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Family fun at the festival

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Courtesy Glen Cove City School District

Connolly Elementary students Kalinda Mejia and Avianna Washington love reading in class while sitting on more comfortable chairs.

Schools embrace flexible seating to boost inclusivity

By **ROKSANA AMID**

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Classrooms in Glen Cove's elementary schools — Connolly, Landing, Deasy and Gribbin — are undergoing a transformation thanks to a \$40,000 donation from the Glen Cove Education Foundation. With the goal of creating more engaging and inclusive learning environments, the foundation has funded flexible seating options to meet the diverse needs of district students, particularly those with neurodivergent learning styles.

The initiative, organized by Danielle Fugazy Scagliola, president of the Glen Cove

Education Foundation, has had a noticeable impact on classroom dynamics.

"This was born out of the school district," Fugazy Scagliola said. "This is what they wanted, and the education foundation just raised money. Every teacher got a menu of things to choose from . . . It wound up being \$40,000 in the end, but every teacher got \$500 worth of flexible seating for their classroom."

The range of seating options includes beanbag chairs, balance balls, wobble chairs, beach chairs and standing desks. The choices are designed to enhance students' focus and motivation, particularly by promoting

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City addresses aging pipes

Glen Cove launches new initiative to repair its underground sewage lines

By **ROKSANA AMID**

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Glen Cove City Hall was filled with anxious homeowners on Monday night, as they listened to representatives from Pipelogix LMS Inc., a private contractor based in Long Beach, on an initiative to begin a sewer lateral maintenance program in the city.

"It's important to realize that this is an environmentally based program first and foremost," Michael Bloom, director of Pipelogix, said. "When sewer pipes underground are broken, whatever goes down the drain and leaves through those breaks goes right into the groundwater."

The initiative, designed to mitigate environmental contamination and prevent costly repairs for residents, aims to address the city's aging sewer infrastructure by providing coverage for repairs to private sewer lateral lines — the underground pipes that transport wastewater from homes to pub-

lic sewer mains. Set to launch next February, the program will cover the costs of inspecting, maintaining and repairing sewer laterals for a monthly fee of \$15.75, or \$189 per year.

Roughly 6,000 homes will be automatically enrolled in the service, with an opt-out period from now until Nov.

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MICHAEL BLOOM
Pipelogix director

1. Homeowners who choose not to participate must submit a form this month, though Eliot Bloom, Pipelogix director, said that homeowners will be able to opt out beyond the enrollment period.

The sewer lateral lines in question are small pipes, typically four inches in diameter, that run from a home's plumbing system to the street, connecting to the city's main sewer line. Many of these pipes were installed decades ago, and are prone to issues such as cracks, root intrusion and collapse, especially those made of materials like cast iron. Some are Orangeburg pipes, made of pulped wood and tar and used during World War II due to

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Martinez to be honored for Vinnie's Island

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Vincent "Vinnie" Martinez, Sr., a U.S. Navy veteran, will be honored with a commemorative stone and plaque at Vinnie's Island, a green space he personally transformed over 40 years ago.

The tribute, organized through a collaborative effort between the Glen Cove American Legion Post 76 and the Tribute and Honor Foundation, will recognize Martinez years of dedicated service in beautifying the city of Glen Cove. The Glen Cove City Council unanimously approved the honor on Sept. 24.

Martinez, a recipient of the Tribute and Honor Foundation's Legacy Award in 2023, served in the Korean War, and has been a dedicated community volunteer for over 50 years.

He transformed a small intersection in Glen Cove in 1984 into what is now known as "Vinnie's Island." Vinnie's. Martinez' dedication to the community, especially through his love of gardening, has earned him numerous accolades, including Fireman of the Year, the American Legion Certificate of Honor, and most recently, the Legacy Award.

The plaque will read: "In Honor of Vincent 'Vinnie' Martinez, Sr. Celebrating 40 Years of Beautifying Glen Cove.

In the spring of 1984, Vincent 'Vinnie' Martinez, Sr., a proud U.S. Navy veteran, transformed this space into 'Vinnie's Island,' bringing life and color to the heart of Glen Cove.

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you, Vinnie."

"Vinnie is a cherished member of our community whose work has touched the lives of countless people in Glen Cove," Mayor Pam Panzenbeck said. "His contributions over the past 40 years have not only beautified our city but also strengthened the sense of community. I could not be more pleased that the American Legion Post 76 and the Foundation have come together to honor his dedication, providing an opportunity for all of us to reflect on his impact and commitment to our community."

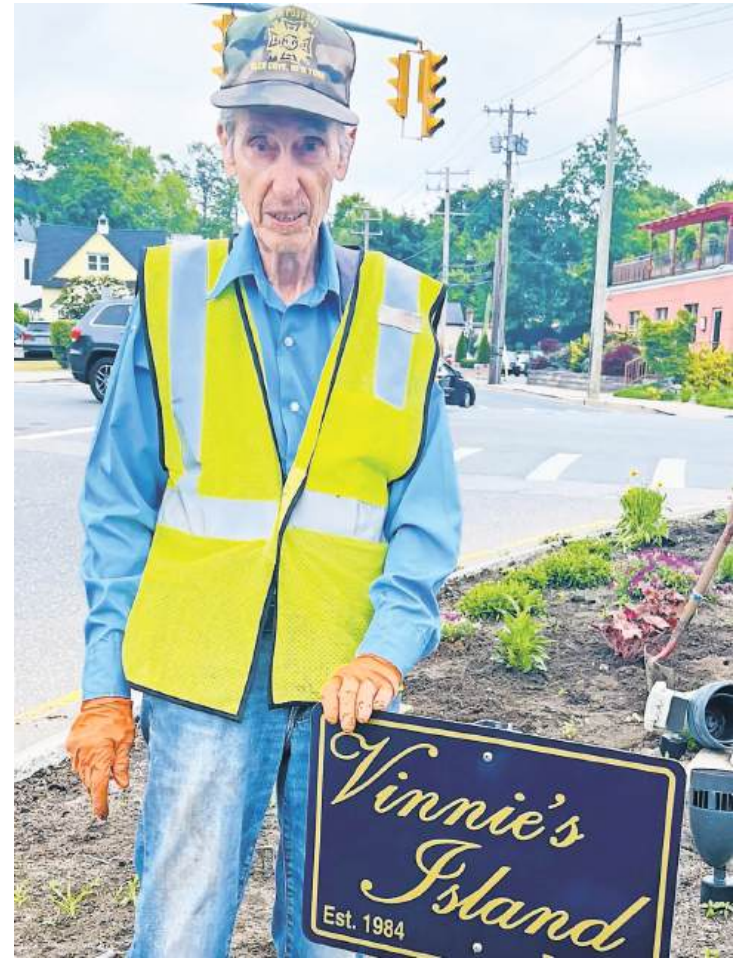
The commemoration will be funded equally by the Glen Cove American Legion Post 76 and the Tribute and Honor Foundation. Two anonymous donors also stepped forward to underwrite the American Legion's portion of the expenses, ensuring that the project will be completed at no cost to the city, veterans, or the post.

"We felt it was important to work in tandem with the Glen Cove American Legion Post 76 and have them take the lead in organizing the event," said Gaitley Stevenson-Mathews, President of the Tribute and Honor Foundation. "We could not be more pleased that this project will be completed at no cost to the city, veterans, or the post."

Anthony Anzalone, Adjutant of Glen Cove American Legion Post 76, said he knew right away that he wanted to take part in the initiative.

"Vinnie's commitment to Glen Cove is unmatched, and this tribute is a testament to his service both as a veteran and a community leader," Anzalone said.

The dedication ceremony will be at Vinnie's Island, at the intersection of School Street, North Lane, and Brewster Street, on Nov. 9, at 10 a.m.



Courtesy Gaitley Stevenson-Mathews

Vincent Martinez created Vinnie's Island in 1984 and has been its caretaker for 40 years.

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The band, Midnight Crisis, energized the crowd with the rhythms of rock and roll.

Hitting the dance floor at the senior center

By **ROKSANA AMID**

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The Glen Cove Senior Center was the place to be on Sept. 18 as members gathered for a lively evening of dancing, socializing, and fun. The event, part of the senior center's "Circle of Friends" program, drew between 65 and 100 participants who were eager to move to the sounds of live music performed by Midnight Crisis. Heidi Clines, the assistant site manager, described it as a special opportunity for seniors to break away from their daily routine and enjoy a night out.

"It's just a night for them to get out besides doing everything we already do during the day," she said. "It's another nighttime event for them to have fun, dance, and leave their worries behind."

"Circle of Friends," held six times a year, serves as a social outlet for Glen Cove's seniors, encouraging them to meet new people and enjoy activities beyond the usual daytime offerings at the center. According to Clines, the event is unique in that it brings together regular attendees as well as individuals who come specifically for the evening festivities, fostering a vibrant and diverse social atmosphere.

"It gets them to intermingle," Clines said. "It's like a social event, a chance to meet new people, and for some, it's like a single mingle kind of thing."

The rhythm and beats of Midnight Crisis provided quickly got people up and dancing, creating an instant connection among the attendees. Carol Pollaro, who worked with the band, was thrilled to see how quickly the crowd responded.

