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Bayport-Blue Point High School presents 'Guys and Dolls'



Bayport-Blue Point High School dazzled audiences with its production of "Guys and Dolls" from Feb. 5-7.

Photo courtesy of the Bayport-Blue Point School District

Bayport-Blue Point High School's music department presented "Guys and Dolls" from Feb. 5-7. The classic musical comedy centers on gamblers, show-girls and unexpected romance in New York City, blending humor, memorable songs and lively dance numbers.

The production featured strong singing, energetic choreography and remarkable performances by student-actors, along with creative, well-crafted sets, costumes and lighting that captured the spirit of the Broadway favorite.

The Bayport-Blue Point School District congratulates the wonderful cast and crew on an outstanding production that showcased their immense talent.

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Sayville celebrates 'P.S. I Love You Day'



Kaylee Baker at Everly & Co. said the messages helped spread joy. SCN/Patton

Community spreads kindness through cards

BY CONNOR PATTON

Children from across the greater Sayville area spread messages of kindness throughout the community during "P.S. I Love You Day" on Feb. 13.

Young people let their neighbors know they are loved and not alone through uplifting messages written on cards and coffee cup sleeves, which were handed out to customers at businesses around Sayville, along with celebrations at their individual schools.

Students from Lincoln Avenue Elementary School celebrated the day by creating a paper link chain displayed at the school's entrance, with a positive message written on each link by a student.

Students from Lincoln Avenue Elementary School's Student Council also partnered with the Greater Sayville Chamber of Commerce to create about 500 cards with similar, well-designed messages of support, which were distributed at over a dozen businesses in town.

"We just try to spread that message of positivity and that you're not alone," said Lincoln Avenue Elementary School teacher and student council advisor, Gina LoCurto.

LoCurto co-chaired the initiative with fellow teacher Jennifer Order and with the support of Lincoln Avenue Elementary School.

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Volunteer fire departments seek new members

Grant project supports recruitment efforts

BY CONNOR PATTON

For many, fire departments are an ubiquitous presence, thought of only when seeing a fire truck speed to a call. But local departments, and the thousands of volunteer firefighters who work in them, are almost facing an emergency of their own.

Membership in volunteer fire departments across New York State is on the decline, forcing departments to either downgrade, as in the recent closure of

the Floral Park Centre Fire Company, or work towards a solution, as the local multidistrict collaboration among the Bohemia, Holbrook, Sayville, Bayport, and West Sayville fire departments has done.

For years, the multidistrict cooperative, like other districts across Long Island, has helped one another respond to mutual-aid calls and, more recently, worked together to secure grant funding for department recruitment.

"The community deserves a quality, prepared fire service," said Sayville Fire Department second assistant chief Donald Marra. "And we could use a few more members."

Through a firefighter assistance grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the Sayville Fire Department, in collaboration with the Holbrook, West Sayville, Bayport, and Bohemia fire departments, has increased its recruitment efforts by posting signs and booths across the South Shore, creating a professional commercial, and improving its digital pages.

In Sayville, Marra said recruiting new firefighters often happens in waves, with teenagers and young adults, who often have more free time, able to join the department before going to college.

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Oakdale-Bohemia Middle School in the Connetquot Central School District staged performances of “Shrek Jr.” from Feb. 5-7 in the school’s Jon-Michael Lasher auditorium. Directed by Rachel White, the musical follows the unlikely friendship of Shrek, a misunderstood ogre, and Donkey as they set out on a fairytale adventure filled with humor, heart and familiar storybook characters. The production featured two separate casts, highlighting a wide array of student talent. From colorful sets and detailed costumes to creative lighting and stand-out performances, the show reflected an impressive collaborative effort.



SCHOOL NEWS

Bayport-Blue Point High School: ‘Guys and Dolls’

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Bayport-Blue Point High School’s production of “Guys and Dolls,” performed Feb. 5-7.

Photos courtesy of Bayport-Blue Point School District

Oakdale-Bohemia Middle School presents ‘Shrek Jr.’



Oakdale-Bohemia Middle School drama students performed “Shrek Jr.” from Feb. 5-7.



Connetquot High School named to the 2025 Advanced Placement Program School Honor Roll



The College Board has named Connetquot High School to the 2025 Advanced Placement Program School Honor Roll, earning the bronze distinction.

Photo courtesy of Connetquot Central School District

The AP School Honor Roll recognizes schools whose AP programs are delivering strong outcomes for students while expanding access to rigorous coursework. Schools earn this annual recognition based on criteria that reflects a commitment to building a college-going culture, increasing opportunities for students to earn college credit and maximizing college readiness. At Connetquot High School, 49 percent of students in the Class of 2025 took at least one AP exam during high school. Additionally, 46 percent earned a score of three or higher on an AP exam, and 21 percent took five or more AP exams, including at least one exam in ninth or 10th grade. Compared with the district’s 2024 bronze AP School Honor Roll recognition, Connetquot High School demonstrated gains across all three College Board metrics: College Culture, College Credit and College Optimization.

School districts continue preliminary budget discussions

Administrators outline priorities, expenses, revenues

BY CONNOR PATTON

Local school districts continued their preliminary budget presentations at board meetings recently as each district prepares its budget for a vote in May.

All figures each school district provides are not final, and districts may change figures as they develop their budgets throughout late winter and early spring before adopting their budgets in April and the public vote in May.

Sayville School District

The Sayville Board of Education held its second budget presentation on Feb. 12, discussing revenue and expenses.

The district outlined budget priorities, including closing the gap between district revenues and expenditures, maintaining all programs, and pursuing capital improvements that may require a vote to go into reserves. Other budget priorities include reducing reliance on reserves and identifying new revenue sources to support long-term planning.

Robert Bartels, interim assistant superintendent for business and personnel at the Sayville School District, said the district will see a 4.48 percent increase in revenue in the 2026-2027 school year compared to this year, with a nearly \$1.3 million increase in state aid, bringing total external revenue to \$33.7 million.

Bartels said the district's tax levy would increase by 2.79 percent, which is

below the limit the district can impose on taxpayers.

For district expenses, Bartels said the district expects expenses on salaries overall to increase by around 2.5 percent, with benefits like health insurance going up by around 1.3 percent. These two factors account for about \$77.8 million. Equipment expenses are expected to increase by \$14,500 (5.89 percent), while transportation and contracted services are expected to decrease by approximately 5.8 percent (\$472,000) and 5.8% (\$322,000), respectively.

Some of the proposed facility enhancements include a \$450,000 sound and lighting upgrade for the high school auditorium, a \$325,000 move of the high school weight room to a fitness center, a \$125,000 upgrade of math classroom whiteboards, and a \$200,000 security camera upgrade for all schools. These enhancements would require an additional proposal to be voted on, but each project has already been budgeted for, Bartels said.

Total expenses are projected to be around 1.94 percent for the 2026-2027 school year.

The Sayville School District will hold its third budget workshop on March 12 at Sayville Middle School.

Bayport-Blue Point School District

The Bayport-Blue Point Board of Education discussed revenues and expenses at its Feb. 10 meeting, with district administration stating that it currently has an unbalanced budget.

According to Keri Loughlin, assistant superintendent for business and personnel at Bayport-Blue Point School District, the district's priority areas include "community connection, academic excellence,

and the student experience."

Bayport-Blue Point's tax levy limit is .76 percent lower than the current school year due to expired debt for the upcoming school year, Loughlin said, adding that the district would need to go above the allowable tax levy limit to support the 2026-2027 school year budget.

In balancing the 2026-2027 budget, the Bayport-Blue Point School District said it will either need to reduce programming or increase revenue.

"The administration is working on finalizing the expenditure budget to determine the amount of revenue required from the taxpayers in order to sustain programming in 2026-27," the district said in its presentation.

Regarding buildings and grounds for the 2026-2027 school year, Loughlin said the district expects a \$59,000 decrease in utilities costs due to solar panels, with a total utilities cost of \$1.2 million. Equipment costs are expected to be \$130,000, including a pickup truck with a plow and replacements for aging equipment such as lawn mowers.

Building repairs for HVAC projects, windows, boilers, roofs, fencing, and more are expected to come to around \$651,000, and contract services are expected to come to around \$429,000.

Proposed capital projects include \$500,000 to finish floor replacements districtwide, \$300,000 for HVAC replacements, and \$133,000 for pipe replacements at Blue Point Elementary School. These projects were previously voted on but not completed.

Employee health insurance rates are expected to increase district expenses by around 10 percent.

Loughlin said that district debt is decreasing over the next few years, and that new debt may be required to maintain "a balanced tax levy."

The Bayport-Blue Point Board of Education will hold its next budget meeting regarding extra-curricular, technology, and athletics expenses on March 17.

Connetquot School District

At the Feb. 10, Connetquot Board of Education Meeting, district administrators discussed enrollment, elementary staffing, and class-size projections in relation to the school budget.

Robert Hauser, assistant superintendent for business & operations at Connetquot School District, said the district expects to have an initial draft budget figure in early March and will review proposed budgets until the district adopts the budget in April, before the public votes on it in May.

Throughout the budget development process, Hauser said the district has been assessing programs and services "to identify budget priorities," as well as considering program enhancements and districtwide goals.

In considering the budget, the district is also looking at its cash flow reports, revenue projections, state and federal aid projections, collective bargaining agreements, and other revenue-related processes.

Hauser then told the board that the district has seen higher-than-projected student enrollment over the last few years, with secondary enrollment at 2,921 students as of Jan. 31, almost 100 students above BOCES projections.

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SEEKING NEW MEMBERS: Local fire departments need new members

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lege or starting a career.

But across local departments, members say retaining those firefighters is often difficult once they move away for school or work, or start raising families, which takes up even more of their free time.

And with house prices averaging around \$690,000 in Suffolk County as of January 2026, according to Zillow, many

ISLIP TOWN young firefighters often find themselves working multiple jobs or longer hours just to afford to live in their communities, Marra said.

Because of the higher cost of living and cultural changes, the Fire Association of the State of New York (FASNY) estimates that volunteer fire department membership statewide has fallen from around 120,000 in the early 2000s to around 80,000 today.

"While we are not at the point of a crisis, more volunteers are needed to support the emergency response system in their communities and around the state," FASNY said in a statement.

FASNY recently announced that they're working toward recruitment solutions through tax credits and fire-fighting-affordable housing measures, among other plans.

Thanks to the FEMA grant the local multidistrict applied for and received, the volunteer fire departments have been able to boost recruitment efforts over the past year, with large boards and posters proclaiming "heroes are born, then they become firefighters" around the Sayville area.

The visibility campaign is already succeeding, according to Marra. Recent-



A banner created by the Sayville Fire Department encourages new recruits to join as part of a multidistrict fire assistance grant project. SCN/Patton

ly, a 24-year-old applicant to the Sayville Fire Department told Marra that he wanted to join after seeing a recruitment poster along Lincoln Avenue.

"That at least made me feel good," Marra said.

And to keep those members coming back, Marra said the department emphasizes family and personal needs above all else and requires only a few hours of training per week for probationary members.

But Sayville isn't alone in the recruitment process. The Holbrook Fire Department helped lead the multidistrict effort to create a television commercial encouraging new volunteers.

Rob Avitabile, chief of the Holbrook

Fire Department, came up with the action-packed recruitment ad with a photographer friend and envisioned it as more than a call to action.

"It's an amped-up video," Avitabile said. "And firemen are adrenaline junkies, but I [wanted] our video to be better than this... and then together [we] came up with this whole thing about a story."

The commercial starts with real firefighters from each department relaxing inside their firehouse when a call comes over. The firefighters get into their trucks and head to a scene, where fire action shots show responders rescuing victims and placing them in ambulances. The commercial, above all else, asks the viewer if they have what it takes

and want to step up in their community.

"I never imagined myself here. I'm not a hero," the advertisement starts. "But one day, I stepped inside this firehouse and saw what it meant to be part of something bigger—what it meant to answer the call. So, when that call comes in, will you step forward?"

The commercial ends with flames surrounding the emblems of the local South Shore departments.

Members of the Holbrook, Bohemia, Sayville, and West Sayville fire departments filmed fire scenes for hours at the Suffolk County Fire Academy in Yaphank and other shots at their respective fire houses, with each advertisement personalized for that fire department's members.

A condensed advertisement has aired intermittently on News 12, and is featured on the Holbrook Fire Department's Instagram page.

Boosting social media presence has also been an effective way to connect residents and potentially interested members with the department, Avitabile said. With three stations and a paid ambulance company all operating out of the department, the social media pages cover a wide range of emergencies and activities happening around Holbrook.

Thanks to these recruitment efforts, Avitabile said Holbrook is flourishing with new members, and now teaches three probationary fire classes, bringing up to 13 new members if all "probies" join the department.

"It's worked," Avitabile said about the multipronged recruitment effort. "It just takes effort." ■

PLAY REVIEW

'Spamalot' is a royal romp

CMPAC's production of King Arthur entertains the court

BY SAM DESMOND

Coconut hooves and cockney accents are abound in CM Performing Arts Center's production of "Monty Python's Spamalot," which opened on Saturday, Feb. 14.

A fitting Valentine's Day treat for patrons, "Spamalot" had audiences roaring (and wheezing) with laughter from the British classic based on a "retelling" of the Arthurian legend.

Fans of the original 1975 movie, "Monty Python and the Holy Grail," can rest assured that all quotable elements are intact in this musical version, including the Knights who say Ni, "A shrubbery!" "Tis a scratch," "I fart in your general direction," "Why else would I have this outrageous accent," and "I'm not dead yet!" to name a few.

Director Jordan Hue developed a beautifully timed production that really leaned in on the actors' comedic timing ability as well as strong voices.

Music director Matthew Surico and conductor Kevin Merkel provided a rich and enveloping orchestration that complemented and lifted the characters' performances, especially Amanda Mac's as Lady of the Lake, who belted out some of the most memorable (and sarcastic) numbers in the production.

Choreographer Kevin Burns excelled in the wide variety of dancing styles in



Andrew Lenahan as Sir Galahad with Amanda Mac as The Lady of the Lake had a glorious duet in "Monty Python's Spamalot," currently playing at CM Performing Arts Center in Oakdale.

