassau Interim Finance Authority. But people on the North Shore probably remember him most as the Town of North Hempstead Supervisor from 2004 through 2013.

Now he's known in Suffolk County too. Kaiman, 59, of Great Neck, has been the deputy county executive for Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone since 2017, the only resident from Nassau in the administration.

Jerry Laricchiuta, the Long Island region one Civil Service Employees Association president, was on the opposite side of the bargaining table during contract negotiations in 2011, when Kaiman was the president of NIFA. He was able to do what most thought was impossible — negotiate a contract with Laricchiuta for the county's unions that lifted a four-year wage freeze.

"Jon slowly but surely approved certain things and gave his word it would be done correctly and because of him all five unions came together to unfreeze the contracts," Laricchiuta said. "If he wasn't chairman of NIFA it wouldn't have been done. Jon cares about workers and taxpayers."

Although Laricchiuta is quick to say he is a lifelong Republican, he said if he could, he would vote for Kaiman for Congress.

"I gained so much respect for him at that time. He just wouldn't quit," Laricchiuta recalled. "We didn't trust NIFA, but everything Jon said I believed him. He's not afraid to make tough decisions, not afraid to say something that may not be politically beneficial. He's credible. You know when you speak to him he means what he says and not just what you want to hear."

When Kaiman was North Hempstead supervisor in 2005, he implemented the 311 program, which still exists today. Resi-



Courtesy Jon Kaiman for Congress

**JON KAIMAN, RIGHT**, who was North Hempstead Town Supervisor for a decade, seen here with Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone, is ready to take his ideas and programs to the federal level.

dents can call the town with an issue, like a streetlight that's out, and an operator will direct it to the appropriate department. The town makes a commitment that the problem will be resolved in a certain amount of time and a record is kept of when the call was made and its progression, which department managers follow. Kaiman brought the program to Suffolk County and would like to expand its reach, if elected to Congress.

"We were giving everyone access to their government with this program," he said. "And it's giving people confidence that their government works and helps government to be able to manage its resources through data and connecting to the public."

The 311 program also reduces the burden on police for non-emergency events and issues. When residents can reach their government directly, they avoid calling 911, which is cost effective, Kaiman said.

As a congressman, he said he'd support giving federal grants to local municipalities so they can invest in the 311 system.

During Kaiman's career he's advocated for Long Island. While leading New York Rising, he ensured that additional monies — hundreds of millions of dollars — were given to L.I. to cover what the community needed.

He also founded Project Independence, which Kaiman said is his signature program, in 2008, which uses grant funding to help seniors remain in their homes as long as possible by connecting them to

additional services, programs and providers. Through the program, which still exists in the Town of North Hempstead, seniors can take a taxi cab to the supermarket and doctor's office paying a minimal fee with the town paying the rest of the fare.

"The first year of this program we went from providing 2,000 rides on our [town provided] bus to 25,000 rides in taxi cabs to medical appointments and supermarkets," Kaiman said. "I also arranged for a visiting neighbor program, social workers, a handyman program and an education program."

Kaiman plans to take Project Independence national. He's already created the model, fulfilling a request by Senator Kristen Gillibrand, which includes instructions for municipalities on how to apply for the program. Project Independence would also provide an avenue for government to use the data to solve problems, Kaiman said.

He's reformed Suffolk County's police department by co-chairing a task force, which brought together advocates, police, legislators, and individuals who have been impacted by policing in the community. A program was developed that uses data analytics, that Kaiman said will change the culture of policing, with its anti-bias, systemic-bias and de-escalation trainings.

Police are no longer promoted in Suffolk based on how many tickets they write or the number of arrests. Instead, they need to be able to document how many

## Jon Kaiman

**Party:** Democratic

**Age:** 59

**Lives in:** Great Neck

**Family:** Wife, three children

**Profession:** Attorney, Nassau County District Court Judge, former Gov. Andrew Cuomo's special advisor during Superstorm Sandy, leader in New York Rising, chairman of Nassau Interim Finance Authority, Town of North Hempstead Supervisor, Deputy Suffolk County Executive.

issues they resolved in the course of the day, which can vary from stopping a crime to helping a senior citizen.

Suffolk County Legislator Tom Donnelly, whose district covers parts of Babylon and Huntington, said he's enjoyed working with Kaiman.

"I've always found him to be pragmatic, professional and an independent thinker," Donnelly said. "He's able to listen to different opinions."

As far as Kaiman's skills with project management for the county, Donnelly said he gets things done, perhaps because he is adept in working across the aisle.

"If you were to call any county legislator they will all say Jon's engaging and able to be civil during heated moments and is able to pragmatically find a way to get projects to the finish line," Donnelly said.

As far as ensuring the environment is sound, Kaiman has several ideas. The carbon footprint needs to be reduced, which can be accomplished by changing the culture of municipal policies. Fleets need to be transitioned to electric vehicles and building codes need to be enforced that prohibit carbons from escaping into the environment, he said.

"We need to figure out how to create more sewers and improve the sewer systems and the wastewater treatment systems," Kaiman said. "I merged two sewer plants as supervisor and brought in a much more significant environmental process called tertiary treatment that significantly reduced the amount of nitrogen that went into the local waterway."

The federal government needs to create standards, he continued, so that municipal governments and local industry are obligated to reduce their carbon output. "At the same time, we need to provide resources for local governments to enforce these rules, and also, provide resources for them to invest in environmental fleets," he said, adding that Suffolk is about to launch an electric vehicle program.

What's interesting about his career trajectory, Kaiman said, is that he's been aggressive at solving problems and pursuing creative solutions to systemic problems, whether it's flooding, managing a government or giving people access to it. It's time, he said, to take everything he's done during his time as a leader to the federal level and go national with his programs.

On the  
campaign  
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# School expansions up for vote on May 17

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lack of room to cater to each student's needs, especially in a post-pandemic world.

Alison Fletcher, president of the Glen Cove Teachers Association, said that teachers are sharing rooms, and several have told her that they feel unsafe in the buildings.

"It's sad, because we have to do what's best for our students," Fletcher said. "And we cannot provide a quality education unless we have a safe environment for our students."

The classrooms are smaller than the typical New York state minimum of about 700 square feet, according to Superintendent Dr. Maria Rianna. When instruction went hybrid last year, the Deasy and Landing schools were unable to fit most of their students in classrooms while adhering to the 3-foot social distancing protocols.

"If we want the education of our students to improve, they need to be in school," parent Trish Teles said. "And in order for them to be in school, we need to have a healthy, safe environment for them to do that."

"There was actually no way to deal with 22 kids in a classroom," Rianna told the Herald on Monday. "There's no way to make it 3 feet."

Neither Deasy nor Landing complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act. When the Herald toured the schools on Monday, stairs were the only way to

access key parts of the building, even the entrances, with no ramp or elevator in sight.

The multipurpose rooms at both schools are true to their designations. The room at Deasy is used as a cafeteria, library, phys. ed. room and classroom. At Landing, the multipurpose room has served as a cafeteria, music room and gym.

Neither school has a kitchen to serve lunch; instead they have food shipped in from neighboring district schools. The Gribbin and Connolly schools are the only elementary schools that have kitchen, Rianna said.