"We have gone out to bars and other places, and it usually takes people about an hour to get up and start dancing," Pollaro noted. "But here, everyone was up and moving right away. It's definitely something we'd love to continue doing in the future."

The positive energy in the room was palpable, and the night showcased the numerous physical, mental, and emotional benefits that dancing and socializing bring to senior citizens. The event not only provided entertainment but also a sense of camaraderie and



Friends Evelyn Kandel, Betsy Simpson, Joe DeJongh, Judy Grayson and Al Grayson shared a delicious meal together at the senior center during the circle of friends event.

support among attendees.

Funding for "Circle of Friends" was provided by Assemblyman Chuck Lavine and the New York State Office for the Aging, ensuring that these cherished events will continue. As DeJongh, another attendee, put it, "It's our music, it's our dance, and it's always a great event to come out to."

Additional reporting by Brian Norman.

Everyone was moving to the grove of Midnight Crisis at the Glen Cove Senior Center.



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Elder Law Estate Planning Misconceptions

One of the most common and devastating misconceptions about elder law estate planning is that it is too late to save money from nursing home costs. On the contrary, there are crisis planning tools that may save substantial assets from being spent on nursing home costs, even after the client has already entered the nursing home. Almost always, if there are assets left, much can be saved.

There are only three ways to pay for nursing home costs – your own assets, long-term care insurance (owned by less than five percent of the population), or Medicaid provided by the government.

Many people know about the “five-year look-back period” and assume nothing can be done without advance planning. The five-year look-back rule means that if you gave any gifts away within the last five years, when asking for Medicaid to pay for nursing home costs, the gift amount creates a penalty period, which results in a period of ineligibility for Medicaid coverage.

Despite the five-year look-back, New

York law allows people to protect assets from nursing home costs, even without pre-planning. For single applicants, you may be able to save about half of the assets through the “gift and loan” strategy. For married couples, where one spouse needs a nursing home, “spousal refusal” may protect substantial amounts of assets for the spouse at home. These techniques are discussed in detail at trustlaw.com, under “Practice Areas”, then “Medicaid Strategies”.

The five-year look-back rule does not affect eligibility of Medicaid home care, also known as “community” Medicaid. Currently, an applicant may transfer their assets out of their name and still qualify for home care in the next month.

Many assets, such as retirement accounts, rental properties and even the family home in certain cases, are exempt from Medicaid. The bottom line is that if someone you love is in failing health, the sooner you consult an elder law attorney the more you will likely be able to save assets.

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Angela M. Picardi Grella, 67, died on Sept. 5. Beloved wife of Abel; loving daughter of Josephine and the late Angelo Grella; dear sister of Maria (John McQuillin); fond daughter-in-law

of Elvira and the late Antonio. Adored sister-in-law of Lucy. Also survived by loving aunts, uncles and cousins. Arrangements entrusted to Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home, Glen Cove.

John H. Bowser

John H. Bowser, 103, of Glen Cove, died on Sept. 7. Retired U.S. Air Force Major. Beloved husband of the late Berta; loving father of Charles A., Karen L. and Johanna F.; cherished

grandfather of five and great-grandfather of six. Also survived by loving nieces and nephews. Arrangements entrusted to Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home, Glen Cove.

Frank Ieraci

Frank Ieraci, 70, of Glen Cove, died on Sept., 6. Beloved husband of Debra; loving father of Amanda; dear brother of three. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. In lieu of gifts,

donations may be made in his memory to the National Kidney Foundation. Arrangements entrusted to Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home, Glen Cove.

Joseph Honey

Joseph Honey, 92, of Glen Cove, died on Sept., 8. Beloved husband of Dorothy; loving father of Joseph (Janet) and Sara (Jess); dear brother of John (Denise). Cherished grandfather of

Grace, John, Elyse and Julian. Also survived by loving nieces and nephews. Arrangements entrusted to Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home, Glen Cove.

Pamela L. Holder

Pamela L. Holder, 78, of Glen Cove, NY and formerly of Port Washington, died on Sept. 10. Beloved wife of the late Enn; loving mother of Kenn and Janine Hughes; proud grandmother of Alexa, Lindsey, Hailey, Jameson and Lyla; dear

sister of her twin Patricia and the late Vincent (Yvonne). Also survived by loving nieces and nephews. Arrangements entrusted to Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home of Glen Cove.

Barbara Ann “Bub” Scarfo

Barbara Ann “Bub” Scarfo, 47, of Glen Cove, died on Sept. 19. Beloved daughter of the late John & Bonnie; dear sister of Deneen Jackson (Richard), John, Joe, Michelle Juarez (Alex) and Joseph Vivona; loving aunt of Brenna, Jordan, Isabella, Alessandra, Lilliana and Matthew; cherished great-aunt

of Kaiden; a loving second mother to all her nieces and nephews. Also survived by many extended loving family members. Tireless volunteer for the Glen Cove Community. Arrangements entrusted to Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home, Glen Cove.

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Youth Bureau boosts programs and parks

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Glen Cove's parks and youth bureau programs had exciting developments this year. According to Spiro Tsirkas, executive director of Glen Cove's Youth Services and Recreation, the city's parks and recreational facilities are in "incredible condition." Many improvements are happening to parks and fields like Pasucci Field.

"We've added a new multi-purpose playground, revamped the bathrooms, and are installing a scoreboard," said Tsirkas. He added that fencing around the park has created a more welcoming atmosphere. "It's now more aesthetically pleasing, making it a nicer space for people to walk through." A major project set to begin in December will replace all the field lighting with energy-efficient LED lights, further modernizing the facility.

To keep parks safe, surveillance cameras have been installed at Morgan's Park, Pasucci Field, Prybil Beach, and Stanco Park. These measures provide accountability in the event of vandalism, often linked to social media challenges.

"The cameras have made a huge difference," Tsirkas said. "We've been able to catch vandals and keep an eye on what's happening in our parks. Tsirkas also noted that the new Community Pass registration system has made signing up



Courtesy Spiro Tsirkas

Every year, the youth bureau's summer youth employment paints murals in Glen Cove.

for programs easier for residents. "We're entering the 21st century," he said. "Residents can now register for basketball, tennis, beach passes, kayak rentals, and even field rentals all online."

In addition to physical upgrades, the Youth Bureau is also expanding its recreational programs. One exciting new development is the bureau's collabora-

tion with Lauren Cooper, a former professional women's basketball player who played in Denmark and now lives in Glen Cove.

"We're thrilled to have Lauren on board," said Tsirkas. "She's bringing her professional experience to our basketball programs, and she's going to help us get more girls involved, which is some-

thing we're really focused on." Cooper will work alongside bureau staff members Destin Harvey, Antonio Ríos and Dameon Gardner. Registration for basketball programs will begin mid-October through Thanksgiving.

The Youth Bureau's summer programs also saw great success. Over 20 local youth worked on community projects like mural painting, maintaining flower beds, and cleaning up public spaces.

"For many of these kids, it's their first job," Tsirkas said. "They did an amazing job with the murals and the cleanups, and people in the community really noticed and appreciated their efforts."

The bureau's after-school program has over 100 youth enrolled. The drop-in center run by Sandra Potter serves over 25 children, offering homework help, video games, and recreational activities.

The bureau is gearing up for its annual Friends of the Glen Cove Youth Board wine gala, a fundraiser that will include wine tasting and a casino night on Oct. 24 at the Glen Cove Mansion.

With continued support from the community and Mayor Pamela Panzenbeck, Tsirkas is optimistic about the future. "There's so much positivity going on," he said. "We've made tremendous improvements, and we're excited to keep building on that momentum."

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Students are 'more focused and motivated'

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movement and comfort. The response from both students and teachers has been overwhelmingly positive, with many praising the new setups for creating a more personalized and comfortable learning environment.

For Stephanie Colón, a parent in the district, flexible seating has made a noticeable difference for her daughter, Julianne, a third-grader who has struggled with reading in the past.

"She actually loves it now," Colón said. "My daughter likes the beanbag chair. It makes reading more fun and comfortable for her." Colón added that Julianne, who has an Individualized Education Program geared toward reading and math, has shown more interest in reading, and marked improvement in her reading skills, since the introduction of flexible seating. "She used to think reading was boring," Colón said, "but now she wants to read more because the environment is comfortable for her."

The changes extend beyond seating. "We've included things like light covers to make the environment more comfortable, as fluorescent lights can be quite harsh," Connolly Elementary School Bryce Klatsky said. "In some classrooms we have reading tents, and students might be sitting on wobble chairs or standing at a desk while working. What we see is that when students are able to stand, move or sit in a position



Courtesy Glen Cove City School District

Glen Cove elementary schools have new flexible seating, thanks to a donation by the Glen Cove Education Foundation.

that's comfortable for them, they're more focused and motivated to learn."

Klatsky emphasized that the new arrangements are particularly beneficial for neurodivergent students, who process information and learn differently from neurotypical students.

"We know that not all students learn in the same way," he said. "For students with a documented neurodivergent brain, and even for those who aren't, some students need to bounce or stand while they learn. Flexible seating allows them to do that without distracting oth-

ers. It's healthier for students when they're standing or moving while working, and it boosts their engagement in learning. For neurodivergent students, having that choice is critical."

The project is part of a broader shift in education toward a recognition that students have different learning styles and needs. "For us, it's about giving students the power to choose how they learn best," Klatsky said. "It's made us a more inclusive community, where everyone feels validated in their needs."