Photo by Janette Pellegrini

the script and managed to make each irreverent scene (one includes gameday cheerleading from the "Laker Girls") funnier than it was intended to be.

Costume designer Chakira-Iliana Doherty's clear inspiration from the original movie succeeded in standing on its own as a creative expression of the text.

Don Dowdell as King Arthur, known for the gravitas and wild-eyed humor he brings to characters, portrayed the regal patriarch of an eventual 1,000-year

dynasty with satirical sauciness and irreverent ire. Dowdell's accent work was impressive as his over-the-top aristocratic voice had lovely dips in intonation to illustrate the comic nature of the quest and his court.

As previously mentioned, Amanda Mac as the Lady of the Lake stole the show with her embodiment of a Broadway diva in "The Song That Goes Like This" and its reprise. When out onstage donning lingerie and a silk robe, Mac

channeled Patti Lupone's demanding aura and rallied for her part to play a bigger role.

Joe Kassner as Patsy was the consummate foil for Dowdell's Arthur and his big, loving eyes were a draw to the audience the entire run of the show. The physicality of Patsy could be a play on its own with Kassner's rendition.

Kevin Callaghan as the closeted Sir Lancelot was stupendous in the role and just the right amount of cheeky. In "His Name is Lancelot," we get a mega-show of Callaghan's comedic chops.

Matthew W. Surico as Sir Robin, with deadpan facial expressions in the face of fear, were hilarious and invited the audience to feel the lapsed bravery of the character. In "You Won't Succeed On Broadway," Surico's exquisitely calm but strong voice carried lyrics brushing up against a racial slur into a hokey and sweet anthem.

Andrew Lenahan as Sir Galahad was a crowd favorite with his constant movement of his luscious, Fabio-locks and general vanity. In "The Song That Goes Like This," Lenahan's scintillations in his voice held their own against the Mac powerhouse.

Will Brennan as the Historian and Prince Herbert was the standout of the show with a near-angelic balcony scene. The shift from his high-pitched speaking voice as Prince Herbert to his encompassing alto singing voice in "Where Are You?" and "Here Are You" is the basis of all comedy.

Winter has been a long grey, day of freezing temperatures and "Monty Python's Spamalot" is a great way to warm up with laughs. ■

'Newsies' invites you to 'Seize the Day!'

BY MONICA MUSETTI CARLIN

Extra! Extra! Read all about it! Argyle Theatre's production of "Newsies," brought to you by artistic director Evan Pappas and father-son executive producers, Mark and Dylan Perlman, is a riotous hit!

The play is based on the Disney film written by Bob Tzudiker and Noni White adapted from the book by Harvey Fierstein creatively chronicling the actual Newsboy's Strike of 1899 that began in Long Island City, N.Y., and spread in just two weeks' time to the entire city of New York, challenging publishers Joseph Pulitzer's New York World and William Randolph Hearst's Evening Journal to fairly compensate the young news delivery boys whose cry, "One for all! All for one!" helped change the course of child labor laws.

When deliverymen from the printing houses started selling papers to the newsboys—"newsies" who sold their newspapers "papes" on streetcorners—the newsies discovered they were cheated by being sold shorted bundles by the truckers, and the determined boys bravely fought back by refusing to sell the papers at all and called for a strike and an eventual union.

After suffering bitter battles that brutalized the street urchins just needing to keep food on their tables by earning fair compensation for their work the publishers, they ultimately had to give in as

their newspapers' circulations dropped drastically during the strike.

This is a heavily dance-driven show where thunderous dance numbers move along the plot, powerfully portraying the strong convictions of the young newsies.

Commanding the stage with elaborately choreographed routines complete with cartwheels, flips, tap dancing and unbelievable synchronized moves where they're flying straight up into the air several feet, the audience is wowed as each scene is better than the last! My seatmate and I at one point during the show shared we were so moved we literally felt compelled to stand up and join the protest!

Choreographer Trent Soyster and director Tommy Ranieri tag themselves artistic brothers as they bring to life this vibrant, David and Goliath-like piece of history.

Their choices of the much coveted triple-threat cast members, those who sing, dance and act, brings unmatched excitement to this show. Mason Ballard who plays Jack Kelly, Keyon Pickett playing Davey, and Nathaniel Dickson as his little brother Les, along with Jeremy Der-Movsesian as Crutchie, are the innovators behind the strike in an atmosphere of fair working conditions much touted by then-Governor of New York, Teddy Roosevelt.

The four of them bring strong dramatic skills to the story, keeping the audience hanging on every word. Cara Rose DiPietro clearly depicts the lovely, serious young journalist Katherine, who



Courtesy photo

provides motivational support through her newspaper stories helping to promote the strike.

Costumer Amanda Scanze once again nails the period, dressing Katherine in the classic "Gibson Girl" style. Where most of the cast are vibrant young men dressed in much worn, sometimes tattered outfits, there are several other women playing the roles of dance hall girls, notably Medda Larkin, portrayed by Arielle "Faye" Beane, who belts out the song "That's Rich," offering a brief respite to the serious nature of the play.

When entering the theater, the overwhelming, massive depiction of the docks and waterfront, where much of the action takes place, forewarns of the

intense heaviness of the story to come, thanks to the combined genius of scenic designer Christian Fleming and lighting designer Cameron Filepas.

Having the full orchestra, under the direction of Jonathon Brenner, further invites one into the world of the newsies and rounds off the full theater experience. Though the story is heavy, the feel of the show is light-hearted and flows beautifully, taking the audience with it.

This is a must-see show with as much relevance today as the period it was written in. "Newsies" runs through March 22 at the Argyle Theatre in downtown Babylon at 34 W. Main Street. Call today for tickets, 631-230-3500, or visit their website argyletheatre.com. ■

Suffolk County Republicans nominate candidates for office

Leaders recognize midterm battle ahead

BY CONNOR PATTON

The Suffolk County GOP nominated its candidates for state and federal offices during a packed-out convention at its Medford headquarters on Feb. 13.

Members of the Suffolk County GOP committee formally nominated candidates for State Assembly, Senate, Congress, county comptroller, and judicial positions, with candidates for soon-to-be-vacant seats drawn from lower ranks of Republican politics.

Jesse Garcia, Suffolk Republican Committee chair, led the convention and opened the night, commending committee members for a large turnout that rivaled the state Republican convention in Garden City, which nominated Nassau County executive Bruce Blakeman for governor, earlier that week.

Legislator and presiding officer of the Suffolk County Legislature, Anthony Piccirillo, then spoke.

“By selecting our nominees for federal and state office, we put forward not just names on the ballot, but people of unwavering dedication to the principles of individual liberty, limited government and the solemn promise to leave government better than we found it,” said Legis. Piccirillo.

During his address, Piccirillo also said that the Republican slate is among the youngest in Suffolk GOP history and that he was looking forward to putting young people who speak to this generation into



LEFT: Suffolk County and Brookhaven Republican Committee chair Jesse Garcia opens the GOP convention. RIGHT: U.S. Rep Andrew Garbarino during his nomination speech.

SCN/Patton



office.

For local offices, the Suffolk GOP nominated Jarett Gandolfo, assemblymember from the seventh district, which covers Brightwaters through Patchogue, for the open eighth State Senate race.

Incumbent State Sen. Alexis Weik announced in January that she wouldn't seek re-election in November for personal reasons. The eighth district covers communities along the South Shore from Massapequa to Bayport, and up to Ronkonkoma.

With the seventh assembly district seat now open, the Suffolk GOP nominated

newly elected Town of Islip councilwoman DawnMarie Kuhn for the assembly race.

Kuhn took office on the Town of Islip Council one month ago after winning her first-ever election for public office in November 2025. Before taking office, Kuhn served as the vice chair of the Town of Islip Republican Committee, and the Town of Islip board decided not to amend the Town Code to allow elected officials to serve on major political party committees.

It's not publicly known if anyone now holds the vice chair position of the Islip

Town Republican Committee as of publication, since the executive leadership positions listed on the committee's website were removed around the New Year, according to archived data. The Islip Town Republican Committee did not respond to a request for comment on the slate of candidates or the vice chair position.

For the fourth State Senate district, the Republicans nominated Brianne Wakefield, who will attempt to flip the seat currently held by Democrat Monica Martinez.

The Republicans nominated Dan Losquadro, the current Town of Brookhaven Highway superintendent and former state assemblyman from the first, then second district, for Suffolk County Comptroller.

For Congress, the Suffolk GOP nominated incumbent U.S. Reps. Nick LaLota and Andrew Garbarino for the first and second districts, respectively, and former state assemblyman Mike LiPetri for the third district.

In accepting his nomination, Garbarino said that, despite running in a midterm election year with a Republican-held presidency, which typically favors Democrats, the Suffolk GOP's strength would get him and his colleagues into office in November.

“The Democrats, they brought up... they have enthusiasm now, they think they're going to win. They feel great,” Garbarino said. “You know what? They don't have two things. They don't have the issues—we own the issues. And they don't have the Suffolk County Republican Committee.” ■

Family fights for Sarah's Law

BY NICOLE FUENTES

Sarah's Law was recently proposed by New York State Sen. Dean Murray and Sarah Goode's family as legislation to prevent a convicted killer's conviction from being erased if they die before an appeal is resolved.

“Passing Sarah's Law would right a wrong and return a sense of justice for Sarah and her loved ones,” said Murray, eager to get it passed.

Sarah Goode, 21, was a mother, sister, and daughter from this hamlet, who was murdered on June 7, 2014. Goode's car was discovered on Fire Avenue in Medford, just a short distance from where her body was found on Camden Court four days later. Her family searched day and night for her for four days.

In 2015, police arrested Dante Taylor, 20, from Mastic, on July 14, 2014, for Goode's murder. Taylor, 19 at the time, pled not guilty to an indictment charge of murder in the first degree.

In 2016, Taylor was sentenced to life in prison without parole for the murder/rape of Goode, ending a two-year court drama with testimony chronicling a heinous, violent crime that shocked two communities and devastated a family. He stabbed her over 40 times.

In 2017, after a year in prison, Taylor, 22, died in an upstate New York hospital. His death was ruled a suicide.

Goode's family hopes the law will prevent others like Taylor's whose conviction was voided upon his death. Currently, under New York State Law, a conviction is vacated if a defendant dies



Sen. Dean Murray fights for Sarah's Law.

Courtesy photo

while an appeal is pending. According to the family, the void essentially erases the legal finding of guilt.

According to Murray, the law was originally intended for tax evasion criminals where as part of their conviction, they would be required to still make retribution even after their death, causing the burden to fall on their family, who did not commit the crime.

“If that person died, it would not go away until it was fulfilled, and that was not fair for family members. So, I get the original intent. But it was not intended for cases like Taylor's,” Murray said, explaining that at some point, some

be wiped clean upon their death.

“If a liberal state like Massachusetts did it, I am sure we can, too,” he added, stating that the law is currently in committee and he is working to get it to the floor by bringing the details to his colleagues in the Senate.

As of today, Taylor's records have been wiped and the NYS court system does not show he was convicted of murder and rape. If Sarah's law is passed, all future convicted criminal records will be viewable even after their death and Taylor's record will be reinstated.

“This legislation goes to the heart of justice and accountability,” said assemblyman Joseph DeStefano, a co-sponsor of Sarah's Law. “When a jury has weighed the evidence and delivered a guilty verdict, that decision should matter. Allowing that verdict to simply disappear undermines confidence in our justice system and sends a devastating message to victims and their families.”

Goode's family remembers her as happy, full of life, and working hard to provide for her daughter by graduating high school and becoming a medical technician, working two jobs towards the end of her life. ■

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Bayard Cutting Arboretum's director shares history of the trees

BY JOSEPH CALIGIURI

The rich history of several species of trees was revealed Saturday, Jan. 31, during the Bayard Cutting Arboretum's "Secret Stories of Trees" presentation. Director of the Arboretum, Kevin Wiecks, along with Joy Arden, the landscape curator, not only dipped into their well of knowledge on the vast variety of trees found on the property, but also highlighted their deep connection to Long Island's residents.

Wiecks's own childhood was shaped by the nature he grew up around on the island.

"I remember my grandparents were year-rounders in Southampton, and the street was lined with sweetgums. And my brothers and I would run around barefooted till our feet bled. But I do remember when my mother explained to me, like, what this was and what it did, and why it had spikes on it."

Sweetgums are a native tree to the

Northeast, and their fruits are notorious for littering the ground. Sticking to animals with their spikes, they disperse their seeds. Wiecks demonstrated how the nature that surrounds you, even when you're not thinking about it, is always interacting with you in one form or another.

Other seeds and fruits were later shared with attendees to give them a sense of scale of several different trees' bearings.

"It's exciting, it's artistic, it's beautiful, but it also makes sense botanically," Wiecks continued.

Many others in the Arboretum's history were taken away by the beauty of these trees, including key designer of the Arboretum, famous landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted. While working on one of the sections of the property circa 1886, he envisioned something greater, thanks to the local trees.

"He saw a mass of oaks. It was pretty much a wooded forest, and he envisioned what he saw in Europe—the Victorian parks, with large oaks—so it had to grow the biggest they possibly could. And Oak Park was created at that point," Wiecks described.

Many of these black oaks that Olmsted planted can be found at the Arboretum today.

Over the years, other workers and volunteers have even met their loved ones with the help of the trees. The sanctuary became not only the home of many trees, but also the precious personal stories attached to them across generations.

The Bayard Cutting Arboretum is home to many different collections of trees from various different decades and

sources. The Dwarf Conifer Tree collection, donated by the late Ed Rezek, tells another story. Rezek, a native Long Islander, was obsessed with conifers all his life, to the point where his plants were known worldwide. Having a garden that, essentially, represented Rezek's life work was powerful for Wiecks and his crew. Arden shared an anecdote about a DVD that his family shared with the Arboretum.

"There was an hour-long DVD of him at his birthday party, walking around, pointing at plants and telling us what their names are," she explained. "I watched that hour too many times. I felt like I was at the birthday party. It was so, so helpful, though. And adorable. Yeah, family members popping in and out, and he was so loved, which was awesome. And we love him, too."

For the Arboretum and their staff, it's through this passion that these trees come to life.

