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# Main Street Q&A:

## What's your favorite holiday movie?

## **BY KATHERINE AL RASHDAN**

The winter months are best spent curled up on the couch, warming your hands around a mug of hot cocoa with your favorite movie on the screen. And the thing about holiday movies is, everybody has a favorite. Maybe your favorite movie is the same as someone's on this list. For this edition, we went to the Starbucks in Manorville and made a stop at the Veterans Day parade in East Moriches. We'd love to hear about your favorite holiday film; feel free to share it with us in the email below. If you have a question or idea for next month's Main Street Q&A, email us at TideEditorial@gmail.com.



## Manorville

Jonathan Klinger

"My favorite holiday movie is 'The Polar Express' because it's my wife's favorite movie. It makes her happy, so it makes me happy."



## Manorville

Jonilyn Nelson

"I love 'It's a Wonderful Life'—the old version. It really hits home for me. It gives you the true meaning of Christmas—to give and not to receive.



## East Moriches

**Daniel Tariol** "'It's a Wonderful Life', because I'm sentimental, I guess." **Hector Sanchez** 

"The Bells of St. Mary.' It's a tear-jerker! It keeps you in the spirit."



## East Moriches

Kathleen Johnson

"My favorite contemporary holiday movie is 'Love Actually.' It makes me smile all the time—all throughout the movie."

## **Mary Fogarty**

"Charlie Brown's Christmas', because that's the true meaning of Christmas." Chris Cohen

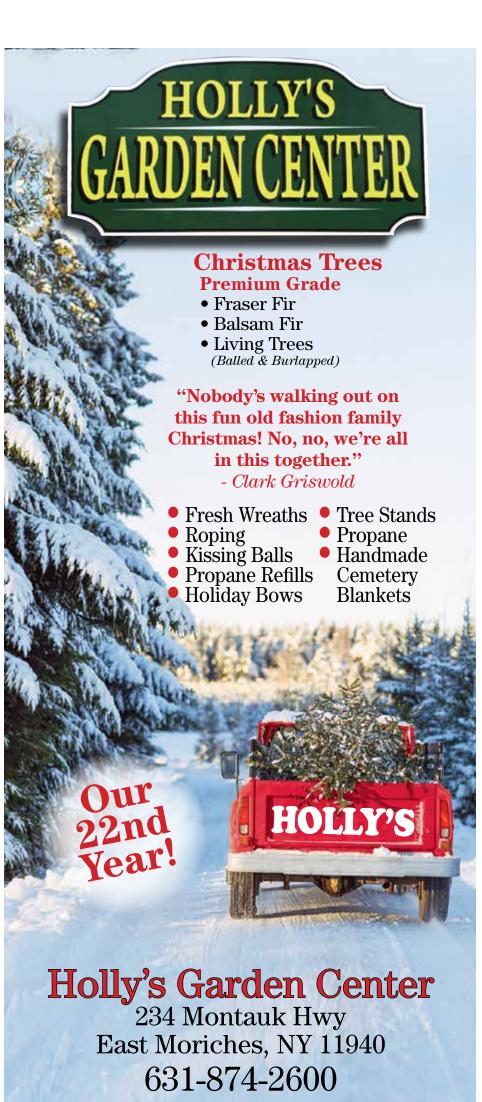
Chris Cohen

""The Snowman.' It's an '80s film. It follows a snowman's journey to the North Pole. There's no speaking, it's all classical music. It reminds me of my children and brings back a lot of warm memories." ■

## Holiday window decorating

The businesses of the Moriches, Center Moriches, and East Moriches communities are decorating their building fronts for the holiday season. The Chamber of Commerce will be recognizing their efforts and encouraging others to display the spirit of the holidays with a certificate for the business that exudes extra effort. The judges will be out the first week in December evaluating the most holiday-decorated business of the year. The winning business will be awarded the William A. Savino Award and will have their name engraved into the plaque. Photos of decorated businesses can be emailed to Art Gerhauser at ArtTheBuilder@aol.com. ■









# It's a Keith Christmas

Helping Makes U Happy founder preps for holiday donations

## **BY NICOLE FUENTES**

Keith Caputo, founder of Helping Makes U Happy, and his mother, Cassy, have been actively prepping for holiday giving since September. Though, Cassy said, it's an ongoing effort year-round.

The duo and their volunteers collect donations for toys to donate to families distinguished by the Center Moriches School District, neighbors in need as well as the William Floyd Learning Center.

"We reach out to the school district and learning center to get wish lists from families in need." Cassy explained. noting they wrap and donate hundreds of toys each year in addition to an accompanying Christmas dinner and breakfast box.

This will be their sixth year collecting. Common items needed include Legos, dolls, cars and some of the hotlist items. Donation boxes for their drive can be found at the 7th Precinct and Island Empanada as well as an insurance company in Wading River, among others.

"Warming parents' hearts and the kids' happy faces," Keith said of his "why" behind continuing his spirited holiday giving. "I love helping." For Cassy, she loves to see the volun-

teers.



"Inspiring people to help others," she said of their mission and seeing volunteers and community members proud of what they collected. "It means our message is getting through."

Keith will also continue to collect socks and pantry items for his comfort cases for the homeless and to maintain his Railroad Avenue blessing box.

Aside from toys, Cassy said, financial donations are always appreciated. The collections will go towards holiday gift shopping, she said. For more information visit: https://www.helpingmakesuhappy.org/donate. Or call Keith and Cassy at 631-878-1978.