This shift in thinking, he added, is one of the most important outcomes of the project. "It's more than just about the seats — it's about the bigger validation that students feel when they know they have the power to choose where they sit and how they learn," he said. "For kids, feeling that autonomy at a young age helps set them on a path for advocating for their own learning needs."

Klatsky said that as long as students aren't distracting others, they can sit any way they need to in order to learn.

For parents like Colón, the benefits of the initiative are clear.

"She looks forward to going to school now," she said. "My daughter's reading has improved so much, and she's becoming more confident. It's amazing to see how something as simple as a comfortable chair can make such a difference in their education."

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A guide to making sure you're counted

By ANJOLIQUE POWELL

Correspondent

With Election Day, Nov. 5, as well as early voting, Oct. 26 to Nov. 3, rapidly approaching, this guide offers essential information about voting in Nassau and Suffolk counties as well as details on voter eligibility, registration, voting procedures, and absentee voting.

Information for this guide was collected through the League of Women Voters of Nassau County and the Nassau and Suffolk County boards of elections.

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- Not claim the right to vote elsewhere.

How do you vote in the general election?

In order to vote in a general election in the U.S., you must be registered before Election Day. To find your polling place in Nassau, go to NassauCountyNy.gov/566/Board-of-Elections. In Suffolk, SuffolkCountyNy.gov/Departments/BOE.

Where/how do I register?

You can register to vote by:

- Filling out a voter registration form found on either county's Board of Elections website or the New York State Board of Elections website (at least 25 days before the election)
- Registering in person at some public agencies.
- Visiting the Nassau County Board of Elections from Monday to Friday between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

You'll receive a confirmation card within two to six weeks. If you don't receive it, call (516) 571-2411 to check on your application.

There are three ways for voters to cast a ballot in this year's elections:

- In person, during early voting, at any one of the 28 early voting locations or on Election Day at your designated polling place.
- By mail – By early mail ballot or by absentee ballot. To request a ballot, go to Elections.Ny.Gov/request-ballot.
- For military and overseas voting, go to Elections.Ny.Gov/military-and-overseas-federal-voting.

Do I need to register every year?

No, you're permanently registered once you've registered. However, you need to submit a new application if your name, address, or party changes. If you move, notify the County Board of Elections and re-register.

Should I register with one political party?

You are not obligated to join a political party, however, according to the League of Women's Voters, "Declaring a party allows you to vote in that party's primary election, which in New York State is open only to party members." Enrolled party members can also sign nomination petitions. It's also important to mention that registering with a party doesn't mean you have to vote for that party's candidates. You're always free to vote for any candidate in general elections.

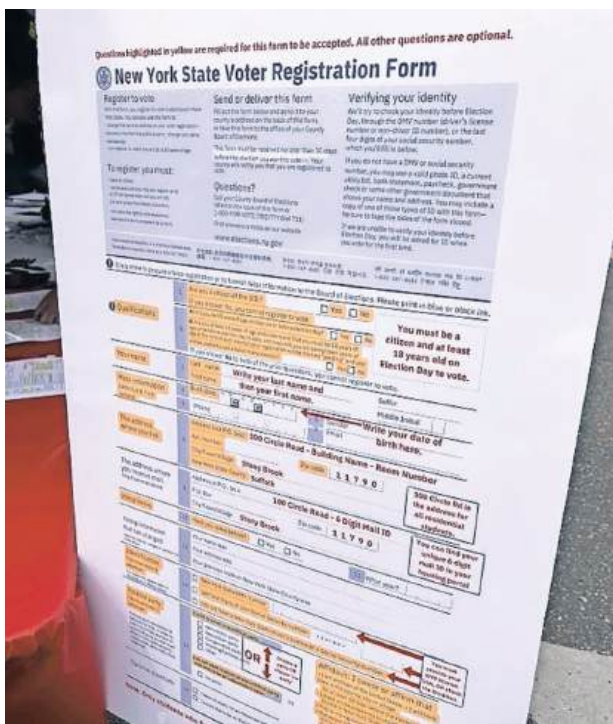
What is early voting?

Early voting allows people to cast their ballots before Election Day. Early voting also allows voters to go to locations that are closer, like public libraries, public buildings, or community centers. However,



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Linda Devin-Sheehan, a board member of the Suffolk League of Women Voters, at the voter registration drive on the Stony Brook University campus on Sept. 11.



A facsimile of a New York state voter registration.

these locations will be different from your assigned Election Day polling place.

When and where does early voting take place?

Hours are:

- Most days: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Oct. 28: 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Oct. 29 and 30: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Check each county's Board of Elections website for specific locations or location changes.

How do I know where to vote on Election Day?

In order to know where to vote you must look up your polling place, which can be found by entering your county, first and last name, date of birth, and zip code on the New York State Poll Site Search website. This site also tracks voter registration and absentee ballots.

Can I still vote if I won't be able to go to a polling place?

Yes, you can vote by absentee ballot if you're unable to vote in person due to:

- Not being in the county or New York City on Election Day
- Temporary or permanent illness or physical disability
- Primary care duties for ill or physically disabled individuals
- Being a patient or inmate in a Veterans' Administration Hospital
- Detention in jail/prison (awaiting trial, grand jury action, or serving time for a non-felony conviction).

What is an absentee ballot?

An absentee ballot allows you to cast your vote if you can't make it to your polling place on Election Day. It's the same ballot you would receive if you voted in person. However, you can fill it out at home and mail it back or drop it off at the County Board of Elections or at an early polling place.

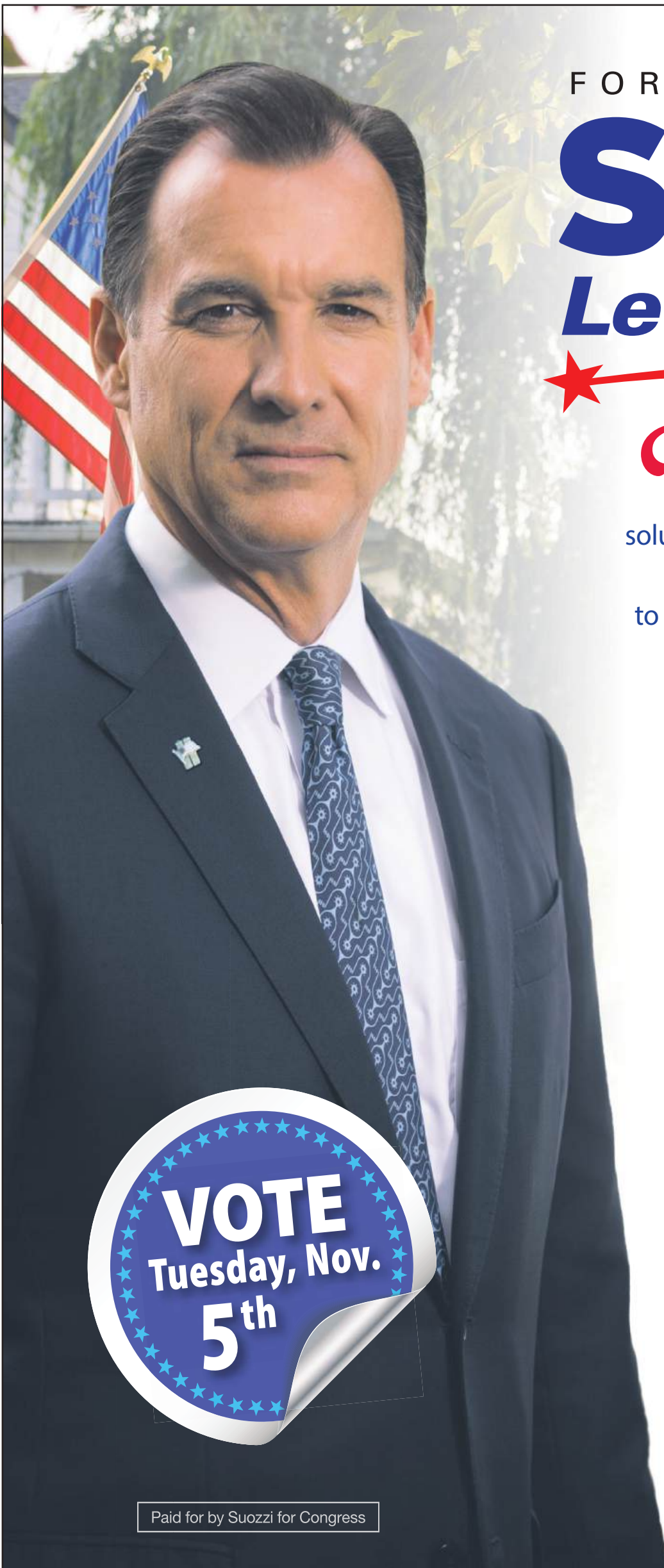
How do I request an absentee ballot?

To request an absentee ballot you can:

- Download and fill out the Absentee Ballot Application from the New York State Board of Elections website.
- Send a letter by mail to: Nassau County Board of Elections at P.O. Box 9002, Mineola, NY 11501 or Suffolk County Board of Elections PO Box 700, Yaphank, NY 11980.
- In the letter, you must include:
 - Your name and date of birth.
 - The address where you are registered.
 - The reason for the request.

