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The cast of West Side Story. Photo by Jeff Bellante

Something's coming, it's here, and it's thrilling

BY LINDA LEUZZI

When composer Leonard Bernstein was contemplating ideas for the "West Side Story" score, he recalled driving on the Henry Hudson Parkway, missing an exit, and winding up under a huge causeway by the river near 125th Street. The location and the cacophonous sounds of Puerto Rican kids playing with their raucous shouts nailed the theme for him. His lyricist, Stephen Sondheim, was just starting out.

That causeway scene is in Gateway's new production of "West Side Story," thanks to the convincing Upper Manhattan sets from the Pittsburgh Civic Light Opera. And so is the young cast's stunningly believable brashness and bravado. The show's talented performers grab you from the get-go, with simmering mayhem in song and attitude, amazing balletic leaps and in-your-face movement. The Jets, white guys, led by Riff, and the Sharks, Puerto Ricans, headed by Bernardo, mesmerized the opening-night audience, a full house, right from the beginning.

The gangs' gearing up for turf dominance while a member from each side is drawn to each other in a modern-day "Romeo and Juliet" romance, is rendered true, beautiful and violently from this wonderful cast. The Gateway has given us a gorgeously authentic production.

We're introduced to the gangs with that famous lingering bluesy note and

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Muslim cemetery proposed as an 'as of right' use, despite resident concerns

County passes vote after tabling it; town can proceed

BY NICOLE FUENTES

The Town of Brookhaven recently received a proposal for the development of an over 13-acre Muslim cemetery to be built on Beaver Dam Road in Bellport. The lot is currently vacant.

The Suffolk County Legislature, after originally tabling the vote due to "minor inaccuracies" in the application, passed it through on Tuesday, May 12 as a certificate of necessity pending town approval. The town can now vote on the proposal, however, a date has not been set as of print.

"The supervisor and I, along with the town board, are working with our planning and environmental land management team and our law department on the overall site plan and the reasonable issues raised at the hearing, and in the days that followed," said Councilman Michael Loguercio. "Now that the county has decided unanimously to send the approval to the town board, we are able to make a decision."

According to Legis. Dominick Thorne, the county's role in this application was solely administrative. He also said the original inaccuracies included the wrong road names labeled in the proposal.

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Almost at the finish line after 20 years

BY LINDA LEUZZI

Sometimes, projects and ideas take time to coalesce.

In the Greater Bellport Coalition's case, it took two decades to get approvals for two major recent successes, mainly sewers, as well as the proposed Bellport Center.

You can thank longtime GBC co-chairs Joann Neal and Regina Crawford, along with stalwart members including former president John Rogers and GBC secretary Nancy Marr.

BELLPORT

The *Long Island Advance* interviewed Neal and Crawford at the bustling Dunkin' on Montauk Highway, in Bellport, that opened in 2022, a major important addition in itself to the area. It had a dozen customers drinking coffee, conversing, and eating breakfast sandwiches inside at 10:30 a.m.

The Brookhaven Zoning Board approved Bellport Center's appeal on April 29, green lighting another game-changer for the area on the southwest corner of Station Road and Montauk Highway; that is, a two-story building with rental possibilities for several merchants and a community room upstairs for nonprofit meetings. The planned project is across from the attractive Sunoco Station that received a significant facelift.

Montauk Highway is still sparce with trees, but Crawford said eventually, that will take place with landscaping. The GBC received a $4.5 million NY Forward grant submitted by the town last year for projects requested, including more lights, signage, landscaping and a mural that represented the community at the LIRR train station.

There were five plans since 2014 for that corner before the Bellport Center project passed, Crawford said.

(Crawford and Neal admitted containing themselves when it was finally approved. They did allow themselves hearty claps, though.)



Greater Bellport Coalition co-chairs Joann Neal and Regina Crawford celebrate two significant gains for the community with the Dunkin' staff. ADV/Leuzzi

"It had originally been zoned for a park and variances had to be addressed," Neal said before going forward. The project was applied for under Fraz Realty Inc.

"It was very hard keeping the coalition with its vision alive after 20 years, especially with the constant changes with the town board and county legislators," Crawford added.

"Different people had different visions," said Neal.

John Farakh Iqbal, owner of the Bellport Sunoco Gas Station and Grab & Go convenience store at 1741 Montauk Highway, created an attractive business model with his gas station renovation and wants to do the same with the Bellport Center. Last year, he told the *Advance* he was investing $2.4 million in the project.

"He's ready to build," Crawford said.

With the Long Island Rail Road steps away, the Bellport Center concept "has always been a plan for progress," Crawford added.

There had been a number of visioning meetings, including one in 2007 at St. Joseph the Worker. "People would get discouraged when they didn't see anything happening," Neal said.

Councilman Mike Loguercio, who has been working with the community, has been supportive.

"Basically, Ed Romaine (as town supervisor) and I promised to clean up the entire area and bring in economic growth and housing, and now it's coming into fruition with D & G Development Group founder Peter Florey (with partner Leonard D'Amico). Dunkin' Donuts and Miracle Plaza have been redone."

Neal and Crawford related some of the must-dos first put on GBC's checklist. "We needed affordable housing and apartments," Neal said. "What was there in rents was too expensive and there were constant evictions." She mentioned a plan for apartments with a pool that was shot down. Now, she pointed out there were the Gleneagle Green apartments offering affordable housing as well as the planned 96-unit affordable housing complex.

"Family Dollar closed, but Dollar General opened," Crawford said. "We're going to get a laundromat and are hoping for a supermarket next door."

"We're not quitting," said Neal.

Crawford said she remembered when there were no trees and no lights. "Then they were installed on Station Road when ShotSpotter was put in. But after a while, a lot didn't work. And John Rogers took a count one time. There were 66 that were out."

Rogers, a former GBC president for 17 years, said the lights got fixed after he notified the town. "The town has been responsive across administrations, and we have a good working partnership with the both the county and the town. After the town passed the land-use plan in 2014, they did rezoning; D & F Development came up with proposals for Atlantic Avenue and the town made sure the apartments got built."

Legis. Dominick Thorne attends many of the GBC meetings and has been a key fighter for the community. He called Neal and Crawford with the sewer news.

"Sewering will enable economic growth and open up a whole new possibility for businesses in that area," he said. "You can't have supermarkets and restaurants without sewers.

"I'm responsive to the neighborhood and was a heavy advocate to take this to fruition, and I must commend the coalition for their continuing support for that neighborhood."

Thorne said the sewers will traverse Station Road and a large swath of Montauk Highway in the greater Bellport area. Work will start in 2027. Also, the county was picking up the costs for the design and surveying. "Surveying letters have already gone out to homeowners and businesses," he said. "The sewers will increase property values." ■

Students win big at Model United Nations competition

Team engage with former U.S. Secretary of State, CIA Director

BY SAM DESMOND

The Patchogue-Medford High School Model United Nations (UN) team, accompanied by advisor Lori Botta, recently attended the National High School Model UN in New York City and received the lauded Award of Distinction.

PATCHOGUE MEDFORD

During this four-day event, Patchogue-Medford represented the country of Luxembourg in simulated debates centered on various topics, including innovations in space technology, global youth access to comprehensive education, and the creation of a global framework for the use of artificial intelligence.

"Our students displayed diplomacy and leadership skills in the true spirit of the United Nations," said Botta. "We are so proud of their hard work and passion."

Patchogue-Medford High School Model UN members Anastasia Briggs, Aynalise Costa, Kieran Cowell, Michael DeMasi, Miles Diekmann, Julianna Florea, Charlotte Keyes, and Peyton Senger made up the cohort that represented Patchogue-Medford and was honored with the Award of Distinction.



The students met with the counselor for human rights at Luxembourg's permanent mission to the United States and asked questions about the issues they were debating and the path to working at the UN. In addition, the Patchogue-Medford students participated in a forum with former United States secretary of state and Central Intelligence Agency director Michael Pompeo. Michael DeMasi and Aynalise Costa asked Pompeo thoughtful questions about his experience in his former roles.

"This was an amazing and unique experience that I guarantee our students will continue to remember," said Patchogue-Medford School District director of secondary humanities Matthew Hanley. "We thank Ms. Botta, as she dedicated a great deal of time and effort into organizing this event and preparing her students for success."

The Model United Nations (MUN) originated in the 1920s as simulations of the League of Nations, with the first event held at Oxford University in 1921.

After World War II, these simulations transitioned to modeling the new United Nations, with the first "Model UN" occurring at Swarthmore College in 1947. The activity now hosts thousands of students globally annually.

Originally known as "International Assemblies," from the 1920s to 1940s, these simulations were designed to teach students about diplomacy. The first American assembly was held at Harvard University in 1923.

Following the founding of the UN in 1945, simulations shifted to the new framework. A key early MUN conference was held at Swarthmore College on April 5, 1947, involving 41 colleges and over 150 students.

The first high school Model UN conference is often cited as being held in 1954 in Erie, Pennsylvania. The Hague International Model United Nations (THIMUN) was founded in 1968, expanding the model internationally.

The founding of the UNA-USA Global Classrooms program in 1999 helped democratize MUN, bringing it to more diverse student populations, and it is now a global educational staple with major conferences like National Model United Nations (NMUN).

Local conferences include: the Kellenberg Memorial Model UN (KMUNC), which is ranked as a top conference on the island, it draws significant local participation, the Lee Marcus Model UN Invitational a long-standing invitational that hosts hundreds of students to tackle global issues and the Metropolitan Model UN Club, a key regional organizer that helps facilitate local simulation. ■

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Jennifer McNamara honored as State Senate Woman of Distinction



L-R: NYS Sen. Dean Murray and Jennifer McNamara

BAYPORT-BLUE POINT

N.Y. Sen. Dean Murray honored Blue Point resident Jennifer McNamara as this year's Woman of Distinction for the 3rd Senate District at the NYS Senate Women of Distinction Celebration. This annual event, hosted in Albany, allowed Murray to recognize her extraordinary leadership, resilience, and dedication to serving others both professionally and throughout the community.

Following the tragic loss of her husband, FDNY firefighter John "Johnny Mac" McNamara, from a 9/11-related cancer, Jennifer transformed pain into purpose and made a personal tragedy into a lasting mission of compassion and service.

Through the Johnny Mac Foundation, established in her husband's honor, she has helped provide countless acts of kindness and support to individuals and families facing difficult times, continuing to make a meaningful difference in the lives of so many.

In addition to her charitable work, Jennifer has built an accomplished career as an attorney and currently serves as Suffolk County's director of Labor Relations in the County Executive's Office. Her professionalism, leadership, and commitment to public service have earned her widespread respect throughout the community, Murray's office said.

"Jennifer McNamara embodies strength, compassion, and selfless service. Her dedication to helping others, honoring her husband's legacy, and serving the people of Suffolk County makes her truly deserving of this recognition," said Murray.

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WEST SIDE STORY: Now playing at The Gateway through May

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impatient snapping rhythm, as these tough boys express themselves with convincing force and menace in body stances and leaping moves. Wow!

Director/choreographer Vince Ortega, whose magic touches gifted past Gateway productions including "In the Heights," stayed true to Jerome Robbins's original direction and dance vision. Ortega is aided by associate director/choreographer Ashley Klinger, a Jerome Robbins devotee and fourth-generation ballet dancer. She is also the musical's intimacy director.

Robbins was the show's idea man and the results of Ortega's intention, to be faithful to his work, are thrilling and explosive, as the dancing included several styles, among them athleticism and jazz. So, a big thanks to Ortega and Klinger as well as associate choreographer Bryan Ernesto Menjivar, who also plays Shark Juanito in the cast, for honoring that.

Jackson Hurt as the handsome Tony has the earnest, kind yearning of a young man trying to step away from the Jets, and his song, "Something's Coming," is a soaring, hopeful anthem with an intangible knowing that a good force is trying to break through.

After meeting Maria (Sabina Collazo) at the dance that night, both are drawn together by an invisible force.

Collazo, who has played Maria in past productions, is luminous as Maria, the innocent Shark family member, whose brother is Bernardo, the leader. Collazo's lovely vulnerability and soprano voice, on the eager threshold of womanhood and finding love, is endearing.

You cheer for this couple.

The dance competition in the gym that night has both gangs dancing with partners, whirling freestyle, joyfully exuberant wearing colorful shirts, pants, skirts, dresses. Bernardo and Anita, Riff and Velma square off in an electrifying "Mambo." This is the backdrop with Tony and Maria meeting for the first time.

After they kiss, Bernardo breaks them up and Tony searches for Maria past a jumble of buildings, calls out to her and climbs up her fire escape, emulating the balcony scene in Shakespeare's story. Tony's anthem, "Maria," is a moving prayer of devotion, and "Tonight," the duet between the couple, is incandescent. Both songs have gorgeous operatic qualities. Bernstein wanted to display their love as pure, spiritual emotions.

Carlos Jimenez plays Bernardo, a proud Puerto Rican and Anita's boyfriend, who you can negotiate with to a point. And he's tired of targeted names like the derogatory "spic," old hatreds, and the nasty racism displayed by Lt. Schrank (Jesse Swimm). Bernardo doesn't want to rumble in the gym, leaving the girls in his group to walk home alone. Ashton Lambert as Riff won't back down, insistent to hold onto his territory. (Lambert is effectively tense and scary.) They agree to fight elsewhere.

Like life, there's humor interspersed, as in the "America" dance scene with the Shark girls, Anita (Megan Elyse Fulmer), Rosalia (Samara DeCastro), Francisca (Alexis Papaleo), Estrella (Lily Mendoza), Consuela (Manuela "Mango" Agudelo), Margarita (Angelina Didea), vamping, posing, pirouetting, flashing colorful crinolines for emphasis, giving the song their all, comparing life in Puerto Rico with the advantages of living in… America.

Later on, Fulmer, as the passionately amazing spitfire Anita, broken after being accosted by the Jets, is riveting.

The "Gee Officer Krupke" scene, with the Jets addressing the local policeman with feigned respect and hijinks, is hilarious. The Jets mix it up in humor, diss each other, sing sometimes in falsetto, of the sordid societal backgrounds influencing their lives to the local beat cop (Manny Erias) while proclaiming their innocence after the terrible rumble they just took part in.

Bill Carmichael plays Doc, the benevolent soda shop owner who tries to steer both gangs to saner ways.

This entire cast is seamless in their portrayals. (They must have rehearsed in their sleep.)

Cheers for the orchestra, led by Andrew Hail Austin (keys 1) with associate music director Jake Turski (keys 2) with musicians on trumpet, trombone, two reeds, bass and drums. They tackle Bernstein's symphonically discordant and stunningly beautiful score with complex rhythms, leading up to impending savagery, tenderness and poignancy brilliantly.

Arthur Laurents wrote the show's original story and it is a profound one. There are lessons to be learned, along with the beautiful music and acting.

It's playing in Bellport to May 31 at www.thegateway.org. ■



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PATCHOGUE-MEDFORD SCHOOL NEWS

Elementary school partners with famous chef for fresh vegetables

Nearly half of students qualify for free lunch

BY SAM DESMOND

Earlier this month, an exciting new, delicious program was celebrated at Tremont Elementary.

The Emeril Lagasse Foundation expanded their National Culinary Education Program to the school for students to learn about the full circle of what's on their dinner plate and how it got there.

The popular program has partnered with schools throughout the country, including Chicago, Baltimore, Washington, D.C., Austin, and New Orleans.

Approximately 41 percent of students at Tremont qualify for free or reduced-price lunch, and many of the school's families face barriers to accessing fresh ingredients.

In 2022, Tremont launched its Courtyard Project-Based Learning Initiative, transforming an underused courtyard into a vibrant outdoor classroom featuring garden beds, composting systems and a chicken coop.

"It is the central hub for hands-on science, math, literacy, STEAM, and environmental learning activities," said a representative for the school district.



According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), only about 1 in 10 children in the United States consume the recommended daily amount of fruits and vegetables. With the childhood obesity rate affecting one in five school-aged children, on-site gardening programs are essential support systems.

In response to this paucity in fresh produce, the Emeril Lagasse Foundation expanded its national investment in youth education and nutrition with Emeril's Culinary Garden & Teaching Kitchen.

Tremont Elementary is the eighth school in the country to implement the Foundation's signature program, "an immersive model that brings together gardening, nutrition and hands-on culinary education to transform how students learn about food and health. The program is built on four core pillars: helping students understand where food comes from, developing life skills through hands-on learning, teaching the importance of nutrition and healthy eating, and building culinary skills that foster confidence and independence," said Lagasse.

"Alden and I have always known that food can change a child's life," said Emeril Lagasse. "We're proud to expand this work to Long Island and partner with Tremont Elementary, where students will learn to grow and cook their own food, building confidence and lifelong healthy habits."

The need for programs like Emeril's Culinary Garden & Teaching Kitchen continues to grow as greater emphasis is placed on childhood nutrition, access to healthy food and preventative health. In response, the Foundation's signature program delivered 8,493 lessons nationwide in 2024 and reached more than 14,000 families through community events.

"We are incredibly proud that Tremont Elementary has been chosen for this innovative program," said Lori

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BOE candidates weigh in on new superintendent

Santana says district is 'a special place'

BY SAM DESMOND

On Wednesday, May 13, South Country Central School District superintendent Antonio Santana resigned from his position and the Board of Education immediately accepted the resignation.

"Santana has served the South Country community during a period of significant challenge and transition for the District. Throughout his tenure, he remained visible and engaged with students, staff, families, community members, elected officials, and state agencies, while working with the Board of Education and District leadership to support students and advance the needs of the school community," said the board in a statement.

SOUTH COUNTRY SCHOOLS

In recent months, Santana worked closely with the Board, District administrators, the State Education Department, the State Comptroller's Office, NYSUT, local representatives, and other partners to address the district's financial circumstances and help position South Country for continued stabilization.

"These efforts included corrective actions in business practices, increased fiscal oversight, difficult budgetary decisions, and advocacy that resulted in meaningful state support for the District," said the board.

Upon his exit, Santana expressed appreciation for the opportunity to serve the South Country community.



"Serving as superintendent of the South Country Central School District has been an honor. I am grateful to have worked alongside dedicated educators, administrators, support staff, families, community partners, and Board members who care deeply about our students. South Country is a special place, and I will always be proud of the progress made on behalf of our children and community."

Assistant superintendent of curriculum and instruction Jaclyn O'Hagan will serve as acting superintendent of schools in addition to her current duties.

The Board has appointed John Dolan as interim superintendent of schools effective May 14, 2026.

Dolan recently retired as superintendent of schools in East Islip after 11 years in that position. "Mr. Dolan's tenure in East Islip has been described as 'a renaissance of stability and growth' for that district," said the board.

The board is keen for Dolan to be able to apply his demonstrated acumen for districts in turmoil.

"The District remains focused on supporting students, staff, families, and the continued work necessary to move South Country forward," said the board.

With school board elections on Tuesday, May 19, *The Long Island Advance* asked the four candidates running for two open seats their thoughts on the Dolan appointment.

Specifically, "what are the most important strengths the new superintendent should have to help the district navigate the extraordinary financial situation the district is facing?"

Kenyanah Augustin said, "Given the extraordinary financial situation South Country faces, the most important strength John Dolan needs is fiscal transparency paired with servant leadership. We do not need a superintendent who hides behind spreadsheets or take zero accountability. We need someone who will open the books, tell the community the truth about where we are, and then do the hard work of listening to teachers, to parents, to the taxpayers funding this district. The second strength is courage to prioritize classrooms over bureaucracy. Every dollar we spend should be measured by one question: does this help a student learn? If the answer is no, we have to be willing to cut it. That is not easy, but it is what stewardship looks like. Mr. Dolan's success will depend on trust. And trust starts with telling the truth about the money and putting people before politics. That's what I will be watching for."

Linda Brown said, "South Country needs a superintendent who leads with transparency, fiscal discipline, and a long-term vision. The district's financial challenges were not created overnight, and they will not be solved overnight. John Dolan must be willing to communicate honestly with the community, work collaboratively with staff and the Board of Education, and rebuild trust through accountability and clear financial planning. Most importantly, the focus must remain on protecting educational opportunities for students while creating a sustainable path forward for taxpayers and the district as a whole."

Michael Kellerman said, "As I am only running for the South Country Board of Education, I was not privy to the information that led to the hiring of Mr. John Dolan. I have to trust that the board did their due diligence in selecting him. I would like to publicly thank Mr. John Dolan for taking on this role under such dire circumstances and wish him nothing but success."

John Muglia said, "I believe that Mr. Dolan is coming to us with great experience and understanding of what is necessary to cultivate trust and engage a community that has expressed doubt in a school district. He has helped guide other districts through financial hardships. These are the strengths that he will bring to South Country." ■

A RUNDOWN OF YOUR BOARD OF EDUCATION CANDIDATES

SC, Pat-Med, Bayport-Blue Point and William Floyd votes

COMPILED BY NICOLE FUENTES, SAM DESMOND, AND CONNOR PATTON

The South Country, Patchogue-Medford, Bayport-Blue Point and William Floyd school district board of education and budget votes will take place on Tuesday, May 19.

SOUTH COUNTRY
BY SAM DESMOND

The South Country School District board of education election has four candidates running for two open trustee seats that will be vacated by BOE president E. Anne Hayes and Cheryl A. Felice. The election will be decided at large, i.e., the two candidates with the most votes will be elected to the board.

Kenyanah Augustin



Augustin is a South Country parent and community member with five sons who attend Brookhaven Elementary, Frank P. Long Intermediate, Bellport Middle School, and Bellport High School. She currently serves on the PTA Board at Frank P. Long and Bellport Middle School — two years at Frank P. Long and one year at Bellport Middle School. She is also a PTA member at nearly every school in the district. Augustin believes her election win to the board would result in efforts to rebuild that trust through accountability and involvement.

"I will push for plain-language summaries of budgets and contracts released earlier, so taxpayers and staff can understand them. I will push for stronger two-way communication with all parts of our community so no one feels left out," said Augustin. "Trust and accountability go both ways. I'll explain my votes clearly, and I'll ask our community to stay involved — to come to meetings, ask questions, and hold us to the work. I've done that for 12 years as a PTA leader and neighbor. I'm asking for your vote to do it on the Board of Education."

Linda Brown

Linda Brown has over15 years of professional experience in administration, benefits management, and fiduciary responsibility. Brown said that these previous roles required strong financial oversight, budgeting discipline, compliance, and long-term planning.



Upon election, Brown said she would prioritize clear, consistent financial reporting, realistic budgeting, and stronger oversight to ensure problems are identified early—not after they become crises.

"I will also work to improve communication so the community fully understands both challenges and solutions," said Brown. "This election is about more than a budget vote—it's about restoring trust, protecting our classrooms, and putting the district on a stable, sustainable path forward."

Michael Kellerman

Kellerman did not submit responses to the interview questions by time of print.



John Muglia



John Muglia is an alumnus and lifelong resident of the community.

The No. 1 issue facing the district, according to Muglia, is financial stability and a lack of trust. "These challenges are closely connected, as long term stability depends on transparent and responsible financial practices."

As a BOE trustee, Muglia said he would would support stronger financial oversight, budgets based on actual operating needs, and clear communication with the community.

"My focus would be on improving accountability, restoring trust, and helping the district achieve long term stability," said Muglia.

PAT-MED
BY SAM DESMOND

The Patchogue-Medford board of education election has four candidates running for three seats. As Patchogue-Medford is an at-large voting structure, the three candidates with the most votes will be elected to the board. The positions opened because trustees Marc Negrin and Diana Andrade did not seek reelection. The third-place winner will have a shorter term to serve, from May 19 through June 30.

Laura Banse



Candidate Laura Banse and her husband have been Patchogue residents for 20 years, 17 of which are in Patchogue Village. Their long history of community service includes leadership roles in the Patchogue Ambulance and the Patchogue Fire Department.

With the birth of their fourth child, Banse's commitment to the Patchogue school system for another 17 years is a strong motivator for her to make lasting and effective changes now. She currently belongs to the Bay Elementary Parent Teachers Association (PTA).

Top issue that Banse recognizes is minimizing classroom size and investigating why the teacher retention rate is not stronger.

Banse believes more transparency, like opening the discussion of minimizing class sizes and teacher retention to the community.

"The school district is the epicenter of the community and what brings people here. The children have so many opportunities."

Mark Grossman

More than 20 years ago, Mark Grossman served two terms as a trustee on the South Country school district.



For the past 15 years, Grossman has taught communications at Nassau and Suffolk community colleges. At Nassau, Grossman serves in a leadership role within the Adjunct Faculty Association, representing his department and advocating for colleagues.

According to Grossman, "The district is entering a period of significant transition. A new superintendent has just been appointed, there will be changes in board membership, and there has already been a shift in board leadership. That is a lot of moving pieces at once."

During this transitory period, Grossman stresses that stability and good governance are essential. "The focus should be on supporting a smooth transition, building a strong working relationship with the new superintendent, and keeping the board centered on students."

"With my prior board experience, I would be ready to contribute immediately and help provide continuity during this transition. I understand how to ask the right questions, work collaboratively, and keep decisions grounded in what is best for the district.

"With so much change underway, this is not the time for on-the-job training."

Kelli Anne Jennings



Kelli Anne Jennings is the only incumbent candidate on this year's board of education election slate. She currently serves as the board of education trustees president.

Jennings has also served as a special educator for 27 years with Eastern Suffolk BOCES and Nassau Suffolk BOCES. In her role as Board Certified Behavior Analyst, (BCBA) she provides functional

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behavioral assessments, develops interventions, and teaches life skills.

In her tenure as trustee and president, Jennings said her greatest accomplishments included the resolution for more recess, selecting a new superintendent after over a year-long search, new programs to math and reading, and the ubiquitous number of instances where decisions were made collaboratively between the board and the community.

If re-elected, Jennings said the main items would be working with the superintendent for an effective approach to the challenges unique to the district, mandatory Universal Pre-school for the 2027-2028 school year, and the mandate for zero emission busses.

She also wanted to continue the work on the reading program to make an official, standard curriculum, a "true reading program."

Michelle LaMartina



Michelle LaMartina said that she is grateful for the opportunity to run for a seat on the Board of Education at Pat-Med as the district has opened many doors of opportunity for her, as a student and now as a parent. LaMartina has three generations of graduates in her family, from her mother (1964), herself (1989), and her son (2026).

She has also served in various leadership roles including: President of FAME, formerly SOA PTA President, the chairperson for Kris Kringle, Jay Nichols and Paul Ambrose Generations Bass Outing, and St. Baldrick's Team Chenke.

LaMartina believes one of the most important issues facing the district is "proactively planning for near-term community growth and meeting the demands of the community expansion while maintaining a financially strong district and ensuring every student, educator, and staff member is supported with the tools they need to be successful."

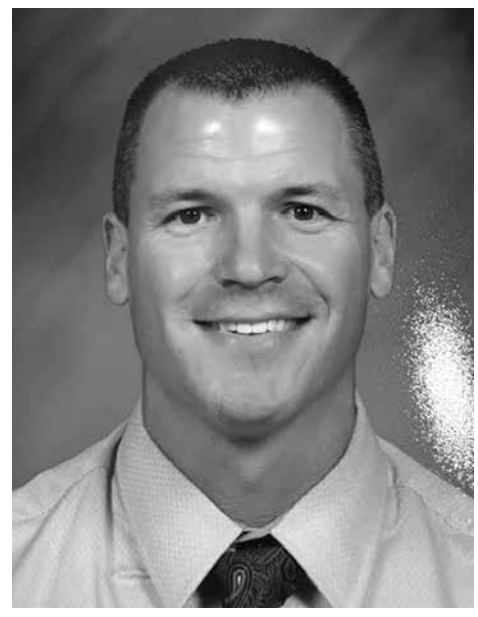
LaMartina said that she is looking forward to working collaboratively with fellow trustees, the new superintendent, and the cabinet to keep Pat-Med on a strong financial footing and to ensure programs, staffing, and services are ready to meet changing needs, while communicating and being transparent to the community.

BAYPORT-BLUEPOINT

BY CONNOR PATTON

There are two uncontested seats on the Bayport-Blue Point School District's Board of Education in the upcoming school board election. Incumbent trustees Jessica Pignataro and Michael Miller are each running for one of the two, three-year trustee terms during the school board election.





What have been your proudest accomplishments while serving on the board?

Pignataro: I am extremely proud of the expansion of mental health services for our students. We were able to make our Social Worker positions permanent in every building, and expand our Elementary School Counselor position from part-time to full-time. We have supported the addition of new clubs and extracurricular activities for our students, and recently opened the new Wellness Center, a welcoming indoor/outdoor space at Bayport-Blue Point High School. I am also proud of the enhancements we have made to district security, including camera upgrades, facility upgrades, and extended hours for our security guards.

Miller: I have come to appreciate that every accomplishment is truly a team effort. Nothing is done alone—it is, and always will be, the result of collaboration among the board, administration, faculty, staff, and community.

I am proud to have played a small role in continuing to strengthen and expand our academic programs. This includes ensuring that all juniors and seniors who wish to attend BOCES are able to do so, providing universal access to pre-K for families who want a seat, and expanding special education opportunities, including increased co-teaching across grade levels. We have also enhanced our academic offerings by adding more electives and rigorous coursework, such as the AP Capstone program.

In addition, we reduced transportation mileage requirements, allowing more students to access safe and reliable busing to and from school each day.

I am especially proud of the strong, respectful relationships we have built with all of our bargaining units over these 12 years. That mutual respect has helped foster a positive working environment where morale can thrive, ultimately benefiting our students and the entire school community.

What are your top priorities for the district as a trustee? How have you delivered in those areas?