## **HOW TO DONATE**

To donate, send a check payable to Helping Makes U Happy, Inc. 44 Hawkins Avenue, Center Moriches, NY 11934

For drop-off donations, Helping Makes U Happy is located at 1 Neville Street in Center Moriches.

## Holiday toy drive roundup

Compiled by Katherine Al Rashdan

Spreading holiday cheer is one of the best parts of the season. If you're looking for local holiday toy drives, we've got you covered. Below is a list of local events and local drop-off locations, so that you can show our neighborhood children in need that holiday miracles really do happen.

## Interface Brookhaven

Brookhaven's annual tov drive is slated for Friday, Dec. 10, when local radio stations will broadcast live from Town Hall. Attendees are asked to bring a new, unopened, unwrapped toy, which will be given to a local child in need. For more information call the Youth Bureau at 631-451-8011.

## **Crumbs on Main**

Crumbs on Main is hosting a Toys for Tots drive from Nov. 23 to Dec. 15. The icing on top of the cake is, any toy donated will earn you a free sweet treat.

#### Natalie's Wings

Natalie's Wings is hosting its fifth

annual toy drive from now until Dec. 15. The toys will go to sick children in local hospitals including Cohen's Children Hospital, Ronald McDonald House, Sloan Kettering Children Hospital, and Stony Brook Hospital. There are various drop-off locations all over Long Island; the Center Moriches drop-off is at 64 Holiday Blvd. For more information call Paula Leone at 631-318-6181.

#### **Moloney Funeral Home**

Moloney Funeral Home is hosting the Rees Spect Life Toy Drive and asks anyone to donate a toy to one of their seven locations, including the one in Center Moriches. For more information call Karen Gifford at 631-458-1515

## **Moriches Community Center**

The community center is hosting a few different holiday drives, including an "Adopt a Family's Wish List" event. Email them at info@morichescommunitycenter.org for more information or visit the website at www.morichescommunitycenter.org.

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# **Welcoming Pastor Tracy Moore**

#### **BY KATHERINE AL RASHDAN**

There's a new pastor at the Center Moriches United Methodist Church, and her name is Tracy Moore.

One of her biggest goals for the church is to bring in new congregants, and she has her sights set on



young families in the area. In the past, the church catered to young families by providing a church-run Sunday School program and social activities, but the COVID-19 pandemic changed all of that.

"COVID-19 decimated the young family portion of the church, but the dream of this church is to get back to that—a mixture of ages, ethnicities, and socioeconomic status," she said.

After more than a year, the Sunday School program was rebooted on Oct. 24 and currently runs once a month. And that's just one of the many outreach plans Moore has for getting young families back.

Another happened this past Halloween, when the church opened its doors to trick-or-treaters during the March of the Goblins parade. Children were offered coloring books, crafts and healthy snacks. "Halloween is kind of controversial with some churches. Some fully embrace it, some shudder at the thought of a jack-o'-lantern. This was a trickor-treat break station, so we were there to offer families a break from all of the walking and candy," she said.

COVID-19 changed how the church operates in many different ways, but Moore sees the changes as a way she can positively influence her community and show congregants that the church cares for their wellbeing.

"As much as I was unhappy about not meeting in person and canceling initiatives, that's how you can show you love your people. My congregation is largely older. I feel like I have to be super-careful," she said.

Moore has quickly grown fond of her Center Moriches home and her life at the parsonage on Main Street. But she grew up far from Long Island, in the Midwest state of Wisconsin. During her childhood, Moore's family went to church, but not regularly.

"We weren't every Sunday-type of people in my family, but I certainly grew up interested and wanting to know more," she said.

As a young adult, Moore took it upon herself to find a church and get involved. "When I graduated from college, I felt a strong need to find a church, and so I found a Methodist church because that's what I new," she said.

Later on in life, a pastor told Moore she should look into a career in the church. After that, Moore signed up for classes and began pursuing work as a deacon, but then she got a call that changed her life.

"Out of the sky blue I got a call from the district superintendent asking if I would be a pastor," she said. "I was praying, asking God to open a door for me, and that's what happened."

Shortly after starting at the Center Moriches church, she was asked to take on another church, doing double duty as a part-time pastor at Trinity United Methodist of Coram as well. At the time, she was still in seminary school and considered herself to be an older student. She didn't know, at first, if she wanted to take the second position.

"I had very little time to make a decision. It was between a Saturday night, and on that Monday morning, I had to give my answer. Do I say yes or do I say no? I didn't know. So, I went to prayer group and asked," she said.

She went back to her office and found a pile of notes. Written on one was a quote: "Do not be afraid to know. God will speak to you directly. Do not be paralyzed by fear."

That's when she said yes.

"And now I'm trying to navigate being pastor of two churches," she said.

The church, which has been an active part of the community since 1839, has robust outreach programs, including a thrift shop and food pantry.

Recently, the popular church-run thrift shop had a change in focus and is now only accepting clothing. Before, people would drop off large items like furniture, but when they didn't sell, the church had to pay for them to be removed.

"People have been wonderful since we changed the policy," said Moore.

The food pantry was amped up during COVID-19 due to the high need in the area, but when they saw that things had slowed down after the pandemic, they cut some hours.

"We have a wonderful new director named Barbara Petrone. She started as a volunteer," said Moore.