Remember, the Nassau County Board of Elections will take absentee ballots up to 10 days before the election. Under normal circumstances, the Suffolk County Board of Elections will send out ballots between one and three days after receiving an application.

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Hundreds of families came out despite the rain to enjoy the day.

Fall festival brings fun despite rainy weather

The 3rd Annual Glen Cove Fall Family Festival at Simpkins Park in Garvies Point, organized by the Glen Cove Chamber of Commerce, was a success despite overcast skies and occasional rain.

Families enjoyed food and ice cream trucks, a bounce house, inflatable slides, and carnival games, with some festival-goers winning prizes. The event also featured a variety of vendors offering unique items, creating a fun and lively atmosphere for all attendees.

—Roksana Amid



Danielle Lyadri gave Elisa Cruz an airbrush tattoo.



Sophie Paoliloo and her brother Henry Paoliloo enjoyed decorating pumpkins at the pumpkin patch.



Katie Alvarado got a delicious looking ice cream cone from the Ice cream man Leon Williams.



Ella Blum and Noam Blum learned karate with instructor Andrew Goldberg.



Christopher Visone Jr. enjoyed connect 4 with his dad, Christopher Visone Sr. They heard about the festival through a facebook group advertising it.

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City's new 'environmentally based program'

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metal shortages. The latter are particularly vulnerable to collapse after years of exposure to groundwater, and the cost of repairing them can range as high as \$20,000.

"If a person has a new pipe and you're well within the lifespan of a new PVC pipe for that pipe, this program is not for you," Eliot Bloom said. "But for the emergency of us clearing your pipe, know that you're never going to spend more than that amount per year. It might be worth it."

In response to a question from resident Bernard Rothbort about whether homeowners could find similar coverage through their insurance companies, Eliot Bloom said that while some companies offer sewer lateral programs, they often rely on subcontractors, and have higher enrollment fees and deductibles. Pipelogix, he said, has its own trained employees, and offers more comprehensive service without subcontractors or hidden fees. He added that those who opt into the program and receive a new lateral line are obligated to remain in the program for five years.

"Plumbing is very expensive, and it's a specific type of plumbing," resident Mimi Murphy said after the presentation. "I came here with working knowledge of collapsed laterals coming out of our home, not once but twice. I will be



Michael Bloom, of Pipelogix, showed how trees can damage sewage pipes.

Roksana Amid/Herald

opting in, without any doubt."

The program is intended not only to save homeowners money, but also to ensure timely and efficient service. Glen Cove residents who have a sewer blockage or backup can call Pipelogix's 24/7

dispatch center for immediate help. On site, technicians will assess the problem, clear any blockages and use high-definition cameras to inspect the pipe for breaks, root intrusion or misaligned joints. Repairs are typically completed

the same day or the next, depending on their complexity.

Michael Bloom explained that one of the program's standout features is its use of trenchless technology, which allows Pipelogix to repair sewer lines without digging up homeowners' yards or driveways. Instead, a liner is inserted into the existing pipe and inflated with an air bladder. The liner is then cured using UV light, creating a new pipe inside the old one. This innovative approach minimizes disruption to homeowners' property and offers a faster, more cost-effective solution than traditional excavation.

If a pipe is too badly damaged or completely collapsed, however, excavation may be necessary, but homeowners will still benefit from the program. Repairs are covered by the flat monthly fee, with no additional costs, deductibles, or limits on the number of repairs.

"We will never be in a position to take business from the local plumbing community," Michael Bloom said. "If we see that the issue isn't with the lateral but with, say, a toilet or something else inside the home, we'll refer the homeowner to a local plumber."

Residents can expect a letter this month from Pipelogix with an opt-out form. They can also call Pipelogix at (800) 926-7910.

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Glen Cove seeks locally grown tree for tree lighting ceremony

The City of Glen Cove is looking for a locally grown tree to be the centerpiece of this year's annual tree lighting ceremony, a cherished holiday tradition that brings the community together.

Local families are invited to participate in the holiday festivities by donating a tree to symbolize the warmth and joy of the holiday season. Trees chosen for donation will be prominently displayed in Village Square, serving as a festive focal point for the holiday celebrations.

The event will take place on Dec. 7 at Village Square, starting with the lighting of the tree at 4:45 p.m., as part of the Downtown Business Improvement District's Holiday Festival. The festival will run from 1:30 p.m. to 5, offering festive activities for all ages, including free horse and carriage rides, photos with Santa, live music, and a hot cocoa bar.

Families interested in donating their tree can reach out to the mayor's office by phone at (516)-676-2004 or by email at Roni.Jenkins@glencoveny.gov or sgtripp@glencoveny.gov. Donations will be accepted until the right tree is found to highlight this beloved ceremony.

The event will also provide free parking in the Brewster Street parking garage, ensuring easy access for all attendees. The mayor's office encourages everyone to join in the fun and make the holiday season memorable by



Courtesy Gill Associates Photography

Local families are invited to participate in the holiday festivities by donating a tree to symbolize the warmth and joy of the holiday season.

attending the festival and tree lighting ceremony.

For more information about the event or tree donations, contact Roni Jenkins, Glen Cove's Public Relations Officer, at Roni.Jenkins@glencoveny.gov.

gov or by phone at 516-676-2004. Don't miss this opportunity to be part of a festive Glen Cove tradition.

—Roksana Amid

ARRESTS

- A 55-year old Brooklyn man was arrested on Sept. 7 for aggravated unlicensed operation operating a motor vehicle without Insurance, a suspended registration and no license on School Street.
- A 38-year-old Elmhurst Queens man was arrested on Sept. 6 for one count each of aggravated unlicensed operation, criminal possession of a controlled substance, operating a motor vehicle without Insurance, operating an unregistered motorcycle and other vehicle and traffic law violations on Pratt Blvd.
- A 25-year-old Glen Cove man was arrested on Sept. 6 for aggravated driving while intoxicated, driving while intoxicated and leaving the scene of an accident with property damage on Landing Road.
- A 43-year-old Glen Cove man was arrested on Sept. 4 for criminal possession of a controlled substance on Glen Street.
- A 30-year-old Glen Cove man was arrested on Sept. 4 for unlawful imprisonment on Glen Cove Avenue.

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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By JORDAN VALLONE

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Community members in Nassau County laced up their walking shoes last weekend to join the Alzheimer's Foundation of America for its annual Alzheimer's Walk in the Park, held on Saturday, Sept. 28, from 9 a.m. to noon in Eisenhower Park. The event, filled with community spirit, saw New York baseball icon Dwight Gooden participating in the opening ceremonies, signing autographs, and taking photos with walkers.

The walk, held at Field 6 of Eisenhower Park, was a free event open to all, with participants encouraged to raise funds either individually or as part of a team. Funds raised through the walk will support AFA's programs and services for families affected by Alzheimer's disease and contribute to research for better treatments and a cure.

Gooden, a former Cy Young Award winner and World Series champion with the Mets and Yankees, served as the event's honorary Alzheimer's Ambassador.

"When I was invited to be an ambassador for this walk, I immediately said yes because I know about the impact that Alzheimer's disease has on many families," he said. "I'm grateful to have helped raise awareness and support families impacted by this disease."

Participants who raised at least \$100 had the opportunity to meet Gooden and receive an autographed baseball. Those who raised \$250 or more enjoyed a professional photo opportunity with the baseball legend.

Sponsorship opportunities were also available for businesses and individuals who wanted to support the cause, contributing to the overall success of the event.

Alzheimer's disease continues to be a pressing public health issue, with over 6.9 million Americans currently living with the disease — a number expected to more than double by 2060. In New York alone, approximately 410,000 residents, including an estimated 60,000 Long Islanders, are affected.



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Retired baseball player Dwight Gooden, a former Cy Young Award winner and World Series champion with the Mets and Yankees, served as an honorary ambassador for this year's walk. Dwight Gooden, with David German and Chuck Fuschillo, the chief executive of the Alzheimer's Foundation of America.

The funds raised from the walk will make a tremendous difference for families affected by Alzheimer's and related dementias.

"The funds and awareness raised will make a tremendous difference for families affected by Alzheimer's disease and other dementia-related illnesses in their time of need," Chuck Fuschillo, the foundation's president and chief executive, said. "We are grateful to Dwight Gooden for serving as our honorary Alzheimer's Ambassador for the event and invite everyone to help us strikeout Alzheimer's."

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STEPPING OUT



A gourd-geous display:

Journey with jack-o'-lanterns

Spectacular pumpkins light up the night for the Great Jack O' Lantern Blaze at Old Bethpage Village Restoration.

By Danielle Schwab

As Halloween approaches, jack-o'-lanterns are making their appearance throughout our neighborhoods with their unique carvings once again. While we think of it as fall fun, in fact pumpkin carving dates back centuries as a way to ward off evil spirits with their spooky faces.

The beloved tradition gets a unique twist at the Great Jack O' Lantern Blaze, opening tomorrow at Old Bethpage Village Restoration. See pumpkins transformed into magnificent jack-o'-lantern creations, illuminating a trail through the historic restored village for all to admire.

It all began in the Hudson Valley — at Van Cortlandt Manor in Croton-on-Hudson 19 years ago — conceived by the Westchester County cultural organization Historic Hudson Valley.