Some trees have not been faring as well on the property in recent years due to the impact of climate change. Rising sea levels and an increased regional temperature means many trees, like the many firs at the Arboretum, are slowly slipping away.

However, all hope is not lost. The Arboretum is always forward-thinking, and successors to these species of firs has been a key focus for some time now. Recently, the abies concolor has been selected to be their "tree of the future," thanks to its ability to handle warmer climates. Other species have been selected as well to chart out the future of the property, such as the cathaya argyrophylla, known as the giant panda tree.



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Conservation efforts are another important part of the Arboretum's mission. Groups such as the Global Conservation Consortium Oak, Botanic Gardens Conservation International, and the IUCN Red List are some major groups that form this collective network of conservation.

Following the presentation, the Arboretum provided food and drinks at tables themed around the different trees that attendees learned about. For those that didn't mind the cold, Wiecks and Arden led nature walks around the property in order for attendees to get real-life exposure to these beautiful trees. ■

Islip Animal Shelter spreads love with extended Valentine's Day event

BY JOSEPH CALIGIURI

The Islip Animal Shelter is holding a Valentine's Special until Feb. 21. The shelter will have reduced adoption costs in the hopes that their animals meet their fur-ever home. For every animal adopted, another animal at the shelter will receive a Valentine's treat.

Here's a few of their animals that are

currently waiting for a home. Abby is a German shepherd mix that arrived last October from the animal hospital, and was found wandering the streets. She's anywhere from 1 and 1/2 to 3 years old and knows how to sit very well. She even knows commands like sit. One of her favorite activities is to take a nice walk.

Coral is a white brindle pitbull

mix, and she's quite the ball of energy. Her tail is always wagging and she loves meeting friendly faces. She was only 7 months old when she arrived last July, and now she's just over a year old! She's a well-behaved girl that also knows commands like sit.

Finally, we have a cat that doesn't have a name yet. She is around 1 to 2 years old and loves to chirp.

Very affectionate, she's always happy to climb and play with her toys. Her cat tree is fun, but she prefers brushing on people she loves even more.

The Islip Animal Shelter is home to many more animals that would love to meet you. For more information, visit their website <https://islipny.gov/community-and-services/animal-shelter>. ■

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Coral sitting like a good girl.



Abby looking silly with her floppy ear.



A cat playfully peeking through the cat tower.



This cat loves getting pets from friends.

P.S. I LOVE YOU: Sayville elementary students spread uplifting messages

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tary School principal Dominic Armano. Business owners and shoppers alike were grinning from ear to ear as they handed out and received cards with special messages of love and designs, such as a smiling heart holding heart-shaped balloons.

Over a dozen businesses partnered with Sayville Schools and the Sayville Chamber, and according to Greater Sayville Chamber of Commerce president emeritus/administrator Eileen Tyznar, even more businesses are excited to receive cards next year.

“The Sayville Chamber was very excited to be contacted by the Sayville

School District teachers to work together to come up with an idea to get the P.S. I Love You positive-affirmation cards with drawings distributed to people somehow,” Tyznar said. “We came up with the idea of incorporating the shops and businesses on Main Street who are more than enthused to hand them out to their customers, staple them to receipts, or put them in their bags with their purchases. It’s nice to have the positive vibes from the students!”

Cherry Avenue Elementary School students marked the day by designing the sleeves for warm drinks sold at the Sayville Bean Coffee House, featuring



Nia Nickerson and Michael Gerhardt at Buddha Belly Records spread messages of positivity alongside elementary school students.



Alex Mackay at CoCo and Ro said the students’ positive messages inspire her as she dreams to be a teacher.



Sayville Bean Coffee House customers Jeanne Armstrong and Yasmina Franco showcase their P.S. I Love You coffee sleeves with encouraging messages from local students.



Little Shoppe of Crystals owners Lenny and Melissa Speicher showcase one of the cards created by a student.

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plenty of pink and purple hearts and messages like “Smile Bright! You are loved!” for the third year in a row.

“It’s nice to be able to relay a message of positivity. You never know who needs to hear it,” said Andrew Bell, owner of Sayville Bean Coffee House. “Even if you could put a smile on one person’s face, you really succeeded in the mission of P.S. I Love You Day.”

P.S. I Love You Day was created by then West Islip teenagers Brooke and Jaimie DiPalma, after their father, and a student at their high school, both died by suicide, to spread messages of love and awareness on the second Friday of February.

Every February, to celebrate the day, people are asked to “wear purple to stand

up against bullying, help end depression, and ultimately prevent suicide,” according to the P.S. I Love You Day organizers.

“P.S. I Love You Day is more than a single event on our calendar—it reflects the culture of compassion and connection we work to build every day in Sayville,” said Sayville School District superintendent Marc Ferris. “Through meaningful classroom discussions, student-led initiatives, and community partnerships, we are reinforcing the message that every student is valued, supported, and never alone. I am incredibly proud of our district, our staff, and especially our students for embracing this initiative and leading with empathy, kindness, and courage.” ■

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Minnesota Calling

BY JAMES BERTSCH

“I’m not mad at you, dude,” were Renee Good’s last words before she was killed by an ICE agent in Minneapolis. “F*** you, B****” were his. He fired three shots—point blank—after she backed her car up and tried to drive around the agent blocking her. She was still alive when ICE agents blocked a doctor trying to save her life.

Alex Pretti was an intensive care nurse who kept veterans alive during COVID. As part of the final rites when a veteran he cared for died, Pretti thanked him for our freedom. Pretti stepped between a woman and masked ICE agents after the group violently threw her to the ground. Pretti was piled on by a large group of agents and shot 10 times in the back, *after* they disarmed him.

Yes. Pretti had a gun at a protest. It was registered. It was not brandished. He didn’t even reach for it while he was piled on and pistol-whipped in the face. Pretti was immediately labeled a domestic terrorist by the federal government. Never mind that the Constitution grants citizens “the right of the people to be secure in their persons,” as noted in the Fourth Amendment.

In both shootings, millions of Americans were told not to believe what we witnessed with our own eyes. The fed-

eral government branded both Good and Pretti “domestic terrorists.” They are not investigating either shooting. They are blocking state and local authorities from conducting their own investigations.

The U.S. Attorney General finds the organized nature of Minnesota’s resistance suspicious. How could soccer moms, priests and postal workers self-organize to rid their city of ICE? The other blue cities (and it is only blue cities) the federal government targeted did not rise up in this way.

I’m unsurprised by Minnesota’s fight for freedom. I’m a jack of some trades, but a master of only one... Minnesota. I came to love its people when I attended college there. I was so taken, in fact, that I wrote my master’s thesis on Minnesota’s cultural and political history.

Disorderly, riotous and scheming are the last words I’d use to describe Minnesotans. They’re the most orderly people on Earth. I’ll never forget the horrified faces of my study-abroad classmates from Minnesota when it was time for communion at a church in Ireland; they simply could not understand the every-man-for-himself scattering of the Irish during communion at Sunday Mass. It’s my fondest memory of two people I love.

Minnesotans are also the most politi-

cally independent people in the nation. Theirs is a unique political culture. They have long rejected the red/blue and Democrat/Republican binaries we are told define political life. No state has voted for as many third-party candidates in American history, for example, from mayor to governor to Congress, and even President.

Minnesotans detest braggarts. They don’t suffer fools. And they will not tolerate liars. Personal humility isn’t an expectation in Minnesota. It’s a demand. Anonymous charitable giving isn’t an exception. It’s a cultural norm. Minnesotans loved the quiet baseball all-star Kirby Puckett. They couldn’t stand loudmouth Super Bowl winner Jim McMahon.

Anyone who’s attended a big game at a Minnesota stadium has seen Minnesota nice in action. No one fights their way out of a crowded parking lot. All follow a clear rule: You go, I go, You go, I go. Before you know it, the lot is empty and everyone is driving home with smiles on their faces. They merge the same way on highways. It’s a ballet of civility.

Minnesota’s residents are stepping up to look out for each other, collectively saying, “I got you”—whoever you are and wherever you’re from. Journalists call it neighborism. It’s an antidote to the ugly birtherism that’s long characterized Trump’s thinking. Consider

how long Donald Trump has accused Barack Obama—who Trump recently depicted as a monkey—of being born on foreign soil. Neighborism also stands in contrast to nativism, which is what undergirds ICE’s illegal detentions of immigrants and their construction of concentration camps on American soil.

This is our coldest winter in 50 years. In it, I feel the hand of Providence. Twenty governors have declared national emergencies. It snowed in Florida. Students were sent home from Ole Miss because the whole town is encased in ice.

“The ice age is comin’, the sun’s zoomin’ in. Meltdown expected, the wheat is growing in,” the Clash write in “London Calling.” Even down to wheat, the Clash’s call is what we’re also seeing in Minnesota. The Clash issued a call to action: unify and overcome chaos. Their call also harkens back to World War II, when the world rose up to defeat fascism.

Minnesota is calling through this brutal winter. We see it in the snow. We see it in ice. We feel it in the cold wind howling across America.

Do we have it in us to come together and dream big dreams again? Are we really going to let this be the end of the world’s oldest Constitutional democracy?

Minnesota is calling. How will America answer? How will you answer? ■

Having a healthy heart

A Q&A with NYU Langone doctors and their suggested tips

BY NICOLE FUENTES

In honor of the month of love, NYU Langone Dr. Emmanuel N. Moustakakis, MD, director of Inpatient Cardiology at NYU Langone Hospital-Suffolk, and Dr. Jonathan Weinstein, DO, FACC, director, Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory at NYU Langone Health and NYU Langone Hospital-Suffolk, shared heart health tips and information.

According to Weinstein, heart disease remains the leading cause of death in the United States, but the encouraging news is that most heart disease is modifiable.

“Studies suggest that cardiovascular disease can be delayed or avoided with lifestyle changes and appropriate medical care,” he said. “The key message is that it’s never too early or too late to start taking care of your heart.”

Q: What are ways we can manage our diet to help?

EM: Heart-healthy diets tend to include a lot of fiber, whole grains, fruits and vegetables, and lean proteins, and minimize processed foods, complex carbs, and refined sugars.

JW: I tell patients to think less about “diets” and more about patterns. A heart-healthy pattern emphasizes vegetables, fruits, whole grains, lean proteins like fish and poultry, legumes, and healthy fats such as olive oil and nuts. Reducing processed foods, excess salt, added sugars, and refined carbohydrates makes a huge difference. Even small, consistent changes can meaningfully lower blood pressure and cholesterol.

Q: Exercise?

EM: The American Heart Association recommends 150 minutes a week of moderate-intensity exercise. That’s 30 minutes, five days a week. Examples include brisk walking, dancing, water aerobics,



(L-R) NYU Langone’s Dr. Emmanuel N. Moustakakis, MD, director of Inpatient Cardiology, and Dr. Jonathan Weinstein, DO, FACC, director, Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory. Courtesy photos

bicycling, or doubles tennis.

JW: Regular physical activity is one of the most powerful tools we have. The goal is about 150 minutes per week of moderate exercise — brisk walking absolutely counts. Strength training a couple of days a week is also important.

Q: Anything else we can do to help prevent heart issues?

EM: All adults should see a primary care doctor at least once a year. Screening for, and understanding your risk factors for heart disease, and treat-

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Q: What are the biggest causes of issues for heart health?

Dr. Emmanuel Moustakakis: While there is no one single issue that causes heart disease, the biggest risk factors include smoking and diabetes. Obesity and sedentary lifestyle contribute significantly to the risk of developing diabetes and other risk factors for heart disease.

Dr. Jonathan Weinstein: The biggest drivers of heart disease are still the fundamentals: high blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes, smoking, obesity, and a sedentary lifestyle. On top of that, chronic stress and poor sleep are increasingly important contributors. Most heart disease is not sudden; it develops quietly over years.

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Thursday, February 19

Nutrition Lecture: Eating for Wellness – Nutritionist Amal will be at Bayport-Blue Point Library to discuss topics like balanced meals, essential nutrients, understanding food labels, and incorporating healthy eating into daily routines, 7-8 p.m. Register online or call 631-363-6133.

Friday, February 20

National Caregivers Day – Across the nation dedicated health care professionals serve those who require long-term or hospice care. National Caregivers Day honors those men and women dedicated to providing these vital services. National Caregivers Day recognizes caregivers providing quality, compassionate care every day.

Saturday, February 21

Defensive Driving – Suffolk Safety driving class at Sayville Library, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Completion of class will enable participants to get a discounted rate and save money on auto insurance. Fee: \$35 due on the day of the class. Register online or call 631-589-4440.

Lunar New Year Program – Join Friends of Connetquot to celebrate the New Year with a brisk hike at the Connetquot River State Park Preserve, followed with traditional New Year snacks and a presentation by Jerry and Rita Trapani, "A Look Back at The Rich Equestrian History of Long Island in the 19th and 20th

centuries," 11 a.m. Free to members. \$5 for non-members. Seasonal parking rate applies. Register online at www.friendsofconnetquot.org.

The Music of George Harrison – "All You Need is George" at Patchogue Theatre features Harrison's music from All Things Must Pass, The Beatles, and Traveling Wilburys performed live, 8 p.m. For tickets and info, visit the box office in person or online at www.patchogue theatre.org, or call 631-207-1313.

Sunday, February 22

Library Concert – The band, 4 Ways from Sunday will perform classic hits from the 50s through 80s at Bayport-Blue Point Library, 2-3:30 p.m. Register online or call 631-363-6133.

Lenten Soup Suppers – The St. Ann's Church Lenten Soup Supper ministry begins anew with a kickoff discussion about Henri Nouwen by Thomas Petriano, Ph.D. Professor of Religious Studies, after the 10 a.m. service. Other Soup Suppers to follow on Wednesdays, Feb. 25, March 4, 11, and 18 at 6 p.m. in the Fr. Jae Chung Parish Hall.

Monday, February 23

Moth Night StorySLAM – Share your story at Bayport-Blue Point Library's LIVE StorySLAM, an open-mic storytelling event, 6:30-8 p.m. Great for fans of NPR's The Moth. Participants must be prepared to tell a true, 5-minute personal story that relates to the

night's theme: Guts. Register as a storyteller or audience member. Call 631-363-6133.