For now, Moore has her sights set on working with the community, bringing in new families, and providing services for her current congregants. Asked to close out the article with a message to readers, Moore said:

"Center Moriches United Methodist Church would love to meet you. Our worship time is 9 a.m. every Sunday." Maybe she'll see you there! ■

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# The Christmas cookie

## Locals prepare for holiday baking BY PATRICIA KALOSKI

As you prepare to bake your favorite Christmas cookies this holiday season, know that you are partaking in a centuries-old tradition with origins that go as far back as the European Middle Ages. From kings and queens to the village cobbler, Christmas cookies were made and enjoyed by all who observed the Christmas holiday.

The cookie itself dates back some 10,000 years, according to the website, <u>Christmascarnivals.com</u>, when farmers would mix grains and water to create a paste that they would then bake on hot stones. Tasty? Probably not, but historians speculate that it was a practical food source at a time when refrigeration was not an option.

The cookie began to take more form with the introduction of widespread trade between the East and West, which brought back never-before-seen-or-used spices such as cinnamon, nutmeg, black pepper, and cardamom, as well as dried fruits and dates.

However, these ingredients weren't readily available to the masses, much less affordable. Moreover, in the Middle Ages, baking was a craft performed by special guilds, but for the occasion of Christmas, folks from all walks of life were allowed to splurge on these extravagant ingredients to bake sweet treats that could be shared and given as gifts to family, friends and neighbors.

As time went on, different recipes became popular in different regions. In Germany, Lebkuchen was the Christmas cookie of choice, and was invented by German monks. First documented in 1296, the cookie's roots go back to



the Egyptians, Greeks and Romans, who used honey as a natural sweetener in their baked goods.

By 1395, these cookies were being baked in Nuremberg, which today, is still the capital for this holiday favorite. Lebkuchen come in a variety of shapes, sizes and flavors, but almost always include honey, nutmeg, aniseed, cardamom, coriander, ginger, allspice, and nuts or dried fruit.

To the north, in Norway, the popular cookie was krumkake, a descendent of the Italian pizzelle. The batter was made from flour, butter, eggs and cream, and was baked in a decorative iron over heat.

According to historians, gingerbread was the first cookie to be associated with Christmas. In England, Queen Elizabeth I had gingerbread molded into the shapes of her favorite courtiers, from which the treasured holiday favorite gingerbread men—were born. But it wasn't until hundreds of years later in the 19th century that gingerbread would become synonymous with the Christmas holiday, thanks to Queen Victoria and Prince Albert, who made it a part of their Christmas celebration.

Many of the Christmas traditions we observe today come from Germany, such

as the decorated Christmas tree. Ornaments included cookies that were cut into festive shapes, using a cutter, often made of metal or copper. By the late 1800s, cookie cutters were being mass produced and exported all over the world, and recipes for Christmas cookies were finding their way into cookbooks everywhere.

So how did the beloved Christmas cookie make its way to America? We have the Dutch to thank for that, who brought the Christmas Koeptje (meaning small cake) to America in the 17th century.

However, not everyone was making Christmas cookies in colonial times. In the Puritan era in New England, for example, Christmas celebrations were outlawed from 1659 to 1681, and punishable by high fines if one was caught making merry.

But in other colonies, like the Dutchfound New Amsterdam (present-day New York), cookies were a part of both the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

The Christmas cookie tradition continued to spread in America, and in 1796, the first recipe was printed in Amelia Simmons's cookbook, "American Cookery," titled "Another Christmas Cookey." Ingredients included coriander, butter, sugar and milk. Once baked, the cookies were to be stored in an "earthen vessel in a dry cellar or damp room" and recommended to be consumed six months later!

The Christmas cookie has certainly evolved over time, and grown into a multi-billion-dollar industry worldwide. Locally, Center Moriches' very own Nettie's Country Bakery will be baking thousands of pounds of cookies during the holiday season, said baker and owner, Joe McHeffey.

"The bakery is a holiday business, so we are busy on all holidays, but the Christmas season is the busiest and cookies are the most popular," noted McHeffey.

At Nettie's, a variety of Christmas cookies will be baked onsite and then assembled and sold at the bakery, offsite at other retail locations, and shipped all over the country, even as far as Hawaii, said McHeffey. A typical cookie assortment will feature chocolate chip cookies, biscotti, coconut macaroons, lemon and tea cookies, rainbow cookies, Christmas sugar cookies, butter cookies, gingerbread cookies and coconut/chocolate chip bar cookies.

McHeffey said the recipes come from a variety of sources, from family favorites to recipes shared from friends. Nettie's tea cookies and coconut chocolate chip bars are courtesy of McHeffey's Aunt Anne, while the biscotti and butter cookies come from his brother-in-law George. As for the ever-popular Christmas sugar cookie recipe, McHeffey learned that many years ago when he was an apprentice at Pierre's Bakery, which was located on Main Street in Center Moriches.

Some may argue that one of the most beloved Christmas cookie traditions is baking and leaving cookies for Santa Claus on Christmas Eve. This exercise is said to have started in the 1920s and '30s by parents who used it as a way of teaching their children to be grateful, while other historians muse that it was started by naughty children who were trying to bribe Santa Claus to leave gifts, despite their bad behavior.

Another treasured tradition is giving cookies as gifts during the holiday season. Center Moriches resident Corinne Flynn-Bernath has been baking and elaborately decorating cookies to give to family and friends for 23 years.