In November, Pre-K classes at Deasy were moved to Gribbin after mold was found on classroom walls and ceilings at Deasy, which was built in 1910. In March, more mold was found behind the wall mats in the gym, which was then closed.

After construction began to rectify the mold problem at Deasy, the district found that the building had not been properly planned. Rianna showed the Herald a small door in a basement storage room, which led to a blocked area where water could leak into the building, and into the walls of adjacent classrooms. A sheetrock wall had been installed in the classrooms in front of the foundation wall, with at least a foot of space in between, allowing mold to grow.

If the construction is completed before the 2022-23 school year, Rianna said, she hopes to return the district's Pre-K pro-



Letisha Dass/Herald

**A FIFTH-GRADE CLASSROOM** in Landing Elementary School.

gram to the building.

"Stop putting a band aid on it, we must repair our schools," Fletcher said at last week's budget hearing. "I must advocate for my membership."

The district will offer four pre-K classes in September. The extension at Deasy

would make room for either the additional pre-K classes or music, art or other special classes.

"Having a nice infrastructure, and also having special ed and mental health [services]," Glinert said, "is very big in education to get kids inspired."

## A breakdown of district spending

- Proposition 1: The school budget – \$73,402,867. It is 1.8 percent, or \$500,000, larger than the current spending plan.
- Capital outlay projects will cost roughly \$1 million.
- Proposition 2: Extensions at the Landing and Deasy elementary schools, which would be covered by stimulus funds at no cost to taxpayers. Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriation Act funding of \$2,988,229 will be used for the Deasy extension. The Landing extension would use \$4,078,228 of the district's American Rescue Plan funding of \$5,370,328.
- Proposition 3: Student Representative. A senior class member would have an opportunity to participate in Board of Education discussions. He or she would be required to attend all meetings, and would have no voting rights.

## CRIME WATCH

### Arrests

- On May 5, an 18-year-old male from Glen Head was arrested for third-degree criminal mischief on Garvies Point Road.
- On May 6, an 18-year-old male from Glen Head was arrested for third-degree criminal mischief on Garvies

Point Road.

- On May 7, a 27-year-old male from Plantation, Florida and a 28-year-old male from Springfield Gardens were arrested for second-degree auto stripping, two counts of third-degree grand larceny, two counts of second-degree criminal mischief, and possession of burglar tools on Cedar Swamp Road.

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

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## Saint Boniface Feast By The Shore returns

After a two year break, Saint Boniface Feast By The Shore is back. It will take place at Harry Tappan Beach in Glenwood Landing on May 19, from 6 to 10 p.m.; May 20 from 6 to 11 p.m.; May 21 from 1 to 11 p.m.; and May 22 from 1 to 6 p.m.

There will be fun for everyone, featuring rides from Newton Shows, food and drinks. Musical entertainment will take place nightly in the Town of Oyster Bay Showmobile: Alibi will perform on May 19 from 7 to 11 p.m.; Chicken Head on May 20 from 6 to 7:30 p.m.; Livestock on May 21 from 8 to 11 p.m.; and Frank Ferrara and Students on May 22 from 2 to 5 p.m.

Purchase pay-one-price ride bracelet in advance for a discount and save. Go to [saintboniface.org/feast](http://saintboniface.org/feast) for more information and to scan the website code to purchase ride tickets.



Courtesy Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of Long Island  
**BIKE AND SEWING** machine collection at the Ethical Humanist Society of Long Island in 2020.

## Recycling bikes and sewing machines

It's time to put those old bicycles and sewing machines to good use. For the 18th year, the Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of Long Island, in partnership with the Ethical Humanist Society of Long Island, is collecting used bicycles and sewing machines on May 14 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

at the Ethical Humanist Society of Long Island, 38 Old Country Road, Mineola.

Items collected will be refurbished by the international projects Pedals for Progress & Sewing Peace and sent to Belize in Central America. Anyone with an adult or child's bicycle in repairable condition or a working portable sewing machine is urged to donate. The program does not accept "bikes for parts," disassembled bikes or tricycles.

Since it costs \$40 to collect, process, ship, rebuild and distribute each bicycle, a donation toward shipping costs is suggested at a minimum of \$20 per item. All cash and material donations are fully deductible, and a receipt will be provided on site. Since the collection started, RPCV of Long Island has collected 1,668 bicycles and 261 sewing machines that have been distributed to Rwanda, Tanzania, Togo, Guatemala, Albania, and Kosovo amongst others.

Pedals for Progress, which collects bicycles and sewing machines annually and transfers this material wealth to those more needy, has shipped more than 163,785 bikes and 5,523 sewing machines to developing countries in Latin America, Africa, Eastern Europe, and the Caribbean. In these countries the bikes are reconditioned by partner agencies and distributed at a low cost to poor, working adults and children.

These bikes provide reliable transportation for those commuting to school, work, transporting product to market and accessing health care and other services. Sewing machine shipments help initiate educational programs and generate income opportunities that may otherwise remain out of reach for many people. Steady employment for adults is vital to the development and success of struggling communities. The second shipment is expected to be sent in June to Tanzania.

## M.S. talent show to donate to Ukraine

Robert M Finley Middle School will be hosting a talent show on May 13 at 7 p.m. The idea for the show started with Finley student Michael Renga and with the help of teachers he has been able to assist in producing the event. Finley students and staff will be performing an array of acts including magic tricks, string quintets, piano solos, duets, vocal solos and cheerleading. Tickets are \$8.00 and all proceeds will go to the people of Ukraine.

## School board election

Voters are being asked to vote for the Glen Cove City School District budget and choose among candidates for the two open seats on the Board of Education on May 17. Additionally there are propositions to consider involving a student representative on the BOE and construction to the Deasy and Landing elementary schools.

David Huggins, Audre Lynn Hurston James, and Lia Leone, the current president are the candidates. Elections will be held at Connolly School and Glen Cove High School from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

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# COMMUNITY UPDATE

## Friday, May 13

### School talent show

Join Robert M Finley Middle School as they put on a talent show at 7 p.m. Finley students and staff will be performing an array of acts including magic tricks, string quintets, piano solos, duets, vocal solos and cheerleading. All proceeds from the event will go to the people of Ukraine, an idea that came from Finley student Michael Renga. Tickets are \$8. For further information, contact Krystle Gonzalez at [krysgonzalez@glencoveschools.org](mailto:krysgonzalez@glencoveschools.org).

### Aledort and the Groove Kings

Head on over to Still Partners in Sea Cliff to enjoy the music of Andy Aledort and the Groove Kings from 8 to 11 p.m. Enjoy as the band blows the roof off performing songs from their newest album, *Light of Love*. Admission is free.

## Saturday, May 14

### BenAnna Band

Join the Locust Valley Library from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. for this fun family music program. Kids will go bananas for the BenAnna Band, a musical duo focused on inclusion and music for all ages, abilities, and identities. This family and sensory-friendly concert will have kids and adults singing, dancing, and playing along on live instruments. Bring your dancing shoes, some instruments, and big smiles to make this musical performance one to remember.

## Sunday, May 15

### Oyster Bay Market

Stop by in front of Oyster Bay Town Hall and join in the Oyster Bay Market from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Purchase fresh food, craft goods, and more in the center of downtown Oyster Bay. The Market runs every other Sunday, from May 1 to November 13.