Tuesday, February 24

Paper Craft Flower Wreath – Join Sayville Library to learn how to use Cricut to make a flower wreath, 12-1 p.m. Register online or call 631-589-4440.

Winter Seed Sowing – Workshop at Bayport-Blue Point Library will show simple, low-cost ways to start seeds outdoors, 6-7 p.m. Register online or call 631-363-6133.

Fall Prevention: Stay Strong, Steady & Safe – Program at Connetquot Library will provide tips to stay balanced and independent, explore exercises to improve strength and stability, and discuss ways to make a home safer, 3-4 p.m. No registration necessary. Call 631-567-5079.

Wednesday, February 25

Job Fair – Suffolk County Department of Labor event held at Sayville Library, 5-7 p.m. Bring your resume and meet with representatives from prospective employers. For information, visit www.sayvillelibrary.org or call 631-589-4440.

Thursday, February 26

The Hindenburg Disaster: Accident or Sabotage? – Join historian James Calaski via Zoom at Connetquot Library to dive into one of history's most famous aviation accidents, 2:30-4 p.m. View the program from the library

or from home. For Zoom login, visit www.connetquotlibrary.org or call 631-567-5079.

Of Note ...

A Celebration of Valentine's Day Concert – Join St. Ann's Church, 257 Middle Rd., Sayville, on Saturday, Feb. 28 for "To You with Love," performed by the Strings Attached Ensemble, 2 p.m. For information, call the Parish office at 631-589-6522.

Vendors Wanted – Bayport United Methodist Church's March Market, Mar. 7, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For vendor info, contact Debbie Kolacki at 631-472-0770 or officemanager@bayportumc.org.

Bereavement Support Groups – The Bereavement Ministry of St. John Nepomucene is offering three 90-minute weekly support groups for Loss of Spouse; General Loss; and Loss of an Adult Child, Thursdays, beginning March 5 and running through April 30, 7 p.m. Led by highly trained facilitators. Open to people of any faith. No cost to attend, but commitment to attend each meeting is required. Pre-registration is required. For information or to register, call 631-589-0540, ext. 250.

Soccer Referees Wanted – The Eastern NY Youth Soccer Association seeks referees and assistant referees, ages 14 years and up. Certification classes are taking place throughout Eastern New York. For information, visit www.enysoccer.com.

SUFFOLK COUNTY NEWS YEARS AGO

70 Years Ago

FEBRUARY 1956

Members of the Bayport-Sayville Brookhaven Memorial Hospital Auxiliary met in the Sayville Community House, where president **Mrs. George Jacob** announced that the auxiliary was invited to attend a forum for new residents to be held in the Greene Avenue Elementary School.

Several students of the Bayport Elementary School appeared with the orchestra at the Winter Concert. **Lois Dusza** performed on the oboe, along with violinists **Barbara Jones**, **Betty Lou Ellis**, **Peter Kolbakas** and **Julia Brown**.

Adrienne Martin, of Sayville, won a \$15 first-place prize for the fourth to sixth-grade group in the Health Poster Contest sponsored by the Woman's Auxiliary of the Suffolk County Medical Society.

Mr. and Mrs. George Remmer of Vanderbilt Boulevard, Oakdale, returned from a trip to Florida, where they visited with Mrs. Remmer's parents, **Dr. and Mrs. John Bauer**, of Bayport, at their home in Vero Beach; and **Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Fernandez Sr.**, former residents of Oakdale, in Fort Lauderdale.

Mr. and Mrs. George Osika of Johnson Avenue, Sayville, entertained members of the orchestra after the Valentine Dance at Bronco Charlie's.

Mr. and Mrs. John Englebach and their daughter, **Mary**, attended ceremonies at Mt. Sinai Hospital School of Nursing, when their daughter, **Joyce**, was capped.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Pugh, of Sayville, spent the weekend in New York and attended performances of "Plain and Fancy" and "Oklahoma."

Mrs. Charles H. Munkelwitz entertained the members of the executive board of the Queen Anne Chapter of the National Secretaries Association at her home on Colton Avenue, Sayville. Among the locals who attended was **Mrs. Donald MacDonald** of Oakdale.

Contracts were signed for the erection

of the new Cherry Avenue Elementary School in Sayville. Among those in attendance were **Gustave T. Olsen Sr.** of Gilbert Olsen Company, general contractors; **Ben Haris** of George Bensam Company, electrical contractors; and **J.E. Randle** of Randle-Kay Company, plumbing and heating; and **Mrs. Grover A. Silliman**, chairperson of the board of education.

Sayville residents **Henry Newton** and **Roy Kahn**, who are members of the Suffolk County Probation Department, checked the ruins for traces of records destroyed in a fire which razed the Mills Building in Patchogue.

Robert Smith of Cherry Avenue, West Sayville, was the guest speaker at the monthly meeting of the Holy Name Society held in Sayville.

Mrs. Frank Davonski and **Mrs. Earl Davis** of Bohemia, who are volunteer trainers of the South Shore Girl Scout Council, spoke on the aims and ideals of Girl Scouting and showed film strips on troop government.

Playing this week at **The Sayville Theatre**: "The Last Frontier" and "Johnny Appleseed."

55 Years Ago

FEBRUARY 1971

The congregation of St. Ann's Episcopal Church in Sayville held ceremonies to install **Fr. Robert Whilshire** as the new rector of the church, replacing **Fr. Edwin Cromey**, who retired.

The Bayport-Sayville Lions Club held their annual Valentine's Day dinner-dance, in which **Jack Courtney** and **Ed Vacy** served as co-masters of ceremonies. Prizes were awarded to **Cam Carpi-no**, who won a color T.V. set, and **Mary Bongiorno**, who won the Caribbean cruise for two.

Dr. Francis Peterson of Baywood Lane, Bayport, who is a professor of physics at Iowa State University, attended the meeting of the American Physical Society



February: Left to right: Four young men from Sayville—Bill Hauser, Glenn Beebe, Bart Morrison and Dave Hartwell—have enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and are heading for basic training at Parris Island, S.C.

held in New York.

The second-prize winner of Cub Scout Pack 130's annual pinewood derby was **Michael Gatti** of Barrett Avenue, Bayport.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Houdek of Kensington Avenue, Bayport, entertained the employees of the Bayport post office at their home.

Alison Rosa, a senior at Connetquot High School, appeared in the Senior Variety Show held at the school, where she entertained the audience with her singing accompanied by **Martin Hanno** on the piano.

Connetquot High School senior **Beth Martin** was accepted at Kirkland College near Utica, N.Y., where she plans to

study pre-law and eventually become an attorney.

Craig Martin of Sayville Boulevard was awarded a music scholarship from the South Shore Symphony Orchestra to continue studies on the string bass.

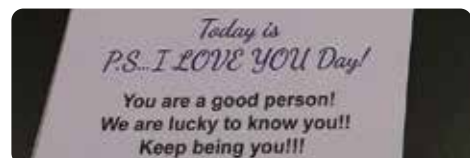
The Sayville Blue Jay Color Guard competed in a Metropolitan Color Guard show and celebrated their fifth-place finish with a bowling party at Oakdale Lanes, where **Gloria LaFountain** received a trophy for hi-game for the girls and **Joe Christianson** received one for hi-game for the boys.

West Sayville fire chief **John H. Demeuay** received the keys to a new chief's car

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P.S. I LOVE YOU

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ABOVE: A selection of coffee sleeves created by Cherry Avenue Elementary School students. AT LEFT: A few messages created by Lincoln Avenue Elementary School students on the flip side of pre-printed P.S. I Love You Day cards.

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A card holder created by the Sayville Chocolatier, which gave out cards created by Lincoln Avenue Elementary School students.

Courtesy of the Greater Sayville Chamber of Commerce

OBITUARIES

Audrey J. Gardi



Audrey J. Gardi, 91, of Sayville, died on Feb. 8. She spent several years working as a bookkeeper at the iconic Sayville clothing store, the Charlotte Shop. In her later years, her focus was creating a home filled with

love to share with her daughter and two granddaughters. She was a loyal friend who was kind, honest, funny and beloved by all.

She is survived by her two children, Joanne Gardi and David Gardi and spouse Michele; and her four grandchildren, Palmer, Taylor, Chase and Grayson. She was predeceased her husband, Joe Gardi; her brother, Lt. Col. Russell Habersang; and her sister, Dorothy Habersang.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Raynor and D'Andrea Funeral Home, West Sayville.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Community Ambulance Company Inc., 420 Lakeland Avenue, Sayville, NY 11782.

Ethel Pryer

Ethel Pryer, a resident of Oakdale and Sayville, died on Feb. 13. An avid seamstress, Mrs. Pryer enjoyed making quilts, pillows and wreaths and also loved to cook. She was very involved with the local gift shops for many years, becoming a well-known fixture in the community.

She is survived by her son, Wesley Pryer Jr. and wife Terri Pryer, and her daughter, Debbie Grupp and husband Tom Grupp. She was predeceased by her husband, Wesley.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Raynor & D'Andrea Funeral Home, West Sayville. Interment was held in Calverton National Cemetery.



Erika M. Richard

Erika M. Richard, 87, died on Feb. 12. She lived in Blue Point for the majority of her life before living in Fort Mill, S.C., and more recently in Spring Hill, Fla. Mrs. Richard was the kind of woman who could do anything she set her mind to. She was an incredible cook and expressed her love through her meals.

She is survived by her husband, Peter C. Richard; her three children, Cynthia LaConti and spouse Nick, Peter and spouse Grace, and Eric; and her seven grandchildren, Jake, Lara, Peter, John, Ryan, Ariella and Aiden.

Friends and family will gather today, Thursday, Feb. 19, from 9 to 11 a.m. at Raynor & D'Andrea Funeral Home, Bayport. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11:30 a.m. at Our Lady of the Snow R.C. Church, Blue Point, followed by interment in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Coram.



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Late surge lands Phantoms in playoffs

BY TONY BELLISSIMO

Losing 50 points per game off last season's roster didn't stop Bayport-Blue Point from qualifying for the Suffolk Class A basketball playoffs.

Winning rematches against Shoreham-Wading River and Center Moriches ultimately sealed the postseason deal for the Phantoms, who finished 8-6 in League VI and 11-10 overall and closed on a heater.

BAYPORT-BLUE POINT "We really came on strong at the end," 11th-year head coach Charles Peck said. "The playoffs looked bleak for a while. I'm proud of how we finished."

Defense proved key, although the offense, which lost Long Island's leading scorer Dylan Craig (29 points per game) and Cormack Love (19 ppg), did its part behind junior point guard Chris Gorwitz and senior shooting guard Declan Schug.

Peck said the insertion of senior Vinny Scimone into the starting lineup sparked a stretch run that featured a five-game winning streak. Scimone typically served as the second player off the bench, providing intense defense.

"Vinny was the heartbeat of the team, and he was a big reason we turned the season around," Peck said. "He was also a vocal leader, whether he was our seventh man or a starter. We don't win seven of the last nine and make the playoffs without him."

Avenging early season losses to Shore-

ham and Center Moriches was crucial in BBP's playoff push. After falling at Shoreham by 26 on Jan. 6, the Phantoms turned the table 17 days later behind a career-high 23 points from senior Colin Most, its lone returning starter from last winter's 17-win squad. Then on Jan. 30, Schug hit for 23 to lead a 57-45 victory at Center Moriches, which defeated Peck's team by 11 in the first meeting on Jan. 10.

"Those were signature wins," Peck said. "We played terrific defense in both games. We clogged the middle and dug in."

A standout baseball and football player, Most was Bayport's leading rebounder for a third straight season. "He's our glue inside," Peck said. "He'll get some points and blocks, too, but his main thing is rebounding. His dependability over the past three seasons has been great."

Rebounding became more of an issue when 6-foot-7 sophomore center Brayden Waldbauer went down with a foot injury in January and missed the last seven games. Most, Schug and Scimone were able to pick up the slack.

Gorwitz and Schug led the offense most games, combining for 100 three-pointers with the former hitting 56. Gorwitz averaged 20 points and burdened much of the pressure left by last season's departures. He scored 24 in the team's 86-55 playoff loss to Wyandanch on Feb. 11. He also averaged six rebounds and five assists. "Chris was an unstoppable force at times," Peck said.

The coach described Schug as the



Junior point guard Chris Gorwitz (left) and senior guard Declan Schug averaged 20 and 14.5 points per game, respectively.

Photo courtesy Charles Peck

team's most-improved player. He averaged 14.5 points, 7.5 rebounds and 4.5 assists. "Declan put in an incredible amount of work that paid off."

Senior Aidan Apicella chipped in 5.8

ppg, hitting 34 treys. Sophomore Jackson Sepulveda was instrumental in the late-season surge, serving as the sixth man and sparking the defense, along with Scimone and junior Kaiden Capurso. ■



Outstanding wrestler

Connetquot wrestler Joey Kokolakis was voted the Outstanding Wrestler of the Wes Dolson Memorial Tournament. The event included 10 teams from Nassau and Suffolk counties and was held at Mattituck High School on Jan. 31. Joey's record for the season thus far is 32-1.

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HEART HEALTH: Heart tips from NYU Langone doctors

FROM PAGE 8

ing risk factors for heart disease when appropriate, is far and away the best way to prevent heart disease.

JW: Know your numbers — blood pressure, cholesterol, blood sugar — and address problems early. Don’t underestimate sleep, stress management, and mental health. And if you smoke, quitting is one of the single most impactful things you can do for your heart, regardless of age.

Q: What are the age groups and concerns?

EM: Heart disease can affect adults of all ages. But risk of coronary artery disease increases in men above 55, and in women post-menopause.

JW: In younger adults, we’re increasingly seeing obesity, high blood pressure, and early diabetes, often driven by diet and inactivity. In middle age, plaque buildup, cholesterol issues, and lifestyle stress really come into play. In older adults, heart rhythm problems, heart failure, and the cumulative effects of long-standing risk factors become more common. Prevention matters at every stage.

Q: What can a loved one know about the signs of a heart attack to help?