Pignataro: I have always had a focus on social-emotional wellness and Special Education, as well as district security. As mentioned above, I believe the district has made (and continues to make) great strides in these areas. In addition to the aforementioned enhancements to security and additions to wellness services, we've expanded our course offerings in Special Education at the secondary level, and streamlined student placements at the elementary level, to keep students placed in one building throughout their elementary years. It is exciting and gratifying to have these initiatives come to life, and see the positive impacts on our students and families.

Miller: My top priority has always been to provide the most robust and well-rounded educational experience possible for all students. That includes not only strong academic programs, but also meaningful extracurricular opportunities that support student growth, engagement, and achievement.

A key part of delivering on that priority is ensuring we attract and retain the highest-quality educators and staff. I strongly believe that hiring experienced, dedicated professionals—and compensating them well for the important work they do—is essential to maintaining a high-performing school district.

Over the years, working collaboratively as a board, we have delivered on these priorities by supporting comprehensive academic programming, expanding student opportunities, and fostering an environment where both students and staff can succeed. At the same time, we have remained mindful of our responsibility to the community by maintaining fiscal responsibility.

We will continue to partner with our bargaining units to ensure competitive and fair compensation across the board. Sustaining excellence as a top-performing district requires a continued commitment to investing in our staff.

What is your vision for Bayport-Blue Point as a new superintendent comes into office this summer?

Pignataro: The hiring of a new Superintendent may be one of the most important things that a Board of Education is tasked to do, as the decision will have lasting impacts on the district and community as a whole. The successful candidate is someone with extensive experience in education who understands our community and can confidently step into the role as not only an educational leader, but a community leader. We are a small district with a proud history, and we are seeking someone who plans to stay and grow with us for a long time. We've been so fortunate to have Dr. Hearney at the helm, and because of his hard work and dedication, he will be leaving the district in an excellent position for continued success.

Miller: My vision is to build a strong, collaborative partnership between the Board of Education and the new superintendent, grounded in trust, communication, and shared goals. This is an opportunity to build on the district's strengths while identifying areas for growth. I look forward to supporting a vision that continues to prioritize student success, innovation, and community engagement.

Why should residents vote for you? What in your background makes you qualified for this role?

Pignataro: I've been a School Counselor at a public high school for 22 years. My extensive experience at the intersection of public education and mental health brings an important perspective to my role as Trustee. I ask for the community's vote because I take this role very seriously; I am thoroughly prepared and present for every meeting, and make an effort to raise insightful points at the dais. I am an active participant in Board discussions and welcome community engagement with the Board. It is an honor to have been elected twice to this position, and I hope to have the community put its trust in me a third time.

Miller: Residents should consider voting for me because I bring 12 years of experience and a deep understanding of our district and its needs. Over that time, I have developed the knowledge and perspective necessary to make thoughtful, informed decisions that put students first while balancing the expectations of our community.

My background in education, combined with my experience on the Board of Education, has prepared me to effectively navigate complex issues and provide steady leadership—especially during times of transition, such as the appointment of a new superintendent. I understand the importance of continuity, collaboration, and clear communication in ensuring long-term success.

I am committed to serving our community with integrity, experience, and a continued focus on doing what is best for our students and district.

WILLIAM FLOYD

BY NICOLE FUENTES

The William Floyd School District Board of Education has two seats open, currently held by Angelo Cassarino and Robert Taiani. Both candidates will be running for re-election. Cassarino will run unopposed and Taiani will run against Joseph Barone.

Angelo Cassarino, unopposed



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Angelo Cassarino is seeking his third three-year term on the William Floyd Board of Education. Throughout his tenure, Cassarino and his colleagues on the board have been advocating for William Floyd schools and the community as a whole. He said they have also worked hard to provide the most opportunities for students while keeping budgets fiscally responsible, as evidenced by two large reductions over the past few years, as well as consistently zero or less than one percent budget increases. He said he is proud of the increased graduation rates, as well as the various opportunities that the district offers including the Career and Technical Education programs, STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts & Mathematics), music, robotics, athletics and so much more. He is also proud of the increasing graduation rate and how schools are helping to prepare students for the next chapter in their lives, whether college, a trade school or the military. Cassarino is a William Floyd alumnus, Class of 1994, who resides in Shirley, with his wife, Tracy, a 1993 William Floyd alumna. He has two daughters who are also William Floyd alumnae. Angelo and Tracy chose to live and raise their family in the William Floyd community because of the fond memories they had growing up, as well as to provide their children with the multitude of opportunities that the district offers. Cassarino also serves as a trustee on the Eastern Suffolk BOCES Board of Education.

Robert Taiani



Robert Taiani is seeking his seventh three-year term on the board. He currently serves as vice president, a role that he was first elected to in late 2022. Taiani brings 18 years of volunteer board service experience to the position. In his career, he served for 21 years as an emergency services officer at the World Trade Center with the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. His law enforcement experience has been vital to the implementation of various security measures and upgrades in district schools over the years. After various audits by local and federal law enforcement, the district has been complimented as being a flagship example in this capacity. He is proud of his track record, along with his colleagues on the board, of keeping tax rates low including two large reductions over the past few years. He is also proud of the many offerings that are available to students including the district's vast Career and Technical Education offerings, as well as opportunities for students with various interests including our award-winning music program, the arts, sciences, NJROTC, athletics and more. The district's graduation rate has also increased exponentially over the course of his tenure, beginning with 67 percent when he first started, to consistently in the 90 percent range. He said he is proud to serve on a board that continues to put the students first while being fiscally responsible for residents.

"It's about students learning skills and preparing for the future, whether college, a trade or the military," he said, referring to the vast opportunities available for students who attend William Floyd schools.

Taiani is a William Floyd alumnus, Class of 1991, and resides in Moriches, with his wife and four children, two of whom are still attending William Floyd schools (one in middle school and one in high school). Taiani said he most enjoys seeing the smiles on the faces of graduating seniors each June when he has the privilege of presenting them with their diplomas.

Joseph Barone

Barone has been a financial professional for over 38 years. He was also a member of the WF school board from 2007 through 2016 as well as a lifelong



resident of the community. Both he and his wife graduated from the William Floyd schools as did their children.

"In my opinion the choices of the voting public have been very few. The only time there is usually a choice in candidates is when someone voluntarily leaves their seat. This leads to voter apathy. I believe that we as voters should have a choice in candidates no matter the office," he said of the race. "If the incumbent is doing a great job, they vote for them. If the voters believe that the incumbent is not doing a great job they vote for the other person. While William Floyd's budget has been very well prepared for many years, I am aware that there will be some hard choices going forward as the exodus of the affluent leave NY because of the Governor's policies and concern with redistributing wealth towards NYC." ■

Budgets for the next school year

PAT-MED

The Patchogue-Medford School District released a $252,223,893 proposed 2026–2027 budget. The budget would increase taxes by 3.15 percent.

The proposed budget-to-budget appropriation increase of 2.83 percent, including an interfund transfer of $2,500,000 to capital projects. Also, it does not pierce the tax cap.

According to the district, the tax cap formula caps the tax levy, not the tax rate. Based on the formula established by New York State, dollar values of tax levies can differ from district to district.

"The budget we have developed reflects a careful and deliberate process that balances the educational needs of our students with our responsibility to the taxpayers who fund our schools," said Patchogue-Medford School District interim superintendent Lori Cannetti. "I want to express my sincere gratitude to our Board of Education and all our administrators who played an integral role in developing this budget. This was a team effort that required dedication and a shared commitment to doing right by our students and our community."

The proposed budget will include an interfund transfer for capital project including: bathroom upgrades at Patchogue-Medford High School, Medford Elementary School, and Barton Elementary School. The estimated cost is $1.5 million. The proposal also includes the outdoor abatement of soil and asbestos containing materials for Bay Elementary School. The estimated cost is $1 million.

The second proposition on the ballot is for the purposes of seeking community approval to expend $5 million from the capital reserve, which was established in 2022.

SOUTH COUNTRY

The South Country Central School District faces a financial crisis for the 2026-27 school year, with the board approving a $150.5 million budget proposal that includes a 13.45 percent tax levy increase to cover a projected $5.67 million shortfall.

This plan requires a 60 percent supermajority vote on May 19, because it exceeds the tax cap. New York State comptroller's office released an audit report on the 2024-2025, 2025-2026, and proposed 2026-2027 budgets of the South Country School District. The proposed budget for next year and actual budget were compared and a budget deficit of approximately $8.7 million would be incurred based on the allocations for 2025-2026.

As the school district has no available surplus funds and staffing cuts and spending freezes have not been successful in replenishing the needed funds, the district reported a general fund balance deficit of $1.8 million as of June, 30, 2025. The state estimates a fiscal year-end deficit of $10.5 million. District officials affirmed that the district will need to borrow at least $6 million to balance the 2026-2027 budget.

"While deficit financing can provide immediate relief, any such borrowing would most likely increase the overall deficit and create future funding gaps due to reliance on debt to pay for operating expenses," read the state audit.

The state's advised actions were:

Develop a plan to fund operations and discontinue the practice of relying on one-time revenues to finance recurring expenditures.

Use trend analysis when developing budget appropriations.

Closely monitor revenues and expenditures and make budget modifications as necessary in a timely manner to ensure a balanced budget.

The audit characterized the board-adopted 2025-1026 budget as "not reasonable."

WILLIAM FLOYD

The board also adopted a slight increase of 0.99 percent for the 2026-27 proposed budget on April 21. The overall proposed budget for 2026-27 is $332,475,894, a 1.83 percent increase from last year's budget. That is a total of $243 per average household per year.

"This year's proposed budget is less than one percent and maintains essential school programs while strengthening academic opportunities for our students. This slight increase helps ensure that the district continues operating at an optimal level despite any potential future financial downturns," said Kevin Coster, superintendent of schools, William Floyd School District. "This proposal comes on the heels of a zero percent increase last year and large reductions totaling more than $23 million over the past few years. The Board of Education has adopted another budget that successfully balances the best opportunities for our students while being fiscally responsible to the community."

The district also estimated the transportation budget at $21 million; however, Transportation Aid is paid the year after the expense is made, so the proposed aid is based on updated estimated 2024-25 expenses.

According to the district, the budget maintains all programs, classes, staff and student opportunities that currently exist. A $2.9 million transfer to capital would also allow for building upgrades, including masonry renovation, plumbing upgrades, electrical upgrades, mechanical upgrades, technology upgrades, telephone upgrades, roof replacement on district buildings, door replacement, window replacement, turf replacement, fencing, site work, including but not limited to: paving, curbs and sidewalks, renovation/reconstruction of food service spaces, interior and exterior instructional spaces, abatement of hazardous materials and/or the purchase of furnishings/equipment.

BAYPORT-BLUE POINT

The Bayport-Blue Point School District is proposing a $88,387,020 budget, roughly $760,000 less than the current year's approved budget. The district is proposing a tax levy increase of 2.75 percent, which is above the state-mandated tax cap of -.76 percent, requiring 60 percent voter approval to pass.

The district's negative tax cap is due to expiring debt service, an outcome admin-

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Suffolk Hall of Fame now in the BBP Library

Home is Where the Heart Is

BY JAMES BERTSCH

BAYPORT-BLUE POINT

Carl Yastrzemski (baseball), Keith Hernandez (baseball) and Daniel Green Jr. (basketball) are among the most storied athletes of all time. Green is only one of four NBA players to win championships on three different teams.

Hernandez, a storied Met, was a five-time all-star and league MVP. Yastrzemski is an 18-time all-star, second all-time in games played, the Red Sox's all-time leading hitter, and a first ballot Hall of Fame inductee.

Yastrzemski, Hernandez and Green have something else in common besides greatness. All are inductees into the Suffolk Sports Hall of Fame (HOF).

On Monday, May 4, four Bayport-Blue Point High School inductees to the Suffolk Sports Hall of Fame were honored where they are best remembered, at the Bayport-Blue Point Public Library:

- **Class of 1992** – Mr. Joseph Vignato (Basketball, Track, XC and Soccer)
- **Class of 2018** – Mr. Joseph Dooley (Football & Officials)
- **Class of 2024** – Dr. Anthony Donatelli (Sports Doctor)
- **Class of 2026** – Ms. Kerrigan Miller – (All-American Lacrosse Player; Lacrosse Coach – University of North Carolina, University of Virginia and Penn State University)

Present for the induction were inductees' families, Brookhaven deputy supervisor and Blue Point resident Neil Foley, Bayport-Blue Point Library director Mike Firestone, library board president Ronny



Devine and other guests.

The ribbon cutting and display launch is part of the third reincarnation of the storied Suffolk Sports Hall of Fame. The display will be available to Bayport-Blue Point Library patrons soon. The ceremony also marks the realization of Bayport-Blue Point's guiding vision to become a community wellspring.

That dream was formulated even before the Urseline Convent was converted to the county's most beautiful public library (2019) and before the Suffolk Sports Hall of Fame (HOF) was created (1990).

The Suffolk Sports Hall of Fame (HOF) honors "outstanding people who have made substantial contributions" in athletics. The HOF was a brick-and-mortar office located in Patchogue (the home district of its founder, Gaetano "Butch" Dellecave) until 2013. Reborn when the office closed, exhibits were created at Fairfield Properties Ballpark (LI Ducks), the Town of Huntington Townhall, at Section XI offices in Farmingville, at Long Island Sports and Rehabilitation in Holbrook and at Long Island MacArthur Airport.

The Suffolk County Hall of Fame has been reborn again, this time at a location much closer to home. Home really is where the heart is.

Last spring, talks began between the Suffolk County Library Association and the Suffolk Sports Hall of Fame. 2005 HOF inductee and Sayville graduate, Jamie LaBelle, wanted to bring inductions to the grassroots, their hometown.

A Renaissance man and retired school athletic director who made it to the NFL, LaBelle (a Sayville H.S. graduate) understood libraries were the perfect space to honor inductees, in contrast to schools themselves, where building access is limited for safety reasons. HOF president/executive director Chris R. Vacrro—a Sachem graduate and an Emmy and Murrow Award-winning media executive, journalist and journalism professor—encouraged LaBelle to go for it.

And LaBelle went for it! Now, "The Hall" is located at Bayport-Bue Point Public Library… and in libraries throughout Suffolk County. Great athletes never forget where they're from. Neither do the people in their hometown.

In March, the Suffolk HOF unveiled its display of Brentwood High School inductees as part of the library's America 250 campaign.

In April, the Suffolk HOF recognized Hauppauge High School inductees at the Hauppauge Library. All told, 16 libraries—Babylon, Bay Shore, Central Islip, Commack, East Islip, Hampton Bays, Lindenhurst, Mastic-Moriches-Shirley (WFSD), Patchogue-Medford, Port Jefferson, Sachem, Sayville and South Huntington–have either scheduled induction dates or are in talks with the HOF about honoring athletes in their libraries.

At the ceremony, the Suffolk Sports Hall of Fame honored Bayport-Blue Point legends in their march through time. That started with 1992 inductee Mr. Joseph Vignato, the school's athletic director from 1937-1968.

He coached all of the school's teams, both boys and girls. A serious athlete and Patchogue-Medford High School graduate, Vignato ran Bayport-Blue Point's physical education and athletic programs.

Renowned as a tough taskmaster and a demanding coach, Vignato spent his whole life helping players from a small school win championships and become better people. Mind you, all teams played each other at

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Vote NO!

SOUTH COUNTRY SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET INCREASE AND PROPOSITION 2-REDUCING BUS SERVICE FOR RESIDENT STUDENTS

According to Datawrapper published 11/20/2024, New York school districts were ranked from 1-658 based on Math and ELA test scores making SCSD the "winner" for the lowest ranked school district in Suffolk County. The South Country SD trailed Riverhead who ranked 594, Amityville ranked 617 tied with Brentwood, Wyandanch ranked 628, and South Country SD ranked an alarming, but not surprising, 640 o u t of t h e 650 school districts statewide! What a failure for the students, and a disgrace to the community. This debacle had nothing to do with money because SCSD outspent Sachem, Harborfields, Miller Place, Kings Park and many other neighboring school districts at $34,125 per student.

I campaigned to bring prayer back into the schools and to "vote no" for increasing the budget when I ran for a school board position in 2023. I lost to "highly competent" Anne Hayes who had just completed additional certifications at that time, and Cheryl Felice, also a Bellport veteran school board me m b e r.

Many voters voted against the budget increase but many more "felt bad for the children" and did not want to hurt them.

Neither Anne nor Cheryl is seeking re-election. How could they? Under their watch along with Chris Picini, who has also been a long- term member, and quite frankly, anyone who is sitting on the board is responsible for the fiscal mismanagement at best, or malfeasance, and the catastrophic test scores that the community entrusted many of these board members to oversee for at least the past five to ten years, must go! There is a shortfall of about 10 million dollars that the taxpayers are being asked to pay for to clean up their mess. According to past board president, Marian McKenna, "all this mismanagement was approved by the current board and that every single board member should resign and if not, the community needs to get them off the board." Longtime resident, Jerry Gasowski said, "the state will cap the star increase most likely at the rate that residents received the prior year. Star will not take into consideration the 14% that the residents will be asked to pay."

Taxpayers who are not using the school system are paying an exorbitant a m o u n t of hard-earned income or retirement o n school tax, for the very school district that is bringing down their property values. Parents who are sending their children elsewhere, incurring both school tax and private school tuition are punished enough. Now these parents are facing the possibility of restricting bus service! This is a triple punishment for those families who are sacrificing so much to educate their children because they cannot get a good education from their home district. In the same way families are budgeting primary school along with college, oftentimes putting off house repairs, vacations or purchasing a new car, the SCSD needs to do the same. It is time to cut back and reduce expenditures and manage within the budget that is afforded and not borrow from tomorrow. Spending has been reckless, careless, irresponsible, and filled with excuses, blame, and unaccountability. The children have paid the ultimate price in this failing district where "damage control" has become the norm at the hands of this "highly competent board."

It is time that the community accepts this moment of truth thatproblems can no longer be swept under the rug. The district has"passed the point of no return," and it is time to begin clean up at"ground zero." Taxes should not be raised, instead, significant cutsneed to be made which will be painful, but necessary.

On May 11, 2026, US Education Secretary Linda McMahon posted thatGovernor Hochul indicated that she would opt-in to the EducationFreedom Tax Credit that President Trump included in the "One BigBeautiful Bill" Act July 2025. Will New York become the second bluestate to sign on? Unlikely, because Randi Weingarten, AFT President does not like your kids and does not support school choice.

I pray that the SCSD residents have had enough and will vote NO on May 19.

Good riddance to Santana, Anne, Cheryl, and hopefully Randi Weingarten. The community deserves a fresh start, and the children need to be educated.

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Remember the reason for Memorial Day

BY NICOLE FUENTES

A number of veterans' organizations, fire departments, and community members have plans to remember those who have served. Below is a compiled list to attend a local Memorial Day ceremony on Monday, May 25.

Blue Point

The Blue Point Fire Department will have a parade to celebrate Memorial Day beginning at 10 a.m. on Blue Point Avenue and Middle Road on Monday, May 25. The parade will proceed north to the firehouse for a ceremony.

Brookhaven

A parade will commence at 9:30 a.m., sponsored by the Brookhaven Fire Department. The parade starts at Bellport High School and proceed to the Memorial Park in Brookhaven. At the park, the Brookhaven Fire Department and VFW Post 8300 will hold a memorial service.

Bellport

The Bellport Village Memorial Day parade begins at 11 a.m. at the Village Green, located at Bellport Lane and Bell Street, on Monday, May 25. The parade proceeds north on Station Road to the village cemetery, where members of VFW Post 8300 will hold a ceremony.

Medford

The Medford Fire Department will be hosting their Memorial Day parade at 11 a.m. on Route 112 from Tremont Elementary School to Neil Marturiello Way.

This year, Vietnam Air Force veteran, American Legion commander and VFW past commander Walter Maresco will walk his regular Route 112 from Tremont Elementary School north to the VFW Hall at 9 a.m.

Patchogue

The United Veterans Organization including local American Legion Post 269, VFW Post 2913 and Amvets Post 8111, will be hosting their annual Memorial Day parade at 11 a.m. from Route 112 to the American Legion located on South Ocean Avenue, to be followed by a ceremony.

The Patchogue Fire Department will also host a service on Memorial Day at 9:30 a.m. in front of the firehouse located on Jennings Avenue.

Garden Club Plant Sale

The Bellport Garden Club will be holding its annual plant sale in conjunction with Bellport Village's Memorial Day parade on Monday, May 25. The garden club will be set up on the green in front of CVS. All plants for sale are from the club's members' gardens and will include herbs, vegetables, flowers, and some indoor plants as well. The funds raised will go toward purchasing trees for Bellport Village. Visit between 9 a.m. and noon to browse the Bellport Garden Club's array of plants and support a worthy cause. ■



OP-ED

Stop Treating People Like Garbage

BY TESSA MASEM

Picture a beautiful-high end coastal village, consisting of million-dollar homes that look over the blue bay and have private tennis courts in the backyard. City residents call it their summer home that costs millions and never leave the perimeters of Bellport Village. They enjoy taking the private ferry and rave about how small and quaint the town is. Yet, right over the train tracks, a large landfill sits, polluting the neighborhood community of North Bellport. North Bellport is economically depressed. Unfortunately, while residents of Bellport are free to enjoy their tennis matches, the residents of North Bellport are highly exposed to the pollution, resulting in high cases of asthma and cancer. As a resident in the immediate vicinity, I am able to witness these issues daily.

The source of pollution that is causing high cases of asthma and cancer in North Bellport is the Brookhaven landfill, which has been around since March 1974 and is now 270 feet tall. That is the height equivalent of twenty-seven school buses stacked horizontally on top of each other. The landfill opened when my parents were born, originally it wasn't a major concern, but after all these years the landfill remains open and accumulates more and more garbage every day. Specifically, in March of 1974, the landfill was opened in Yaphank with a promise to the community that after the landfill had served its purpose it would be transformed into a recreational area for the community; this promise has yet to be fulfilled… The landfill is a major concern to local residents due to pollution and public health concerns.

The Yaphank landfill poses great risk to the Bellport community, specifically North Bellport. The landfill is located less than a mile from the local intermediate school where residents send their children. I personally live in the community and attended the intermediate school; during this time my parents and peers struggled with the decision to remove their children from the school. This alternative option of going to a private school or paying fees to attend a neighboring district has high financial cost, which not everyone is able to afford.

The Brookhaven Action and Remediation Group announced how the incinerator at the landfill emits hormone disrupting chemicals, and fine ash that can cause asthma and gasses that can cause irritations to those exposed (BLARG). In 2022 The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation conducted sampling, the results indicated that PFOA and PFOS were above state guidelines (BLARG). Perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS) and Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) are chemicals that will never go away and have harmful effects to the human body, in many places, illegal. It is to be believed that the pollution is caused by 350,000 tons of ash and 700,000 tons of solid waste annually (SBU medicine social welfare). For example, 1,050,000 tons is the weight equivalent of 10 Eiffel Towers.

Additionally, on March 27, 2026, the Town of Brookhaven held another meeting in regards to the issue surrounding the landfill, and community members started to debate the safety of their children attending the close in proximity intermediate school. The landfill was originally supposed to close in 2024, but delayed its closing date to 2028. The town fell short in their duties to protect and support the community and come up with a proper solution that made the public feel safe. On the other hand, there were multiple alternatives presented by the town in hopes of remediation to this problem; for example, groundwater extraction and treatment, landfill reclamation, and immediate closure. The main concern with all these issues is that it would cause the taxpaying community members who were subjected to these harmful living conditions an increase in taxes. Some alternative plans costing some homeowners approximately $3 million over the next 75 years

I think that a more effective solution would be to use money from the town's environmental reserve funds or community reservation funds to financially support active gas collection, private pollutant testing, LFGTE, biological funds, and water treatment. I believe that this would be a good solution because we would not be the first to follow this plan. In North Carolina, a landfill similar to this one located in a low-income community and was having issues with contamination was awarded $3.3 million by the EPA. The funding was used to properly update the landfill and ensure that the system in process decreases the contamination.

Instead of asking the community who is mostly low income or poverty-stricken, we should encourage the town officials and local government to put in the effort to secure these grants and resources. It is very sad to see low-income communities lied to and taken advantage of. Unfortunately, waste management will never fully disappear because as humans, we tend to create unnecessary waste, but given the proper education, we can learn how to decrease the amount of waste we produce. ■

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Floyd gets to 10 wins again

BY TONY BELLISSIMO

For a fifth consecutive season since the COVID-shortened 2021 campaign, William Floyd's girls lacrosse program has reached double figures in the win column.

The Colonials, who orchestrated an eight-game winning streak from March 27 through April 24, earned victory No. 10 this spring May 7 with a 16-1 triumph over Suffolk League I rival Copiague. They had 11 different goal scorers that afternoon, led by two apiece from senior Ava Tiederman, junior Rylie Wiegand, freshmen Riley Meyer and Audrianna Smith, and seventh-grader Bailey Meyer.

"I'm very proud of the program as a whole," coach Nicole Alesi said. "The girls always put in the work and they're disciplined and focused. Year after year they always do a great job of taking things one game at a time. That's been our philosophy."

Floyd will also be seeking a fourth trip to the county semifinals in five years. In 2025, it was knocked off in the quarterfinals by Ward Melville. With two games remaining entering the final week of the regular season, it held a 10-2 league mark and stood firmly in fourth place in power rating points.

"You have to find a way to step it into second gear in the playoffs," Alesi said.

The Colonials have played more than their share of playoff-type games in the past month, including a pair of 11-10 victories over Sachem North and Commack, a 7-5 win over Connetquot, and a 9-6 defeat to Ward Melville.

"We've had a bunch of games that were very tight at the end," Alesi said. "In the three wins, the girls made some excellent, unselfish plays that led to goals and made the difference. Against Ward Melville, we took some penalties in the second half that cost us."

Senior Samantha Seaman's late goal beat Sachem North April 14. It was her fourth of the game and capped a four-goal fourth quarter for the Colonias, who got a hat trick from senior Emma DiMaio and a pair of goals from senior Jayla Pimentel.

Six days later, the defense—led by junior captain Caiden Widecki, sophomores Khloe DiMaio Gianna Trotta, and senior goalie Julia Hipperling (13 saves)—held ground in the final 90 seconds as Floyd held off a late charge by Commack. DiMaio had five goals and Rylie Wiegand added four to lead the offense.

"Commack kept pressing, but we stayed composed in a high-stress situation at the end and held on," Alesi said. "Julia had an incredible first quarter in goal and we shut them out to set the tone."

Hipperling was also clutch in the April 24 win over Connetquot with nine saves and was one of the biggest reasons Floyd had Ward Melville in a 5-2 halftime hole on May 5.

Leading scorers and captains Emma DiMaio and Tiedemann, who appear well on their way to third All-County seasons, had a pair of goals apiece against Ward Melville.

DiMaio is a Stony Brook University commit who recently surpassed the 200-assist and 350-point career milestones. As a junior, she had 38 goals and 42 assists. She had 30 assists as an eighth-grader, 47 as a freshman, and 45 as a sophomore. This year she has 40 goals and 37 assists in 14 games.

Tiedermann, a senior midfielder bound for LIU, has 34 goals. Rylie Wiegand has 17 goals and 25 assists.



Senior Emma DiMaio, left, has more than 350 points, including over 200 assists, in her high school lacrosse career. PHOTO: Tony Bellissimo

NPMYAC announces inaugural Little League District 36 Interleague Tournament

BY MADILYN RUBERY

For the first time in its history, The North Patchogue Medford Youth Athletic Club (NPMYAC) will be hosting its District 36 Interleague Little League Tournament this Saturday, May 16, and Sunday, May 17.

In a statement made by NPMYAC president Jennifer Frascogna, the club is hopeful that the tournament will be the first of many for the players and their community, with the dedicated support of the Cirigliano Agency aiding in its furtherance.

"Jennifer Frascogna was the one that approached me about putting this together, and she was integral in obviously reaching out to the other Little Leagues in the district and trying to put a date and tournaments together," said Cirigliano Agency owner Mike Cirigliano. "The reason behind it is to give baseball players an opportunity to get that experience in a tournament-like atmosphere, especially ones who may or may not have the opportunity to play travel baseball."

The tournament, sponsored by The Cirigliano Agency, is said to be in honor of the late Lt. Murphy and SSG Bishop, according to a press release.

"They're obviously from the local community here, Pat-Med alumni, and this event is happening in the Pat-Med community," Cirigliano noted. "They gave the ultimate sacrifice, and this is just a way to continue to honor them as much as we can, and keep their spirits alive, and them involved in the community."

Community members can also participate in the event by purchasing promotional opportunities, which have been split into two tiers: a Tier One Sponsorship, which comes with a custom lawn sign displayed at tournament fields and costs $150, and a Tier Two Sponsorship, which includes a dugout banner that will be featured during the tournament and costs $500. ■

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WTC beam stops at Navy SEAL Museum on national tour

Families, service members gather in remembrance

BY CONNOR PATTON

WEST SAYVILLE

Hundreds of Long Islanders gathered around a 26-foot steel beam from the former World Trade Center at the LT Michael P. Murphy Navy SEAL Museum in West Sayville on May 4, to honor and remember the thousands of lives lost on 9/11 during a ceremony hosted by the Tunnels to Towers Foundation.

The gathering was part of the non-profit organization's Steel Across America tour, in which Tunnels to Towers will visit 35 cities across the country over four months to educate Americans about the Sept. 11 attacks while displaying the 16,000 lb. steel beam recovered from the World Trade Center's South Tower in the months after 9/11.