### Let's Groove music

Head to the Oyster Bay-East Norwich



Courtesy Jimmy Emerson

## Theodore's Books presents Melissa Gilbert

Join Theodore's Books at the Cana Foundation in East Norwich at 2 p.m. on May 17 for a very special event with New York Times bestselling author and "Little House on the Prairie" actress, Melissa Gilbert, as she discusses her memoir *Back to the Prairie* with Steve Israel and Carol Hoenig. Tickets are \$35.00 plus tax and includes admission to the event, a copy of "Back to the Prairie," and wine and light refreshments. Guests will receive their copy of the book at the event and so are reminded to save their receipts. Books will also be available for purchase at the event.

Library and join Lisa from Let's Groove Children's Entertainment for a fun-filled music class from 11 a.m. to noon. Get ready to move and groove to a bunch of tunes, while having fun with shakers, scarves, animal puppets, a parachute and bubbles.

## Monday, May 16

### The police and the Constitution

Head to the Gold Coast Public Library for a presentation on the history of policing and law in America. Join Jim Coll as he explains how throughout American history, the legal system has struggled with a delicate balance between two sometimes-opposing objectives: the preservation of individual liberty and the obligation to ensure public safety. Highlighting circumstances and Supreme Court decisions, this discussion will illustrate how Founding-era ideals have been applied to the evolving powers and limitations of the police in

modern society.

## Tuesday, May 17

### Latin American genealogy

Stop by the Bayville Free Library at 7 p.m. for a lesson in genealogy. Learn how to trace your Latin American ancestors back through time by uncovering their often-voluminous U.S. immigration records and detailed civil registers (vital records) in their countries of origin. Many of these historical documents have been digitized or can be obtained for little or no cost, allowing researchers to build out their Latin American family trees with ease! Presented by professional genealogist Alec Ferretti. Please register at [bayvillefreelibrary.org](http://bayvillefreelibrary.org) for the Zoom link.

### Get your head examined

Join the Glen Cove Public Library for a Zoom presentation on Alzheimer's from 11

a.m. to noon. Dr. Christopher Christodoulou from Stony Brook Medicine's Center of Excellence for Alzheimer's explores the different aspects of thinking - attention, memory, language, visual processing, motor functions, feelings, etc. - and how they can be impacted by different forms of dementia. Learn how neuropsychological evaluations can help in distinguishing healthy aging versus dementia. Christodoulou will also discuss the aging brain, dementia and provide an overview of Alzheimer's Disease.

## Wednesday, May 18

### Chess club

The Glen Cove Senior Center has begun holding a chess club at 11 a.m. Join them for a fun and challenging game. Please note, you must be 60 years of age or older to become a member of the senior center. For further information, call the senior

center at (516) 759-9610.

### Full STEAM ahead

Visit the Bayville Free Library from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. for this STEAM introductory class presented by A Time for Kids. The class will provide the materials to design, create, and experiment using manipulatives that encourage problem-solving and critical thinking for children aged three to five, accompanied by an adult. For more information, contact Jennifer Russo at (516) 628-2765.

## Thursday, May 19

### Outdoor baby storytime

Pop by the Locust Valley Library to enjoy books and songs and sunny days. Babies from birth to 24 months are welcome, and remember to bring a blanket. Guests are welcome to socialize afterwards. Weather permitting. This is an 8 week long program so registering for one date holds your spot for the entire program.

## HAVING AN EVENT?

Items on the Community Update pages are listed for free. 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 [wsheeline.com](mailto:wsheeline.com)

## 5 things to know about your town

- The Glen Cove Public Library will be holding a board meeting on May 17 from 6:45 to 9 p.m.
- The Village of Bayville will be holding a board meeting on May 23 at 6:30 p.m.
- The Town of Oyster Bay will be holding a board meeting on May 24 at 7 p.m.
- The Village of Sea Cliff Zoning Board of Appeals will be meeting on May 24 at 7 p.m.
- The Village of Sea Cliff Architectural Review Board will be meeting on May 24 at 7:30 p.m.

## NEIGHBORS IN THE NEWS



Courtesy Tab Hauser

**PAST PRESIDENTS** TOM Collery, left, Kenny Moore, Tom Gecseti, Brian Pemberton, Bobby Otaviano, John Grella, and Jim Collins enjoyed the Matinecock Gun and Rod Club Presidents Award Dinner.

## Matinecock Rod and Gun Club Presidents Award Dinner

Glen Cove's sporting club, The Matinecock Gun and Rod Club, recently held its Covid delayed 77th annual President's Award Dinner. With 75 members in attendance, the group enjoyed cocktails, appetizers, and a three-course dinner. Shortly after dinner, awards were given in differ-

ent sporting categories, including fishing, hunting and marksmanship. A special moment near the end of the evening occurred when past presidents in attendance were asked to be recognized for their hard work in keeping the organization going.



Courtesy Loggia Glen Cove

**OFFICERS, MEMBERSHIP, AND** the Glen Cove mayor celebrated the 102nd Anniversary of Loggia Glen Cove.

## Loggia Glen Cove celebrates 102nd anniversary in style

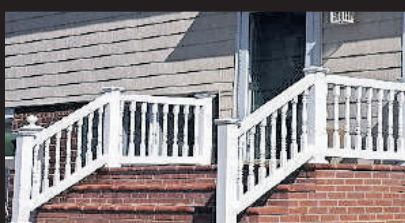
Loggia Glen Cove #1016 Order of the Sons and Daughters of Italy celebrated its 102nd anniversary on May 4. Formed by Giuseppe A. Nigro with several fellow immigrants in April of 1920, Loggia Glen Cove was Long Island's first Order of the Sons and Daughters of Italy in America Lodge.

Nigro immigrated from Sturmo when he was a teenager and within a few years opened a coal and lumber yard in Glen Cove. Joining Nigro were 10 other Italian Americans. The cere-

mony to officially open the lodge was held in the Orchard House and was attended by the Italian ambassador, the Mayor of Glen Cove and other dignitaries.

The public is invited to join the lodge on May 22 at 12:30 pm, to celebrate the lodge's 100, 101, and 102 anniversaries. The celebration will be held at Verdi's of Westbury. For information, reach out to president Joe Gallo at [LoggiaGlenCove@gmail.com](mailto:LoggiaGlenCove@gmail.com)

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# Foote fine-tuned his Roosevelt to make him real

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“He was one of those real fixtures, an eccentric bohemian that Sea Cliff is known for,” former Mayor Ed Lieberman said.

Foote was born in New Jersey but grew up in an apartment in Glenwood Landing. He graduated from North Shore High School in 1968, and enlisted in the Navy two weeks later. But two weeks before he was to leave for basic training, his stepfather, John Foote, died. “He died in Jim’s arms,” Joni said. “He so loved his stepfather, and considered not leaving yet. But he decided to go, because he thought his stepfather would have wanted it that way.”

For four years during the Vietnam War, Foote was the plane captain on the aircraft carrier USS Constellation. He was among the group called the “brown shirts,” the men who used hand signals to launch planes off the ship and direct them upon their return.

He loved Sea Cliff, so when he married Joni Burke nearly 43 years ago, they bought a house there. The couple did not have children, but Foote loved children and they loved him, Joni said.