"About 20 years ago, we hit upon this idea of a display of jack-o'-lanterns, and we weren't sure how people would respond to it. It was hugely popular. And so it has just expanded in a big way since then," says Rob Schweitzer, Historic Hudson Valley's vice president of communications and commerce.

Certainly a must-see during the season, the pumpkin trail is now in its fifth year on Long Island, with over 30 different installations. Over 7,000 jack-o'-lanterns carved by local artisans resulting in a larger-than-life themed pumpkin showcase — a mix of real and carveable foam — spanning a half-mile loop, enhanced with synchronized lighting and an original soundtrack for a fully immersive experience.

"We have a team, 10 to 12 of us, that work together to make sure that we're keeping the same consistency, the same quality, throughout the carvings," Carol Hough, lead pumpkin carver, says.

Her team carves each week, swapping out old pumpkins with fresh ones. Carvers are creative with their tools to accommodate the high volume of pumpkins, using sheetrock knives and ice cream spades to get the job done, according to Hough.

Long Island history and culture are incorporated into the Blaze experience. Guests are welcomed by a 12-foot tall retro-style "Greetings from a Long Island" postcard made up of individually carved jack-o'-lanterns.

"What we like to do is really focus on the heritage of the location," Schweitzer says.

Ever wonder what your favorite Long Island celebrity looked like as a pumpkin? The Blaze is the place to check out some pumpkin-face renderings of local personalities. Icons such as Billy Joel, Joan Jett, Jerry Seinfeld and Natalie Portman are on display.

"We have a Long Island Hall of Fame. These are large portraits, rendered in jack-o'-lanterns, of folks from Long Island that have done great things," Schweitzer explains.

Among the locally themed installations, a functioning lighthouse replica of the Montauk Point Lighthouse, complete with a flashing beacon to light the way, is sure to attract attention.

With history as a focus, it comes to no surprise that the Blaze would find its way to the historic village.

"We've looked at a lot of sites over the years and a lot of them have some good characteristics, but don't have everything. Old Bethpage Village Restoration really had



- Friday through Sunday, Oct. 4-Nov. 3.
- Adult tickets start at \$32; \$10 children (ages 3-17)
- With limited capacity, entry is available only through advance online purchase of timed tickets or FLEX anytime tickets; no tickets are sold at the venue
- Purchase tickets at pumpkinblaze.org
- Old Bethpage Village Restoration, 1303 Round Swamp Road, Old Bethpage

everything," Schweitzer says.

Of course, there are plenty of what one would consider Halloween staples that celebrate the spirit of the season, such as a 25-foot giant spider web and the Day of the Dead installation.

Hough is particularly fond of the Day of the Dead jack-o'-lantern tribute, among the new displays along this year's trail.

"There are some skeletons and some sugar skulls. It's really beautiful. I absolutely love it," Hough says.

Other showstoppers include a thrilling pumpkin circus, a glowing Statue of Liberty, a pumpkin-filled Ferris wheel, and a planetarium. Plus, see a tribute to First Responders. This display involves carved jack-o'-lanterns depicting a firefighter heroically putting out a flame, honoring the bravery and dedication of our local heroes.

"The concept for that really came out of the early period of the pandemic, there was a lot of focus on First Responders and our healthcare workers and those on the front lines of dealing with the pandemic. It's something that we've continued to celebrate," says Schweitzer.

There's so more to the trail than just carvings. Lighting and sound are integral to the Blaze experience. Each installation is depicted with an original score to create the perfect ambience.

Volunteers from local scout troops and high school honor societies are also involved, assisting in lighting the lanterns that line the path.

Also new this year, the Blaze is offering custom-made pumpkins to order. Surprise a special someone with a custom-carved pumpkin, displayed at the new Celebration Arch. Reservations are limited and must be made seven days in advance.

So carve out some time, there's a pumpkin creation for everyone at the Blaze.

As Schweitzer says: "It's really an event you can just go and relax and smile at. It genuinely is something that appeals to all ages."

For an extra fall treat, stop by the Café Blaze for some yummy cider donuts and pumpkin beer. And check out the nightly pumpkin carving. It may inspire you to do create your own special seasonal décor at home.

Photos courtesy Historic Hudson Valley

Thousands of hand-carved jack-o'-lanterns light up the night as the Halloween spirit is all a-glow, with Old Bethpage Village's 19th century buildings and historic barns as a backdrop.



Mandy Patinkin talks 'The Princess Bride'

One of Mandy Patinkin's memorable roles — certainly one that lives on as beloved piece of pop culture — is his turn in the 1987 fantasy "The Princess Bride." He played a man bent on revenge ("Hello, my name is Inigo Montoya. You killed my father. Prepare to die!"). It performed only so-so at the box office back then, but it's come to be one of the most beloved movies of the 1980s. Relive all the fun — and Patinkin's masterful portrayal of the Spanish swordsman — when the actor pops by Tilles Center for a special film screening, followed by a 45-minute conversation. His son Gideon Grody-Patinkin — who has contributed to the family legacy since he began filming his father and mother, actress-writer Kathryn Grody, during the pandemic and posting their interactions on TikTok — moderates.

Saturday, Oct. 5, 7 p.m. Tickets start at \$35. Tilles Center for the Performing Arts, 720 Northern Blvd. Brookville. Tickets available at tillescenter.org.



Everclear

Everclear, one of the leading alternative rock bands to emerge from the '90s, led by vocalist-guitarist-founder Art Alexakis, is back on the road. The band is joined by special guests Marcy Playground and Jimmie's Chicken Shack. The setlist for this tour includes all the hits from their extraordinary three decades-long catalog, spotlighting tracks off their album "Songs From An American Movie Vol. One," to be released on vinyl later this year for the first time via Intervention Records. Since forming in 1992, Everclear has enjoyed a lengthy career by any measure, beginning with their major-label debut, 1995's platinum-selling album "Sparkle and Fade," and its massive chart-topping hit "Santa Monica." Everclear was soon a household name and catapulted into the masses.

Sunday, Oct. 6, 7 p.m. \$70.50, \$50.50, \$30.50, \$25.50. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. Tickets available at ticketmaster.com or paramountny.com.

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Oct. 12

Tom Colicchio on 'why he cooks'

Get an unprecedented look into the life of America's top chef when Tom Colicchio

brings his "Why I Cook" book tour to the Paramount stage, Saturday, **Oct. 12**, 2 p.m. Part memoir-part cookbook, Colicchio's newest book shares an exclusive look inside the mind and kitchen of the beloved restaurateur multiple-James Beard and Emmy Award-winning chef, restaurateur, and television personality. Colicchio cooked his first recipe at 13-years-old — a stuffed eggplant from an issue of Cuisine magazine that he picked up out of boredom — and it changed his life. Through 10 memoir chapters and 60 recipes, "Why I Cook" shares Tom's personal reflections of more than 40 years behind the stove. From pre-dawn fishing excursions with his grandfather to running the flat-top at the snack shack of the local swim club, to finding his way as a young chef in New York City, Tom chronicles the dishes and memories that have shaped him as a person and chef.

Through these meaningful dishes, gorgeous recipe shots, and images from Tom's childhood, "Why I Cook" is the most personal look into Tom's life yet. He recounts the extraordinary personal journey that brought him from his working-class Italian background in Elizabeth, N.J., to the award-winning kitchens of New York City's best restaurants, to the set of "Top Chef" and the stage of the Emmy Awards, among his many endeavors. \$95, \$65, \$54, \$35. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. Tickets available at [ticketmaster.com](https://www.ticketmaster.com) or [paramountny.com](https://www.paramountny.com).



Oct. 9

Hempstead House tour

Sands Point Preserve is the backdrop to explore the elegant Gold Coast home that's the centerpiece of the estate, Wednesday, **Oct. 9**, noon-1 p.m. Visit the grand rooms inside the massive 50,000-square-foot Tudor-style mansion, the former summer residence of Gilded Age financier Howard Gould and later Daniel and Florence Guggenheim. Tours are limited in size and tend to sell out. Arrive early to purchase tickets. \$10. Sands Point Preserve, 127 Middle Neck Road. For information, visit [SandsPointPreserveConservancy.org](https://www.SandsPointPreserveConservancy.org) or call (516) 571-7901.

Game Time

Drop by Bayville Free Library, Wednesdays, 1-4 p.m., for casual table games. Bring your own games or use games offered by the library such as; cards, Canasta, Mah Jongg, Scrabble, chess, checkers, backgammon, and jigsaw puzzles. No registration required. 34 School St. For more information, visit [BayvilleFreeLibrary.org](https://www.BayvilleFreeLibrary.org) or call (516) 628-2765.



Storybook Stroll

Bring the kids to Old Westbury Gardens for another storybook adventure, Saturday, **Oct. 5**, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Stroll the gardens and listen to Beth Ferry's "The Scarecrow." Later create a unique take home craft. The stroll starts at the Beech Tree (next to Westbury House), ending at the Thatched Cottage. For ages 3-5. Old Westbury Gardens, 71 Old Westbury Rd., Old Westbury. For information visit [OldWestburyGardens.org](https://www.OldWestburyGardens.org) or contact (516) 333-0048.