EM: Heart attacks do not always present as crushing chest pain like what you see in the movies. It can be sudden chest

pain, sometimes moving down the left arm or up to the throat and jaw, sudden chest heaviness or shortness of breath, or even sudden pain in the upper part of the abdomen. The best advice I can give is if you feel like something is wrong, do not ignore it. And if you think you or a loved one is having a heart attack, do not drive yourself to the hospital. Call 911 and go by ambulance. Paramedics and ambulances are equipped with lifesaving equipment that can sometimes be necessary before reaching the hospital. They can also call ahead and transmit information to the hospital, which leads to much faster, more efficient treatment.

JW: Classic symptoms include chest pressure or tightness, pain radiating to the arm, neck, jaw, or back, shortness of breath, nausea, lightheadedness, or cold sweats. Women and people with diabetes may have more subtle symptoms like fatigue or shortness of breath without severe chest pain. If something feels wrong, don’t wait. Every second counts.

“Heart disease kills more Americans every year than all forms of cancer combined,” said Moustakakis of the importance of managing your heart health. “While it is a common misconception that it primarily affects men, it is also the No. 1 cause of death in women.” ■

YEARS AGO

FROM PAGE 9

from **Dr. John J. Sayers**, chairman of the Board of Fire Commissioners of West Sayville.

At the meeting of the Bohemia Senior Citizens held at the Bohemia Community Center, Senior Citizens co-coordinator **Mrs. Sadie Siedel** spoke on the subject of arts and crafts and the bus trips scheduled for the coming year.

Judge **Victor Orgera** of Oakdale was awarded a television set at the C.Y.O. cocktail party held at the St. John School auditorium.

Playing this week at **Sayville United Artists Theatres:** Jack Nicholson in “Five Easy Pieces.”

Compiled by Vanessa Graniello

SCHOOL BUDGETS

FROM PAGE 3

As of Jan. 30, the Connetquot School District had 5,155 students enrolled.

The district then said that, according to its budget guidelines, elementary staffing is based on grade-level enrollments and ratios, with kindergarten through second grade having 22 or fewer students per class and grades three through five having 25 or fewer students per class. Teaching assistants are provided for kindergarten classes and for grades one and two if class sizes exceed 24 students.

At the high school, classes with fewer than 20 students cannot be conducted unless they are a 12th-grade graduation requirement, on a case-by-case basis.

The Connetquot Board of Education expects to have an initial draft budget at its March 20 meeting. ■

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CONTINUOUS RUN
NOTICE TO BIDDERS
BIDS WILL BE RECEIVED AND PUBLICLY OPENED AT THE SUFFOLK COUNTY OFFICE OF CENTRAL PROCUREMENT, 335 YAPHANK AVE., YAPHANK, NY 11980 631/852-5196 FOR THE FOLLOWING MATERIAL ON EACH MONDAY IN *2026 AT 11:00 A.M. PLEASE REFER TO BUYER'S INITIALS WHEN MAKING INQUIRIES: KD MEATS POULTRY
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SCN, 4423, 1/1 - 12/31 I

Notice of Formation of Star Shear & Co LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2025-12-17. Office location: Suffolk County. Alejandra Pinto designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Star Shear & Co Lilac : 174 Massachusetts Ave Bay Shore , NY 11706. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.
SCN, 20267068, 1/15, 22, 29 - 2/5, 12, 19 I

Notice of Formation of Gerhard Hagn Biotech Consulting, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 01-08-2026. Office location: Suffolk County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be

served. SSNY should mail process to JCL Manufacturing and Design: 22 Harvey Lane, Lake Ronkonkoma, NY 11779. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.
SCN, 20267085, 1/22, 29 - 2/5, 12, 19, 26 I

Notice of Formation of Reddline Horizon LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2026-01-09. Office location: Suffolk County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Reddline Horizon LLC: 116 Washington Avenue West Sayville, NY 11796. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.
SCN, 20267086, 1/22, 29 - 2/5, 12, 19, 26 I

Notice of formation of Bogey Nights LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York SSNY on 01/15/2026. Office located in Suffolk County. SSNY has been designated as agent of Limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Bogey Nights LLC at 60 Elliot Avenue, Lake Grove, NY, 11755. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.
SCN, 20267094, 1/22, 29 - 2/5, 12, 19, 26 I

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF SUFFOLK, US BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE OF THE BUNGALOW SERIES IV TRUST, Plaintiff, vs. RICHARD WIENECKE A/K/A RICHARD M. WIENECKE, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered on April 26, 2024 and an Order Extending Sale Deadline and Other Relief duly entered on March 27, 2025, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Islip Town Hall, 655 Main Street, Islip, NY 11751 on March 3, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., premises known as 357 Holbrook Road, Ronkonkoma, NY 11779. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Brookhaven, County of Suffolk and State of New York, District 0200, Section 598.00, Block 02.00 and Lot 007.000. Approximate amount of judgment is

\$311,674.19 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #608573/2023.
Susan DeNatale, Esq., Referee
Friedman Vartolo LLP, 85 Broad Street, Suite 501, New York, New York 10004, Attorneys for Plaintiff. Firm File No.: 230552-1
SCN, 20267105, 1/29 - 2/5, 12, 19 I

Notice of Formation of Yearning Yardies, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2026-01-03. Office location: Suffolk County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Gyan Lawson: 16 Laurel Drive, Brentwood, NY 11717. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.
SCN, 20267113, 1/29 - 2/5, 12, 19, 26 - 3/5

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT SUFFOLK COUNTY
U.S. BANK TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR VELOCITY COMMERCIAL CAPITAL LOAN TRUST 2024-2, Plaintiff against
UO 1351E233 LLC; AGNES IDAKWOJI, et al Defendant(s)
Attorney for Plaintiff(s) McMichael Taylor Gray, LLC, 28 Corporate Drive, Suite 104, Halfmoon, NY 12065.
Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered December 16, 2025, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at Islip Town Hall, 655 Main St., Islip, NY 11751 on March 10, 2026 at 1:30 PM. Premises known as 236 Massachusetts Avenue, Bay Shore, NY 11706. District 0500 Sec 225.00 Block 03.00 Lot 002.000. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Town of Islip, County of Suffolk and State of New York. Approximate Amount of Judgment is \$301,184.35 plus interest, fees, and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 617020/2024.
The foreclosure sale will be conducted in accordance with 10th Judicial District's Covid-19 Policies and foreclosure auction rules. The Referee shall enforce any rules in place regarding facial coverings and social distancing.
Thomas McNally, Esq., Referee File # 24-001210-01

SCN, 20267119, 2/5, 12, 19, 26 I

Notice of Formation of Horizon Construction & Management LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2026-01-09. Office location: Suffolk County. SSNY is designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Horizon Construction & Management LLC: 170 Pennsylvania Ave, Bay Shore, NY 11706. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.
SCN, 20267120, 2/5, 12, 19, 26 - 3/5, 12 I

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF SUFFOLK
U.S. BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR C-BASS MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-SP2
laintiff,
Against
ROBERT L. MITCHELL A/K/A ROBERT MITCHELL, CAROL MITCHELL A/K/A CAROL MACIONE A/K/A CAROL MACAIONE A/K/A CAROL MACAION, et al
Defendant(s)
Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, duly entered 12/01/2025, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction, at Islip Town Hall, 655 Main St., Islip, NY 11751, on 3/10/2026 at 1:30PM, premises known as 27 Arrow Ct., Central Islip, NY 11722, and described as follows:
ALL that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Islip, County of Suffolk and State of New York.
District 0500 Section 080.00 Block 02.00 Lot 036.000
The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is \$283,468.75 plus interest and costs. The Premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale; Index # 618668/2018
Robert Macedonio, Esq., Referee.
MCCABE, WEISBERG & CONWAY, LLC, 10 Midland Avenue, Suite 205, Port Chester, NY 10573
Dated: 1/8/2026 File Number: 18-300171 CA
SCN, 20267125, 2/5, 12, 19, 26 I

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF SUFFOLK
HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR ACE SECURITIES CORP. HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST, SERIES 2004-OP1 ASSET BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES
Plaintiff,
Against
RAFAEL BREA JR. AS HEIR AND NEXT OF KIN TO RAFAEL E. BREA A/K/A RAFAEL E. BREA, JR. A/K/A RAFAEL BREA; et al
Defendant(s)
Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, duly entered 03/12/2025, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction, at Islip Town Hall, 655 Main St., Islip, NY 11751, on 3/10/2026 at 2:00PM, premises known as 152 Westwood Drive, Brentwood, NY 11717, and described as follows:
ALL that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being at Brentwood, Town of Islip, County of Suffolk and State of New York.
District 0500 Section 185.00 Block 01.00 Lot 001.000
The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is \$588,509.80 plus interest and costs. The Premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale; Index # 069652/2014
Brooke J. Breen, Esq., Referee. - Please note: cash will not be accepted.
MCCABE, WEISBERG & CONWAY, LLC, 10 Midland Avenue, Suite 205, Port Chester, NY 10573
Dated: 1/8/2026 File Number: 560-2067 CA
SCN, 20267126, 2/5, 12, 19, 26 I

Notice of Formation of 143 Bay Street LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2026-01-23. Office location: Suffolk County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to All Island Tax: PO Box 101, Ronkonkoma, NY 11779. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.
SCN, 20267132, 2/5, 12, 19, 26 - 3/5, 12 I

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

Case No.: 26-cv-316
NOTICE

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT

- of -
ANTONIO SEMINATORE JR. and LAUREN SEMINATORE as Owners or Owners Pro Hac Vice of a 1999 33' Contender 31T vessel named "BERTH CONTROL" for Exoneration from or Limitation of Liability,
Petitioners.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that ANTONIO SEMINATORE JR. and LAUREN SEMINATORE as Owners or Owners Pro Hac Vice of a 1999 33' Contender 31T vessel named "BERTH CONTROL", bring this action pursuant to 46 U.S.C. § 30501 involving admiralty and maritime claims within the meaning of Rule 9(h) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and Rule F of the Supplemental Rules for Admiralty or Maritime Claims and Asset Forfeiture Actions of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, concerning any claims for loss, damage, and/or injury, arising or resulting from an alleged vessel collision claimed to have occurred on September 24, 2025, while the Petitioners vessel was upon the navigable waters of the United States, more specifically in the Atlantic Ocean, approximately 10-12 miles south of Fire Island Inlet, County of Suffolk, State of New York, as more fully described in the Complaint; and

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that all persons, firms, entities or corporations, having any claim or suit against the Petitioners or the vessel, arising or resulting from the alleged incident must file a claim as provided in Rule F of the Supplemental Rules for Admiralty or Maritime Claims and Asset Forfeiture Actions of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, with the Clerk of the Court, at the United States District Court, Eastern District of New York, 100 Federal Plaza, Central Islip, New York 11722, and must deliver or mail to the attorneys for the Petitioners, James E. Mercante, Esq., GALLO VITUCCI KLAR LLP, 711 Third Avenue, Suite 500, New York, NY 10017, a copy on or before the 2nd day of March, 2026 or be defaulted. Personal attendance is not required. Further, any claimant desiring to contest the Petitioners' right either to exoneration from or limitation of liability shall file an Answer to the Complaint on or before the aforesaid date as required by Supplemental Rule F of the Supplemental Rules for Admiralty or Maritime Claims and Asset Forfeiture Actions of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and deliver or mail a copy to the attorneys for the Petitioners or be defaulted.

Dated: 1/28/2026

Central Islip
BRENNA B. MAHONEY
Clerk

SCN, 20267133, 2/5, 12, 19, 26 I

Notice of Sale NOTICE OF SALE

Supreme Court County of Suffolk
Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, not in its individual capacity, but solely as Owner Trustee for CSMC 2021-RPL5 Trust, Plaintiff
AGAINST

Paul A. D'Arcy a/k/a Paul D'Arcy, Sharon Nash D'Arcy a/k/a Sharon D'Arcy a/k/a Sharon Nash, et al, Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered on August 15, 2025, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Islip Town Hall, 655 Main Street, Islip, NY on March 16, 2026 at 1:30 PM premises known as 1427 Pine Drive, Bay Shore, NY 11706. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the County of Suffolk, State of New York, SECTION: 288.00, BLOCK: 02.00, LOT: 056.000; District 0500. Approximate amount

of judgment is \$506,356.94 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 601285/2023.

Latoya James, Referee
FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISMAN & GORDON LLP
53 Gibson Street
Bay Shore, NY 11706
SCN, 20267141, 2/12, 19, 26 - 3/5 I

Notice of Self Storage Sale

Please take notice Prime Storage - Bohemia located at 868 Lincoln Ave Bohemia NY 11716 intends to hold a sale of the property stored in the below listed Storage Spaces. The public sale shall occur as an online auction via www.storage-treasures.com on 3/4/2026 at 12:00 PM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods, furnishings and garage essentials. Annmarie Pena unit #447; Douglas White unit #55; Natanael Canario unit #662; Joseph Biganini unit #793; Fabian Sanchez unit #954. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. See manager for details.
SCN, 20267142, 2/12, 19 I

SUPREME COURT
STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY
OF SUFFOLK
CITIZENS BANK, N.A.,

Plaintiff,

-against-
DANIEL V. GERARDI;
CLERK OF THE SUFFOLK COUNTY TRAFFIC & PARKING VIOLATIONS AGENCY;
EAST BAY ASSOCIATES;
NATALIE GERARDI;
SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT;
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA, a Subsidiary of First National Bank of Nebraska, Inc.; and
DELLEIA GERARDI,

Defendants.

SUMMONS WITH NOTICE

Index No. 615776/2025

TO: NATALIE GERARDI : YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to serve upon plaintiff's attorneys an answer to the complaint in this action within twenty (20) days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30) days after service is complete if the summons is not personally served upon you within the State of New York. The United States, if designated a defendant on this action, may appear or answer within sixty (60) days of service. In case of your failure to answer, judgment will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. The basis of the venue designated is that the mortgaged property is located in Suffolk County.

TO: NATALIE GERARDI :

The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Hon. S. Betsy Heckman Torres, Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, dated the 27 th day of January, 2026, and filed with the complaint and other papers in the Office of the Clerk of Suffolk County.