At one time he traveled 20,000 miles a year to portray Roosevelt, visiting schools across Long Island. He was reminded of how big an impact he had on students a few years ago, when a man stopped him on the street. “He said, ‘You came to my class, and because of your visit I became a history teacher,’” Joni said. “Jim loved hearing that. He glowed when people made comments like that.”

A lifelong lover of history, Foote first became interested in Roosevelt as a Boy Scout, when his troop visited Sagamore Hill, the Cove Neck home where T.R. lived in the summer during his presidency, and then full time until his death in 1919. After that, Foote read everything he could get his hands on about him. By the time he became a re-enactor, Foote had memorized Roosevelt’s speeches, and mastered his staccato oral style and even his gait.

“Jim hated being called an impersonator, because he thought that was show business, and he wasn’t doing that,” said Bill Bleyer, a retired Newsday staffer who wrote often about Foote. “He was always very concerned about authenticity. He didn’t want to be a caricature.”

The idea of portraying the 26th president came about after Foote grew a mustache while in the Navy, and in 1975 began wearing glasses. That’s when someone told him he looked like Roosevelt, Joni said, leading him to see if others felt the same way. He decided to go to a costume party as a Rough Rider, and bought his outfit at a thrift store. One of the partygoers asked him if he would march in an upcoming Memorial Day parade as T.R. “It snowballed from there,” Joni said.

By 1978, Foote was appearing regularly as Roosevelt. He began working as a volunteer re-enactor at Sagamore Hill in 1985, giving tours of Roosevelt’s home and the grounds. Sue Sarna, a former Sagamore Hill curator, met Foote in 1989. Sarna was new to the job, but couldn’t help but notice how Foote embodied Roosevelt, down to the clothing he wore. “He



Courtesy Edward Lieberman

**FORMER SEA CLIFF** Mayor Edward Lieberman, center, with Don Mullen (Abraham Lincoln) and James Foote (Theodore Roosevelt) at the Sea Cliff Mini Mart in 2021.

studied the details to get his clothing right,” Sarna said. “Depending on the event, he’d be wearing a top hat and tails, or if it was a western event he’d wear what T.R. wore when he was out West. Jim had several outfits.”

Foote appeared as Roosevelt for free until the late 1990s, Joni said. Then he began charging a minimal fee, to cover the cost of dry-cleaning of the costumes and gas.

He did well, booking several appearances. In 1994 he retired from his job as a machinist at Herbert Products, in Westbury, to become a Roosevelt re-enactor full time.

Joni said her husband read even newer books about T.R., because he felt a responsibility to answer questions from his audiences accurately. He spent hours fine-tuning his Roosevelt. Sarna said Foote brought the man to life at the museum.

“Jim inspired me to love T.R. more because I got to know him through Jim,” said Sarna, who is now the program manager at Fire Island National Seashore. “Someone would be giving a tour and he’d bound down the stairs as T.R., and it would enthral people.”

Howard Ehrlich, CEO of the Theodore Roosevelt Association, has known Foote for decades, dating back to when he was a volunteer at Sagamore Hill. Ehrlich said he has many fond memories of his friend.

“Jim was almost like a historian,” Ehrlich said. “He knew [Roosevelt’s] famous speeches and sayings. Jim was a nice man who loved what he did.”

Jonathan Parker, the superintendent at Sagamore Hill National Historic Site, didn’t know Foote, who retired five years before Parker’s arrival. But Parker has heard plenty about Foote.

“Jim created original, compelling opportunities for kids and adults to connect with Theodore Roosevelt in a manner that transformed a visit to Sagamore Hill from ‘ordinary’ to extraordinary,” Parker wrote in an email. “His cordial, ever-knowledgeable and gregarious persona was popular with both visitors and staff.”

Tweed Roosevelt, the president’s great-great-grandson, said that Foote was one of the best re-enactors he’d ever seen. “Jim learned as much as he could about T.R. and set the standard,” Tweed said. “He brought T.R. to life, and by doing so served a wider audience than books and TV shows. I really liked him.”

Lieberman met Foote 25 years ago. The former mayor is also a history buff, and his law office is decorated with Roosevelt memorabilia.

“I took an immediate liking to him,” Lieberman said. “He had a wealth of knowledge. I was almost a student of his.”

Foote appeared as Roosevelt whenever

asked, and took part in all of the local parades. He would lead Oyster Bay’s Fourth of July parade and speak at the bandstand afterward, reciting a T.R. speech.

Foote was also known for his sense of humor, and for being quick on his feet. When Lieberman asked him to attend a Lions Club convention to meet the members, Lieberman recalled with a laugh, “He came in after I introduced him, and said he hadn’t seen so many lions since his safari in Africa.”

Foote appeared as Roosevelt at the White House, in a History Channel documentary, on C-Span and even as a guest on “The Colbert Report” on Comedy Central. “I learned that Jim’s popularity and public recognition really skyrocketed after this appearance on Colbert,” Parker wrote. “Apparently visitors would recognize him in [Sagamore Hill] from Colbert, and ask him to repeat some of his ‘greatest hits’ from his appearance on the show. They loved it.”

Joni ordered red, white and blue flowers for Foote’s wake at Whitting Funeral Home, which was on Wednesday. And she made a decision that she said her husband would agree with. “Jim was big on pomp and circumstance,” Joni explained. “He’s going to wear his T.R. outfit, and the glasses, too. And I’m having the beard he grew during Covid shaved off.”





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# HERALD NEIGHBORS

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Photos courtesy Tab Hauser

NEARLY THREE DOZEN volunteers came out to celebrate Arbor Day on Saturday.

## Planting one tree at a time at Morgan Park

To encourage the preservation and upkeep of trees, the Glen Cove Beautification Commission held a tree planting event on Arbor Day, which was on Friday this year. Dozens of volunteers from the community joined in to help dig and plant young trees in honor of the national environmental holiday. Educating the community on the importance of the day, Christina McLaughlin, educator of the Cornell Cooperative, presented posters on the benefits of trees.

In Latin, “arbor” means tree. The holiday first started in 1872 in Nebraska City, Nebraska by journalist Julius Sterling Morton and the Nebraska Board of Agriculture. The first event was named “Sylvan Day” in reference to forest trees, however, Morton convinced the board to change the name to “Arbor Day” to represent the community’s appreciation of trees. Across the country, states began to celebrate the day. In 1970, Arbor Day was recognized as a national holiday by President Richard Nixon.

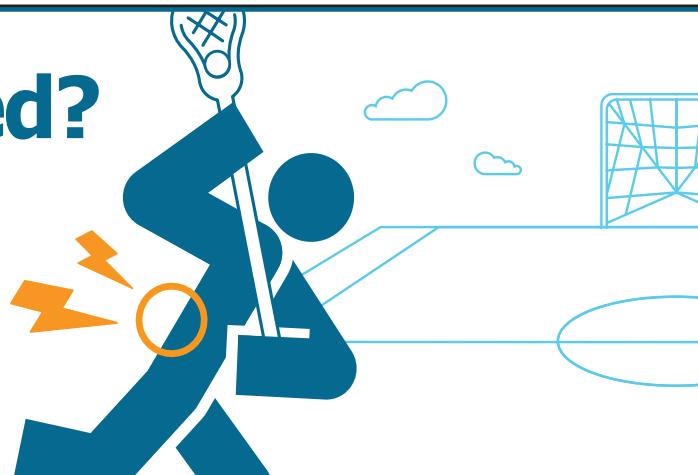


**ELIZABETH MESTRES AND Manny Grelles** moved a young tree to plant.

**BRUCE KENNEDY, STU Wasserfall and Rob Labaw** started digging at the tree planting event held at Morgan Memorial Park.

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# Get ready to rock next week in Sea Cliff 11

By WILL SHEELINE  
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The Love Your Neighbor Project is bringing the spirit of music to the Village of Sea Cliff with its first-ever Rock for Love Porchfest. On May 21, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., residents will be treated to live music performed on their neighbors' porches, while enjoying self-guided walking tours and a concert in the village.