Circle of Friends

Glen Cove Circle Senior Center hosts its annual Circle of Friends. Wednesday, **Oct. 16**, 6-8 p.m. Enjoy a nice dinner, live music and dancing with friends. Open to all residents. \$10. Call (516) 759-9610 or email Eric Shuman at eshuman@glencoveny.gov for more information or to purchase tickets. 30 Glen St. Unit A, Glen Cove.

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Spooky Fest is back

A Halloween experience not to be missed, Spooky Fest is an outdoor adventure perfect for families, whether you want to be scared — or prefer seasonal fun of the non-scary kind. Join in the fun at the Center for Science, Teaching and Learning, every Friday, Saturday and Sunday throughout October. Along the way in the updated and beautifully lit up Enchanted Walk you will see dinosaurs, aliens and friendly witches, costumed characters and more, including the Mystical Garden. Get your fortune told, make a craft and dance with the Halloween DJ, along with face painting and the Amazing Glow tent.

For those who want a scare, venture into the Haunted Woods, where zombies and dinosaurs hang out. Admission starts at \$22. 1450 Tanglewood Road, Rockville Centre. Visit CSTL.org for call (516) 764-0045 for more information.

Oct. 6

Bird walk

See some birds with the South Shore Audubon Society. All

are welcome to join members for the next in its series of bird walks, at Point Lookout Town Park, Sunday, **Oct. 6**, starting at 9 a.m. Meet in the southeast corner of the large parking lot on the south side of Point Lookout Town Park and will walk east along the beach toward Jones Inlet. After the beach walk, everyone will return to the parking lot, and drive west on Lido Boulevard to Lido Beach Passive Nature Preserve to walk through the bay marsh.

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On exhibit

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It features more than 70 artists, both established and emerging, ranging from the classical to the contemporary. American portraitists such as Gilbert Stuart imbued red in their stately paintings of prominent individuals to conjure authority. Robert Motherwell, Ad Reinhardt, and other major abstract painters displayed a deep fascination with red in their commanding compositions that evoke a sense of chromatic power. And, of course, Andy Warhol is known for his bold and imposing silkscreened portrait of Vladimir Lenin saturated in bright red to his signature Campbell's Soup Cans. On view through Jan. 5. Nassau County Museum of Art, 1 Museum Dr., Roslyn Harbor. (516) 484-9337 or NassauMuseum.org.



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Lithium battery ban extended, briefly

By WILL SHEELINE

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The Town of Oyster Bay has temporarily extended its moratorium on lithium battery storage systems, halting the development of the contentious Oyster Shore Energy Storage project in Glenwood Landing, proposed by Jupiter Power.

At a recent town board meeting, officials voted unanimously to continue the six-month suspension originally enacted in April until a hearing can be held specifically on this issue where the board will vote on whether to end or extend the moratorium.

The proposed facility, a 275-megawatt battery energy storage system, would replace the current Global Petroleum terminal. While Jupiter Power emphasizes the project's potential to improve grid reliability and support renewable energy integration, it has drawn substantial pushback from Glenwood Landing and Glen Head residents, who expressed serious concerns about safety, environmental impact, and the project's proximity to homes, schools, and Hempstead Harbor.

At the town board meeting, Elizabeth Faughnan, the deputy town attorney, provided a detailed explanation for the extension.

"The moratorium was adopted by Local Law 302 of 2024 as a result of a hearing that was held on Feb. 27," Faughnan said. "That law included a provision that the moratorium could be extended by action of the town board. That moratorium is set to expire on Oct. 15."

Faughnan noted that the Nassau County Planning Commission, which must review the proposal as part of the town's land use process, could not meet until after the moratorium's expiration.

"Rather than have a lapse in the moratorium period, we're here today to consider an extension to that moratorium for a period beginning Oct. 15, until such time as the public hearing can be held on the fifteenth, the planning commission can make the recommendation, and the town can adopt the new local law" she added.

Residents, many of whom have actively opposed the project since its introduction, welcomed the extension but remain steadfast in their objections. At the Tuesday town board meeting, residents voiced concerns about potential risks, including fire hazards, environmental contamination, and insufficient transparency from Jupiter Power.

Christine Pangecca, a Glenwood Landing resident, spoke at the most recent board meeting, emphasizing that while renewable energy was a laudable effort, it could not come at the expense of the residents of the area.

"It's imperative to ensure that said promises do not come at the expense of our public health, safety, or environmental integrity," Pangecca said. "Let's wait before it's too late, and let's pause for a good cause; our health and safety."

Pangecca also highlighted the poten-



Will Sheeline/Herald

The proposed Oyster Shore Energy Storage facility will replace the Global Petroleum terminal by Tappen Beach.

tial long-term environmental risks, particularly the impact on Hempstead Harbor and Long Island's aquifers.

"No long-term residential studies exist proving regular operations or the impact of disasters are safe for residents or sole source Long Island aquifer, communities or the environment," she said. "In fact, studies are just commencing on the impact of lithium to drinking water, and we all know the harmful effects and environmental impacts of mining for battery metals, the toxic plumes from fires, exposures and thermal runways, along with their forever chemicals and the landfills we'll have at the end of life for these facilities."

Robert Mazzola, a resident of Glen Head and a representative of the Glen Head-Glenwood Landing Civic Council, called for an extension of the moratorium, citing a lack of clear information and planning from Jupiter Power. He especially emphasized the need for long-term studies on the impact of a lithium battery storage unit on people and the environment.

"I'm here to reiterate our civic organization's strongly support an extension of the town's moratorium on these facilities," Mazzola said. "We strongly believe that lithium battery facilities should not be placed in any community until local towns have the time to review long-term studies that show these facilities are not jeopardizing the health and safety of our neighbors, children, volunteer firefighters and environment."

Residents have also expressed frustration over what they perceive as a lack of transparency from Jupiter Power. Pangecca noted that the company declined to attend a recent community town hall, leaving many questions unanswered.

Following the meeting, Maggie Glynn, senior associate for communications and public affairs at Jupiter, released a statement reaffirming the company's focus on engaging with local communities and

open transparency.

"Jupiter Power is committed to a comprehensive local community engagement process for the Oyster Shore Energy project, as with all of our projects," the statement read. "In May, Jupiter Power hosted two public open houses in Glenwood Landing and is planning another event later this year."

The proposed Oyster Shore Energy Storage facility is part of a broader push to increase renewable energy storage

capacity across New York, aligning with state efforts to transition to cleaner energy sources. However, critics argue that the technology is still too new and unproven, with significant safety risks that need to be addressed before such projects are built near residential areas.

"I think we can all agree that we need renewable energy, but the only renewable energy currently before us is not safe or clean energy," said Christina Kramer, president of Protect Our Coast Long Island New York, a nonprofit organization focused on safeguarding the coast and local environment. "Public health and safety standard impacts are directly attributable to battery storage, including toxicity and fire risks hazards associated with large scale lithium-ion batteries can be categorized into electrical, thermal and mechanical types."

In the previous statement by Glynn, Jupiter also asserted that the project would pose no health or environmental risk to residents, and even claimed that the new storage unit could improve the area financially and environmentally.

"Oyster Shore Energy is an ambitious clean energy project that will accelerate the clean-up of a contaminated oil terminal and, if approved, could substantially reduce current environmental risks to Hempstead Harbor," the statement read, although it did not explain how. "The project would create jobs and increase local government revenues relative to the current oil terminal."

Saladino and the town board voted unanimously to temporarily extend the moratorium, until such time as the planning commission and the board can make an informed decision.

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OPINIONS

America's support of Israel is vital — now more than ever

Last Oct. 7, Israel was plunged into a crisis that has demanded both our attention and our action. As a rabbi and a proud Zionist, I've traveled to Israel twice since that tragic day — once to volunteer, and once to witness the devastation first-hand.



MICHAEL COHEN

The scale of loss is staggering. Israel's top priority must be the rescue and safe return of the hostages, who have endured unimaginable trauma, and Israel must do everything in its power to secure their release. This aligns with *pikuach nefesh*,

the Jewish principle that preserving life overrides almost all other considerations. Still, the mission of rescuing the hostages cannot justify widespread destruction. Ensuring the safety of innocent people on all sides of this conflict is essential for Israel, not just strategically but morally.

America's support for Israel, especially in this moment, must be resolute but also thoughtful. Historically, the U.S. has

been Israel's strongest ally, providing military, financial and diplomatic backing. That partnership has helped Israel withstand threats, grow as a nation and secure its future. But in this current conflict, American support should also reflect the shared values of democracy and human rights. While Israel defends itself, it must do so in a way that seeks to minimize harm to civilians. The U.S. can play a role in pushing for that balance.

The American Jewish community is wrestling with this tension. For decades, many American Jews have offered unconditional support for Israel, rooted in a deep connection to the land and the need for Jewish survival. But in recent years, there's been a shift. Many, especially younger generations, are questioning Israel's policies, particularly in relation to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. This doesn't mean turning away from Israel, but rather engaging in more critical conversations about its actions, while still standing firmly against terrorism.

We cannot ignore the growing divide within the American Jewish community, where progressive voices are demanding

that Israel adhere to the same human rights values they champion in other contexts. These concerns are real and important. Yet it's possible to support Israel's right to defend itself while also holding it accountable to ethical standards. This dual approach — support coupled with honest critique — strengthens, rather than weakens, the bond between Israel and American Jews.