"This piece of steel recovered from the rubble of the World Trade Center will go across this country for one reason and one reason only, to make sure Americans never forget," said Frank Siller, chairman and CEO of the Tunnels to Towers Foundation.

Siller's younger brother, Stephen Siller, was a New York City Fire Department firefighter who died on Sept. 11 after trekking on foot through the Brooklyn Battery Tunnel with full gear on his back towards the burning Twin Towers to meet with members of his squad who arrived earlier.

The Tunnels to Towers Foundation is named in honor of the journey Siller made to save people in his final moments, and the organization hosts an annual run that retraces the steps he took that day.

The Steel Across America Tour started on May 2 and made its first stop outside New York City at the LT Michael P. Murphy Museum on May 4.

Chris Wyllie, executive director of the LT Michael P. Murphy Navy SEAL Museum, said thousands of young people like Michael Murphy, who was in Navy SEAL training at the time, saw the attacks unfold and became inspired to serve their country, and that their sacrifices should also never be forgotten.

"That generation answered our nation's call," Wyillie said. "We owe them more than gratitude. We owe them remembrance, understanding and a commitment to carry forward the values they defended."

Stephen Siller's son, Stephen Siller Jr., presented Michael Murphy's family with a custom-built steel American Flag featuring a depiction of the Twin Towers in the New York City skyline, created from World Trade Center steel.

As the 25th anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks approaches, Stephen Siller Jr., who was only nine months old when his father was killed, said that along with remembering those who died, he wants Americans to remember the feelings of unity and looking out for one another that followed the tragedy.

Since its creation, the Tunnels to Towers Foundation has provided mortgage-free homes to Gold Star and fallen first responder families, as well as smart homes to injured veterans and first responders.

"A terrible thing happened to us that day, but it's been turned into something beautiful that enabled us to give back to families that are just like [mine] that were left behind," Stephen Siller Jr. said. ■



Frank Siller, brother of fallen FDNY firefighter Stephen Siller, talks about the importance of remembering the sacrifices made on 9/11, 25 years later. Photos Adv/Patton



SCHOOL BUDGETS

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istrators anticipated and prepared for through finding savings through staff retirements and attrition, along with implementing "operational efficiencies to reduce the impact on the budget," according to the budget newsletter.

The district also released a "budget fact sheet" that explains how they're approaching the negative tax cap.

"The District has consistently stayed within or below the tax cap. In fact, last year's tax increase was a very modest 0.25 percent," the fact sheet says. "BBP has maintained a conservative, long-term financial approach to budgeting. This year's proposal reflects unique circumstances, not a shift in financial stewardship or philosophy."

Keri Loughlin, assistant superintendent for finance and operations at Bayport-Blue Point School District, said this tax levy increase translates to a roughly $24 monthly increase in school taxes, but that the numbers are not finalized until the fall.

The budget maintains all programs and expands on certain offerings. The district is seeking to expand its special education program and add new equipment across different schools, including replacing aging Chromebooks. New athletics offerings would also include girls' flag football.

Along with Chromebook replacements, the district is looking to upgrade its wireless access points and improve its cybersecurity systems.

For capital needs, including custodial, maintenance, and grounds salaries and benefits, as well as security, utilities, and capital projects, the district is looking to purchase a new pickup truck and replace and repair HVAC systems districtwide, as well as replace flooring and pipes at Blue Point Elementary School.

For the Bayport-Blue Point Board of Education, incumbent trustees Jessica Pignataro and Michael Miller are running unopposed for re-election to three-year terms.

Voting is open at the Bayport-Blue Point High School Gym from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. ■

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SUFFOLK HALL OF FAME

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the time, regardless of their size.

Testimony to Vignato's steely resolve is that his cross-country team won a championship the year he retired, a time when most try to merely cross the finish line.

Then there was 2018 inductee Joseph Dooley, whose family was on hand for the ceremony. Dooley was renowned for his judiciousness and sense of fair play as an officials coach, especially football, where his team included his son, Jim.

A junior referee on his unit once incited the ire of both teams for his overzealous calls. After half-time, holding up a penalty flag, Dooley looked at both coaches.

"This is his flag. We'll stop interfering with the game," Dooley said.

Call it if it's obvious or dangerous, was his mantra. Dooley was the No. 1-rated official in Suffolk football 12 times and the NYS Official of the Year (1996). The annual Suffolk County PAL all-star game is named in his honor.

Head ocean lifeguard at Smith Point for over 40 years and the Lifeguard of the Year (1993), the ocean lifeguard championship is also named in his honor. Dooley's dedication also extended to recruiting the next generation of officials. He once taught a new officials recruit how to operate the first-down chains in football… using broomsticks in his kitchen!

Inductee Dr. Anthony Donatelli, a college wrestler and highly respected sports medicine and family physician, was renowned for the quality care he offered over 12 school districts as their sports doctor.

A collegiate wrestler, Dr. Donatelli nevertheless made sure even the most enthusiastic parents, coaches and athletes never forgot we are caring for our children. A paragon of devotion and ethics, Dr. Donatelli served as the sideline physician for over 1300 football games, including numerous county and Long Island championships. Dr. Donatelli is a true giant, serving as a board-certified family physician with over 40 years of experience specializing in hypertension, diabetes, and adolescent medicine at his Sayville practice.

The last inductee is the most recent, and this requires a drumroll, since the Suffolk Sports Hall of Fame announced that its Class of 2026 inductee is Ms. Kerrigan Miller. A 2016 graduate of Bayport-Blue Point High School, Miller was the No. 1 recruit in the nation.

Like Bayport-Blue Point's other inductees, Miller's championship and MVP accomplishments are too numerous to list here. Chief among them is playing professional lacrosse and coaching the University of North Carolina's undefeated national championship team. She now coaches at Penn State. Life is about more than championships to Miller, who's always been a team-first team leader. Elevating her teammates—as they strive together, as a team—to compete, is what it's about. When deciding where to play college lacrosse, Miller felt a top recruiter was arrogant in putting down other competitive teams.

She told her family, including her three little sisters, who all went on to play serious collegiate lacrosse: "I won't play for that team," her dad recounted. "And the team I do play for […] we will beat them." A woman of her word, that's exactly what Miller did.

Two towns, one community, is the aspiration first imagined 30 years ago by the late, great founder of the *Bayport Gazette*, Tom Reid. It's been a steady drumbeat ever since. This ceremony marks the realization of that goal.

The Suffolk Sports Hall of Fame brought together the whole community—the school district, the public library and the community itself—to honor four special people who made the community what it was.

For more on the Suffolk County Hall of Fame, please be sure to check out their website: https://www.suffolksportshof.com. You can also reach them at (631) 848-7589 or email Jamie LaBelle at jcoach4134@gmail.com. ■

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Michael Kellerman

"I am a product of this district. As an alumni, I chose to raise my three children here and I'm proud to call it home."
John Muglia

Spring garden has a lot of buzz

Date changed for planting days

BY SAM DESMOND

PATCHOGUE

The Village of Patchogue and Citizens Campaign for the Environment (CCE) are inviting residents to take part in a community planting effort that "will bring new life and ecological value to the south side of Great Patchogue Lake."

The village and CCE will host Pollinator Garden Planting Days on Friday, May 29 at 3:00 PM and Saturday, May 30 at 10 a.m. The project will transform the lakeside area with native plantings designed to support bees, butterflies, and other pollinators essential to a healthy environment.

The initiative is funded by the NYS Attorney General's office through a settlement with Monsanto, which directed resources to environmental organizations to establish pollinator habitats across the state.

Through that program, CCE is working with three municipalities including Patchogue to implement local projects that combine habitat restoration with community engagement.

Volunteers are invited to participate in one or both planting days. The Friday session will include initial planting and provide an opportunity for participants to assist as team leaders, while Saturday will serve as the final day of planting and we will need robust community involvement. Participants are encouraged to bring gloves and basic planting tools .


Courtesy photo

Village clerk Lori Devlin said that the project "reflects a growing emphasis on sustainability and stewardship within the community. This is a simple but meaningful way for residents to get involved." "By working together, we can enhance the lakefront while creating habitat that supports pollinators and strengthens our local ecosystem."

Adrienne Esposito, executive director of Citizens Campaign for the Environment, said, "We are delighted to be able to establish this beautiful garden in the village. It will be a large area so the more helping hands we have the better it will be!"

The project was enabled by a $200,000 state grant to CCE to create pollinator gardens in Patchogue, Blue Point and Port Jefferson Village. The Farmingdale-based nonprofit will plant milkweed and other native plants that attract bees, butterflies, hummingbirds and other pollinators. CCE is one of 34 organizations across New York State that will benefit from the $3.2 million in grants for pollinator conservation programs from the settlement with Bayer CropScience LP and Monsanto Company over company claims about the safety of certain Roundup consumer weedkillers.

"Pollinators are the unsung heroes of our environment, yet their very existence has been threatened by the harmful impacts of pesticides, habitat destruction, and climate change," attorney general Letitia James said in a press release. "These grants are a down payment on a more sustainable future for New York. By investing in grassroots initiatives and community-led conservation, we are laying the groundwork for long-term environmental health so that future generations may live in a healthy, green, and vibrant New York."

The Patchogue pollinator garden, which will be approximately one-half to three-quarters of an acre, will be on the east side of Waverly Avenue, north of the traffic circle.

Previously, CCE helped north shore bees with plants that attract pollinators in the rain gardens in Northport. The planting provided protection for Northport Harbor from stormwater runoff. ■

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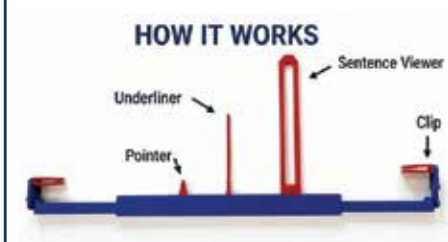
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Mayor Paul V. Pontieri, Jr. has led Patchogue Village through a remarkable transformation since first taking office in 2004, helping turn it into one of Long Island's most vibrant and diverse destinations. A lifelong resident, his vision has been shaped by the values he grew up with—neighbors helping neighbors and a shared commitment to community.

During his tenure, Patchogue has experienced measurable growth and renewal. The Village has added more than 1,000 registered voters, reflecting increased civic engagement and a growing population. Census data shows that median household income has more than doubled—from approximately $47,000 in 2000 to over $100,000 today—while property values have risen significantly, with median home values now approaching $475,000. At the same time, the community has become younger and more dynamic, attracting new residents, including young families with children—and even their dogs—adding to the vitality and everyday life of the Village.

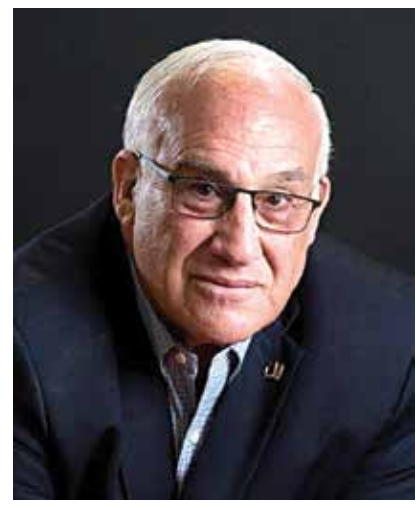
Today, approximately one-third of Patchogue's population is Latino, a vibrant and essential part of the community. Mayor Pontieri's leadership has been especially meaningful in fostering inclusion and mutual respect. In the aftermath of the 2008 hate crime murder of Marcelo Lucero, an Ecuadorian immigrant, he helped guide Patchogue toward healing, emphasizing unity and understanding. He has consistently been a strong advocate for the Latino community, recognizing—as he has written—that immigrants have always been central to Patchogue's history and success .

Deeply influenced by his own family's immigrant roots, Mayor Pontieri has worked to ensure that all residents feel welcomed and represented. His commitment to inclusive leadership is reflected in his appointment of Lizbeth Carrillo as the first Latina Trustee on the Village Board. Trustee Carrillo has played a meaningful role in strengthening community connections, including sponsoring the Hispanic Heritage Parade, now in its fifth year.

The parade has become a vibrant celebration of Latino culture in Patchogue, featuring colorful representation from numerous Latin American countries and providing residents the opportunity to celebrate their heritage here in America. In addition, Trustee Carrillo has helped support immigrant residents by expanding access to community resources and strengthening connections between Village government and Patchogue's diverse populations.

Today, Patchogue's Hispanic community—roughly one-third of the population—celebrates alongside long-standing Italian and Irish traditions, reflecting the rich cultural fabric of the Village.

Under his leadership, Patchogue has embraced smart, mixed-use development, a thriving arts and music scene, and a renewed spirit of volunteerism and civic pride that continues to define the Village . He remains a strong supporter of events such as the Hispanic Heritage Parade, recognizing their importance in honoring the people, traditions, and energy that enrich the community every day. ■



Pictured is Patchogue Mayor Paul V. Pontieri, Hispanic Cultural Heritage Parade Grand Marshal.

"As mayor, I am proud to honor our village as a whole celebrating our community," he said. Mayor Pontieri has long supported and championed the diverse community that calls Patchogue home.

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El Alcalde Paul V. Pontieri, Jr. ha liderado la transformación del Village de Patchogue desde que asumió el cargo en 2004, ayudando a convertirlo en uno de los destinos más vibrantes y diversos de Long Island. Habitante de toda la vida, su visión ha sido moldeada por los valores con los que creció: vecinos ayudando a vecinos y un compromiso compartido con la comunidad.

Durante su gestión, Patchogue ha experimentado un crecimiento y una renovación significativa. El Village ha sumado más de 1,000 votantes registrados, reflejando una mayor participación cívica y una población en aumento. Los datos del censo muestran que el ingreso medio de los hogares se ha más que duplicado—de aproximadamente $47,000 en el año 2000 a más de $100,000 en la actualidad—mientras que el valor de las viviendas ha aumentado considerablemente, con un valor medio cercano a los $475,000. Al mismo tiempo, la comunidad se ha vuelto más joven y dinámica, atrayendo a nuevos residentes, incluyendo familias jóvenes con niños—e incluso sus perros—lo que aporta vitalidad a la vida diaria del Village.

Hoy en día, aproximadamente un tercio de la población de Patchogue es latina, una parte vibrante y esencial de la comunidad. El liderazgo del alcalde Pontieri ha sido especialmente significativo en fomentar la unión y el respeto mutuo. Tras el trágico asesinato por crimen de odio en 2008 de Marcelo Lucero, un inmigrante ecuatoriano, ayudó a guiar a Patchogue hacia la sanación, enfatizando la unidad y el entendimiento. Ha sido consistentemente un firme defensor de la comunidad latina, reconociendo—como él mismo ha escrito—que los inmigrantes siempre han sido fundamentales para la historia y el éxito de Patchogue .

Profundamente influenciado por las raíces inmigrantes de su propia familia, el alcalde Pontieri ha trabajado para asegurar que todos los residentes se sientan bienvenidos y representados. Su compromiso con un liderazgo inclusivo se refleja en el nombramiento de Lizbeth Carrillo como la primera Concejal / Trustee latina en la Junta del Village. La Concejal / Trustee Carrillo ha desempeñado un papel importante en fortalecer los lazos comunitarios, incluyendo el patrocinio del Desfile de la Herencia Hispana, que ahora celebra su quinto año.

Este desfile se ha convertido en una vibrante celebración de la cultura latina en Patchogue, con coloridas representaciones de numerosos países de América Latina y brindando a los residentes la oportunidad de celebrar su herencia aquí en los Estados Unidos. Además, la Concejal / Trustee Carrillo ha apoyado a la comunidad al ampliar el acceso a recursos comunitarios y fortalecer la conexión entre el gobierno del Village y las diversas poblaciones de Patchogue.

Hoy, la comunidad hispana de Patchogue—aproximadamente un tercio de la población—celebra junto a las tradiciones de larga duración de las comunidades italiana e irlandesa, reflejando el rico tejido cultural del Village.

Bajo su liderazgo, Patchogue ha adoptado un desarrollo inteligente de uso mixto, una próspera escena artística y musical, y un renovado espíritu de voluntariado y orgullo cívico que continúa definiendo al Village . El alcalde sigue siendo un firme partidario de eventos como el Desfile de la Herencia Hispana, reconociendo su importancia para honrar a las personas, las tradiciones y la energía que enriquecen la comunidad cada día. ■

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Radio Personality, Program Director & Community Advocate

Ana Maria Caraballo was born and raAna Maria Caraballo was born and raised in Ponce, Puerto Rico, and in 2001 moved to New Jersey with a suitcase full of dreams. She graduated from Kean University with a Bachelor's Degree in Broadcast Communications, launching a successful career in media.

She began at WKTU 103.5FM, where she rose from intern to promotions assistant, contest coordinator, and eventually show producer for Diane Prior and Judy Torres. In 2006, she joined WSKQ La Mega 97.9FM, where her charisma and energy made her a recognizable voice across the tri-state area. Known as "La Nena de Mega," she became part of New York City's legendary #1 morning show, El Vacilón de la Mañana, contributing both on-air and behind the scenes.

In 2008, Ana Maria joined JVC Broadcasting, where she has spent more than 15 years helping shape Long Island radio. She began as an on-air personality at La Fiesta 98.5FM and was promoted to Program Director in 2010, leading the station's growth within Long Island's Hispanic community. From 2011 to 2020, she also served as Promotions Director for all JVC New York stations. In 2020, she became Program Director of Party 105FM, making her one of the few Latinas in the U.S. programming both Spanish- and English-language stations simultaneously. Today, she continues to lead both La Fiesta 98.5FM and Party 105FM while hosting morning and afternoon shows.

In 2023, Ana Maria launched Long Island En Vivo 1440AM/93.3FM, Long Island's first Spanish-language news/talk station, where she serves as Operations Manager.

Beyond radio, Ana Maria has appeared in theater productions including *The Vagina Monologues*, *The House of Bernarda Alba*, and *María*, a monologue addressing domestic violence. She also wrote the column Mi Life Between 20 & 30 for *Voz Latina* newspaper.

Her work has always centered on advocacy and community service. For more than 14 years, she has served on the board of the Long Island Puerto Rican Day Parade and worked with nonprofits supporting education, immigrant rights, and community outreach. She also helped organize a major Radiothon after Hurricane María and transformed La Fiesta into a vital resource for Long Island's Latino community during the pandemic.

Today, Ana Maria Caraballo González remains a pioneering force in Hispanic media — a leader, advocate, and trusted voice for the community.But something tells us this mother of two, wife,daughter, friend, advocate, and radio machine is far from done.

Español:

Locutora de Radio, Directora de Programación y Defensora Social

Ana Maria Caraballo nació y creció en Ponce, Puerto Rico, y en el año 2001 se mudó a Nueva Jersey con una maleta llena de sueños. Se graduó de Kean University con una Licenciatura en Comunicaciones de Radiodifusión, dando inicio a una exitosa carrera en los medios de comunicación.

Comenzó en WKTU 103.5FM, donde ascendió de pasante a asistente de promociones, coordinadora de concursos y eventualmente productora de programas para Diane Prior y Judy Torres. En 2006, se unió a WSKQ La Mega 97.9FM, donde su carisma y energía la convirtieron en una voz reconocida en toda el área triestatal. Conocida como "La Nena de Mega", formó parte del legendario programa matutino número uno de la ciudad de Nueva York, El Vacilón de la Mañana, contribuyendo tanto alaire como detrás de cámaras.

En 2008, Ana Maria se unió a JVC Broadcasting, donde ha dedicado más de 15 años a ayudar a dar forma a la radio en Long Island. Comenzó como personalidad al aire en La Fiesta 98.5FM y fue ascendida a Directora de Programación en 2010, liderando el crecimiento de la emisora dentro de la comunidad hispana de Long Island. Desde 2011 hasta 2020, también se desempeñó como Directora de Promociones para todas las estaciones de JVC New York.

En 2020, se convirtió en Directora de Programación de Party 105FM, convirtiéndose en una de las pocas latinas en Estados Unidos en programar simultáneamente estaciones en español e inglés. Actualmente, continúa liderando La Fiesta 98.5FM y Party 105FM mientras conduce programas tanto en la mañana como en la tarde.

En 2023, Ana Maria lanzó Long Island En Vivo 1440AM/93.3FM, la primera estación de noticias y opinión en español de Long Island, donde se desempeña como Gerente de Operaciones.

Más allá de la radio, Ana Maria ha participado en producciones teatrales como *The Vagina Monologues*, *La Casa de Bernarda Alba* y *María*, un monólogo que aborda la violencia doméstica. También escribió la columna Mi Life Between 20 & 30 para el periódico *Voz Latina*.

Su trabajo siempre ha estado enfocado en la defensa y el servicio comunitario. Durante más de 14 años, ha formado parte de la junta directiva del Long Island Puerto Rican Day Parade y ha trabajado con organizaciones sin fines de lucro que apoyan la educación, los derechos de los inmigrantes y el alcance comunitario. También ayudó a organizar un importante Radiotón

después del huracán María y transformó La Fiesta en un recurso vital para la comunidad latina de Long Island durante la pandemia.

Hoy, Ana Maria Caraballo González continúa siendo una fuerza pionera en los medios hispanos: una líder, defensora y voz de confianza para la comunidad. Pero algo nos dice que esta madre de dos hijos, esposa, hija, amiga, defensora y maquina de la radio esta lejos de haber terminando.

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A Brief History of the Latino Community in Patchogue

The Village of Patchogue has long been shaped by the contributions of newcomers. Over the last several decades, the Latino community has become a central and vibrant part of the village's identity, enriching local culture, strengthening the economy, and expanding the traditions that make Patchogue unique.

Early Arrivals

Latino migration to Long Island began increasing in the mid-20th century, with early arrivals largely from Puerto Rico. By the 1980s and 1990s, families from Ecuador, Colombia, Mexico, the Dominican Republic, and Central America began settling in Patchogue in greater numbers. They came for work, community ties, and the promise of opportunity.

Growth in Patchogue

Through the 1990s and 2000s, the Latino population grew rapidly. Today, more than one-fifth of Patchogue residents identify as Hispanic or Latino. Latino-owned businesses — restaurants, markets, bakeries, barbershops, and service shops — have infused Main Street and surrounding neighborhoods with new life, entrepreneurship, and cultural richness.

Cultural Contribution

From music and dance to faith traditions, food, and festivals, Latino culture now plays a major role in community life. Events celebrating Latino heritage draw residents from all backgrounds and strengthen Patchogue's identity as a welcoming, multicultural village.

Bilingual services, expanded outreach, and increasing representation in civic and school activities have also helped build a more inclusive community for all.

Challenges and Progress

The Latino community has faced obstacles including unfair treatment, economic pressures, and underrepresentation. The 2008 killing of Ecuadorian resident Marcelo Lucero marked a painful chapter, prompting reflection, advocacy, and community-wide work toward safety, equity, and mutual understanding.

Today, Patchogue continues to move forward through collaboration among residents, local organizations, and cultural groups — including the growing efforts behind celebrations like this year's parade.

A Community Moving Forward

Latino families, workers, and entrepreneurs contribute daily to Patchogue's future — strengthening its economy, cultural life, and community spirit. Our May celebration honors this rich history and the bright future ahead.

Timeline of Latino History in Patchogue

1940s–1960s

First significant wave of Puerto Rican families arrives on Long Island and Suf-

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Breve Historia de la Comunidad Latina en Patchogue

El pueblo de Patchogue ha sido moldeado durante mucho tiempo por las contribuciones de nuevas comunidades inmigrantes. En las últimas décadas, la comunidad latina se ha convertido en una parte central y vibrante de la identidad del pueblo, enriqueciendo la cultura local, fortaleciendo la economía y ampliando las tradiciones que hacen de Patchogue un lugar único.

Primeras Llegadas

La migración latina a Long Island comenzó a aumentar a mediados del siglo XX, con las primeras llegadas principalmente desde Puerto Rico. Para las décadas de 1980 y 1990, familias provenientes de Ecuador, Colombia, México, República Dominicana y Centroamérica comenzaron a establecerse en Patchogue en mayor número. Llegaron en busca de trabajo, vínculos comunitarios y oportunidades para un mejor futuro.

Crecimiento en Patchogue

Durante las décadas de 1990 y 2000, la población latina creció rápidamente. Hoy en día, los residentes hispanos y latinos representan aproximadamente una cuarta parte de la población del pueblo y una porción aún mayor en las comunidades vecinas del área Patchogue-Medford.

Los negocios propiedad de latinos — restaurantes, mercados, panaderías, barberías y tiendas de servicios — han llenado Main Street y los vecindarios cercanos de nueva vida, espíritu emprendedor y riqueza cultural.

Contribución Cultural

Desde la música y el baile hasta las tradiciones religiosas, la gastronomía y los festivales, la cultura latina desempeña hoy un papel importante en la vida comunitaria. Los eventos que celebran la herencia latina reúnen a residentes de todos los orígenes y fortalecen la identidad de Patchogue como un pueblo acogedor y multicultural.

Los servicios bilingües, la expansión de programas comunitarios y la creciente representación en actividades cívicas y escolares también han ayudado a construir una comunidad más inclusiva para todos.

Una nueva generación de estudiantes y jóvenes profesionales latinos está ayudando a moldear el futuro de Patchogue a través de la educación, los deportes, las artes, el servicio público y el liderazgo comunitario. Muchos son hijos y nietos de las familias que llegaron hace décadas.

Desafíos y Progreso

La comunidad latina ha enfrentado obstáculos, incluyendo trato injusto, presiones económicas y falta de representación.

El asesinato en 2008 del residente ecuatoriano Marcelo Lucero marcó un capítulo doloroso en la historia de Patchogue. En los años posteriores, residentes, organizaciones, líderes religiosos y funcionarios locales trabajaron juntos para promover la comprensión, la inclusión y la sanación comunitaria.

Hoy, Patchogue continúa avanzando

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Parade Honoree: Jose Nunez



Jose Nunez has been a dedicated member of the Suffolk Sheriff's Office since 1996, making notable contributions throughout his career. Of Dominican descent, Nunez brings a rich cultural perspective to his role in law enforcement, enhancing his impact on both the Sheriff's Office and the broader community.

As a respected law enforcement professional, Nunez has played a crucial role in fostering diversity and inclusion by teaching classes on Diversity, Sensitivity, and Multicultural Awareness to new recruits. In his role as the Sexual Harassment and Discrimination Officer, he has been pivotal in managing and addressing these critical issues. His leadership extends beyond departmental duties, as evidenced by his active participation in the Honor Guard and his role as President of the Bronze Shields. His advocacy for his colleagues is also highlighted by his two terms on the Deputy Sheriff P.B.A. Union Board.

Nunez's impact extends well beyond his role in law enforcement, showcasing a deep commitment to community service. He has served on the "Suffolk Community College Get There from Here" Advisory Board, which recommends scholarship grants to incoming students. He was actively involved with the Brentwood Compass and Civic Group, preventing youth substance abuse. Additionally, he served as participant and collaborator with Islip Youth Enrichment Services, providing mentoring and outreach services. Moreover, Nunez served as Chair of the Brookhaven Town Hispanic Advisory Board and continues to be actively involved.

His dedication to public service has been recognized with numerous commendations, including a Certificate of Appreciation from County Executive Steve Levy for his support of the "Stand Up For The Homeless Initiative" and Proclamations from Senator Caesar Trunzo and the New York State Assembly in recognition of his public service contributions. Nunez's commitment to community and youth development is further demonstrated by his efforts to raise $9,000 and chaperone youth from Infant Jesus Parish in Port Jefferson, NY, on a missionary trip to El Salvador.

Jose Nunez has made history as the first Hispanic in Suffolk County to rise from Deputy Sheriff to Sergeant, then to Lieutenant, and most recently to Captain within the Sheriff's Office. His pioneering achievements and steadfast dedication continue to set a high standard of excellence in law enforcement and public service.

Español:.

Jose Nunez ha sido un miembro dedicado de la Oficina del Sheriff del Condado de Suffolk desde 1996, realizando importantes contribuciones a lo largo de su carrera. De ascendencia dominicana, Nunez aporta una valiosa perspectiva cultural a su labor en las fuerzas del orden, fortaleciendo su impacto tanto dentro de la Oficina del Sheriff como en la comunidad en general.

Como un respetado profesional de la ley, Nunez ha desempeñado un papel fundamental en fomentar la diversidad y la inclusión al impartir clases sobre Diversidad, Sensibilidad y Conciencia Multicultural a nuevos reclutas. En su función como Oficial de Acoso Sexual y Discriminación, ha sido clave en la gestión y atención de estos importantes temas. Su liderazgo también se extiende más allá de sus responsabilidades departamentales, como lo demuestra su activa participación en la Guardia de Honor y su rol como Presidente de los Bronze Shields. Su compromiso con la defensa de sus compañeros también se refleja en sus dos términos como miembro de la Junta del Sindicato P.B.A. de los Deputy Sheriffs.

El impacto de Nunez va mucho más allá de su labor en las fuerzas del orden, demostrando un profundo compromiso con el servicio comunitario. Formó parte de la Junta Asesora "Get There from Here" del Suffolk Community College, encargada de recomendar becas para estudiantes de nuevo ingreso. También participó activamente en el grupo Brentwood Compass and Civic Group, enfocado en la prevención del abuso de sustancias entre los jóvenes. Además, colaboró con Islip Youth Enrichment Services, ofreciendo mentoría y programas de alcance comunitario. Asimismo, Nunez se desempeñó como Presidente de la Junta Asesora Hispana de la Ciudad de Brookhaven y continúa involucrado activamente en la comunidad.