The idea for the Porchfest originated with Sean Llewellyn, who has lived in Sea Cliff for 10 years. When he was on the village's Youth Activities Board in 2019, he discovered that the upstate city of Ithaca had held a similar event in 2012, and thought it would be perfect for Sea Cliff.

"What, you know, so fascinated myself and the other members of the board was that Sea Cliff has all of these great porches, with these lovely Victorian houses and other interesting houses," Llewellyn said. "And with all the super-talented musicians we have, it seemed like a great way to bring the community together."

Porchfest was originally scheduled for May of 2020, and the coronavirus pandemic shut those plans down. Then, in February of this year, Llewellyn bumped into Jaime Teich, "chief neighbor" of the Love Your Neighbor Project, at one of her charity events. When Teich heard about the proposed project, she said, she thought it was exactly the kind of event

that she wanted to get involved in.

"When Sean brought the idea to me, I thought, 'What a great way to celebrate Love Your Neighbor Project's second year,'" Teich said. "We think the Porchfest is a lovely way to celebrate what Love Your Neighbor Project has become, as a community."

Residents will be able to purchase a map of the village, detailing the locations and times at which some 25 local bands that have signed on will perform on the porches of some of Sea Cliff's homes, for \$20. Then they can wander the village and enjoy the music.

Of course, it wouldn't be a Love Your Neighbor Project event without a charitable angle, so Teich brought several members of nonprofits and local organizations into the mix. Kim Velentzas, of Glen Cove, runs the Porch Pantry, formed during the pandemic to help families in the area who were struggling to put food on the table. The pantry continues to serve the community, and at Porchfest it will put out bins at two to-be-determined locations, for people to donate nonperishable foods for the roughly 175 families the facility serves.

"When I heard about this ..., " Velentzas

said, "I reached out to [Teich] and said, 'You're calling this the Porchfest, we're the Porch Pantry. How about we do some food donations in the process?' And she loved the idea. It was really a match made in heaven."

The Sea Cliff Arts Council also plans to contribute to the event. Paying homage to last year's Art with Heart event, which was a collaboration between Love Your Neighbor and the Arts Council, residents will once again be able to paint on murals scattered around the village. The murals will be collected at the end of the event, and will be auctioned off to raise money for the Arts Council and Love Your Neighbor. Arts Council President Kat DiResta noted how happy members were to be working with Teich on another project.

"We were so happy to get involved with her for this community project," DiResta said. "She has such a big heart, and now residents will get to enjoy a mural community art element as well as live music."

The number and range of the bands that have agreed to perform is nothing short of remarkable. Liz Winchester, who works with Music at the Woodshed in Sea Cliff, helped contact many of the musi-

cians, and said that recruiting local talent was a top priority.

"I didn't even think of contacting any musicians outside of Sea Cliff for this event," Winchester said. "We have so much talent in the village, it just would've been a waste to get musicians from anywhere else."

The Roger Street Friedman Band is one group that will be performing. Friedman, who is currently working on his fourth album, said he was excited about bringing some music to the community. "I love the whole idea of it, the Rock for Love theme," he said. "It's a wonderful community that we live in, with all kinds of great people and a lot of diversity of thought. So it's nice to be able to come together."

Another local band, One Square Mile, will be making its public debut. Lead singer Lisa Cashman said she was grateful that it would happen at such a great event. "We're really excited, and the fact that it's all in the village makes it really easy for us," Cashman said. "We can do our thing, then hang out, maybe have a barbecue, listen to music in our village. It's such a wonderful idea that the whole village will just be lit up in song for the day."

It's such a wonderful idea, that the whole village will just be lit up in song for the day.

**LISA CASHMAN**  
Porchfest performer



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## eLEVate the Conversation

### Welcome to the generation

By Lauren Lev

I may be married longer than a few years and have been a parent for a long while too, but I can't help feeling like I need a new learner's permit when it comes to today's generation and their world when it comes to life milestones: celebrating a wedding, buying a home or preparing for baby.

After another joyous wedding anniversary last week, my husband and I reminisced over what it took to arrange our wedding. We were an unexpected discerning duo who selected and contracted everything ourselves. Event planners kept looking over our shoulders disappointed that they didn't meet any parents who should have accompanied us with their checkbooks.

That's more the norm as I witness today's brides and grooms in a virtual and digital world – the only difference between our determination and theirs lies in their unlimited choices. Not just dresses and ceremony locations, but destination bachelor or bachelorette parties, staged post-party events that rival rehearsal dinners, the over-the-top ceremonies and legions of bridesmaids and groomsmen. I'm just getting used to the new trappings: Shutterfly's "Save the Dates" refrigerator magnets, or cute phrases that join the couple's names together with a hashtag.

With interest rates rising rapidly and costs and taxes never low in Long Island to begin with, Millennials and Gen Z are the generations that may come late or never when it comes to owning homes and cars. Owning is no longer a rite of passage, embracing unique experiences is. Despite being saddled with tuition debt they need to find the right job and home balance. It's more about loyalty to the companies they buy from and less about loyalty to a company they work for until "retirement" (whatever that is).

As for babies, I did pick out gender neutral clothes for my infant and toddler in the 1990s before it was a thing. I can't say the same for today's elaborate gender reveals and high intensity baby showers, yet I admire current parents who value quality, organics and eco-friendly products for their offspring. I was able to buy The Earth's Best Baby Food as a competitor of Beech-Nut and Gerber, but that was about all.

No generation has it simple, no group has the life events down pat. I'm just glad that as I watch the latest couples make their way down the aisle or maternity ward, no one has to go backwards to offerings such as the catering halls of my era, complete with inept photographers and waiters who could provide a "marching performance" while serving the salad.

## THE GREAT BOOK GURU

### Troubled waters

**D**ear Great Book Guru,  
One of my favorite pastimes (after reading, of course!) is swimming. My friends and I meet regularly at a local pool, and one of them mentioned a book about swimming, a novel that she said reminded her of us. Do you know the book she is talking about, and would you recommend it?  
—Pool and Book Fan



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Dear Pool and Book Fan,  
"The Swimmers," by Judith Otsuka is a beautifully written short novel that can be enjoyed on many levels. The story opens with a group narrator — a Greek chorus of sorts — who briefly recounts the stories of a group of men and women who have been swimming together for many years. The pleasure each experiences, regardless of age or skill, is exquisitely described. The story shifts as a crack in the pool is discovered and then another and then another. It

becomes clear that the pool must be closed for repair but soon it is announced that it will be closed permanently. The damage is irreparable ... and the damage to the swimmers is also catastrophic.