America's involvement is more than just providing military aid and diplomatic cover. It's about ensuring that Israel's fight for survival doesn't lead it down a path that betrays its core values. The principle of *tohar haneshek*, the purity of arms, demands that Israel's military actions avoid unnecessary harm. It's a concept deeply rooted in Jewish tradition, calling for restraint even in the heat of conflict. American influence, if used wisely, can help Israel stay true to this principle.

In a broader sense, America's continued support for Israel must remain strong, but it also needs to reflect the complexities of the situation. This isn't a black-and-white conflict, and American leadership should encourage Israel to

seek not just victory but a path to lasting peace. The rescue of hostages is crucial, but so is preventing a cycle of violence that further destabilizes the region.

At the same time, America must recognize that support for Israel isn't just about defense. It's about protecting a democratic ally that shares common values of human rights and justice. While military might is necessary, it must be tempered by the moral responsibility to minimize harm to civilians — Israeli and Palestinian alike.

In the end, America's support for Israel is essential not just for Israel's survival, but for upholding the values we hold dear. This is a moment of reckoning, when the stakes are high and the consequences of every decision are profound. The U.S. must stand by Israel, but also guide it in a way that ensures the preservation of life and the pursuit of peace. The hostages must come home, and this conflict must end with the preservation of the values that have always been at the heart of both nations' aspirations.

Rabbi Michael Cohen is the clerical leader of Central Synagogue-Beth Emeth in Rockville Centre. He served in the U.S. Army for over a decade, and is a member of the Long Island Board of Rabbis, the New York Board of Rabbis and the Central Conference of American Rabbis.

Its fight for survival must not lead it down a path that betrays its core values.

The best of times, the worst of times for women

As women ascend, does misogyny spike?

Let's start with a quiz:

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RANDI KREISS

The answer is, not that many, especially when compared with the number of

girls and women who willingly undergo painful medical procedures to meet standards of beauty promulgated by social media and a hard-to-change culture in which men often decide how women should look. Some women say they were miserable growing up because boys called them flat-chested. Others say all the guys did was stare at their big breasts. Some wanted enhancements. Some wanted reductions. But the frame of reference often was the approval of

boys and men.

This is not a new story, but there are new threads.

Now, apparently, small breasts are "in." According to the American Society of Plastic Surgeons, in 2023, more than 76,000 American women had elective breast-reduction surgery, a 64 percent increase from 2019. Who sets the standard? Often the values come from men rather than the women themselves. Influencers who have enormous power over our teenagers send messages subliminal and overt, saying: You are not OK as you are. Something needs fixing.

The New York Times ran a story last week, "The Power (and Relief) of a Smaller Bosom," reporting that the number of women seeking breast-reduction surgery has increased, especially among those under 30.

Why are more and more young girls choosing surgery?

To be clear: Breast reduction is often necessary. Ultimately, it is a decision between a woman and her doctor. It's a big deal; the procedure can cause scarring and loss of sensation, and it requires anesthesia. For many teenagers and women, it greatly changes their life for the better, but results are not guaranteed.

I hope the increasing numbers of patients are seeking the surgery for sound reasons, not as a fashion statement.

Looking out at the political and cultural panorama at this time and date, I see women empowered in unprecedented ways. And perhaps because of that new power, they are being attacked, also in unprecedented ways. As women ascend, as we elect women to Congress and perhaps the White House, there is a companion piece: a significant movement to keep women down, to deny them their rights, especially

reproductive freedom. Much of the misogynistic rhetoric begins at the top, with a presidential candidate and his acolytes who demand laws that control women's bodies and choices.

When I was 24, married three years, I became pregnant, had a miscarriage and a D and C — dilation and curettage — at a local hospital. Emotionally, it was wrenching. But from a medical point of view, it went smoothly. The doctor met us at the hospital. He did the procedure and I went home. I was healthy enough to have two healthy children in the following years.

Today, because of draconian abortion bans passed by mostly male politicians

in a number of states, and the overturning of *Roe v. Wade*, which guaranteed the right to abortion, women who miscarry risk bleeding to death or suffering for hours before they can access basic life-saving treatment. Doctors are afraid to treat them. These measures are anti-woman, archaic and cruel.

By an accident of the time in which I lived my reproductive years, I had a safe post-miscarriage D and C. Now, 50 years later, we have fallen back to restrictive practices controlled by politicians, led by Donald Trump.

These threads connect in a tapestry of what it feels like to be a girl or woman today.

We need to be strong within ourselves to reject any messaging that tells us our bodies need fixes and surgeries. We have to be fiercely committed to women's freedom to choose if and when to have children.

Pay attention to the messaging targeting women. Don't sign up for surgery that alters your body without thoughtful screening and counseling. Don't go for shortcuts, or any other kind of cuts, to achieve someone else's standard of beauty.

Support individuals, and vote for individuals who see the ascendancy of women as fulfilling the promise of democracy.

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HERALD EDITORIAL

Even in a deep blue state, your vote matters

As the Nov. 5 election approaches, we urge every eligible Long Islander to exercise his or her fundamental right, and fulfill a crucial civic duty, by voting. The importance of registering to vote and casting your ballot cannot be overstated, especially in an election year when so much is at stake — from immigration policy to a woman's right to choose.

While it's easy to assume that New York state's presidential electoral votes are a foregone conclusion for Vice President Kamala Harris — the state has not voted in the majority for a Republican presidential candidate since Ronald Reagan in 1984 — this election is about far more than just the race for the White House. Our state and local races have profound implications not only for our daily lives and communities, but also for the future of the country.

Take for instance the race in the 4th Congressional District, right here on the South Shore of Nassau County, where incumbent U.S. Rep. Anthony D'Esposito, a Republican, faces former Town of Hempstead Supervisor Laura Gillen, a Democrat. Experts consider this race to be one of the — if not *the* — most competitive in the entire country. The outcome of this single race could determine which party controls the House of Representatives. Yes, you read that correctly: Your vote in this local race could have national ramifications,

helping determine the makeup of the legislative body that decides both national and international policies.

And your influence doesn't stop there. State Senate and Assembly races, as well as local elections, will shape policies that affect our schools, taxes, infrastructure, and quality of life. These are the decisions that impact us most directly, yet they often receive the least attention from voters.

The power to influence these outcomes is in your hands, but only if you're registered and ready to vote. If you haven't registered yet, or if you need to update your registration, visit vote.gov by the registration deadline, Oct. 26. Not sure if you're registered? Vote.gov can tell you that, too. The user-friendly website simplifies the process, ensuring that you're prepared to make your voice heard on Election Day. You can also register at the county Board of Elections, at 240 Old Country Road in Mineola.

For those who can't make it to the polls on Nov. 5, New York offers several alternatives. Early voting runs from Oct. 26 to Nov. 3, providing ample opportunity to cast your ballot at your convenience. Early voting locations can be found at voterlookup.elections.ny.gov.

If you're unable to vote in person, absentee voting is an option. You can request an absentee ballot by Oct. 26, at elections.ny.gov/request-ballot, or in

person, at the county Board of Elections, and return it by mail (postmarked by Nov. 5), or in person, at a polling location, by 9 p.m. on Election Day.

Democracy thrives on participation. When voter turnout is low, a small minority ends up making decisions for the entire community. By registering and voting, you ensure that your interests and values are represented at all levels of our government. Moreover, voting is a hard-won right that generations before us fought to secure and expand. Participating in elections honors their sacrifices and continues the work of strengthening our democracy.

In these politically charged times, it's easy to believe that our individual votes don't matter. Nothing could be further from the truth. Close races are sometimes decided by handfuls of votes, and every ballot cast sends a message about the issues that matter to our community.

You can educate yourself on the local issues and the candidates by reading the Herald. In the coming weeks, we will publish interviews with all of the candidates that are seeking your vote, so that you can cast an informed one.

Make your voice heard. Register to vote, encourage your friends and family to do the same, and show up to cast your ballot. Whether you choose to vote early, by mail or on Election Day, what matters most is that you participate.

LETTERS

Peter King on the 'horse race'

To the Editor:

Re Peter King's column last week, "After all the drama, it's a dead heat": After a list of "totally unexpected" events, Mr. King, seemingly surprised, declares the presidential campaign to be a "horse race." It is not, however, despite these events but because of them that the race is too close to call. The issues that are on the ballot have been submerged by the media's excessive focus on those that are not.

Mr. King's call for voters to focus is correct, though his recitation of the issues omits many and misplaces others. Missing, for example, are abortion, gun legislation, disinformation, voter suppression/ballot diversion, Project 2025 and DeSantis-Blake-man-style personal militias. Crime is real, Mr. King says, an indisputable statement, but as the evidence shows, ought not to head the list.

I share Mr. King's sentiment about living up to "the responsibilities and challenges of living in a democracy" which should begin



by rejecting the horse race analogy, because choosing those who will manage the wars, distribute the rights, set the taxes and define citizenship is not a spectator sport. We, in

concert, are shaping our future, and no one is excused.

BRIAN KELLY
Rockville Centre

OPINIONS

When will we finally say, 'Enough'?

I was a junior at Plainedge High School, in North Massapequa, in 2018, when 17 people died and 17 others were injured in the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School massacre in Parkland, Florida.