Su dedicación al servicio público ha sido reconocida con numerosas distinciones, incluyendo un Certificado de Apreciación otorgado por el Ejecutivo del Condado Steve Levy por su apoyo a la iniciativa "Stand Up For The Homeless", así como Proclamaciones del Senador Caesar Trunzo y de la Asamblea del Estado de Nueva York en reconocimiento a sus contribuciones al servicio público. El compromiso de Nunez con la comunidad y el desarrollo de la juventud también se refleja en sus esfuerzos por recaudar $9,000 y acompañar a jóvenes de la parroquia Infant Jesus en Port Jefferson, Nueva York, en un viaje misionero a El Salvador.

Jose Nunez ha hecho historia al convertirse en el primer hispano en el Condado de Suffolk en ascender de Deputy Sheriff a Sargento, luego a Teniente y, más recientemente, a Capitán dentro de la Oficina del Sheriff. Sus logros pioneros y su firme dedicación continúan estableciendo un alto estándar de excelencia en las fuerzas del orden y el servicio público. ■

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Carolina Bustamante-Filacouris, David Bustamante and Emma Bustamante.

What we recognize today as Gallo began as Pollo Tropical on October 14, 2002. Twenty-four years ago, Gallo founder Carlos Bustamante had a vision, a dream, and an incredible passion for bringing something special to the Village of Patchogue. He also had a family that believed in him and was ready to work alongside him every step of the way.

This past week marked the sixth anniversary of Carlos Bustamante's passing from COVID at the age of 65, but his dream continues stronger than ever. Today, Gallo is recognized as one of the oldest restaurants in the Village of Patchogue, still family-owned and operated by Emma Bustamante, Carolina Bustamante, and David Bustamante.

The restaurant began as a small family business without fully knowing what the industry would demand, but Carlos Bustamante never allowed fear to stop him. In 2006, Gallo expanded from 36 seats to a 99-seat dining room, introducing the first French al fresco doors to the village. Soon after, Gallo Catering was added upstairs, bringing the total capacity to nearly 200 guests. What began as a small idea in a struggling village became part of Patchogue's thriving and well-known Four Corners.

From day one, Gallo was built to serve both its customers and the community. Even after 24 years, the family remains hands-on, personally greeting guests and hosting catering events. Over the years, they have watched children grow into adults and generations of families continue returning to the restaurant. That connection is what has kept Gallo strong for more than two decades.

The family also credits the Village of Patchogue, the BID, and the Chamber of Commerce for helping create the incredible rebirth of the community. Gallo was founded as a Colombian cuisine restaurant at a time when Long Island had very few cultural dining options beyond pizza, Chinese food, ad bar fare. The goal was not only to serve food, but also to introduce customers to Colombian culture, music, and traditions.

As a bilingual family born and raised in New York, they understood the importance of inclusion. Menus were written in both English and Spanish, and bilingual staff members were prioritized to better connect with the community and educate customers about Colombian cuisine. Gallo has always been about more than food — it has been about culture, family, and community.

Español:

Lo que hoy conocemos como Gallo comenzó como Pollo Tropical el 14 de octubre de 2002.

Hace veinticuatro años, el fundador de Gallo, Carlos Bustamante, tenía una visión, un sueño y una enorme pasión por traer algo especial al Village de Patchogue. También contaba con una familia que creía en él y estaba dispuesta a trabajar a su lado en cada paso del camino.

La semana pasada se conmemoró el sexto aniversario del fallecimiento de Carlos Bustamante a causa del COVID, a los 65 años de edad, pero su sueño continúa más fuerte que nunca. Hoy en día, Gallo es reconocido como uno de los restaurantes más antiguos del Village de Patchogue, y continúa siendo un negocio familiar operado por Emma Bustamante, Carolina Bustamante y David Bustamante.

El restaurante comenzó como un pequeño negocio familiar, sin conocer completamente todo lo que la industria exigiría, pero Carlos Bustamante nunca permitió que el miedo lo detuviera. En el año 2006, Gallo se expandió de 36 asientos a un comedor con capacidad para 99 personas, introduciendo las primeras puertas francesas al estilo "al fresco" en el pueblo. Poco después, se añadió Gallo Catering en el segundo piso, aumentando la capacidad total a casi 200 invitados. Lo que comenzó como una pequeña idea en un pueblo que enfrentaba dificultades se convirtió en parte de las reconocidas y exitosas Four Corners de Patchogue.

Desde el primer día, Gallo fue creado para servir tanto a sus clientes como a la comunidad. Incluso después de 24 a os, la familia continúa involucrada personalmente, recibiendo a los clientes y organizando eventos de catering. A lo largo de los años, han visto crecer a niños hasta convertirse en adultos y a generaciones de familias seguir regresando al restaurante. Esa conexión es lo que ha mantenido fuerte a Gallo durante más de dos décadas.

La familia también reconoce al Village de Patchogue, al BID y a la Cámara de Comercio por ayudar a impulsar el increíble renacimiento de la comunidad. Gallo fue fundado como un restaurante de comida colombiana en una época en la que Long Island tenía muy pocas opciones gastronómicas culturales más allá de la pizza, la comida china y los bares. El objetivo no era solamente servir comida, sino también presentar a los clientes la cultura, música y tradiciones colombianas.

Como una familia bilingüe nacida y criada en Nueva York, comprendían la importancia de la inclusión. Los menús fueron escritos tanto en inglés como en español, y se priorizó contratar personal bilingüe para conectar mejor con la comunidad y educar a los clientes sobre la gastronomía colombiana. Gallo siempre ha representado mucho más que comida: ha sido cultura, familia y comunidad.







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Parade Honoree: Jonnathan Romero



Jonnathan Romero, known on social media as @quemasjo, is a content creator, digital entrepreneur, and founder of QUE MAS JO MEDIA LLC, a company focused on marketing, entertainment, and audiovisual production in New York. Originally from Ecuador and based in New York since 2021, Jonnathan represents the story of thousands of Latino immigrants who came to the United States in search of opportunity and a better future.

His early years in New York were defined by hard work and perseverance. He started by washing dishes, making deliveries, and working as a cook and pizza maker. Later, he entered the bar industry as a barback and bartender assistant before eventually becoming a bartender himself. He also worked in construction, installing windows in some of the largest buildings in New York and the surrounding areas.

Although he is now recognized for his presence on social media, his original goal was never simply entertainment. Even before entering the digital world, he always had a strong interest in social impact and finding ways to support others. About two years ago, he began his journey as a content creator after receiving advice to use his personality and sense of humor to connect with the community while building a platform capable of making a positive impact.

That is how his first comedy sketches were born, inspired by real-life immigrant experiences in the United States. His videos quickly went viral thanks to the authenticity with which he portrayed the everyday situations faced by thousands of Latinos living in New York. Through concepts such as "Living in New York," he connected with people from many different nationalities who identified with the sacrifices, stress, struggles, and realities that often exist behind the American Dream.

Over time, his content also opened doors within the culinary world. At first, he visited restaurants using his own money to support small businesses and provide honest reviews about the food, service, and pricing. He later began collaborating with Ecuadorian, Colombian, and Mexican restaurants throughout New York. One of the first businesses to professionally invest in his work was Sabor Latino in Queens, an experience that marked the beginning of his career in restaurant marketing and commercial content creation.

Currently, he produces comedy sketches, food reviews, live streams, event coverage, concert content, and media related to Latino culture and Ecuador's national soccer team, La Tri. Beyond entertainment, his mission is to promote unity within the Latino community while showing the reality of life in New York from an authentic and relatable perspective.

His connection to food and cooking began in childhood. He grew up surrounded by talented cooks in his family, especially his grandmother and aunts, who inspired in him a deep passion for Ecuadorian cuisine. Because of this passion, he studied Gastronomy and Culinary Arts in Ecuador, earning a degree as a culinary technologist. He also attended master classes in cooking, mixology, and pastry arts in Peru and Argentina.

In 2016, he opened his first restaurant in Ecuador, a business that he later left under the management of his sister. That experience allowed him to fully understand the hard work behind the restaurant industry and strengthened his desire to promote Ecuadorian cuisine internationally.

Today, he is developing one of the most important projects of his career: the first Ecuadorian gastronomic guide in New York, an initiative created to promote Ecuadorian food and provide international visibility to Latino entrepreneurs in the United States. His goal is to introduce the world to traditional Ecuadorian dishes and the rich culture behind Ecuador's gastronomy. For Jonnathan, recipes such as guatita, fritada, and encocado de pescado deserve far greater international recognition.

Beyond his digital work, Jonnathan continues to support charitable initiatives in Ecuador, especially for children and low-income families. During back-to-school seasons, he participates in the distribution of school supplies, uniforms, and shoes. During Christmas, he organizes activities to provide toys, candy, and support for children who often lack the resources to celebrate the holidays. He also helps street vendors and people in need.

Looking toward the future, one of Jonnathan's greatest dreams is to see an Ecuadorian restaurant earn a Michelin star and become part of the gastronomic guide he is currently developing.

Jonnathan Romero's vision is to turn digital content into a platform that represents Latino culture, creates opportunities for Hispanic businesses, and elevates Ecuadorian talent within the entertainment and media industries in the United States. Beyond numbers and social media, he hopes to be remembered as someone authentic, genuine, and deeply committed to his community.

Jonnathan Romero, conocido en redes sociales como @quemasjo, es creador de contenido, emprendedor digital y fundador de QUE MAS JO MEDIA LLC, una compañía enfocada en marketing, entretenimiento y producción audiovisual en New York. Originario de Ecuador y radicado en New York desde el año 2021, Jonnathan representa la historia de miles de migrantes latinos que llegaron a Estados Unidos persiguiendo oportunidades y un mejor futuro. Sus primeros años en la ciudad estuvieron marcados por el esfuerzo y el trabajo duro. Comenzó lavando platos, realizando deliveries y trabajando como cocinero y pizzero. Más adelante ingresó al mundo de los bares como barback, asistente de bartender, hasta ascender a bartender. Posteriormente también trabajó en construcción, instalando ventanas en algunos de los edificios más grandes de New York y sus alrededores. Aunque actualmente es reconocido por su presencia en redes sociales, su intención inicial nunca fue únicamente entretener. Desde antes de iniciar en plataformas digitales, siempre tuvo interés por el contenido de ayuda social y por encontrar formas de apoyar a las personas. Hace aproximadamente dos años comenzó su camino como creador de contenido después de recibir el consejo de utilizar su personalidad y sentido del humor para conectar con la comunidad mientras construía una Plataforma capaz de generar impacto. Fue así como nacieron sus primeros sketches de comedia basados en experiencias reales de la vida migrante en Estados Unidos. Sus videos comenzaron a viralizarse gracias a la autenticidad con la que mostraba situaciones cotidianas que viven miles de latinos en New York. Bajo conceptos como "VIVO EN NEW YORK", logró conectar con personas de distintas nacionalidades que se sintieron identificadas con la realidad, el sacrificio, el estrés y las dificultades que muchas veces existen detrás del sueño americano. Con el tiempo, su contenido comenzó a abrirle puertas dentro del mundo gastronómico. Inicialmente visitaba restaurantes pagando de su propio bolsillo para apoyar pequeños negocios y realizar reseñas honestas sobre la comida, el servicio y los precios. Posteriormente comenzó a colaborar con restaurantes ecuatorianos, colombianos y mexicanos en New York. Uno de los primeros lugares en apostar profesionalmente por su trabajo fue Sabor Latino en Queens, experiencia que marcó el inicio de su carrera dentro del marketing gastronómico y la creación de contenido comercial. Actualmente genera sketches de comedia, reviews gastronómicos, transmisiones en vivo, cobertura de eventos, conciertos y contenido relacionado con la cultura latina y la selección ecuatoriana de fútbol, La Tri. Más allá del entretenimiento, su objetivo es transmitir union dentro de la comunidad latina y mostrar la realidad de la vida en New York desde una perspectiva auténtica y cercana. Su conexión con la gastronomía viene desde la infancia. Creció rodeado de excelentes cocineras dentro de su familia, especialmente su abuela y sus tías, quienes despertaron en él una profunda pasión por la cocina ecuatoriana. Gracias a ello decidió estudiar Gastronomía y Artes Culinarias en Ecuador, obteniendo un título de tercer nivel como tecnólogo gastronómico. Además, tuvo la oportunidad de asistir a clases magistrales de cocina, coctelería y repostería en Perú y Argentina. En el año 2016 abrió su primer restaurante en Ecuador, negocio que posteriormente dejó en manos de su hermana. Esa experiencia le permitió entender el enorme esfuerzo que existe detrás de los restaurantes y fortaleció aún más su deseo de impulsar la gastronomía ecuatoriana. Actualmente desarrolla uno de los proyectos más importantes de su carrera: la primera guía gastronómica ecuatoriana en New York, una iniciativa creada para impulsar la comida ecuatoriana y dar visibilidad internacional a los emprendedores latinos en Estados Unidos. Su objetivo es que el mundo conozca platos típicos ecuatorianos y la riqueza cultural que existe detrás de la gastronomía del Ecuador. Para Jonnathan, recetas tradicionales como la guatita, la fritada y el encocado de pescado merecen mucho más reconocimiento internacional. Además de su trabajo digital, Jonnathan continúa realizando ayuda social en Ecuador, especialmente dirigida a niños y familias de bajos recursos. Durante temporadas escolares participa en entregas de útiles, uniformes y zapatos escolares, mientras que en Navidad organiza actividades para entregar juguetes, dulces y apoyo a niños que muchas veces no tienen recursos para celebrar estas fechas. También realiza ayudas para vendedores ambulantes y personas necesitadas. A futuro, uno de sus mayores sueños es ver a un restaurante ecuatoriano obtener una estrella Michelin y que ese restaurante forme parte de la guía gastronómica que actualmente desarrolla. La visión de Jonnathan Romero es convertir el contenido digital en una herramienta para representar la cultura latina, abrir oportunidades para negocios hispanos y posicionar el talento ecuatoriano dentro de la industria del entretenimiento y los medios en Estados Unidos. Más allá de los números y las redes sociales, busca ser recordado como una persona auténtica, real y comprometida con su comunidad. ■

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folk County for agricultural and service work.

Small but growing Latino presence begins in Patchogue.

1970s

Immigration patterns shift; newcomers from Ecuador, Colombia, and the Dominican Republic begin moving into the village.

Latino-owned storefronts and informal businesses begin to appear.

1980s

Growth accelerates as families settle in the Patchogue-Medford area.

Community networks based on churches, sports clubs, and hometown associations form.

1990s

Latino population grows sharply, becoming one of Patchogue's fastest-expanding demographics.

More restaurants, bodegas, and small shops open downtown.

Spanish-language services expand in churches and local organizations.

Early 2000s

Latinos shape the revival of Main Street, bringing new businesses and foot traffic.

Community organizations increase outreach in education, social services, and cultural connection.

2008

Tragic killing of Marcelo Lucero brings national attention.

Becomes a catalyst for reforms, advocacy, and efforts to improve safety and inclusion.

2010s

Latino residents become deeply embedded in civic, educational, and business life.

Annual cultural events grow, including Hispanic Heritage celebrations.

2020s–Present

Latinos represent more than 20% of Patchogue's population.

Growing participation in nonprofits, local government initiatives, arts programs, and community celebrations.

A new era of visibility, leadership, and community pride.

BREVE HISTORIA

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mediante la colaboración entre residentes, organizaciones locales y grupos culturales — incluyendo los crecientes esfuerzos detrás de celebraciones como el desfile de este año.

Una Comunidad Mirando al Futuro

Las familias, trabajadores y emprendedores latinos contribuyen diariamente al futuro de Patchogue, fortaleciendo su economía, su vida cultural y el espíritu comunitario.

Nuestra celebración de mayo honra esta rica historia y el brillante futuro que tenemos por delante.

Cronología de la Historia Latina en Patchogue

Décadas de 1940–1960

Llega la primera ola significativa de familias puertorriqueñas a Long Island y al condado de Suffolk para trabajar en agricultura y servicios.

Comienza una presencia latina pequeña pero creciente en Patchogue.

Década de 1970

Cambian los patrones migratorios; nuevos inmigrantes de Ecuador, Colombia y República Dominicana comienzan a establecerse en el pueblo.

Aparecen los primeros negocios latinos y pequeños comercios.

Década de 1980

El crecimiento se acelera a medida que más familias se establecen en el área de Patchogue-Medford.

Se forman redes comunitarias basadas en iglesias, clubes deportivos y asociaciones locales.

Década de 1990

La población latina crece rápidamente, convirtiéndose en uno de los grupos demográficos de mayor crecimiento en Patchogue.

Abren más restaurantes, bodegas y pequeños comercios en el centro del pueblo.

Se expanden los servicios en español en iglesias y organizaciones locales.

Principios de los 2000

Los latinos ayudan a impulsar la revitalización de Main Street, trayendo nuevos negocios y mayor actividad comercial.

Las organizaciones comunitarias aumentan su trabajo en educación, servicios sociales y conexión cultural.

2008

El trágico asesinato de Marcelo Lucero atrae atención nacional.

Se convierte en un catalizador para reformas, defensa comunitaria y esfuerzos por mejorar la seguridad y la inclusión.

Década de 2010

Los residentes latinos se integran profundamente en la vida cívica, educativa y empresarial.

Crecen las celebraciones culturales anuales, incluyendo eventos de la Herencia Hispana.

2020–Presente

Los latinos representan más del 20% de la población de Patchogue.

Aumenta la participación en organizaciones sin fines de lucro, iniciativas gubernamentales locales, programas artísticos y celebraciones comunitarias.

Surge una nueva era de visibilidad, liderazgo y orgullo comunitario.













Lizbeth Carrillo: Organizer of Hispanic Day Parade



Lizbeth Carrillo the founder and organizer of the Hispanic Cultural Heritage Parade, which was established in 2022 with the support of the Greater Patchogue Foundation, the Patchogue Chamber of Commerce, and the Village of Patchogue. As the first Hispanic trustee in the village, Lizbeth created the parade with the vision of building more than a cultural celebration — she wanted to create a space where the entire community could come together through hispanic culture, connection, and shared experiences.

While the parade proudly celebrates Hispanic heritage, its mission extends far beyond one community. The event was created to encourage people from all backgrounds to learn from one another, celebrate diversity, and appreciate the opportunity to live and grow in a country that so many families proudly call home. Through music, traditions, food, and community participation, the parade promotes unity, inclusion, and stronger relationships throughout Patchogue.

An important part of the parade's mission is also creating direct connections between the community and local leadership. The event helps bring residents together with elected officials, organizations, and law enforcement agencies in an open and welcoming environment. For many families, especially immigrant communities, access to government resources or law enforcement can sometimes feel distant or unfamiliar. The parade helps break those barriers by creating opportunities for direct communication, trust, understanding, and engagement. Strong communities are built when residents feel seen, heard, represented, and connected to the people and institutions that serve them.

In 2026, the parade transitioned under the responsibility of the Hispanic Cultural Affairs Alliance, an organization focused on uniting the community, preserving culture, and creating connections through education, outreach, and community engagement. Today, the parade continues to grow as a reflection of the community's diversity, pride, and shared commitment to bringing people together.

The Hispanic Cultural Affairs Alliance,The Hispanic Cultural Heritage Parade committee & Lizbeth would also like to sincerely thank the Long Island Advance team for its collaboration and support in helping create a more inclusive and connected community. We truly appreciate this historic initiative of incorporating bilingual content leading to the parade weekend coverage, helping bridge cultures, improve communication, and strengthen unity throughout the Village of Patchogue. Thank you! See you May 17th at 12pm!

Español:

Lizbeth Carrillo es concejal y organizadora del Hispanic Cultural Heritage Parade, establecido en el año 2022 con el apoyo de Greater Patchogue Foundation, Lurdes Victoria Balbuca, Patchogue Chamber of Commerce y el Village de Patchogue. Como la primera concejal hispana de la villa de Patchogue, Lizbeth creó el desfile con la visión de construir algo más que una celebración cultural: quería crear un espacio donde toda la comunidad pudiera unirse a través de la cultura hispana, la conexión y las experiencias compartidas.

Aunque el desfile celebra con orgullo la herencia hispana, su misión va mucho más allá de una sola comunidad. El evento fue creado para motivar a personas de todos los orígenes a aprender unos de otros, celebrar la diversidad y valorar la oportunidad de vivir y crecer en un país que tantas familias llaman con orgullo su hogar. A través de la música, las tradiciones, la comida y la participación comunitaria, el desfile promueve la unidad, la inclusión y relaciones más fuertes dentro de Patchogue.

Una parte importante de la misión del desfile también es crear conexiones directas entre la comunidad y el liderazgo local. El evento ayuda a reunir a residentes con funcionarios electos, organizaciones y agencias del orden de ley en un ambiente abierto y acogedor. Para muchas familias, especialmente dentro de las comunidades inmigrantes, el acceso a recursos gubernamentales o a las fuerzas del orden puede sentirse distante o poco familiar. El desfile ayuda a romper esas barreras al crear oportunidades de comunicación directa, confianza, entendimiento y participación. Las comunidades fuertes se construyen cuando los residentes se sienten vistos, escuchados, representados y conectados con las personas e instituciones que les representa.

En 2026, el desfile pasó a estar bajo la responsabilidad de la Hispanic Cultural Affairs Alliance, una organización enfocada en unir a la comunidad, preservar la cultura y crear conexiones a través de la educación, el alcance comunitario y la participación ciudadana. Hoy en día, el desfile continúa creciendo como un reflejo de la diversidad, el orgullo y el compromiso compartido de unir a las comunidades.

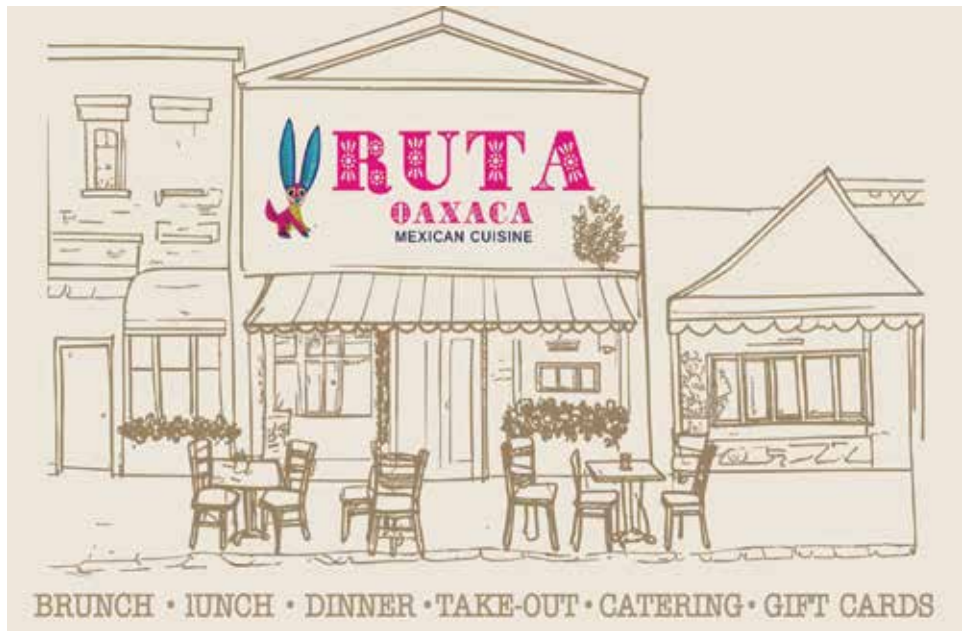
Hispanic Cultural Affairs Alliance y el comité del Hispanic Cultural Heritage Parade y Lizbeth Carrillo también desean agradecer sinceramente al equipo de Long Island Advance por su colaboración y apoyo en ayudar a crear una comunidad más inclusiva y conectada. Agradecemos profundamente esta histórica iniciativa de incorporar contenido bilingüe previo a la cobertura del fin de semana del desfile, ayudando a unir culturas, mejorar la comunicación y fortalecer la unidad dentro del Village de Patchogue.

¡Gracias! ¡Nos vemos el 17 de mayo a las 12:00 p.m.!



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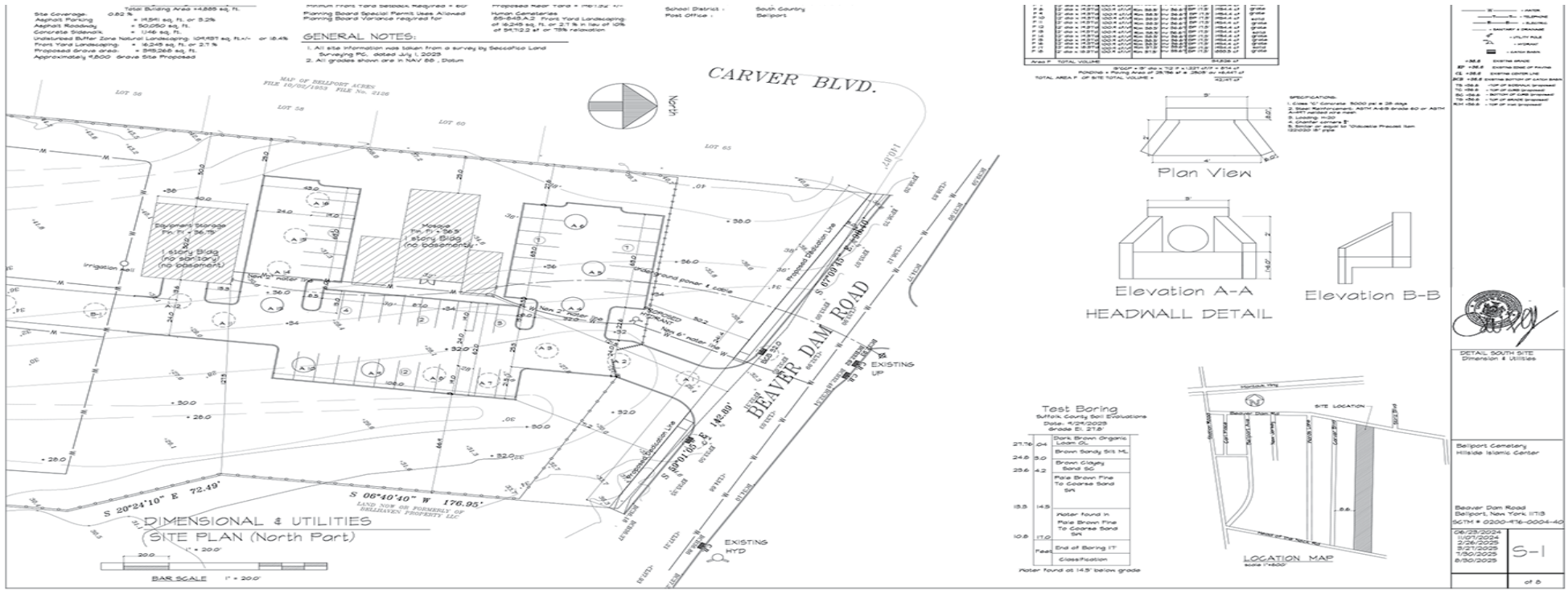
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MUSLIM CEMETERY: County allows town to make decision on application

FROM PAGE 1

Rendering



The cemetery is being proposed by the Hillside Islamic Center as an up to 12,000-square-foot plot development exclusively for Muslims.

About a dozen residents during the Brookhaven Town public hearing held last month both expressed concerns over potential drinking water contamination due to the use of chemicals as well as a few (about four) in support of the development as a growing need for the Muslim community. However, they do not embalm.

One Bellport resident against the project, Anthony Petillo, said his concern is not just the usage of chemicals like embalmment fluids, but more so the human remains contamination in the water well.

"The fact is the slope of this property flows directly into the Mott Creek watershed property, approximately 300 feet wide by a half mile long, and the last time I checked, water runs downhill," he wrote in an email. "There is no denying the slope of that property empties into the Mott Creek watershed. This watershed provides water for the use of myself and my family."

He said his concern is the town is willing to chance to "poison" his family and the community.

"People are saying this is anti-[Muslim], but this has nothing to do with religion; it's about our public water," he added.

He said the current proposal for a cemetery at this location was the first time this site was the subject of a multi-year application by Rolling Hills of Bellport, which was ultimately denied by the town because of the nature of the Superfund site.

The court upheld the town's rejection, affirming that the municipality had a "rational basis" for denial due to concerns over community character and environmental sensitivity. The property, at that time, was linked to the legacy of the Bellport Laundry contamination. Though there is no further action required on the site, it provided a significant barrier to development.

"How can the Town of Brookhaven not care about their own community who already occupy the surrounding properties?" he questioned. "Surely, there must be some other location that won't jeopardize the health of my family."

According to Loguercio, the development would be an "as of right" use in the A1 zoning, and would be located in an area capable of the development of up to 50 homes.

The proposal also shows a structure to be used as an area for only a single prayer service prior to burials, Loguercio said.

According to the National Library of Medicine, Muslims are always buried, never cremated. Additionally, it is a religious requirement that the body be ritually washed and draped before burial, which should be as soon as possible after death.

During a Muslim funeral service, the deceased is taken to the cemetery for burial and traditionally, only men are allowed to attend the burial, though some Muslim communities may allow women to attend.