The story shifts once again, focusing on one of the swimmers whose decline is as rapid and irreversible as the fate of the pool. The reader is left wondering whether the pool is a metaphor for our world. Is the crack political or perhaps a symbol of the pandemic? Does change inevitably bring an end to the things that give comfort and security? The author leaves us with much to ponder.

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 Ida Johnson  
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 Board of Education  
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**CITY OF GLEN COVE PLANNING BOARD**  
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kennels, grooming, dog training and agility in a former gymnasium space located at 10 Shore Rd., Glen Cove, NY, designated on the Nassau County Land & Tax Map as Sections 21, Block 199, Lot 465 and located in the city's B-2 Peripheral Commercial District. The application is on file at the city offices located at 9 Glen Street, Glen Cove, NY where it may be seen during regular business hours of the usual business days until the time of the hearing. Dated: May 1, 2022  
**ANDREW KAUFMAN**  
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The website where electronic files including the Contract Documents [Construction Drawings, Project Manual with Specifications, Agreement between Owner and Contractor, and the Conditions of the Contract (General, Supplementary and other Conditions)] will be provided by Gallin Beeler Design Studios upon request via email to the following address: [mflamm@gb-ds.com](mailto:mflamm@gb-ds.com). Bid documents may be obtained electronically beginning at 1:00PM on Tuesday, May 10, 2022. Bids must be made in the standard proposal form in the manner designated therein and as required by the Specifications that must be enclosed in sealed envelopes bearing the name of the job and name and address of the bidder on the outside, addressed to: Glen Cove Public Library, clearly marked on the outside: Bid For: Window Replacement Project. Each proposal submitted must be accompanied by a certified check or bid bond, made payable to the Glen Cove Public Library, in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total amount of the bid, as a commitment by the bidder that, if its bid is accepted, it will enter into a contract to perform the work and will execute such further security as may be required for the faithful performance of

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**CITY OF GLEN COVE PLANNING BOARD**  
 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a PUBLIC HEARING will be held by the City of Glen Cove Planning Board on Tuesday, May 17, 2022, at 7:30 p.m., at the Council Chambers, City Hall, 9 Glen Street, Glen Cove, New York, when all interested persons will be given an opportunity to express their views. The hearing will be on the Application of Surge Management, LLC seeking a Special Use Permit and Site Plan Approval to operate a restaurant and catering facility with live entertainment in an existing 10,000 square foot space building located at 19 Glen St., Glen Cove, NY, designated on the Nassau County Land & Tax Map as Sections 23, Block E, Lot 441 and located in the city's B-1 Central Commercial District and CBD Overlay Business District. The above application is on file at the city offices located at 9 Glen Street, Glen Cove, NY where it may be seen during regular business hours of the usual business days until the time of the hearing. Dated: May 1, 2022  
**ANDREW KAUFMAN**  
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## OBITUARIES

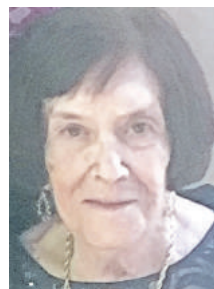
### Rolando E. Lugones Jr.



**Rolando E. Lugones Jr.**

Rolando E. Lugones Jr., 70, of Glen Cove, died on May 11, 2022. Beloved husband of Brenda; adored son of Edith and the late Rolando; loving father of Joseph, Amanda, Rolando III (Amorel), Andre (Devin); dear brother of Mario; cherished grandfather of Eladia. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Visitation at Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home on Thursday, from 4 to 9 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial at St. Rocco Roman Catholic Church, Friday at 10 a.m. Interment to follow at St. Raymonds Cemetery.

### Antonia 'Carmela' Savignano



**Antonia Savignano**

Antonia 'Carmela' Savignano, 85, of Glen Cove, died on May 4, 2022. Beloved wife of the late Giuseppe; loving mother of Maria Basile Graf (Kevin and the late Philip), Joann Capobianco (Thomas); dear sister of Domenico (Silvana); cherished grandmother of Samantha, Kayla, Jonathan, and Christopher. Visitation and prayer service were at Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home. Interment East Hillside Cemetery.

### Sheila Denise Murphy

Sheila Denise Murphy, 61, of Glen Cove, died on April 29, 2022. Beloved mother of Charles E. Mack, Symera Chandler and Shantel Chantel; loving

daughter of Yvonne Murphy and the late Thomas Murphy; dear sister of Demetrius, Deborah Jenifer, Jackie Faison, Vanessa Ahjohn, Veronica, and Jerry; cherished grandmother of Milani, Kaelin, Kason, Tahmir, Maleah, Queen-Madison, and Akyli. Arrangements and service was entrusted to Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home. Interment is private.

### Donna M. Martino

Donna M. Martino, 70, of Glen Cove, died on April 22, 2022. She is survived by her constant companion and guardian angel, Anthony J. Ciampi; her brothers William Martino (Charlotte), Michael Martino (Eileen); her nephew William Martino, Jr. (Nicole) and his three children; Lori Martino (Michael) and her two children. Predeceased by her parents, Leroy and Erica Martino, and her loving Aunt Fay Martino.

Gifted at poetry, with a keen sense of humor, she brought warmth and wit to every room she entered. Everyone who knew her felt her love. Her incredible spirit touched so many lives and she will always be in our hearts. Arrangements entrusted to Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home.

### Michael Lawless

Michael Lawless, 75, of Glen Cove, died on May 7, 2022. Lawless was born to Michael and Betty Lawless on June 24, 1947 and was a longtime resident of Locust Valley. Lawless worked for Walton P. Davis and later for Southern Wines. He leaves behind his wife, Mary-Ann (née Nielsen), Deborah (James), John (Amy), predeceased by Dave (Sandy). He had six grandchildren, Jamie Leigh, Callie, David, Sean, Jackie, and Gwen. Predeceased by his siblings, Peter Lawless and Katherine Juhasz (Lawless) as well as loving nieces Victoria Carroccio (Juhasz) and Amanda Juhasz.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
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The hearing will be on the application of Roni Epstein who is appealing the determination of the Building Department Director to issue a building permit to 135 Glen Cove Ave. Corp to construct a 176-unit rental apartment known as The Villa at Glen Cove (The Villa Project), on the grounds that all conditions required by the Planning Board as a condition precedent for obtaining a building permit were allegedly not satisfied prior to issuance

of the building permit and that a determination by the Building Department Administrator was not made pursuant to Glen Cove City Code Section 111-11 (A). The subject premises is located at 131-135 Glen Cove Avenue, Glen Cove, New York, known as Section 21, Block 244, Lots 55, 60, 61, 66 and part of 77 and Section 21, Block 38, Lots 152, 196, 202 and 203 on the Land and Tax Map of Nassau County which is located in the City's Zoning District

B-2(RIO-GCA). The above Application is on file at the city offices located at 9 Glen St., Glen Cove, NY where it may be seen during regular hours of the usual business days until the time of the hearing. Dated: BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS  
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## OPINIONS

## Elections are coming — make democracy work

**W**ho's to blame for New York's increase in crime, its high taxes and the general feeling of dread many of us feel? It would be wrong to hold state Democratic Party elected officials solely responsible. But to the extent that government is accountable for public safety, setting tax

rates and public spending priorities, and the overall order of civil society, you'd have to cast the evil eye at the left.