This is an action for foreclosure of a mortgage made by Daniel Gerardi to Citizens Bank, N.A., in the original amount of \$87,000.00 with interest, dated May 3, 2019, recorded May 23, 2019 in the Suffolk County Clerk's Office in Book 23030, page 136. The relief sought is the foreclosure of the mortgage lien and the public sale of the mortgaged premises and in case of your failure to appear, judgment may be taken against you extinguishing any interest or judgment lien you may have in the mortgaged premises. The premises indexed in this action are described and commonly known as 218 Islip Boulevard, Town of Islip, County of Suffolk, State of New York 11752 (SBL#: 296.00-02.00-116.000). A copy of the full legal description can be obtained by contacting counsel below.

Dated: January 30, 2026
Albany, New York

COOPER ERVING & SAVAGE LLP
BY: Matthew E. Minniefield, Esq.
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SCN, 20267143, 2/12, 19, 26 - 3/5 I

Notice of Sale
NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME

COURT COUNTY OF SUFFOLK UMB BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS LEGAL TITLE TRUSTEE FOR LVS TITLE TRUST XIII, Plaintiff AGAINST NADIR A. JOHNSON AS ADMINISTRATOR AND AS HEIR OF THE ESTATE OF ROSE ELLIS WILLIAMS, NAJAH R. JOHNSON AS HEIR OF THE ESTATE OF ROSE ELLIS WILLIAMS, ET AL., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered December 1, 2025, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Islip Town Hall, 655 Main Street, Islip NY 11751 on March 16, 2026 at 1:00 PM, premises known as 114 Suffolk Avenue, Brentwood, NY 11717. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being the Town of Islip, County of Suffolk and State of New York, District 0500, Section 158.00, Block 01.00, Lot 080.000. Approximate amount of judgment \$313,600.00 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #615005/2016. For sale information, please visit Auction.com at www.Auction.com or call (800) 280-2832. Danielle Coysh, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC 1775 Wehrle Drive Williamsville, NY 14221 16-002295 88687
SCN, 20267144, 2/12, 19, 26 - 3/5 I

COUNTY OF SUFFOLK STATE OF NEW YORK NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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Acquisition of Properties for the Construction of a Pump Station for Sewer District No. 2, Hamlet of Port Jefferson Station Town of Brookhaven, Suffolk County, New York
CP 8154

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Commissioner of Public Works, or his designee, will hold a public hearing to inform the public and to review the public use to be served by the above entitled project, and to review the impact on the environment and residents of the locality where such project shall be undertaken, prior to the acquisition of the real property required for the project.

The hearing will be held on Thursday, March 5, 2026 at 10:00am, in Conference Room #1, at the Suffolk County Department of Public Works, 335 Yaphank Avenue, Hamlet of Yaphank, Town of Brookhaven, Suffolk County, New York. The project will be located within the following geographical boundaries:

All that piece or parcel of land situate in the Hamlet of Port Jefferson Station, Town of Brookhaven, County of Suffolk, State of New York as shown as on the accompanying map and described as follows:
Commencing from a point at the intersection of the Easterly boundary of Patchogue Road and the Southerly boundary of Hallock Ave (NYS25A); Thence, from said point and along the aforementioned southerly boundary of Hallock Avenue (NYS 25A), North 30° 24' 45" East a distance of 27.64 to a point; Thence, North 85° 30' 33" East, a distance of 179.63 feet to the Point of Beginning
Thence, from said point of beginning South 19° 29' 33" East, along the division line between the subject parcel on the east and the land, now or formerly, of Circle Four Realty LLC to the west, a distance of 33.24 feet to a point; Thence, N 77° 53' 37" East, along the division line between the subject parcel on the north and the land, now or formerly, of PJ Ice Cream, LLC on the south, a distance of 25.88 feet to a point; Thence, N 77° 53' 48" East along the division line between the subject parcel on the north and the land, now or formerly, of 771, LLC on the south, a distance of 8.78 feet to a point;

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Thence, N 17° 38' 43" West along the division line between the subject parcel on the west and the land n, now or formerly of 771, LLC on the east, a distance of 29.79 feet to a point on the

existing southerly boundary of Hallock Avenue NYS 25A; Thence, along said southerly boundary the following three (3) courses and distances;

1. North 17° 38' 45" West a distance of 66.58 feet to a point;
2. South 79° 08' 53" West a distance of 38.31 feet to a point;
3. South 19° 50' 27" East a distance of 64.38 feet to the Point of Beginning; being 3,503 square feet or 0.080+ acres more or less.

A total acquisition of 3,503 square feet or 0.080+ acres will be required.

All persons having an interest in the project are invited to attend the hearing to give oral or written statements and to submit other documents concerning the proposed public project known as Project C.P. 8154.

In accordance with Section 3-2 and 3-3(A) and (D) of the SUFFOLK COUNTY CHARTER and Executive Order No. 15-2004, Public Participation Act, in compliance with Executive Orders No. 15-2004 and 40-2005 and Section 24-11 of the SUFFOLK COUNTY CHARTER, colloquially referred to as the "Citizens Public Participation Act", all citizens are permitted to submit testimony, in writing, to be made a part of the official record. All such writings must be postmarked within thirty (30) days of the scheduled date of the public hearing exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays, and Official Holidays or on or before any adjourned date for the submission of written testimony, whichever is later, and must be received within thirty five (35) days of the date of the Public Hearing, exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays, and Official Holidays, or on or before any adjourned date for the submission of written testimony, whichever is later and are to be filed with the following party:

ATTN GEOFF MASCARO, ESQ.
HEARING OFFICER
C/O SUFFOLK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
335 YAPHANK AVENUE
YAPHANK, NY 11980-9608

Please take further notice that in accordance with Eminent Domain Procedure Law Section 202, Notice is Hereby Given that those property owners who may subsequently wish to challenge the condemnation of their property via judicial review, may do so only on the basis of issues, facts, and objections raised at the hearing or in any written testimony that is subsequently timely sent and received.

If you need a sign language interpreter to be present at this hearing, please contact the Suffolk County Department of Public Works no later than February 26, 2026
DATED: January 27, 2026
Yaphank, New York

CHARLES BARTHA, P.E.,
Commissioner
Suffolk County Department of Public Works

SCN, 20267145, 2/12, 19 I

Formation of Limited Liability Company Suffolk County

Notice of Formation of Kimopade Homes LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2025-10-31. Office location: Suffolk County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to 47 Pearl St, Holbrook, NY 11741. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

SCN, 20267146, 2/12, 19, 26 - 3/5, 12, 19 I

Formation of Limited Liability Company Suffolk County

Notice of formation of Bounce and Bash LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of New York SSNY on 11/19/25. Office located in Suffolk County. SSNY has been designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process served against the LLC Bounce and Bash LLC 15 Udell Way, East Northport NY 11731. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

SCN, 20267157, 2/12, 19, 26 - 3/5, 12, 19 I

Notice of Sale

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF SUFFOLK
NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING,

-against-

KEVIN KUJAN, ET AL.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure and entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Suffolk on December 16, 2025, wherein NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING is the Plaintiff and KEVIN KUJAN, ET AL. are the Defendant(s). I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the ISLIP TOWN HALL, 655 MAIN STREET, ISLIP, NY 11751, on March 19, 2026 at 2:00PM, premises known as 2017 LINCOLN AVENUE, HOLBROOK, NY 11741; and the following tax map identification, 0500-066.00-01.00-017.000.

ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE TOWN OF ISLIP, COUNTY OF SUFFOLK AND STATE OF NEW YORK

Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No.: 603405/2025. Billie Jean Miller, Esq. - Referee. Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310, Westbury, New York 11590, Attorneys for Plaintiff. All foreclosure sales will be conducted in accordance with Covid-19 guidelines including, but not limited to, social distancing and mask wearing. *LOCATION OF SALE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DAY OF IN ACCORDANCE WITH COURT/CLERK DIRECTIVES.

SCN, 20267161, 2/12, 19, 26 - 3/5 I

SUPREME COURT
STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF SUFFOLK

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BARONE MANAGEMENT LLC
PLAINTIFF
-AGAINST-
225 MESSINA DEVELOPMENT LLC
DEFENDANT.

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STATE OF NEW YORK)

) SS:
COUNTY OF SUFFOLK)
BY VIRTUE OF A CERTAIN EXECUTION ISSUED UPON A JUDGMENT IN THE SUPREME COURT, COUNTY OF SUFFOLK, STATE OF NEW YORK, AND TO ME DIRECTED AND DELIVERED AGAINST CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY THEREIN DESCRIBED, I HAVE SEIZED ALL THE RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST WHICH THE DEFENDANT, 225 MESSINA DEVELOPMENT LLC, HAD ON THE 18TH DAY OF APRIL, 2025 OR ANY TIME THEREAFTER, OF IN AND TO THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY, TO WIT: TAX LOTS 8.1 AND 8.2
ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, WITH THE BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON ERECTED, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING AT GREAT RIVER IN THE TOWN OF ISLIP, COUNTY OF SUFFOLK, STATE OF NEW YORK, KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS PLOT NUMBER 32 AND THE SOUTHERLY 80 FEET OF PLOT NUMBER 46 ON A CERTAIN MAP ENTITLED MAP OF GREAT RIVER ESTATES SECTION NUMBER 4" FILED SEPTEMBER 26, 1923, IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF SUFFOLK COUNTY AS MAP NUMBER 252. TAX LOT 32.5 ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, WITH THE BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THERON ERECTED, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING AT GREAT RIVER IN THE TOWN OF ISLIP, COUNTY OF SUFFOLK, STATE OF NEW YORK, KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS PLOTS NUMBERED 33 AND 34 43 AND 44 AND THE SOUTHERLY 80 FEET O PLOT NUMBER 45 AND THE NORTHERLY 40 FEET OF PLOT NUMBER 46 ON A CERTAIN MAP ENTITLED, "MAP OF GREAT RIVER ESTATES SECTION NUMBER 4" FILED SEPTEMBER 26, 1923, IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF SUFFOLK COUNTY AS MAP NUMBER 252 BEING BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN-

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NING AT A POINT ON THE NORTH-ERLY SIDE OF PALERMO STREET (50 FEET WIDE) DISTANT 375.00 FEET WESTERLY FROM THE CORNER FORMED BY THE INTERSEC-TION OF THE SAID NORTHERLY SIDE OF PALERMO STREET WITH THE WESTERLY SIDE OF CONNETQUOT AVENUE (80 FEET WIDE) RUNNING THENCE SOUTH 82 DEGREES 19 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST 290.00 FEET ALONG SAID NORTHERLY SIDE OF PALERMO STREET TO THE DIVISION LINE BETWEEN LOTS 34 AND 35 ON SAID MAP; THENCE NORTH 07 DEGREES 40 MIN-UTES 30 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID DIVISION LINE 300.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 82 DEGREES 19 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST 290.00 FEET;THENCE NORTH 7 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 30 SEC-ONDS WEST 300.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 82 DEGREES 19 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST 375.00 FEET IN THE SAID WESTERLY SIDE OF CONNETQUOT AVENUE; THENCE SOUTH 7 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST 400.00 FEET ALONG THE SAID WESTERLY SIDE OF CONNETQUOT AVENUE; THENCE SOUTH 82 DEGREES 19 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST 375.00 FEET; RUNNING THENCE SOUTH 7 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST 200.00 FEET TO THE POINT OR PLACE OF BEGIN-NING. TAX LOT 68 ALL THAT CER-TAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, WITH THE BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THERE- ON ERECTED , SITUATE, LYING AND BEING AT GREAT RIVER IN THE TOWN OF ISLIP, COUN- TY OF SUFFOLK, STATE OF NEW YORK, KNOWN AND DESIGNAT ED AS LOTS NOS 41 AND 42 AS SHOWN ON A CERTAIN MAP OF GREAT RIVER ESTATES SECTION NUM- BER 4" FILED SEPTEMBER 26, 1923, IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF SUFFOLK COUNTY AS MAP NUMBER 252. TAX LOT 51.1 ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, WITH THE BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON ERECTED, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING AT GREAT RIV ER IN THE TOWN OF ISLIP, COUN TY OF SUFFOLK, STATE OF NEW YORK, KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOTS NOS 49, 50, 51 AND 52 AS SHOWN ON A CERTAIN MAP OF GREAT RIVER ESTATES SECTION NUMBER 4" FILED SEPTEMBER 26, 1923, IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF SUFFOLK COUNTY AS MAP NUMBER 252. TAX LOT 51.2 ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, WITH THE BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON ERECTED, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING AT GREAT RIV ER IN THE TOWN OF ISLIP, COUN TY OF SUFFOLK, STATE OF NEW YORK, KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOTS NOS 48 AS SHOWN ON A CERTAIN MAP OF GREAT RIVER ESTATES SECTION NUMBER 4" FILED SEPTEMBER 26, 1923, IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF SUFFOLK COUNTY AS MAP NUM- BER 252. WHICH I SHALL EXPOSE FOR SALE BY PUBLIC VENDUE AS THE LAW DIRECTS ON THE 21ST DAY OF APRIL, 2026 AT 11:00 A.M. IN THE FORENOON OF THAT DAY, SALE TO BE HELD IN THE AUDITORIUM AT THE SUFFOLK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, 360 YAPHANK AVENUE, YAPHANK, SUFFOLK COUNTY, NEW YORK TERMS OF SALE: PAYMENT BY CASH, CERTIFIED CHECK OR ATTORNEY'S CHECK. BANK CHECKS TO BE MADE PAYABLE TO SHERIFF OF SUF- FOLK COUNTY (AND INCLUDE OR YOURSELF). THIRD PARTY CHECKS WILL NOT BE ACCEPT ED. AT LEAST TEN PER CENT (10%) DOWN AT CONCLUSION OF BIDDING WITH THE BALANCE DUE NO LATER THAN 4:00 P.M. OF THE NEXT BUSINESS DAY. NOTE: DOWN PAYMENT MAY BE SUBJECT TO FORFEITURE IF THE BALANCE DUE IS NOT PAID BY THE DUE DATE. DATED AT YAPHANK, NEW YORK THIS 19TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2026 ERROL D. TOULON, Jr.,Ed.D, SHERIFF SUFFOLK COUNTY, NEW YORK SCN, 20267171, 2/19, 26 - 3/5, 121