It started at a time when she and her husband, both native New Yorkers, were living in San Francisco. With a new baby and a meager budget, the Bernaths didn't know how they were going to purchase Christmas gifts for their loved ones back North that Christmas. While waiting on line at a supermarket, Bernath noticed a Martha Stewart magazine that touted the idea of giving cookies as gifts. From that Christmas on, Bernath said she has baked thousands of sugar cookies with icing, for Christmas and just about every other occasion.

"I have made every shape and color you can think... it's my little Christmas miracle," she added.

The Christmas cookie swap made its way on the scene in the early 20th century, becoming significantly more popular in the 1960s. A cookie swap is when a group of friends get together to exchange their favorite Christmas cookies, along with the accompanying recipe.

Here, in Center Moriches, resident Michelle Mitchell is busy preparing for her 17th annual Cookie Swap, an extravaganza that involves dozens of bakers whipping up their best cookie recipes. Each year, Mitchell plans a flurry of games and activities, in addition to the swap itself.

This year, she said she's "dialing it back a notch" in an effort to keep it more of a traditional swap.

"The theme is KISS: Keep it Simple Swappers! My hope this year is to have an afternoon filled with good food, conversation, laughter and of course, cookies," said Mitchell. ■



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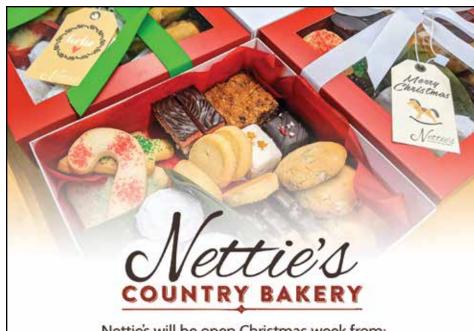
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## **Holiday cheer in the Moriches**

#### **COMPILED BY NICOLE FUENTES**

Here's what's happening in Center Moriches:

### Menorah Lighting, Friday, Dec. 3

The chamber of commerce will be hosting the menorah lighting on Dec. 3 at 5:30 p.m. at the Center Moriches Square Shopping Center. Rabbi Jack Shlachter and the local synagogue will conduct a small ceremony. All are welcome.

#### Holiday Tree Lighting, Friday, Dec. 10

The annual tree lighting will take place at 7 p.m. on Main Street in Center Moriches at the Center Moriches Square Shopping Center. There will be a performance by students from Center Moriches High School chorus. There will be an appearance by Santa Claus, and hot chocolate and cookies. The tree will feature a lighting ceremony.

#### Rotary Breakfast with Santa, Sunday, Dec. 5

The Moriches Rotary Club's Breakfast with Santa will be held at Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck from 9 a.m. to noon. Tickets are \$6 for kids, \$8 seniors and \$10 for adults and can be purchased at the door. Pictures with Santa are \$6.

#### District Rotary 7255, Share the Blessings program

District Rotary 7255 Passport Club also has plans to continue their Share the Blessings program. According to leader Janice Graf, every two weeks the club distributes basic needs and food to families who live at local campsites, serving about 30 to 50 people, including about 40 children.

#### Moriches Community Center, family support

The Moriches Community Center will be collecting and shopping for Christmas. All items are then donated to families identified as "in-need" by the district.

Those interested in lending a hand can do so monetarily through donations or by volunteering their time to shop. Donation drop-offs are also welcome.

The community gift-wrapping day, which was not held last year due to COVID restrictions, is back. The event is volunteer-run and allows those who want to help the opportunity to do so. The day is usually held on the Saturday before Christmas and is to be announced. About 75 families are aided through the program.

### **Center Moriches Library, holiday events**

The Center Moriches Library will again be hosting the United States Marine Corps Toys for Tots program. The donation boxes are located in the hallway and the library, where people can place donations of new, unwrapped toys to help a child in need. The boxes will be available until Monday, Dec. 20.

The library will also be hosting two Zoom gingerbread cookie-making classes at 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 16 and 20. They will also be hosting two Zoom wreath-decorating events on Sunday, Dec. 5 and Monday, Dec. 13. For the full list of events, visit <u>centermoricheslibrary.org</u>.

## Annual Holiday Parade of Lights, Dec. 11

The Center Moriches Fire Department is hosting its annual Holiday Parade of Lights on Saturday, Dec. 11. The event starts at 6 p.m. and will make its way through Main Street.

It's a family-oriented parade, which attracts thousands to Center Moriches each year. There are around 100 community groups involved, including fire departments, EMS, scouts, and more. And of course, Santa will be making an appearance aboard a Center Moriches fire truck at the end of the parade.

"The Center Moriches FD Holiday Parade of Lights is a timeless family tradition," Bill Renzetti, Center Moriches FD parade chairman, said. "While we had to get creative last year due to COVID and modify the parade route, it will be nice to bring the parade back to Main Street for all to see."

There's a committee of about 10 people behind the scenes planning the parade, and about 15 who help it run smoothly on the day. Judges will be on hand looking closely at all the floats to see who will earn a trophy. Some of the awards include best fire/EMS apparatus, best community group, and more. This year's judges are Miriam Gillies and Brookhaven Town supervisor Ed Romaine.

For more information on the parade, contact 631-878-0089 or parade@Center-morichesfd.com. ■

-Nicole Fuentes



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# **Moriches Veterans Day parade**

## A salute to sacrifice and service

#### **BY KATHERINE AL RASHDAN**

On Nov. 9, residents and elected officials packed the streets of East Moriches to honor the sacrifice and service that our brave veterans make on behalf of all Americans, at the Moriches Veterans Day parade.