Democrats have controlled the governor's office and the state senate and Assembly since 2019. They've had the majority in the Assembly since 1975. There

are now 105 Democrats in the Assembly and only 43 Republicans. The Assembly Speaker, Carl Heastie, is a Democrat. In the state senate, there are 42 Democrats and 20 Republicans, and senate Llider Andrea Stewart-Cousins is a Democrat. Democrats serve as governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general and comptroller. Both U.S. Senators are Democrats, as are 19 of 27 members of New York's delegation in the House of Representatives.

Given those stats, who else could be

responsible for failing to effectively deal with such quality-of-life issues as shoot-outs on city streets and incidents like the fight at the Roosevelt Field Mall on May 1, which reporters described as a "large disturbance" and a Twitter user called a "terrifying event." It's indisputable that the people in charge have not done nearly enough to help citizens feel secure in their homes, on their streets or at their kitchen tables at tax-preparation and household-budgeting time.

Happily, violent- and property-crime rates in Nassau County are extremely low, especially the further east you go from the Queens border.

But that isn't the case in New York City. CNN reported that Major crimes in New York City "spiked nearly 60 percent in February compared to the same month in 2021. The city recorded a 41 percent increase in overall major crime through the first months of 2022 compared to the same period last year, including a nearly 54 percent increase in robberies, a 56 percent increase in grand larceny incidents, and a 22 percent increase in rape reports."

The state budget is \$216.5 billion. New York City's budget is \$98.5 billion. Next to funding pensions, health plans and civil

service compensation packages, New Yorkers want safe streets; clean, violence-free and timely public transportation; only enough taxation to meet voters' priorities; pure water and properly inspected food establishments; non-ideological public-school curriculums taught by competent, background-checked educators; good parks and infrastructure in good repair.

But it is unfair, wrong and too easy to simply blame Democrats. There used to be a saying about the state legislature — which applied to Republicans and Democrats — that it was more likely for Albany's elected officials to leave office by indictment, arrest

or resignation under legal pressure than by losing re-election.

The problem isn't in the parties, but in the system — systemic greed for money, power, celebrity or ego satisfaction. Instead of blaming Democrats, I think it's the corrupt system of elections and governance that most interferes with effectively addressing our public policy problems.

Cynically redrawing election-district borders to favor one party, making it therefore more likely that the majority party remains in power — gerrymandering — is one sign of that systemic corrup-

tion, one that the controlling party has no interest in fixing.

The system that permits district attorneys, such as Manhattan's Alvin Bragg, to decide which felonies and violent misdemeanors are prosecuted is destructive of good community order. The system that releases even violent offenders without bail — euphemistically called "bail reform" by liberal politicians — encourages recurring criminal behavior and makes law-abiding citizens more vulnerable. The illegal system of trading campaign contributions for contract awards is another bastardization of political power.

No matter what systemic corruptions exist, citizens still have the power to make changes, if only they vote. Far too many elections are decided by far too few voters as a percentage of those eligible to register and cast ballots.

Democracy isn't about the submission of the minority to the majority. Democracy works when the rate of participation exceeds citizens' penchant for passivity.

In spite of the prevalence of a left-leaning press and social media censorship, in spite of largely party-dominated candidate selections and other obstacles to fair elections, we citizens can rise up — and vote.

*John O'Connell is a former executive editor of the Herald Community Newspapers. Comments? OConnell11001@yahoo.com.*



**JOHN  
O'CONNELL**

## Threat to choice has women on the march

**T**hirty years after the fact, I've decided to write about a personal time in my life. I've been thinking about that: how we tell the stories of our lives, what we include, what we choose to edit out and how powerful it is to share our truths with others.

In some ways, that is what I've been doing in this space for many years. In addition to commenting on news and community life, I have shared bits and pieces of my family. My kids have grown up and left home and had their own kids on this page. I went through cancer treatment with you. My life has



**RANDI  
KREISS**

been an open book.

Well, perhaps semi-open. After all, I choose what to write about and what to keep to myself. I try to talk about something — an issue, a right of passage, a person in the news — that will resonate with others.

Here is today's story. If you don't like it, I'm OK with that. Write back if you like. We can have a dialogue. Let's keep

calm and carry on.

In 1992, when my son was 21 and my daughter was 19, I got pregnant, and my husband and I chose to end the pregnancy. I was 45 years old at the time, and for many reasons we decided not to bring another baby into the world. I was able to go to my gynecologist, who performed the procedure in a safe hospital setting. I recovered.

No one can presume to know how I felt then or how I feel now about that decision. It was mine and my husband's to make. We carry the memories and the difficulties of that choice. We have no doubt that we did the right thing for us at that time. The only reason to talk about it now is to support other women's right to choose.

Over the years, in discussions with other people, religious or secular, conservative or liberal, white or Black, it always turns out that many women at the table have had abortions. We keep it private because it's nobody else's business.

When and if women choose abortion, they should not have to walk by scream-

ing protesters or people carrying posters of mangled baby parts. The same people who lecture about the sanctity of "life" are busy voting down programs for the poor and the disadvantaged, eviscerating funding for mothers and preschoolers and health services in marginalized communities.

The hypocrisy is infuriating. People who have money and connections will always be able to get abortions for themselves or their daughters, and that includes members of Congress and the courts.

A ban on abortion falls most heavily on the shoulders of the poor and the powerless.

We who support a woman's right to choose would prefer abortions to be legal and safe and private. The morning-after pill is a good alternative, but the anti-choice forces are going after that, too, even though it is an efficient way for a woman to make her own decisions about her body and her future.

Today, Roe v. Wade is still the law of the land, but a leaked draft decision from the Supreme Court points to a majority vote that could overturn the law. For 50

**N**o matter the systemic corruption, we have the power to make changes.

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# HERALD EDITORIAL

## School board candidates should know the facts

**A**fter a recent “meet the candidates” forum for one of the more than 125 education boards in Nassau County, the very people the candidates were soliciting votes from turned to social media to share their views.

Their verdict? Some of the “facts” the candidates shared were not facts at all. And at least a few of them came off as ill-prepared to answer even the most straightforward questions — all while seemingly lacking knowledge of a proposed budget that would spend tens of millions of taxpayer dollars.

It’s true, being a board trustee is not a paid position. Yet it is a volunteer post that comes with immense responsibility.

First and foremost, it is an *elected* position — one with a duty to represent the community, and serve as a watchdog to help ensure that those millions of dollars are spent properly to educate every young person who walks through the door of a district school.

“A school board member takes on one of the most important citizen responsibilities: overseeing the education of the community’s youth,” the New York State School Boards Association states on its website.

A school board is a “uniquely American institution,” the association adds, which is also how we describe our form of

representative democracy. Both systems need educated people to serve as elected representatives, and an informed electorate to vote intelligently.

Just read any of the stories here in the Herald, and you can’t miss how politicized a lot of the banter has become. Mask mandates. Critical race theory. Gender. All have become hot topics, and have shifted conversations away from the usual budgets, capital improvements and administrative issues that typically dominate campaign stump speeches.