The grave must be at the right angles to the direction of Mecca, with the deceased placed on their right side facing the Islamic holy city. Wood and stones should be placed on top of the body to prevent direct contact between the person and the soil. All mourners will pour handfuls of earth on top of the grave, before it is filled in.■

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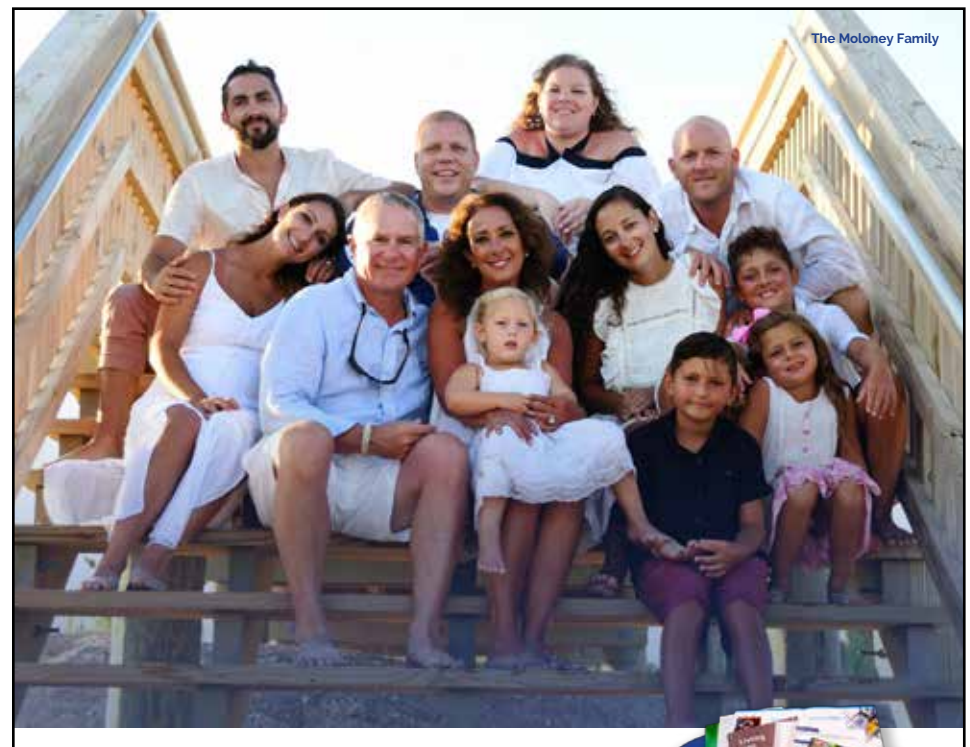
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From Our Archives

75 Years Ago

MAY 1951

Clifford N. Wade of the Kiwanis Club of Patchogue visited the General Office of Kiwanis International during his recent trip to Chicago.

The Happy Pals Club met Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. **Irving Mitchell** on Cedar Avenue, Patchogue. Cards and refreshments were enjoyed. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. **Betty Cecci**.

Mr. and Mrs. **Daniel Berke** and sons, **Ronald and Perry**, of Danes Street, spent the weekend with Mr. Berke's parents in New York City. While there, Ronald and Perry attended the Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey Circus at Madison Square Garden.

Mr. and Mrs. **Ben Barron**, who have been residing at Case Avenue, have moved to Northridge Street. Mr. and Mrs. Barron celebrated their 13th wedding anniversary May 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Kalivas of Maple Avenue will leave tomorrow to attend the fifth holiday weekend of the ROTC unit at the Malone Branch of Clarkson College, where their son, **Christy Kalivas**, is a member of the freshman class. An ROTC parade and a baseball game with Paul Smith's College will take place, and in the evening the Cadet Ball will highlight the weekend.

Private **Richard Carroll**, son of Richard Carroll of West Avenue, was home on a five-day furlough recently and has returned to Fort Bragg, N.C.

The Academy Coffee shop will be closed next week while the shop is being painted.

Mrs. Paul Skidmore of Munsell Road, East Patchogue, entertained as a weekend guest Miss **Mary Lou Perrone** of Richmond Hill. Miss Perrone attended the junior prom with **Donald Skidmore** Friday night. On Saturday Donald's birthday was celebrated.

Mrs. **Robert Potter** of North Ocean Avenue entertained at her home on North Ocean Avenue Friday afternoon. Her guests were Mesdames **Robert Payne, John Ruland, C.W. Ruland Sr., Henry A. Rehder, Ray Thomas, Walter Southard** and **Arthur Terry**.

Corporal **Arthur Conklin**, who is stationed at Camp LeJeune, N.C., spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Conklin of Jayne Avenue.

George Stokem, who has been spending 10 days with his mother, Mrs. Marguerite Stokem, and his sister, Helen, of Pearl Street, will leave by plane from LaGuardia Field this morning for Iceland, where he is employed by Lockheed Aircraft as a firefighter at an air base.

Dr. and Mrs. **Murray Greenberg** and daughters, Joan and Carol, of North Ocean Avenue, attended the Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey Circus in New York City over the weekend.

Two members of the North Patchogue Fire Department, **Richard Gudis** and **Howard Brown**, Naval Reservists, have been recalled to active duty and left last week.

Private **George Wruck** flew home from Camp Rucker, Ala., Friday night on a surprise visit of a few hours to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Wruck of Lillian Place, Patchogue.



From the May 13, 1976 edition: For the birds? That's right. A group of ornithology students at Bellport High School recently completed bird houses, some slated for the Wertheim National Wildlife Refuge, in hopes of increasing the tree swallow and wood duck population there. Pictured (left to right) are Larry Salvemini, Debbie Jankowski and Debbie Kochersberger.

Mr. and Mrs. **Harrison Weber** have returned to their home on Rogers Lane, Bellport, from a trip to Mobile, Ala., and St. Louis, Mo. The trip was made by air.

Captain **Peter Drummond** of Browns Lane talked to the combined dens of the Cub Pack Monday afternoon in the old firehouse, telling of his experiences at sea. He drew pictures of boats and ships and explained rigging.

Only a shell remains of **Clarence Smith**'s one-room home on Wards Lane after fire destroyed it at 10:45 p.m. on Sunday. The fire presumably started when an oil lamp was accidentally knocked over.

Martin Heede, son of Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Heede of South Country Road, celebrated his 8th birthday with a party at his home last Thursday afternoon. His guests were **Susan and Peter Cox, Alfred Devereaux, Paul Hassell, Billy Larson, Robert Overton, Helen and Lincoln Page, Eileen, Patricia and Billy Tmay**.

Mr. and Mrs. **Leslie C. Downing** of Homer have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. **Wilbur A. Corwin** of Woodruff Avenue. They left last Thursday to visit relatives in Keansburg, N.J. before returning home. Mrs. Downing is Mrs. Corwin's sister.

The birthdays of **Clarke Williams** and his son, **Thomas**, were celebrated Saturday when Mr. and Mrs. Williams entertained at "The Barn" on Titus Lane. Among those present were **Jon Olsen, George Paul, Peter Collins, Charles Dunbar, Bob Wallen, John Scharperger, Charles Reusch** and **Evan Williams**.

50 Years Ago

MAY 1976

Firemen from four local departments turned out for a drill Sunday morning to test school firefighting techniques. The building selected was the South Ocean Avenue School, Patchogue, and volunteers responded from the Patchogue, North Patchogue, Blue Point and Hagerman departments. Memories of the Bellport High School fire of several years ago were probably on the minds of many firemen as they engaged in rescue and firefighting procedures.

New York Mets fan **Mary Kanehl** of Patchogue kept her record intact as the first purchaser of tickets for Patchogue Night with the Mets on June 29. Mr. and Mrs. Kanehl have been attending the annual Chamber of Commerce night each year since the Mets came to Shea Stadium.

Andrew Wagner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wagner of Walnut Avenue, Patchogue, received his Doctorate of Physiology degree from the University of South Dakota on May 8. Dr. Wagner, a graduate of Patchogue High School, received his BS from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and his master's from Ball State University. He has accepted a position in Le Mars, Iowa.

Patchogue-Medford seniors **Jeff Ellis**, a shotputter, and **Chris Matthews**, a quarter-miler, are two trackmen who have very good chances at participating in the state track and field meet held at White Plains June 12.

Mrs. **Antoinette Sena** of Patchogue celebrated her 75th birthday on Sunday, May 16, at a surprise party given in her honor by her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. **Richard Neumann** of East Patchogue, and her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. **Anthony Sena** of East Northport. The celebration took place at Pat and Jim's Whirl Inn restaurant in Patchogue.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Space of Chapel Avenue, East Patchogue, announce the engagement of their daughter, **Virginia Marie Space**, to **Charles Armbruster** of Bay Avenue, Patchogue. Mr. Armbruster graduated from Bellport High School in 1969. He is employed by Diane Corporation. Miss Space is a 1973 graduate of Patchogue-Medford High School and is employed at Seaman's Savings Bank, Lake Grove. No date has been set for the wedding.

From the Police Blotter: Officials of Marine Park Boats East, Noxon Street and River Avenue, Patchogue, reported that someone stole their Styrofoam dock, which was 110 feet long. The missing dock was valued at $5,000…. The Clam Shop, Underwood Street, Patchogue, reported that someone broke in and stole 5,000 clams valued at $400…. Barrie Bros. Cadillac Showroom, East Main Street, Patchogue, reported that someone broke into the building via a rear door and drove off with a 1976 Caddy. The vehicle was later recovered by the NYC Police Department.

Mr. and Mrs. **Louis Gallo** Jr. of Gazzola Drive, East Patchogue, announce the marriage of their daughter, **Elaine**, to **Francis Derby**, son of Gordon Derby of East Patchogue, on May 8 in Fort Lauderdale Fla. A small reception was held after the ceremony at the home of the groom's brother, James. Mr. and Mrs. Derby are making their home in Hallandale, Fla.

Desiree Stephani, daughter of Mrs. **Loretta Tebaldi** of McDonald Avenue, Bellport, received her First Holy Communion on Saturday at St. Joseph the Worker R.C. Church. A gathering was held in Desiree's honor for family and friends.

Congratulations to **Diane and James Giattino** of Country Greens Drive for their directing and producing of the "George M" production held at the St. Mary's Boys School in Manhasset. The weekend performances were attended by many friends from the area, including Mr. and Mrs. **Frank Cornacchiulo**, Mrs. **Joseph DeMaio** and Mr. and Mrs. **Robert Cheesman**, all of Country Greens Drive, and Mr. and Mrs. **John Albin** of Bieselin Road.

Mr. and Mrs. **Peter Paige** of Gerard Street and Mr. and Mrs. **Henry Borntraeger** of Wigtel lane spent the weekend in Wallingford, Conn., where they attended the 40th class reunion of the Choate School.

Playing this week at the **Patchogue Theatre**: "The Missouri Breaks"; at the **Plaza Theatre**: "Grizzly" and at the **Rialto Theatre**: "Whiffs."

-Compiled by Debbie Zampariello

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Advance Notice

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SATURDAY, MAY 16

Pat-Med Hall of Fame Golf Fundraiser

– Enjoy a day at Topgolf Holtsville while honoring good people, 5-8 p.m. For more information, email jpoccia23@outlook.com or find the link to register on Hall of Fame Facebook page.

Thursday, May 14

Tai Chi – The Patchogue-Medford Library offers Part 1 of learning the Sun style of Tai Chi from 1-2 p.m. Tai Chi has many health benefits, including improved balance and reduced pain in joints. Registration is required. Visit pmlib.org.

Friday, May 15

Night of Social Dance – Join the Knights of Columbus at their hall, 38 W. 1st St., Patchogue, every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month for a dance social, 7-11 p.m. $20pp includes coffee, dessert, and one drink. Bring your own snacks. Free dance lesson at 6 p.m. For info, call Louise at 631-277-7774.

Saturday, May 16

Garage Sale – Shop St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 27 Rider Ave., Patchogue, "I Don't Have a Garage, Garage Sale," 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Rain date: May 30. Contact Debbie at 516-388-1752.

Pat-Med Hall of Fame Golf Fundraiser – Enjoy a day at Topgolf Holtsville while honoring good people, 5-8 p.m. For more information, email jpoccia23@outlook.com or find the link to register on Hall of Fame Facebook page.

Bideawee Adoption Event – Meet adoptable pets from Bideawee at Patchogue-Medford Library, behind the Main Library, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Rain will cancel.

Sunday, May 17

Musical Bingo – Join The Patchogue Columbiettes #725 at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish Center, 495 North Ocean Ave., Patchogue, 1-5 p.m. $20 admission includes 5 games, water, snacks and prizes for the Bingo winners. For reservations call Rosemarie 516-982-1990 or Maria 631-889-1706

South Country Concerts – "Strings Attached," the works of Piazzola, Pearson Thomas and Saint-Saens at Christ Episcopal Church, 64 S. Country Rd., Bellport, 5 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the door: $30 for adults and $5 for students. For more information, visit www.southcountryconcerts.org.

Tuesday, May 19

School District Vote & Board of Education Election – Local school districts will hold annual budget vote and BOE member election. See your district's website for voting place and time.

South Country Central BOE – The board of education will hold a Budget Vote/Election at 6:15 p.m. in the South Country School District Office. Visit www.southcountry.org for updates and changes.

Wednesday, May 20

South Country Central BOE – The board of education will hold a Business Meeting at 6:15 p.m. in the South Country School District Office. Visit www.southcountry.org for updates and changes.

Central Pine Barrens – The Joint Planning and Policy Commission will meet in person at Wertheim National Wildlife Refuge, 2 p.m. Call 631-288-1079.

Thursday, May 21

Farmland Committee Public Meeting – The Suffolk County Farmland Committee will hold a meeting at the Kermit W. Graf Cornell Cooperative Extension Building, Conference Room, Suite 100, 423 Griffing Ave., Riverhead, 6:30 p.m. All citizens are invited to submit testimony. Written comments can be submitted to planning@suffolkcountyny.gov. Call 631-853-5191.

OF NOTE

Senior Prom for Seniors – Join the Knights of Columbus on Sunday, June 7 for a full dinner, raffles, and Chinese auction at their hall, 38 West 1st St., Patchogue, 1-5 p.m. $35 includes all. Call Louise 631-277-7774.

Patchogue Fire Dept. Golf Outing – The Patchogue FD will host its annual Ed Summers Golf Outing on Monday, June 29 at Rock Hill Golf Club in Manorville. For info, contact Dan Brooks at 631-905-1840 or DBrooks@PatchogueFD.com or visit www.patchogueFD.com/golf.

Concert: "Lachrimae & Blue" – Join Bellport United Methodist Church, 185 S. Country Rd., Bellport, on Saturday, May 30 features Jason Priset (guitar and lute) and Erni Sevasti (vocals and dulcimer) for an afternoon of live music, 3 p.m. Suggested donation: $20. Call 631-286-0525 or email bellportumc@optimum.net.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church Thrift Shop – Spring and summer clothes are out. Shop colorful selections at reasonable prices. Mother's Day gifts, like Pandora Charms. Purchases support the church's Soup Kitchen, Food Pantry, Shower Truck, 12 Step Programs. Cash, credit and debit accepted. Open Monday, Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Volunteers are greatly appreciated.

Patchogue Class of 1971 – The class will hold a 55-year reunion on the weekend of July 24-26. Information can be found on the Facebook page: Patchogue High School Class of 1971 50th Reunion. Contact dpoulos807@aol.com or nellik2@yahoo.com.

Bellport Classes of 75, 76 and 77 – The Bellport High School classes of 1975, 1976, and 1977 will host a reunion on July 18 at Sunset Harbor, 6-10 p.m. Cost: $100pp includes buffet table, sit down dinner, and DJ. Cash bar. Information can be found on Facebook under Bellport High School Class of 1976 or email: grsgdoi@aol.com or sharon.sirimanne@gmail.com.

Patchogue-Medford Youth & Community Services Golf Fundraiser – Enjoy a day at Topgolf Holtsville while supporting the work of this youth community group, Thursday, May 21, 6-9 p.m. For more information, visit www.pmycs.org or call 631-758-4100.

Grandparent Volunteers Needed – RiseWell Community Services seeks individuals 55+ to volunteer in local schools with the Foster Grandparent Program. Work alongside a teacher, one-on-one to make a difference in a child's life. Flexible hours with a minimum of 5 hours a week. Non-taxable stipend for volunteers who are income eligible as well as transportation reimbursement. For more information, call 631-321-8229, ext. 1240 or 1241.

Antiques & Collectible Vendors Wanted – To participate in the annual Fourth of July Antiques and Collectibles Fair on the grounds of Mary Immaculate Church in Bellport Village, visit www.miparish.net/antiques--collectibles-fair or call Pat at 631-291-5695.

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PATCHOGUE-MEDFORD SCHOOL NEWS FROM PAGE 7

Cannetti, interim superintendent of Patchogue-Medford School District. "Emeril's Culinary Garden & Teaching Kitchen will open doors for students to explore natural science, nutrition, culture and collaboration in ways that are both joyful and academically enriching."

"Emeril's Culinary Garden & Teaching Kitchen is the natural next step in Tremont's growth and mission," said Christopher Kelly, principal of Tremont Elementary. "A fully equipped teaching kitchen will allow students to extend their garden learning into the classroom through a cohesive, schoolwide program."

Local business owner and strong supporter of the Legasse Foundation, Philip Carlucci, made a donation to Tremont for the program to be possible.

"Tremont Elementary represents the kind of forward-thinking partner we look for," said Brian Kish, president of Emeril Lagasse Foundation. "We're grateful to Mr. Carlucci for making this expansion to Long Island children possible, allowing us to bring our mission to life for more students through hands-on food and nutrition education."

School partners awarded an Emeril's Culinary Garden & Teaching Kitchen grant receive $500,000, the Foundation's unique curriculum, more than 100 of Chef Emeril's recipes adapted for the classroom, gardening and cooking education best practices, teaching materials including small-ware cooking equipment, food supplies for nutrition-focused lessons and robust teacher training.

Construction of Emeril's Culinary Garden & Teaching Kitchen at Tremont will begin this summer, with students and teachers expected to begin using the space by fall 2026.

The Emeril Lagasse Foundation began in 2002 when internationally renowned chef Emeril Lagasse and his wife, Alden, established the 501(c)(3) public charity headquartered in New Orleans.

The Foundation's mission is "to create opportunities to inspire, mentor and enable youth to reach their full potential."

Since its inception, Emeril Lagasse Foundation has granted more than $23 million to children's charities to support culinary, nutrition, and arts programs. The Foundation accomplishes this through three programs. ■





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OF THE SOUTH COUNTRY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
TOWN OF BROOKHAVEN, SUFFOLK COUNTY, NEW YORK

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing of the qualified voters of the South Country Central School District, Town of Brookhaven, Suffolk County, New York, will be held at the South Country Central School District Administration Building, 189 North Dunton Avenue, East Patchogue, New York, in said District on Wednesday, May 6, 2026, at 6:15 p.m., prevailing time, for the transaction of such business as is authorized by the New York State Education Law, including the following items.

1. Presentation of the budget document.
2. To discuss all of the items herein set forth, to be voted upon by voting machine, at the election to be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, as hereinafter set forth.
3. To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that said vote and election will be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at Bellport Middle School, 35 Kreamer Street, Bellport, New York, at which time the polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., prevailing time, to vote by voting machines upon the following items:

1. To adopt the annual budget of the School District for the fiscal year 2026-2027 and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the School District.
2. To elect two (2) members of the Board of Education, each for a three-year term commencing July 1, 2026, and expiring on June 30, 2029.
3. PROPOSITION:
   MODIFICATION OF NON-PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENT TRANSPORTATION (REDUCTION)
   PROPOSITION: Reduction of school bus service for resident students attending non-public schools, effective at the beginning of the 2026-2027 school year from 25 miles to 15, which would result in an estimated decreased annual expenditure by the District of $900,000.

Shall the Board of Education of the South Country Central School District be authorized to modify the School District's current policy for transporting non-public school students from the current twenty five (25) miles to fifteen (15) miles, effective at the beginning of the 2026-2027 school year, thereby reducing the proposed 2026-2027 School District budget in the approximate amount of $900,000, and levy the necessary tax therefore?

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that petitions nominating candidates for the office of Member of the Board of Education of the South Country Central School District shall be filed with the District Clerk of said School District at the District Clerk's office, 189 Dunton Avenue, East Patchogue, New York, not later than April 20, 2026, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., prevailing time. All nominating petitions must be signed by at least 35 qualified voters of the District (representing the greater of 25 or 2% of the number of voters who voted in the previous annual election); must state the name and residence of each signer, and must state the name and residence of the candidate. Vacancies on the Board of Education shall not be considered separate, specific offices; candidates run at large.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that personal registration of voters is required either pursuant to New York Education Law §2014 or pursuant to Article 5 of the New York State Election Law. If a voter has heretofore registered pursuant to New York Education Law §2014 and has voted at any annual or special district meeting within the past four (4) calendar years, such voter is eligible to vote at this election; if a voter is registered and eligible to vote pursuant to Article 5 of the New York State Election Law, such voter is also eligible to vote at this election. All other persons who wish to vote must register. Voters may register on any school day prior to May 13, 2026, at the Office of the District Clerk located at District Office, 189 Dunton Avenue, East Patchogue, New York, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., prevailing time, to add any additional names to the registers to be used at the aforesaid election, at which time any person will be entitled to have her or his name placed on such registers provided that at the meeting of the Board of Registration he or she is known, or proven to the satisfaction of the Board of Registration to be then or thereafter entitled to vote at such public hearing or election for which such registers are prepared, and that the registers so prepared pursuant to New York Education Law §2014 and the registration list prepared by the Board of Elections of Suffolk County will be filed in the Office of the District Clerk of the School District, 189 Dunton Avenue, East Patchogue, New York, and will be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the District on weekdays between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., prevailing time, on and after Thursday, May 14, 2026, and Saturday by pre-arranged appointment, except Sunday;

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to New York Education Law §2014, the Board of Registration shall meet on May 19, 2026, at Bellport Middle School, 35 Kreamer Street, Bellport, New York, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., prevailing time, to prepare the Register of the School District to be used at the annual meeting and election that is to be held in 2027, and any special meeting that may be held after the preparation of said Register, at which time any person will be entitled to have her or his name placed on such Register, provided that at such meeting of the Board of Registration he or she is known or proven to the satisfaction of such Board of Registration to be then or thereafter entitled to vote at the school meeting or election for which such Register is prepared.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that qualified voters with disabilities who seek information about access to polling places may, in advance of the day of the vote, contact the District Clerk at (631) 730-1542 for information about accessibility.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that beginning seven (7) days immediately preceding the May 6, 2026, public budget hearing, any resident in the District may request to review a copy of the proposed budget by appearing at the Office of the District Clerk, 189 Dunton Avenue, East Patchogue, New York. Additionally, a statement of the estimated expenses for the ensuing year may be obtained by any resident in the District during the fourteen (14) days immediately preceding said election on the school district website www.southcountry.org, at the South Country Library, located at 22 Station Road, Bellport, New York, or Brookhaven Free Library, located at 273 Beaver Dam Road, Brookhaven, New York, during their normal hours of operation, at the School District Administrative Center, 189 Dunton Avenue, East Patchogue, New York, and at each of the following school buildings in which school is maintained between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., prevailing time, except Saturdays, Sundays and holidays:

Bellport High School
Bellport Middle School
Frank P. Long Intermediate School
Brookhaven Elementary School
Kreamer Street Elementary School
Verne W. Critz Elementary School
South Haven Early Childhood Center

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to Real Property Tax Law Section 495, the School District is required to attach to its proposed budget an exemption report. Said exemption report, which will also become part of the final budget, will show how much of the total assessed value on the final assessment roll used in the budgetary process is exempt from taxation, list every type of exemption granted, identified by statutory authority, and show: (a) the cumulative impact of each type of exemption expressed either as a dollar amount of assessed value or as a percentage of the total assessed value on the roll; (b) the cumulative amount expected to be received from recipients of each type of exemption as payments in lieu of taxes or other payments for municipal services; and (c) the cumulative impact of all exemptions granted. The exemption report shall be posted on any bulletin board maintained by the District for public notices and on any website maintained by the District.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that applications for absentee and early mail ballots will be obtainable during school business hours at the office of the District Clerk beginning April 20, 2026. In accordance with Education Law §§ 2018-a and 2018-e, completed absentee and early mail ballot applications may not be received by the District Clerk earlier than thirty (30) days prior to the election, and must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter or to the agent named in the absentee or early mail ballot application. Absentee and early mail ballots must be received by the District Clerk not later than 5:00 p.m., prevailing time, on Tuesday, May 19, 2026.

A list of persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued, and a list of all persons to whom early mail voter's ballots shall have been issued, will be available for public inspection to qualified voters of the District in the office of the District Clerk on and after May 14, 2026, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on each weekday through May 19, 2026, the day set for the annual election, and on May 16, 2026, by advance appointment by contacting the District Clerk at (631) 730-1542. Any qualified voter may, upon examination of such lists, file a written challenge of the qualifications as a voter of any person whose name appears on such lists, stating the reasons for such challenge. Any such written challenge shall be transmitted by the District Clerk or a designee of the Board of Education to the inspectors of election on election day.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that military voters who are not currently registered may apply to register as a qualified voter of the South Country Central School District by requesting and returning a registration application to the District Clerk in person, or by email to cflynn@southcountry.org or fax sent to (631) 286-2457. The request for the registration application may include the military voter's preference for receipt of the registration application by either mail, fax or email. Military voter registration application forms must be received in the office of the District Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 23, 2026.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that military voters who are qualified voters of the South Country Central School District may request an application for a military ballot from the District Clerk and return such military ballot applica-

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tion to the District Clerk in person, or by email to cflynn@southcountry.org or fax sent to (631) 286-2457. In order for a military voter to be issued a military ballot, a valid military ballot application must be received in the office of the District Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m., on April 23, 2026. Military ballot applications received in accordance with the foregoing will be processed in the same manner as a non-military ballot application under Section 2018-a of the Education Law. The application for military ballot may include the military voter's preference for receipt of the military ballot by mail, fax, or email. A military voter's original military ballot application and military ballot must be returned by mail or in person to the office of the District Clerk at 189 Dunton Avenue, East Patchogue, New York 11772, along with the required signed affidavit by the voter.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that military ballots shall be canvassed if they are received by the District Clerk before the close of polls on May 19, 2026, showing a cancellation mark of the United States Postal Service or a foreign country's postal service, or showing a dated endorsement of receipt by another agency of the United States Government; or received not later than 5:00 p.m. on May 19, 2026, and signed and dated by the military voter and one witness thereto, with a date which is ascertained to be not later than the day before the election.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a rule adopted by the Board of Education in accordance with New York Education Law §2035, any referenda or propositions to change the number of Board of Education members, or a bond issue for capital improvements, or any other petition, including but not limited to any petition required by law to be stated in the Notice of Annual Meeting and Election must be filed with the District Clerk at 189 Dunton Avenue, East Patchogue, New York 11772, not later than 5:00 p.m., prevailing time, on March 20, 2026. All such petitions must be typed or printed in the English language; must be directed to the Clerk of the School District; must be signed by at least 88 qualified voters of the District (representing the greater of 25 or 5% of the number of voters who voted in the previous annual election); and must legibly state the name of each signer. However, the Board of Education will not entertain any petition to place before the voters any proposition the purpose of which is not within the powers of the voters to determine, nor any proposition or amendment which is contrary to law.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that those voters seeking information regarding this Budget Vote and Election in Spanish should contact the Office of the District Clerk at (631) 730-1542.

Christine Flynn
District Clerk of the Board of Education
South Country Central School District
189 Dunton Avenue
East Patchogue, New York 11772

AVISO DE AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA, VOTACIÓN DE PRESUPUESTO Y ELECCIÓN DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR CENTRAL DEL SUR DEL PAÍS CIUDAD DE BROOKHAVEN, CONDADO DE SUFFOLK, NUEVA YORK

POR LA PRESENTE SE DA AVISO que se llevará a cabo una audiencia pública de los votantes calificados del Distrito Escolar Central de South Country, Ciudad de Brookhaven, Condado de Suffolk, Nueva York, en el Edificio de Administración del Distrito Escolar Central de South Country, 189 North Dunton Avenue, East Patchogue, Nueva York, en dicho Distrito el miércoles 6 de mayo de 2026, a las 6:15 p.m., hora vigente, para la transacción de los asuntos autorizados por la Ley de Educación del Estado de Nueva York, incluidos los siguientes puntos.

1. Presentación del documento presupuestario.
2. Para discutir todos los puntos aquí establecidos, se votará mediante máquina de votación, en la elección que se llevará a cabo el martes 19 de mayo de 2026, como se establece más adelante.
3. Para tratar cualquier otro asunto que pueda presentarse debidamente a la reunión.

Y POR LA PRESENTE SE DA AVISO ADICIONAL que dicha votación y elección se llevará a cabo el martes 19 de mayo de 2026 en Bellport Middle School, 35 Kreamer Street, Bellport, Nueva York, en cuyo horario de 7:00 a.m. a 9:00 p.m., horario vigente, se abrirán las urnas para votar mediante máquinas de votación sobre los siguientes puntos:

1. Adoptar el presupuesto anual del Distrito Escolar para el año fiscal 2026-2027 y autorizar que la parte necesaria del mismo se recaude mediante impuestos sobre la propiedad imponible del Distrito Escolar.
2. Elegir dos (2) miembros de la Junta de Educación, cada uno por un período de tres años que comienza el 1 de julio de 2026 y termina el 30 de junio de 2029.
3. PROPOSICIÓN:
   M O D I F I C A C I Ó N DEL TRANSPORTE ESTUDIANTIL DE ESCUELAS NO PÚBLICAS (REDUCCIÓN)
   PROPOSICIÓN: Reducción del servicio de autobús escolar para estudiantes residentes que asisten a escuelas no públicas, a partir del comienzo del año escolar 2026-2027 de 25 millas a 15, lo que resultaría en una disminución estimada del gasto anual del Distrito de $900,000.