PUBLIC NOTICE
The County of Suffolk, a Mu- nicipal Corporation of the State of New York, due to its ongoing need for new space and in anticipation of the expiration of existing leases, is hereby soliciting leasing offers from Owner/Landlords of Commercial and Industrial properties as well as from Qualified Licensed New York State Real Estate Brokers and Sales- persons of Commercial and Indus- trial properties.
Please note that this is only a solicitation and no offer or contract for the leasing of any real property interest is made hereunder. Addi- tionally, please note that the County of Suffolk does not contract with, re- tain or compensate any Real Estate Brokers and/or Sales Persons.
If you or your organization are interested in participating in the Suf- folk County Space Leasing Program please send your contact informa- tion and/or inquires by regular mail or e-mail directed to:
Attn Geoffrey Mascaro, Esq.
Director of Asset Management
Division of Asset Management
Suffolk County Dept of Public Works
335 Yaphank Avenue
Yaphank, NY 11980-9608
Email: geoff.mascaro@suffolkcountyny.gov
This Public Notice is issued in accordance with the provisions of Suffolk County Administrative Code §A22-2(D).
SCN, 20267172, 2/19 1

Notice to Italo Florencio Castro Castro, father of Gael Santiago Cas- tro Cabrera, a minor born on May 30, 2017, whose last known where- abouts are 1005 Ocean Ave Bohe- mia, NY 11716.
A petition has been filed seeking the legal commitment of the aforemen- tioned minor child, or the vesting of custody and care of said child in a legally authorized public or private agency, or a suitable and worthy person. Said petition, through which the court's decision may affect your parental rights, if any, regarding the minor, will be heard on March 17, 2026, at 2:30 p.m., at the Superior Court for Juvenile Matters located at 60 Housatonic Avenue, Bridgeport, CT 06604, before the Honorable Shar- on Skyers, Presiding Judge.
You are hereby notified that you must appear at the hearing. Your failure to appear may result in the termination of your parental rights or other court actions affecting your rights. If you cannot afford an attor- ney, contact the Office of the Chief Public Defender to request one.
If you are named as the alleged genetic parent of the child, you have the right to appear before the court on the date and time indicated and to perfect your parentage in ac- cordance with the Connecticut Parent- age Act.
State of Connecticut
Superior Court for Juvenile Matters, Judicial District of Bridgeport
SCN, 20267173, 2/19 1

Notice of Sale
SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF SUFFOLK - ISLIP.
NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING, Plaintiff -against- LUIS ALONSO ZELAYA RODRIGUEZ as heir of the Estate of DANIEL ZELAYA, et al Defen- dant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale dated Octo- ber 3, 2025 and entered on October 8, 2025, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Islip Town Hall, located at 655 Main Street, Islip, NY on March 24, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. premises situate, lying and being in the Town of Islip, County of Suffolk and State of New York, known and designated as SBL# 223.00, 01.00, 013.000.
Said premises known as 192 LOCUST DRIVE, BAY SHORE, NY 11706
Approximate amount of lien \$112,086.72 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment and Terms of Sale.
Index Number 616594/2024.
DANIELLE COYSH, ESQ., Referee Pincus & Tarab
Attorney(s) for Plaintiff
425 RXR Plaza, Uniondale, NY 11556 [* SUFFOLK CO*]
SCN, 20267174, 2/19, 26 - 3/5, 121

LOCAL EMERGENCY ORDER
No. 37-2026. EXTENDING LOCAL EMERGENCY ORDER
Nos. 2, 6, 10, 14, 18, 22, 27, 30 and 34 UNDER § 24 OF ARTICLE 2-B OF THE EXECUTIVE LAW
Local Emergency Order:
Suspending local procurement and contracting laws, rules and regulations
I, Edward P. Romaine, the Chief Executive of Suffolk County, in accordance with a Proclamation of a State of Emergency issued on January 1, 2026, and January 30, 2026 for a storm occurring on or about August 19, 2024, and pursu- ant to Section 24 of the New York State Executive Law and my pow- er thereunder to suspend any local laws, ordinances, or regulations, do hereby:
Order, that due to emergency conditions and the continuing threat to the public health, safety and welfare of Suffolk County residents and visitors posed by coastal storms that caused severe damage and dangerous con- ditions, for which the State of New York has offered financial assistance to bring the emergen- cy under control, and in further- ance of §103 (4) of the N.Y. General Municipal Law, the following procurement and contracting-re- lated laws, regulations and rules are suspended as I deem neces- sary to address the emergency conditions as follows:
Suffolk County Code:
• Chapters 1065 and 189
• Article IV sections A 4-13 and 14
• Article V sections A5-1
• Charter section C5-2 (C) and (L)
• Section A5-8, Chap. 575, Chap. 803, Chap. 353 and Lo- cal Law 41-2013 to the extent that they require execution of documentation of compli- ance
• all related procurement laws, rules, and regulations required to comply with this Order; and further
Order, that the County Executive or his designees shall continue to have the authority to enter into any contract deemed necessary to address the threat posed by these storms; and further
Order, that all Suffolk County Departments, Agencies, and Di- visions or other duly authorized law enforcement agencies take whatever steps are necessary to assist in performing such emer- gency measures as deemed nec- essary.
This order shall cease to be in effect five (5) days after promulgation or upon declaration by the County Executive that the state of emer- gency no longer exists, whichever occurs sooner. The County Exec- utive nevertheless, may extend such orders for additional periods not to exceed five (5) days each during the pendency of the local state of emer- gency. Failure to obey this order is a criminal offense, punishable by law under New York State Executive Law § 24 (5).
Dated: February 11, 2026
Edward P. Romaine
Suffolk County Executive
SCN, 20267175, 2/19 1

LOCAL EMERGENCY ORDER
No. 38-2026. EXTENDING LOCAL EMERGENCY ORDER
Nos. 4, 8, 12, 16, 20, 24, 29, 32 and 35 UNDER § 24 OF ARTICLE 2-B OF THE EXECUTIVE LAW
Local Emergency Order:
Suspending local procurement and contracting laws, rules and regulations
I, Edward P. Romaine, the Chief Executive of Suffolk County, in accordance with a Proclamation of a State of Emergency issued on Jan- uary 1, 2026, and January 30, 2026 as a result of damage to the Smith Point Bridge in Shirley, occurring on November 19, 2025, and pursu- ant to Section 24 of the New York State Executive Law and my pow- er thereunder to suspend any local laws, ordinances, or regulations, do hereby:
Order, that due to emergency conditions and the continuing threat to the public health, safety and welfare of Suffolk Coun- ty residents and visitors posed by environmental damage and

age of the Smith Point Bridge, resulting in a weight restriction limiting the passage of emer- gency vehicles over the bridge, and in furtherance of §103 (4) of the N.Y. General Municipal Law, the following procurement and contracting-related laws, regu- lations and rules are suspended as I deem necessary to address the emergency conditions as fol- lows:
Suffolk County Code:
• Chapters 1065 and 189
• Article IV sections A 4-13 and 14
• Article V sections A5-1
• Charter section C5-2 (C) and (L)
• Section A5-8, Chap. 575, Chap. 803, Chap. 353 and Lo- cal Law 41-2013 to the extent that they require execution of documentation of compli- ance
• all related procurement laws, rules, and regulations required to comply with this Order; and further
Order, that the County Executive or his designees shall continue to have the authority to enter into any contract deemed necessary to address the threat posed by these storms; and further
Order, that all Suffolk County Departments, Agencies, and Di- visions or other duly authorized law enforcement agencies take whatever steps are necessary to assist in performing such emer- gency measures as deemed nec- essary.
This order shall cease to be in effect five (5) days after promulgation or upon declaration by the County Executive that the state of emer- gency no longer exists, whichever occurs sooner. The County Exec- utive nevertheless, may extend such orders for additional periods not to exceed five (5) days each during the pendency of the local state of emer- gency. Failure to obey this order is a criminal offense, punishable by law under New York State Executive Law § 24 (5).
Dated: February 11, 2026
Edward P. Romaine
Suffolk County Executive
SCN, 20267176, 2/19 1

LOCAL EMERGENCY ORDER
No. 39-2026. EXTENDING LOCAL EMERGENCY ORDER
Nos. 1, 5, 9, 13, 17, 25, 30, 33 and 36 UNDER § 24 OF ARTICLE 2-B OF THE EXECUTIVE LAW
Local Emergency Order:
Allowing the County to Quickly Respond to the Potential Arrival of Asylum Seekers
I, Edward P. Romaine, Suffolk Coun- ty Executive, in accordance with a Proclamation of a Local State of Emergency issued on January 1, 2026, and January 30, 2026 do here- by find and order as follows:
Whereas, on August 2, 2021 the Fed- eral Government issued an Order pursuant to 42 U.S.C. secs. 362 and 365 (the "Title 42 Order") prohib- iting migration into the United States by "covered noncitizens" traveling from Canada or Mexico; and
Whereas, the Title 42 Order expired on May 11, 2023 and upon its expira- tion, an anticipated surge of migra- tion into the United States com- menced resulting with the imminent arrival of individuals into New York State at an increased rate; and
Whereas, Suffolk County recognizes that the anticipated uncoordinated moving of people into the County of Suffolk will result in a severe housing crisis as a result of the limited number of temporary and permanent housing available in the County.
Now, therefore, I, Edward P. Romaine, Suffolk County Execu- tive by the power vested in me by the Suffolk County Charter and the Laws of the State of New York and pursuant to Section 24 of Article 2-B of the New York State Executive Law, do hereby temporarily suspend or modify any statute, local law, resolution, order, rule or regulation or parts thereof, if compliance with such statute, local law, resolution, order, rule or regulation would prevent, hinder or delay action neces- sary to assist, aid or cope with the aforementioned State of Emergency, and I hereby order the following:
A. The formation of an intergovern- mental team (the "intergovernmen- tal team") that includes the Chief

Deputy County Executive, which shall coordinate to assist in meeting the needs of the County as a result of any potential housing crisis in the County.
B. All County Departments are required to work with the County Executive's office to effectuate any emergency measures that need to be addressed as a result of this Order.
C. No hotel, motel, owner of a mul- tiple dwelling, or shelter in Suffolk County is permitted to contract or otherwise engage in business with any other municipality (an "external municipality") for the purpose of providing housing or accommoda- tions for asylum seekers without the permission or coordination of Suffolk County. This prohibition extends to any person or entity participating in an external munic- ipality's government program, or a contract or service funded by an external municipality or acting on behalf of any external municipality or the State of New York.
D. In order to effectuate Suffolk County's role in this emergency, all procurement policies for the pur- chase of equipment, supplies or con- tracts, relating to this emergency, are suspended, specifically: Suffolk County Code Chapters 1065 and 189; Article IV sections A 4-13 and 14; Article V section A5-1; Charter sec- tion C5-2 (C) and (L); and Section A5-8, Chap. 575, Chap. 803, Chap. 353 and Local Law 41-2013 to the extent that they require execution of documentation of compliance; and all related procurement laws, rules, and regulations required to comply with this Emergency Order.
E. Regardless of any other remedy or relief brought by the County for any violation, the County Executive is authorized to direct the Coun- ty Attorney to commence actions or proceedings in the name of the County, in a court of competent jurisdiction, to abate any violation of, or to enforce any provision of this Emergency Order.
F. Remedies Not Exclusive.
a. No remedy or penalty spec- ified in this Emergency Order shall be the exclusive remedy or remedy available to ad- dress any violation described in this Executive Order.
b. Each remedy or penalty spec- ified in the Emergency Order shall be in addition to, and not in substitution for or limi- tation of, the other remedies or penalties specified in this Emergency Order or in any other applicable law.
c. Any remedy or penalty spec- ified in this section may be pursued at any time, with- er prior to, simultaneously with, or after the pursuit of any other remedy or penalty specified in the Emergency Order or in any other applica- ble law.
d. In particular, but not by way of limitation, each remedy and penalty specified in this section shall be in addition to, and not in substitution for or limitation of, the penalties specified in New York Exec- utive Law Section 24, and any remedy or penalty spec- ified in this section may be pursued at any time, with- er prior to, simultaneously with, or after the pursuit of any penalty specified in New York Executive Law Section 24.
G. Effective Date
This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.
And I further order, that all Suffolk County Departments, Agencies, and Divisions or other duly authorized law enforcement agencies take whatever steps are necessary to assist in performing such emergen- cy measures as deemed necessary; and further order that
This order shall cease to be in effect five (5) days after promulgation or upon declaration by the County Executive that the state of emer- gency no longer exists, whichever occurs sooner. The County Exec- utive nevertheless, may extend such orders for additional periods not to exceed five (5) days each during the pendency of the local state of emer- gency. Failure to obey this order is a criminal offense, punishable by

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law under New York State Executive Law § 24(5).
Dated: February 11, 2026
Edward P. Romaine
Suffolk County Executive
SCN, 20267177, 2/19 |

Formation of Limited Liability Company - Suffolk County

Notice of Formation of Laurie's Honey LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2025-11-3. Office location: Suffolk County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Laurie's Honey LLC 516 Hyman Avenue West Islip NY 11795 Purpose: Any lawful purpose.
SCN, 20267178, 2/19, 26 - 3/5, 12, 19, 26 |

NOTICE OF RESOLUTION ADOPTED SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Sayville Fire District, at a regular meeting thereof, held on February 9, 2026, duly adopted the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to the provisions of the General Municipal Law and the Town Law of the State of New York, that a sum not to exceed \$15,000.00 be expended from Capital Reserve Fund #2 – Equipment, of said Fire District for the purchase of firefighting equipment for the use of the Fire Department of said Fire District, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, pursuant to the provisions of the General Municipal Law and the Town Law of the State of New York, that a sum not to exceed \$115,000.00 be expended from Capital Reserve Fund #1 – Apparatus and Equipment, of said Fire District for the purchase, outfitting, and equipping of a new Chief's vehicle for the use of the Fire Department of said Fire District, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution is adopted subject to a permissive referendum as provided in the General Municipal Law of the State of New York, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Fire District shall, within ten working days of the adoption of this resolution, publish a notice within the official newspaper of the Fire District setting forth the date of the adoption of the resolution and an abstract of the resolution concisely stating the purpose and effect thereof and that the resolution was adopted subject to a permissive referendum.