Cpl. Jean Littman served as the parade's 2021 grand marshal—the first woman veteran to hold the honor. Littman, a 90-year-old Korean war veteran, served in the U.S. Marines Corps from 1952 to 1955. Her responsibilities were vast and many, beginning with a role she held driving the motor pool at El Toro, Santa Anna, Calif. During her brave service in the Korean War, she was awarded the National Defense Medal and the Good Conduct Medal.

"It's a good part of my life. I could live on my memories alone," Littman said of her time in the Corps.

Ling Wong volunteered to drive Littman in her 1967 red Chevy Camaro. During the parade, Littman sat in the backseat, waving to parade-goers and waving an American flag.

"I'm excited for her. She's happy to be here representing the Marines," said Lisa Fischer, a fellow Marine veteran from Patchogue. Fischer and Littman became friends through veterans' organizations, including the Women Marines Association. Fischer said that many more women have joined the service in recent years, but that during Littman's time, women gravitated towards other career paths.

"I know when Jean enlisted, it wasn't very common," said Fischer.

But Littman was steadfast in her desire to become a Marine, inspired by the path that family members before her had taken. By the time the Korean War started in 1950, she knew she'd enlist.

"The men could go in at 17—I had to wait until I was 21," she said.

Enlisting took a bit of nudging—her father waited six months before signing

the paperwork that allowed her to join the Marines.

Robin Luthardt, a parade volunteer, was present, snapping photos and thanking veterans for their service. Luthardt said that Veterans Day is especially important for remembering our World War II veterans, who are now all in their 90s. World War II lasted from Sept. of 1939 to Sept. of 1945, meaning that if a veteran signed up at 17 years old for the last year of the war, they'd be 93 right now.

"Everyone needs to honor and remember what our veterans do for us on a daily basis. We're at the last of our World War II veterans and I think it's very important for us to show them that we appreciate what they've done for us," she said. ■

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Pictured is the newly installed Walk of Heroes, by the VFW. The VFW still has room for bricks and encourages anyone to go on their website and donate a brick in honor or memory of a loved one. Courtesy Photo



Elected officials march in the parade and thank veterans for their service.

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But now Supervisor Ed Romaine, the Brookhaven Town Board and their allies at Winters Bros. are planning to turn Brookhaven into the next garbage capital of New York. They want to build the largest garbage transfer station in New York State history in Yaphank.

## That's right: We fought to close the largest landfill on Long Island only to face plans for the largest waste transfer station in New York State history.

Even worse, Brookhaven Town and Winters Brothers are seeking to advance this massive project by silencing the public's voice. They are hoping an obscure agency in Washington, DC called the Surface Transportation Board will approve this massive facility without going through a local approval process! That means not a single vote by the Town Board or Zoning Board, limiting public input and disenfranchising community concerns. This facility will flood our streets with garbage trucks from every community across Long Island and even from New York City – and do it in a potential Environmental Justice Area.

## It's time that Ed Romaine, the Brookhaven Town Board and Winters Bros. tell the truth about the secret they are desperately trying to hide from us.

It's time they admit they are scheming to avoid local zoning while building the single largest garbage transfer station in New York State history.

It's time to put an end to secret deals, **RESPECT** our community and respect the public process. We need the Town of Brookhaven, specifically Supervisor Ed Romaine, to **COMMIT** to a locally controlled process where Brookhaven community members have a voice that is valued and heard with regard to the future of our community.

It's time to tell Ed Romaine, Brookhaven Town Board members, and Winters Bros. that **we don't want Brookhaven to become the GARBAGE CAPITAL OF NEW YORK**. Local control should never be turned over to a federal agency.

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## **KEITH'S CORNER**

## It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!

At Helping Makes U Happy, we are starting off the month Dec. 1st with a fun night of holiday craft-making at the Moriches Field Brewing Co.

We are in the planning stages with Oasis Rehab of our annual outdoor festivities to bring some joy and holiday gifts to the residents there. If you are interested in helping out or donating a small new gift, please call or text 631-848-9008 for more information.

We are also so pleased and thankful that Bay Gardens has offered to partner up with us to collect toys for local families this holiday season. On Dec. 11, they'll be having a Christmas festival from 1 to 5 p.m., the proceeds of which will be donated to help support Suffolk County police officer Timothy Thrane and his family. Officer Thrane was struck and injured last month on William Floyd Parkway and has a long, difficult road ahead of him. We are proud to support Bay Gardens' efforts in this, and hope to see you all there.

Please bring a new unwrapped toy to donate if you are able. Not only do we help the families referred to us, we also help several organizations and schools who request assistance so their families in need can have a free Christmas shopping night.

To this end, we'd also like to thank the State Farm Office of Carmine J. Campisi in Calverton, who is also hosting a toy drive for us—we are very grateful.

We are all looking forward to watching the CMFD Parade of Lights the evening of Dec. 11—we really missed it last year!

On Dec. 16, Helping Makes U Happy is thrilled to be the honoree at the Dream Big Holiday Benefit at the Stereo Garden in Patchogue. This event, sponsored by American Dream Abstract, promises to be a great evening with a silent auction, basket raffle, 50/50, and music, and will be a tremendous help to our organization!

Keith loves networking and is really looking forward to spreading his helping mission at this event! For more information, please contact Jodi Brust at 631-714-9158.