¿Debería autorizarse a la Junta de Educación del Distrito Escolar Central de South Country a modificar la política actual del Distrito Escolar para el transporte de estudiantes de escuelas no públicas de las veinticinco (25) millas actuales a quince (15) millas, a partir del comienzo del año escolar 2026-2027, reduciendo así el presupuesto propuesto para el Distrito Escolar 2026-2027 en un monto aproximado de $900,000, y aplicar el impuesto necesario para ello?

Y POR LA PRESENTE SE DA AVISO ADICIONAL que las peticiones de nominación de candidatos para el cargo de Miembro de la Junta de Educación del Distrito Escolar Central de South Country se presentarán ante el Secretario de Distrito de dicho Distrito Escolar en la oficina del Secretario de Distrito, 189 Dunton Avenue, East Patchogue, Nueva York, A más tardar el 20 de abril de 2026, entre las 9:00 a. m. y las 5:00 p. m., hora vigente. Todas las peticiones de nominación deben estar firmadas por al menos 35 votantes cualificados del Distrito (que representen el 2% o el 2% del número de votantes que votaron en la elección anual anterior, lo que sea mayor); deben indicar el nombre y la residencia de cada firmante, y deben indicar el nombre y la residencia del candidato. Las vacantes en la Junta de Educación no se considerarán cargos separados ni específicos; los candidatos se postulan por mayoría.

Y POR LA PRESENTE SE DA AVISO ADICIONAL que el registro personal de votantes es requerido ya sea de conformidad con la Ley de Educación de Nueva York §2014 o de conformidad con el Artículo 5 de la Ley Electoral del Estado de Nueva York. Si un votante se ha registrado previamente de conformidad con la Ley de Educación de Nueva York §2014 y ha votado en cualquier reunión anual o especial de distrito dentro de los últimos cuatro (4) años calendario, dicho votante es elegible para votar en esta elección; si un votante está registrado y es elegible para votar de conformidad con el Artículo 5 de la Ley Electoral del Estado de Nueva York, dicho votante también es elegible para votar en esta elección. Todas las demás personas que deseen votar deben registrarse. Los votantes pueden registrarse cualquier día escolar antes del 13 de mayo de 2026 en la Oficina del Secretario del Distrito ubicada en la Oficina del Distrito, 189 Dunton Avenue, East Patchogue, Nueva York, entre las 9 a. m. y las 4 p. m., hora vigente, para agregar nombres adicionales a los registros que se usarán en la elección antes mencionada, momento en el cual cualquier persona tendrá derecho a que su nombre se coloque en dichos registros siempre que en la reunión de la Junta de Registro se sepa o se demuestre a satisfacción de la Junta de Registro que tiene derecho en ese momento o posteriormente a votar en dicha audiencia pública o elección para la cual se preparen dichos registros, y que los registros preparados de conformidad con la Ley de Educación de Nueva York §2014 y la lista de registro preparada por la Junta Electoral del Condado de Suffolk se archivarán en la Oficina del Secretario del Distrito del Distrito Escolar, 189 Dunton Avenue, East Patchogue, Nueva York, y estarán abiertos a la inspección de cualquier votante calificado de el Distrito de lunes a viernes entre las 9:00 a. m. y las 4:00 p. m., hora vigente, a partir del jueves 14 de mayo de 2026, y el sábado con cita previa. excepto el domingo;

Y POR LA PRESENTE SE DA AVISO ADICIONAL que de conformidad con la Ley de Educación de Nueva York §2014, la Junta de Registro se reunirá el 19 de mayo de 2026 en la Escuela Intermedia Bellport, 35 Kreamer Street, Bellport, Nueva York, entre las 7:00 a.m. y las 9:00 p.m., hora vigente, para preparar el Registro del Distrito Escolar que se utilizará en la reunión anual y elección que se llevará a cabo en 2027, y cualquier reunión especial que pueda celebrarse después de la preparación de dicho Registro, momento en el que cualquier persona tendrá derecho a que su nombre se coloque en dicho Registro, siempre que en dicha reunión de la Junta de Registro se sepa o se pruebe a satisfacción de dicha Junta de Registro que él o ella tiene derecho en ese momento o posteriormente a votar en la reunión escolar o elección para la cual se prepara dicho Registro.

Y POR LA PRESENTE SE DA AVISO ADICIONAL que los votantes calificados con discapacidades que buscan información sobre el acceso a los lugares de votación pueden, antes del día de la votación, comunicarse con el Secretario de Distrito al (631) 730-1542 para obtener información sobre accesibilidad.

Y POR LA PRESENTE SE DA AVISO ADICIONAL que a partir de los siete (7) días inmediatamente anteriores a la audiencia pública sobre el presupuesto del 6 de mayo de 2026, cualquier residente del Distrito podrá solicitar la revisión de una copia del presupuesto propuesto presentándose en la Oficina del Secretario del Distrito, 189 Dunton Avenue, East Patchogue, Nueva York. Además, cualquier residente del Distrito podrá obtener un estado de cuenta de los gastos estimados para el año siguiente durante los catorce (14) días inmediatamente anteriores a dicha elección en el sitio web del distrito escolar.www.southcountry.org, en la Biblioteca South Country, ubicada en 22 Station Road, Bellport, Nueva York, o en la Biblioteca Gratuita Brookhaven, ubicada en 273 Beaver Dam Road, Brookhaven, Nueva York, durante su horario normal de funcionamiento,en el Centro Administrativo del Distrito Escolar, 189 Dunton Avenue, East Patchogue, Nueva York, y en cada uno de los siguientes edificios escolares en los que se mantienen clases entre las 9 a. m. y las 4 p. m., horario vigente, excepto sábados, domingos y feriados:

Escuela secundaria Bellport
Escuela secundaria Bellport Escuela Intermedia Frank P. Long Escuela primaria Brookhaven
Escuela primaria de la calle Kreamer Escuela Primaria Verne W. Critz
Centro de primera infancia de South Haven

Y POR LA PRESENTE SE DA AVISO ADICIONAL, que de conformidad con la Sección 495 de la Ley de Impuestos sobre Bienes Inmuebles, el Distrito Escolar debe adjuntar a su presupuesto propuesto un informe de exención. Dicho informe de exención, que también formará parte del presupuesto final, mostrará cuánto del valor total tasado en la lista de tasación final utilizada en el proceso presupuestario está exento de impuestos, enumerará cada tipo de exención otorgada, identificada por autoridad estatutaria, y mostrará: (a) el impacto acumulativo de cada tipo de exención expresado como un monto en dólares del valor tasado o como un porcentaje del valor total tasado en la lista; (b) el monto acumulativo que se espera recibir de los destinatarios de cada tipo de exención como pagos en lugar de impuestos u otros pagos por servicios municipales; y (c) el impacto acumulativo de todas las exenciones otorgadas. El informe de exención se publicará en cualquier tablero de anuncios mantenido por el Distrito para avisos públicos y en cualquier sitio web mantenido por el Distrito.

Y POR LA PRESENTE SE DA AVISO ADICIONAL, que las solicitudes para votar en ausencia y por correo anticipado se podrán obtener durante el horario de atención escolar en la oficina del Secretario de Distrito a partir del 20 de abril de 2026. De conformidad con los artículos 2018-a y 2018-e de la Ley de Educación, las solicitudes de voto en ausencia y por correo anticipado completas no podrán ser recibidas por el Secretario de Distrito antes de treinta (30) días antes de las elecciones, y deberán ser recibidas por el Secretario de Distrito al menos siete (7) días antes de las elecciones si la papeleta se enviará por correo al votante, o el día anterior a las elecciones si se entregará personalmente al votante o al agente designado en la solicitud. Las papeletas de voto en ausencia y por correo anticipado deberán ser recibidas por el Secretario de Distrito a más tardar a las 17:00 h, hora vigente, del martes 19 de mayo de 2026.

Una lista de personas a quienes se les deben haber emitido papeletas de voto en ausencia, y una lista de todas las personas a quienes se les deben haber emitido papeletas de votante por correo anticipado, estará disponible para inspección pública para los votantes calificados del Distrito en la oficina del Secretario del Distrito a partir del 14 de mayo de 2026, entre las 9:00 a.m. y las 4:00 p.m. de cada día laborable hasta el 19 de mayo de 2026, el día establecido para la elección anual, y el 16 de mayo de 2026, mediante cita previa comunicándose con el Secretario del Distrito al (631) 730-1542. Cualquier votante calificado puede, al examinar dichas listas, presentar una impugnación por escrito de las calificaciones como votante de cualquier persona cuyo nombre aparezca en dichas listas, indicando las razones de dicha impugnación. Dicha impugnación por escrito será transmitida por el Secretario del Distrito o una persona designada por la Junta de Educación a los inspectores de elecciones el día de la elección.

Y POR LA PRESENTE SE DA AVISO ADICIONAL, que los votantes militares que no estén registrados actualmente pueden solicitar registrarse como votantes calificados del Distrito Escolar Central de South Country solicitando y devolviendo una solicitud de registro al Secretario del Distrito en persona o por correo electrónico cflynn@southcountry.org enviar por fax al (631) 286-2457. La solicitud de registro puede indicar la preferencia del votante militar de recibirla por correo postal, fax o correo electrónico. Los formularios de solicitud de registro de votantes militares deben recibirse en la oficina del Secretario de Distrito a más tardar a las 17:00 h del 23 de abril de 2026.

Y POR LA PRESENTE SE DA AVISO ADICIONAL, que los votantes militares que son votantes calificados del Distrito Escolar Central de South Country pueden solicitar una solicitud de boleta militar del Secretario de Distrito y devolver dicha solicitud de boleta militar al Secretario de Distrito en persona o por correo electrónico cflynn@southcountry.org enviar por fax al (631) 286-2457. Para que un votante militar reciba una boleta electoral militar, debe recibir una solicitud válida de boleta electoral militar en la oficina del Secretario de Distrito a más tardar a las 5:00 p. m. del 23 de abril de 2026. Las solicitudes de boleta electoral militar recibidas de acuerdo con lo anterior se procesarán de la misma manera que una solicitud de boleta electoral no militar según la Sección 2018-a de la Ley de Educación. La solicitud de boleta electoral militar puede indicar la preferencia del votante por recibir la boleta por correo postal, fax o correo electrónico. La solicitud original de boleta electoral militar y la boleta electoral militar deben devolverse por correo postal o en persona a la oficina del Secretario de Distrito en 189 Dunton Avenue, East Patchogue, Nueva York 11772, junto con la declaración jurada firmada por el votante.

Y POR LA PRESENTE SE DA AVISO ADICIONAL, que las papeletas militares se escrutarán si son recibidas por el Secretario de Distrito antes del cierre de las urnas el 19 de mayo de 2026, que muestre una marca de cancelación del Servicio Postal de los Estados Unidos o del servicio postal de un país extranjero, o que muestre un endoso fechado de recibo de otra agencia del Gobierno de los Estados Unidos; o recibido a más tardar a las 5:00 p. m. del 19 de mayo de 2026, y firmado y fechado por el votante militar y un testigo, con una fecha que se determine que no es posterior al día anterior a la elección.

Y POR LA PRESENTE SE DA AVISO ADICIONAL que de conformidad con una regla adoptada por la Junta de Educación de acuerdo con la Ley de Educación de Nueva York §2035, cualquier referéndum o proposición para cambiar el número de miembros de la Junta de Educación, o una emisión de bonos para mejoras de capital, o cualquier otra petición, incluyendo pero no limitado a cualquier petición requerida por ley para ser indicada en el Aviso de Reunión Anual y Elección debe presentarse ante el Secretario del Distrito en 189 Dunton Avenue, East Patchogue, Nueva York 11772, a más tardar a las 5:00 p.m., hora prevaleciente, el 20 de marzo de 2026. Todas estas peticiones deben estar escritas a máquina o impresas en idioma inglés; deben dirigirse al Secretario del Distrito Escolar; deben estar firmadas por al menos 88 votantes calificados del Distrito (que representen el mayor de 25 o el 5% del número de votantes que votaron en la elección anual anterior); y debe indicar legiblemente el nombre de cada firmante. Sin embargo, la Junta de Educación no aceptará ninguna petición para presentar ante los votantes ninguna proposición cuyo propósito no esté dentro de los poderes de los votantes para determinar, ni ninguna proposición o enmienda que sea contraria a la ley.

Y POR LA PRESENTE SE DA AVISO ADICIONAL que aquellos votantes que buscan información sobre esta votación y elección de presupuesto en español deben comunicarse con la Oficina del Secretario de Distrito al (631) 730-1542.

Christine Flynn
Secretario de Distrito de la Junta de Educación Distrito Escolar Central del Sur del País Avenida Dunton 189
East Patchogue, Nueva York 11772

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING, ANNUAL TRUSTEE ELECTION, BUDGET VOTE AND REGISTRATION OF VOTERS FOR WILLIAM FLOYD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE MASTICS-MORICHES-SHIRLEY TOWN OF BROOKHAVEN, SUFFOLK COUNTY, NEW YORK

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Budget Hearing of the William Floyd Union Free School District of the Mastics-Moriches-Shirley, Town of Brookhaven, Suffolk County, New York ("District") will be held in the Library of the William Floyd High School, 240 Mastic Beach Road, Mastic Beach, New York, on Tuesday, May 12, 2026 at 6:30 p.m., at which the proposed District Budget for the 2026-2027 school year will be presented and explained.

NOTICE is also given that the Annual District Meeting and Election ("Election") will be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, for the purpose of: (a) voting on the District budget for the 2026-2027 school year; (b) electing Trustees of the Board of Education; and (c) transacting such other business as is authorized by law.

NOTICE is also given that ballots shall be cast upon voting machines, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., at a single polling place, which shall be located in the lobby adjoining the auditorium of the William Floyd High School.

NOTICE is also given, that a copy of a detailed written statement setting forth the amount of money which will be required for the ensuing year for school purposes, specifying the several purposes and amount of each, may be obtained by any resident of the District, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., during the fourteen (14) days immediately preceding said Election, except Saturday, Sunday, or holidays, at the Office of the Superintendent of Schools, at the William Floyd High School, 240 Mastic Beach Road, Mastic Beach, New York, at each school building during the hours that school is in session, at the Mastics-Moriches-Shirley Community Library located within the District and on the

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District's internet website at: http://www.wfsd.k12.ny.us.

NOTICE is also given, in accordance with §495 of the N.Y. Real Property Tax Law, that the District shall prepare a Real Property Tax "Exemption Report" which shall show how much of the assessed value on the final assessment roll (utilized for the school tax levy) is exempt from taxation by the District. This exemption report will list every type of exemption granted and will show: (1) the cumulative impact of each type of exemption; (2) the cumulative amount expected to be received as payments in lieu of taxes (PILOTS), or other payments, from recipients of each type of exemption; (3) the cumulative impact of all exemptions granted. This Exemption Report will be posted on the District's website and on District bulletin boards utilized for posting public notices. The Exemption Report will be annexed to any preliminary District budget, and shall become part of the final budget.

NOTICE is also given that two Trustees of the Board of Education will be elected to fill, two three-year terms, commencing July 1, 2026, due to the expiration of the terms of office of Angelo Cassarino and Robert Taiani, whose current terms expire on June 30, 2026. Petitions nominating candidates for the office of Trustee of the Board of Education shall be filed between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., with the District Clerk in the District Office, at the William Floyd High School, but not later than Monday, April 20, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.. Each petition must be signed by at least twenty-five (25) qualified voters of the District, must state the residence of each signer, and must describe the specific vacancy for which the candidate is nominated, including the length of term of office and the name of the last incumbent. No person shall be nominated by petition for more than one specific office. A sample form of nominating petition may be obtained from the office of the District Clerk during regular office hours.

NOTICE is also given that pursuant to Section 2014 of the Education Law, personal registration of voters is required to vote at the Annual election and budget vote. Any voter who previously has registered pursuant to §2014 of the Education Law and has voted at any annual or special school District meeting within the last four (4) calendar years (2022-2025), and any qualified voter of the District who is registered with the Suffolk County Board of Elections pursuant to Article 5 of the Election Law, is eligible to vote at this election. All other persons who wish to vote must register.

NOTICE is also given that prospective voters may be registered in the District Clerk's Office, at the William Floyd High School, 240 Mastic Beach Road, Mastic Beach, New York, on each day that the District Clerk's Office is open, prior to May 14, 2026, between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

NOTICE is also given that the Board of Registration will meet in the District Office at the William Floyd High School, on Thursday, May 14, 2026, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m for the purpose of registering qualified voters of the District to vote at the aforesaid Election. Any person shall be entitled to have his or her name placed on such register of voters, provided that at such meeting of the Board of Registration he or she is known or proven to the satisfaction of said Board of Registration to be then or thereafter entitled to vote at such Election for which the register is so prepared. The registration list so prepared, as well as the register of qualified voters of the District prepared by the Board of Elections of Suffolk County, will be filed in the Office of the District Clerk, and will be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the District between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., on each of the five days (except Sundays with Saturday hours by appointment) prior to and on the date set for the election.

NOTICE is also given that the Board of Registration will meet during the hours of voting on May 19, 2026, at the time and place set forth above for such vote, for the purpose of preparing a register for future District meetings or elections, and any person shall have his or her name placed on said register who personally appears before said Board and is a qualified voter of the District.

NOTICE is also given that absentee ballots may be applied for during school business hours at the office of the District Clerk. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots have been issued will be available for public inspection in the office of the District Clerk during regular office hours, until the day of the election. Applications for absentee ballots on the form prescribed by §2018-a of the Education Law must be received by the District Clerk no earlier than April 20, 2026 and at least seven (7) days before the Election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the Election if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. No absentee voter's ballot shall be canvassed unless it shall have been received in the office of the District Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on the day of the Election.

NOTICE that pursuant to Section 2018-e of the Education Law, applications for early mail ballots may be obtained at the Office of the District Clerk of the District during all days in which the District is in session. Completed applications must be received by the District Clerk no earlier than April 20, 2026 and by May 12, 2026, if the early mail ballot is to be mailed to the voter. If the early mail ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter at the Office of the District Clerk the completed application must be received by the District Clerk no later than May 18, 2026. No early mail voter's ballot will be canvassed unless it has been received in the Office of the District Clerk of the District no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 19, 2026. A list of all persons to whom early ballots have been issued will be available in the Office of the District Clerk's office during office hours on and after May 13, 2026 until May 18, 2026 except on Saturday May 16, 2026, by prearranged appointment by contacting the District Clerk at (631) 874-1117 or via email at cvisintin@wfsd.k12.ny.us. A challenge to an early ballot may not be made on the basis that the voter should have applied for an absentee ballot.

NOTICE is also given that military voters who are not currently registered to vote may apply to register as a qualified voter of the District by contacting the District Clerk at the William Floyd High School, 240 Mastic Beach Road, Mastic Beach, New York by telephone (631) 874-1117, or email: cvisintin@wfsd.k12.ny.us to receive an application to register as a qualified voter of the District for the Annual Election and Budget Vote. Military voters may indicate their preference for receiving the registration application by mail, by facsimile, or electronic mail (email). The application to register must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5:00 PM on April 23, 2026. An individual will qualify as a military voter if he or she (1) is a qualified voter of the State of New York, who is in actual military service, and is absent from the District on the day of registration or election or is discharged from service within 30 days of an election; or (2) a spouse, parent, child, or dependent of such service member who is a qualified voter and is absent due to the service of the military member. Military ballots may be applied for during school business hours at the office of the District Clerk. Military ballots must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5 p.m. on the day of the election in order to be canvassed. In order for a military voter to be issued a military ballot, the school district must have received in the office of the school district clerk a valid ballot application no later than 5:00 pm on April 23, 2026. A military voter may designate a preference to receive a military voter registration, military ballot application or military ballot by mail, facsimile transmission or electronic mail in their request for such registration, ballot application, or ballot. Such designation shall remain in effect until revoked or changed by the military voter. Ballots for military voters shall be mailed, or otherwise distributed, no later than April 24, 2026. Military ballots must be received by the District Clerk (1) before the close of the polls on election day and showing a cancellation mark of the U.S. postal service or a foreign country's postal service, or showing a dated endorsement of receipt by another agency of the U.S. government or (2) by 5:00 P.M. on election day and signed and dated by the military voter and one witness thereof, with a date which is ascertained to be not later than the day before the election.

NOTICE is also given that a list of all persons to whom military ballots shall have been issued will be available for inspection to qualified voters of the District in the said Office of the District Clerk during regular office hours, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., until the day of the Annual Election and Budget Vote.

NOTICE is also given that pursuant to a rule adopted by the Board of Education in accordance with §2035 of the Education law, additional propositions may be placed upon the ballot by the Board of Education upon a proper petition, signed by at least 45 qualified voters of the District, setting forth the name and residence address of each signer, subject to the following further rules: (i) the proposed ballot proposition must be typed or printed in the English language and must pertain to a question that it is within the power of the voters to decide; and (ii) the petition requesting placement of an additional proposition on the ballot must be directed to the District Clerk and filed with the Board of Education at the District Office on or before April 20, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. (except as to a question or proposition that is required by law to be stated in this published notice of the Annual District Meeting and Election); and (iii) any proposition which, if approved by the voters, would require the expenditure of District funds, must specify the amount of the required appropriation.

NOTICE is also given that the Board of Education shall designate itself or such of its employees as it shall deem appropriate as a set of poll clerks to cast and canvass affidavit ballots (if any) in accordance with Education Law §2019-a(2)(b).

Dated: March 10, 2026
Mastic Beach, New York
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF
THE WILLIAM FLOYD UFSD, OF THE MASTICS-MORICHES-SHIRLEY
TOWN OF BROOKHAVEN
SUFFOLK COUNTY, NEW YORK

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CAROLYN VISINTIN District Clerk

AVISO DE AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA SOBRE PRESUPUESTO, ELECCIÓN ANUAL DE FIDEICOMISARIOS, VOTACIÓN PRESUPUESTARIA Y REGISTRO DE VOTANTES PARA WILLIAM FLOYD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT DE MASTICS-MORICHES-SHIRLEY, CIUDAD DE BROOKHAVEN, CONDADO DE SUFFOLK, NUEVA YORK

POR LA PRESENTE SE NOTIFICA que se llevará a cabo una audiencia pública sobre el presupuesto de William Floyd Union Free School District de Mastics-Moriches-Shirley, ciudad de Brookhaven, condado de Suffolk, Nueva York ("Distrito") en la Biblioteca de William Floyd High School, ubicada en 240 Mastic Beach Road, Mastic Beach, Nueva York, el martes 12 de mayo de 2026 a las 6:30 p. m., en la que se presentará y explicará el presupuesto del distrito que se ha propuesto para el año escolar 2026-2027.

También SE NOTIFICA que la Reunión Anual y Elecciones del Distrito ("Elecciones") se llevarán a cabo el martes 19 de mayo de 2026, con el propósito de: (a) votar sobre el presupuesto del Distrito para el año escolar 2026-2027; (b) elegir a los fideicomisarios de la Junta de Educación; y (c) realizar cualquier otro trámite que esté autorizado por la ley.

También SE NOTIFICA que las boletas se emitirán en máquinas de votación, en el horario de 7:00 a. m. a 9:00 p. m., en un solo lugar destinado a votar, que se ubicará en el vestíbulo contiguo al auditorio de William Floyd High School.

También SE NOTIFICA que cualquier residente del Distrito podrá obtener una copia de la declaración escrita detallada donde se establece la cantidad de dinero para fines escolares que es necesaria para el año siguiente, especificando los distintos objetivos y el valor de cada uno, en el horario de 9:00 a. m. a 4:30 p. m., durante los catorce (14) días inmediatamente anteriores a dichas Elecciones, excepto sábados, domingos o días festivos, en la Oficina del Superintendente de Escuelas, ubicada en William Floyd High School, 240 Mastic Beach Road, Mastic Beach, Nueva York, en todos los edificios escolares en el horario en que las escuelas permanezcan abiertas, en la Biblioteca Comunitaria Mastics-Moriches-Shirley, ubicada dentro del Distrito, y en el sitio web de Internet del Distrito en: http://www.wfsd.k12.ny.us.

También SE NOTIFICA que, de acuerdo con §495 de la Ley de Impuestos sobre Bienes Inmuebles de Nueva York, el Distrito preparará un "Informe de exención" de impuestos sobre bienes inmuebles que mostrará qué parte del valor estimado en la lista de tasación final (utilizada para el impuesto escolar) está exento de impuestos por el Distrito. Este informe de exención enumerará todos los tipos de exención concedidos y mostrará: (1) el impacto acumulativo de cada tipo de exención; (2) la cantidad acumulada que se espera recibir como pagos en lugar de impuestos (PILOTS), u otros pagos, de los beneficiarios de cada tipo de exención; (3) el impacto acumulativo de todas las exenciones concedidas. Este Informe de Exención se publicará en el sitio web del Distrito y en los tablones de anuncios del Distrito utilizados para difundir avisos públicos. El Informe de exención se anexará a cualquier presupuesto preliminar del Distrito y formará parte del presupuesto final.

También SE NOTIFICA que does fideicomisarios de la Junta de Educación serán elegidos para prestar sus servicios durante un período de tres años, a partir del 1 de julio de 2026, debido a la terminación del ejercicio de sus cargos de Angelo Cassarino y Robert Taiani, cuyas representaciones actuales finalizan el 30 de junio de 2026. Las solicitudes de nominación de candidatos para el cargo de Fideicomisario de la Junta de Educación se presentarán entre las 9:00 a. m. y las 4:30 p. m., ante el secretario del Distrito en la Oficina del Distrito, en William Floyd High School, a más tardar el lunes 20 de abril de 2026 a las 5:00 p. m., Cada solicitud debe estar firmada por al menos veinticinco (25) votantes calificados del Distrito, debe indicar la residencia de cada firmante y debe describir la vacante específica para la cual se nomina al candidato, incluyendo la duración del ejercicio del cargo y el nombre del último titular. Ninguna persona podrá ser nominada por solicitud para más de un cargo específico. Se puede obtener un formulario de muestra de la solicitud de nominación en la oficina del secretario del Distrito durante el horario habitual de atención.

También SE NOTIFICA que, de conformidad con la Sección 2014 de la Ley de Educación, se exige el registro personal de los votantes para participar en las elecciones anuales y en la votación presupuestaria. Cualquier votante que se haya registrado previamente de conformidad con §2014 de la Ley de Educación y haya votado en cualquier reunión anual o especial del Distrito escolar dentro de los últimos cuatro (4) años calendario (2022-2025), y cualquier votante calificado del Distrito que esté registrado en la Junta Electoral del Condado de Suffolk, de conformidad con el Artículo 5 de la Ley Electoral, es elegible para votar en estas elecciones. Todas las demás personas que deseen votar deben registrarse.

También SE NOTIFICA que los posibles votantes pueden registrarse en la Oficina del secretario del Distrito, en William Floyd High School, ubicada en 240 Mastic Beach Road, Mastic Beach, Nueva York, cuando la Oficina del secretario del Distrito esté abierta, antes del 13 de mayo de 2026, entre las 9:30 a. m. y la 1:30 p. m.

También SE NOTIFICA que la Junta de Registro se reunirá en la Oficina del Distrito en William Floyd High School, el jueves 14 de mayo de 2026, en el horario comprendido entre las 9:00 a. m. y las 5:00 p. m., con el propósito de registrar votantes calificados del Distrito para participar en las mencionadas Elecciones. Cualquier persona tendrá derecho a que su nombre sea incluido en dicho registro de votantes, siempre que en dicha reunión de la Junta de Registro se sepa o se demuestre a satisfacción de dicha Junta de Registro que tiene derecho a votar en ese momento o posteriormente en la elección para la cual el registro está preparado. La lista de registro preparada de esa manera, así como el registro de votantes calificados del Distrito preparado por la Junta de Elecciones del Condado de Suffolk, se archivarán en la Oficina del secretario del Distrito y estarán disponibles para su inspección por parte de cualquier votante calificado del Distrito entre las 9:00 a. m. y las 4:00 p. m., cinco días de la semana (excepto los domingos con horario de sábado y con cita previa) antes y en la fecha fijada para la elección.

También SE NOTIFICA la Junta de Registro se reunirá durante el horario de votación del 19 de mayo de 2026, en el momento y lugar establecidos anteriormente para dicha votación, con el fin de preparar un registro para futuras reuniones o elecciones de Distrito, y el nombre de cualquier persona que comparezca personalmente ante dicha Junta y sea un votante calificado del Distrito deberá figurar en dicho registro.

También SE NOTIFICA que las boletas de voto en ausencia se pueden solicitar durante el horario laboral escolar en la oficina del secretario del Distrito. Una lista de todas las personas a quienes se les han emitido boletas de voto en ausencia estará disponible para inspección pública en la oficina del secretario del Distrito durante el horario laboral habitual, hasta el día de las elecciones. Las solicitudes de boletas de voto en ausencia en el formulario prescrito por §2018-a de la Ley de Educación deben ser recibidas por el secretario del Distrito al menos siete (7) días antes de las Elecciones si la boleta se enviará por correo al votante, o el día antes de las Elecciones si la boleta debe entregarse personalmente al votante. Ninguna boleta de votante ausente será incluida en el conteo a menos que haya sido recibida en la oficina del secretario del Distrito a más tardar a las 5:00 p. m. del día de las Elecciones.