These issues have pushed more candidates into these races than we’ve seen in the past, but more often than not, these candidates are laser-focused on their favorite issues and not knowledgeable at all when it comes to what, exactly, their duties would be as a trustee.

The school boards association enumerates nearly a dozen main responsibilities someone elected to a board should focus on. They include creating a shared vision for the future of education while guiding the school district toward the goal of achieving optimum student performance.

Boards also must provide rigorous accountability for students’ results, and support a healthy school district culture centered on work and learning, all while maintaining strong ethical standards.

They must also develop a budget and present it to the community, which is what

local school districts — yours included — are doing right now.

Boards of education should be filled with effective communicators, consensus builders and decision makers who are both community leaders and team players. Nassau County is blessed to have many such people qualified to take on the role of a trustee. They are elected or not elected for myriad reasons. However, voters should not have to consider whether candidates have enough information to articulate the issues and present accurate information.

The key is trust. The community is trusting you to point the school district in the right direction.

How does a trustee become informed? Being involved in the school community is a good first step. Be part of a school’s parent association. Volunteer. Attend education board meetings. Read — and even question — the information presented.

But knowledge isn’t just reserved for those running for office. It’s up to the voter — you — as well.

With the school budget, trustee and special propositions on the ballot on May 17, there are still a few days to become informed.

Whether you are stumping for or against your district’s budget to be passed, or just voting in the election, before casting your ballot, know the facts.

## LETTERS

### How I will vote

To the Editor:

As some people may know, I taught in Glen Cove for 22 years. For 16 of those years, I was president of the teachers’ union. I then served on the district’s Board of Education from 2019 until I resigned in November of 2021 due to medical reasons. My two grandchildren are fourth generation attending our schools and I support our district wholeheartedly. The upcoming budget/trustee vote is May 17 and as of this date, May 7, our community has yet to receive a mailing regarding the details.

There is a proposition to have a high school student sit on the board, that I cannot support. Our own professionals do not have that direct access to the board. If the student body wants a liaison then the elected student should attend BOE meetings and address the BOE



## OPINIONS

# Stephen Breyer retired. Why not Kagan and Sotomayor?

Last week, Politico leaked a shocking (but not surprising) draft outlining the Supreme Court's plan to overturn *Roe v. Wade*, the 1973 decision that made abortion a constitutionally protected right.

The overturning of *Roe* would be a devastating blow to women's rights, and underscores the crisis America is facing.



**MATTHEW ADARICHEV**

We are seeing a rapid backslide of democracy, the steady stripping away of rights and an increasingly besieged working and middle class, aided and abetted by the election of Donald Trump and the full-throated embrace of authoritarianism by the modern

Republican Party.

We are living in desperate times, and a resurgent far right can only be defeated by an equally powerful liberal movement. All stops must be pulled out to protect democracy and prevent the creep of fascism.

Against the backdrop of these developments, liberal Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer recently retired, allowing President Biden to nominate the first black woman, the highly qualified Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson, to the court, and

potentially lock in a liberal spot on the bench for another 30 years. It logically follows, then: If we must do everything we can, why not ask fellow liberal Justices Elena Kagan and Sonia Sotomayor to retire as well?

The notion is not radical: Both women have enjoyed over a decade of service on the bench. They can retire with dignity, and can be reappointed to other judicial positions. And while Kagan and Sotomayor are relatively young justices, they are, respectively, the fifth- and third-oldest members of the court.

Appointing younger justices would ensure that those seats remain liberal, and judges a decade younger could weather another Republican president. The appointment of two new justices could also serve as an opportunity to nominate those with other backgrounds, such as the first Asian-American or openly gay justice, to the bench.

Under normal circumstances, I would not make such a suggestion. But the court's liberal justices are caught in the crosshairs of circumstance, and must decide what matters more: their careers or democracy's struggle.

If Biden intends to push any more Supreme Court justices through, his window of opportunity is quickly closing.

The midterm elections are coming up, Republicans are poised to retake the Senate, and at that point any judicial aspirations for the Biden administration would be over. Let's not forget how Republicans stole a Supreme Court pick and more

than 100 other judgeships from President Barack Obama. I don't expect them to be any kinder to Biden.

Still on the fence? Ask yourself, what would a Republican do? Read it here, quote me later: If a Republican wins the presidency in 2024, and if the Senate goes Republican, hard-right Justices Clarence Thomas and Samuel Alito will retire no later than mid-2026, allowing two

fresh, 40-something conservative crusaders to take their place.

This is why Republicans win — because Democrats are timid, while Republicans actually care about power. They will use any Machiavellian trick in the book to get their agenda passed. That's why Republican state houses get to erase transgender individuals and rewrite history, while Biden has to sit and watch the courts undo his every move.

Why Democrats won't fight as hard for Black and brown, LGBT, Indigenous and poor Americans as hard as Republicans fight for white racists is a question for the philosophers.

While another two liberal justices wouldn't hurt, the Biden administration must continue filling as many judicial vacancies on lower courts as possible. President Donald Trump left an indelible mark on the American judicial system, making more than 230 judicial appointments during his tenure. If Biden and Democrats at large want to bring the federal judiciary back to some semblance of normalcy, they must continue to confirm judges that will protect minority and voting rights post haste.

There is a prescient quote that captures the zeitgeist we find ourselves in: "In any moment of decision, the best thing you can do is the right thing, the next best thing is the wrong thing and the worst thing you can do is nothing." The words are commonly attributed to Theodore Roosevelt.

This is Biden's moment of decision. This is his one opportunity to yank the judiciary back to the middle and shape the Supreme Court in his favor, protecting our rights in the process. Whether he will seize this crucial moment in history and beat back the rising tide of authoritarianism and bigotry, or stand back as reactionary forces take over the country, remains to be seen.

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## LETTERS

at that time.

I will support the budget and the capital improvement proposition but would like to go on record that I believe the public should have been part of a discussion on how to spend this money.

I will also be supporting David Huggins and Lynn James. This community deserves board members who will review the details of agenda items, question and contribute to discussions on expenditures, and assure transparency to our community. We need to assure that our tax dollars are serving our students' academic, social and emotional health. We do not need a cheerleader at the helm.

KAREN FERGUSON  
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## Would Walter Cronkite think Randi is fair?

To the Editor:

Re Randi Kreiss's column "Where have you gone, Walter Cronkite?" (April 28-May 4): I noticed a touch of bias that Cronkite himself would not have appreciated. I'm a few years

younger than Ms. Kreiss, but I remember him well — "the most trusted man in America."

Ms. Kreiss tells us some of the horrific news of the day, but the only names she mentions are Ron DeSantis, Kevin McCarthy and the state of Florida. A few paragraphs later, she tells us of "fake news" and "The nascent Trump brain."

Are we to assume that in all the broadcasts she viewed that night, there was no mention of inflation, the southern border, violence and crime in the streets, Afghanistan, Ukraine, shutting down our pipelines, the confusion and misstatements of President Biden or Vice President Harris, the high cost of fuel, or so many other negative issues that this administration is responsible for?

My point is that if you're going to complain about the news, you should at least show both sides. My "side" would suggest that the current administration is destroying this country, and that the great America that Ms. Kreiss and I grew up in no longer exists.

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*Rockville Centre*

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