Dated: February 10, 2026
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF THE SAYVILLE FIRE DISTRICT
By: KAREN CAVANAGH
Fire District Secretary
SCN, 20267179, 2/19 |

Notice To Bidders
February 19, 2026

Bids will be received and publicly opened at the Suffolk County Office of Central Procurement - 335 Yaphank Avenue, Yaphank, New York 11980, for the following material on the following dates at 11:00 am.

JC Thursday, March 5, 2026 – Bid#26/0038LWI – Veterans Memorial Exterior Lighting Upgrade (Commodity Code 28556)

KD Thursday, March 5, 2026 – Bid#26/0037 – ARC – Food Service & Kitchenware Products (Commodity Code 24070)

MEM Monday, March 9, 2026 – Bid#26/0035 – ARC – Dense Soda Ash (Commodity Code 88578)

KD Thursday, March 12, 2026 – Bid#26/0039 – ARC – Food-Groceries (Commodity Code 39303)
Bid specifications are available on-line at: <http://dpw.suffolkcountyny.gov/rfp>

Click on Government/Purchasing/Bid Announcement System. Follow the directions. If you require assistance, please contact the Office of Procurement at (631) 852-4017. Please refer to buyer's initials when making inquiries. The hours of operation are Monday through Friday, from 7:30 am to 4:00 PM.
SCN, 20267180, 2/19 |

LOCAL EMERGENCY ORDER
No. 40-2026, EXTENDING LOCAL EMERGENCY ORDER

Nos. 2, 6, 10, 14, 18, 22, 27, 30, 34 and 37 UNDER § 24 OF ARTICLE 2-B OF THE EXECUTIVE LAW

Local Emergency Order:
Suspending local procurement and contracting laws, rules and regulations

I, Edward P. Romaine, the Chief Executive of Suffolk County, in accordance with a Proclamation of a State of Emergency issued on January 1, 2026, and January 30, 2026 for a storm occurring on or about August 19, 2024, and pursuant to Section 24 of the New York State Executive Law and my power thereunder to suspend any local laws, ordinances, or regulations, do hereby:

Order, that due to emergency conditions and the continuing threat to the public health, safety and welfare of Suffolk County residents and visitors posed by coastal storms that caused severe damage and dangerous conditions, for which the State of New York has offered financial assistance to bring the emergency under control, and in furtherance of §103 (4) of the N.Y. General Municipal Law, the following procurement and contracting-related laws, regulations and rules are suspended as I deem necessary to address the emergency conditions as follows:
Suffolk County Code:

- Chapters 1065 and 189
- Article IV sections A 4-13 and 14
- Article V sections A5-1
- Charter section C5-2 (C) and (L)

Section A5-8, Chap. 575, Chap. 803, Chap. 353 and Local Law 41-2013 to the extent that they require execution of documentation of compliance

- all related procurement laws, rules, and regulations required to comply with this Order; and further

Order, that the County Executive or his designees shall continue to have the authority to enter into any contract deemed necessary to address the threat posed by these storms; and further

Order, that all Suffolk County Departments, Agencies, and Divisions or other duly authorized law enforcement agencies take whatever steps are necessary to assist in performing such emergency measures as deemed necessary.

This order shall cease to be in effect five (5) days after promulgation or upon declaration by the County Executive that the state of emergency no longer exists, whichever occurs sooner. The County Executive nevertheless, may extend such orders for additional periods not to exceed five (5) days each during the pendency of the local state of emergency. Failure to obey this order is a criminal offense, punishable by law under New York State Executive Law § 24 (5).

Dated: February 13, 2026
Edward P. Romaine
Suffolk County Executive
SCN, 20267181, 2/19 |

LOCAL EMERGENCY ORDER
No. 41-2026, EXTENDING LOCAL EMERGENCY ORDER

Nos. 4, 8, 12, 16, 20, 24, 29, 32, 35 and 38 UNDER § 24 OF ARTICLE 2-B OF THE EXECUTIVE LAW

Local Emergency Order:
Suspending local procurement and contracting laws, rules and regulations

I, Edward P. Romaine, the Chief Executive of Suffolk County, in accordance with a Proclamation of a State of Emergency issued on January 1, 2026, and January 30, 2026 as a result of damage to the Smith Point Bridge in Shirley, occurring on November 19, 2025, and pursuant to Section 24 of the New York State Executive Law and my power thereunder to suspend any local laws, ordinances, or regulations, do hereby:

Order, that due to emergency conditions and the continuing threat to the public health, safety and welfare of Suffolk County residents and visitors posed by environmental damage and age of the Smith Point Bridge, resulting in a weight restriction limiting the passage of emergency vehicles over the bridge,

and in furtherance of §103 (4) of the N.Y. General Municipal Law, the following procurement and contracting-related laws, regulations and rules are suspended as I deem necessary to address the emergency conditions as follows:
Suffolk County Code:

- Chapters 1065 and 189
- Article IV sections A 4-13 and 14
- Article V sections A5-1
- Charter section C5-2 (C) and (L)
- Section A5-8, Chap. 575, Chap. 803, Chap. 353 and Local Law 41-2013 to the extent that they require execution of documentation of compliance
- all related procurement laws, rules, and regulations required to comply with this Order; and further

Order, that the County Executive or his designees shall continue to have the authority to enter into any contract deemed necessary to address the threat posed by these storms; and further

Order, that all Suffolk County Departments, Agencies, and Divisions or other duly authorized law enforcement agencies take whatever steps are necessary to assist in performing such emergency measures as deemed necessary.

This order shall cease to be in effect five (5) days after promulgation or upon declaration by the County Executive that the state of emergency no longer exists, whichever occurs sooner. The County Executive nevertheless, may extend such orders for additional periods not to exceed five (5) days each during the pendency of the local state of emergency. Failure to obey this order is a criminal offense, punishable by law under New York State Executive Law § 24 (5).

Dated: February 13, 2026
Edward P. Romaine
Suffolk County Executive
SCN, 20267182, 2/19 |

LOCAL EMERGENCY ORDER
No. 42-2026, EXTENDING LOCAL EMERGENCY ORDER
Nos. 1, 5, 9, 13, 17, 25, 30, 33, 36 and 39 UNDER § 24 OF ARTICLE 2-B OF THE EXECUTIVE LAW

Local Emergency Order:
Allowing the County to Quickly Respond to the Potential Arrival of Asylum Seekers

I, Edward P. Romaine, Suffolk County Executive, in accordance with a Proclamation of a Local State of Emergency issued on January 1, 2026, and January 30, 2026 do hereby find and order as follows:

Whereas, on August 2, 2021 the Federal Government issued an Order pursuant to 42 U.S.C. secs. 362 and 365 (the "Title 42 Order") prohibiting migration into the United States by "covered noncitizens" traveling from Canada or Mexico; and Whereas, the Title 42 Order expired on May 11, 2023 and upon its expiration, an anticipated surge of migration into the United States commenced resulting with the imminent arrival of individuals into New York State at an increased rate; and Whereas, Suffolk County recognizes that the anticipated uncoordinated moving of people into the County of Suffolk will result in a severe housing crisis as a result of the limited number of temporary and permanent housing available in the County.

Now, therefore, I, Edward P. Romaine, Suffolk County Executive by the power vested in me by the Suffolk County Charter and the Laws of the State of New York and pursuant to Section 24 of Article 2-B of the New York State Executive Law, do hereby temporarily suspend or modify any statute, local law, resolution, order, rule or regulation or parts thereof, if compliance with such statute, local law, resolution, order, rule or regulation would prevent, hinder or delay action necessary to assist, aid or cope with the aforementioned State of Emergency, and I hereby order the following:

A. The formation of an intergovernmental team (the "intergovernmental team") that includes the Chief Deputy County Executive, which shall coordinate to assist in meeting the needs of the County as a result of any potential housing crisis in

the County.
B. All County Departments are required to work with the County Executive's office to effectuate any emergency measures that need to be addressed as a result of this Order.
C. No hotel, motel, owner of a multiple dwelling, or shelter in Suffolk County is permitted to contract or otherwise engage in business with any other municipality (an "external municipality") for the purpose of providing housing or accommodations for asylum seekers without the permission or coordination of Suffolk County. This prohibition extends to any person or entity participating in an external municipality's government program, or a contract or service funded by an external municipality or acting on behalf of any external municipality or the State of New York.
D. In order to effectuate Suffolk County's role in this emergency, all procurement policies for the purchase of equipment, supplies or contracts, relating to this emergency, are suspended, specifically: Suffolk County Code Chapters 1065 and 189; Article IV sections A 4-13 and 14; Article V section A5-1; Charter section C5-2 (C) and (L); and Section A5-8, Chap. 575, Chap. 803, Chap. 353 and Local Law 41-2013 to the extent that they require execution of documentation of compliance; and all related procurement laws, rules, and regulations required to comply with this Emergency Order.

E. Regardless of any other remedy or relief brought by the County for any violation, the County Executive is authorized to direct the County Attorney to commence actions or proceedings in the name of the County, in a court of competent jurisdiction, to abate any violation of, or to enforce any provision of this Emergency Order.
F. Remedies Not Exclusive.

- a. No remedy or penalty specified in this Emergency Order shall be the exclusive remedy or remedy available to address any violation described in this Executive Order.
- b. Each remedy or penalty specified in the Emergency Order shall be in addition to, and not in substitution for or limitation of, the other remedies or penalties specified in this Emergency Order or in any other applicable law.
- c. Any remedy or penalty specified in this section may be pursued at any time, whether prior to, simultaneously with, or after the pursuit of any other remedy or penalty specified in the Emergency Order or in any other applicable law.
- d. In particular, but not by way of limitation, each remedy and penalty specified in this section shall be in addition to, and not in substitution for or limitation of, the penalties specified in New York Executive Law Section 24, and any remedy or penalty specified in this section may be pursued at any time, whether prior to, simultaneously with, or after the pursuit of any penalty specified in New York Executive Law Section 24.

G. Effective Date
This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.
And I further order, that all Suffolk County Departments, Agencies, and Divisions or other duly authorized law enforcement agencies take whatever steps are necessary to assist in performing such emergency measures as deemed necessary; and further order that

This order shall cease to be in effect five (5) days after promulgation or upon declaration by the County Executive that the state of emergency no longer exists, whichever occurs sooner. The County Executive nevertheless, may extend such orders for additional periods not to exceed five (5) days each during the pendency of the local state of emergency. Failure to obey this order is a criminal offense, punishable by law under New York State Executive Law § 24(5).

Dated: February 13, 2026
Edward P. Romaine
Suffolk County Executive
SCN, 20267183, 2/19 |

Formation of Limited Liability Company - Suffolk County

Notice of formation of Soler Tax Services LLC.

Articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 02-07-2026. Office location: Suffolk County. SSNY designated as agent of SOLER TAX SERVICES LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to 31 Bradley St. Brentwood, NY 11717

Purpose: Any lawful purpose.
SCN, 20267184, 2/19, 26 - 3/5, 12, 19, 26 |

NOTICE OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTED SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Fire Commissioners of the West Sayville-Oakdale Fire District, Town of Islip, County of Suffolk, State of New York, at a meeting held on February 3, 2026, at the District's Headquarters station, 80 Main Street, West Sayville, NY, duly adopted a resolution subject to permissive referendum to expend from reserve funds a sum not to exceed \$150,000.00 for emergency work needed to fix the generator transfer switch at Headquarters.

The resolution adopted provides for the money to be taken from the Building Reserve Fund that has previously been approved under Section 6-g of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York. Said money is now on deposit as part of the District's 2026 budget and reserve funds.

Objections to this resolution must be in accordance with Section 6-g(4) of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York and be filed with the secretary of the West Sayville-Oakdale Fire District within thirty (30) days of the adoption of the resolution.

Dated: February 4, 2026
Michael Postel, Chairman
Board of Fire Commissioners
West Sayville-Oakdale Fire District
SCN, 20267185, 2/19 |

NOTICE OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTED SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Fire Commissioners of the West Sayville-Oakdale Fire District, Town of Islip, County of Suffolk, State of New York, at a meeting held on February 3, 2026, at the District's Headquarters station, 80 Main Street, West Sayville, NY, duly adopted a resolution subject to permissive referendum to expend from reserve funds a sum not to exceed \$115,000.00 for the purchase and upfitting of a 2026 Chevrolet Tahoe Chief's response vehicle

The resolution adopted provides for the money to be taken from the Apparatus Reserve Fund that has previously been approved under Section 6-g of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York. Said money is now on deposit as part of the District's 2026 budget and reserve funds.

Objections to this resolution must be in accordance with Section 6-g(4) of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York and be filed with the secretary of the West Sayville-Oakdale Fire District within thirty (30) days of the adoption of the resolution.

Dated: February 4, 2026
Michael Postel, Chairman
Board of Fire Commissioners
West Sayville-Oakdale Fire District
SCN, 20267186, 2/19 |

Formation of Limited Liability Company - Suffolk County

Notice of formation of RNR Vending Group LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York SSNY on 1/19/2026. Office located in Suffolk. SSNY has been designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail copy of any process served against the LLC 52 Winthrop Road, Brentwood, NY 11717. Purpose: any lawful purpose.
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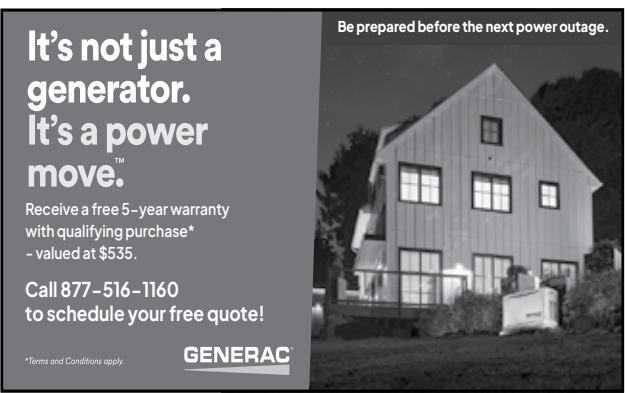
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