Of course, all month long we'll be wearing our elf hats, preparing to make the holidays bright for many local families referred to us. We love delivering the Christmas breakfast baskets, dinner boxes, and gifts—it warms our hearts as much as theirs, and isn't that what the holidays should be about?

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all, and to all a good night! ■



## **MORICHES BAY GARDEN CLUB**

## Prepping for the holidays

Our club has a full schedule this month.

On Dec. 6, we are hosting a Christmas/holiday workshop at Sepenoski Tree Farm in Peconic. All participants can make either a swag, wreath or table arrangement.

We will be helping at the Haven's House annual wreath project—we expect to decorate and distribute a wreath to each shop along Main Street. Also, this year the members voted to make a cash donation to the community toy drive.

And finally, we are wrapping up our club activities with a luncheon at Trumpets on the Bay. For more information on any of our activities, contact Diane (631-325-1838).

Take a minute to see if you would like to become a member of the garden club. All our members wish you a happy holiday season. ■

-Maureen Pollack



## LETTERS

## Thank you!

I would like to thank the many organizations, drivers, Chief Youngs, and my group of six that gave 110 percent for our Veterans Day parade. However, biggest thank you to all our wonderful veterans who have given so much for you and I. -Miriam Gillies

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## **AROUND TOWN**

## Sunday, December 5

**Breakfast with Santa** - The Moriches Rotary invites the community to their annual pancake breakfast with the jolly elf, 9 a.m. to noon at Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck, Chet Swezey Rd., Center Moriches. Tickets available at the door. Adults, \$10, seniors, \$8, kids, ages 12 and under, \$6. Photos with Santa, \$6. Visit www. facebook.com/MorichesRotaryofNewYork.

### Saturday, December 11

Job/Career Counseling – Adults, ages 18 and older can talk with career counselor for help with resumes, interviewing strategies, job searches, and other career concerns. Mastic-Moriches-Shirley Community Library cardholders only, 10 a.m. to noon. When registering, provide your email and telephone number in order to receive resume templates and other career resources. To register, call Tara Moran at 631-399-1511 ext. 240, or email tmoran@ communitylibrary.org.

**Holiday House** – Families with at least one child in grade 7 or younger are invited to create a gingerbread house at Mastics-Moriches-Shirley Library, 1 p.m. OR 2:30 p.m. Also offered on Dec. 14, 4:30 p.m. OR 6 p.m. Register online or call 631-399-1511, ext. 262.

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#### Sunday, December 12

**Holiday Fair** – Find wonderful ideas for everyone on your holiday gift list at Medford Chamber of Commerce's vendor/craft fair, Medford VFW Hall, 507 Long Island Ave., Medford, 1-6 p.m.

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#### Friday, December 17

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#### Saturday, December 18

**Holiday Cookie Fest** – Buy your favorite cookies by the pound, in boxes or plates to enjoy or gift at East Moriches Methodist Church, 370 Montauk Hwy., at the corner of Woodlawn Ave., 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Visit the Country Store for quick breads, jams, wreaths, quilts totes, décor, and much more. Call 631-878-0887.

## YEARS AGO

## 75 Years Ago

DECEMBER 1946

The second annual corporate meeting of the East Moriches Soldiers and Sailors Memorial committee was held at the home of **Capt. E.T. Osborne. Edwin J. Hancock** was reelected president of the corporation, with **Arthur M. Lane** as vice president, **Joseph C. Raynor** as treasurer and **Frederick E. Martin**, secretary.

The senior class of Center Moriches High School is making plans for the Christmas Formal to be held in the high school auditorium. Members of the committee include Julia Stype, Marjorie Howell, Viola Davis, Stanley Pakosky, Barbara Brown, Catherine Rooney and Charles Buckheit.

**Edna Kaler Gracey**, founder and director of the Choral Society of the Moriches, has announced the soloists and the program for this year's presentation of Handel's "Messiah." Soloists include **Lillian Bliss**, alto, of Center Moriches, and Kaler Gracey herself, who will sing soprano.

A large crowd attended the Eastport American Legion Post's dance at John Duck's hotel, Eastport. Lucky winners of the five turkeys were **Pauline Sirko** of Eastport, **W.L. Tuttle** of East Moriches, and a special turkey dinner basket was awarded to **Mrs. Esther Daniels** of Eastport and the door award to **Angelo Capozzola**, also of Eastport.

**Mildred Raynor** and **Walter Johnson**, both of Manorville, were married at the Moriches Bible Protestant Church.

**Doris Johnson**, of Manorville, who spoke on "The Influence of the Constitution on the New Citizens of Our Republic," was the winner of the 10th annual American Legion Oratorical Contest held at Eastport High School. **Barbara Krawczyk** was the runner-up and spoke on the topic, "The Constitution—Temple of Liberty."

Members of the Rotary Club of the Moriches were treated with a musical program presented by **Blanche Laskee**, soprano, of Center Moriches, and **M. Sherbow**, violinist, of East Moriches. Together they performed "Stardust," and "Irish Lullaby."

**Betty Davis**, a student studying interior design at Traphagen School of Design, is spending the holiday vacation at her home on Lake Avenue, Center Moriches.

The French Class I of Eastport High School, comprised of Jessie Raynor, Marie Pomasanoff, Grace Rogers, Lucille Capozzola and Cynthia Powell, entertained at the high school assembly by singing in French a group of French songs.

Cadet **Paul W. Fuelling**, of Mastic Beach, has been awarded the Admiral Farragut Academy Blue and Silver Riband with a Silver Star for passing all subjects for the month with an average of 86 percent.