También SE NOTIFICA que, de conformidad con la sección 2018-e de la Ley de Educación, se pueden obtener solicitudes para boletas de votación anticipadas por correo en la oficina del secretario del Distrito durante todos los días en que el distrito esté laborando. Las solicitudes completas deben presentarse ante el secretario del distrito a partir del 20 de abril de 2026 y a más tardar el 12 de mayo de 2026, en caso de que la boleta de votación anticipada por correo se deba enviar por correspondencia al votante. Si el votante desea recibir la boleta de votación anticipada por correo personalmente en la oficina del secretario del distrito, debe presentar su solicitud completa ante el secretario del distrito a más tardar el 18 de mayo de 2026. No se someterán a escrutinio las boletas de votación anticipada por correo a menos que se hayan recibido en la oficina del secretario del distrito a más tardar del 19 de mayo de 2026, a las 5:00 p. m. La lista con el nombre de todas las personas a las que se les emitieron boletas de votación anticipada estará disponible en la oficina del secretario del distrito durante el horario de atención, a partir del 13 de mayo de 2026 hasta el 18 de mayo de 2026, excepto el sábado 16 de mayo de 2026. Si desea consultar dicha lista, puede hacerlo mediante una cita previa que debe programar comunicándose por teléfono con el secretario del Distrito al (631) 874-1117 o enviando un correo electrónico a cvisintin@wfsd.k12.ny.us. No se podrán impugnar las boletas de votación anticipada con el argumento de que el votante debió haber solicitado una boleta para votación en ausencia.

También SE NOTIFICA que los votantes militares que actualmente no están registrados para votar pueden solicitar registrarse como votantes calificados del Distrito comunicándose con el secretario del Distrito en William Floyd High School, 240 Mastic Beach Road, Mastic Beach, Nueva York, por teléfono al (631) 874-1117, o por correo electrónico en cvisintin@wfsd.k12.ny.us, a fin de recibir una solicitud para registrarse como votante calificado del Distrito para las Elecciones Anuales y la Votación Presupuestaria. Los

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votantes militares pueden indicar su preferencia para recibir la solicitud de registro por correo, fax o correo electrónico. La solicitud de registro debe ser recibida por el secretario del Distrito a más tardar a las 5:00 p. m. del 23 de abril de 2026. Una persona es elegible como votante militar si él o ella (1) es un votante calificado del Estado de Nueva York, que está en servicio militar real, y está ausente del Distrito el día del registro o las elecciones o es dado de baja del servicio dentro de los 30 días de una elección; o (2) un cónyuge, padre, hijo o dependiente de dicho miembro del servicio que es un votante calificado y está ausente debido al servicio del miembro militar. Las boletas militares se pueden solicitar durante el horario laboral escolar en la oficina del secretario del Distrito. Las boletas militares deben ser recibidas por el secretario del Distrito a más tardar a las 5 p.m. del día de las elecciones para ser contadas. Para que un votante militar reciba una boleta militar, el distrito escolar debe haber recibido una solicitud de boleta válida en la oficina del secretario del Distrito escolar a más tardar a las 5:00 p. m. del 23 de abril de 2026. Un votante militar puede designar una preferencia para recibir un registro de votante militar, una solicitud de boleta militar o una boleta militar por correo, envío por fax o correo electrónico en su solicitud de dicho registro, solicitud de boleta o boleta. Dicha designación permanecerá vigente hasta que sea revocada o modificada por el votante militar. Las boletas para los votantes militares se enviarán por correo, o se distribuirán de otra manera, a más tardar el 24 de abril de 2026. Las boletas militares deben ser recibidas por el secretario del Distrito (1) antes del cierre de las urnas el día de las elecciones y mostrando una marca de cancelación del servicio postal de los Estados Unidos o del servicio postal de un país extranjero, o mostrando un endoso fechado de recibo por otra agencia del gobierno de los Estados Unidos o (2) antes de las 5:00 p. m. del día de las elecciones y firmado y fechado por el votante militar y un testigo del mismo, con una fecha que se determine y que no excederá el día anterior a la elección.

También SE NOTIFICA que una lista de todas las personas a quienes se habrán emitido boletas militares estará disponible para inspección por los votantes calificados del Distrito en dicha Oficina del secretario del Distrito durante el horario laboral habitual, de 9:00 a. m. a 4:00 p. m., hasta el día de las Elecciones Anuales y la Votación Presupuestaria.

También SE NOTIFICA que, de conformidad con una norma adoptada por la Junta de Educación de acuerdo con §2035 de la Ley de Educación, la Junta de Educación puede colocar propuestas adicionales en la boleta electoral previa solicitud correspondiente, firmada por al menos 45 votantes calificados del Distrito, que establezca el nombre y la dirección de residencia de cada firmante, sujeto a las siguientes normas adicionales: (i) la sugerencia de boleta propuesta debe estar escrita a máquina o impresa en idioma inglés y debe referirse a una pregunta que esté dentro del poder de los votantes decidir; y (ii) la solicitud de colocación de una propuesta adicional en la boleta electoral debe dirigirse al secretario del Distrito y presentarse ante la Junta de Educación en la Oficina del Distrito el 20 de abril de 2026, o antes, a las 5:00 p. m., (excepto en cuanto a una pregunta o proposición que la ley exija que se indique en este aviso publicado de la Reunión Anual de Distrito y Elecciones); y (iii) cualquier propuesta que, de ser aprobada por los votantes, requiera el gasto de fondos del Distrito, debe especificar la cantidad de la asignación requerida.

También SE NOTIFICA que la Junta de Educación se designará a sí misma o a sus empleados, según lo considere apropiado, como un grupo de empleados electorales para emitir y contar las boletas de declaración jurada (si corresponde) de acuerdo con la Ley de Educación §2019-a (2) (b).

Fecha: 10 de marzo, 2026
Mastic Beach, Nueva York
POR ORDEN DE LA JUNTA DE EDUCACIÓN DE
WILLIAM FLOYD UFSD, DE MASTICS-MORICHES-SHIRLEY,
CIUDAD DE BROOKHAVEN
CONDADO DE SUFFOLK, NUEVA YORK

CAROLYN VISINTIN
SECRETARIA DE DISTRITO
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION
FIRE ISLAND UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
TOWNS OF ISLIP AND BROOKHAVEN, SUFFOLK COUNTY, NEW YORK

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing of the qualified voters of the Fire Island Union Free School District, Corneille Estates, Suffolk County, New York, will be held at the Woodhull School building in said District on Tuesday, May 12, 2026, at 7:00 p.m., prevailing time, for the transaction of such business as is authorized by the New York State Education Law, including the following items.

1. Presentation of the budget document.
2. To discuss all of the items herein set forth, to be voted upon by voting machine, at the election to be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, as hereinafter set forth.
3. To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that said vote and election will be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. prevailing time, in the Woodhull School building, of the Fire Island Union Free School District at 75 Surf Road, Corneille Estates, Fire Island at which time the polls will be open from 3:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., prevailing time, to vote by paper ballot upon the following items:

1. To adopt the annual budget of the School District for the fiscal year 2026-2027 and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District.
2. To elect two (2) members of the Board of Education, each for a three (3) year term commencing July 1, 2026 and expiring on June 30, 2029, to succeed Judi Phelan and Marisa Wyckoff whose terms expire June 30, 2026.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that petitions nominating candidates for the office of Member of the Board of Education of the Fire Island Union Free School District be filed with the District Clerk of said School District at the District Clerk's office, Woodhull School, 75 Surf Road, Corneille Estates, Fire Island, New York, not later than April 20, 2026, between 9 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., prevailing time. All nominating petitions must be signed by at least 25 qualified voters of the District (representing the greater of 25 or 2% of the number of voters who voted in the previous annual election); must state the name and residence of each signer and must state the name and residence of the candidate. Vacancies on the Board of Education shall not be considered separate, specific offices; candidates run at large.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that qualified voters with disabilities who seek information about access to polling places may, in advance of the day of the vote, contact the District Clerk at 631-583-5626 for information about accessibility.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that beginning seven (7) days immediately preceding the May 12, 2026 public budget hearing, any resident in the District may request to review a copy of the proposed budget by appearing at the Office of the District Clerk, at the Woodhull School, 75 Surf Road, Corneille Estates, Fire Island, New York. Additionally, a statement of the estimated expenses for the ensuing year may be obtained by any resident in the District during the fourteen (14) days immediately preceding said election on the school district website www.fi.k12.ny.us, at the School District Administrative Center and school building in which school is maintained between the hours of 8 a.m. and 3 p.m., prevailing time, except Saturdays, Sundays and holidays:

Woodhull School
75 Surf Road
Corneille Estates, Fire Island, New York

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to Real Property Tax Law Section 495, the School District is required to attach to its proposed budget an exemption report. Said exemption report, which will also become part of the final budget, will show how much of the total assessed value on the final assessment roll used in the budgetary process is exempt from taxation, list every type of exemption granted, identified by statutory authority, and show: (a) the cumulative impact of each type of exemption expressed either as a dollar amount of assessed value or as a percentage of the total assessed value on the roll; (b) the cumulative amount expected to be received from recipients of each type of exemption as payments in lieu of taxes or other payments for municipal services; and (c) the cumulative impact of all exemptions granted. The exemption report shall be posted on any bulletin board maintained by the District for public notices and on any website maintained by the District.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that applications for absentee and early mail ballots will be obtainable during school business hours at the office of the District Clerk beginning April 20, 2026. In accordance with Education Law §§ 2018-b and 2018-f, completed absentee and early mail ballot applications may not be received by the District Clerk earlier than thirty (30) days prior to the election, and must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. Absentee and early mail ballots must be received by the District Clerk not later than 5:00 p.m., prevailing time, on Tuesday, May 19, 2026.

A list of persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued, and a list of all persons to whom early mail voter's ballots shall have been issued, will be available for public inspection beginning May 14, 2026 in the office of the District Clerk during regular office hours, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., each weekday through May 19, 2026, the day set for the election. Any qualified voter may, upon examination of such lists, file a written challenge of the qualifications as a voter of any person whose name appears on such lists, stating the reasons for such challenge. Any such written challenge shall be transmitted by the District Clerk or a designee of the Board of Education to the inspectors of election on election day.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that military voters who are qualified voters of the Fire Island Union Free School District may request an application for a military ballot from the District Clerk and return such military ballot application to the District Clerk in person, or by email to tmurphy@fi.k12.ny.us or fax sent to 631-583-5167. In order for a military voter to be issued a military ballot, a valid military ballot application must be received in the office of the District Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m., on April 23, 2026. Military ballot applications received in accordance with the foregoing will be processed in the same manner as a non-military ballot application under Section 2018-b of the Education Law. The application for military ballot may include the military voter's preference for receipt of the military ballot by mail, fax, or email. A military voter's original military ballot application and military ballot must be returned by mail Woodhull School, P. O. Box 428, Ocean Beach, New York, 11770 or in person to the office of the District Clerk at Woodhull School, 75 Surf Road, Corneille Estates, Fire Island, along with the required signed affidavit by the voter.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that military ballots shall be canvassed if they are received by the District Clerk before the close of polls on May 19, 2026 showing a cancellation mark of the United States Postal Service or a foreign country's postal service, or showing a dated endorsement of receipt by another agency of the United States Government; or received not later than 5:00 p.m. on May 19, 2026 and signed and dated by the military voter and one witness thereto, with a date which is ascertained to be not later than the day before the election.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a rule adopted by the Board of Education in accordance with New York Education Law §2035, any referenda or propositions to change the number of Board of Education members, or a bond issue for capital improvements, or any other petition, except those petitions required by law to be stated in the Notice of Annual Meeting and Election, must be filed with the District Clerk at the Woodhull School, 75 Surf Road, Corneille Estates, Fire Island, New York, no later than 5:00 p.m., prevailing time on March 20, 2026. All such petitions must be typed or printed in the English language; must be directed to the Clerk of the School District; must be signed by at least 25 qualified voters of the District (representing the greater of 25 or 5% of the number of voters who voted in the previous annual election); and must legibly state the name of each signer. However, the Board of Education will not entertain any petition to place before the voters any proposition the purpose of which is not within the powers of the voters to determine, nor any proposition or amendment which is contrary to law.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that those voters seeking information regarding this Budget Vote and Election in Spanish should contact the Office of the District Clerk at 631-583-5626.

Traci Murphy
District Clerk of the Board of Education
Fire Island Union Free School District
75 Surf Road, Corneille Estates, Fire Island, New York
Towns of Islip and Brookhaven, County of Suffolk, New York

AVISO DE AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA, VOTACIÓN SOBRE EL PRESUPUESTO Y ELECCIÓN
DISTRITO ESCOLAR FIRE ISLAND UNION FREE
CIUDADES DE ISLIP Y BROOKHAVEN, CONDADO DE SUFFOLK, NUEVA YORK

POR LA PRESENTE SE NOTIFICA que el martes, 12 de mayo de 2026, a las 7:00 p. m., hora local, se celebrará una audiencia pública de los votantes calificados del Distrito Escolar Fire Island Union Free, Corneille Estates, condado de Suffolk, Nueva York, en el edificio de la escuela Woodhull en el mencionado Distrito, para las transacciones comerciales autorizadas por la Ley de Educación del Estado de Nueva York, incluidos los siguientes puntos:

1. Presentación del documento del presupuesto.
2. Debatir todos los puntos aquí expuestos, los cuales se someterán a votación mediante máquinas de votación en la elección que se llevará a cabo el martes, 19 de mayo de 2026, según se detalla a continuación.
3. Tratar cualquier otro asunto que pueda surgir durante la reunión.

POR LA PRESENTE SE NOTIFICA TAMBIÉN que dicha votación y elección se llevarán a cabo el martes, 19 de mayo de 2026 a las 3:00 p. m. hora local, en el edificio de la Escuela Woodhull, del Distrito Escolar Fire Island Union Free en 75 Surf Road, Corneille Estates, Fire Island, momento en el que se abrirán las urnas de 3:00 p. m. a 9:00 p. m., hora local, para votar con boleta de papel sobre los siguientes puntos:

1. Adoptar el presupuesto anual del Distrito Escolar para el año fiscal 2026-2027 y autorizar que la parte necesaria del mismo se recaude mediante impuestos sobre la propiedad imponible del Distrito.
2. Elegir a dos (2) miembros de la Junta de Educación, cada uno por un mandato de tres (3) años a partir del 1 de julio de 2026 y que expirará el 30 de junio de 2029, para suceder a Judi Phelan y Marisa Wyckoff, cuyos mandatos expiran el 30 de junio de 2026.

POR LA PRESENTE SE NOTIFICA TAMBIÉN que las peticiones de nominación de los candidatos para el cargo de miembro de la Junta de Educación del Distrito Escolar Fire Island Union Free se deben presentar ante la secretaria del mencionado Distrito Escolar en la oficina de la Secretaria del Distrito, Woodhull School, 75 Surf Road, Corneille Estates, Fire Island, Nueva York, a más tardar el 20 de abril de 2026, entre las 9 a. m. y las 5:00 p.m., hora local. Todas las peticiones de nominación deben ser firmadas por al menos 25 votantes calificados del Distrito (que representen 25 o el 2 % del número de votantes en la elección anual anterior, el mayor de los dos); deben indicar el nombre y la residencia de cada firmante, así como el nombre y la residencia del candidato. Las vacantes en la Junta de Educación no serán consideradas como cargos específicos separados; los candidatos se postulan de manera general.

POR LA PRESENTE SE NOTIFICA TAMBIÉN que los votantes calificados con discapacidades que necesiten información sobre el acceso a los centros electorales pueden comunicarse antes del día de la votación con la Secretaria del Distrito al 631-583-5626 para informarse sobre la accesibilidad.

POR LA PRESENTE SE NOTIFICA TAMBIÉN que a partir de los siete (7) días inmediatamente anteriores a la audiencia pública del presupuesto del 12 de mayo de 2026, cualquier residente del Distrito puede solicitar revisar una copia del presupuesto propuesto presentándose en la oficina de la Secretaria del Distrito, en la escuela Woodhull, 75 Surf Road, Corneille Estates, Fire Island, Nueva York. Además, cualquier residente del Distrito puede obtener una declaración de los gastos estimados para el año siguiente durante los catorce (14) días inmediatamente anteriores a dicha elección en el sitio web del Distrito Escolar www.fi.k12.ny.us, en el centro administrativo del Distrito Escolar y en el edificio escolar en el que se dictan las clases entre las 8 a. m. y las 3 p. m., hora local, excepto los sábados, domingos y días festivos:

Woodhull School
75 Surf Road
Corneille Estates, Fire Island, Nueva York

POR LA PRESENTE SE NOTIFICA TAMBIÉN que, de conformidad con la Sección 495 de la Ley de Impuesto sobre Bienes Inmuebles, el Distrito Escolar está obligado a adjuntar a su presupuesto propuesto un informe de exención. Dicho informe de exención, que también formará parte del presupuesto final, mostrará qué parte del valor fiscal total en el registro final de valuaciones fiscales utilizado en el proceso presupuestario está exenta de impuestos, enumerará cada tipo de exención concedida, identificada por la autoridad legal, y mostrará: (a) el impacto acumulado de cada tipo de exención, expresado como un monto en dólares del valor fiscal o como un porcentaje del valor fiscal total en el registro; b) el importe acumulado que se espera recibir de los beneficiarios de cada tipo de exención en concepto de pagos sustitutivos de impuestos u otros pagos por servicios municipales; y c) el efecto acumulativo de todas las exenciones concedidas. El informe de exención se publicará en cualquier tablero de anuncios que el Distrito mantenga para avisos públicos y en cualquier sitio web que el Distrito mantenga.

POR LA PRESENTE SE NOTIFICA TAMBIÉN que las solicitudes para boletas de voto en ausencia y por correo anticipado estarán disponibles durante el horario escolar en la oficina de la Secretaria del Distrito a partir del 20 de abril de 2026. De acuerdo con la Ley de Educación §§ 2018-b y 2018-f, la Secretaria del Distrito no puede recibir las solicitudes completadas de boletas de voto en ausencia y por correo anticipado antes de los treinta (30) días previos a la elección, y la Secretaria del Distrito debe recibirlas al menos siete (7) días antes de la elección si la boleta debe enviarse al votante por correo, o el día antes de la elección, si la boleta debe ser entregada al votante personalmente. La Secretaria del Distrito debe recibir las boletas de voto en ausencia y por correo anticipado a más tardar a las 5:00 p. m., hora local, del martes, 19 de mayo de 2026.

A partir del 14 de mayo de 2026, en la oficina de la Secretaria del Distrito durante el horario de atención regular de 8:00 a. m. a 3:00 p. m., todos los días de la semana hasta el 19 de mayo de 2026, se dispondrá para su inspección pública una lista de las personas a las que se les han emitido boletas de voto en ausencia

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y una lista de todas las personas a las que se les han emitido boletas de voto por correo anticipado. Cualquier votante calificado podrá, tras el examen de dichas listas, presentar una impugnación por escrito de las calificaciones como votante de cualquier persona cuyo nombre aparezca en dichas listas, indicando las razones de dicha impugnación. Cualquier impugnación por escrito deberá ser transmitida por la Secretaria del Distrito o un delegado de la Junta de Educación a los inspectores electorales el día de la elección.
POR LA PRESENTE SE NOTIFICA TAMBIÉN que los votantes militares que son votantes calificados del Distrito Escolar Fire Island Union Free pueden pedir una solicitud para una boleta militar a la Secretaria del Distrito y devolver dicha solicitud de boleta militar a la Secretaria del Distrito en persona, o por correo electrónico a tmurphy@fi.k12.ny.us o por fax al 631-583-5167. Para poder emitir una boleta militar a un votante militar, se debe recibir una solicitud de boleta militar válida en la oficina de la Secretaria del Distrito a más tardar a las 5:00 p. m. del 23 de abril de 2026. Las solicitudes de boletas militares recibidas de acuerdo con lo anterior se procesarán de la misma manera que una solicitud de boletas no militares según la Sección 2018-b de la Ley de Educación. La solicitud de boleta militar puede incluir la preferencia del votante militar para recibir la boleta militar por correo, fax o correo electrónico. La solicitud original de boleta militar y la boleta de un votante militar deben devolverse por correo a Woodhull School, P. O. Box 428, Ocean Beach, New York, 11770 o en persona a la oficina de la Secretaria del Distrito en Woodhull School, 75 Surf Road, Corneille Estates, Fire Island, junto con la declaración jurada requerida firmada por el votante.
POR LA PRESENTE SE NOTIFICA TAMBIÉN que las boletas militares serán escrutadas si la Secretaria del Distrito las recibe antes del cierre de las urnas el 19 de mayo de 2026, con la marca de cancelación del Servicio Postal de los Estados Unidos o del servicio postal de un país extranjero, o con un sello de recepción fechado por otra agencia gubernamental de los Estados Unidos. También serán escrutadas si se reciben a más tardar a las 5:00 p. m. del 19 de mayo de 2026, y están firmadas y fechadas por el votante militar y un testigo del mismo, con una fecha que se compruebe que no es posterior al día anterior a la elección.
POR LA PRESENTE SE NOTIFICA TAMBIÉN que, de conformidad con una norma adoptada por la Junta de Educación de acuerdo con la Ley de Educación de Nueva York §2035, cualquier referéndum o proposición para cambiar el número de miembros de la Junta de Educación, o una emisión de bonos para mejoras de capital, o cualquier otra petición excepto las que la ley requiera que se indiquen en el Aviso de Reunión Anual y Elección debe presentarse ante la Secretaria del Distrito en Woodhull School, 75 Surf Road, Corneille Estates, Fire Island, Nueva York, a más tardar a las 5:00 p. m., hora local, el 20 de marzo de 2026. Todas estas peticiones deben estar escritas o impresas en el idioma inglés; deben dirigirse a la Secretaria del Distrito Escolar; deben estar firmadas por al menos 25 votantes calificados del Distrito (que representen 25 o el 5 % del número de votantes en la elección anual anterior, el mayor de los dos); y deben indicar de manera legible el nombre de cada firmante. Sin embargo, la Junta de Educación no admitirá ninguna petición para presentar ante los votantes propuestas cuyo propósito no esté dentro de las facultades de los votantes para determinar, ni propuestas o enmiendas que vayan en contra de la ley.
POR LA PRESENTE SE NOTIFICA TAMBIÉN que aquellos votantes que busquen información sobre esta Votación sobre el Presupuesto y Elección en español deben comunicarse con la oficina de la Secretaria del Distrito al 631-583-5626.
Traci Murphy
Secretaria del Distrito de la Junta de Educación
Distrito Escolar Fire Island Union Free
75 Surf Road, Corneille Estates, Fire Island, Nueva York
Ciudades de Islip y Brookhaven, condado de Suffolk, Nueva York
LIA, 20261269, 4/2, 16, 30 - 5/14 l

Formation of Limited Liability Company - Suffolk County

Notice of Formation of JMB Creative LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 2026-03-22. Office location: Suffolk County. SSNY has been designated as agent of Limited Liability Company LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to JMB Creative LLC, 6 Glen Hollow Drive, A15, Holtsville, NY 11742. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.
LIA, 20261285, 4/9, 16, 23, 30 - 5/7, 14 l

Formation of Limited Liability Company - Suffolk County

Notice of Formation of Affinity Nexus LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 04/02/2026. Office location: Suffolk County. SSNY designated as agent of Affinity Nexus LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to 144 Sunset Ave Selden NY 11784. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.
LIA, 20261287, 4/9, 16, 23, 30 - 5/7, 14 l

Formation of Limited Liability Company - Suffolk County

Notice of Formation of LI EZTRANSPORTATION LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/23/2026 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 110 BEDFORD AVE MASTIC NY 11950. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.
LIA, 20261288, 4/9, 16, 23, 30 - 5/7, 14 l

Formation of Limited Liability Company - Suffolk County

Notice of Formation
Anchored in Excellence LLC Articles of Organization filed with the NY Secretary of State (SSNY) on April 3, 2026. Office location: Suffolk County. SSNY designated as an agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Anchored in Excellence, 3 Benjamin Avenue East Moriches, NY 11940. Purpose: Any Lawful Action
LIA, 20261292, 4/16, 23, 30 - 5/7, 14, 21 l

Formation of Limited Liability Company - Suffolk County

Notice of Formation of QUANTIZATION AI LABS LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2026-03-11. 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: ERIC WEI WEN SUN, 61 DARI RD, MIDDLE ISLAND, NY, 11953. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.
LIA, 20261305, 4/16, 23, 30 - 5/7, 14, 21 l

Notice of Sale

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF SUFFOLK
NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC DBA MR. COOPER,
-against-
ANTOINETTE BURRELLI, ET AL.
NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Suffolk on December 19, 2024, wherein NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC DBA MR. COOPER is the Plaintiff and ANTOINETTE BURRELLI, ET AL. are the Defendant(s). I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at BROOKHAVEN TOWN HALL, 1 INDEPENDENCE HILL, FARMINGVILLE, NY 11738, on May 22, 2026 at 3:00PM, premises known as 26 WILLIAMS AVENUE, BROOKHAVEN A/K/A HOLTSVILLE, NY 11742; and the following tax map identification: 0200-767.00-03.00-011.001.
ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE VILLAGE OF HOLTSVILLE, FORMERLY WAVERLY, TOWN OF BROOKHAVEN, COUNTY OF SUFFOLK AND STATE OF NEW YORK
Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No.: 621728/2018. Ryan Nicholas Brown, 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.
LIA, 20261307, 4/23, 30 - 5/7, 14 l

Notice of Sale

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF SUFFOLK STATE OF NEW YORK MORTGAGE AGENCY, Plaintiff AGAINST SALVATORE FERRIOLO; ET AL., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered February 3, 2026, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Brookhaven Town Hall, 1 Independence Hill, Farmingville, NY 11738 on May 26, 2026 at 11:30 AM, premises known as 10 Pentmoor Drive, Mastic, NY 11950. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Brookhaven, County of Suffolk and State of New York, Section: 748.00 Block: 02.00 Lot: 003.000 District: 0200. Approximate amount of judgment $404,393.30 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #207238/2022. Lisa Singer, Esq, Referee FEIN, SUCH & CRANE, LLP 28 East Main Street, Suite 1800 Rochester, NY 14614 SPSNY695 89586
LIA, 20261308, 4/23, 30 - 5/7, 14 l

Notice of Sale

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF SUFFOLK ARGOLICA, LLC, Plaintiff AGAINST STEVEN J. KAZANECKI, DAWN MARIE EMORY-KAZANECKI A/K/A DAWN MARIE A. EMORY A/K/A DAWN MARIE A. KAZANECKI, ET AL., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered September 4, 2025, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Brookhaven Town Hall, 1 Independence Hill, Farmingville, NY 11738 on May 26, 2026 at 11:00 AM, premises known as 64 Ocean Avenue, Center Moriches, NY 11934. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Brookhaven, County of Suffolk and State of New York, Section: 914.00 Block: 01.00 Lot: 021.000 District: 0200. Approximate amount of judgment $607,148.06 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #6100057/2015. Lisa Singer, Esq, Referee FEIN, SUCH & CRANE, LLP 28 East Main Street, Suite 1800 Rochester, NY 14614 LHFJN029 89555
LIA, 20261309, 4/23, 30 - 5/7, 14 l

Formation of Limited Liability Company - Suffolk County

Notice of Formation of TONI NEW YORK LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2026-03-24. 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 TONI NEW YORK LLC: 37 GRANADA CIRCLE MOUNT SINAI, NY 11766. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.
LIA, 20261310, 4/23, 30 - 5/7, 14, 21, 28 l

Formation of Limited Liability Company - Suffolk County

Notice of formation of Bridgeport Ave Lot 4, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York SSNY on 3/25/2026. Office located in Suffolk County. SSNY has been designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail copy of any process served against the LLC to 22 Homan Ave, Blue Point, NY 11715. Purpose: any lawful purpose.
LIA, 20261313, 4/23, 30 - 5/7, 14, 21, 28 l

Formation of Limited Liability Company - Suffolk County

Notice of formation of Bridgeport Ave Lot 18, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York SSNY on 3/25/2026. Office located in Suffolk County. SSNY has been designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail copy of any process served against the LLC to 22 Homan Ave, Blue Point, NY 11715. Purpose: any lawful purpose.
LIA, 20261314, 4/23, 30 - 5/7, 14, 21, 28 l

Formation of Limited Liability Company - Suffolk County

Notice of formation of Bridgeport Ave Lot 17, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York SSNY on 3/25/2026. Office located in Suffolk County. SSNY has been designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail copy of any process served against the LLC to 22 Homan Ave, Blue Point, NY 11715. Purpose: any lawful purpose.
LIA, 20261315, 4/23, 30 - 5/7, 14, 21, 28 l

Formation of Limited Liability Company - Suffolk County

Notice of Formation of Kaiser Creations LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2026-04-03. 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 Travis Robert Kaiser: 5 Cayuga Street Center Moriches, NY 11934 Purpose: Any lawful purpose.
LIA, 20261316, 4/23, 30 - 5/7, 14, 21, 28 l

Formation of Limited Liability Company - Suffolk County

Notice of Formation of New Roots ABA PLLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2026-03-17. Office location: Suffolk County. SSNY designated as agent of Professional Limited Liability Company (PLLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to New Roots ABA PLLC: 375 Glen Dr, Shirley, NY 11967. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.
LIA, 20261317, 4/23, 30 - 5/7, 14, 21, 28 l

Formation of Limited Liability Company - Suffolk County

Notice of formation of NANF LLC article of organization filed with SSNY on March 10 2026, office location : Suffolk county, SSNY designated as agent of LLC, upon who's process it may be served, SSNY should mail prices to NANF LLC 39 Chanel Dr E, Shirley NY 11967, Purpose: any lawful purpose
LIA, 20261320, 4/23, 30 - 5/7, 14, 21, 28 l

Formation of Limited Liability Company - Suffolk County

Notice of Formation of Marmic LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on March 12,2026 Office location: Suffolk County, NY. SSNY has been designated as agent of the Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Marmic LLC, 107 Sherman Street, Patchogue, NY 11772.
LIA, 20261322, 4/23, 30 - 5/7, 14, 21, 28 l