After the shooting, we wore orange to school — the color for protesting gun violence — and staged a walkout in solidarity with the school. We ran a fundraiser through the National Honor Society, from Plainedge to Parkland, to help a grieving community over a thousand miles away. And yet, it didn't seem like enough.



JORDAN VALLONE

What words do you have to offer, thoughts you have

to think, when something so senseless happens to people your age?

That year, everything changed. When we returned to classes in the fall of 2018, the front doors at Plainedge High had been changed to fortify the exterior. We weren't permitted to enter or leave through any entrance except the main one, and we carried I.D. cards at all times.

But as demonstrated earlier this

month at Apalachee High School in Winder, Georgia, sometimes no level of security is enough. It wasn't enough at the Covenant School in Nashville last spring; it wasn't enough in Uvalde, Texas, the year before. The list of schools and communities tarnished by acts of violence against children goes on and on, and at some point, I think we all can't help but wonder: How many more?

Many will argue that guns aren't the problem in America, and that instead we have a mental health crisis. I agree — we do. But the two are not mutually exclusive.

Gun violence, and deaths related to it, have been on the rise. In 2020, gun violence claimed more lives than it had during any other year on record — more than 45,000. In 2022 it was the leading cause of death among U.S. children and teens between ages 1 and 19.

Guns are a problem. But so is mental health.

The "mental health crisis" has long been Republicans' scapegoat — their explanation for school shootings — and yet the party has done almost nothing to address their supposed concerns.

According to the American Psychological Association, before the coronavi-

rus pandemic, 1 in 5 children had a diagnosed mental health disorder. After 2020, surveys showed that 71 percent of parents said the pandemic had taken a toll on their child's mental health — and things haven't gotten much better since.

Despite the fact that the data supports what we already know, 193 House Republicans voted against the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act, which provided \$2.35 billion to expand vital school mental health services; 210 voted against the American Rescue Plan Act, which provided \$12 billion to address mental health needs arising from the pandemic; and 205 voted against the Mental Health Matters Act, which would provide grants for schools to hire more mental health experts and grow their mental health services.

America has a problem, and the longer we wait to address it, the more people will die. School shootings should have ended after Columbine, after Sandy Hook, after Oxford High School in Michigan. Students shouldn't be afraid to go to school.

"Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" is written in our Declaration of Independence, codifying the unalienable rights of all Americans. But as it turns

out, the children who have been senselessly murdered while their government stood by didn't have those rights. Because if they did, they'd still be alive. Right?

Colt Gray, the 14-year-old charged with four murders for the shooting in Georgia, shouldn't have had access to a gun. He displayed serious mental health concerns and had made threats in the past, and yet he carried out an act of extreme violence, with a weapon his father purchased for him.

The problem isn't isolated to Georgia. Two weeks ago, right here on Long Island, a Bayville man was arrested because his 11-year-old son wandered out of his house carrying his father's shotgun.

We can no longer afford to sit on the sidelines and hope things will change. The time for thoughts and prayers has passed. What we need is decisive action — action that addresses both gun control and mental health, because either one without the other is no solution.

The safety of children, the preservation of their future, depends on our ability to enact meaningful reforms. The question is no longer how many more tragedies we can endure, but when we will finally say, "Enough."

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LETTERS

Congressman D'Esposito's 'last straw'

To the Editor:

Soon after Anthony D'Esposito was sworn into Congress, I wrote to him, suggesting that he take a leadership role by introducing legislation to require universal background checks to purchase guns, and ban assault weapons and high-capacity magazines. I assumed that as a former police officer with direct knowledge of the frequency of gun violence and the understanding that the majority of his constituents favor gun control, he would consider my proposal.

I was wrong. In his response, D'Esposito circumvented the issue entirely. Obviously, he is more beholden to the NRA than to his constituents. That has not stopped him from asking for donations from me every day.

Now I read that, contrary to House of Representatives ethics rules, he hired his mistress and his fiancée's daughter to positions in his local congressional office. That's the last straw. I doubt he will resign, but certainly he should not be re-elected to Congress.

DOUGLAS MELZER
Merrick

Is D'Esposito vulnerable to a House probe?

To the Editor:

It appears that the Herald may owe U.S. Rep Anthony D'Esposito and your readers a correction and an apology. Last week's issue had a story with the headline "D'Esposito faces ethics probe over hiring." It cited the House of Representatives' code of conduct's list of relatives who cannot be hired by anyone serving in the House. Neither a former fiancée (no longer a fiancée at time of hiring) nor an alleged mistress is on the list.

Why did the Herald have an incendiary headline that was contradicted in the sixth paragraph of the story? Because D'Esposito's holier-than-thou opponent, Laura Gillen, needed an opportunity to pontificate?

Gillen identifies as a Catholic who worked with Mother Theresa for about five minutes long ago. Gillen is pro-abortion because of her "own experience." As she wrote in a Daily News op-ed piece in 2022, she had a medically necessary dilation and evacuation. Her experience was most unfortunate. But apparently she doesn't know the difference between the termination of a human life through abortion and the removal of an already dead child.

FRAMEWORK by Tim Baker



At the Touch-a-Truck event — Merrick

As with her quick condemnation of D'Esposito for supposed violation of House ethics rules that do not apply, Gillen is ignorant of science and the law with regard to abortion. We do not need another addition to the idiocracy in D.C.

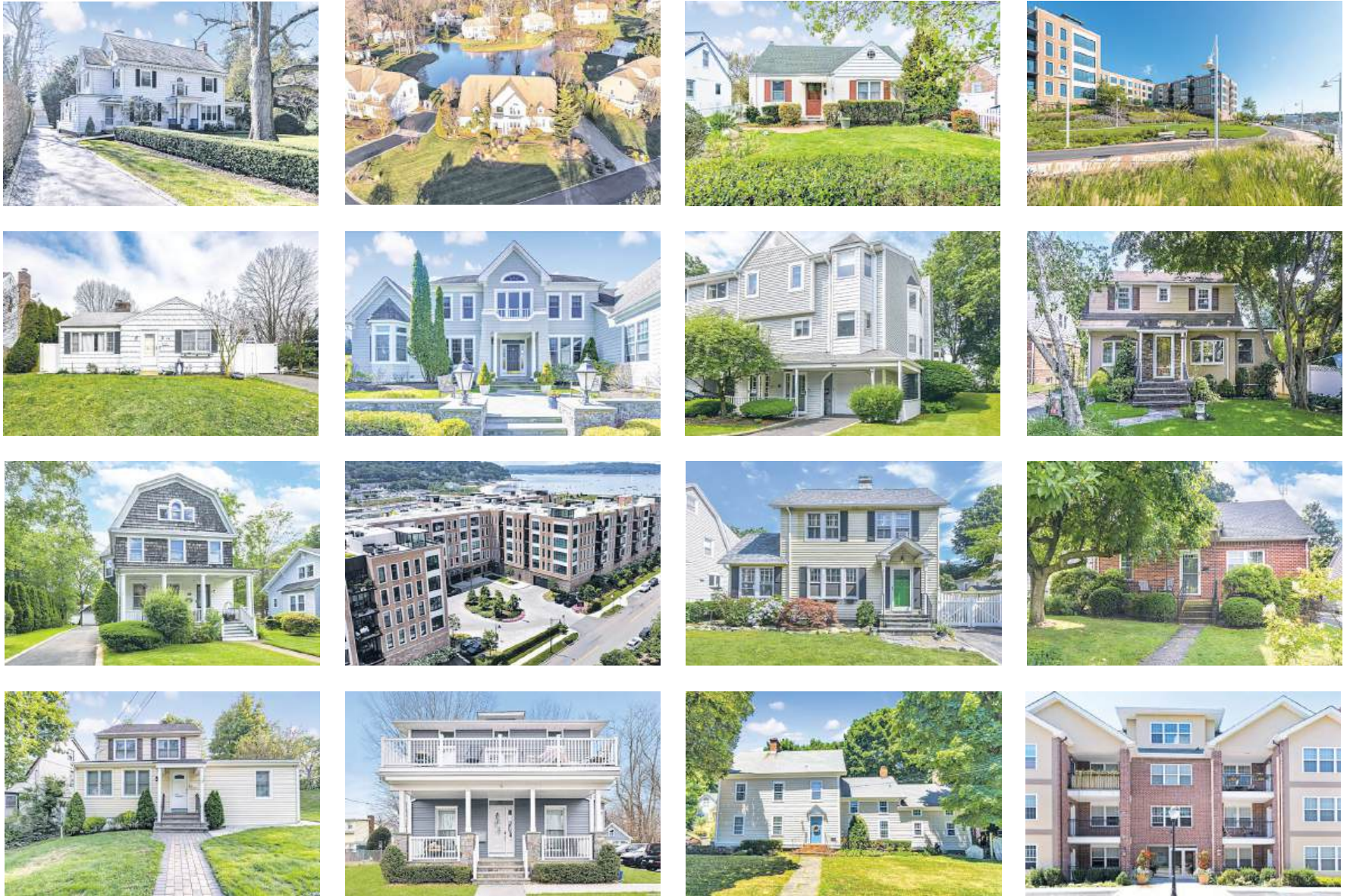
Gillen must *not* be elected.

And the Herald apparently owes some apologies.

CHRISTOPHER M. KANE
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