At an election held in the Center Moriches High School, members of the senior class elected **Marilyn Cassin**, **Patricia Tuttle** and **Jean Ellington** to compete with seniors from other high schools throughout the United States for the four-year scholarship and \$50 certificates of merit being offered this year by the Pepsi-Cola Scholarship Board.

**Kit Lias** led the Strikes and Spares to a 3-2 victory over the Midways in the Center Moriches bowling race, striking almost at will to total a neat 246.

Playing in December at the **Center Moriches Theatre**: Walt Disney's "Song of the South"; Errol Flynn and Eleanor Parker in "Never Say Goodbye"; Robert Cummings and Peter Lorre in "The Chase"; and Olivia de Havilland and Lew Ayres in "The Dark Mirror."

## 50 Years Ago DECEMBER 1971

Members of the Moriches Lions Club who helped string the lights for the Christmas tree next to Slater's Pharmacy and Main Street, Center Moriches, were president **Henry Bunke**, **Alex Mazarakis** and **Bill Dugan**.



December 1971: The award-winning Center Moriches Elementary School chorus, under the direction of Mrs. Carol Jurgielwicz, rehearses for their upcoming performance at the Smith Haven Mall. Some members of the chorus are pictured here: Claudia Titmus, Laura Huey, Mark Lacey and Valerie Hoyt.

**Mr. and Mrs. George Kubala** of Washington Drive, Mastic Beach, returned from a 10-day cruise to the Bahamas.

Members of **Mrs. Vivian Orofino's** fifthgrade class at Center Moriches Elementary School held a series of bake sales and earned enough money to prepare a Christmas dinner for their parents and classmates. The menu included spaghetti and meatballs, salad, apple cider and ice cream. **Mrs. Dorothy Udell**, Mrs. Orofino's aide, and **Mrs. Anita Langdon**, a parent, helped with the festivities.

The Jewish Center of the Moriches held a very successful 20th anniversary dance. Committee members were chairperson Mrs. Sally Heller, Mrs. Annette Pribut, Mrs. Roberta Zucker, Mrs. Carol Mirrer and Mrs. Shirley Bergmann.

The Center Moriches Camera Store on

Main Street celebrated its 25th anniversary, under the ownership of father-son team **Philip and Philip Jr. Trypuc**.

**Ronald E. Blechner** of Bank Street, Center Moriches, graduated as a top honor student from RCA Institute School of Electronics and Technology.

**Robert M. Penney** of Union Avenue, Center Moriches, participated in the Northfield Mount Hermon School vespers service in the All Saints Episcopal Church in nearby Worcester.

Playing in December at local Moriches area theatres: Albert Finney and Alec Guinness in **"Scrooge"**; Tom Laughlin and Dolores Taylor in **"Billy Jack"**; Robert Duvall in **THX 1138**; and Anthony Perkins in **"Someone Behind the Door."** 

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### **BY NICOLE FUENTES & KAT AL RASHDAN**

The decadent and swanky Stereo Garden in Patchogue was an apropos setting for the overwhelming Republican victory party on election night.

Decked out in red, white, and blue balloons, lights, and 3D stars, the Stereo Garden displayed campaign signs throughout its entryway and stage for candidates.

Suffolk County Republicans came out in full force, taking control of the Suffolk County Legislature, unseating the Democratic majority leader Rob Calarco and taking control of the 18-seat body, and sweeping the county for several key seats

Special election incumbent Republican James Mazzarella took the win for Suffolk County's 3rd District against



former Legis. Kate Browning with 66 percent of the vote and 7,525 votes to her 32 percent of the vote, and 3,708 votes.

"This campaign was no different than my campaign in the spring; it is about people and the people have spoken in a very big way!" he said after his victory. "I am humbled by the groundswell of support; now it's time to get to work and serve.'

The Suffolk County Democrats gathered to watch results and celebrate victories at IBEW Local 25 in Hauppauge; however, victories were few and far between as Republicans swept the county for several key seats.

Democrat Kate Browning, who didn't win her race against Republican James Mazzarella for Suffolk County's 3rd District, said voter turnout is important in off-vear elections.

"The bottom line is it's about turnout and whether Dems turn out to vote. I think sometimes some voters become complacent and think everything is going to be ok. People don't realize how important every single vote is," she said, conceding to her opponent.

Dems also lost control of the Suffolk County Legislature, unseating the Democratic majority leader Rob Calarco and taking control of the 18-seat body.

Suffolk County Democratic Committee chairman Rich Schaefer took to the stage to first announce Suffolk County presiding officer Rob Calarco's upset against Dominick Thorne. Calarco was defeated with 45 percent of the vote, 5,627 votes, to Thorne, who took 54 percent with 6,611 votes, for District 7. This would have been Calarco's final term as legislator after serving a total of 10 years in the seat

'I want to recognize a young man who is not done, even though he may be done as a result of the results that have come in in his district in Brookhaven. But you have not heard the last of him," said Schaefer. "Everyone will tell you, even the Republicans will tell you, he did a damn good job as a presiding officer."

Calarco spoke about the upset and took time to reminisce on some of his accomplishments from his time in office.

"Sometimes you don't know how the results are going to play out, and sometimes you get caught up in a national movement, as happened tonight. But I have a lot to be proud of standing here with my colleagues, looking at what we've accomplished for Suffolk County,' he said in his concession speech.

Brookhaven Town clerk Donna Lent (R) also took home a win.