Formation of Limited Liability Company - Suffolk County

Notice of Formation of Movement with Maeve LLC Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2026-02-18. Office location: Suffolk County. SSNY designated as agent of Movement with Maeve (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Movement with Maeve: 418 Broadway STE N Albany, NY 12207 Purpose: Any lawful purpose.
LIA, 20261323, 4/23, 30 - 5/7, 14, 21, 28 l

SUMMONS
(CITACION JUDICIAL)
CASE NUMBER (Número del Caso): 30-2025-01501707-CU-BC-NJC TO DEFENDANT (AVISO AL DEMANDADO): SK POOL SCAPES, INC., ALBERT WELISCHAR, AND DOES 1 TO 5. YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF (LO ESTÁ DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE): OMEGA FUNDING SOLUTIONS, LLC
NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.
You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.
There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of $10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación. Tiene 30 DÍAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede más cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le dé un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más advertencia. Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.sucorte.ca.gov) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación de $10,000 ó más de
valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desechar el caso. The name and address of the court is (El nombre y dirección de la corte es): ORANGE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT, ORANGE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT, 1275

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North Berleley Avenue, Fullerton, CA 92832. The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is (El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): MICHAEL SAYER, DEBT RECOVERY ATTORNEYS SBN 141038, 17595 HARVARD AVE, SUITE C-557 IRVINE, CA 92614, 949-292-3511
DATE (Fecha): 8/4/2025
DAVID H. YAMASAKI, Clerk (Secretario), by Deputy Roberta Gardea (Adjunto) (SEAL) NOTICE TO THE PERSON SERVED:
You are served
Publication dates for this notice are:
LIA, 20261325, 4/23, 30 - 5/7, 14 |

Formation of Limited Liability Company - Suffolk County

Notice of Formation of STITCH & CROWN BARBER LLC, a NYS limited liability company. Formation filed with SSNY on 04/03/2026. Office location Suffolk County. SSNY des. as agt. of LLC, upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to MARGARET HARRIGAN, 156 FOX RUN LANE, RIVERHEAD, NY, 11901, USA. Purpose: All lawful purposes.
LIA, 20261326, 4/30 - 5/7, 14, 21, 28 - 6/4 |

Formation of Limited Liability Company - Suffolk County

Notice of Formation of NFSDC LLC Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2026-04-14 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 NFSDC LLC 2 Grove ave Manorville NY 11949 Purpose: Any lawful purpose.
LIA, 20261327, 4/30 - 5/7, 14, 21, 28 - 6/4 |

Formation of Limited Liability Company - Suffolk County

Notice of Formation of NEXTLEVEL OUTDOOR CONSTRUCTION, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/31/26. 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 NEXTLEVEL OUTDOOR CONSTRUCTION, LLC 155 Bayview Drive, Mastic Beach, NY 11951 Purpose: Any lawful purpose.
LIA, 20261333, 4/30 - 5/7, 14, 21, 28 - 6/4 |

Formation of Limited Liability Company - Suffolk County

Notice of Formation of Conlon Moving Co. LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2026-04-22. 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 William Conlon, 35 Woodville Rd, Middle Island, NY 11953. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.
LIA, 20261335, 4/30 - 5/7, 14, 21, 28 - 6/4 |

Formation of Limited Liability Company - Suffolk County

Notice of Formation of La Coci na De Josefa LLC. as Registered Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2026-04-22 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 Ana Crespo: 49 Harris Street Patchogue, NY 11772. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.
LIA, 20261336, 4/30 - 5/7, 14, 21, 28 - 6/4 |

Formation of Limited Liability Company - Suffolk County

Notice of Formation of JNP Supply, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2026-04-17. 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 JNP Supply, LLC: 26 Hazelwood Avenue, Westhampton Beach, NY 11978. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.
LIA, 20261337, 4/30 - 5/7, 14, 21, 28 - 6/4 |

Formation of Limited Liability Company - Suffolk County

Notice of Formation of MidNight Vend LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2026-03-24. 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 591 Montauk Highway, Eastport, NY 11941 Purpose: Any lawful purpose.
LIA, 20261338, 4/30 - 5/7, 14, 21, 28 - 6/4 |

Formation of Limited Liability Company - Suffolk County

Notice of Formation of My Promise Property Group LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2026-01-07. Office location: 24 Oneida Ave South Setauket NY 11720. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Promise Property Group LLC: 24 oneida Ave South Setauket NY 11720. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.
LIA, 20261339, 4/30 - 5/7, 14, 21, 28 - 6/4 |

Formation of Limited Liability Company - Suffolk County

Notice of formation of ADEFUN-FUN, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed w/ Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 04/14/2026. Off. loc.: Suffolk Cnty. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 20 ESTATES DR., PORT JEFFERSON STATION, NY 11776. Purpose: Any lawful activity.
LIA, 20261341, 4/30 - 5/7, 14, 21, 28 - 6/4 |

Formation of Limited Liability Company - Suffolk County

Notice of Formation of CNG Realty LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State (SSNY) on 2026-02-20. 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 CNG Realty LLC. 6 Rosewell Ave, Shoreham, NY 11786. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.
LIA, 20261342, 4/30 - 5/7, 14, 21, 28 - 6/4 |

Formation of Limited Liability Company - Suffolk County

Notice of Formation of BLUE TREE LANDSCAPES LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 4-21-2026. 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 Jarrett Hanwright 107 Evergreen Ave, East Moriches NY 11940.Purpose: Any lawful purpose.
LIA, 20261344, 4/30 - 5/7, 14, 21, 28 - 6/4 |

Notice of Sale

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF SUFFOLK, WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE OF STARWOOD MORTGAGE RESIDENTIAL TRUST 2019-INV1, Plaintiff, vs. 2803 WATCH HILL LLC, ET AL., Defendant(s).
Pursuant to an Order Confirming Referee Report and Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered on October 1, 2025, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Brookhaven Town Hall, 1 Independence Hill, Farmingville, NY 11738 on June 9, 2026 at 9:00 a.m., premises known as 2803 Watch Hill Avenue, Medford, NY 11763. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being at Medford, Town of Brookhaven, County of Suffolk and State of New York, District 0200, Section 659.00, Block 06.00 and Lot 018.000. Approximate amount of judgment is $319,142.10 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #201960/2022.
John C. Bennett, Esq., Referee
Friedman Vartolo LLP, 85 Broad Street, Suite 501, New York, New York 10004, Attorneys for Plaintiff.
Firm File No.: 230928-1
LIA, 20261345, 5/7, 14, 21, 28 |

Notice is hereby given that a Summer Restaurant On Premises Full Liquor License, Application ID NA-0341-26-110044 has been applied for by 25 Surf LLC d/b/a Nourish serving beer, wine, cider and liquor to be sold at retail for on premises consumption in a restaurant for the premises located at 203 Bridgehampton Sag Harbor Turnpike Bridgehampton NY 11932.
LIA, 20261346, 5/7, 14 |

Notice of Sale

NOTICE OF SALE
Supreme Court County of Suffolk
PNC Bank, National Association, Plaintiff
AGAINST
Palmira Morales, Isa Oz, et al, Defendant(s)
Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered on January 8, 2024, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Islip Town Hall, 655 Main Street, Islip, NY on June 9, 2026 at 12:30 PM premises known as 26 Hawthorne Ave., Ronkonkoma, NY 11779. 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: 061.00, BLOCK: 03.00, LOT: 063.000 & 064.001. Approximate amount of judgment is $785,915.18 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 006245/2009.
This sale may be subject to the US Dept of the Treasury's Financial Crimes Enforcement Network Real Estate Reporting Rule. In such event, all purchasers are required to provide the information needed for proper reporting in accordance with the terms of sale.
For sale information, please visit Auction.com at www.Auction.com or call (800) 280-2832.
Steven Edward Losquadro, Referee
FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISMAN & GORDON LLP
53 Gibson Street
Bay Shore, NY 11706
LIA, 20261347, 5/7, 14, 21, 28 |

Formation of Limited Liability Company - Suffolk County

Notice of formation of Spirit of Mag nolia LLC articles of organization filed with Secretary of State NY (SSNY) on 4/16/2026. 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 273 E. Main St., Yaphank, NY 11980. Purpose: Any lawful purpose
LIA, 20261348, 5/7, 14, 21, 28 - 6/4, 11 |

Formation of Limited Liability Company - Suffolk County

Notice of Formation of All About You Companion Care & Transportation LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on August 15, 2023. Office location: Suffolk County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to 380 Sunrise Highway, Patchogue, NY 11772. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.
LIA, 20261349, 5/7, 14, 21, 28 - 6/4, 11 |

Formation of Limited Liability Company - Suffolk County

Notice of formation of Ares Property Management, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY(SSNY) on 2026/04/30. Office location: Suffolk County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against may be served. SSNY should mail process to Luiz Leite: 999 Old Medford Ave, Farmingville, Ny, 11738. Purpose: any lawful purpose.
LIA, 20261353, 5/7, 14, 21, 28 - 6/4, 11 |

Formation of Limited Liability Company - Suffolk County

Notice of formation of 257 Forrest LLC, Articles of Org. filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 4/22/2026. Office location: County of Suffolk. SSNY designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to: Adam J. Wagner, 6 Ross Court, Manorville, NY 11949. Purpose: Any lawful act.
LIA, 20261354, 5/7, 14, 21, 28 - 6/4, 11 |

Formation of Limited Liability Company - Suffolk County

Notice of formation of Winstone Landscaping LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York SSNY on 4-10-2026. Office located in Suffolk County. SSNY has been designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail copy of any process served against the LLC to 11 Beverly Ave. Patchogue, NY 11772. Purpose: any lawful purpose.
LIA, 20261360, 5/7, 14, 21, 28 - 6/4, 11 |

Notice of Sale

REFEREE'S NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE
SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF SUFFOLK
THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO JPMORGAN CHASE BANK AS TRUSTEE FOR GSAA HOME EQUITY TRUST 2004-4, Plaintiff - against - KEVIN SHAPIRO AS HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN OF LILA PALESTINE, et al Defendant(s).
Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on April 2, 2026. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Brookhaven Town Hall, 1 Independence Hill, Farmingville, NY 11738 on the 15th day of June, 2026 at 10:30 AM. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in Middle Island, Town of Brookhaven, County of Suffolk, State of New York.
Premises known as 24 Lake Terrace, Middle Island, (Town of Brookhaven) NY 11953.
(District: 0200, Section: 344.00, Block: 01.00, Lot: 016.000)
Approximate amount of lien $1,180,918.83 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale.
Index No. 020773/2013. Steven E. Losquadro, Esq., Referee.
Davidson Fink LLP
Attorney(s) for Plaintiff
400 Meridian Centre Blvd, Ste 200
Rochester, NY 14618
Tel. 585/760-8218
For sale information, please visit Auction.com at www.Auction.com or call (800) 280-2832
Dated: April 21, 2026
During the COVID-19 health emergency, bidders are required to comply with all governmental health requirements in effect at the time of sale including but not limited to, wearing face coverings and maintaining social distancing (at least 6-feet apart) during the auction, while tendering deposit and at any subsequent closing. Bidders are also required to comply with the Foreclosure Auction Rules and COVID-19 Health Emergency Rules issued by the Supreme Court of this County in addition to the conditions set forth in the Terms of Sale. Auction Locations are subject to change.
LIA, 20261362, 5/14, 21, 28 - 6/4 |

Notice of Sale

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
SUFFOLK COUNTY
Index No. 623637/2023
(Napolitano, A.)
NOTICE OF HEARING
KENNETH MATZ,
Plaintiff,
-against-
LYNN MCMAHON f/k/a LYNN MARIE MATZ And PHH MORTGAGE CORPORATION
Defendants.
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that a hearing will be held on June 15, 2026, at 10: 00 a.m. at the office of Danielle Coysh, Esq. Referee, pursuant to an Order of this Court dated November 5, 2025, at 320 Carleton Avenue, Suite 2000, Central Islip, NY 11722. The purpose of the hearing is for the Referee, Danielle Coysh, Esq. to take proof pursuant to RPAPL SS 911 and 913 to ascertain and report as to the rights, shares and interests of the several parties in the property described in the complaint, to wit : 6 Clifford Lane, Medford, New York, 11763; to determine whether the property is so circumstanced that a partition thereof cannot be made without great prejudice to the owners; and if a sale of said property or any party thereof is necessary, the referee shall also ascertain and report whether there is any creditor not a party who has a lien on the undivided share or interest of any party. Any creditor not a party to this action who claims a lien on the undivided share or interest of any party to the property subject to this action must be present at the time and place of hearing and prepare to submit evidence and proof as to their claim and their priority, if any, and in the event of their failure to appear and present evidence in support of their claim, they may be barred from establishing their claim or enforcing any lien they may claim to have.
Dated : Central Islip, New York
April 17, 2026
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LIA, 20261363, 5/14, 21, 28 - 6/4 |

Notice of Self Storage Sale
Please take notice Prime Storage - Shirley located at 235 William Floyd Parkway Shirley NY 11967 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.storagetreasures.com on 6/3/2026 at 12:00 PM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods, furnishings and garage essentials. Vivian Marin unit #1203; Marshannon Brown unit #1344; Carla Anderson unit #1368; John Horvath unit #161. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. See manager for details.
LIA, 20261364, 5/14, 21 |

Notice of Self Storage Sale
Please take notice Prime Storage - Centereach located at 21 Hammond Rd Centereach NY 11720 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.storagetreasures.com on 6/3/2026 at 12:00 PM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods, furnishings and garage essentials. Joseph Nunziata unit #7211. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. See manager for details.
LIA, 20261365, 5/14, 21 |

Notice of Self Storage Sale
Please take notice Prime Storage - Port Jefferson Station located at 1184 Route 112 Port Jefferson NY 11776 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.storagetreasures.com on 6/3/2026 at 12:00 PM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods, furnishings and garage essentials. Hector Gonzalez unit #A2037; Amy Yanaros unit #A2047; Anthony Pennington unit #A2069 - Scooter, Multi Boxes, Multi Totes; Raquel Barona unit #A2071; Brian Shaw unit #A456. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. See manager for details.
LIA, 20261366, 5/14, 21 |

Notice of Self Storage Sale
Please take notice Prime Storage - Medford located at 3220 Horse

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Block Rd Medford NY 11763 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.storagetreasures.com on 6/3/2026 at 12:00 PM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods, furnishings and garage essentials. Fred Newcomb unit #217; George Bennett unit #619; Steylon Santos unit #C03. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. See manager for details.
LIA, 20261367, 5/14, 21 |

Notice of Sale

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT SUFFOLK COUNTY MCLP ASSET COMPANY, INC., Plaintiff against
PRISCILLA LINGARD, IF SHE BE LIVING AND IF SHE BE DEAD, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS-AT-LAW, NEXT-OF-KIN, DISTRIBUTEES, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, TRUSTEES, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS AND SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST AND GENERALLY ALL PERSONS AND PARTIES HAVING OR CLAIMING, UNDER, BY OR THROUGH PRISCILLA LINGARD, BY PURCHASE, INHERTIANCE, LIEN OR OTHERWISE, ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN AND TO THE PREMISES DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT HEREIN, et al Defendant(s)
Attorney for Plaintiff(s) Knuckles & Manfro, LLP, 120 White Plains Road, Suite 215, Tarrytown, NY 10591.
Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered December 2, 2025, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at Brookhaven Town Hall, 1 Independence Hill, Farmingville, NY 11738 on June 15, 2026 at 12:00PM. Premises known as 41 Patchogue Avenue, Brookhaven, NY 11950. District 0200 Sec 852.00 Block 07.00 Lot 019.000. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Town of Brookhaven, County of Suffolk and State of New York. Approximate Amount of Judgment is $333,255.38 plus interest, fees, and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 619971/2023. Cash will not be accepted at the sale.
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.
Steven Losquadro, Esq., Referee File # 2296-004368
LIA, 20261368, 5/14, 21, 28 - 6/4 |

NOTICE OF
PUBLIC HEARING
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Architectural Review Board of the Village of Bellport will hold a public hearing on May 28, 2026 at 7:00 pm at the Bellport Community Center located at 4 Bell St., Bellport, New York to consider the following application:
Seth Thompson, 11 Leisurely Lane, Bellport, NY is seeking to demolish an existing attached garage and breezeway, and construct a new attached garage, a new breezeway, a rear addition and a rear deck. Additionally, the first-floor windows will be replaced and the entire structure will be re-sided and re-roofed. The siding will be red cedar shingles, the roof will be slate gray, asphalt shingles, the trim will be white, wood and Azek and the windows will be double hung.
The Residence is located in the "A" residence district and the Suffolk County Tax Map Number is 0202-11-2-15. All persons with an interest may attend and will be heard. The Community Center is handicapped accessible.
BY ORDER OF THE ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD, VILLAGE OF BELLPORT: MATHEW BOALS, CHAIRPERSON
LIA, 20261369, 5/14 |

NOTICE OF
PUBLIC HEARING
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Architectural Review Board of the Village of Bellport will hold a public hearing on May 28, 2026 at 7:00 pm at the Bellport Community Center located at 4 Bell St., Bellport, New York to consider the following application:
The Jennifer Wong Rev. Trust & The Elenora S. Moreno Rev. Trust, 27 Thornhedge Road, Bellport, NY seek to construct a detached garage. The siding will be gray, cedar perfection, the roofing will be gray, asphalt shingles and the trim will be white Azek.
The Residence is located in the "AA" residence district and the Suffolk County Tax Map Number is 0202-15-1-11. All persons with an interest may attend and will be heard. The Community Center is handicapped accessible.
BY ORDER OF THE ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD, VILLAGE OF BELLPORT: MATHEW BOALS, CHAIRPERSON
LIA, 20261370, 5/14 |

NOTICE OF
PUBLIC HEARING
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Village of Bellport will hold a public hearing on May 21, 2026 at 7:00 pm at the Bellport Community Center located at 4 Bell St., Bellport, New York to consider the following application:
EDC Reilly, LLC, 35 Station Road, Bellport, NY seeks the following variances to construct a rear, single story addition and add a rear, second story addition to a single-family dwelling:
Sec. 21-264. Height.
The height requirements in a Residence B District shall be the same as in the Residence A District, as set forth in section 21-218 of this chapter.
Sec. 21-218. Height (Pyramid Law).
In the Residence A District no building hereinafter constructed, erected or altered shall exceed thirty-two (32) feet in height, and must be set back from all property lines so that the height of any point of the building is not greater than the horizontal distance of the point from the nearest property line to the building or structure at that location or protrude through a diagonal line formed by a forty-five-degree pyramid angle from all property lines. Chimneys are exempt from said restrictions. Accessory buildings and structures shall not be subject to the pyramid law.
Proposed: 91.75 cubic foot encroachment
Sec. 21-267. Side yards.
In the Residence B District, there shall be two (2) side yards, one on each side of the building, the total width of both to be not less than forty (40) feet and no one side yard being less than fifteen (15) feet in width.
Proposed: Side yard width of 6 feet 8 inches feet; total width 25 feet 11 inches
§ 21-271. Building area. [Code 1975, § 90-31; L.L. No. 2-2006]
(a) Main building and accessory buildings: In the Residence B District the maximum total building area for the main building and all accessory buildings shall not exceed twenty (20) percent of the total lot area.
Proposed: Building area of 23.48%
The Residence is located in the "B" residence district and the Suffolk County Tax Map Number is 0202-5-5-9. All persons with an interest may attend and will be heard. The Community Center is handicapped accessible.
BY ORDER OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS, VILLAGE OF BELLPORT: JAMES WOOD, CHAIRPERSON
LIA, 20261371, 5/14 |

Notice of Sale

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF SUFFOLK
INDEX NO.: 615336/2024
DATE FILED: 06/24/2024
SUMMONS
Plaintiff designates Suffolk County as the Place of Trial. Designation of Venue is based upon the situs of the Subject Property.
Subject Property: 18 Hanrahan Avenue, Farmingville, New York 11738.
DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF NOVEMBER 1, 2006 SECURITIZED ASSET BACKED RECEIVABLES LLC TRUST 2006-FR4, Plaintiff, -against- STEVEN SHANKMAN A/K/A STEVEN J. SHANKMAN AS ADMINISTRATOR TO THE ESTATE OF AND AS HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN TO JAY SHANKMAN; JOHN DOE AND JANE DOE 1 THROUGH 50, INTENDING TO BE THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DISTRIBUTEES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, TRUSTEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, AND ASSIGNEES OF THE ESTATE OF JAY SHANKMAN, WHO WAS BORN IN 1948 AND DIED ON AUGUST 10, 2016, A RESIDENT OF SUFFOLK COUNTY, WHOSE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS WAS 18 HANRAHAN AVENUE, FARMINGVILLE, NEW YORK 11738, THEIR SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST IF ANY OF THE AFORESAID DEFENDANTS BE DECEASED, THEIR RESPECTIVE HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT OF KIN, AND SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST OF THE AFORESAID CLASSES OF PERSON, IF THEY OR ANY OF THEM BE DEAD, AND THEIR RESPECTIVE HUSBANDS, WIVES OR WIDOWS, IF ANY, ALL OF WHOM AND WHOSE NAMES AND PLACES, ARE UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF; JANET JORDAN; DISCOVER BANK; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA O/B/O INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; "JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN DOE #12," the last twelve names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the Subject Property described in the Complaint, Defendants. TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the Plaintiff's Attorney within twenty (20) days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within thirty (30) days after the service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York) in the event the United States of America is made a party defendant, the time to answer for the said United States of America shall not expire until sixty (60) days after service of the Summons; and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. NOTICE: YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME. If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to the mortgage company will not stop the foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF NOVEMBER 1, 2006 SECURITIZED ASSET BACKED RECEIVABLES LLC TRUST 2006-FR4) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.
McCABE, WEISBERG & CONWAY, LLC By: MELISSA S. DICERBO, ESQ. Attorneys for Plaintiff One Huntington Quadrangle, Suite 4N25 Melville, NY 11747 631-812-4084 855-845-2584 facsimile File # 17-303151
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Notice of Formation of MABG Consulting Group, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2026-03-25. 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 MABG Consulting Group, 21 Ocean Ave, East Patchogue, NY 11772. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.
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LIA, 20261377, 5/14, 21, 28 - 6/4, 11, 18 |

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Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Zoning Code of the Incorporated Village of Patchogue, New York, Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearing will be at 14 Baker Street on Tuesday, June 2, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. to hear and determine the application of:
Chris Amodei & Elizabeth Charlip, 26 Campbell Street, seeks permission to construct a second story addition and two one story additions requiring relief of 435-15-I; 25% lot coverage required; provided, 29.53%. Also requires extension of non conforming relief of 435-15-D, front yard setback required, 30'; provided, 18.6' due to extension of front porch; requires relief of 435-15-G; side yard required, 15' and total of 35'; provided, 3.8' and total of 22'. Subject premises is located in the A Residential Zone.
26-09
All persons desiring to be heard either for or against the proposition will be afforded an opportunity during public meeting. The meeting can also be viewed on the Village's You Tube channel.
Nicholas Fuccillo
Chairman, Zoning Board of Appeals
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LIA, 20261378, 5/14 |

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26-10
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INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW #4 Deer Fences
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LIA, 20261380, 5/14 |

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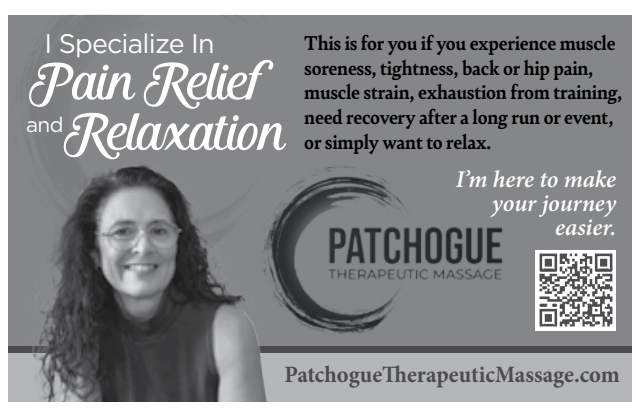
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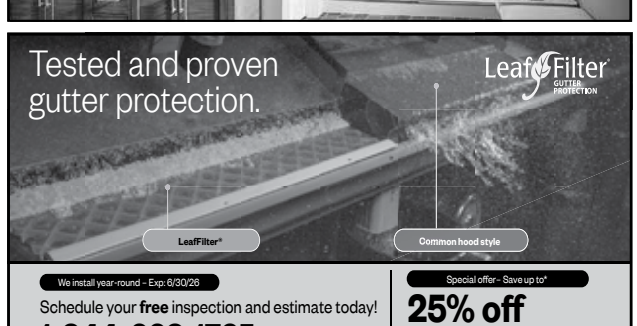
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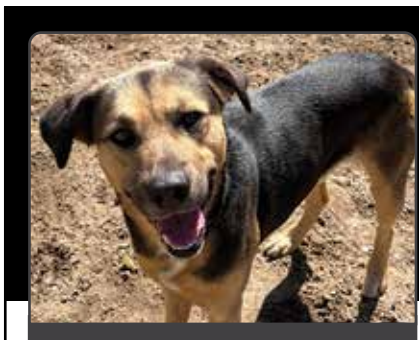
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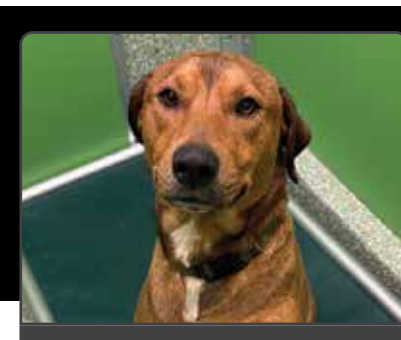
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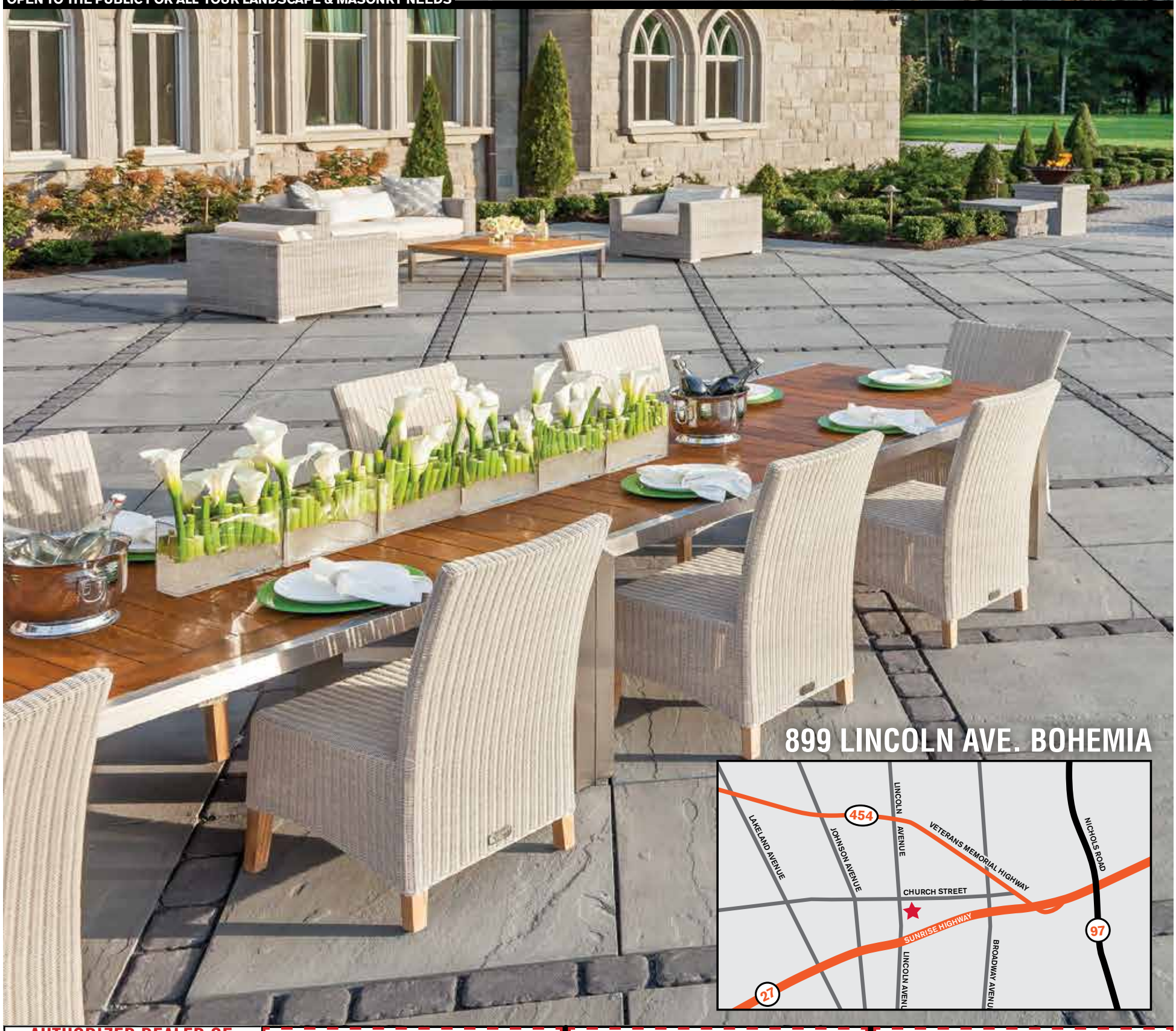
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