"I know all my colleagues join me in saying what a great town clerk we have," said Brookhaven Town supervisor Ed Romaine on her win. "Voters agreed, 2 to 1, to reelect Donna Lent."

"Thank you to all the soldiers who were out knocking on doors, shaking our streets; you have all have done a tremendous job," Donna Lent said, taking the stage.

Contender and Republican district attorney candidate Ray Tierney took the win against incumbent and Democrat Tim Sini for the seat with 57 percent, 153,808 votes to Sini's 42 percent, 114,514 votes.

"This man began his career in high school as a running back. When he went to Brown University, again he played football and he took this campaign every

day as if he was driving out yardage every day," said chairman of the Suffolk County Republican Committee Jesse Garcia of Tierney's win.

"I am proud and humbled to stand before you here today and because of the people in this room and the people in Suffolk County, despite running against an incumbent, despite not having a lot of money in the beginning, despite not having the support of a lot of institutions, not for one day did I feel like an underdog because of you guys," Tierney said in his victory speech. "I will fight every day to keep the citizens of Suffolk County safe. I will be fair and I will reach out into the community to develop relationships so we can all have faith in our District Attorney's Office.'

Democrat Errol Toulon Jr. had won his race with just over 54 percent of the vote, 141,931 votes, against William Amato for Suffolk County sheriff, who garnered 45 percent of the vote with 119,357 votes.



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# **Reelected and ready to work**

## Legis. James Mazzarella talks plans for first full term

## **BY NICOLE FUENTES**

Back in November, special election incumbent Republican James Mazzarella took the win for Suffolk County's 3rd District against former Legis. Kate Browning with 66 percent of the vote and 7,525 votes to her 32 percent of the vote and 3,708 votes.

Below are compiled questions and answers from Mazzarella.

#### Q: What is your promise to the people?

A: I promise that I will work tirelessly to help improve the quality of life for the residents of the 3rd Legislative District. By working in collaboration with the Town of Brookhaven, I will work to remove blight from our communities and give our law enforcement the tools that they need to protect our citizens.

#### Q: What are you most looking forward to for your first full term?

A: Seeing through the implementation and construction of the Forge River Watershed Sewer District.

Q: How will you complete the sewer project?

A: The sewer project is well on its way, as I have helped to secure and appropriate the final funding that was required to select a contractor and move forward with the project. It is now a matter of ensuring that the project remains on schedule. There are certain steps that must be followed closely, the most important of which is the signing of access agreements with all of the property owners. In January, I plan on organizing community meetings with residents who live within the boundaries of the sewer district and going door to door if necessary to provide information on these access agreements and work with residents to have them executed.

#### Q: What do you also have planned for the Moriches area?

A: I am dedicated to preserving the bucolic character of the Moriches community. I am committed to working towards the preservation and restoration of the historic Captain Hawkins house on Montauk highway in Moriches. This is a collaboration between the Mastic Peninsula Historical Society, the town and county. It is our goal to restore this home to reflect the life and times of the Moriches area as it was in the mid-

1800s and give the community an opportunity to see the historical significance of the area.

#### Q: Do you have specific projects for the area?

A: I have also continued the work of my predecessor to install a left-turn signal for eastbound traffic at the Moriches bypass at Moriches Middle Island Road. This will help the traffic flow for motorists, school buses, and all traffic moving north on Moriches Middle Island Road at this intersection. It will also benefit the traffic moving towards William Floyd Middle School, Eastport-South Manor High School, and the Heatherwood apartment complex. This left-turn signal was in high demand by the community and on track to be active by the end of this year.  $\blacksquare$ 



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Newly reelected Legis. James Mazzarella preps for his first full term.



## **Propositions overwhelmingly fail**

#### **BY NICOLE FUENTES**

### **Prop 1 FAILS:**

Amending the Apportionment and Redistricting Process **RESULTS:** NO 64 percent, 170,570 votes YES 33 percent. 8.6207 votes

The proposal would have amended the portions of Article III of the New York Constitution that relate to the way district lines for congressional and state legislative offices are determined. If voted yes, the amendment would repeal portions of the state constitution adopted by voters in 2014 to re-create a redistricting commission.

### **Prop 2 PASSES:**

#### **Right to Clean Air, Clean Water,** and a Healthful Environment **RESULTS:** YES 60 percent, 156,811 NO 39 percent, 102,317 votes

The proposed amendment to Article I of the New York Constitution would establish the right of each person to clean air and water and a healthful environment. Shall the proposed amendment be approved?

The proposal will protect public health and the environment by adding the right

of each person to clean air and water and a healthful environment to the Bill of Rights in Article I of the New York Constitution.

### Prop 3 FAILS:

Eliminating 10-Day-Advance Voter Registration Requirement **RESULTS**: NO 68 percent, 179,368 votes

YES 31 percent, 83,407 votes

Section 5 of Article II of the New York Constitution requires that a citizen be registered to vote at least 10 days before an election. The proposed amendment would have deleted that requirement. If this amendment is adopted, the legislature will be authorized to enact laws permitting a citizen to register to vote less than 10 days before the election.

## **Prop 4 FAILS:**

#### Authorizing No-Excuse Absentee Ballot Voting NO 66 percent, 174,353 votes YES 33 percent, 87,651

The proposed amendment would have deleted from the current provision on absentee ballots the requirement that an absentee voter must be unable to appear at the polls by reason of absence from the county or illness or physical disability.

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